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Jean Mrs Gilpin,

You may remember me if you remember one of these quiet and delightful afternoons - of May 1959 during which we had the pleasure (and I had the privilege) of having tea together with the Holt family. I was then a travelling fellow of the Harkness Foundation - same fellowship as David - who stayed with the Holts for about a month or so in Santa Fe. You were then kind enough to show us this really extraordinary collection of photographs of the Southwest Indians which you intended to publish in book form as soon as your text would be ready. I also vividly remember a wonderful lady - was she a cousin of yours? - who had been one of the first American nurses among the Indians in the 1920s.

Many things happened since the time of my visit to Santa Fe - my favorite American small city, San Francisco being my preferred large one.

To make a long story short, I am now with a Geneva private bank, as assistant to the head of the Investment Research Department. I have a young wife named Odile and everything is fine here, except I am longing for a return visit to the States. A fine thing last Spring was the visit the Holt family paid us here with Marc and Casey. You probably heard a lot from them when Ames Sims returned.

Besides maintaining a contact which I then found so exciting, my letter has two purposes.

First, I feel as if I ought to do - or at least attempt doing - something serious and valuable in the field of adding a small stone to the home of mutual knowledge between this and your side of the Atlantic. My idea is that I could contribute to a French edition of your book - whether published or not. In my work I write a lot and, after four years of experience as writer and editor of our Research Dept, I think I have gathered the necessary "professionalism" to do something that stands on its feet. Should you already have thought of such a possibility and made other commitments then I would be glad to contribute, if possible to the editing of the book! I am convinced that, with proper

handling, editing and marketing, a French edition could be simultaneously a (modestly) paying proposition and a valuable addition to our knowledge of the Indians. Please give me frankly your ideas on this suggestion.

Second, I wish to ask you a more personal favor. My sister-in-law wishes hard to go to the United States, on a job. I wonder whether you know of any fine family who is looking for a permanent "mother's help". My sister-in-law, named Denise, has a satisfactory, but not excellent knowledge of English, and she can therefore not ^{pretend to} work as a secretary, her profession here. She would therefore be ready to help in the household and take care of children, provided (a) she would be considered as part of the family and not as a maid (b) the job would last at least one year, possibly two (c) she would receive full board plus a reasonable sum of money to cover all her other expenses while on the job.

Denise is a very reliable person and I am sure she could fit easily in a Southwestern family. She is sporty, does here a lot of sailing, loves outings, open-air life.

Please, dear Mrs Gilpin, do not go out of your way to find anything. I am asking you this favor for Denise in case you

would readily know someone who
could use a 21 year old girl. Should
you not know of anybody, then
you perhaps have an idea to
whom - person, office, official body -
I could apply on her behalf.

In advance I thank you very
much for your kind consideration
and am looking forward to
hearing your news. Of course,
should you ever come to Geneva,
I hope you won't miss visiting
with us.

Sincerely yours

Mario Zupponi

P.S. There would be no problem with
an immigrant visa if the job is found.

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