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Miss Gabriela Mistral
c/o The Chilean Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Mistral:

I have heard from friends that you are in the United States, and I should like to invite you to read from your poetry at the Poetry Center. Please do not confuse the Poetry Center with the usual formal tea-drinking societies. I am enclosing several cards of previous readings this year. I hope you may be able to tell from them the kind of work which we do at the Center; you will notice that one of our own poets who is also in diplomacy - Mr. Archibald MacLeish - read at the Center a few months ago.

There is no need for you to deliver a talk of any sort - unless, of course, you wish to do so. All you need do is simply to read from your poetry, with or without comment - as you like. I am sorry that the honorarium is so little, thirty dollars and your train fare to and from wherever you are; in compensation I can promise you an intelligent and alert audience.

The available dates are April 20, 27, May 25 and June 1. These are all Saturday evening dates, at 8:40.

If you should care to accept our invitation, kindly telegraph me collect. It would be best for us if you could accept one of the April dates.

The Poetry Center is in New York City, but kindly wire me at The Department of English, Amherst College, where I teach.

I am myself planning to go to Chile this summer in order to visit six of my uncles and two of my aunts whom I have not seen in twenty-five years, ever since we left Greece during the Balkan Wars. I wonder if you know any of them! Their business is in Antofagasta: POLITIS HERMANOS. Do you know either Heracles, or Agamemnon, or Menelaus Politis? They also have homes in Santiago and Valparaiso.

Sincerely yours,

Kimon Friar
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Professor of English

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