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January 27, 1954

Dear Dannie:

This is just a hurried word to tell you that I have had another attack of this strange ailment that they call hernia of the esophagus. We were at Cuernavaca for the weekend and had as our guests Francis White and his wife (the American Ambassador here) and General and Mrs. Rodriguez, a former President of Mexico, who are very old and dear friends of ours and who come now and then to spend a weekend with us when he can get away. I had been looking forward for several weeks to this particular weekend, as both the Whites and the Rodriguezes are old friends. On Saturday morning I found that I had had another hemorrhage which undoubtedly came from this hernia of the esophagus and I got in touch with Dr. Zubirán in Mexico, and he told me it would be safe for me to come up in our car, which we did. I have been in bed ever since Saturday and for the first time this morning there is real evidence that the bleeding has stopped and I ought to be on my feet again by the end of the week. I shall have to spend some time next week going to the hospital for a full check up. I had absolutely no premonition of a recurrence of this trouble. It is a nasty thing and if I had a bad enemy, I think it is probably what I would wish on him. There is no reason to be disturbed because there is every indication today that the bleeding has stopped and that is the bad part of it. You will recall I had the first attack in August 1952, which was mild, and then a rather bad one in the last days of December 1952. It was just a year between the last attack and this. Dr. Zubirán says that no operation is necessary, but that I shall have to exercise a good deal of care and he is very pleased that I am retiring from active work on April 1.

There are lots of things that I would like to write you about but I am confining this letter to telling you about this, and so that you may know that there is no reason that I can see for preoccupation. I will be writing you a personal note about company matters tomorrow or next day when I feel more up to things. I hope you are feeling fit and are rid of all the effects of your virus cold, etc.,

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and that the headaches have gone. Marion joins in love and good wishes to you and Hettie and all the family.

Cordially and faithfully yours,



P.S. Things are going along very nicely here but I will give you details.

GSM/cbc

Jan. 28 - I am much better.  
Hope to be up in 2 days more.