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Dear Nat:

I have just received your letter dated August 22 with regard to the possibility of Mr. Dean in some way intervening in this matter of Barcelona and in particular with reference to his writing to Stanton Griffith concerning Mr. Heineman, and also about the possibility of my writing to Mr. Dean in this respect.

I am writing these few lines very hurriedly as I am leaving for Cuernavaca at noon and simply must get away for a week's complete rest.

You know how I feel about Mr. Heineman and that I would be willing to do anything that I feel will in any way be helpful to him or agreeable to him. But I must frankly say that I do not wish to write to Mr. Dean to this end.

In the first place Mr. Dean has a very high regard for Mr. Heineman. That I know. While I know Mr. Dean, however, to be a very fine person in every respect, I do not think that he would receive from me or anyone else any intimidation that he should write to Griffith. I recall that there was some suggestion that Mr. Dean be asked to make a trip to Spain in connection with the whole Barcelona matter. I do not think that suggestion was a good one and I understand and hope that no such approach was made to Mr. Dean. I do not think, even if he had felt inclined to do this, that his occupations would have permitted him to do so.

Mr. Dean and Mr. Griffith know each other, and know each other well. Their families know each other. Mr. Dean and Griffith knew each other when they were young. I do not think that Mr. Dean has any illusions with regard to Griffith, but there are a lot of factors we have to keep in mind.

As far as Griffith is concerned I cannot go into that, but he is so despicable and impossible a person that one cannot tell what his reactions in a particular case will be. It is even a question as to how much attention he would pay to anything Mr. Dean might say about Mr. Heineman. It is of course important what the American Ambassador in Spain thinks or says because he is in that position. But I do not think that what he says or does in the Barcelona matter or so far as Mr. Heineman is concerned will influence the situation very much.

This is very unsatisfactory letter because I have to write it in such a hurry, but what I do want to convey is that I think we should not endeavor to bring Mr. Dean into this picture. I think it would be most unwise. Mr. Dean joined the Board of Mexlight purely, I think, as a friendly gesture, principally to me and secondarily to Mr. Heineman. If we ask him to do certain things, he will get off the Board of Mexlight.

I will give your letter further considerations while I am in Cuernavaca but I wanted to get this word off to you at once as I think it is so important in every way that Mr. Dean not be approached by me or anyone else to intervene in this matter in any way.

With very good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

G.S.M.