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Letter from a Mexican Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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Dear Mrs. Ferraro,

As a child my older sister wrote Joseph Stalin sending him right to hell, she of course, never received an answer. After John Paul the II visit to Mexico, thousands of us, moved beyond words, wrote the Pope. I was warmly surprised by a quick response and his reply has been an inspiration to my life.

Brava, I did not start out being your fan _____ now I am! One Hundred minutes before the American press (a pack of wolves) and the debate was enough to convince me of your tremendous capabilities.

Having lived most of my life in different Latin American countries, has made me more aware of what an historical event it is having you as Vice-Presidential candidate.

My family has been involved in International Relations for three generations. My father's, the late _____, last official post for the American Government, was Director of the Economic Mission to Chile, 1960-1963, Kennedy years.

He subsequently retired as President of Hooker Chemical Corporation here in Mexico City.

I fall in my families' footsteps as my own personal interests remain in maintaining good relations between Latin America and the United States. Having two cultures run through my veins so closely, gives me, I feel, a deeper understanding of the lack of in-depth knowledge of the U.S. towards her Latin American neighbors. This by the way, angers Latin Americans and does little for the so called interest of our country towards her "vecinos del sur."

I am finishing my degree in International Relations, thus putting theory into what I have experienced in Latin America, since I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1948. I have been running my own business through the worst Economic Crisis this country has seen, something I do not recommend to any sane person.

My American friends consider me a true American, to my Latin friends I am a Latin. My great Uncle on my mother's side, was José María Vargas Vila, one of Colombia's most prominent literary figures. On my father's side, a man who served his country with distinction, both in Foreign Affairs and in International business, I consider myself a person knowledgeable on both sides of the Rio Grande.

The Hispano concern is growing rapidly, as it should, and will become more of an American issue as the years unfold. Latin America as complex as it is, I only wish I could serve my country in bettering her relationship with her Southern neighbors. Diplomatic channels are not enough or the solution, a lot is missed by our Embassies abroad, believe me!

Mrs. Ferraro, whether you become Vice-President or not (which will depend on the mood of the voter) I know you will remain very much in the public eye, America needs people like you. You are a star in ascendancy wherever that may lead you. Those who said you were "used" even if it had been true, I think that both Republicans and Democrats are now eating their words.

Is there any room for a person such as myself, in helping pave the way for you in Latin America? I certainly hope so, I would consider myself privileged.

With deep admiration,

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