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Dear Dannie,

We were in Cuernavaca for the week end and what a time we had! Last Thursday before going to Cuernavaca, Marion saw the dentist at noon - and he found a big abcess on a tooth and he spent two hours opening and cleaning it out and taking out a nerve. He told her he was sure it would not cause any discomfort, and to come back in a week to see his assistant as he was going to New York for these weeks. On Saturday the pain started and her face began to swell and I could find no dentist in Cuernavaca and I knew I could not find one if we came to Mexico on a Saturday. She really suffered terrible pains. We came up early Monday morning and found our dentist's office closed - his assistant having gone away also. Our old family doctor here finally succeeded in finding a good dentist in Mexico City - and he saw her by noon Monday and again in the afternoon. There was a lot of pus and infection and afternoon yesterday the pain subsided, and this morning the swelling has gone down. She is seeing the dentist again this morning and again this afternoon, and I am sure the tooth can be saved.

This is the week of the "16 September" which is a big holiday and most of the doctors are out of town - just like February in Buenos Aires when practically every doctor is out of the city for a month to escape the heat.

This hernia of the oesophagus is causing me a lot of trouble - that is discomfort. Dr. Hull, my doctor in Houston, and the surgeon Dr. De Bakey, said it was very small and would disappear and I would not need an operation. It is slow in disappearing and if it does not get better by the end of September, Marion and I will go to Houston to see if Dr. Hull cant give me treatment, as I want to avoid an operation. I have had enough of operations.

The Maryssaels had a dinner for the Drapers and Jean Bernier last evening, but Marion and I could not go as we both felt rotten. Christiane Maryssael leaves for New York tomorrow and on the 22 for Belgium to be with her family. Gustave cannot go with her as there is too much for him to do here now.

Gene Buchanan is here for a week on business for his company - he came yesterday. I spoke to him this morning and he is coming out to the house at 6. I do not yet know just what business Bethlehem Steel brings him here as Bethlehem Steel got rid of most of its interests here some years ago. I shall be glad to see him and perhaps he can spend the week end with us in Cuernavaca.

This week is a dead week in Mexico for business as they always make a fuss over the "16 September" holiday.

Khrushchev is arriving today with his visiting card ! I dont fear him and the Russians so much as I do our own naive people at home who are taken in too easily and K. is a master of showmanship and duplicity.

I will be writing in a day or two as I have to go with Marion to the dentist now. Marion joins in lots of love. I will try to give you some news from here later in the week. Sam Katz is still

in New York and I am sure he will call you on the phone. Love to you all. Faithfully GEORGE