Dear Albert,

The episode in Brasília with the Minister of Health left me acutely embarrassed and sorrowful. It is, however, some consolation that the general public reaction has also been one of regret and dismay; in spite of the fact that people in Brazil have so little culture they are non-the-less what the country is made of. Those in Brasília are in little representative of their feelings and opinions.

I hope that one day Brazil will change and though it will not be in my lifetime, I do what I can to bring that day nearer.

Your example too has in some way aroused a new consciousness which hopefully the younger generations will seek to emulate and thus contribute to the building of a Nation of which I could be proud.

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On behalf of those fellow Brazilians who know no better, I extend to you our deep regret and the assurance of our goodwill and respect.

With good wishes of personal friendship,

Sincerely,

M.F. do Nascimento Brito