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Dear Professor Ferrater-Mora:

The death of the distinguished writer Lino Novas Calvo on March 24, 1983 leaves a great void in the world of letters. All who knew and loved Lino miss his warmth and his generosity; all who read his works will continue to be touched emotionally by them.

As a friend, colleague, and admirer of Lino, I feel that no more appropriate tribute can be made in his memory than the establishment of a "Lino Novas Calvo Memorial Lecture Fund" at Syracuse University. This fund will be used to bring to the Syracuse campus annually an outstanding lecturer in Hispanic American literature. Students, faculty, and the entire Syracuse community will thus have an opportunity to participate in programs in Spanish literature of which Lino himself was so vital a part.

Lino was a full-time professor of Hispanic American literature at Syracuse from 1968 until his retirement in 1974. He taught undergraduate and graduate courses in both language and literature, and was highly respected and admired by his students and his colleagues. Testimonies of that great esteem were a special symposium in his honor upon his retirement and a special issue of Symposium in which noted Hispanists contributed articles of literary criticism on Lino's writings. In 1976, he was elected Honorary Fellow of the AATSP, an honor he greatly cherished.

Lino expressed to many people how content and fulfilled he felt here at Syracuse University. He continued his writing and in 1970 published a volume of short stories entitled Maneras de contar. Lino and his dear wife Herminia spent some of their happiest years at Syracuse.

One of Lino Novas Calvo's last wishes was to be buried in Syracuse. He is interred in Oakwood Cemetery, adjacent to Syracuse University.

With your generous tax-deductible contribution of \$15, \$25, or more, the "Lino Novas Calvo Memorial Lecture Fund" can become a reality. It will be a fitting tribute to a great Cuban writer. Please make your gift check payable to Syracuse University: Novas Calvo Lecture Fund and send it to me at the above address.

Your generosity is indeed much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Byron I. Lichtblau