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Mrs. Laura Gilpin
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Dear Mrs. Gilpin:

"Of the making of pictorial books there is no end" --
but yours -- The Enduring Navaho -- is the most beautiful
one I have seen!

Since the 1950's, when I was on the Papago reservation
in Arizona and in Santa Fe, I have wanted to return to
the Southwest, especially to the Navajo country. This
August, for the first time, I will have that opportunity.

I plan to visit a contemplative community near Gallup
August 10-15. If possible, I hope to stay a little longer
in or near Gallup to attend the Intertribal Ceremonial
and to become acquainted with Navajos. Also I'd like
to visit the Arts and Crafts Guild at Window Rock.

At present I do not plan to revisit the Santa Fe vicinity.
But if I'd be in time for the Santo Domingo or other Corn
Dance, it might be possible for me to break my return
flight at Albuquerque and make a side trip to Santa Fe.
In that event I'd hope to have the privilege of meeting you.

But this is just to thank you for your book which has given
me orientation for the trip to Navaholand.

Sincerely,

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