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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Here is a copy of Bryan Holmes' letter of December 30th. I feel now, having contacted Knopf, Rand McNally, Little Brown (a query - not a submission and quite apart from Duell, Sloan & Pearce), Ives Washburn, and Prentice Hall that it is unlikely that we can place this book. You've handled your other three books. I think I should return this one to you unless you first want me to go into the matter with Hastings House. When their decision is made, if it isn't an offer, I hope you'll reapproach Oklahoma Press, where as you wrote me they neither accepted or rejected on the sample they saw.

In your long hand letter of November 30th you spoke of one possible angle for a subsidy. I think you'll have to look into this. It is not the kind of selling we are staffed to do. If you can bring it about, it may even make it possible for Bryan Holme to publish your book on Studio Publications list.

I value your material. I know its quality. But I am signing off on photographic books as we find the market so resistant.

Sincerely yours,

(Mary Squire Abbot)
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P.S. I'm holding your contracts as they can be included when your other material is sent you express collect which includes a minimum insurance.

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