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Dear Dannie,

I had just finished to write to Mrs. Foster Dulles, and to Allan Dulles, when I got a call from a friend in the Embassy a few minutes ago to the effect that they have determined that the tests show he does have a cancer. It makes me very sad for we have known each other since 1916 and I have known Allan since 1914. I knew that he was very ill for when he was here Dec. 1 for about 36 hours, I knew he was in pain, and how he kept going, I couldn't understand. No matter how one may feel about him in some respects, he is an extraordinary man, of great capacities, unlimited courage, great understanding and wisdom, and in my sense a dedicated man. He is really practically indispensable now. I know some of those who are waiting to step into his shoes, and they are pigmies compared to him. How he got thru this last trip to Europe, is almost incredible, for I know that he knew he was very ill, and was suffering great pain.

Ike is coming here Feb. 19th to go to Acapulco for a visit with Lopez Mateos, the President here. It would be appropriate to come a bit later but I think a trip now is premature. I have been asked to go to Acapulco for the two days but I have made it clear I cannot go. The visit is so short, the program so full, that any worth while conversation with Ike would be out of the question. My doctor has advised me not to go for there would be things I would have to do if I went, all useless things, and while my strength is coming back, I tire easily, and there is no use going when I feel so sure I could do no good. As Mamie is not coming with Ike, no women are wanted. I very much fear there will be a lot of disappointment and disillusionment out of the visit, but the papers will be full for days.

We are not in Cuernavaca this weekend, as the American Women's Committee for the Blind is having their annual Valentine Ball this evening and as I have been the advisor of the Committee for years, I shall have to go for a few hours. The Duchess of Kent and her daughter are here for a week, and the British Ambassador has told the Committee that they are coming to the Ball and that the men are to wear white ties. He is taking a lot on himself - for the British have nothing to do with this work for the blind - and about 95 % of the men going do not have long tail coats.

We have had some good week ends at Cuernavaca and the last weeks the weather has been wonderful. Anthony Eden and his wife were there for about a month, and we had some most interesting

conversations. He is now in Acapulco but will be there again for the week end of the 20 Feb. and we shall see each other then. His diet is even worse than mine, and he cant work much, but swims a lot in the pool at the house he has in Cuernavaca. He will be returning to England very shortly. He is working on his memoirs, but is working on the second volume first because he says it is easier. His wife is a real Churchill, but very good looking.

I keep busy around the house and usually go to the Company offices about 4 times a week for an hour or two. Draper is in Korea now but expects to go to Acapulco with the President (Ike) on Feb. 19. This work he is on is taking more and more of his time and I am wondering how long this situation can last. The Government here is not giving the electricity companies a fair deal, and Maryssael and I are very much concerned.

I want to take a little walk with Marion before lunch so will have to close this letter. I will write again in a few days.

I hope this note finds you and all the family well, and Marion joins in much love and all good wishes.

Faithfully,

/ George /