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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin:

This is followup Dean Krakel's wire of March 31 about the Western Heritage Awards presentation April 25. Congratulations for your outstanding achievement in "The Enduring Navajo" and its selection as outstanding Western non-fiction book in a tie with Robert Dykstra's "The Cattle Towns" (Alfred A. Knopf) in the 1968 Western Heritage Awards competition.

On behalf of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame Board of Trustees I invite you to attend the Western Heritage Awards ceremony in Oklahoma City at 7 p.m. April 25 in the Skirvin Hotel, when "Wrangler" trophies will be presented winners of the 1968 competition at a gala black tie banquet. The "Wrangler" is a bronze replica of cowboy artist Charles Russell's sculpture "The Horse Wrangler" and symbolizes excellence in depicting the real West. A cocktail party-reception will follow the banquet at the museum.

A "Wrangler" will be presented to you, and the University of Texas Press will receive one as publisher. We hope you will be with us April 25th to accept your award in person.

We will be glad to make reservations and arrangements for your visit to Oklahoma City. We hope you understand, however, that since the Cowboy Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization, we cannot pay the travel and lodging expenses of those who attend the awards presentation. You will, of course, be our guest for the banquet and other festivities that night, and we will do our best to make your stay here a memorable one.

We will announce your award in nationwide publicity about April 7 and would appreciate observance of that date in any announcement you might make. I have requested publicity materials about you and your book from the publisher.

We hope you will let us know as soon as possible that you can attend the awards banquet.

Encls: Brochure and
newsletter

Most sincerely,

Susan Allen

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