

Los Luceros ,Alcalde NM

April 3, 1962

Dear Laura :-

On all sides appreciative comments are being made about your fine presentation the other night and it seems that everyone was simply thrilled. Besides enjoying the superb photo material your talk inspired many and stirred up great interest and sympathy for the Navajos. It is ~~strange~~ strange how little our community knows about the Indians. I think you managed to convey your own understanding and devotion .

Barbara Pigeon wrote yesterday and I quote the first part of her letter :

"My deepest thanks to you for last evening ! It was a privilege to see Miss Gilpin's photographs and hear her words on the Navajo. These touched me to the core of my being, letting me hear again what poetry there is left buried in my soul. The best part of me is always there, in that country and with those people and there are so many good, brave and precious things to remember. Thank you"

This is the way we all felt. I am sorry that I had to help with the mechanics of receiving people and preparing the food , else I would have stayed glued to the front row.

Gratefully

*Nina*