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Dear Mr. Ray;

My most sincere apologies for being so long in sending you a report, and on top of that for answering your recent letter. The past several months have had me in a very upset state, because of remodelling part of my house into new and wonderful workrooms. For a period of two months I had no dark rooms, and then there has been the confusion of moving and sorting and trying to get everything into order.

The money for my grant is almost all of it in my savings account. I have purchased some materials and have been endeavoring to locate a good source for one chemical that seems to be difficult to obtain now. However, I have some that I have just recently obtained, and I shall be trying it out almost immediately. I feel dreadfully to have been so delayed in commencing this project. Clearing up past work has been the main source of my delay. A year and a half ago, I had a large retrospective exhibit which opened here in Santa Fe, and is now traveling around the country. I could not believe the number of sales from this, and because the exhibit is on the road, I have been having to make duplicate prints and this is now almost completed, so I will have that off my mind. And incidentally, some of the orders are for platinum prints, which I will make the first thing, to get my hand back into doing this

kind of work. I assure you that I will be hard at work at it very soon. If you need a more detailed account, I can send it to you. I have bought some fine paper to coat, as well as some platinum, so I have the materials at hand to get under-way. Trusting that this will be sufficient, but if you want I will send a more detailed list. I find that at my age I have not got the staying power, I used to have, and it is very hard for me to realize that I cannot get as much done in a day as I used to do. Would you like me to send you a sample print as soon as I have something that I ~~feel~~ is sufficiently worth while?

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Gilpin

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