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Dear Jimmy -

Thanks very much for your note. Margusud is back but I saw him only very briefly Sunday night at Cuernavaca. He is coming in this Thursday for dinner alone and we can have a good talk. The weather at Cuernavaca has been very bad all summer. Rain every day - sometimes all day and often all night. It has been unusually bad. Of course I feel the cold more because I am under the tree. We have had very little sunshine. The dams over the country are almost all full but the upper dams at Mexcala have not yet filled. The probabilities are now that we will not have restrictions in current at least before July next, but the financial position of the Company is so bad we haven't got  $\frac{1}{3}$  of what we need for proper maintenance

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and extensions etc. The food is still growing  
but I think that will show a drop. We have  
not yet been compensated for the wage rise in  
March & I see no chance before Dec. 1, and  
who knows how soon after. The C.T.M. is  
asking for a 25% general increase in wages  
and thousands of firms have already received  
strike notices. For reasons you know, I do  
not go into detail about the situation  
here, but the problems that are piling up  
are tremendous. No matter how good a  
man the next president may be, the  
problems are such that he will have almost  
an impossible task.

I'm putting in an 18 K.V. standby  
plant at our house in Cuernavaca. It will

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be completely automatic and expensive, but  
the interruptions in service there have been  
so frequent, that I'm doing this to have a  
place where we can be sure of fuel. I'm  
using a gasoline engine, instead of a diesel  
- for there will be more chance of getting gas-  
oline than diesel oil. Already Mexico is importing  
over half the diesel oil it consumes! That  
tells a whole story in itself.

The doc in the hospital in Houston did  
me good and confirmed that there is no  
trouble except the dysentery. I weigh  
only 130 pounds stripped and am not losing  
any more, but don't seem to gain. The  
last analysis shows some of the lungs are  
still present - but apparently less, and I am

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Not taking any anti-Cooties. They are worse  
for me than the dengue. I have to duck  
leads up on imminals against the legs.  
Life is pretty dull - and I'm sorry for Marion,  
but she is taking it well.

In God Christine is going to spend  
some time at your father & Mother's home.  
It will do her good. I quote from one of  
your father's letters that Marysall said  
to him that I was sorry Wines had to  
suffer from things he (your father) did.  
Either your father misunderstood Marysall, or  
Marysall got some wrong information, and  
I will talk this over with Marysall  
when I see him Thursday so as to get  
this cleared up. I certainly said nothing of

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the kind to Marysue or to any one else.  
I will write you more fully and this office  
I have seen Marysue.

If you can make a satisfactory arrange-  
ment with Benton, I hope it will work out.  
He is my intelligent + active and I know  
him well. If you want me to enter Benton  
I will do good to do so, for our relations  
have always been friendly.

Many of our friends are away on trips to  
Europe or elsewhere. The Kates have been  
away and Grace is still in New York.  
Sam is coming back for a while and he  
and General Rodriguez have underwritten  
the international golf tournament which  
will take place here this year. I  
think Sam will return to New York.

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for the rest of October, but as he is only returning today, I do not know his plans. I think you are at the house or the Ambassadors.

I go out practically none for the regime I have to follow doesn't permit it. We do get to Cuernavaca very well and it has been pretty dreary for Merion for a long time now and I hope I shall soon feel myself again. This is a hurried note before I go to my daily morning visit to the doctor. Will write soon again. All the best from Merion & myself to you all -

Farefully  
Ernest