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The Legacy Press Release

“2020 Spain on Historical Alert”

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We are in the last stretch of a tough year, complicated by a global pandemic that has wreaked havoc around the world. We say goodbye to this sinister year with the hope of vaccines that may return us in 2021 to our longed for normality.

The Legacy had prepared a series of large-scale projects that have been affected at large extent. In all of them the face-to-face component was very relevant. Spain is on Historical Alert, we have not stopped seeing attacks on our history, our symbols, our legacy. We cannot blame or point to the countries that have caused it, first we have to do a reflection exercise and then take action on the matter.

We have been inactive for hundreds of years and measures are urgent now. Getting agreements and cohesion, starting with educational institutions and with many others, is needed. There is a common factor for all Spaniards and this is the importance that, a more accurate image of “*Lo Nuestro*” (“what is ours”), more truthful and documented. would have in our economy. The most obvious example is historical tourism. This is a reality with an upward trend that attracts millions of income to Spain. The image and marketing of a country is not trivial. To get that, key institutions must be aligned and ready.

We, from **The Legacy**, will continue, without pause and relentlessly, telling the wonderful stories that we have to discover, to spread and to make relevant in our culture. We’ll keep recovering the forgotten and punished history of the Spaniards.

Why is it not taught in our schools and universities ? . Why do not our institutional leaders insist on their knowledge and dissemination?

I am pleased to share with you some of the testimonies of Alexander Humboldt, the father of modern geography. His comments date back to the early 1800s. His vision of the work of Spain we have, once again, more than enough arguments to insist on the urgent need to know more and better about our legacy:

*“We cannot change the past ...
but we can change the future of our teaching.
It’s in our hands, it is our responsibility to achieve
a new generation well informed, with solid arguments
to end the historical injustice of our people.”*

I wish you all a harmonious rest of the year, in health first and family later.

Eva Garcia
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