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2852 S. W. Hillside Drive,
Portland 1, Oregon.
May 28, 1948.

Miss Gabriela Mistral,
Consulate of Chile,
427 W. Fifth St.,
Los Angeles,
Cal.

Dear Miss Mistral:

For some time my wife and I have been desirous of settling in Chile. However it has been impossible for us to get any satisfactory information concerning prospects. The only information we have been able to get in response to many letters has been that we could probably get commercial visas. That is not what we want.

My wife and I are in our forties and of good health. We have income sufficient to enable us to live comfortably in a small town in this country but are by no means wealthy. Until the war, I was engaged in real estate and insurance and built small homes for sale. We should like to live in a small city or town where electricity, modern plumbing and heating are available or can be made available and where life is not as hurried as in this country. I should like to be able to engage in some sort of business.

We have been told by residents from other parts of South America that there are no such small towns, that there are only wealthy people and peons and there is no place for people of moderate means and fair education, who like ourselves like good music, good books and a few congenial friends. If we go to Chile we wish to make the community in which we live our home, having no desire to live in a foreign colony as foreigners.

From what we have read - everything available on Chile - the long southern, inland valley appeals to us. Our understanding is that it was settled some time ago by German farmers. They are doubtless not unlike the older German farmers in this country, thrifty, hardworking, good farmers, not very interested in politics who make excellent citizens. Mingled with the Chilean influence it should be a most agreeable region.

With Chile's educational standards as they are I am confident that some of our information must be quite erroneous.

Knowing your devotion to Chile, I felt that possibly through you we might be able to get the information

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