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Ms. Laura Gilpin
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Dear Ms. Gilpin,

About two years ago I made my first trip to Santa Fe and what a thrill it was! You might remember my phoning you and expressing my hope that you might exhibit your work in Focus Gallery as we feel it is so important to have it shown here on the West Coast.

You mentioned at the time that you were quite involved at the moment in preparing an exhibition for the Witkin Gallery and that we should write you a letter.

And so this is the follow-up letter hoping that by now you might be able to have some prints for us.

The Focus Gallery was opened in 1966 and probably except for the Quivira Gallery in Albuquerque the oldest photography gallery in the country. We have so far mounted as many as 200 one-man and group shows presenting leading photographers around the country including from New Mexico Van Deren Coke, Thomas Barrow, Anne Noggle and Eliot Porter. We have wanted to present your work for a long time now!

All photographs are handsomely hung behind glass and we have heavy foot traffic including many classes from surrounding colleges as well as from other parts of the state and Oregon.

We would need about 40 to 45 matted prints and on any subject you want to show though we had thought of your work on the Navajos.

The date we now have open is March 2 through 27, 1976 but could make it at a later date if more convenient.

We are sorry you haven't seen the gallery but hope you will want to be with us.

Cordially,

Helen Johnston
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