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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

We had a real tragedy with the Polaroid prints, and I have been holding off writing until now - hoping that the prints would show up. What happened was this - Polaroid was immensely pleased with the work of the WORKSHOP people. They have a fine feeling about pictures and take excellent care of them. However, they carefully packed them for return to me, and they were shipped along with a parcel of equipment by air. The package arrived in San Francisco, but - due to the trucking strike - was stored in a warehouse. It disappeared! Everyone has been making frantic efforts to trace and find it, but to no avail! The concensus is that it was stolen. Polaroid is terribly upset over this - the first time anything like it has happened to them. They are anxious to make restitution - you can have an Adapter, and a quantity of 4x5 film, etc. Unfortunately, the shipment was insured on their blanket equipment basis - the prints should have gone separately and with separate insurance. I feel as badly about it as does Polaroid! Now - what can we do to make up? Let me know what you would like to have.

I am enclosing the envelope of your Polaroid prints that were not mounted; they sent these back separately.

Virginia sends her love.

My Best wishes,

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