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Dear Dannie,

I have just come back from my daily visit to the Doctor. The dysentery continues but the Doctor seems to think it is better. It is better, I believe, in a measure, I of course still lose weight. I have to take so many antibiotics by mouth, and so many injections. I practically don't leave the house, except to go to the doctor in the morning, and to go to Cuernavaca for the week end. Marion is well but all at once has to have a lot of dental work done, and for the next two three weeks will have to go to the dentist for one hour every morning.

There is a great deal of sickness in Mexico these weeks. Many people have dysentery. They attribute it to the heavy rains, but we have had heavy rains before in my time here, and I have not known so much illness.

I keep in touch with my doctor in Houston and he tells me if I went to Houston, he would follow the same treatment I'm getting here, so I have to try to stick to it. It is four weeks today.

I see a good many of my Mexican and American friends and keep in touch with the situation here. Things still look good at the surface, but there are many problems that haven't had attention and they will get worse before the next (near) President takes over on Dec. 1, and while he is in many ways a good man, no one can tell how things will be handled.

Mexlight is having a difficult time and I don't see how the problems are going to be solved. Maryssael is in Belgium with his family and will return in two or three weeks. Draper is spending this week in New York.

We have so many interruptions in the current in Cuernavaca that I have decided to put in a 15 KV auxiliary plant that will go into service automatically when the Company lines go out. It seems rather a large unit for our house alone, but we made tests for about 2 weeks and a 12 KV plant is the smallest I could put in, and I'm putting in 15 KV to make the situation more secure. I will put in a gasoline motor instead of diesel, for it is less noisy, easier to maintain, and gasoline I will be sure to be able to get, and diesel oil is becoming more and more difficult for private persons to get. Mexico is importing large quantities of diesel oil now. I want to have at least one house where we can be sure of power.

The World Bank has very properly told us, and the Mexican Government, there will be no electricity loans for us or for the Power Commission until the Government gives the private companies a fair return, according to its laws, on the investment.
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The rains have been very heavy so far, and pretty general over the country. That is at least one favourable element.

I know, Dannie, my letters are not very interesting, for it is impossible to comment on the developing world situation without going into pages and pages. I follow things as closely as I can in the big picture, and as usual in Latin America. How wise we will be at home in these problems involving Latin America I am not sure. There are too many amateurs in the picture, including Milton Eisenhower.

I had a letter from Jimmy yesterday and he tells me you are all well. Marion joins in much love to you all.

Always faithfully,

GEORGE