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Dear Dan;

Please understand my long delay in answering your note and sending me the latest information that you and Lee are working on. I think of you both often, and so much time has gone by now and so many prices have changed, that I would like to consult with both of you, if possible, on the question of the portfolio. A good many people around here have been trying to talk me out of it, but it is all a question of how both you and Lee feel and if you still want me to do it I will certainly make an effort. In the meantime, I have been undergoing a big remodelling job and the house that was attached to mine (which you may possibly remember) has now become a part of my own house with a door cut through. I have a beautiful new dark-room, a small gallery, a studio and two other work-rooms. It has been a big under-taking and has taken a large amount of time and energy and for nearly two months I was without a dark-room. In the meantime, you probably know I have a Guggenheim award to do hand-coated platinum and I am only just ready to commence with this.

I have this thought about a very small edition in portfolio form of hand-coated platinum rather than the Navaho. I think we should somehow get together and discuss this if possible, by telephone or otherwise, and reach a final decision. I feel I have left you very much up in the air on this. The first delay being my big retrospective show which I wish you had seen, and on top of that, I was in the hospital for two different reasons and your old lady friend is somewhat slower than she

used to be. My greetings to both of you and congratulations on doing a portfolio of Bernice's things, which should be fine.

Santa Fe is buzzing with photographers and Guggenheim award winners numbering 4 in one location. This seems amazing to me, and there is Van Deren Coke, who makes 5 in one state, and a very small area at that. So, all in all, I think you and Lee should make another trip to see the work of all these other people.

This brings my greetings and warm wishes to all of you, and I hope to hear from you before too long.

Most sincerely,

Laura Gilpin