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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

> AMERICAN EMBASSY Mexico, D. F., November 5, 1945.

Dear Danny:

I am writing you this letter very hurriedly. I had been planning a trip home as I wrote you while I was home in the latter part of September, but I have just been able to make my definite plans. I shall be leaving today by plane with General Arnold, the Commander of our Army Air Forces, who has been here for a visit, and we shall arrive in Washington on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 6. I will spend the night of Tuesday the 6th at the Carleton Hotel with Marion, who is going with me, and then from the 7th on I will be at the Metropolitan Club. I expect to be in Washington until the 13th or 14th at the latest, and then return to Mexico by air. I am going up to see Secretary Byrnes, whom I did not see on my last trip, as he did not return from London until the day after I had to return to Mexico. I am also going to be present for the exchange of ratifications of the Water Treaty. I have a great deal that I must do in a very short time, and they do not wish me to be away from Mexico much at this time, so I will have to return at the earliest possible moment. This precludes any possibility of my going to New York or even to Wilmington.

Marion is going up with me, even though the trip is to be so short, as her mother is growing constantly weaker. She has a cancer and there is no hope for her recovery. I hope the good Lord will soon let her die, because it will be so much better for her in every way. Marion wants to be sure to see her once again, but I want her to come back with me when I return, as we have some obligations here in which she can be so helpful. If by chance you come down to Washington while I am there, I would love to see you. I will call you on the telephone as soon as I can after my arrival. There is so much that I would like to talk over with you about the state of the world, and completely aside from the sheer pleasure of seeing you.

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Mr. D. N. Heineman, 50 Wall Street, New York, New York.

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This has to be a hurried word as my plans have just matured and I wanted to get this word off to you.

Marion joins me in love and good wishes to you and Hettie and to all the family.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

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