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Dear Friend:

Today I have received your kind letter of July 15th., with its several items of good news, and the package containing the questionnaire, which you were kind enough to fill out, and two of your recent books, to say nothing of the photograph taken in Madrid, and the very attractive portrait of yourself. I cannot pretend to return the compliment in kind, but I am sending you, under separate cover, the best that the photographer can do with the endowment that Nature gave me. Please accept it as a slight token of my appreciation of your courtesy.

I must thank you, also, for your trouble in bringing the questionnaire to the attention of your brother, Clemente. With you, I hope that he will find time to answer it in detail, since these three questionnaires will add materially to the first-hand knowledge that Miss Arnold will need in her thesis.

In connection with this present letter you will receive another that I have just written you concerning a new venture by the New International Year Book. As I said to you in that letter, if I am to succeed in making this venture a permanent affair, I shall need the aid of all my friends in Spanish-America. Of course, I am counting on you and your brother, and on Juan Bautista de Lavalle. I do not know your poet, José Gálvez, nor am I personally acquainted with Riva Agüero, or García Calderón, to whom you gave me a letter of introduction in Paris, which I was unable to use because of his absence from town when I passed through. I do know Victor Andrés Belaúnde, but I do not know his present address. If there be any of the new generation of writers that you could recommend to me and to whom you could recommend my project, I shall be grateful for any

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effort you may put forth.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you some photographs that were taken while we were together in Spain, but which I am unable to identify. Will you be so kind as to write on the back of them the occasion, and then give me the names of the people concerned in such a way that I can identify them?

When I go through your questionnaire, and that of your brother (when it arrives) I shall have the University Library order a complete set of the works of each of you. You ask whether the Hispanic Society would be interested in having your works. I know that it would, and I know that they already have what is probably the largest Library of Spanish-American books in this country.

I congratulate you, although much behind time, on the honor you received from His Majesty, Alfonso XIII. I am interested also in noting the distinguished list of names that supported the recommendation to His Majesty.

There is another cause for congratulation: the honor that has come to you in your homeland, as Secretary of the National Council of Women of Peru, and as Chairman of the Committee to organize its Library. If you are not careful, organizing Libraries will become a family tradition, since your father did such heroic work in organizing the National Library after the disaster that had wiped all that existed of it thitherto. It is in good hands, and I presume you will carry it out like the true daughter of your father.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of whatever of my publications I have available. I don't know as well as I wish I did, the institutions and writers of our country to whom you should address yourself with the request for gifts of their works for the Library in question. But I

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shall see if I can find some such list, and then I shall send you what I find.

My wife and children join me in sending you and your two sisters very affectionate greetings. Please present also my respectful salutations to your brother, Clemente.

Cordially yours,

John D. Fitz-Gerald

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