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Dear Dona Gabriela,

I first intended to write to you in Spanish, but on a second thought I figured out that you wouldn't understand much of the way I operate your native tongue.

I guess you remember me. I proudly hold the undisputable title of the most boring and insistent reporter you probably have ever met. I'm the "young" Polish, Associated Press reporter who tried once to pull you out of bed to have your pictures taken.

Also, I was the first to give you the dope on the Nobel Prize. Of course you wouldn't believe, you said it was incredible and nonsensical. You said that you were too old "to still have hopes". All I regret now, Dona Gabriela, is that we did not make a little bet aside.

You left in such a rush that I didn't even had a chance to bid you farewell and bother you a little more. We got misinformed on the departure hour and we missed you.

I remember the struggles at your place in Leblon to get a single word of interview from you as perhaps the most pleasant times. Of course there was no way to get anywhere with you. You would serve me pisces, tell me anecdotes, quote Claudel and Péguy but you would never give me a single tip of what I was looking for. You promised me once a poem about Poland but nothing never came out as the rush of your departure began.

It would be very nice of you, Dona Gabriela, if you would care to answer me. I have followed very closely your trip throughout the world and your interviews but I wish I could hear actually more from yourself. How is your health? How did you support winter in Europe?

I understood through one of your interviews that you foresee some kind of fascist rebirth in Europe. Was that really what you meant? What makes you think so? What impression you had of Europe and its people? Do you

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