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Bob Darnie - If you did not see the ^{cl. n.} article of Sims you will
 November 13, 1950. Wish you people get it
 for you. —
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Dear Mr. Sims:

In the Spanish language newspapers of this last Sunday I read your very interesting dispatch dated Washington, November 10, in which you so strikingly and I believe so accurately and soundly review the situation with which we are faced so far as Soviet Russia and the world picture are concerned. I read it, I believe, with complete understanding and appreciation.

A friend of mine has just sent me a clipping from the NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM of November 10 publishing this same dispatch in English, and it is introduced by a brief preface in which it is stated that you are living in semi-retirement in France. I hope that you are enjoying some well-earned leisure. The same introduction to your dispatch, however, goes on to say that you maintain "a close watch on world affairs".

A racehorse cannot forget his habits, and so some of us who have been so long associated in one way or another with the international picture cannot forget our habits and we do not lose our interest in the major developments in the big picture which are so determining of events. As you may know, I retired from the Foreign Service towards the end of 1947, and it was my firm intention to live in Mexico very quietly and to do some writing that I have always wanted to do. Instead of that I took this position of Chairman of the Board of The Mexican Light & Power Company, which is the company which produces and distributes over fifty per cent of all the electricity in this really rapidly developing country, and I find that it has consumed all of my time and energy and I feel that I am accomplishing something constructive for the maintenance of the economy of Mexico, so close a neighbor of ours, as something of very real importance to us in the United States and in the American picture. It has, however, meant that I have not been able to do any writing as I should have liked to do, but like you you I have maintained just as keen an interest as ever in the developments in the major picture and have followed them as closely as my more limited opportunities permit. I have been endeavoring to point out to some of my friends with whom I remain in touch and who are more actively associated with things, just the very things which you in so striking and so pointed a way have brought out in your article.

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The reading of your article brought back many pleasant memories of the past. I always had for you the highest regard as a keen political observer and as really a great correspondent. I cannot refrain from writing you this note to tell you how happy I am that you have written this article, which I am sure will command the attention which it deserves.

I have not seen Roy Howard for well over a year, but I hope the next time I am in New York, which will probably not be until after the first of the year, I may have the opportunity of seeing him.

Believe me, with all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

G. S. Messersmith