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April 17, 1979

Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Once again as a benefit for the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center we are presenting a Contemporary Art Auction. The event in 1978, our first effort, turned out to be quite a success, and we hope that you were pleased with your involvement in it - sufficiently pleased to accept our invitation to be a part of this year's edition.

The conditions and arrangements will be very much the same as last year. The auction will be preceded by an extended preview exhibition which will open with a special evening reception on Friday, July 13. The auction itself will take place the evening of Saturday, August 25th. If you are again able to participate you will be most welcome to attend both of these events.

We would request that you provide us by June 29th two works for this exhibit-auction-benefit occasion. As last year, a professional auctioneer will offer the works to a select audience, and will commence the bidding at whatever minimum you specify. The Center's commission on sales will once more be thirty percent, and as we are also requesting that you assume the cost of transporting your artworks to the Center, you will doubtless wish to consider both of these factors when determining your minimum bid figure. In the event your minimum should happen not to be bid, your objects would be returned to you at our expense.

We are particularly interested in having what we would consider very "saleable" artworks - that is, in a range which would likely go at auction for \$500 or less, if you have such materials available. We would not however limit you to this figure if you truly felt that any object you submitted was unquestionably of greater market value.

We genuinely believe that the 1979 auction will be an important contemporary art event for our community and hope that you too will again favorably regard the concept. I should be grateful if you would reply to this invitation at your earliest convenience and by June 1st at the latest. If you have any question about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Henning

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Curator, Fine Arts Department

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