

WILLIAM ROCKHILL NELSON GALLERY OF ART
(The William Rockhill Nelson Trust)

ATKINS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

KANSAS CITY 11, MISSOURI

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Miss Laura Gilpin
O.O. Box 1173
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Laura:

Our fall pace is picking up, shows coming down and going up, loans being packed, radio and television shows; nothing like working in a calm art museum where one can really communicate with beauty.

Enclosed is today's art column with a small article on your lecture. I have two television shows coming up this week, and you have one radio and one television show I think. I'm sure that Sickman has told you that his house is in shape and he is expecting you as house guest, and of course Bieber. There are a few social events scheduled, but plenty of calm in between, so do not worry. We are also planning things so that you can get away to Wichita early Sunday afternoon,

I gather that the most recommended route to KC is from Santa Fe to Tucumcari, then via #54 to Wichita, then Kansas Turnpike to KC. Enclosed is also a Mo. map (the station is out of KC maps) which has in one corner a small map of the city. I have paralleled your route with a black line, it really is simple.

Follow the Turnpike to the bitter end, do not take any of the exits no matter what the signs say. This will put you on the Intercity Viaduct. When you leave the Viaduct continue on the 6th Street Expressway for about 1/4 mile, take the Main Street Exit to the right. Follow Main Street to 47th Street. (This takes you through downtown, and is a busy street, but the most direct route) At the corner of 47th & Main, there is a Frank L. Wright church on your left and a large fountain with horses and much water on your right. TURN LEFT AT THIS CORNER. Then turn left at the first stop light (Oak Street). Drive to the top of the hill (one long block) and turn right into the staff parking lot (where it says "no parking").

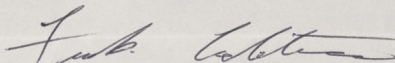
You will then be at the Nelson Gallery, hooray!

If you arrive before 5 PM, we will of counse all be at the Gallery. Should it be after 5 PM when you are arriving, call me once you are in the city and I will meet you at the Gallery. My phone is JE 1-1654.

Our house is only a couple of blocks from the Gallery, so there is no complication.

I hope you will have a fine trip, and we are all very anxious to see you and Bieber.

With best regards



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Enclosures:

Map
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