July 27, 1944.

The Honorable George S. Messersmith,  
Ambassador of the United States of America,  
Mexico.

My dear Mr. Ambassador and good friend:

Some eighteen years ago, being then Vice Consul of  
Mexico in Antwerp, I had the pleasure of knowing you as  
Consul General of the United States of America at that  
port and to have understanding of your high qualities.

Since that date I have followed, through various  
ways, your brilliant career and now, in the Ministry for  
Foreign Relations, I have had the opportunity to know what  
sincere efforts you put forward in the service of the  
cause of the relations between our two countries.

Convinced that your brilliant gifts mean that you  
have reserved for your further and constantly greater  
success and that these successes will not only benefit  
the United States of America but also the real cause of  
international solidarity, I permit myself to send you my  
most sincere congratulations on this day when you complete  
thirty years of loyal and unexcelled service for your  
country in a branch which - probably because it is mine  
also - I consider of the greatest importance.

Permit me, my dear Ambassador, to convey at the same  
time my congratulations to Mrs. Messersmith, for having said  
it to me yourself and having seen it for myself, I know what  
splendid collaboration you have found in her.

With my wishes for your future happiness, I subscribe  
myself your affectionate friend and servant.

Manuel Tello (sgd)