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Mr. Weinman  
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Colonel B  
Cl. Bone.

My dear friend:

It was with very great interest and satisfaction that I read in the papers yesterday of your selection as President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and your acceptance thereof. I am sure that your willingness to accept the responsibilities of this post will be a source of general satisfaction.

You know that because of my long experience in various fields of activity for our government, I have, although I am now engaged in private business, a great deal of interest in all that pertains to the broad problems in which an institution such as the International Bank can play so important and constructive a role in these times. I appreciate that your acceptance involves a certain sacrifice on your part and you are to be congratulated on your decision to continue to give public service for which you are so well fitted and for which you have such capacity. My very best wishes shall always be with you.

It is probable that I shall have to leave Mexico City at the end of May for a few days on a very brief business trip to New York and Washington and, in that case, I hope to have the opportunity of seeing you and to express personally my congratulations and good wishes.

Believe me,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

The Honorable Eugene Black  
International Bank for  
Reconstruction and Development  
Washington 25, D. C.