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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Since you left your material with me I have talked with Bryan Holme. He won't be going to Washington for at least two weeks' time and he urged me to go ahead with approaches in other directions. I have sent him the large portfolio of the beautiful finished prints so that he can judge their quality and be ready to look into the matter of sales cooperation from Washington.

Meantime I have had an editor from Knopf here to see your work. While he commended it warmly, he said it was completely impractical for them to encourage as the book would be costly and not sure of meeting a very active market.

This morning I have had the editor of Rand McNally in. He is a bit more hopeful and will give the material some study.

Thank you for sending me carbons of your notes to Bryan Holme, Cap and Charlie and Walter Frese. I will pick up the material from Walter Frese, but not until I see how we are coming out in these other directions.

Have you considered at all the University of Oklahoma Press? Of course what we need in this picture is some kind of an angel. This must be discouraging to you but we faced the fact that photographic books are hard sledding when we talked with you here in the office. We will hold your contracts and hope to have some news for you before too long.

Sincerely yours,

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