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Dear Mr. Mathias;

Thankyou very much for your letter and also for the last check which came just a few days ago. I have put it in my savings account until I really get busy on the hand-coated platinius, which I shall be doing after the first of theyear.

It was great to have Bill Garnett come through Santa Fe, and one of the pleasures of living in this town is the fact that when this happens, we can just drop everything and enjoy it. Bill arrived on the Saturday morning just prior to my leaving for Denver University, where I was to show my original standard size Navaho slides in connection with an exhibition of Curtis photographs. I thought I did not have time to see anyone, and then Bill called me about 10:00 in the morning, and I put him off untill 2:00, and then we talked until after 6:00. We went out for dinner and then talked more until 10:30 that night. He showed me quite a few of his most recent things, and he does such perfectly wonderful abstracts from the air, I always get a kick out of it. He is very talented and I am very glad he is working on a Foundation grant. I know he will produce a beautiful book out of it. I have followed his work on and off ever since I saw his first abstracts that were published in "Life" magazine, and I was very happy to become more acquainted with him, his work, and what he is doing now. My one deep regret was that I could not take him up

on his offer to fly me over to Canyon de Chelly the following day. I just had to prepare for the Denver trip. He said he would come back someday and take me over; and of course, this would be a great thrill to me to be flown by him to this area that I am working on for this book for the School of American Research. I think I have the photography just about completed, but I must put the whole thing together during this coming year.

Thankyou for being patient with me about getting to work on the hand-coated platins. But I shall soon be at it, and make up for my lost time.

Very truly yours,

Laura Gilpin

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