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Dear Bonnie -

Mervin + I came to the Carnarosa house last evening. It is becoming more & more a problem to maintain the house, as we have spoiled the servants and there is always something out of order. This week we have no hot water and it is useless to try to have it fixed up over the week end. There it is that the weather here is so awful, I think we would take a longer leave in Mexico City and try to sell this. Of course we enjoy having work and guests here, and we would miss that too. Sam + Grace Katz were to be with us but as Sam was leaving Mexico City for home yesterday afternoon he got word that an aunt had just passed away in Illinois, so Grace is here but Sam went to St. Louis just

night. The Ellis' are here. They have²
just returned from the Oceanic Cruise
in New Orleans where both had some
operation & are fine now.

We shall miss Anthony Eden and his
charming wife. They have returned to
England. We had many good talks here.
I think their stay in Cuernavaca &
Cecapules did him good. He said
a very nice thing to me when we last
saw each other here at the house. He
said - "If Winston and you and I were
talking about something, we wouldn't
have to explain our positions, and
would not be able to disguise"
Last night on arriving here, I found

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a very nice note from him and a
photograph - with an invitation to visit
them in England. Very nice of him - but
I have no intention of crossing the Atlantic
again.

I have had an invitation from the
President of the University of South Carolina
and the Trustees to deliver the Commencement
address on May 29. He is a
former pupil of mine in the High School
in Leeds, Delaware, in 1906-7. I
did not answer immediately and yesterday
he called on the phone to urge me
to come but I told him I was
just about to write Rogers that
I was not able to do it.

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It would mean a little more physical
effort and travel than I feel up to
now - And I did not want to
undertake an obligation as far
ahead that I was not sure I could
adequately meet. I did want to go
for many reasons and it would have
given me a good forum to say
a lot of things I have on my mind -
that it would have meant their
giving me an honorary degree of
doctor of laws and ~~not~~ interest
me for I have two of those now -
and they really mean little.
I had much interest that many

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may do something in the publishing
field. That is what he wants to do
and I hope it works out. I just
can't get to write on my memoirs - his
too lazy. Some friends at home are
again pressing me to finish what I
have done, but for me what I have
done is too satisfactory. Strongly
enough Anthony Eden knew I had
done some preliminary work - and
he is familiar with some of my papers
written during the 1937-40 period,
and he pressed me to write. The
trouble with me is that I have so
little strength. A few turns around
the garden in Carnarvon tire me

out.

What I know of things here, and
at home, depresses me very much -
and what is happening in the big
picture gets worse. This matter of cutting
the 4 Atlantic cables is very mysterious,
& I have the impression the papers are
not telling us all that our government
knows. It is ~~amazing~~ that the
cutting happened when MacMillan
was in Russia, and our government
must have given the word to Mac
Millan. It is all very mysterious but
certainly the cutting of the cables was
~~deliberate~~, and who ever have
done it but the Russians. As we

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belonging to allmost.

Orlins is a man of extraordinary
physical resistance but the Cancer is
growing and I ~~don't~~ don't see how
he can last long. I'm afraid that
Dillon may end up in getting the
pad, and that his opinion would be
a disaster. It isn't in my way up
to it, - he and Orsper are good
friends.

I will not write about the Carnegie
meeting of the President's report to
my I should not have taken
Wace now. I saw from the outset
I would not go, and thank God

I don't go. When I see you I will
give you details.

We have serious times ahead
here in Mexico. The National Railways
with a deficit of about 800 million
pesos a year and badly run, had
a strike and the government gave
the workers 125 million a year more!
The Polytechnic Institute which has
been giving a lot of trouble (the
students) has been closed. The teachers
in Mexico City will get another
90 million pesos a year. The
Union is often on for months,

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We will probably ~~be~~ be the next
on the list for real trouble. Brazil
is seldom here, and Washington is
completely unimpaired. The budget of
the government is already very much
out of balance for this year, &
no amount of money we may lend
them, and no amount of help from
the Monetary Stabilization Fund or
the International Monetary Fund
will help - unless the Mexicans
put their own houses in order.

Still, the Ambassador here, has
gone on a trip to Europe for five

works. He is a good man.

I'm getting a strong urge to take a trip north but doubt if I will do so before May.

I had a letter yesterday from Alton Dulles but naturally he can't say much about Feltz, because no one knows how long he can last.

I suggested your letter and will deliver the enclosures to the first one. You had shown me the extract from Winston's book. I hear very little about him now.

You gave me a copy of Belvidere
Russell's book you refer to, last
summer, and I have read several of
the essays a number of times. I
took a strong prejudice against
Russell but have read these
essays with pleasure.

To grow old is an art,
but the parts of our machine
wearing out - makes growing old
gracefully more difficult. Marion
is wonderful and has great power
of will - more than I have.

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This is a long letter and it
has been a pleasure to chat
with you, while Mamma is working
possible with Grace Kelly. I
will have to take a few turns
around the garden before
lunch, and Mamma & her
guests are deserting me for
church - They are going
out for lunch and some
friends. Wish you were here!
Mamma gives in much love
& good wishes to you all
Travelling Yours