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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin,

A friend and admirer of yours, Cinda Erdman, suggested I write you regarding an idea I have for a workshop in photography. I am organizing several workshops for the adult education program at the Aspen Center of Colorado Mountain College. I have been teaching beginning b & w photo classes for CMC for several years and I now wish to enlarge the scope of the program and to bring in new talent.

Very briefly, my idea is to have a workshop that would travel to the south west and take pictures of ancient ruins, such as Canyon de Chelly. I would also like to have the group (not more than 8 or 10) visit and photograph a present-day pueblo. But, I'm not at all sure of the possibilities or desirability considering the Indians dislike of cameras being aimed at them. I know that we could visit the Taos Pueblo and could take pictures there for a price, but that is rather unappealing to me and would be a last resort. Perhaps you could advise me on this matter? Would you know of some families who would be agreeable to let some of my students visit with them and photograph them?

In addition to those ideas for the trip, I would very much like to include an opportunity for our group to visit with you and to be able to see some of your work first hand. Such a visit would be extremely valuable and would be the main feature of the trip. I am pretty open on the exact dates and if you would be willing to have us visit you, I will schedule the class at your convenience. Please let me know your reaction to this proposal as soon as possible so that I might begin making arrangements.

I shall be anxious to hear from you and look forward to being able to meet you, hopefully this summer!

Sincerely yours,

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