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Betr. Mistral POESIAS COMPLETAS

Gentlemen,

Thanks for your letter of September 25th, regarding the second edition of POESIAS COMPLETAS by Gabriela Mistral.

Miss Dana has just now returned from her trip to South America and will immediately see to it that the brief introductory notes by Miss Margaret Bates and the preface by Miss Esther de Caceres will be completed, and we are trying to have these for you within four weeks and hope that this will be agreeable for you.

As to the inclusion of any new material: this will depend to a large extent on your own schedule for the new edition. The new texts are being collected and edited right now and it may be possible that we can let you have at this moment fifteen to twenty new poems, heretofore unpublished, which should be added as a separate chapter to your edition.

Miss Dana, the executrix of Gabriela Mistral, would be willing to grant you permission to include these poems, but she feels that in the interest of the work itself it would be preferable to wait until enough material is available to make up a new volume of the unpublished poems which then could be added to the COMPLETE POEMS when it is the time for you to come out with your third edition.

Actually, there are two more volumes to come: the one with the hitherto unpublished poems as well as the POEMA DE CHILE which is quite long enough to make up a separate volume. In other words, the definitive collected poetry of Gabriela Mistral will come to six volumes.

We are looking forward to hearing from you regarding the question raised in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Daves

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cc: Miss Doris Dana

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