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Dear Bernie -

I have just come back from my daily visit to the doctor. The dysentery continues but the doctor seems to think it is better. It is better, I believe in a measure. I of course still lose weight. I have to take so many anti-biotics by mouth - and so many injections. I practically don't leave the house, except to go to the doctor in the morning, and do go to Cuernavaca for the week end. Merion is well but all at once has to have a lot of dental work done, and for the next two three weeks will have to go to the dentist for an hour every morning.

There is a great deal of sickness in Mexico these weeks. Many people have dysentery. They attribute it to the heavy rains but we have had heavy rains before in my time here, and I

have not known so much illness.

I keep in touch with my doctor in Houston
+ he tells me if want to Houston, he would
follow the same treatment I'm getting here, so
I have to try to stick it 't. it is four weeks

Today.

I see a good many of my Mexican + American
friends had keep in touch with the situation here.
Things still look good on the surface, but
there are many problems that haven't had
attention and they will get worse before
the Year president takes over on Dec. 1,
and while he is in many ways a good
man, no one can tell the things that
be handled.

Max Light is having a difficult time
and I don't see how the problems are
going to be solved. Tharopraad is in
Belgium with his family + will return

in two or three weeks. Power is spending
these weeks in New York.

We have so many interruptions in the
current in Cuernavaca that I have decided
to put in a 15 KV auxiliary plant that
will go into service automatically when
the Company lines go out. It seems rather a
large unit for our house alone, but we've
made tests for about 2 weeks and a
12 KV plant is the smallest I could put
in, and by putting in 15 KV to make
the situation more secure. I will put in
a gasoline motor instead of diesel, for it
is less noisy, easier to maintain, and
gasoline I will be sure to be able to get,
and diesel oil is becoming more or more
difficult for private persons to get.
Mexico is importing large quantities of
diesel oil now.

I want to have at least one house where
we can be sure of power.

The world bank has my property tied
up, and the Mexican government, there will
be no definitely loans for us or for the
power commission until the government gives
the private companies a fair return, according
to its loans, on the investment.

The rains have been very heavy so
far, and pretty general over the country.
That is at least one favorable element.

I know, Sammie, my letters are not
very interesting, for it is impossible to
comment on the developing world situation
without going into pages and pages.
I follow things as closely as I
can in the big picture, and as

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usual in Latin America. How wise we
will be at home in these problems involving
Latin America I am not sure. There are
too many amateurs in the picture, including
Milton Eisenhower.

I had a letter from Jimmy yesterday
and he tells me you are all well.

Marion gives me much love to you

all

Always faithfully

Harry