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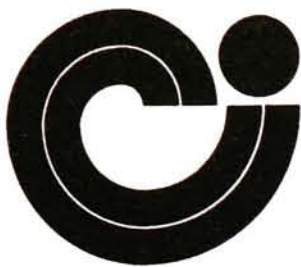
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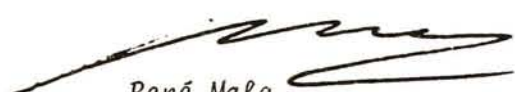
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Cher François,

Nous avons gagné la course contre la montre qui nous a permis de finir le film à temps pour le Festival de Cannes et aussi de permettre au "Déclin de l'empire américain" de pouvoir gagner le prix de la Fédération internationale de la presse cinématographique. Cela n'aurait pas été possible sans le dévouement et le talent du personnel de l'Office national du film du Canada qui se sont d'ailleurs manifestés tout au long de cette merveilleuse aventure qu'a été la production du "Déclin de l'empire américain".

Le succès extraordinaire de ce film est un bel exemple de l'alliance de la tradition de qualité de l'Office national du film du Canada et du dynamisme de l'entreprise privée. Espérons que c'est le début d'une collaboration qui amènera notre cinématographie vers de nouveaux succès.

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