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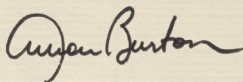
Dear Ms. Gilpin,

I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you on June 11th and want to thank you for taking the time to share information about your experiences with the Navahoes. Your work has been particularly important to me during the past few years and has given me a sense of pride in our common heritage of the Southwest.

The retrospective exhibition opened at Laguna Gloria and there are many photographs that I had never seen before. My favorite photograph is the Willie Lee family at the Cove (1934). The simplicity and dignity of the Navaho family, set off against a beautiful yet harsh environment, is so evident in this image.

I look forward to seeing your new book to be published on Canyon de Chelly and wish you good health during the coming months. Your energy is a source of encouragement to those of us much younger than you. Continue on!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Amon Burton, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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