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**To Leslie Kish  
On his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

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Back in **1970**, an excellent professional, later a good friend and mentor, Dr. José Nieto de Pascual, advised a not so young student that showed interest in sampling, that he should consider applying to the summer course in sampling at the Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor. A year later, the student finally decided to try, and José Nieto de Pascual followed up with a letter of recommendation addressed to "Don Basilio".

Don Basilio took a risk and supported the candidate. Half way through the summer course, the student claimed that he would profit by staying longer, enrolling in the masters degree program in the Statistics Department. Don Basilio frowned, and inquired whether this was not a trick to later on extend the stay further and look for a job in the States, a scenario which he was totally against, and would not support for a second.

All students from the developing world in his program had the responsibility to go back home, put to good use the tools of the trade, and spread the word with other practitioners of the advantages of technically solid, and operationally robust sampling procedures.

The student assured Don Basilio that he had no intention in setting up roots in the States. Rather, he would take part of it back home: a **100%**, **9** pounds, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor boy infant, Edmundo Jr.

The support was generously extended. The student did return home, and we are still spreading the good word.

Gracias Don Basilio!

**Edmundo Berumen**