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Dear Carlos:

Thank you for your letter and for your article, Administracion de Justicia en Los E.E.U.U. de America. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

If I understand you correctly, you suggest that our message for South America is to decentralize, deformalize, and make smaller our legal institutions. That may be the message but we have certainly centralized and made larger all of our institutions. I do think we try to aim our institutions at the real needs of human beings but like all human institutions, we do not quite know how to do it perfectly.

I might mention that I am Chair of a Steering Committee here at Santa Clara University for an Institute we will hold on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. It will have been 200 years in September of 1987 since the drafting of our primary political document. The celebration is really an attempt to spend some time to understand our own institutions and to look forward to see how we can better our system and ourselves.

Again my thanks. It would be a pleasure to see you again.

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