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Dear Doris:

Just a short note on the wing. I didn't leave Washington because of a sore throat that stood in the path (tell Gabriela I am a poor disciple--can never learn that you can "reponerse en el camino".) Today I had the offer of a ride and couldn't take advantage of it because I was not packed.

I shall stay in Washington till I hear from you (unless I change my mind)

Right now I am reviewing a book that Gabriela would enjoy: ROMANCEIRO DA INCONFIDENCIA by Cecilia Almeida. I would send my copy on but I haven't finished the review yet--I'm sure Fager has a copy because I had to return one to him.

Ah--also tell Gabriela I was overjoyed that her old flame, Churchill, was awarded the Nobel Prize. Now she will be able to embrace him in the name of the literary brotherhood--but we who recognize the verfälscha liama de amor will always know the real provenance of such flames. But I assure you, I shall not breathe a word.

I have a sneaking feeling that in back of New Orleans is a boat for Uruguay. I dreamt I mentioned the trip to some one who asked: "Why do you go there to be strangled by liama?" + New Orleans.

Well, Doris, you are probably in a terrible dither now. I must run with this note so that it will be in the next mail. Please send WIND CONDITIONS I shall understand that they are WIND conditions, you could be more specific and classify somewhat --small gusts? gualches? and also have a classification under duration.

Best love to Gabriela. I hope Douglas has joined the ranks of the fat and well fed by now.

Much love,

M. B.

P.S. If Gabriela is bashful and doesn't want to declare her passion tell her I will write una carta de pasión for her--it will be full of roaring red flames, black waves of oceans, the fainting of the heart, decolation . . .

The weather is gorgeous here. Why doesn't she come to spend a few days. In the last week I have been with some Spanish Americans who have fallen in love with Washington.

And finally, (I hope) I have to confess to Gabriela that she is not really married to those trees (there was no witness--and there must be a witness for a valid marriage) the poor woman has been living in sin! I have a gato simpático who lives next door, a sister of Pussy Willow, next time I shall take him (or her) and we can really be strictly liturgical.

to be a witness

and Mistralian at
the same time.

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