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Dear Dannie,

I haven't heard from you for a long time. I tried during the week-end to call you from Cuernavaca but it is almost impossible to get a U.S. call thru from Cuernavaca. Here in Mexico it is very easy. I have had quite a bit to do recently and have to go to the Embassy in the next half hour, but want to get this word off to you before I go.

Marion is very well and keeps busy. I'm feeling better and do quite a bit during the day but very little in the evening. When we go out to dinner I usually go with Marion, but come home at 10 o'clock and good friends always bring her home.

Taylor is away for a few days but returns tomorrow. He and his wife are coming down for the week-end in Cuernavaca, and Clark Galloway and his wife from Washington are coming also. He is the ~~future~~ (?) American Editor of World Report and U.S. News, and is an old friend. I understand Maryssael and his wife are returning from Belgium early next week, perhaps Monday.

I see no improvement in the Company situation. There is no doubt that the President is responsible for nothing being done. We shall have a hard time before our situation improves. There is real prejudice against us. I'm concerned for every week's delay means that the solution will be more difficult for the Government as well as the Company. I do what I can and am at the Company offices almost every day for an hour or so.

We are going to have all sorts of problems when Congress meets - for the monetary question, the military plans, and labor problems, will be very much discussed. The divisions in our armed forces instead of being less, are greater and more serious than ever, and those are not problems to be solved by the newspapers or columnists. I suppose you have read the first article on Taylor's book in Look. There will be two more before the book appears in January. He will become a very controversial person in connection with this problem and the discussions in Congress. He has a very strong Army point of view. I can't judge who is right - but I know in some way these quarrels between the Army-Navy-Air Force have to be settled

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I had to interrupt this note here as the Ambassador called me and wished to see me before he leaves tomorrow for a few days in Texas. It is no easy job to be American Ambassador here at any time, but particularly difficult at this time. There is no doubt about this administration being bound on a program of socialization of industry and commerce. The sooner they learn they can't do it, the better for everybody. Micoyan, the Soviet Vice premier is arriving to-day for about a ten day stay and he is coming only to stir up muddy waters, and to make promises the Soviet has no intention to keep. That doesn't make his trip here any the less dangerous.

Christmas is coming on again, and it is difficult to think that a whole year has almost passed. There isn't any real news. Let me have a word from you even if it is a short note. We miss seeing you. I had thought of making a brief trip to N.Y. in early December, but Marion dislikes air travel so much that it is really too much for her. Love to Hettie and you and Edna and Yvonne and the family from us both. Faithfully

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