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Miss Laura Gilpin
Laura Gilpin Photographer
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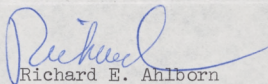
Dear Laura:

I am still checking out possibilities here for an exhibit of your photos. The recent move to cut down on temporary shows is not encouraging, and I hardly know if I should continue with the next step.

It seems that the subjects of your photographs--anthropology and geology--are more germane to the other museum, that of natural history. So now we need to find a curator there to sponsor your exhibit. Since they currently have no Southwest Indian specialists, I have been asked to see if you could supply recommendations. Suggested sources were Fred Dockstader, the Laboratory of Anthropology or Dr. Bernard "Bunny" Fontana at Tucson. Could you also get a letter from Mrs. Udall?*

I know how you must feel by now; no guarantee and more busy work. Please do whatever you think is worthwhile, and I will certainly continue to push from this end.

Sincerely yours,



Richard E. Ahlborn
Curator

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I have already asked for one from A. Breeskin, and she is most helpful.