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Mrs. Helen Johnston
Focus Gallery
2146 Union Street
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Helen;

Ever since I hung up the telephone after you called me, I have been wondering where the print came from that you asked me about. The print of Mesa Verde with Hawkins' name on the back makes me wonder if you have other prints of mine? Or did this get left by mistake? Or what? Mr. Hawkins was here it one point, and we talked about a show; but nothing definite has ever been said.

In the meantime, I am as busy as I can be here, and not accomplishing enough fast enough. But little by little I hope to get caught up. Last week Beaumont Newhall brought Gisele Freund to see me. She was a delightful person and we had a good talk and I was pleased to be able to show her my little gallery. I hope before too long I can make a few interiors of my new set-up and send you some prints for your information. Otherwise, I keep selling things off the walls and trying to replace them, so life goes on busily. Mme. Freund spoke very highly of your remarkable ability with your gallery. And of course, I remain very pleased I had a show with you and got to know you. I often think of that incredible view out your window. I am so glad that I had that nice lunch with Imogen while

I was with you. I think of her often and her remarkable qualities, but it gives me a jolt to realize that I am now the senior photographer of our line of work. Is there another that you know of 85 or over? If you do, please let me know. This brings my best wishes as always.

Sincerely,

Laura Gilpin

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