

Los Angeles County Museum
Exposition Park, Los Angeles 7.

August 29, 1944

Dear Miss Gilpin;

It was so nice to have your letter and we do tremendously appreciate the loan of the pictures which you sent so promptly. They are wonderful. All 19 arrived in good order though the package was broken open at one end and the top mat had acquired a very slightly dog eared corner. They reached us in plenty of time. Preparations are just being made for installation, which will take a little while due to the various kinds of shortages.

Your pictures will be displayed as a special unit of the exhibition, except for the "Navajo Summer Hogan" which we plan to arrange as a sort of frontispiece for the whole show. We are not yet sure just how long the exhibition will last but it will probably be quite a number of weeks. If you should need the pictures before it closes, let me know.

I am very sorry not to have reported their safe arrival before this. I have been thoroughly snowed under, and time gets away from me. For another thing they were a little delayed in reaching me. The package came to our shipping room after closing time on Friday, and the new night watchman did not connect it with the order to receive it. I was in the building but he did not locate me and finally let it go back to the Express office, whence it did not return for several days.

Thank you for the post cards. I am very glad to have them. The director of the museum was ill last week, but I finally got hold of him today to get his O.K. in the matter of ordering some sets for sale here at the time of the exhibition. He would like to have 100 to start with, but this being a County institution we would have to order them on consignment, and it would take some time to get the financial end straightened out. Therefore I much prefer to send a check myself. The county red tape is easier for me to handle at this end. The business manager comments that a California law would require us to collect a small tax on each set. I notice that most of the Navajo pictures are reproduced in the cards, so I think it would be nice to have 50 of each of the Navajo sets, (nos. 1 and 4). I am enclosing a check for \$13.25 to cover them and my own three. If I have missed something and owe you more, let me know.

Thank you very much for sending the pictures so quickly in the midst of all you have to do.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Loomis