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Dear Laura Gilpin,

I was very sorry to miss your exhibit at the Museum. Was in New England most of November and December, and suddenly it had closed when I went in January -- the day before.

Now I am coming to Taos for a couple of weeks, and hope so much to see you. Perhaps you have had a chance to look in the depths of your storeroom for the scrap book with articles of "by gone days" you mentioned?

A publisher is sitting on my book and I may have a deadline of my own to think about when I come back, so will also need a photo of you -- something a little different from a usual straight portrait. With a camera and in the Indian territory if possible. I suppose you have one you are using in your book.

Beg pardon -- have just read through your letter and see you do mention a "working photograph".

Hope our paths don't cross. I understand from the Museum you did not get here for your show but expected to come later!

Will you airmail me and say if you will be in Santa Fe in early March? As I am going first to Texas and driving from there to Taos, might be able to stop off in Santa Fe en route. Will write you definitely from Texas when it will be. If you should be on your way to NY now, I'll be here another week or so.

Best, Willis Ruessell

Expect everyone in Santa Fe knows where you live, but perhaps it would be best if you gave me directions how to find you. If you are outside of town -- I'll be coming from Southeasterly direction.