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Dear Sylvia :

Your very special friend Al has died.  
His early, unexpected and cruel death has brought tears to you  
and to many of his friends and relatives. It has also moved me  
to feel sadness in my heart upon knowing that we all were left  
deprived of someone who proved to be a good friend to you.

I acquainted him through you but I do not call myself his friend  
and it was my loss. I am unfamiliar with his personal political  
ideas and I feel bereft and orphan but I read that Al was  
brilliant, persistent, moral, determined. I admire and respect  
the personal qualities that he brought to the American con-  
temporary scene.

A friend whose loss has caused you to weep and feel broken in  
your heart must have been a great man. This way I pay homage to  
his memory and deplore with you his untimed death.

Al left his plow in midfurrow but the wheel of his vinepress  
keeps running. May his early departure bring meaning to the  
number of years that one has left to live.

Your sincere sorrow brings to my memory the words of Kahlil :  
"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you  
shall see that in truth you are weeping for the one which  
has been your delight. "

Rest assured of our love for you always.

*Love - LONOR.*  
JOSE M GOMEZ.