February 9, 1955.

Dear René:

While I was Ambassador in Cuba, I negotiated at the instance of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull a trade agreement with Cuba, the principal purpose of which was to provide for a minimum sugar quota for Cuba. This was the most important thing that could have been done for the economy of Cuba and its stabilization, for up to that agreement and minimum quota per year of exports to the United States of sugar, the economy of Cuba had been at the mercy of a fluctuating quota from the U.S. The Cubans have never forgotten the part that I played in getting this important factor settled, and the President and Amadeo López Castro and all the sugar people in Cuba remember this very well. Aside from the foregoing, I know practically all of the principal sugar mill owners in Cuba.

This foregoing is just for background, and I shall be glad to help in any way a sound project for a newsprint mill.

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