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Mitchell A. Wilder, Director

Dear Laura:

Thank you so much for your note and permission to reproduce one of your photographs in the forthcoming catalog - portfolio if our project goes through. At the moment I think definitely that the publication will appear and should be something unique in museum gallery books if we can complete it as we presently plan. I will let you know a bit later when we are certain of the costs and whether or not we can go ahead with it.

Regarding Central City, I would be very happy to have the list of photographs which you took but I would suggest that you forward it on to Frank H. Ricketson, Jr. in care of Central City Opera House Association, Inc., 1502 Cleveland Place, Denver. Inasmuch as I will not be in Colorado after this summer, I have withdrawn from the activities at Central City. The project for the opera museum will, of course, continue and eventually I hope that it will have a permanent home in the town. At present it is being pushed about from one spot to another and for the past two years has been exhibited in the Chain-O-Mines Hotel. When you have an opportunity to compile the list, I do hope that you will send it on to them as I know they will appreciate the information.

There has been no decision here as far as my successor is concerned. Inasmuch as the job is not theoretically open until September, I doubt very much if anything will be done until that time although the trustees are taking up the matter seriously at the

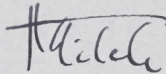
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forthcoming meeting on May 28. I have no idea what their intentions are although for the summertime I am certain we will run on our present staff. Thank you so much for your good wishes for my future in Virginia. I am looking forward to it tremendously. I hope to see you here in August if you are coming up at that time. The photograph show will be open all summer long and if you do come to Colorado Springs I should like very much to see you. The show, incidentally, I believe will be a knockout. Fond greetings from all of us.

Sincerely,



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