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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino Monte Sol
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

The Archaeological Society of New Mexico has long been committed to the preparation of a handbook for guidance of amateurs and others in this field. The purpose, I know you realize, is to appropriately direct the efforts of the uninformed in the basic techniques of preservation of artifacts, particularly those related to archaeology.

It is recognized by those of us who are not well versed on the subject that the preparation of data must be placed in the hands of those who are well qualified and trained in their respective fields. Consequently, the committee which was appointed by the Society to assemble this information looked to those of unquestionable authority for help and guidance. A series of thirteen chapters was set up for the initial approach to the proposed handbook. I, for one, was most impressed with the people who were selected and at the time was most hopeful we could accomplish the mission in a reasonably brief period. No one appreciates more than I the daily workload which is placed on many of us and that this merely is an added item. Nevertheless, I am convinced that as time permits, the job can be done and brought to a most successful and satisfactory conclusion.

The subjects initially assigned to you are Parts I and II, as follows:

Field Photography: Basic Camera Equipment
Taking the Picture - Need of Photographic Record
(and Diagrams) for the Record.

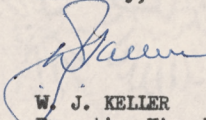
May I appeal to you for assistance in getting this job done as quickly as your time permits. With your broad knowledge of the subjects in this case and your wide acquaintanceship, I believe the chapters can be completed in record time, with perhaps a little assistance from others. The write-up can be

in longhand or typed as you might desire and if you wish will later be appropriately edited for punctuation, etc.

Perhaps I have jumped to conclusions and the fact could well be that your sections of the handbook have already been completed and are merely awaiting submission. I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience as to the status of this phase of our handbook and I will sincerely welcome any comments. An approximate date for completion also would be appreciated.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. J. Keller", is written over a circular stamp or mark.

W. J. KELLER
Executive Vice President