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Dear Mr. Mathias;

I have been very delayed in answering your letter regarding my progress on my fellowship. My life became very complicated this summer and while I have made some progress in the way of purchasing materials, preparing proper negatives, etc., I have not really gotten down to work. The reason for the delay has been that since the opening of the big retrospective exhibition that I had here last winter, I have been in the hospital 3 different times and my ability to keep on my feet and work has been very slow in returning. I am much better now and I am all ready to commence work on the fellowship. I will make up for lost time next year and will keep track of the time that I put in on this project and the work that I have done under it.

I must also add that I have been having great difficulty in finding one chemical needed in this process, but I have had better luck just recently and hope to be able to obtain this very shortly. I hope you will understand my dilemma and I assure you that I will be producing hand-coated platinum prints at a very early date.

Very truly yours.

Laura Gilpin

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