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Dear Dannie,

I have wanting to write you all week, but I have been kept busy. Draper is away and returns this next Monday. Maryssael is taking some days off and is in Northern Mexico with his wife and son. He is simply tired out with too much work to do - and too many problems, and others and I urged him to take a few days off even if Draper is not here. The Company Syndicate is making a lot of trouble, and asking things not in accord with the Labor contract, and yesterday they put into effect some work stops in connection with billing so that our income is practically cut off. The people in the 30 "succursales" in the city simply wont receive money - even if the customer comes in to pay a bill. There is no help that I can see coming from the Government for the Labor Dept. of the Government will simply tell our people to give our workers what they ask! Martinez is in charge while Maryssael is taking a few days off and he called me early this morning. I spent a good part of the day in the offices, but I can only give comment or opinion - but I am glad to do what I can.

We go to Cuernavaca to-morrow and will probably stay until Monday evening. We have lots of rain and heavy rains at that. We are both well.

I appreciated your talking to John. We will have little time to see each other as he is now arriving only on August 22 and leaving Aug. 25 in the morning. Immediately on arriving on August 22 he is to go on to Necaxa with Taylor and Draper. Taylor is arriving August 19 and leaves on Aug. 25 on the same plane as John.

Eunice Draper tells Marion that Bill has bought a house in San Francisco that she likes. She says they are leaving here Sept. 30. She is a very nice girl. If I am not very much mistaken Taylor will make a better man for the Company than Draper.

I had to interrupt this letter at this point as we had to go and call on Joe and Marguerite Gray. He was with me first in Buenos Aires in 1928 and then in Berlin and Vienna and Washington. He is retiring and leaving Mexico to-morrow. It was a sad call for I'm very fond of Joe and I think he is retiring too soon. He is only 62. If he would stay on in the service I know that he would be given a job as an Ambassador, but he is dead set on retiring. He says no man in his family has lived beyond 68 and he wants a few years of quiet. He was the most useful associate I ever had in the service.

There is no lack of news in the world picture. I had at least one bit of good news - and that is that Ike has announced that Herter will to to the Interamerican meeting at Santiago. It was essential that he should go and in the ways possible to me I did all I could to bring it about. Herter was not anxious to go. The poor man has too much on his shoulders.

I shall be writing again next week. It is time for a late dinner now as we stayed at the Grays too long.

Marion joins in love and good wishes to you all.

Faithfully GEORGE