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Cuernavaca, March 25, 57
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Dear Dannie,

I returned here Thursday night March 14. The colitis started cutting up almost immediately after I left the hospital in Boston, and kept getting worse and when I reached Mexico City I was really in misery. I saw my doctor here and he said it was the colitis and advised me to go to Cuernavaca and spend most of the time in bed with a hot water bottle as that seems the only cure. Marion and I went to Cuernavaca the next day and I have been here since. Yesterday for the first time I had no pains, and today things look good. It is such a relief. They told me last September at the hospital in Boston that the colitis was chronic and I would have to live with it the rest of my life. I'm reconciled to that - as long as it does not cause the real discomfort I had for over a week until yesterday.

Marion's sister is still here with her friend and the stay in Mexico is doing her a lot of good. She returns to Wilmington April 3. Marion and I will be in Cuernavaca all this week and go to the city April 1. I hope by that time to have this colitis whipped again for a while.

I am sure you all are looking forward to your trip in April and I think you will enjoy it. This is just a short note and I hope to write you at more length next week when I have the opportunity to dictate to my secretary in Mexico City.

I do want to tell you however that Clarence Streit, who was for years with the New York Times, and left it some years ago to devote himself to the Magazine "Freedom & Union", published in Washington, came to see me yesterday as he and his wife are on holiday in Mexico. I'm sure you have read a good deal of him in the past - and you most likely read his book "Union now" published by Harpers in 1939. You know he has advocated this idea of an Atlantic Federal Union for preventing war and a depression.

I had not seen him in recent years. He is sound and tho an idealist has his feet pretty much on the ground. I told him yesterday that you had had ideas along these lines for years and I was sure you would be glad to have him call on you at Greenwich some time when he is in New York and both of you would find it interesting to exchange views. He shares the admiration you and I and so many others have for Adenauer and hopes to have the opportunity of talking with him some time. Streit knows most of the important people in the American picture.

I took the liberty of giving him your address and telephone number. He knows a good deal about you, and is keenly interested in spending a few hours with you. As I said before, I think it will be very interesting for him, and I think you will enjoy talking with him.

It was fine to see you all even if so briefly. Marion joins in love and good wishes to you all. All my best to Jimmy.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE