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MEXICO CITY
MEXICO.

RELIABLE GARAGE
ONE BLOCK FROM HOTEL

Sunday

Feb. 18, '22

Dear friend,

We had a good trip over on the plane and I think the whole family is pretty well over the gripes they had about flying. The last few weeks in Havana had tired us out so that I decided to stay over in Miami a day. I met Miss Ganssens in the station the Monday of our arrival but forgot to ask her which train you were taking Tuesday noon, but I assumed you were taking the 12.45 or 12.50 train, and looked for you in the station before train time but could not find you.

We left Tuesday for Jacksonville and on arriving there found we had to go to Atlanta to get a direct train and very accommodations for New Orleans.

to make a long story short we left
Miami Tuesday afternoon & traveled En-
ternally arriving in Mexico City on
Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. From
the time we left Harde until we
got to Mexico City, the Civil & military
authorities were at the station (including
the General at San Louis Potosi!) and were
most generous in their greetings and
welcome. After a few minutes in the
hotel, I had to have my first press
conference in the Embassy - and in
the evening we had to go to a big
gathering of the American Colony.

We have had a quiet & peaceful
Sunday - and now tomorrow - the



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machine will start to grind. I seem to
be starting here under very favorable condi-
tions as the altitude of the Mex. in gen-
eral is good, and they seem to be well dis-
posed to me. The Sunday papers give me
an unusually good start. I shall have
a difficult task but shall do my best.

We have a large establishment here
in Mexico City, some 160 officers and
clerks; and 28 Consuls in the country.
Internally and administratively I find
the Embassy is in lamentable shape
for Mr. Daniel has no sense of order
or administration, by first task the

next few weeks is to forge this good
personnel or hour into a properly functioning
instrument.

We are living in this modest hotel but
I am sure are better off than if we were
in the more pretentious Reform or
Relig. We have taken a look at the
outside of the houses my people here
have looked at and not one will do.
The Embassy residence is in decidedly
bad condition but if the housing
situation here is what my instinct &
present knowledge indicate, some
temporary & emergency repairs will have
to be made to the Embassy residence
so we can use it. Our chief of mission
here simply has to have a proper



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place to live, and our first view this
really good residence which Daniel
permitted to fall into a most despicable
state. We shall at the last hour to
live in this hotel for some time, either
until emergency repairs are made to
the Eurlong residence, or we find a
suitable place which can be rented -
and the latter seems somewhat hopeless.

All this is a secondary problem
but after so these years I want
to make this house problem as easy
for Maria as possible. The trip here

My trip was pretty strenuous but Mrs.
Huntland stood it very well. She and I
have both felt some discomfort from the
altitude but I am sure this will pass.
Marion has not seemed to notice it at all.
We plan to take it as easy as possible
the first week, as even the Mexicans have
advised me to do that.

Instead of finding it bad here, we found
a delightful spring day - and today has
been magnificent - with brilliant sunshine.
The city makes a very favorable impression -
and at night seems lovely lighted.

We have all taken today very
easily and no one has disturbed us,
if we do that as much as possible
the first week. I have no reason
to think the altitude will bother



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us. Life at the hotel will have a good
many disadvantages here - I can tell
that - but we don't think of this when
we have given years in fruit of us, and
so much for all of us to do.

I fear the major London of the year,
is practically very respect will fall us
us in the States. I can understand
his paper - and can find a certain
amount of success for the British lack
of proper passing there - but I confess I
can't understand how the three Green
Ships lived to the the Channel

without obvious damage! There's
something wrong somewhere. I know our
weaknesses at home, but we are correcting
them rapidly. Our British friends have had
more time and room to the making
little wages, that disturbs me more
than anything else.

I'm enjoying chatting with you, & hope
you can read this scrawl. I need not tell
you how happy we all were to see you in Havana
and how much we regretted not being in
our home. When we get settled here, you
Mrs Herman must make us a visit.
Marian & Mrs Herbert join me in
affectionate regards and good wishes to
you & Mrs Herman. Truly yours,
E. Manning