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Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Editor
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Dear Miss Gordon:-

It seems incredible that so long a time has passed since I began this work. There are numerous reasons. Weather has upset my plans several times. As we have had very strange weather all over the country this year, New Mexico has had its share. Much wind and dust which can be devastating to a photographer, then an unusual amount of rain. I had fully expected to finish all this some three weeks ago. I was actually on the point of leaving for Abiquiu when I got a message from Georgia that she was off on a quick trip to Mexico. Hence another delay. There are still two things I wanted to get, The Chow dogs and a shot through the narrow zaguan from the large patio. Afternoon was the right light for these. They both needed good sunlight and shadow. Was thwarted twice on these by clouds and by visitors. Also eastern guests slowed me up on getting the interiors. As Abiquiu is 50 miles from Santa Fe, and Georgia has no telephone, all appointments have to be made by mail or my messenger.

Of the enclosed lot of transparencies, I give you a choice of two exposures on several. I had just done these 8x10s when Stanley Goldsmith came through Santa Fe. I felt these a little off color, a little yellow. He said it was film balance after looking at them closely and as you know he is the expert technician who covers this western territory. He said he knew you and had served under your husband during the war and he sent his warm greetings. He considered these easily correctible. The only one that bothers me is the Livingroom which is too yellow. Since he was here and I have made some exterior shots using the same film, I have come to my own conclusion that perhaps the supplementary blue flash bulbs were out of balance.

I enclose also five black and whites. The "roofless room" was a B & W subject and was the still life of the mask etc.

I have tried very hard to keep the same simplicity that abounds in the house and in her work. I only hope I have succeeded. Should you wish anythin more, I can of-course do it at once.

With best wishes and great regrets over such a delay,

Sincerely yours