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Dr. William S. McCann,  
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Dear Bill :

Thanks very much for your kind letter of November 25. It is a great spiritual stimulus to know that one has such good friends.

Things became so bad in the University of San Marcos, that we decided to resign and to organize a new private School of Medicine where a good medical education may be carried out. We realize that this a very difficult enterprise but our decision is firm and definite. There is no other way out for our duties as Peruvian and doctors. Medical quality and progress is fundamentally based on a good education.

Fortunately we are receiving great encouragement and assistance from local sources and the Peruvian Government has given an official license. The Foundations are also considering to help us. In addition, we have the most important asset, which is the human factor. Many young men, well prepared, honest and enthusiastic are collaborating.

We have been able to keep the NIH grant so our altitude research is going on, in spite of the fact that we have lost buildings, equipment and other facilities.

Once more, accept my most sincere and deep appreciation for your good wishes and intention. It would be a great pleasure to spend some time in US, where I could devote much time to the publication of many observations not yet published. But I feel that my place is here to keep on fighting for ideals very dear to me. I will be happy to see another Strong Memorial Hospital here, in Lima.

With best personal regards to you and Mrs. McCann,

Sincerely yours

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