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Dear Laura—

Now that Herc has just
gotten off to Washington to go through
war picture files— and things are
suddenly quiet—I can at last
find the moment to compose my
love— and tell you how
rather overwhelmed I was to
~~discover these mounted enlargements~~
— when at first— I said when I
thought you might send me some
contact proof. So I was really touched
and I am sure you took time from
your innumerable preparations to
do me. But I do appreciate them.

The two with the bowls instantly feel like myself — and the amazingly captured eye you have fixed with such transparency - I recognize as characteristic of an inward state.

The one with camera seems self conscious and not true with the camera relationship somehow.

I think you have done nice things compositionally with the carrying of lines and lights & shapes.

You're good. Very many thanks — whenever in some far distant doldrum — if such a time ever comes — I would like to buy some prints of the two bowls to give to my mother — to my children and so on — a business transaction — if you could find time to print.

2. Although I am no portraitist I would like to take a crack at you next time you visit us - if you will risk it. I really should get you in action on the Rio.

When I think of you out there with all your paraphernalia in the air and the space and that teeming Subject - I get a wonderful feeling - gallant Laura - ^{so} power to you, in all the ins and outs of it. I know you'll do a full and rich and sensitively understood job.

I am still laboring with this local assignment - a barrowed 8 X 10 Deardriff - what a camera!

Here is working terribly hard to meet
a publishing deadline on the war book
So don't be surprised if you don't hear
from him right away.

If I succeed in getting the gas
I am going up to Lake Placid to see
the children - photograph camp
activities and bring them home
which would be fun and the only
piece of vacation I can expect.

I made some negatives for my
book day before yesterday - it
advanced in the cracks + crannies
of other work. All our good wishes
for the progress of your big
undertaking - and thank you
again for your excellent portraits. ^{yours} Barbara