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Dear Eric,

I have your letter of February 14th for which I thank you. In response, I can tell you that only some 10-15 poems out of the entire four volumes of Mistral poetry have ever been published in magazines or newspapers prior to publication in volume form. Gabriela Mistral primarily published prose during the days that she still lived in Chile; she never wanted her poetry to be published until much later and this is why first publication of the body of her work actually occurred in volume form.

In the meantime we are trying to gather some specific information regarding the copyright situation between Italy and Spain, and Italy and Argentina. I believe there exist reciprocal arrangements but we need, of course, confirmation. Any information that you might give me from your end pertaining to this problem would, of course, be most helpful.

I am somewhat bemused that all of a sudden two Italian publishers should be fighting for the rights to the Mistral property when for years and years we were unable to interest anybody in the works. It may be pertinent for you to know that there still exists a great body of unpublished poetry and prose works, some of which are now being readied for publication in Spain which will be ours to handle. I must leave to your skill the question of negotiating the best possible arrangement for the contracts at hand but of course the question of forthcoming new material should be a valuable negotiating factor.

Yours,

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