May 12, 1957

Dear Doris:

I wanted to answer this letter from Gilda before
sending it on to you. Ergo the delay.

Last night I met Ema and Daniel Cossío at a coctail
party that Concha Romero James gave. They are both extremely
charming, civilised people. I can easily understand how
Gabriela liked them both!

Is Joan Daves back from Europe yet? I wanted to send
to Aguilar an introduction of about three typewritten pages
explaining how this MS comes to be definitive etc. Will it be
all right to send it directly to Aguilar? If so, to whom?
In the letter I saw the signature was illegible.

I have decided to start immediately on the definitive
edition--to do as much as I can without the MS in Madrid--
because it might occur to someone else to do this since all
the material has already been published in book form and is
available to everybody. I really have created the hurry to some
extent because in the introd. to the definitive ed., and in
another article that I have just written, I stress the fact
that Gabriela was by no means a "careless" worker, that she
corrected and corrected (the article I wrote was in answer
to one by Luis Alberto Sánchez who said that many of the
imperfections in the poetry of gm (in the first place what he
refers to are not imperfections) are due to carelessness--
descuido). Has the will been probated yet?

I have been very fortunate in being able to get from
Chile most of the important editions of gm's poetry that I
was lacking so I don't have to transfer myself to any Library
to do the edition--can do it here with my cup of tea.

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