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November 29, 1990

Ms. Jennifer Grossman  
Research Department  
The White House

FAX 456-6218

Dear Ms. Grossman:

Re quotes for Uruguay, you should probably know that Uruguay has been an exemplary democracy for most the of 20th century until the military dictatorship from 1973 to 1984. It now is again a shining democracy. The father of Uruguayan democracy was José BATLEE Y ORDOÑEZ, who served twice as president and also mentored the 1917 constitution.

Not unlike parts of the U.S., Uruguay has its vast fields of wheat, cattle ranges, and above all, extensive herds of sheep.

Uruguay is also a largely middle-class country with a sophisticated intellectual and professional elite. Here are some quotes by Batlle y Ordoñez who twiced served as President:

Quotes from President Batlle y Ordoñez:

"It is time we stopped fooling each other with empty phrases, there is no more solid basis for conciliation in politics than the increasingly perfect application of ideas of law to the actions of everyone. At first it may prodeuce resistance, but it imposes itself in the end and pacifies men's spirits." [1904] José Batlle y Ordóñez of Uruguay: The Creator of His Times, Ed. Milton Vanger (1963), p. 174.

or: "Fellow citizens, peace is on the horizon of our country, accompanied by its splendid court: liberty, legality, progress, civilization!--The blood of our compatriots is no longer shed-- I understand your aspirations, I share your joy-- I have been able to feel the weight of your misfortunes and sorrow.-- Let us vow that this sorrow will be a great lesson for all of us..." [1904] Ibid., p. 164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Georgette M. Dorn".  
Georgette M. Dorn

URUGUAY: SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT

Barbara and I are delighted to be in Uruguay, a country, that has always transcended its size in the international arena. We bring you the respect and friendship of the American people.

Uruguay is recognized far beyond its borders because of its tradition of respect and support for democracy, the primacy of the rule of law, and the outstanding contributions of its people.

During my stay here, President Lacalle and I will discuss important economic and political issues and review a number of bilateral matters.

As the first U.S. president to visit Uruguay since 1967, I will use every opportunity to learn first hand of your country's problems and your people's aspirations.

I look forward to my stay here and to the important work ahead.