

April 23, 1979

Ms. Laura Gilpin  
409 Camino Del Monte Sol  
Sante Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Ms. Gilpin,

I am a graduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Arizona. Over the past four summers I have worked as a seasonal park ranger at Canyon de Chelly National Monument. During that time I developed an interest in the history of Navajo farming and cattle ranching in the area. This will be the topic for my doctoral dissertation and I will begin fieldwork this summer. I have applied for several grants to support my research and have thus far received a few small ones, so I can start work about June 15th. The two large grants, which will determine if I can work for the optimal period of 12-15 months, will not be decided until this fall.

One particularly important aspect of my research is documenting environmental change, particularly evidence for erosion and arroyo-cutting over the past 50-75 years. I have detailed maps of agricultural land in the canyons (de Chelly and del Muerto) from 1935. Another valuable source of information is through photographs and I have been told that you have probably the most complete photographic record available of the canyons from over the past 30-40 years. For comparative purposes, your photos could be extremely useful to my study.

With the tight gasoline situation I probably couldn't get to Sante Fe until this fall. I will be applying for a Weatherhead Scholarship at the School of American Research for the year 1980-81. Should I be awarded a Weatherhead Scholarship I would then be in Sante Fe for 9-12 months. I understand that as a professional photographer your photographs are copyrighted, however, I wonder if you would consider allowing me to study your collection from de Chelly sometime in the next year or two as a potential source of information on environmental and agricultural change? Please let me know what kind of arrangement, if any, would be satisfactory for you.

Thank you so much for considering this matter. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to have the opportunity to learn from your considerable experience in the canyons.

P.S. I do not yet know what my post office box # will be in Chinle, but the following is my permanent Tucson address and any mail sent to it will be forwarded to me in Chinle:

2239 E. 1st Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85719

Sincerely,

*Tracy J. Andrews*

Ms. Tracy J. Andrews  
Department of Anthropology  
The Univ. of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona 85721

March 28, 1952

Mr. John H. ...  
415 ...  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. ...

I am a graduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Arizona. Over the past four summers I have worked as a seasonal laborer at Canyon de Chelly National Monument. During that time I became interested in the history of Navajo farming and cattle raising in the area. This will be the topic for my doctoral dissertation and I will begin fieldwork this summer. I have needed for several months to acquire my research and have thus far received a few small ones, as I can hear work about June 1951. The two larger grants, which will determine if I can work for the summer, will be decided within a few days.

One particularly important aspect of my research is documentary evidence of the changes, especially evidence for erosion and anthropological changes over the past 50-75 years. I have obtained some of the original land in the canyon for Chelly and the reports from 1885. Another valuable source of information is through photographs and I have been told that you have the most complete photographic record available of the canyon from the past 50-75 years. For cooperative purposes, your photos could be extremely useful to my study.

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With the right timing situation I possibly could get to Santa Fe until this fall. I was planning for a western honeymoon at the School of American Research in the 1950-51 years. Should I be awarded a western honeymoon, would then be in Santa Fe for 2-3 months. I understand that as a professional photographer you, photographs are bought, right? I wonder if you would consider allowing me to study your collection from Chelly sometime in the next year, or two as a potential source of information on Navajo settlement and agricultural changes. I am not sure what kind of arrangement, if any, would be satisfactory for you.

Thank you so much for considering this matter. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to have the opportunity to meet for your own needs.

Sincerely,

... I do not yet know what my goal is. I will be in Chelly, but the following is my permanent address and any mail sent to it will be forwarded to me in Chelly.

Mr. John H. ...  
415 ...  
Dallas, Texas

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