

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OPERATIONS MISSION TO EGYPT

CAIRO, EGYPT

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Dr. Ignacio Gonzales G. Hospital Regional de Concepcion Concepcion Chile

Dear Ignacio:

Several months ago I wrote you in answer to your last letter but to date I have not received a reply. As I do not have your home address in Concepcion I presume that the letter was lost. I am however taking the chance of sending this letter to you c/o the Regional Hospital.

You probably have been reading much about Egypt in the papers during the last few months. The country is progressing rapidly under the new regime. The agreement with the British on Suez will relieve much of the tension that has been evident during the year that we have been here. The country, people, in fact the entire Middle East is fascinating. We have thoroughly enjoyed the time spent here, and it has been quite an experience for all of us. The heat is unbearable at times but still it is not as bad as Washington in August.

I have resigned my position with F.O.A., but have not decided just what we will do but there are two possibilities, one returning to Chile permanently, and the other going to California to practice medicine. We prefer of course to return to Chile. There are some difficulties in our returning to Chile, principally what would I do to earn a living? Have any arrangements been made by the Faculty of Medicine so that a foreign physician can practice medicine with another chilean physician, or under his supervision? If this could be arranged it would partially tide me over until I could take the examination. What chances are there for foreign physicians in the Servicio National de Salud? You promised me that you would talk to Sotero when you had the opportunity. Please let me know what his opinion is.

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Victor Manuel Aviles and Chela were here last month and spent about one week with us. Betty and I enjoyed them very much.

Please let me know if you are still Dean of the School of Medicine and tell me something of your work.

Our love to you, Mary and the children.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Theodore I. Gandy

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