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DEAR LAURA,

IT WAS A GREAT AND MOST DELIGHTFUL PLEASURE TO SEE YOU RECENTLY,
AND I CERTAINLY ENJOYED THE CONVERSATION WITH YOU AT MY MOTHER'S
HOUSE. I HOPE YOUR ANKLE IS CONTINUING TO RECOVER AT RAPID SPEEDS,
NOW THAT THE ASPENS ARE IN FULL GLORY OF COLOR. I WAS THINKING
OF YOU THE OTHER DAY WHILE MAKING TRAIL THROUGH THE JEMEZ IN PURSUIT
OF EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE ON THOSE BEAUTIFUL TREES - AGAINST THEIR
VERY OWN ROCKS AND SKIES OF THIS SEASON. I WAS THINKING OF YOU
AGAIN LAST WEEK AT THE MONASTERY OF THE CHRIST IN THE DESERT WHERE
I SPENT FIVE DAYS PHOTOGRAPHING THAT MOST DRAMATIC AND SPIRITUAL
SETTING. ALL THE MONKS WANT SOME PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH IS NICE, AND I
PLAN TO RETURN THERE THIS MONTH SINCE I AM PURSUING A BOOK ON THE
SUBJECT.

A CERTAIN MATTER HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION REGARDING A BOOK BEING
WRITTEN BY DR. JERRY BRODY, ANTHROPOLOGIST, AND DIRECTOR OF THE MAXWELL
MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO IN ALBUQUERQUE.
HIS SUBJECT MATTER IS MIMBRES POTTERY, AND IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD
VERY MUCH LIKE TO DO THE PHOTOGRAPHY NECESSARY FOR HIS BOOK. I REALIZE
YOU HAVE SEEN ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE WORK IN PHOTOGRAPHY WHICH I

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HAVE COMPLETED DURING THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, AND CURRENTLY I AM WORKING ON TWO FORTHCOMING SHOWS. HOWEVER, MY QUESTION IS WHETHER YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO WRITE A LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR ME TO DR. BRODY. IF THIS IS TOO MUCH OF AN IMPOSITION OR BOTHER FOR YOU, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO SAY SO. IN ADDITION, IF YOU REQUIRE SEEING MORE OF MY WORK BEFORE WRITING A LETTER OF REFERENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN BOTH COMMISSIONED AND FREE LANCE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHOW YOU MORE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

IF THERE IS NO PROBLEM FOR YOU IN WRITING SUCH A LETTER, HIS

ADDRESS IS: DR. JERRY BRODY, DIRECTOR
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MEANWHILE, I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING, AND IF THERE IS EVER ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, NO MATTER HOW TINY, I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL LET ME KNOW. (QUITE OBVIOUSLY, I AM ONE OF YOUR MILLIONS OF ADMIRERS.)

AFFECTIONATELY,



NATALIE OWINGS

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