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My dear Mr. Messersmith:

Many thanks for your letter of October 21st which was awaiting me on my return from Ottawa on Tuesday.

First of all, let me say how pleased I was with the Mexico City press notices regarding your appointment as Chairman of the Company. These notices must have been very gratifying to you and they augur well for the future and are most encouraging.

I have been spending some time daily at the office here as there are quite a number of matters to discuss with Mr. Graydon and his brother, and also other matters that Mr. MacKelcan of the National Trust Company, Limited is interested in regarding Mex-light and Mextrams. As I am having another medical check-up we may not be able to leave here for ten or twelve days and we promised some time ago to go to Corpus Christi for a few days before returning with a friend from there to Mexico City.

When I mentioned in New York that if it would be of any help to you, my retirement could take place before the end of the year, I did not realize that I could not conveniently get back to Mexico before the end of November and since being in Toronto, I have found there are quite a number of matters which it is in the Companies' interests for me to arrange in Mexico City before my retirement. For example, the question of my powers of attorney, my situation with the subsidiary companies, arrangements with the Banks, etc. I shall, of course, arrange to get my office clear of my personal papers and the debris of three decades so as to be available for you when you return in December.

If the announcement of my retirement is made in the local press on my return, around the end of November, stating that it will be effective at the end of the year, would not this meet the situation and be acceptable to you? If, at

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that time, it has been decided who is to be the new President, that information could form also a part of the news item. Personally I am only interested in my friends in Mexico and Canada knowing of my retirement and therefore there would be no need, from my point of view, for any publicity in the American press.

I should like to have talked this matter over with you personally but I am afraid I shall be unable to do so except on your arrival in Mexico City in December, which of course, would only delay matters.

I hope that your present visit to Mexico City has been a satisfactory and pleasant one.

Believe me, with kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) G.R.G. Conway

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