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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

Just a hasty note to acknowledge your very interesting letter and to let you know that I would be delighted to see what interest I can stir up in your manuscript. I get in and out of New York City with fair frequency and would be happy to pick up the material from Mrs. Abbot if it were not tying it up so far as others are concerned. I have one or two thoughts which might yield some response but will go into that in more detail later. Just now I am cleaning my desk as I expect to be away next week. However, I shall be back very shortly and will let you know when I expect to be in New York. You could then advise Mrs. Abbot of my interest and extend permission to turn over the portfolios to me. I do not think it would be necessary for me to take them out of the city and would consequently return them to her promptly.

I was very shocked to hear of Dorothy Stewart's death. Too many good friends seem to be leaving this world all at once. Dan Norton and Julie Penrose, as you know, both died within ten days of one another in Colorado Springs. Dorothy's passing is a real loss. Is there anyone to continue her interest in the gallery at Santa Fe? I suppose Mrs. Dietrick is too old to be very active.

Betsy joins me in best wishes and fond greetings to both yourself and your Betsy. I hope she is feeling much better and, incidentally, I am supposed to speak to a group in Williamsburg on the first of March re. Indians in the Southwest. Have you any suggestions for some really first class visual materials? Have you ever let anybody else show your slides? Why not appoint me representative of L. G. in Tidewater, Virginia? I would love to see them myself!

Yours,

Mitchell A. Wilder