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Hey Springsteen: call from Spain!

A town invites the Boss to visit him

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USPA NEWS - Peralejos de las Truchas is a small town of just 149 inhabitants in the province of Guadalajara, 231 kilometers (143,54 miles) from Madrid. Located in a mountainous area in the center of Spain, it is bathed by the Tagus River. Its economy is based on livestock, the exploitation of wood and tourism. It is, according to its inhabitants, a small paradise in which they want to involve the singer Bruce Springsteen. They want the Boss to perform at the municipal festivities and the United States Embassy in Madrid has joined that request.

“Do you have something to do in October?” The question from the United States ambassador in Spain, Julissa Reynoso, is direct and awaits a response from the singer. “I'm going to make you an offer you can't refuse, Mr. Boss. The beautiful town of Peralejos de las Truchas, here in Spain, awaits you," said the diplomat in a video posted on the Twitter account of the United States Embassy in Spain. “From an American from New York to another great American from New Jersey; from a small boss to a big Boss, come to Peralejos de las Truchas,” adds Ambassador Reynoso.

It so happens that Bruce Springsteen is the favorite son of the municipality where they have even organized a music festival in his honor: the 'Greeting from Peralejos'. One of its organizers commented to the Spanish press that they trust that the Boss can attend and he was convinced that the message from the ambassador Julissa Reynoso has reached the singer.

The US diplomat shared in her message a Twitter thread published by Jesús Báez Alcaide. “There is a town that has a dream. And although it seems crazy, it is serious: that the Boss himself visits them. And it is a story so full of illusion and tenderness, that I have woken up from my lethargy,” he affirms. Jesús Báez Alcaide remembers how in 1981 “a boy from the town who passed through Madrid returned with a gift under his arm: a couple of Springsteen records.” That boy was called Víctor and he managed the town bar, where the Boss songs began to play. Years later, at a concert in Madrid, “many proud fans carried a town banner,” and “magic happened” because “Bruce noticed it and asked what Peralejos was.”

In 2019, Peralejos de las Truchas was twinned with Freehold, the hometown of Bruce Springsteen. Now, after the message from the US ambassador in Spain, they believe it would be "tremendously exciting" for the Boss to sing 'The River' on the banks of the Tagus. The entire town is dedicated to achieving that goal.

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