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

Dear Miss Gilpin:

We have just learned today from another admirer of yours that you are considering making arrangement for placing your wonderful picture negatives in a permanent location where they will be available records for scholars.

It may be you have made your decision already, but we are hoping this is not so and that you would be willing to give some consideration to placing them in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library.

We have a collection of approximately 250,000 negatives and prints which we know is one of the most comprehensive collection of the Rocky Mountain Region. Among the collections are the David F. Barry negatives of the Sioux Indians, the Nusbaum negatives of the Mesa Verde and 6,000 negatives of Louis McClure, who was an apprentice to William H. Jackson. In our collection also are Jackson's own sample books of his pictures which are great treasures.

The department's reputation has drawn world-wide attention to our collection because only two or three other libraries can match its historical materials on the West.

We have been complimented by those of authority on the care and handling of our collection for preservation.

We have in our collection your own wonderful folios of the early Central City Opera productions as well as those books of which you are author.

Enclosed is a brochure about the department we hope you will have the leisure to look at and that it will give you an idea of the extent of the collection here.

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We would be most happy to answer any questions which might come to your mind and to show you how we care for materials here.

Sincerely yours,

Alys H. Freeze

(Mrs.) Alys Freeze, Head
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Enclosure

DO NOT FOLLOW LIBER

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