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"Juan Miguel, your homeland appreciates your determination and courage in defense of its honor and its deserved victory! You have showed that at crucial times in the life of a people one man's actions can compensate for the dishonor brought about by traitors like those who tried to steal your son".

References to the original: [Statement upon decorating Juan Miguel González with the Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Order, July 5, 2000](#)

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