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M. L. ...
March 23, 1953

Dear Darrin:

I received your letter of March 17 on Friday evening just before leaving for Cuernavaca. By this time you will have received copies of the letter dated March 18 as well as that of March 20 which I wrote to Graydon telling of the conversations which have taken place last week on our matters. As these letters and the memoranda attached thereto are self explanatory, I do not go into further comment now. We are seeing Carrillo Flores at one o'clock today and I think we will be able to tell a good deal from that conversation as to what the situation really is and whether it is more promising than these last conversations to which I make reference above indicate.

The Bank very thoughtfully sent Hugh Ripman, who is one of their best men, down here to go over some of the statements with us and we spent all day Thursday and Friday with him going over the figures and he plans to return tonight to New York. He spent the weekend with me in Cuernavaca. It has been most useful to have him here for he is fully familiar in a first-hand way with the conversations which we had last week and I will be able to inform him of the conversation with Carrillo Flores at noon today, before he flies back to New York tonight. The whole situation really depends, as you know, on the attitude which the Bank and which the United States government will take, for it is that which will control the action of the Mexican authorities.

Matson of the American and Foreign told me at the end of last week that Robertson was going to Washington and that he knows Humphreys, the Secretary of Treasury, quite well and plans to see him. I told Matson to be sure to tell Robertson that it was most important that they see Burgess and Overby in the Treasury, as well as sufficiently high ranking persons in the State Department. In this matter the interests of the American and Foreign and of Mexlight are identic and there can be no solution really of the problems of the one without that of the other. I am glad that you are in touch with Robertson on these matters.

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I am interested in the comment which you say that Behn made of the new President here. I think that he will have to learn a great deal and the major difficulty is that in this matter of electricity he will have to learn fast.

I am extremely interested to know of the fact that Brosens and J.M. had a meeting on March 16 and I shall be interested in the outcome.

This is a letter which I am dictating hurriedly before starting my work this morning. I shall let you know of the results of our conversation with Carrillo today. Things will have to move fast or we shall have to stop work and you may be sure that we are doing everything possible here to prevent the necessity of that.

It was very thoughtful of you to telegraph me on March 17 and I can assure you that it was a great pleasure for me to see you and the family and I only wish that I could stay there longer.

With affectionate good wishes to you all in which Marion joins,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature, likely of the sender, is written in dark ink. It is a stylized, cursive signature that appears to start with a large 'J' or 'M' and ends with a long, sweeping flourish.

GSM/cbc