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Querida Gabriela:

Tal vez vamos a realizar un sueño mío, el de tenerla aquí en mi tierra. De todos modos va Ud. a recibir una invitación oficial de la Universidad de Nuevo México y espero con todo el corazón que la podrá aceptar. En ese caso espero tener el gran placer de llevarla a Ud. y a Connie en mi chico automóvil a visitar unos pueblos de los indios y a la capital Santa Fe. De aquí voy a escribir en inglés por ser más fácil para mí. Me perdona.

When I told the head of the Spanish department that you had said you might be going to Mexico and Venezuela and that I hoped you might be persuaded to stop over here, he took fire at once, as did we for your address, and is very eager -- as are all the members of his department -- to hear you speak here.

The practical aspects of the affair are that it will cost you no more in money and very little more in time to travel from Los Angeles to San Antonio or Laredo or to New Orleans via Albuquerque than via El Paso. By El Paso you would travel on the Southern Pacific Railroad; through Albuquerque you will take the Santa Fe. If you come by air, Albuquerque is even easier to reach.

If you should reach here in the morning, I should like to ask a few people to meet you at lunch, take you and Connie for a short drive, and allow you plenty of time to rest before your talk that evening. The next day -- si puedo realizar mi sueño -- we shall spend in a trip to Santa Fe and the Indian pueblos.

Please let us know as soon as possible when you may be going to Mexico. The University closes here in late May; after that it would be harder to get an audience, so I hope it may be before that. If not, whenever you can come through will be wonderful for me.

I enjoyed seeing you in that nice garden with its views of both sierra and sea, as in Chile; it was good to note your fresh healthy color; it was most gratifying to find that the wonderful friendship that began on Capistrano Beach has continued through the intervening years and was as true in Santa Barbara as in Rio. I now anticipate renewing it again in my own country.

My best wishes to you all,

most affectionately yours



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