

January 8, 1978

Dr. John Schaefer
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Dear Dr. Schaefer;

It was a great pleasure to have you come over and both Sina and I enjoyed your visit very much. I do want you to know how much I appreciate your interest in my endeavors, but for the time-being I do not want to commit myself anywhere. Until I have myself in better order, I want to wait on making any definite decisions. I hope the trip was worth your while and that you found other work that will interest you. I will be glad to know the outcome of the test on Andy Smith's Curtis prints, and I think we agreed that we were not certain about them. Do you know what the chemical test is to determine what is platinum and what is not? I think this is something I should know myself.

I hope the photographs you made here will meet your satisfaction. I have enjoyed going through your book and studying your photographs of the mission. They are very fine and I congratulate you on the job. My copy of ARIZONA HIGHWAYS had come, but I had not looked at it and I thank you for the extra copy. It is a very nice article for you.

I feel so badly about Eugene Smith. What a terrible calamity for him, and a bad enough one for you. He has done such wonderful work.

It was a pleasure to get to know you better, and

I hope that whenever you come this way you will have time to drop by. In the meantime, I am concentrating my efforts on the portfolio that I am under contract with Witkin to do, and also want to finish the Canyon de Chelly book. I hope that by the end of 4-6 months I will have all this finished and can then turn to other work. Sina joins me in wishing the best to you in the New Year. I am,

Most sincerely,

Laura Gilpin

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