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Dear Laura -

I have just finished reading your beautiful book with boundless enjoyment. You have combined scholarship and art in such a vital way and have shown the Navahos to be such truly gifted people.

One reason for my delight was of course, the way in which the book took me back to the delightful days when you were photographing the sources of the Rio Grande so that I could feel myself a

companion as you described the various
expeditions in search of photographs.
I have the Red Guard book up in our
red home in Vermont. No summer goes
by without some guests enjoying it. It
was good to recognize some of the tales
about the Navahos - especially the one
about the laughing wife leading her
husband out with the rope suggested
by Betsy.

Your Santa Fe community must
sadly miss Lawrence and Marjory. Not
nice to grow old with so many people
slipping away ahead of one. But nothing

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can remove that gorgeous country from
you. I delight in my photographic
memory so that faces and scenes can
be recalled almost as if I were
actually looking at them.

Congratulations on your
really great achievement and thanks
for all the epalant memories.

All of the best to you,
Ruth Washburn