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Senorita Angelica Palma
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My dear Señorita Palma:

I should like to think that you remember me as I had the pleasure of meeting you under particularly delightful circumstances some three years ago in the Balearic Islands which we were both visiting as delegates to the International Congress of Spanish History held in Barcelona. You will remember that on that occasion I spoke of my very great admiration of your distinguished father and his classical work, Tradiciones Peruanas, to which I have frequent occasion to refer my students in Hispanic American History.

My object in writing you at the present time is to ask your counsel and aid in an enterprise which I trust will enlist your interest. I am engaged in the preparation of a biographical dictionary containing the lives of some twenty-five hundred of the most eminent living men and women in Spanish and Portuguese America. The work, which is to be published by the Stanford University Press, will be called Who's Who in Hispanic America. It is not designed as a commercial venture; rather it is intended to further intellectual and cultural relations between Hispanic America and the United States by rendering available authentic data on the achievements of our Hispanic American friends. Those whose biographies appear in the book will be under no obligation whatever to purchase it.

While naturally the majority of the biographies will be those of men I am very anxious to secure an adequate representation of eminent women. As you will be the first to realize it is only through the kind cooperation of my friends and colleagues in Hispanic America that I can hope to bring this project to a successful issue. I should therefore be exceedingly grateful if at your convenience you would be kind enough

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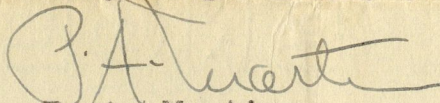
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to prepare for me a list of such women of Hispanic America and especially of Peru who in your judgment should be included in my work. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to add that I should like, with your permission, to include your own biography and I should be very glad if when submitting this list you would supply the necessary data.

Finally may I ask you when drawing up the list of names that you indicate so far as possible the addresses of the persons in question and also indicate those whom you know personally and to whom I may mention your name when writing. I am the first to realize that in making this request I am putting you to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience. I would not thus trespass on your kindness were I not convinced that you share my conviction that a book of the type I envisage would directly contribute to an international solidarity between the intellectuals of both North and South America.

Thanking you in anticipation for such aid as you may extend to me, I remain, with highest esteem

Very respectfully yours



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