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Dear Doris:

I wrote you a hasty note yesterday through Douglass. I thought he could communicate with you by phone.

After thinking more about the problem I have another suggestion:

It will take so long to go through all those copies of Gabriela's poetry we filed away to put them in chronological order for microfilming (the order now is not strictly chronological), and since I have so little time to be in New York I wondered if you would consent to sending these papers to Washington, not to me personally, but to the Catholic University to be kept in our Archives under lock and key. I could work with them there and keep microfilming them as the work progressed. There is a microfilming machine right next to the Archives.

I just thought of this today (as I was sitting in the dentist chair waiting to get the root of that tooth yanked out--which tooth was lost in a piece of M. Thompson's pumpernickel) I haven't asked the authorities for permission but I shall today--just in case you think this is a good idea.

What do you think about microfilming the title page of all Gabriela's books, articles etc., in her library? I'm sorry, I don't have too much faith in her chilenos--it might gradually disappear--if they knew a list existed here that might have some effect. If Rockefeller has money they will send a man to your house with a Recordak machine and as you pack the books (I might even be able to get some help from them for that) you simply film each one.

Give me a ring as soon as you can. If you are not coming here I can go to N.Y. I called Lili's number last night but no answer.

Poor Palma is heartbroken. I have had two letters from her in which she says she is so sorry she didn't leave in October. I wrote a short note to her and Marta which took me 4 hours. Every sentence was flooded with tears. And unfortunately I have to continue in the mad race here--luckily exams begin this Saturday... I don't know what I've been doing since I came back.

Muchísimo love
Roma

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