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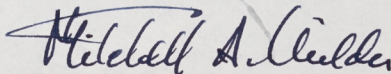
Dear Miss Gilpin:

I have this moment received your special delivery letter with the copy of the resolution endorsed by the Indian Arts Fund, Inc., with reference to the recommendations contained in my recent report on the Museum of New Mexico. Needless to say, I heartily approve the action of your group, and wish to congratulate your Board upon the prompt and forthright manner in which this matter has been handled. I feel that it reflects a vigorous and healthy leadership within the Indian Arts Fund and sincerity of purpose in serving the larger scheme of things within the Museum.

Needless to say, there are many problems which will remain unsolved by the report. I have received several comments on specific passages which would indicate the existence of problems greater than I had appreciated. However, I do hope that the report will serve its purpose in bringing into focus the very great potential which exists in the Museum and the several groups which serve the Museum's needs. I am told that some feel it to be a visionary document. In a sense I am happy if this is true for perhaps those responsible for the Museum's future will be able to envision the responsibilities which should be borne, and the opportunities for real public service which are open. The action of your Board would indicate such awareness. Further, it is welcome evidence that the Indian Arts Fund has attained a maturity which is now recognized in the need to cooperate with management at top level.

My best wishes to you and to the members of your Board.

Sincerely yours,



Mitchell A. Wilder