

M. Agustin Basave  
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Dear Mr. Basave,

I am extremely grateful for the splendid manner in which you have presented me to the Mexican public. You certainly have made me somewhat bigger than I am originally!

I am very sorry that I cannot send you a translation of my book(s) in one of the languages you wrote to me, English, French, Spanish or Italian. The English translation of "Son of Rembrandt" (Harrap & Co., London) is sold out completely, and when I asked them after receiving your paper-cutting if they still did not have a copy they answered rather uncivilly they had not.

A French and Italian translation of two of my novels (Babylonia and Guadeloupe) are in the press. As soon as I receive my copies, I will send you an autographed one.

Till then I beg you to keep your soul in patience and remember me graphically.

Yours sincerely:

*Theun de Vries*  
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