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Mr. Vicente Huidobro
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Dear Mr. Huidobro:

Thank you so much for the package of books which arrived safely and which I enjoyed tremendously. I think I shall make most of my selections from Cuidadano and Ver y Palpar. I like especially Preludio de esperanza from the first and Ronda de la vida riendo from the second. The passage you suggest from Temblor de cielo I might possibly use if I can get hold of the Spanish text in time but I should not want to use the French since my collection is to be exclusively Spanish. I do not think you are adequately represented in Mr. Fitts' anthology nor especially well translated. I hope I can do better.

I read with interest the article by Alberto Baeza Flores on your work in a recent number of Multitud. It seemed to me a very just appreciation. I found H. A. Holmes' study of your work rather naive and superficial.

I am hoping that when Spanish-American poetry is better known here in the States that it may have a stimulating affect on our own poetic production which tends, these days, to be introspective and dull. We are in need of a new renaissance here, the heroic and truly epic emotion is entirely lacking. But we have a special cultural problem for we have to fight a tremendous output of commercial writing - the tyranny of the best-seller and the organized commercialism of publishers, venal critics and high pressure advertising which "puts over" a bad book like a brand of soap.

Thank you again for your help and your very friendly letter. If there is any service I can do for your here or any books you wish me to send you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely, *W. R. Hayes*

P. S. My address, after Sept. 7, will be 415 East 52nd St., New York City.