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PRIÈRE D'ADRESSER TOUTE CORRESPONDANCE
A LA SOCIÉTÉ SANS INDICATION DE PERSONNE

BRUXELLES, LE March 25, 1949.

TÉLÉPHONE: 12.66.10

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Dear Jimmy,

We arrived here on Wednesday morning and as Marian does not like to fly we came over by the "Hoek of Holland", and are at the Palace Hotel.

Graydon and Ford left, as planned, for New York yesterday from England. I stay here until April 1 or 2, and possibly April 3, when I return to London by air and will be at the Ritz until the evening of April 13. Marian will go from Brussels to Paris and will join the ship at a French port. I will board the ship at Southampton.

We want to get back to Mexico-City as soon as we can but there is no possibility of our sailing for New York before April 14. Our work on this side of the water has gone very well, but while it was necessary for Ford and Graydon to return and they had done really all what they could do, there is important work still to be done and all concerned were of the opinion that I must remain in order to get everything into as good shape as possible.

While the First Boston Corp. had prepared a reorganization plan keeping in mind the requirements of the World Bank, and while the Board of Mexlight and the World Bank had accepted the plan as prepared by the First Boston, there are some changes that may have to be made therein as a result of the conversations in London. These changes are not serious but will make the plan more easy to carry through. Failure to carry the plan in the meeting of anyone group of our security holders could interfere seriously with the whole operation. I want therefore before leaving for home to be as certain as one can be that we have a plan which we can carry, and the conversations in London were very helpful.

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FEUILLE N° 2.

James Heineman, Esq., Mexico-City.

I appreciate very much the letters which Maryssael and you have written me since my departure from Mexico-City. There was a Sodec meeting yesterday and there is a Sofina meeting today. Since my arrival in Brussels I have been occupied every minute and will be until Saturday evening. I have however wanted to write you these brief lines. I will try to write to Maryssael this morning also.

I think I shocked the Sofina staff this morning by arriving so early but I have wanted to get off a few letters before the meetings of the day begin.

Will you please tell Arthur and Mary that we will be sailing April 14. Their return permits do not expire until early June. This will mean that we will be back in Mexico-City in ample time for them to get to the U.S.A. Please tell them that I do not wish them to make their arrangements for departure until our home plans are certain, as my wife will wish them to be in Mexico-City for several weeks after her return. I understand from one of your letters that they had more or less fixed the time for leaving for the U.S.A. but they cannot do this yet before the above-mentioned reasons. You can tell them that we will be back in Mexico-City in ample time for them to get to the U.S.A. during the validity of their return permits.

The weather here in Brussels is wonderful compared to London. I gather that if you have not already gone North with June you will be doing so shortly.

Graydon should arrive in New York on the "America" on March 31. He will have to be in New York for I should say at least a week before he goes to Toronto. There are some things which he and Ford will have to take up with the World Bank almost immediately after their arrival in New York. I think it would be very useful if you are in New York around that time to wait long enough to see him as he will have the opportunity to pass to you at length verbally what has happened in London. You can pass on this information to Maryssael on your return to Mexico-City.

This is getting to be a long letter and I have a great deal to do. As you may not be in Mexico-City when this letter arrives I am sending a copy to Mr. Maryssael.

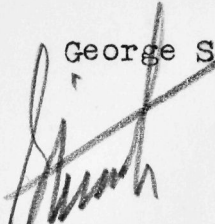
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James Heineman, Esq., Mexico-City.

With love and good wishes to you and June and to our
associates in the affairs in Mexico-City,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

 George S. Messersmith.

JVr.

cc. Mr. Maryssael.

P.S. Your father is well and very much occupied. We may go
to London together around April 1 or 2 and he may stay
there for at least a part of my stay in London.

