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Dear Mr. Gelpin,

I just wanted to thank you for letting me visit you at your studio a few weeks ago. I came with Mr. Lee Marmion of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center here in Albuquerque.

I guess I'm writing mostly because I was so moved by the experience. I think you can measure a person's greatness by his Humility — and it just radiates from you. It is especially in your eyes.

One time after Jacques Cousteau had spoken of man's inhumanity to his beloved sea and all its creatures, a listener asked what could be done. Without any hesitation he replied softly, but fervently, "just love Life." I've never forgotten it.

You must have known this all along, otherwise your photographs would not have the tenderness and depth they do; and you would not have been the vivacious woman, spilling over with warmth and Life, who met me at the door. In all my days I've never met a more radiant human being.

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. Thanks again, for everything.

Sincerely,
Jody Butterfield