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Dear Alexandre Kellner,

Since learning of the devastating fire at the National Museum of Brazil, a cloud of deep sadness and profound regret have enveloped heritage institutions in Sweden. We would like to express our deepest sympathy with the governing bodies, staff, and research community responsible for developing the collections, as well as with the visitors now bereaved of the opportunity of engaging them.

The fire underscores the fragility of our collections and our common heritage. Now as we direct our attention towards Brazil, let us hope that the tragic events will lead to improved measures in reducing the likelihood of similar catastrophes in the future.

Our warm greetings,

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