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Dear Mr. Blodgett:

I have your letter lining out your idea of the need for an Indian Art Gallery at Washington, D. C. I have carefully read your prospectus and have examined the drawings for the proposed Gallery.

It seems to me your plan is an answer to a prayer----the prayer of every old timer in these western prairies and on these western plains who would like to see the actual culture of the Indians of the middle of the last century authentically preserved and intelligently presented to the Americans of another day and time. So much fake, so much misunderstanding, so much commercializing have been done about the Indians and their arts and their civilization in one way or another, that it would be God's blessing to have a group of sincere, capable, conscientious men and women undertake a job of preserving for posterity all the significant and beautiful in this civilization of these first Americans.

It seems to me your plan should find response in every official circle and in the hearts of scores of Americans who could give of their time and money to the realization of your idea. Count me as one of those who would like to help.

As your plan grows in scope and widens in its detail, please keep me informed as to the progress you and your friends are making.

Sincerely yours,

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