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Miss Gabriela Mistral
 c/o Ciudad del Ministerio de
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 Santiago, Chile

Dear Miss Mistral:

It is a pleasure to write you that we plan to include a biographical sketch of you in the First Supplement, now in preparation, to TWENTIETH CENTURY AUTHORS: A Biographical Dictionary of Modern Literature--the 1577-page volume which ever since its publication in 1942 has been the standard reference source in its field in libraries the world over.

If you have never had occasion to consult TWENTIETH CENTURY AUTHORS, the enclosed specimen pages 1229-1232 will indicate better than any amount of description the type of information we are interested in publishing.

In the interests of accuracy and completeness, we prefer to offer each subject the opportunity to write his own autobiographical sketch (rather than for us to attempt to compose a sketch out of secondary and frequently inadequate or unreliable sources). This is the method which in the parent volume resulted in the maximum of accuracy and satisfaction, both for the authors represented and the using public.

May we, therefore, have at your early convenience an autobiographical sketch of approximately 750 words, together with a list of your principal works, writings about you, and a recent reproducible photograph? If your name is subject to mispronunciation, will you kindly indicate correct pronunciation at the end of your sketch?

No author can buy admission to this work--selection for which is based on impartial evaluation of critical opinion--and inclusion involves no obligation of any kind on your part. Your own American publisher is our reference.

An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you for your courteous attention.

Sincerely yours,

The Editors, TWENTIETH CENTURY AUTHORS

Stanley J. Kunitz
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