



Embassy of the United States of America
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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Frank Collura
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Dear *Maestro* Collura:

I want to thank you again for the excellent work you did here in Honduras during your visit as a CultureConnect Envoy June 30-July 14, 2007 and congratulate you on your outstanding performance. You proved to be an excellent ambassador of good will for the U.S.

The concerts "An Independence Day Concert" and "The U.S. and Its Classical Music" with the Honduran Philharmonic Orchestra under your direction featuring works by American composers proved to be a great success in our cultural exchange program and enabled us to showcase teamwork at its best. Programs such as this one go a long way in highlighting the artistic excellence that the United States has to offer, not to mention fostering goodwill between our countries.

Maestro Jorge Mejia and the members of the orchestra, as well as the students and teachers at the National School of Music and the Music Conservatory "Francisco R. Díaz Zelaya" really appreciated the opportunity to interact with a first-class professional like you. I have no doubt that the concerts left a deep impression on your audiences and gave us the opportunity to strengthen the ties of friendship and respect between the U.S. and Honduras and to help further mutual understanding. Attached please find the DVD of the concert on July 13, a CD with photos, and the "Moon River" music scores Maestro Mejia returned. We trust your family, colleagues and friends also enjoyed the set of press clippings you took back.

I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did and look forward to your next visit. It always makes our job much easier when we can work with people as gracious and professional as yourself. Ambassador and Mrs. Ford also enjoyed your concerts very much.

Good luck with your upcoming projects. Carmen sends her best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chantal S. Dalton".

Chantal S. Dalton
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosures