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Dear Miss Perine:

I am sorry to be so long in answering your letter, but my old and dear friend Miss Forster, whom I am sure I told you about (she was the nurse who worked on the Reservation) died on New Year's day, and I am just getting back to taking care of my mail.

I hope you didn't misunderstand me over the telephone about the string game things. I have known about these for many years and have always wanted an opportunity to photograph it. What little I did at Crownpoint that day was most unsatisfactory to me; first because the children were too dressed up, and second because no one seemed to know what to do.

What I was referring to was that I hope to get over to the Reservation again soon on a new project of my own and that possibly I can incorporate just a touch of this. I think it would be very difficult to illustrate a monograph. I am sure that Editha Watson could do a good job on this if she is able and perhaps I can see her, but to do a whole series of pictures would mean quite a lot of work and more information than I now have. I can also talk to another Navaho woman I know who might be interested in doing the whole thing with any pictures that she could arrange for me. So, I think it would be better for me to just leave it as it is for the time being.

I am so sorry that you have had to give up your job at Thoreau and I hope that you are doing well at home in Idaho. This brings my best wishes to you and good luck on whatever you are undertaking at the moment.

Sincerely,

Laura Gilpin

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