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Dear Jimmy :

I have wanted to write you a word ever since I returned here, but with one thing or another, I have put it off. You know the things we really want to do are the things we usually put off because we want leisure to do them. What I did want to tell you is how much Marion and I are missing you and June. I know we shall miss you more, and I know how much your friends are missing you and June. It is a very nice feeling to have when ~~has~~ lived in a place, to know that one is being missed.

I hope that you are comfortably settled in your new home. I think you were very fortunate in finding the kind of house you did. I know that it must be a trial to make this trip to town five days a week and I think June at times will find herself a bit lonely, but perhaps all in all, you will find yourself better off where you are. Certainly the children will be.

I know that your father is very happy to have you home and to have you close. Your father has had an extraordinary life and a very constructive one. I wish the world knew more about it. I would like to tell the world about it while he is still alive. I hope he will have many happy years still to enjoy you all. He is extremely fond of you and takes great pride in you. I am sure he does not say much about it to you, but I know how he feels. It is too bad that he has so many things to concern him at a time when his time should be completely his own to use it as he sees fit, but perhaps the unfortunate thing is that if he had that complete freedom, he would not be happy. When one has been accustomed to struggling with adverse factors and overcoming obstacles, and when one has a mind busy always conceiving new things, one is really condemned to a certain kind of life. I am sorry that certain matters which you know of concerning myself, have had to cause him concern, or at least occupations, and the only consolation I have is that I was not the one who caused them.

Yesterday noon the Advisory Committee gave a luncheon for Mr. Maryssael and me at the new Rivoli. If you read the letter of which your father has a copy about that, you will be interested. It was really an unusual initiative and most encouraging that these important members of the Advisory Committee were not afraid to come out right into the open

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and say that what had been accomplished by the Company was not only for the good of the Company but for Mexico, and at the luncheon yesterday that was what Lic. Suárez who spoke, and the others emphasized.

I have written a very long and strictly confidential letter dated December 9 to Mr. Graydon giving him some background on things here, and I asked Mr. Draper to carry a copy to your father when he left yesterday. I think you will be interested in getting the copy from Yvonne and reading it, long as it is.

*Mr. Katz said you  
x his name was  
Sam Katz*  
Marion had dinner with Sam Katz in the Rivoli the night before last, and she told me what a really nice place it is and how good the food is. The luncheon which the Advisory Committee gave for Mr. Maryssael and me, was in the Rivoli and it is really the nicest restaurant in town. For the life of me I cannot remember the name of the impresario, but he is the man who had the restaurant in the María Cristina, whom you know so well. I had a long talk with him before the luncheon yesterday and told him that he could take a very justifiable pride in what he had done. I do not doubt but what the venture will be a success. It is by all odds the most pleasant restaurant in town.

I am not going to touch on things that are very close to my heart and yours as yet. All I can say is that I am sure that I have done the only thing that could be done and I think it will prove to be in the interest of the Company and that is the most important thing.

I do hope that you and June will have a very happy Christmas. I am sure that for your father and mother it will be wonderful, and I am sure they will enjoy it. I was sorry to hear that your mother had this trouble with her back, and it must be most annoying and painful as well. *Please* you give her our love. Marion would have written to her, but she has been very occupied with Christmas.

It keeps very cold here and for the first time since I am in Mexico I have worn an overcoat to the office in the morning. The weekends in Cuernavaca, however, are just as wonderful as ever, even though I have to put an electric heater in the bathroom for the morning bath.

Marion joins me in love and good wishes to you and June and I hope you will give our very best to all the family. I have the feeling that you are going to be happy in your new work when things get completely oriented. Do not bother to answer this letter, but I did want to tell you that we were missing you.

GSM/go

Cordially and faithfully yours,  
*[Signature]*