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Dear Dannie

Jimmy and June are leaving tonight for New York, and Marion and I had really very great desires to make the trip to be with you on your 80th birthday. It is wonderful that the family can be together, for it is really an occasion. The circumstances here are such that I simply cannot get away. When I learned definitely while I was in Washington that you would be back, I considered seriously prolonging my stay north, but I just had to get back as soon as possible. I also would have liked to stay longer, as I would have liked very much to see some of my friends who are close to Eisenhower and several of whom had expressed a desire to see me.

To reach the age of eighty is no small achievement, and to reach it in possession of one's full vigor is extraordinary. To have packed so much into so many of these eighty years is almost unique. Marion and I will be thinking of you on the 23rd. You know how much we should like to be with you.

Gene Black left for Europe towards the end of the last week, and he expects to stay about two weeks when he will be back in Washington. Garner is making a trip to Japan which will keep him away almost until Christmas, and I think for that reason Black wants to be back so soon. Therefore you will miss seeing them over there. I am writing a long letter to Toronto about my trip to Washington etc. and will send you a copy. You will see from it that Black and Garner were very understanding and very helpful.

I am inclined to think that Jimmy's decision about the Intelligence Agency was correct, and I think there is a good prospect of a staff position in the State Department. I have told him it may be useful for him to see a few people in Washington, whom I have mentioned to him, before he returns to Mexico City.

I hope things went well in Brussels and that everything is settling down there in the right way. Brosens telegraphed me he expects to arrive here on December 9 and will remain until December 16. That will be fine, and we will have lots to talk about, and he can convey anything to me that you have in mind.

This is just a hurried note as I want Jimmy to carry it with him tonight, and I have a full day ahead of me.

I need not tell you again how much Marion and I join

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in congratulations and happy returns, and how much a treasure and how dear to me is the friendship which we have enjoyed over these many years and which has meant so much to me.

With love and good wishes to you all,

Faithfully ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D.N. Heineman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.

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