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Dear Laura,

We have been very happy to receive the two parcels containing the photographs...all in tact and so well packaged.

The photographs are very handsome and make a fine set. My favorites are still the front hallway, the entrance from the planted area by the door, the porch (with me on it) in the fog..and the detail shot of the roof line out on that side.

Since you were here we have added a lovely bronze figure out by the little pool to the west. She stands just behind the grasses...and the grasses have doubled in size since your photograph.

Nat too is very happy with your work and we both thank you for the care and interest you have shown in doing this job for us. Incidentally, the "WILD BIRD" portfolio is very good looking.

I put your lovely Canyon de Chelly photogra up beside my bed (from whence I have missed it during its absence) Do you know that immediatly, evidently due to our damp weather, it buckled and now looks like a carpet under which a dozen children are playing. The only reason I am telling you this, for I would rather not tell you, is to get your advice. If I lay a cloth over it and then put a warm iron...will that do anything ? Should I take it to a camera shop or a framer's shop? Do you think I am going to have to put glass over it? Actually, I

believe the last more porous material you had it on was better than this. Isn't that the limit ! I won't do anything at all until I hear from you.

You asked about my eye, very kindly. It is well again although queer looking. I have been fortunate, I guess, to have been able to get the thing removed without taking my eye too.

I'm sorry in many ways that we have not been able to come out to New Mex. this fall. Someday we will come again...and before long, I hope.

Again, thank you for your splendid work and for its fine presentment in the portfolio. I shall await a quick word from you about how to handle my favorite of all photographs.

Also, do let us hear about the Navajo book and if at any time we can do anything for you in regard to that final great step of publication...let us know.

warmest greetings to you,

Margaret.

P.S.

Check enclosed.