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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin,

We have been asked by our Cairo Outpost to send an exhibition of the most distinguished American photography of the past five years to be shown in that city in January. The exhibition will be held at the height of the Cairo season in the gallery of the "Society of the Friends of Art", which specializes in photographic exhibitions, and, if successful, might be sent on for showing in European cities.

We hope that you will be willing to lend us four or five of your best prints as we feel that your work should be represented in the exhibit.

U.S. Camera is cooperating with this office in the judging of the prints. The photographs should be in our hands not later than November 15; they should be of exhibit size, mounted or unmounted, and obviously we are interested only in the highest technical quality and artistic value. The emphasis of the show will not be on wartime or topical news pictures (although these might be included if sufficiently striking) but rather on portraits, landscapes, scenes of everyday life.

Unfortunately, government regulations did not permit us to insure pictures which are sent overseas, but every possible precaution will be taken to assure the safe handling of the prints until they are returned to the contributors.

We hope that the circumstances surrounding the exhibition and the opportunity to make a contribution of importance towards showing American photography at its best to one or more foreign audiences will compensate for your generosity in lending us examples of your work.

Sincerely yours,

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