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TRANSLATION

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)