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Dear Sergio:

This is to thank you for your letter of December 16 which has just reached me, the delay being caused presumably by the Christmas rush.

Thank you for your evaluation of Raul Ruiz which I accept completely, and also for the opinion that Jose Chesta with whom I talked in Concepcion is at this time a better qualified fellowship candidate for study in the United States. I cannot say at the moment whether or not a fellowship for Chesta this year would be possible. However, on your strong recommendation, I will make every effort to work such a fellowship into the limited schedule of those we have available.

Perhaps two steps would be necessary before any serious discussion of Chesta could be entered into:

1) My recollection is that the conversation with Chesta was in Spanish and I would need to have assurances of his ability to handle English well enough for study at the Actors' Studio. As you know, this requires a fairly high level of competence in English. Perhaps the easiest way to get satisfactory assurances would be to have Chesta talk with Dr. Joseph Rupert the next time Chesta is in Santiago or Rupert in Concepcion.

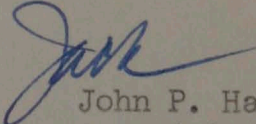
2) You would have to get the Actors' Studio to accept Chesta. As you know, this is not something in which the Foundation can interfere, the decision being completely theirs based on the individual's talent. As Chesta would not be a degree student I assume there would be no problem of his auditing the dramatic literature courses he would take at Columbia. Here again it would be better if the professor under whom he proposes to read would give assurances of accepting Chesta for study.

I assume by now you have received my last letter in regard to Kemp and the translation of "Let the Dogs Bark."

With best wishes to you and Betty and hoping to hear again from you at least when the new Vodanovic comes into being,

Sincerely,

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