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American Embassy,  
Brussels, Belgium  
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Dear Ed :

I know that you will be interested to learn that the new Belgian Minister to Mexico will be Walter Loridan, who for the past seven years has been Chief of the Political Division of the Foreign Office here. Prior to that, he was Chef de Cabinet for Paul-Henri Spaak when the latter was the Foreign Minister of the Belgian Government in London.

Born in 1909, Loridan has had a meteoric career. He is well versed in Spanish affairs, having been Consul in Barcelona during the Civil War. Likewise, he knows Mexico very well as he was Chargé d'Affaires for some while in that country during World War II.

In our dealings with this key official of the Foreign Office, we have found him consistently to be honest, intelligent, forthright, and a most helpful coadjutor in working out mutual problems. I have, in consequence, asked him to drop in on you during his forthcoming sojourn in Washington where, I understand, he will be staying with Bob Silvercruys, the Belgian Ambassador. Any background information which you or the boys on the Mexican desk might be able to give Walter would, I think, be mutually helpful.

With kind regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ Bob  
Robert Murphy.

The Honorable

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