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Miss Laura Gilpin, Photographer
614 Alameda Road
Sante Fe, New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

May I thank you for your letter concerning the
"Navaho Madonna."

I have been trying to locate it since I saw the picture in a book last summer -- which was not the "New Mexico Works Project" book, but some other book on the West which I was reading. It impressed me so much as a perfect Madonna. Later I wanted some information that I was sure could be found in this book. I have forgotten the title, and I cannot lay my hands on the book, but I know that it has the "Navaho Madonna" in it. I have had so many librarians check this through, but nothing has been found in any book but the "New Mexico Works Project."

If and when I find the picture again, I shall let you know at once, because, as you say, it is not right to use copyrighted pictures without permission. I have seen so many of your photographs in books on the Southwest, and they make the books become alive to me. In fact, they make me read the dulllest of books -- even tour books.

The next time I come to Sante Fe, I am going to stop and try to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Louise W. Conklin

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Chairman

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