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Laura Gilpin
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Dear Ms. Gilpin:

Earlier this year I wrote to you concerning the status of a collection of your photographs which had been donated to the Navajo Tribal Museum with Martin Link as custodian of the collection. Unfortunately I am unable to locate your reply and thus am forced to bother you again concerning this matter.

We do have eight of your photographs from The Enduring Navaho here at the museum. All are dry mounted and signed by you. However, I am not clear if this represents the entire collection you donated to the Navajo Tribe or if these are in addition to the collection in question.

Recently I heard through the grapevine of your intentions do donate most or all of your photographs to the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art. For this reason I am especially anxious to verify the whereabouts of those photographs promised to the Navajo Tribe.

We are currently in the process of acquiring a small collection of original Wittick and Schwemberger prints of Navajo subjects. Although our collection is relatively small at the present time, it does nevertheless portray the history of an entire people. Therefore the addition of your valuable photographs is greatly appreciated.

If you have any formal written agreement with Martin Link, I would appreciate having a copy. If not, could you tell me exactly where the photographs are at present and the conditions of any verbal agreement between Mr. Link and yourself?

Again I want to thank you for your help in this matter and apologize for misplacing your earlier reply.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Hartman

Russell P. Hartman, Director
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