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Sr. Jacques Lipchitz  
New York

Ever-remembered Jacques:

I can imagine your surprise on receiving this letter from me after so many years of silence during which you may even perhaps have forgotten us... "So much water has passed under the bridge!"

So many events, some deeply painful, since our last talks in Paris in 1925. I will wait for another time when I can write with more tranquility of spirit, to tell you about what we have lived through -- the joys and the sorrows since that time so long ago.

At this moment, dear Jacques, my husband and I find ourselves obliged to sell a few things from our house because of the high Taxes which have been imposed by the Government (of Chile) in order to finance the extraordinary political-social reforms which it is projecting. We have already sold things that we love in order to meet these obligations. It is in this troublesome situation that we decided to offer to the Otto Gerson Gallery in New York the statue "The Harlequin" that I bought from you in 1919, and the small bas-relief in bronze that I also acquired from you directly in 1925, this last work being without your signature. Both my husband and I would thank you so much if you would be so kind as to sign it, or to write a letter of acknowledgement having gone to see it at the Gerson Gallery where my nephew, Andres G. Huidobro will take it when he travels next month, January, to the United States. I hope for this great favor from you (in kind), my good friend.

We have heard nothing from you for such a long time, what things have happened in your life. From a distance we have followed your great artistic career, and through people who travel (to Chile) we have tried to have news of you. In 1964 we had the great pleasure of seeing in Santiago a splendid and extensive exhibition of your work among which was a magnificent series of heads that I had photographed for our house. Together with my husband, who is your great admirer, and with my brother, Rafael, we remember you, evoking the unforgettable reunions in Paris on Avenue Friedland 29, presided over by our unforgettable Mother. Oh, the pain of memories and the absence of those who were with us!

Waiting for your reply, and also your address, I greet you with all the old affection your friend.

(Mercedes G. Huidobro de Dublé)  
Onita

My new address is:  
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Santiago, Chile

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