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Ms. Elizabeth C. Hadas
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Albuquerque, N. M. 87131

Re: Laura Gilpin book

Dear Ms. Hadas:

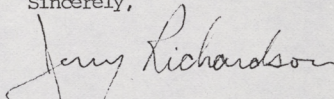
Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1979, setting forth your proposal for a book on Laura Gilpin.

I have discussed this matter with Miss Gilpin, now that she has been provided with a more detailed explanation of the proposed book. Miss Gilpin has asked that I inform you that she does not wish to proceed with the book at this time. This decision is due in part to Miss Gilpin's health and the increasing demands upon her time.

Although this matter was in its very preliminary stages, Miss Gilpin sincerely regrets any inconvenience or expense which her decision to decline your offer may have caused your organization or Ms. Conger. In view of this, if you or your organization have incurred any expenses to date, Miss Gilpin will reimburse them upon receipt of a statement from you. Also, if Ms Conger has any materials which she may have borrowed from Miss Gilpin, we would appreciate it if they could be returned at your earliest convenience.

As Miss Gilpin has requested that I handle this matter for her, I would like to request that all further correspondence be addressed to me.

Sincerely,


Jerry Richardson

cc: Laura Gilpin