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Dear Alberto,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying what is a late fall for us. While the weather has been somewhat windy and cold, my heart has been warmed by the thoughts of meeting you and your fellow AA's in November. It will indeed be a time of Thanksgiving for me.

I have recently received a shipment of Spanish translation Big Books (mini version). It was sent to me by my friend John Gillen who is involved with an AA group called IWS. This group prints Big Books and has done a very good job of it. When John heard I was to visit your people, and the events surrounding the visit, he sent 200 of the "mini" Big Books for me to give to your office.

The reason I write, rather than surprising you with this gift, is that John and IWS are in much the same situation that you are in with respect to AAWS and GSO. Therefore I am not sure if bringing these books into the country would be a unlawful act or not. If you could advise me of the best course of action I would be most grateful.

I could either ship them now, or bring them as luggage when I come. The do weigh quite a bit and would obviously have to be declared for customs. I will await your wise counsel in this matter.

Yours in Love & Service

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