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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

You will probably be surprised to hear from me after so long a time.

You may recall that in 1951 my husband and I were in Santa Fe together and you took a marvelous picture of my late son, Samuel T. Van Alen, who was drowned in the Bahamas on November 18, 1970. Someone borrowed this picture from our apartment and has never returned it. Inasmuch as it was the finest likeness I have ever had of him (sitting on a sort of wall with one leg cocked, dressed in casual rancher attire), I am wondering if you could dig into your files and send me a couple of copies. The photograph was in color.

Congratulations on the St. John's College Gallery exhibition of your photographs this past summer. Miss Cecily Cushny and her friend, Moya Canning, forwarded me your address. We all got to know each other last summer on a North Cape cruise.

Thanking you for your cooperation and hoping

it may be possible and wishing you all the best of luck in your work and health, I am

Cordially yours,

*Eleanor Langley
Fletcher*

P.S.

You will recall that you also took some pictures of my husband and myself out at the Ghost Ranch in a wagon with two horses; also one of him reading the "Morning Telegraph" with his cow pony looking over his shoulder. We were staying at the Ghost Ranch at the time.

E.L.F.