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Mr. Richard W. Underwood,
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Dear Mr. Underwood,

Bill McKeel of Santa Fe, has given me your name regarding a photograph of a western area. He got ~~the~~, and I think from you, a print (color) from a satellite, of the area of Canyon de Chelly, Arizona.

At the present time, I am working on a project for the School of American Research, here in Santa Fe, on a photographic essay on the Canyon and the people of the area. I have been most intrigued by this photograph. Not only does it cover just the area I want, but the detail is extremely interesting. My only criticism is the presence of so many clouds. I am wondering if you might have another shot on a perfectly clear day? I saw recently some beautiful infrared shots in a copy of ARIZONA HIGHWAYS Magazine that had no clouds at all. The print I have has in the lower left hand corner 22AUG72 C N36-34 followed by many numbers and symbols. This print shows the whole of the Chinle Wash to where it empties into the San Juan River just above the Goose Neck Necks in the upper left of print and east including the green agricultural section of the San Juan just west of Farmington: it show Morgan Lake, Shiprock & its dykes, the Cove area, the Lukachukai Mountains down to to about about the middle or lower two thirds of these mountains. The mountains all over have many white clouds which in some places make it hard to identify the areas.

Would you have another shot of this particular area made on a clear day? I would very much like to use such a shot not only in the book when it is ready, but also to make a slide of it (35mm) to show along with much of the work I have so far done on this project. Bill McKeel has flown me over the Canyons twice and I now have quite a series. I am to give a preliminary showing to the Board and Members of the School on the 28th of this month, which will be here all too soon.

Hoping to hear from you soon, Sincerely *Laura Gilpin*

of Monument Valley Area

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Dear Mr. Underwood:

Bill McKeel has given me your name regarding space craft photographs. He got a color print for me last year (I think from you) of the Canyon de Chelly area, in Arizona.

At the present time I am working on a project for the School of American Research, here in Santa Fe, of a photographic essay of the DeChelly Canyons and the people of the area. I am most intrigued by this photograph. Not only does it cover just the area I want, but the detail is most interesting. I only wish that there had been no clouds on that day. These somewhat obscure certain parts of the picture. I am wondering if you might have another similar shot made on a clear day? Recently I saw in AIRZONA HIGHWAYS Magazine, some infrared shots of the Monument Valley area that were brilliant in detail. The print I have shows the whole of the Chinle Wash and north to where it empties into the San Juan River just above the Goose Necks. All the mountain areas of the picture have white fluffy clouds over them. I would like to have the similar area on a clear day if possible. The numbers along the bottom of the picture read 22AUG72 C N35-34 followed by many numbers and symbols. I can identify further if necessary. The picture covers from the Goose Necks of the San Juan to about Farmington: south to about the lower two thirds of the Lukachukai Mountains and shows the DeChelly canyons clearly. Would you have another shot of this area made on a perfectly clear day? With your permission I should like very much to use it in this forthcoming book but also to make a slide of it when I show the work I have already done to the Board and Members of School on the 28th of March which will be here all too soon.

Hoping to hear from you soon and my regrets for not having made this request some time ago, I am

Sincerely yours