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dear rafael,

i have put off writing to you until i could tell you something definite, and that something definite happened today. i had been calling the embassy every day to see if the washington cable arrived and yesterday it did. thisafternoon they gave me a "special" visa to travel to the states, entering a certain date, leaving a certain date, entering through a certain town, leaving through another, with information complete on every spot we'll be at, the dates of all the readings, the names and addresses of every person we'll be visiting, etc. etc. in their words, they are still convinced i am "deeply involved" in communist activities and in the future will allow me to enter again but only and always under the same conditions. i asked to speak to a consul in order to --for the first time-- ask them to be honest with me, what they have against me (concretely), and let me have a chance to defend myself, etc., but they denied me this right. but of course i am very happy i'll be able to go and THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES AND FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

we had given up hope on the whole situation by saturday night and so sergio and gregory left sunday morning early without the rest of us. however, tonight at midnight the girls and i will catch a bus to hermosillo where i have wired sergio to wait for us. this whole mess (telephone calls, bus tickets, etc.) has cost me 2,000 pesos which i've had to borrow and i am perplexed and annoyed at the embassy for not at least giving me the human chance to discuss the situation, but i guess that is a quality which pertains to all beurocracies.

so....this
is just a note to tell you how things worked out and to reiterate my great appreciation for your time, trouble, and most of all for your disinterested dedication to what is right in the arts and in life -- i am learning a lesson from you!

love,

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