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Senor Vicente Sanchez Gavite
Consejero Jundico del Servicio Exterior,
Mexican Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senor Gavite:-

May I recall myself to you as a photographer who called at the Embassy last June regarding the photographic work for a pictorial book on the Rio Grande River. At that time you advised my getting a pasport as I would be doing professional work in Mexico.

Since I saw you, I have been working for six months on the upper end of the river. Also in addition to my contract for this book I have a contract to finish my book on Chichen Itza, Yucatan. My plans at present

are to go to Yucatan first and then return to work along the border on the river book.

When I saw you, you advised my sending in my pasport for visa at least two months in advance of my going to Mexico. I tried to do this, but our Pasport department was both very slow in sending me an application

and then in sending the passport itself. It came so late that I thought I had better write first to your consul in Denver to see if he could give me a visa which I could later present in Mexico City. Because of the Yucatan trip, I will now be going to Mexico City, driving down in my car and flying to Merida from there. Your consul insisted that the passport would do me no good unless I were being paid in Mexico for work done there. I saw him in Denver last week. As so much time had gone by, it seemed that the only thing I could do was to get a tourist card and then write to you. I am sure that the tourist card will be all I need in Yucatan, it was what I had when I was there before, but I am sure that your judgement would be best regarding my working along the border. I am sending you the passport with this letter. As I shall be in Yucatan for two weeks, returning to Mexico City about March 10th, this would give sufficient time to get the visa and I could call for it in Mexico City upon my return there. I regret that there were so many delays, but I feel sure that whatever is necessary, there will be time enough for it with my revised plans. Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Very truly yours
Miss Laura Gilpin
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Merida, Yucatan
Mexico. (Feb. 18th-March 10th)