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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE SHORE DRIVE

CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino Del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Now that the initial rush of excitement and activity associated with the return of the native has subsided, and before the long busy winter begins I want to write and thank you for your kindness to me while I was in Santa Fe.

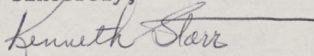
My brief visit to the Southwest was made ever so much more pleasant and profitable by virtue not only of that kindness, but also by the inexhaustible store of natural-science, historical and cultural information that you have amassed and so generously and interestingly shared with me. I, the Easterner by birth, return to my present Midwestern home with a greatly increased appreciation of the role and importance of the Southwest in our national life.

I want particularly to thank you for taking me and Bibah to see the dances at Jemez Pueblo that last of my days in Santa Fe. Seeing the dances made a very fitting end to my trip to New Mexico, and I shall not soon forget either them or you. My only regret is that I did not have an opportunity of seeing your photographs.

I hope earnestly that you will have an opportunity of visiting us here in Chicago, for I very much would enjoy having the opportunity of squiring you about the Museum. Paul Martin shares this hope--he has told me so--and so you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Starr

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