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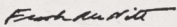
Dear Miss Gilpin -

We have not met but for some years I have been one of your unalloyed admirers, and I am writing now only to tell you that I think that with THE ENDURING NAVAHO you have made a truly great book.

Sallie Wagner told me in Santa Fe a few weeks ago about your new book and a few days later, in Farmington, I was able to buy a copy of it. You may accept it as truth, your book that night lighted up a small room of the San Juan Motel.

Your photographs in this book are magnificent and your text will compare well but more warmly with Clyde Kluckhohn and Washington Matthews and the perhaps several others in between who have written of the Navajos with knowledge and understanding. Your book will endure with the best of theirs as a true classic. But there is nothing, really, to compare with it.

With sincere best wishes,



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