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Dear Les :

Through the courtesy of Mr. Paul Culbertson I have just received your note of August 27, and I note with much pleasure that you were just about to leave Buenos Aires on a holiday when you wrote me and that you will be going direct to Washington and expect to be passing through Mexico City with Eleanor. I note that Eleanor will be here in September, and we will be delighted to see her, but I gather from your note to Mr. Culbertson that you may not be in Mexico City until the end of October.

Marion and I are leaving here on October 3 by train for New York and will arrive there on October 6. Marion will be staying in New York and Wilmington most of October and while in New York, she will be staying at the Hotel Carlyle, at 76th and Madison. I am going to Toronto on the evening of October 6 by train and will be there until October 10 for Board meetings, and will then return to New York. I expect to be around New York, Washington and Wilmington for the rest of October. Marion has not had any change of altitude since we returned from the Argentine, and I think a change will do both of us good. So far as I am concerned, I have not been feeling very fit for months and I have just returned from a week at our house in Cuernavaca and feel a lot better, but I know that I should have stayed another week. I shall have in some way to endeavor to cut down my hours of work.

We must not miss each other while you are north on this trip. There is a possibility of our missing each other if you are not here until the last week in October. It is a chore to write letters when one is on holiday, but I would appreciate your sending me a word as to where I will be able to see you

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at home . You can take it that from about October 10 to October 27 I am not going to be very far away from New York. I feel sure that we can arrange to see each other in New York or Washington if we cannot get together in Mexico City.

I am glad that you and Eleanor are taking this well-deserved holiday, and Marion and I look forward to seeing you. I know what Mr. Brosens discussed with you and I am very anxious to talk the matter over with you further when I see you at home or in Mexico City.

Marion joins me in affectionate good wishes to you and Eleanor.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith.

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