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My dear friend,

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 6th and very much interested by the news it brought me about your new activities.

Useless to say, I am very delighted that you are now associated with the Sofina group and that this association will offer many opportunities to cultivate our friendship.

When I was with Mr. Heineman in Spain, we heard from Jimmy Heineman that you would probably retire from the Foreign Service and we agreed on the enormous interest it would represent for our group to be able to count with your collaboration. I had the opportunity of submitting this eventuality to a common friend that happened to be visiting Spain just when I was there and that person was of the same opinion.

I was intensely interested while reading your exposé on the Mexican situation as far as power and power policy are concerned.

This situation is doubtlessly comparable with that of the Argentine in the same field, and probably of many american republics.

Your opinion on President Peron's comprehensive attitude towards the argentine power problem is absolutely right and was corroborated lately in an audience he gave me and during which he emphasized the necessity of collaboration between state and private enterprise.

Unhappily, public opinion is not sufficiently aware of the rightness of such views and we shall have to fight a fierce struggle in our respective fields in order to have them admitted by the man in the street. But the struggle is worth while and part of the gigantic

one that is being fought the world over between the concept of state omnipotence and that of individual liberty.

We hope, my wife and myself, it will not be very long till we have the pleasure of meeting again and in the meanwhile we remain, with best regards to Mrs Messersmith and best wishes of success in your new career,

Affectionately yours,

s/ R. Brosens