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Dear Dannie -

We spent the week end at Cuernavaca and had friends with us but the weather was horrible - it rained practically continuously day & night. We have had one of the "Korte" storms we often get in October and we gained about 18 millions in four days at Mexico. Another storm is in the making, and we may get another 10 millions if we are lucky. It's not likely we shall have more than 100 millions at Mexico by the end of the rains, and that is bad for us - when all other factors are so unfavorable.

The new Transmex Committee is meeting next Tuesday - today a week, and Taylor told me this morning that John Snijder is coming for it, arriving Friday the 23rd or on Saturday. I shall try to get him to Cuernavaca for the week end as there are a lot of things I want to talk over with him. In my opinion we have not had such a

serious situation in the Company since I
first joined it in 1947. I think Gueslar
understands it fully as we had a long talk
last Thursday night here at the house. I
shall have a long talk with Taylor before the
week is over. Taylor went to Lamma this last
week end - he had to make the last part of
the trip in a jeep as the roads were
worse as bad as in Korea when he was in
command of our troops there. Taylor is making
a very real effort to learn as fast as he
can and he is an extremely intelligent man.
I was going down to see him this morning
but he is spending most of the day today
at Satharia - he wants very properly to see
all of our plants.

We have some old friends from Cuba coming
to spend the week end with us. The situation

there is really terrible & serious, and as at home are doing nothing about it. The Conference at Santiago, Chile, showed never have been held at that time and the principal results were to tie our hands more than ever. I doubt whether in many years we have had such mediocrity in our government.

In the big picture we shall have trouble with MacMillan who is bound for a summit meeting before we are ready for it. We shall have less trouble with De Gaulle than with MacMillan. We can't make any comparisons between MacMillan & Chamberlain, but in some ~~ways~~ ways MacMillan is creating the same atmosphere as Chamberlain did.

Can you conceive of a British government ready to sell planes to a mad man in

Cuba - when we know he is a mad man
and wishes to use them to attack Santo
Domingo and Panama.

This visit of Lopez Matias to the U.S. will
have either very good - or very bad results.
It is too early yet to say. I see Draper
made a speech in Chicago yesterday before some
passive people and he should keep his mouth
shut about Latin America for he really knows
nothing about the part of the world. It is
difficult to determine if Draper is more in-
terested in this new business of his - or
in politics. Some still think the latter.

I'm feeling better on the whole
and have less discomfort. I wish I could
be more active physically but one cannot
have everything!

We have had practically no sunshine for
months - and I do miss that especially
during the weekends.

I shall have a long day, but at home.
The Minister Counselor of the Embassy and the
chief political officer are coming in for lunch
and I have a number of people who want
to come in this afternoon. I find every one
very unhappy about the course of events
in Mexico and there has to be a change
of policy soon, or every one will suffer.

I hope you are having better weather in
Greenwich than we are having here, and
that this note finds you all well.

Warmest regards in love & good wishes -

Fondly
Harry