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Dear Miss Gilpin,

First, I must establish my identity for you. I write for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph. When you opened your one-man-show at the Fine Arts Center in November, 1969 I interviewed you for our paper. A chore, I enjoyed throughly, I can say.

Since that time, I have been in Sante Fe several times and during such a time, I met Eugenie Shonnard and had the pleasure of her company for an afternoon.

It has occurred to me that you, Miss Shonnard and Miss Georgia O'Keefe have several common denominators in your background. A singular pursuit of your chosen fields, a love for the Southwest and high degree of competence in whatever you do.

You three born within a comparable time span, have, of course, differences in techniques, temperaments and personalities but I believe there are enough similiarities to make good subject matter. I would like very much to do a feature combining and discussing just the above items I have mentioned.

Would you allow me to see you when I drive down to Sante Fe during the dates June 18, 19 or 20. It would be a great pleasure and I think a feature on the three of you would be interesting, unique and timely for our readers since each of you have contributed to the art of our

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city.

Miss O'Keefe's work hangs in our Fine Arts Center; you have had shows here plus many friends, in addition to this being your birthplace and Miss Shonnard's works are represented by several sculptures plus the La Foret, the private chapel of Mrs. <sup>Bence</sup> Taylors located here.

I have not yet written to Miss O'Keefe but am doing so this week. Miss Shonnard is quite willing and has graciously lent me material from her files.

May I hear from you in the affirmative?

Eagerly,

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