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Ellie Valkenburg  
*Poetica Musica*

Dear Mrs. Valkenburg,

Thank you for your recent visit to Peru, leading *Poetica Musica* (this time as a trio, composed of you, Greer Ellison and Anne Taffel) in its tour to Lima, Arequipa, Cusco and Puerto Maldonado. In all these places, your performances were received with great enthusiasm. The attendees at your concerts came away from your recitals with a piece of the United States and that is just the effect we were looking for. The trio's presentations were clearly a great contribution to Peruvian musicians and audiences.

At the U.S. Embassy we seek to promote understanding between Peru and the United States, acting in the mutual interest of the two nations. Outreach by citizens such as yourself is the lifeblood of our mission. We truly appreciate your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to strengthening the relationships between American and Peruvian musicians and to emphasizing our common humanity through music. You were wonderful representatives of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Degler".

Paul G. Degler  
Cultural Affairs Officer