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*Replied long hand
July 7, 1955*
Dear Owen:

Your letter of June 28 reached me on my return to Mexico City on July 1. It was forwarded to me by Amatas, 50 Broadway, New York City. I intended to call you on the telephone before we left but I had so many things on my mind that I did not get to do it.

I spent the last days of June in Toronto where we had the General Meeting and Directors Meeting of Mexlight. I returned to New York the night of Thursday of last week and we left Friday morning for Mexico City. Marion's sister-in-law, Edith Mustard, and her nine-year-old daughter Marlene came down with us and also Virginia Layton's oldest daughter, who is thirteen. We have therefore quite a family.

I had a little problem before we left. I had been feeling fine all during my stay. The thing with the tooth went very well and the nose operation was a success I think in every way and I feel so much more comfortable, as the result of it. Just before I went to Toronto my tummy began to bother me again and while I was in Toronto I felt really miserable. I could not make up my mind whether to delay our return to Mexico or whether to go back with Marion and get her settled with the family and then make a trip north again if it is necessary. I decided that I could not let her come down with all these people on the plane with the Customs and Immigration and everything and so much baggage. We had a very pleasant trip down and are again comfortably settled in our little home in Mexico City and in our house in Cuernavaca. We are just at this moment at our house in Cuernavaca and are returning to Mexico City in the morning. This is the first letter that I am writing since I am back.

I shall wait another ten days and see how I feel. If this discomfort in my side continues it is a sure sign that it is something more than colitis and that it is a return of the ulcer. In that case I shall have to go to Boston to spend a couple of weeks in the New England Baptist Hospital under the care of Dr. Sara Jordan. I don't know what I possibly could have done to bring back this ulcer if it has come back, because I have been so careful in my diet, etc. The ulcer happens to be at a very bad spot and the doctors warned me that it might come back at any time. I have, however, the feeling that it

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isn't really the ulcer but that it is colitis. I will be writing you within the next ten days and let you know how things are.

I appreciate very much your sending me the letter from Knopf and I have the same questions in my mind concerning the letter that you do. I think that it is a very nice letter, but I am not quite clear as to what he means in the second part of the letter. I have exactly the same questions in my mind that you do. Before giving you any interpretation I would like to read it over again several times in the next few days and I shall be writing you. In any event, it is certainly a very nice letter from Knopf and a very understanding one.

Marion and I enjoyed so much seeing you. This is a very hurried note. You will be hearing from me again very shortly. I am really not in the mood for writing as this colitis, ulcer or whatever it is makes me quite uncomfortable, but I did want to send you this word without delay. Marion joins in love and good wishes.

Always faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith