

September 3, 1976

Governor James R. Martinez
San Ildefonso Pueblo
Rte. 5, Box 315 A
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Governor Martinez;

Thank you very much for your letter thanking me for the large photograph of the "San Ildefonso Corn Dance". I made this at your September dance in 1945. This was just after the end of the war, and fortunately for me, there were no tourists around, no television aeri~~als~~als, and no extra wires. I feel that this is a picture that can never be done again. As some of my friends were in the dance, it was a happy day for me. The appraisal of the photograph would be \$300.00.

The next time I come out to the pueblo, I will come to see you as I would like to see the condition of this picture. It has been out at the bank for several years. I am very interested that you are starting this museum and I have other early photographs that will eventually come to you. Some of my best and oldest friends live in your pueblo and have always been very nice to me. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Laura Gilpin

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