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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

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

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Thank you for your letter of June 1. I am truly sorry that Raymond Nakai has chosen to ignore your request for an opportunity to photograph and interview him. I have not seen him in some time and did not receive any response to the letter which I sent him following my recent visit to Santa Fe.

You mention that you have written Ned Hatathli to see if he can help in arranging something with Raymond. You might also wish to contact Allen Yazzie in this regard.

In the event you are unsuccessful, I would suggest you include some reference in your book to the great efforts you have made to approach Mr. Nakai and his failure to respond. His behavior is, I must say, most peculiar.

I would appreciate being kept informed concerning the progress of your book and shall look forward to seeing you when I am next in Santa Fe.

Sincerely

James E. Officer
Associate Commissioner