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Mexico, D.F., July 27, 1944.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This has been indeed a day filled with a good deal of emotion for me. You know I am not a sentimental person but very much of a realist but I have been indeed moved today by some of the marks of appreciation which I have received from home and here of some of the work which I have been trying to do.

First of all I had your generous letter of July 21, which I have already acknowledged under date of July 25, and I have told you how much I appreciate your thought of me on this occasion.

I received late last evening a note from Dr. Padilla, of which I send you a translation, which is indeed much too generous a tribute to what I have been trying to do here. I am sending you this copy because I thought you would be interested in seeing it.

This morning the President sent for me, saying that there was a matter he wished to talk over with me and when I got to the Palace I found that he really wished to congratulate me on the completion of thirty years service. I assume that Dr. Padilla had told him about it. He was so generous in what he said concerning what he knew about my actuation before I came to Mexico and here that I am too modest to try to put it in this letter. In any event, I thought you would be interested to know of this rather unusual gesture on the part of the President here but it is characteristic of his generosity and understanding and I am happy to say that we are really good and understanding friends.

I had a letter from Senator Araujo, who is one of the leading members of the Mexican Senate and who is really one of the outstanding men here and with whom my contact is

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relatively slight but whom I see from time to time. I was surprised to receive from him a letter, of which I enclose a translation today and I prize it because it comes spontaneously from one of the most important and understanding men in Mexican public life.

I am also sending you herewith a translation of a letter which I received from Dr. Manuel Tello, the Under Secretary of Foreign Relations, which is quite unexpected for while he is a very fine person and a capable one, he is inclined to be rather uncommunicative.

Please do not bother to acknowledge this letter but I thought you would be interested in seeing these letters.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

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