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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

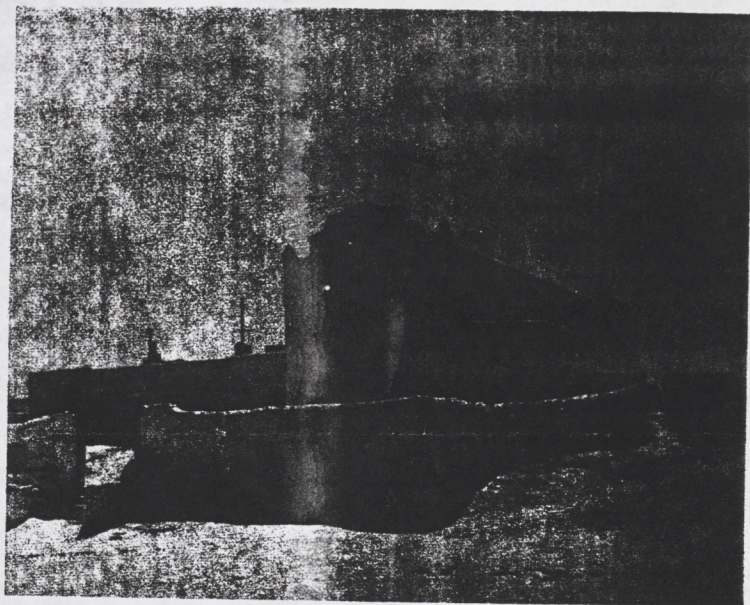
The National Park Service is currently engaged in exhibit plans for the Navajo Hill Visitor Center in Mesa Verde National Park. We would like to include in these exhibits a picture from your book, "The Pueblos," Laguna Mission (copy enclosed). May we purchase an 8 x 10 glossy print? You may enclose the bill with the order.

Thank you for any help you can extend to us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Marilyn B. Wandrus
Graphics Researcher
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Enclosure



TRAVELING WEST FROM ALBUQUERQUE one passes several pueblos. Laguna, with its fine old mission, is one of particular beauty. Named for a former lake, it crowns a hill near a group of glistening sand dunes. Some of Laguna's houses are built of stone or adobe and are constructed as separate buildings along small lanes on the top and side of the hill. In recent years Laguna has adopted white man's methods and products in wholesale fashion, much to the regret of those who knew and appreciated the unique charm of the pueblo, for already tin roofs are replacing the old adobe ones, and many modern conveniences, which do not harmonize with the picturesque charm of the pueblo, are to be seen. Often one sees an Indian woman carrying a pot of water on her head, the pot being a beautiful decorated jar, but also one sees blue enamel buckets replacing the jars. The native religion still lives, however, and certain dances are still secret, forbidden to white spectators. Laguna is the only pueblo newly founded in the Spanish period, just after the 1680-1696 period of revolt.