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Dr. Ned Hatathli, President
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Dear Ned:

I am enclosing three more checks for the memorial to Elizabeth W. Forster and I understand that our mutual friends from Santa Fe have sent you something directly. I am pleased that this is building so well.

By the time this reaches you, I think that you will have heard from the National Conference of Christians and Jews. They asked me whom I would like to have present me for this award and specified that they hoped it might be an Indian. Of course, I thought of you right away and I hope that it will be possible for you to come over. Perhaps I will be able to somehow call attention to the College and that some benefit for the College may come of this indirect source.

I am also most happy to tell you that I have just received word that the School of American Research has provided me a two year grant to do the book I have long wanted to do on Canyon de Chelly and the people who live in it. Before very long, I will be coming over to see what changes have happened in the Chinle area and to discuss with you and a few others regarding this project. In one sense, this book can be an extension of the Enduring Navaho and it will be wonderful for me to be back in the country I love so very dearly.

This brings my best wishes and hope that I will not only see you in Albuquerque on April 13th, but especially before when I run over for a quick trip about my new book.

My regards to your family and to others with you whom I know.

Most sincerely,

Laura Gilpin