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Dear Doris de Stevenson:

How are you? I am not intimating nothing but SPIRITUAL marriage. NOW— a few things I have thought of, and then forgotten to communicate to you for months:

- 1) I still have the typescript of Oscar Castro's HERMANA VOZ—do you remember that unbound MS you asked me to bind? It has been bound for a long time BUT I wonder if it has ever been published. Right now I intend to check in the Library of Congress and see. I shall return it as soon as I find out one way or another (unless you want it before that). I hope you haven't been looking for it.
- 2) I shall return that Spanish Christmas record (that I gave gm for Christmas) when I come up. Is this being a semi-Indian giver? I lent my copy to a friend who has disappeared. Did I say a friend?
- 3) VOLA COLOMBIA—How is that faring? I was supping a soda in a drug store (my popular, Elqui would call it) when I suddenly realized I was listening to VOLA COLOMBIA (the music only, no words) that was being piped in from some local radio station. Are they getting the public prepared for the bomb shell of your words?

I have been working like mad since school closed. Now I have finished with my last straggler-student and hope no more impediments will cross my path, or better track, because I feel I am in a race.

Besides the ten thousand chores I have listed for this summer I was persuaded by Andre de Mandach, the owner of the NATIONAL TAPE LIBRARY, to take care of his business. He was called away unexpectedly. I let myself be persuaded because I have been interested for some time in being more than a spectator in this tape-recording dance. I had thought of going in with him but this little experience has definitely made me decide against that (by the way I suppose gm has not received any royalties for her recording, actually if there were any they would be in cents—but I will discuss this with you when I see you). Now I intend to strike out on my own but there are one hundred things to be checked and learned before launching—you know I'm the careful type and do not launch my boat until I'm sure it will sail. Sailing, however does not mean making money—mine would be a deluxe affair on the technical side—but hush is the word! this is a big secret—let's hope that ultimately it becomes more than a big secret! Anyway it helps my enthusiasm.

Muchos
regards
to:

How are gm and Milda? My best regards to both. VERY SOON I hope to be able to send you more installments in the life of Luscinda Alca-Trompeta, who, from now on will appear as Totilla Yeyoy, because when I call her Luscinda she thinks I am trying to say Lucila. Has herself been receiving the newspapers I send? I haven't forgotten about the pillow covers. The day will come. The other day I was successful with a very farting friend to make beautiful HI-PI ones. Six different ones, divided into three classes -- p...de señorita distinguida, 2) de "middle class", 3) de marinero.

Muchas gracias
to all - m.B.

Has the date. I'm not for
gm's party?

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