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My dear Laura Gilpin,

I introduced myself on the Plaza quite a number of years ago when we both were photographing on the occasion of one of the Annual Indian Market Days. But I am sure you would not remember me... although I brought you at the time warmest greetings from my long-time good, great friend, Imogen Cunningham of San Francisco.

I am writing to tell you how infinitely much your magnificent photographs enhance Claire Morrill's delightful new book, A TAOS MOSAIC. I was so charmed with her book that I read every word - long into the night - before I put it aside to sleep. I thought the reproduction quality was, on the whole, commendable.

Not long ago I returned from a swift flight to France to visit our mutual good friends, the Todd Webbs, in the South of France, in their charming 12th-14th C. village of Saint Restitut. Their centuries-old stone house is untellably beautiful. Both Todd and Lucille look so young, and vital... and happy. Next year they plan to move from France to live a year or so in England, where they have beautiful friends.

After sixty visits to Santa^{Fe}/Taos (since 1942) I am, finally, making plans to leave THIS PLACE and move to live forever in Northern New Mexico, come June. I can hardly wait, Laura. It has been my hope - my dream - to one day live and photograph - in my beloved NEW MEXICO! Now, at last, it looks promising.

Eleanor Scott, has graciously scheduled a one-man show of 100 of my photographs to be shown at her f22 Gallery in August. How I hope (and pray) that YOU will approve of at least a few of the them... It will be a "diversified" exhibition: photographs from "five themes."

I cannot begin to tell you how much I anticipate the publication of your forthcoming book on the Arizona Canyon de Chelly. When is it scheduled for publication? Imogen is terribly busy doing final printing and editing for the new University of Washington publication of recent photographs, to coincide with her 91st birthday, next April. I will never relent in my obsessive ADMIRATION for the two of you. Remarkable! But beautiful!!!

Last evening I talked with Imogen and told her I would be writing to you this morning. She asked me to convey her remembrances and best wishes. I thought you would be glad for that.

Best-

David Donoho