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Dear Miss Gilpin -

I had a delightful surprise
in seeing your interview with Jim
Hartz on the "Today" show of N. B. C.
Several weeks ago.

This will mean a little more to
you if you know that we have an
association in common - that is, I am
the youngest of the children of Henry C.
Hall of Colo. Springs who thought
a great deal of your Father, Mr. Frank
Gilpin. Weren't you and my sister
"Lovey" good friends? (I assume you

probably know that she and her husband
Sidney Paige have been gone for some years.
We miss them very much but enjoy
their sons, young Sid & Henry and their
families whom we see at our old family
home in Ashfield, Mass.

I remember meeting you in your
house in Broadmoor when I was
a teenager & my Father took me along
when he went to see yours, on one of
his vacation trips, you showed me
some of your photographs then - I
remember especially one of Shiprock -
^{in which}
~~I think~~ the shadows were beautiful.

I very much enjoyed those that
were shown on the N.B.C. program,
especially the marvelous one from
the moving car. How can you be

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quick enough to do that? (I mean recognize
+ then take it.)

It was good to see you looking flour-
ishing ~~my~~ and sounding enthusiastic.

(Talcott)

I told my sister Betty, who lives
in Bellingham, Wash., about it. She
encouraged me to write you and sends
you her greetings. She is 76, not at all
well, due to emphysema and a bad
heart, - but ~~indomitable~~ ^{indomitable}. She lives near
a daughter, her psychiatrist husband
and their family so she is well looked
out for. She is the only other one of my
generation of ^{our} family left, although as my father
said "Having grandchildren is one of
the earliest things I do," and there are
many of them, to our pleasure.

I wonder if you remember the beautiful
desk your Father made for the law office
my father had after he left the D.C.C?

I don't remember what happened to
it, but suspect it probably went to
Bartow. How did your father ^{happen to} learn to
be so professional in cabinet work - if
that's the term?

I am living here in my husband's
home town. He is retired, our four children
are grown, of course, but ~~now~~ two are
near and the others get here ^{occasionally}. Our eldest
son is an anthropologist, has been
interested in the Indians of California -
Nevada & the gypsies of Brittany, of
whom he has taken slides and movies.

I was a social worker - because
Lovey was - but now I seem to

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be mostly involved with my family
and friends.

I hope you are as fine as you seemed
on TV. Why don't you do an hour show -
and tell me when!

Very sincerely,

Janet