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Querida Doris:

I just sent off a note to Gabriela when something else occurred to me about the conference, which I should mention to you. Since Gabriela wants to do something to appeal to a larger audience, for example, than Spanish students in colleges, and since she doesn't speak English, she might give a poetry reading here. I didn't mention to you the Institute of Contemporary Arts, which has the most interesting series of lectures on the arts than any other institution in Washington. It is pretty unspotted politically . . . it's now in charge of Robert Richman, the literary editor of the New Republic, (that would spot it. . . but that's recent). . . Robert Frost, Auden, Thomas, Marianne Moore, Williams, all the best poets have read here at one time or another. Mrs. Biddle has also read her poetry, that of other poets etc. I was thinking that it might be possible for her to read her translations on the same program. (By the way, as far as mine are concerned, I have none finished yet, the one I gave you, "Nocturno de la Consumación" I have worked on quite a bit . . . so throw away the one I sent you. I will include "Lluvia lenta" that I am working on now . . . I hit a few good lines and will have to slave some more . . . there are some hard spots)

We might also say a word about Gabriela's poetry by way of introduction. This program is prepared at least a month in advance so it would be well to decide as soon as possible. It would not fatigue Gabriela; she would have the most cultivated literary audience of Washington . . . St. John Perse, for instance, often attends. Juan Ramón Jiménez read there once.

As to the other possibilities... the Ateneo draws a large audience.

Well, querida Doris, I hope the heat of the last few days has not been too much for you and your family. I have been getting a lot of work done here in spite of the heat, perhaps, because of it.

Regards to Marie & Douglas - Mrs.
Paula also sends her love!

Much love
Margaret

I enclose a report on Abasco coffee
for Paige.

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