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Mr. George S. Messersmith
The Mexican Light & Power Company, Ltd
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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of October 9th. I was sorry to hear that your doctor had not been satisfied with you, but I do not suppose any doctor would ever be satisfied with a man who drives himself as hard as you do. I am glad that you are, at any rate, going to pay some attention to what he says, and your idea of acquiring a week-end house is an excellent one. I wish you and Mrs. Messersmith many happy days there.

Since you wrote to me Mr. Heineman has received the good news that thanks to the recent rain fall you will be able to avoid the application of restrictions during the 1950-51 dry season. This is certainly a very happy circumstance. You have enough difficult problems on your mind without having to add the very serious one of water shortages.

I believe you have been advised by Mr. Bachrach that Mr. Norman, the expert appointed by the Canadian Government in the Barcelona matter, has recently arrived in Europe again and he came to see Mr. Heineman here last week. We had some interesting conversations with him and, knowing the great interest you have always taken in the Barcelona problem I think it may interest you to have a copy of the letter which I have to-day addressed to Mr. Bachrach and its enclosures. I feel confident that our decision last year to press for the appointment of an investigation commission was the right one, and we have been fortunate in the choice of Mr. Norman as the Canadian representative.

I am sure you will be interested to see the references to Mr. Bloomfield, whom you will doubtless remember as attorney for the Income Debenture holders of Mexlight, whom Mr. Werner Bear purported to represent. We always felt that Mr. Behr and Mr. Horace Samuel - and possibly also Salomon - were acting at the instigation of March. It is interesting to see Mr. Bloomfield coming out into the open in the Barcelona matter.

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Mr. George S. Messersmith-Mexico

I understand Mr. Heineman has sent you a copy of the letter of October 19th which he has received from Van de Maele. I enclose a copy of the reply which I am sending in agreement with him. I knew Jimmy Becker of A.G. Becker when I lived in Chicago and also his former partner, Robert Schaffner, who is now dead. The firm, as you probably know, always enjoyed a sound reputation in Chicago although it is not one of the biggest.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely.

Ch. WILMERS

Enc. c.l. à Mr. Bachrach with encl.
c.l. to Mr. Van de Maele