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Don Jaime Ravinet de la Fuente
Alcalde de la Ilustre Municipalidad de Santiago
Santiago, Chile

Dear Jaime Ravinet de la Fuente:

Thank you for your letter of November 11th, delivered to me in person by my dear friend, Olaya Errazuriz de Tomic.

I thank you for your thought in proposing me as Honorary Chairman of LA FUNDACION GABRIELA MISTRAL, and am happy and honored to accept. I do this with a certain amount of trepidation since from such a distance, and considering my immediate responsibilities, it will be difficult to assist the foundation as much as I would like.

However, I hope that during the time of formation of this Institution, I might be able to help in efforts to raise funds whether through cultural grants or through individual contributions.

When "La Fundacion Gabriela Mistral" becomes a working entity, I would like to submit several projects for consideration. Among these projects are the collection of the original (manuscript) letters of Gabriela, and the coding and microfilming of these letters. Initially I may be of help in suggesting where many of these letters may be found, especially with reference to her correspondence outside of Chile. As you know, she usually wrote letters by hand, often in pencil, and kept no copy. This makes it urgent that the documents be collected whenever possible and at the very least be xeroxed and microfilmed.

Another project which I consider of great importance is the microfilming (for a second time) of the manuscripts now in the archives of La Biblioteca Nacional de Chile. Many of these are, unfortunately, illegible.

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