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Dear Miss Gilpin

I have before me your letter of 18th June and wonder if your address is still the same. Meanwhile I received your admirable book on the Pueblos and hope you duly received my acknowledgements. The more I look into it the more I admire it and your photographs. It seems to me so interesting that much as I value your gift, I think I ought to place it in the library of the Society so that it can be accessible ^{to} a fairly large public rather than to myself only and perhaps a few private friends. Let me know if you agree. Would there be any objection to making a lecture on the subject by putting together extracts from your text illustrated by lantern slides made from your photographs in the book if I should ever find time to do this

which I fear is extremely doubtful? This would not be for public use but only for use by the photographic Societies affiliated to the Royal.

I greatly regret to see that you lost your father. Last summer I lost my wife after 47 years of married life. As I am now 77 and so have not many more years of life to look forward to and as I have no near relatives near London, I have recently married again as I should like a companion for my remaining years. I am now Secretary of the Society and my wife is senior member of the Society's office staff and therefore my deputy. I have been associated with her in the work of the Society for 25 years and for the last five years she lived with us and was a devoted friend to my first wife during her long illness until her death. I don't know if you heard that F. J. Mortimer our recent Resident and H. H. Blacklock our Secretary were killed by flying bombs during last summer and that I had to take up their work and carry on the Society.

In your letter you wrote about resuming your place

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in the Society. I am not sure whether I explained to you that all you need do is to send your cheque for \$10 to the National City Bank of New York with a request that they remit it to the Midland Bank Ltd Russell Square Branch in London ~~with~~ for the credit of the Royal Photographic Society, at the same time writing to us that you desire to be re-instated in your

membership. No other formality is necessary. If I remember rightly you were an ARPS. After your membership has been resumed, it would be open to you to write a request to the Council saying that you had resumed your membership of the Society and that you now made application to be re-instated in the Associateship and in due course you would be replaced on the roll of the Associates.

I shall be glad to hear from you again when you have time

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

J. Dudley Johnston