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Senorita Gabriela Mistral
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Dear Senorita Gabriela Mistral:

On April 25 I wrote you with respect to the possibility of your contributing a chapter in a projected book, Religious Faith and World Culture. The Church Peace Union plans to publish this book early in 1951.

Because it occurs to me that my letter to you may have been lost, I am venturing to write you again.

We are asking a group of world leaders to contribute to Religious Faith and World Culture, among them Martin Buber, the great Jewish philosopher; Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat, who heads the Uruguayan delegation to the United Nations; Harry Emerson Fosdick, minister emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York City; Martin C. D'Arcy, S.J., the well known British theologian; and Alan Paton, author of Cry, the Beloved Country. We hope that you may be willing to join these distinguished thinkers and write an introductory poem on the general theme of the proposed book's subject.

The enclosed prospectus outlines the purpose and scope of the book. We are especially eager to have you write an introductory poem because you speak for Latin America. More important, however, is our conviction that, even while you speak for Latin America, the spirit you embody in your rich poetry is universal.

We hope you will honor us by undertaking to write this poem. We should like to have the manuscript by January 15, 1951. The honorarium we can offer is modest, namely, \$100. We realize that this is only a small token of our appreciation. There is no way in which we could pay you for such an introductory poem.

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