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

Dear Miss Gilpin:

I have just learned that the Industrial Photographers of the Southwest will honor you on May 8, with a special Fine Arts Award for the excellence of your work over the past decades.

This is recognition that you have long deserved and I am delighted that you are being publicly honored for your contribution to the State of New Mexico, to the American Indians of this nation, and for the advancements you have made in photography.

Through the years, you have been the foremost proponent of the spiritually-motivated culture of our Southwestern Indians and are notably the pioneer documentarian in this area. Certainly, these accomplishments are due to your deep understanding of the American Indian and a thorough knowledge of your craft.

My best wishes for many more years of the historic pageantry you produce with your camera.

Sincerely,

Mickey Lavy
Mr. Mickey Lavy, Chairman

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