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New York, New York 10019
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Dear Laura Gilpin :

Margaret Larsson's Christmas card to Phil (Merrill) and me contained the following quote - "Laura Gilpin's life work - "The Enduring Navaho" - is off the press. It is indescribably beautiful." We were happy to hear this. But we did not know at that time that in a very few days we would be the proud owners of a copy of your book. The day before we flew south for Christmas a package arrived from our dear friends, Carol and Seth, postmarked Santa Fe. We looked at each other and said - "Its Laura Gilpins book." It was. And nothing could have pleased us more.

We have been intending to write to you ever since to tell you how privileged we feel to own it. It is on the top of our very special treasures where everybody who comes into our apartment can see it. We have been happy that every one who picks it up agrees with us that it the most beautiful and interesting book we own. We have been surprised at the number of people among our friends and acquaintances are sincerely interested about the Indians in your fabulous section of these United States. Of course we still remember the marvelous evening we spent with you and miss Betsy when you also had the Indian Chief, who brought his drum, as your guest.

So please accept our belated note of appreciation to you for the many years of travail you spent in producing this masterly work of great art. Phil is at Cape Cod right now - but I know that he will be happy when I tell him that I have finally gotten this note off to you.

With happy memories of the summer we spent in Margaret and Karl's house I send you and miss Betsy our love

Jimmy Quillian

I can't find your address so I am sending this to Seth to address for me.