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Dear Gabriela Mistral:

I was very glad indeed to receive your cable of December 17 from Stockholm. By coincidence it arrived the very day on which the New York Times published a picture of you receiving the Nobel Prize from the King of Sweden. We are all so happy that the Prize went to you, and therefore again to an American.

What we are proposing to you is a volume to run in English not less than 80,000 nor more than 100,000 words, to be divided as Harriet de Onis (with Federico de Onis' advice and assistance) decides between your prose and your poetry.

As for the terms of the contract, we should propose the same royalties as we are paying German Arciniegas: 7½% of publisher's charges up to 2,500 copies, 10% to 5,000 copies, 15% to 7,500 copies, 20% to 15,000 copies, and 25% thereafter; and, if you wish, the same advance that we are paying him. This kind of royalty scale, with a low royalty at the beginning and frequent increases, allows us to write off the cost of translation. If we do not do this, we should be penalizing writers in our native language.

I assume that in your cable the phrase "Tengo compromiso tacito publicacion toda la prosa en USA" refers to the offer made you by Dr. Federico de Onis for publication in Spanish by the Instituto, and that you have no commitments for publication in the English language.

If these terms are agreeable to you, please so notify me. I shall then have the contract drawn up and forwarded to you for your signature at whatever address you indicate.

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