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Mrs. Clara Doctor, Editor
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Dear Mrs. Doctor:

On October 14th Brentano's Gallery in Manhasset is opening an exhibition featuring the enclosed book, "Selected Poems of Gabriela Mistral," and the original woodcuts for the book by Antonio Frasconi as well as other woodcuts by the artist. There will also be an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia of Gabriela Mistral, the late Nobel Prize winner from Chile who spent the last five years of her life on Long Island, until her death in 1957, residing at my home in Roslyn Harbor.

I bring this material to your attention because it may be suitable for a feature story on a Woman's Page, and especially in a Long Island newspaper.

Gabriela was an extraordinary woman of Basque, Quechuan Indian, and Jewish descent, born in a small hamlet in the Andes mountains of Chile. She had no formal education after the age of eleven, yet, self-educated, she became a teacher at the age of fourteen and went on to become the guiding force in the reforms of rural education throughout Latin America. She pioneered in establishing UNICEF and other world organizations in behalf of needy children. She was the first, and until recently, the only Latin American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. During her last years in my home in Roslyn Harbor, she continued to write a vast amount of poetry and prose, and served as Delegate of Chile to the United Nations on the Committee for the Legal Rights of Women.

I myself am a native of Long Island. Besides being a writer and teacher, I have done extensive work for the State Department, lecturing throughout Latin America, and have been decorated by the Government of Chile for my work in the field of Latin American culture and for my efforts in promoting a better understanding between the Americas. In 1964 I was appointed Special Ambassador along with the late Ambassador Adlai Stevenson to represent the President of the United States at the Inauguration of the President of Chile, Eduardo Frei Montalva.

Enclosed are reviews and comments about the book as well as a photograph of Gabriela Mistral and myself. I hope this material will give you a better idea of the subject. I have a vast amount of photographs, manuscripts, and other material, should you be interested.

Most sincerely,

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