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Dr. Enrique Molina,  
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My dear Doctor Molina:

I have found your book "De California a Harvard" fascinatingly interesting. I read with keen enjoyment your description of the beginnings of our college system in Puritan days as well as the separate accounts of the various institutions which you visited. My brother is a professor in Brown University. I studied law in Columbia University and the city where I live is very near Cornell University; so your book read like a letter from home.

I also appreciated your analysis of our systems of study and our university customs. I noted with interest your reference in the bibliography reference to Dr. Thwing. He is an old friend of mine; so was Andrew D. White, President of Cornell.

The University of which I was President, "George Washington" was unique in its work and its methods. It resembles Scotch or German Universities more than American.

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It had little endowment and received no government aid; and could not claim to rank with the leaders, yet it did thorough work and when I left had grown so that its various faculties number 200 professors and its students numbered 5500. I am sending to you under another cover several bulletins. In one number, the centennial number, you will find a historical sketch of this University by Mr. King; also brief addresses by several of the Ambassadors including Ambassador Mathieu ( a native of Talcahuano) who was then given by us the honorary degree of LLD. With us that degree is purely honorary and is considered our highest academic honor. Another of the Bulletins that I am sending you contains a remarkable address by Blasco Ibañez, besides numerous articles on Latin American culture.

As a North American University man I wish to thank you for having written so intelligently and so sympathetically about them. Soon I am to have the pleasure of considering myself a South American University man, for the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the National University has informed me that in a week or so they will receive me in solemn session as an honorary member of it.

Early in January I expect to make a trip with my wife  
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and some of my staff to the South of Chile, stopping at many places including Concepcion. I shall probably be in your city between January 6th or January 10th.

If you are there at that time, I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you personally and possibly something of your University.

With assurances of my high esteem, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Am Miller Gallier*