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Mr. George S. Messersmith
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Mexico D.F., Mexico

December 2, 1953

Dear George:

I was delighted to speak to you on the telephone last Sunday and to know that you and Marion had a pleasant trip back to Mexico and that you are both feeling fit. I was also pleased to speak with you on the telephone last night and to exchange views regarding the appropriate procedure to be followed in the matter which we discussed.

As you know, after your departure from New York, I spoke to Mr. Maryssael regarding this matter, since I felt that you would agree that Maryssael should not be left uninformed and since it gave me the opportunity to have him meet Draper.

As I mentioned to you in our conversation last night, Draper is anxious to establish residence in Mexico before the end of the year if that can be done consistently with the interests of the Company and everyone involved. I am sure that you will appreciate this point of view. It is my feeling that it would not be necessary at this time to create a position on the Board for Mr. Draper, either by immediately increasing the membership of the Board by appropriate action of its Directors and Shareholders, or by having a present member resign during the period until such action could be more conveniently taken. However, as I mentioned to you last night, if you were to agree, in order to satisfy every point of view, that Draper be initially employed by Mexlight in the capacity of a consultant in Mexico, that might be done, preferably at your suggestion, and there would thus be a proper basis for obtaining the necessary immigration permit for his residence in Mexico.

As Draper and his attorneys were anxious to inform themselves immediately regarding the Mexican tax aspects of the matter, I felt that the logical course to follow was to have them discuss this aspect with Buchanan. A meeting was therefore arranged between Draper, his lawyers and Buchanan.

Since certain Board action will eventually be necessary, whatever procedure may be followed, I have asked Mr. E. A. Graydon to come to New York and to consult with me today regarding such action.

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Draper has told me that, after he gave me his agreement last Friday, he went to Washington on Saturday and spoke to Mr. Black, who stated his pleasure in seeing that a satisfactory understanding had been reached for all concerned.

Due to your many years spent in the foreign service, you probably appreciate, even more than I do, that a secret becomes public property when it is known by more than one person. I share your concern that if this matter is not handled discreetly and tactfully, it could have most unfortunate repercussions for our mutual interests. I fear that this impending change might reach the ears of some Mexican Government authority prematurely from other sources and, therefore, I suggest to you that you speak to Carillo Flores and anybody else in the government you deem necessary, informing them of your plans, so that when you resign, they will have been fully informed by you and will not have learned of this through other sources. We must take into account that some member of the Mexican Government may hear of the change very soon and that is why I make this suggestion to you. Your speaking now to Carillo Flores as a friend will, I am sure, facilitate the whole matter and demonstrate the friendship and esteem that you and the Company have for him. I am sure he will be very pleased to know that you will continue your close association with the Company.

With all good wishes to you and Marion,

Sincerely yours,