Englewood, Colorado 80110 July 23, 1979 Dear Miss Gilpin: From time to time I have been on the verge of writing to you and Ed Holm of American West to learn if either of you had been in touch with the other concerning my proposal for an article with your photographs. Yesterday a letter came to me from Holm, and, although he seems to have forgotten his earlier comments, the matter seems to have been laid to rest for the time being. I am enclosing a copy of his letter so that you will be aware of his position. If I hear anything further from him, I will contact you again. Cordially, Virginia Simmons

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Virginia M. Simmons 3017 S. Cornell Circle Englewood, CO 80110

Dear Ms. Simmons:

I want to apologize for a regrettable oversight on my part in failing to respond promptly regarding your proposal for an article on Laura Gilpin.

We have examined your suggestion (and several of Ms. Gilpin's books) with much interest.

Because the focus of THE AMERICAN WEST is primarily on pretwentieth-century topics, I find myself reluctant at this time to undertake a feature on Ms. Gilphn. However, we are cautionally moving in a more contemporary direction, and we will be keeping your suggested topic in mind for a possible future pictorial.

I am grateful for your interest in THE AMERICAN WEST, and I am sincerely sorry regarding my failure to respond to your query in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Ed Holm Publisher and Editor

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