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Dear Mrs. Gelpin,

A little over two months ago, I visited your home with Dr. and Dr. Marc Smith of Santa Fe. It was the first day of my summer stay in Santa Fe. Your photographic vision of the Southwest moved me then, as did your pioneering spirit. A week ago, on my last day in the Southwest, after a summer of exploration of exciting new frontiers for me, I walked into the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. There was your retrospective, such an appropriate exhibit to experience, one again, this time as a closing. After spending the summer working in clinics all over northern New Mexico, in Indian Pueblos and Spanish towns, I found your photographs had a new, deeper impact. I was so moved, and so struck by the coincidence of spending my first and last day sharing with you that I had to write this note of appreciation.

I look forward with pleasure to my next visit, probably this January, certainly when I have finished my medical training, to that majestic part of the country.

Sincerely,

Betsy Mellins