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To Jim-

I'm a real Jonah! I just rid of one trouble, and take on another! I really got over the stomacl operation very quick. The day after the operation of the throat and at breakfast I took up with a strong attack of what I thought was the Measles but it turned out to be adepend upon being kept hot to get rid of. I have been taking a strong anti-tetanic for two weeks now and the last few days the situation has improved. It's not much of the progress, power I found after the stomacl operation and I have to keep close to the house. This unpleasant business delayed my activities while the Board meetings were going on but I managed to get to all of them. I could not get to the dinner and other activities. John Ryder was fine, and Mike and Holmes from Brussels. Arthur Dean could not come, Ed Weller came I suppose for Markas Morgan. Pat & Maurice offered bank
with us for two weeks. I want until next
about developments as I have the unfortunate feeling
that my letters are read as well as the phone
instructions being still intact. Why I am so
termed I can't figure out! In any event the
past position of the Company was just before the
aeroplane and also before the war.

Lee, Smith was here and now I see Carlos, Cervantes and
the newly elected President. I think
you was very proud of the presentation of the Bank's
news. The Company is in bad shape for we have
to recapitulation yet of the World war increase
and I don't think we can have any idea when
we will get it.

On the face of things, the situation is still
booming in Mexico, but there are many problems,
and unless they begin can do it, the property
there will be a slowing up of production and
reduction in employment. The new President
And there are many problems of a serious character, problems which have been building up under the surface, but which all have to be met. There is always a day of reckoning. How they will be filled, I do not know — whether there have been time for so many years as we are well in the close to what is going on.

I appreciate your letter of 22 July and all the news. We sent Adams your letter all around, and I am one of those who isn't sorry for him. I do not believe Buchanan will resign. I think that is unjustified thinking for many reasons. The position of Davis is always the same. The Russians are acting all the time. They can but will only go so far. They are cool and calculating and not ready for the risks of major war.
We have had tremendous rains in most of the Country. We have so many interruptions in the field in Caracas to I am putting in a 10 KV plant
was the house as alternative the end and it
be impossible then.

Marywill come back in the morning later
and plans to return to Brussels the end
tomorrow. I'm glad he is really taking
his holiday. He looks very well. I believe
Christian is not too well, and the change
to a lower altitude for a while now helps
her. She isn't really ill but the altitude
is beginning to bother her.

As soon as I get over this depression,
Expect to really begin some work,
writing, etc., but for the moment I don't
feel like any effort.

Yet in bed to Barahona when
you see him.

With so much love to you and
your and all the family. Let me hear
from you when you hear this

Yours truly

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