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Cresson Nov. 10. 57 Sunday

Dear Bonnie -

Today we have been here for ten days and return to Mexico City tomorrow. An old friend of ours, Kate Maule, from Reno, Delaware arrived about 10 days ago for a month's stay with us, and we came immediately to Cresson. We had several other friends with us and it was very pleasant. I went to town to get the weekly vaccine shot for the urinary + intestinal infection and aside from that have hardly left the grounds of the house. The weather has been magnificent.

The rains are on and it has been the worst rainy season in many years. We are going to have a bad year for power, and every effort is being made to have the companies that have stand by plants to put them into operation. All these stand by plants use diesel oil and this is already importing diesel,

so it means bigger imports of diesel.
The electricity + oil problems, which if solved
be so easy to solve by wise and sound
measures, are going to become increasingly
serious, and neither problem can be solved by
improvisation.

Mexico, with all the ground filled with
oil is certain areas, imported about \$100,000,000
of oil last last, and with all these resources,
is rapidly drifting into the position of Brazil
& Argentina. The uncertain situation about
electric power is a very disturbing factor.
Politics affects economic relations in many
countries but in the Latin countries it is
worse.

The third point at Lichens shows the
giving power into the system by April
next year - but the uncertain attitude
of the government towards our Company,

has made the longer range planning so
essential, practically impossible.

Marian has a letter from Helene saying
she is slowly getting better, and I hope the
improvement continues. She says you may be
making a trip to Columbia, and I feel sure
you would enjoy it, but hope you will not
overdo. Your birthday comes the end of this
month, and Marian & I hope you may
have many more of them in good health.

I'm feeling better and the colitis is
much better, and the nervousness is
less. The treatment by my new doctor
certainly has helped, but I have lost
weight, and feel as weak a good
part of the time. The doctor recently
made tests for arthralgia fever (made
from) and the results were positive
so I'm taking treatment for that.

My correspondence has suffered for I have
felt disinclined to any effort. In any
event, I think they are helping me more
than they did at the Laker Clinic. I suppose
here they are more accustomed to look
for tropical diseases.

Marian has been well, and it is
remarkable what she does. How she
does it, I don't understand. She is very
much like her mother who had ex-
traordinary energy.

The recent developments with the
satellites have awakened over people
and what we have needed for years,
may grow out of this, that is,
elimination of the rivalries between the
army - navy - + air force, and some
real measure of collaboration. I am

one of those who know how deep seated,
and dangerous, these problems have been.
There is much for us to think of these
days, and in many ways we are not
prepared for the responsibilities we bear as
a country, and I am slow to criticize,
tho I see the deficiencies.

The candidate of the one real political
party here has been announced. He is
Lopez Matos - the minister of agriculture.
He is supposed to be a model of the
good man. Time will tell for this
country has serious problems ahead
of it. The president in Mexico has
more power as such than the president
of the U.S. - no decision is made without
him, so practically the whole trend of
developments in the country is very fixed

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hangs on him. Let us hope for the best.

Marion gives us much love and good
wishes to you all. Sam & Grace Katz are
here, and send their best wishes to you all.
I miss talking with you, and letters are
no substitute. I will write again very

soon. All our love,

Truly yours

George

It looks as the our friend Adenauer has
finally had to put his finger on his
successor, and from what I know, I
wonder Ray Erlhardt is the best he
could do.