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Mr. John Steinbeck  
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Dear Mr. Steinbeck:

As a long-time admirer of your work, I hope to enlist your cooperation for a project in which I am greatly interested.

I trust you are familiar with the writings of the Brazilian, Jorge Amado, whose books, at least four of them, are available in English (Knopf), and are modern classics -- though their author, who has been published in thirty languages, is not nearly as well known, or highly appreciated, in the United States as elsewhere. I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the Swedish Academy, nominating Amado for a Nobel Prize in Literature. Since recommendations from other Laureates weigh much more heavily with the Committee than do those from people like myself, I am writing to you and Halldór Laxness, suggesting that you, too, write the Swedish Academy to urge Amado's candidacy.

I would appreciate your writing me as to your reaction to the suggestion and possible action in answer to it.

With thanks and renewed expressions of esteem

Sincerely

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