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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

Thank you for your letter of May 15th which I found on our arrival at the Cape last Friday. Glad to know that you have sent the books on here because I did want the two on the "PUEBLOS". So far they have not yet come but as parcel post and books are always a little slow in transit they should show up soon.

Glad to know that sometime in the not too distant future you will send some prints on for the Permanent Print Collection of the Photographic Society of America as we will be delighted to have them as part of that group. They should be sent, of course, direct to Headquarters in Philadelphia but please write me at the time that they are sent in.

About color work and dye transfer process, of course I have not been using this long enough to know how permanent the prints are going to be. I have been making them now for about eight months and purposely left one print where it receives strong light and it still seems to be holding reasonably well. I talked with one of the professionals in Boston who adds some preservative chemical to the Eastman dyes, particularly to the magenta dye, which he says makes them more permanent than they otherwise are. As you may know, I used to make three color carbros prior to the war when I could get the autotype tissues from England, and they are still holding up perfectly. In fact I think the three color carbro results are a little better than the dye transfer pictures but the latter are very much easier to make now. The process is practically the same as the old wash-off relief of Kodak but handled in a much more simple manner and done in very much less time. Talking about permanence of colors, some Defender Chromotone prints made about eight years ago have faded very badly.

We are now down here on the Cape and expect to stay for practically the whole summer except for one business trip which I have to make West in July.

When your new book is to be published I will appreciate

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it if you would drop me a line so that I can place an order
for it, or if you wish you can place an order for two copies
of it now if you want to handle it yourself.

Sincerely yours,



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