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Dear Doris.-

It was a pleasure meeting you at the Mission of Chile to the UN, in New York, and listening to your words about your life experience as Gabriela Mistral's closest friend. Thank you for your kindness, and I will be e-mailing you regarding the doubts that may arise in the article I promised you to write.

More good news were waiting us back in Washington. The most important was a letter from Mrs. Olaya Enríquez de Tomic, President of "Fundación Premio Nobel Gabriela Mistral" in Chile, announcing the inauguration of "Casa de la Cultura" in Montegrande, a house near Gabriela's tomb to enhance the work of our great poet.

The event will take place next January 12, and the Foundation and us would be delighted to have you there as the most special guest. We know that Olaya wrote you, telling that all your expenses and airline tickets are covered by the Chilean Foundation.

In case you could not go, is there a possibility that you could donate to the Casa de la Cultura something that belonged to Gabriela? Any memento would have a great impact in Montegrande.

We know that, as a human being in constant spiritual search, she was detached from material possessions. But having something of her -so we could show to the Chilean people in this house installed specially to promote her work- would be of unquestionable value.

Thanks again for your testimony of Gabriela's greatness. Now I understand what being near Budha or near Socrates might be.

With appreciation

Carmen Schmitt
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