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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin:

It was a genuine pleasure chatting with you on the phone earlier today. A number of local folks, who know nothing of your whereabouts, attested most assuredly to me that you had passed away long ago. They will be pleased to learn, as I'm sure you are, that you are very much alive and well in Santa Fe.

I take the liberty of enclosing a random sampling of topics, listed for no other reason than to prompt the people I interview to remember some of the quaint and intriguing human interest incidents that make an historical account more readable. There may be some items to which you would care to respond; I would be delighted to hear from you on any particular.

I'm sorry you were not informed about Mrs. Forster's death. She was a victim to cancer in 1975. Her daughter Evelyn Martin lives at 3018 Greenwood Circle, Colorado Springs, 80910, and Josianne Doyle lives in Phoenix: 7532 N. 6th Place, Phoenix, Arizona. My research and contacts may have uncovered other individuals you'd be interested in writing; I'll be glad to supply you with the addresses I have compiled.

As you will conclude by glancing over the list of topics, I am especially interested in the human events which transpired here. Whatever memories you wish to unearth in this regard will be most welcome. If you come across negatives of the photographs you took in 1925 for Boyd St. Clair's publication, 28.6, I will be happy to pay you for their reduplication or return the same after reproducing them locally, granting of course full credit to you for your courtesy in allowing them to be used for this narrative-pictorial history. If you have a record of photos taken at any other period of time, or know the whereabouts of existing photographs, I would appreciate your assistance.

My warmest regards to you and many thanks in anticipation of your kind help.

Sincerely,
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The Cragmor Sanatorium - 1904 - 1964

Suggested topics for discussion

1. Physical layout
 - a. Identification of buildings
 - b. Who lived where (Village, cottages, etc.)
 - c. Changes: new construction and razing of old (when and why?)
 - d. Location of patients (according to illness)
2. The Solly era
 - a. Hand-me-down stories
 - b. Early guests, problems, accomplishments, etc.
3. Major physicians
 - a. Dr. Forster
 - b. Dr. Webb
 - c. Dr. Good
 - d. Dr. Barfield
 - e. Dr. Einstein
 - f. Dr. Dwire
 - e. Other important medical figures
4. Distinguished or infamous guests
 - a. Who were the most important patients at Cragmor
 - b. Who made most lasting contributions?
 - c. Who caused the most concern and trouble?
 - d. Major figures (i.e. Chase Stone, Boyd St. Claire, Harry Voyles, etc)
5. Staffing
 - a. Types of jobs, nature of assigned labors
 - b. Relationship of staff to patients and to physicians and nurses
6. Economic impact of Cragmor on Colorado Springs
7. Cost of living - financing - fees, etc.
8. Transportation (bus, taxi, private cars, etc.)
9. Life style of guests, doctors, staff

10. Rules and regulations at the San
11. Attitudes of patients
 - a. contagion
 - b. other guests
 - c. death
 - d. community
12. Entertainment and social life at the San
13. Pasttimes (reading, radio, sewing, painting, etc)
14. Culture (concerts, variety programs, plays, creative writing, etc.)
15. The San during prohibition
 - a. Drinking
 - b. Bootlegging in Colorado Springs
16. The Depression
17. Conflicts, complaints
18. Unusual happenings - humorous incidents
19. Medical advances and tuberculosis treatment
 - a. Changes over the years
 - b. Successes and failures
20. The War Years
 - a. Impact of World War II on the San
 - b. The Veterans at the San in the 1940's
21. The Navajo Indian era
 - a. Life style
 - b. Occurences
 - c. Contributions and problems
22. Flora and fauna of the Cragmor area
23. Off-grounds activities (poker games, nightclubs, etc.)
24. Airport and flying (Chase Stone's involvement)
25. Schedules
 - a. A typical day at the San
 - b. Nursing rounds

26. Celebrities who visited the San
27. Politics at the San
28. Meals
29. Greenhouse
30. The Village
31. Most memorable personal experiences
32. Other unnamed topics

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