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Dear Jimmy:

I appreciate your writing me so fully. Your letter of September 25 reached me today at noon on my return from Cuernavaca. As we have had no sunshine in Cuernavaca last month, or at least during weekends when I was there, I thought I might have a break this morning. Marion and the guests came up early and I stayed until noon, but it was completely useless. The rains are continuing and we seem to read about a cyclone on the east or west coast every day. In any event, the weather has its good features. All the dams are spilling, and we are using our hydro-capacity to the full. During the last ten days we have had more interruptions in the service here and in Cuernavaca than I have noticed in a year. No matter what our engineers tell us about it being due to the rains etc., I have a feeling that it is at least partly due to decreased maintenance expenditures. It seems a tragedy that, after having kept up maintenance for years the way we have - an certainly during the last years we have improved our service to the public- we should now be in this position, and of course the worst is that these things are cumulative.

I sent Mr. Lorie a copy of the letter Lic. Beteta wrote to Mr. Black, as well as a copy of our memorandum of comment. You will be able to look at it in New York, as by this time your father and Mr. Lorie have seen it.

Marion is well. We have no news from your house so that I feel all is well there. I am terribly sorry to hear about Mr. Sawhill's heart attack having been worse than you were told. He is a fine person, and I hope he will take care of himself, although it is a hard thing for a man as active as he to do.

I have seen Dr. Zubiran since you left, and I seem to be getting on quite alright. I shall have another X-ray examination in two weeks, to find out whether this sack at the bottom of the oesophagus has grown any bigger. One stomach has given me enough trouble, and I do not want another. I am still on a diet, but I am eating a little more.

Now for the most important thing: I appreciate your writing me so helpful a letter, and can quite understand that the decision is a serious one for you. I know that you cannot tell me any more; that is part of that business. It is the sort of thing in which you will have to orient yourself and reach your own

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decisions. I wish I could help you, but this is the sort of thing in which I cannot help. I wish I were in New York or Washington so that I could talk things over with you. Perhaps even then I could not be much help. I think it is a good field and think that you are fitted for it. This is all that I can say. I am glad that you had such a good reception. I was sure you would.

We have our hands full here. This is a hurried note, as I am trying to get my papers in order today to settle down to a good week's work. We have to get into the financial situation this week.

Marion joins in love and good wishes to you and June and the family. We miss you here.

Cordially and faithfully yours,


George S. Messersmith.

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very open for
the State Bd.*

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