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Dear George:

Once again, I have made one of those commuting trips to New York. It was nice to find your good letter of April 10th awaiting me upon my return here a few days ago.

The month that you and Marion visited in Buenos Aires seemed to slip into thin air and, as is always the way, we were left with the regrets of having seen entirely too little of you. Everyone of your old friends was delighted to see you both again and to find that public utility life had agreed so well with you. Strange how such a life made an old man of me and a young man of George.

Perhaps no one knows more than I the amount of sincere friendship, time and effort that you have invested in Argentina and in the solution of her international problems. I know of this great interest of yours because of our close association with these problems during many years and the desire which both of us have always felt to be of service to our own country and to Argentina. On my visit, I too found a situation which would make it impossible for any agency of the government to offer the assistance which they would like to offer and which would be so beneficial. As you know, I had great hopes of working out an industrial-financial plan which, from private sources, would have filled in the requirements not covered by official assistance. This plan, of course, must now be abandoned. We have had many temporary setbacks in the past and I have always been able to find some means of assisting toward a solution. This time, however, I feel completely discouraged.

Our friend, René, seems to hold his head up and keep his sense of humour in spite of everything. I suppose all thought of Export-Import Bank financing is out of the question for the time being.

Jean and I may find an opportunity to visit you in Mexico one of these days. I'm hoping that we can have reunions at more frequent intervals in the future.

Our affectionate regards to you and Marion.

Cordially,

(signed)

Bill