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Dear Laura Gilpin,

When I wrote you last summer following my abortive trip to New Mexico, I told you that I hoped to visit New Mexico again and that you would be forgiving of my sudden change of plans. Two weeks ago I interviewed David Vostal and we spoke of you. I told him how embarrassed I was by my own failure to anticipate that the depth of my personal confusions would fly with me to New Mexico in June. He encouraged me to write you again and ask if we might indeed hold the interview during the first week of April when I shall be visiting David in Espanola.

I hope you understood from last year's occurrence that I have tremendous respect for your time and the work you wish to complete in it. It was largely for this reason that I opted not to meet with you when I knew I would be in less than an excellent frame of mind to talk with you. It is also for this reason that I have read whatever subsequent interviews you have given - I do not want to ask you questions which have already been well answered. I do believe, if you were to talk with David, that he would tell you that his interview interested him precisely for the reason that the researched questions asked were satisfyingly thought provoking. I do not mention this because I fancy myself to be a great interviewer, but because I want to reassure you that I shall not be wasteful of your time and energies.

In a way the year long delay may well prove a benefit, for my interview skills have been refined with the additional experience. If you do

feel willing to allow me a second chance to ask you my questions between April 1 and 6 - or perhaps, if it is better for you toward the end of April when I shall be returning from interviews in California eastward - I would greatly appreciate a simple postcard of acceptance. If you agree I would happily call you to make final arrangements.

It is evident I guess how apologetic I continue to feel towards you. I do hope that in the meantime you have had a very fruitful year and that your work continues to go well.

With best wishes,
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