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Dear Dannie:

Our long friendship, which I have known how to cherish, permits me on this fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Sofina to express to you the admiration I have for your work through Sofina for humanity.

This great company owes its growth and development to your genius and constructive mind, to your humanitarian impulses, and to your indefatigable energy and to your great vision. With a rare abnegation in this world you have carried out this great creative task, and the people in many countries have greater comfort and pleasure and greater economic advantages through your work and sacrifice of self.

You should be a proud and happy man this day, for in so many places throughout the world your work is understood and appreciated, and Sofina and its associated companies are a monument to your service of a character and durability which few men have the opportunity to see in their lifetime.

You know my sentiments so well that I need not tell you that it is this friendship and admiration for you during so many years which impelled me last year, after forty-seven years in school work and in the diplomatic service of our country, to accept the invitation to join the Mexican Light and Power Company. I saw in this work an even closer association with you, and the opportunity to help in an humble way to provide through this company that energy which is so essential to the continued and growing well-being of Mexico and her people.

With heartfelt congratulations on this extraordinary day which marks the crowning of a lifetime of effort, and with best wishes for many years of happiness and continued usefulness,

Always faithfully and cordially your friend,

George Messersmith