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Dear Dr. Mézcua,

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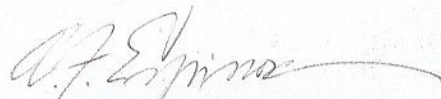
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your official transmittal of recognition bestowed upon me by the *Fundación José García-Siñeriz*, at the "*Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*" for my contributions of direct assistance to Spain in the fields of Geophysics, Tectonophysics and Engineering Seismology, as well as in my assistance in providing the contacts to several members of the Spanish Government and in particular to some of the Executives who had the responsibility of overseeing the development of the Seismic Stations development program and its implementation all over Spain, as well as to provide strong contacts in the United States at NASA in order to negotiate a bilateral program and the transfer of satellite imagery to the *Instituto Geográfico Nacional Español*.

Furthermore, to provide the contacts to an ongoing development project in the field of Metrology at the same *Instituto*, this culminated in the creation of said Department in Madrid.

I was very surprised to have been selected as the recipient for the Gold Merit Award Medal bestowed upon me by the President of the Board of the *Fundación José García-Siñeriz* while I visited Madrid last October. I am highly honored by such a magnanimous action from said *Fundación* and I would like to acknowledge humbly as the recipient of such a high Honor that I am sincerely delighted and at the same time very pleased having such a high distinction bestowed upon me.

I take this opportunity to thank you again for such a recognition of my tract-record and for what I was able to professionally do to enriched some of the engineering and scientific fields in Spain. It was indeed my honor to be able to assist in my fields of expertise.

Sincerely,



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