

Jan. 15, '58.

Dear Jimmy -

I have your letter of January 9 and am glad you wrote me as I have been wondering if your mother did have the operation. It must have been a trying ordeal to undergo such a long operation - and not easy for any of you all, too. I understood last summer that the doctors wanted her to have it. I am glad it is over, and as so many days have passed, she should have perhaps a slow, but sure, recovery. Do give her our love and we pray for her speedy and full recovery.

Warren is having a bridge party for some 18 women in our "cheer coop" so there is so much chatter it is difficult to write. I do want to get off these few lines. I have written so few letters in the last months. This mellow fever is really

something! The dealer is rare I have had it
for a year. I'm all right in the morning but
the fever comes on every afternoon and gives
me hell for some hours, and after it goes
it leaves me flat. The treatments I am now
are helping and I think in several months
the worst should be over. I find it is a
more common disease than I thought, but
in spite of that the cure is still a long
one, and there are many different types
of it.

We have had three weeks of real winter
here - cold in Mex. City and Cuernavaca.
It has been 9° below zero many nights,
like in Cuernavaca. It is beginning to warm
up now.

The loan for 11 millions was signed
yesterday in Washington. The delay was
all caused by the Mexican government

but anyway it is over now. The Congress
passed the necessary enabling law in the

last days of December last.

The Leshera plant will likely operate
(the new unit) in April, three months

ahead of time, and we have taken the
risk of ordering another large unit for
that plant. It is all we can do. We have
to take the risk.

The Tangombata plant will be inaugurated
this coming Monday. José Cansolo is
coming for the Bank. He arrives Sunday
evening and will go from the air port to
Cuernavaca to have dinner with us, and
return to Mexico City the same night. He
is not going to spend any time in
Mexico but I am glad to have ~~any~~ ^{him} on
evening with him as we haven't see him

for a long time.

Jim also Buckman is happy in the new job. If Frances is here, we never see or hear of her. My best to Buck when you talk with him.

I wish I could be with you at Chapel Hill for the Foundation ceremonies.

We have so much ineptitude in government these days that I am more concerned about that than the Soviet government - It is really a serious situation in many respects. Seldom has there been so much hysteria among our people, but perhaps it is a good thing, for we may wake up and strengthen out some fundamental things.

I will be writing again soon.

Warmest love in all good wishes to you

and here, and all the family. Give
 our special love to your mother & I need
 not tell you how much we are interested
 in further news of her progress to speedy
 recovery. A long operation like that
 takes a long Convalescence. One of my
 troubles now is that I have had too
 many operations! During the last
 few months I have lost five kilos.

Love the best —

Faithfully
 Henry