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Re: Gabriela Mistral

Dear Eric:

I was pleased to have in writing the offer from Club degli Editori which you outlined to me in Frankfurt. It is indeed a good offer and I confirm acceptance on behalf of Doris Dana, the Literary Heir and Executrix of the Estate. I have made out the contracts in accordance with the information given in your letter; enclosed are four copies which should please be initialed and signed by the Italian publishers.

By the time you return these to me, Miss Dana should have returned from a trip abroad and I will get her to countersign (incidentally, I also have Miss Dana's power of attorney but would rather have her sign contracts whenever feasible).

Do you feel that there is any danger that Fabbri are going to try to pirate that part of the Mistral work which they think is in the public domain? I believe that they will be unable to pull apart this complicated situation and, therefore, will not be able to publish anything which is not at least partially protected. You write in your letter of October 7th, incidentally, that all four titles are in the public domain and this, as I have outlined in previous correspondence, is absolutely not true.

In any case, congratulations for having clarified the situation to the extent that we have this very attractive offer. If the Italian publishers are interested in having an option on the forthcoming poetry and prose publications of Mistral's work, you could give it to them.

Yours,

Joan Davenport
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cc: Doris Dana

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