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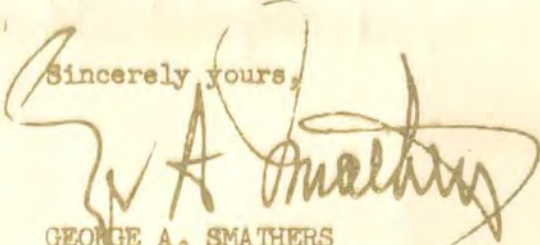
Dear Mr. Cuchi:

I appreciate very much your sending me the latest communications you have had on the subject of the Latin American Institute in San Juan. I included, in my speech to the Senate on February 25, a recommendation for the establishment of a Latin American Institute such as you and I and my staff discussed during our brief visit together. I have every hope that we see the fulfillment of our objective in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, keep up your efforts and please continue keeping me advised on the status of your campaign.

I am sorry that I was unable to see you at the airport, as Mr. Gelman told me you would have liked. Unfortunately, up until almost the last moment we did not know how or when we would be leaving San Juan and in the final rush it proved impossible to contact you.

Best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
GEORGE A. SMATHERS  
United States Senator

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