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Personal

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Dear George,

You certainly do appreciate the efficiency of the work carried out by Lorie. I think it would please him extremely if, at your suggestion, a bonus be paid to him on behalf of Mexlight. If I may suggest it, a sum of would make him happy, especially when he knows that the suggestion came from you.

I just received your letter of November 29 with copy of the letter addressed to you by James Bruce. His p.s. is very significant. Our difficulties in Spain and in the Argentine still remain without any definite solution and I am afraid a great deal of time will elapse before we can navigate in calm waters. I am spending all my time, as are so many others in our organization, in defensive actions instead of creative ones. It is a shame and a pity, to say nothing of the good money spent with the lawyers.

I am glad to hear that you threw off your ailments. I am physically fine but morally far from 100%, although I am fighting depression. If we had not these worries, in spite of my age I would still be able to uproot many trees. So many useful things can be done to bring, gradually, the world and especially Europe, to new prosperity and to give the people the conviction that it is worthwhile living and striving!

Brosens will be here on December 10 and will leave for Buenos Aires on the 14. I understand that we will have the great joy of seeing you here at that time.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which Swinton wrote me under date of November 22 and which you will be interested in reading.

Hettie's health is improving, but she is not well. Therefore, I feel it my duty to her to, at least, give her a change

of environment. We have decided to leave New York on the evening of the 15 for Pinehurst, North Carolina, where we shall remain until after the New Year. I do not need a rest as I am not tired, but I need to get away from this office. I am afraid though that the office will follow me, as in April in Hot Springs. I certainly will try to throw it off.

Lorié is in Washington today. I intend to return there tomorrow night.

As ever,

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Enc.