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Ms. Laura Gilpin
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Dear Ms. Gilpin:

I may have mentioned to you when we last met that I have been funded by the NEA and the Missouri State Arts Council to organize two photographic exhibits for 1976. One is to be Missouri's first open juried show for which, happily, Dick Rudisill will be sole juror. The other scheduled for the month of April will be Aspects of American Photography, 1976.

It is for this show that I would like to have 4-6 of your new Canyon de Chelly pictures. The exhibition will of necessity be small because of the modest size of the university's gallery. Despite this fact, I want every photographer to be seen in a group of pictures which is as cohesive as possible. I want each group to show one major idea rather than simply examples of various concepts with which the photographer has been concerned.

Your Canyon de Chelly prints are magnificent and they will be of special significance in the continuum of American photographic documentation, exploration and appreciation of our unspoiled lands.

I would like them all, of course, but I leave the choice to you, whether color or black and white. I would need the prints by March 19th and would return them to you on or about May 1st. We will pay all shipping and insurance fees and will provide a check list directing prospective buyers to you or to Lee, as you wish.

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I would not in any way wish to impose upon our friendship by putting you under pressure to send the pictures. But I would sincerely wish to include your work in the exhibition and hope it will be convenient for you to send them. Since a catalogue will be published by March 15th, I would appreciate learning as soon as possible the descriptions of the prints and any pertinent data you have about them, including a statement from you regarding your work.

My husband asks to be remembered to you.

Sincerely,



Jean S. Tucker
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