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Dear Miss Doris:

On May 24th of 2000 I visited your home after you kindly invited me to do so. At the time I arrived with my father and we recorded you on videotape regarding your recollection of certain events that took place when you visited Gabriela Mistral in Mexico in 1950. The purpose of the interview was to get facts for a screenplay that was being developed on the life of Gabriela Mistral.

Right before leaving your home, you asked me if I could please send you a copy of a polished draft of the screenplay, basically so you could correct any factual errors that the writer may have included in the story. I'm including the most up to date draft.

Unfortunately, a book has been written about Gabriela's life which greatly affects the plans to shoot the film. The book titled "A Queer Mother for the Nation: The State and Gabriela Mistral" written by Licia Fiol-Matta (ISBN softcover: 0816639647 and ISBN hardcover: 0816639639), published by the University of Minnesota in February of 2002, gives the idea that Gabriela was a homosexual woman.

In itself, I dismissed the idea that people would take the book seriously. But then a news story declared that a group of producers from Mexico had access to a pre press edition of the text and had written a screenplay based on the book and were in the process of getting financing for the production. A couple of days ago, more news regarding this Mexican production appeared in *El Mercurio*. I have included the article for you to read. In it, it explains that the producers of the film, Yura Laharca and

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