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Mr. Heineman

December 8, 1950

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Mr. George S. Messersmith,
44, Calle Genova,
Mexico City.

Dear George:

I thank you for your personal and confidential letter of November 16th dealing with Mr. Pearson's visit to Mexico.

Bachrach has prepared the enclosed memorandum on three topics which have an indirect and quite important bearing on our case in Canada. They do not relate to legal, and not even to political questions. They are a matter of "climate". If you had an opportunity of mentioning these three topics to Minister Pearson in an informal manner, this would no doubt improve the atmosphere in Ottawa. I should of course like to leave it entirely ~~up~~ to your discretion whether to mention these topics or not.

Fortunately, the attitude of the Canadian Government seems to have changed lately and they do not at this time press for appeasement. It is believed that they changed their stand when Norman received an insulting letter from Spain. But whatever the ground for their reversal, they have stated that they do not wish the Receiver at this time to approach St-Laurent, who is the attorney for March.

Glassco will be passing through New York at the beginning of next week and we will have an extended talk with him on future strategy. Bachrach will keep you informed of important developments.

Cordially yours,

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for: D. N. Heineman

P.S.- I have not communicated the foregoing, nor the enclosure to anybody in Canada.