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Cuernavaca, Nov. 10, 57 Sunday

Dear Dannie,

Today we have been here for ten days and return to Mexico City to-morrow. An old friend of ours, Kate Maull (?), from Leuro, Delaware arrived about 10 days ago for a month's stay with us, and we came immediately to Cuernavaca. We had several other friends with us and it was very pleasant.

I went to town to get the usual vaccine shot for the urinary and intestinal infection and aside from that have hardly left the grounds of the house. The weather has been magnificent.

The rains are over and it has been the worst rainy season in many years. We are going to have a bad year for power, and every effort is being made to have the companies that have stand by plants to put them into operation. All these stand by plants use diesel oil and Mexico is already importing diesel so it means bigger imports of diesel. The electricity and oil problems, which it would be so easy to solve by wise and round measures, are going to become increasingly serious, and neither problem can be solved by improvisation.

Mexico, with all the ground filled with oil in certain areas, imported about \$100,000,000 of oil last year, and with all these resources is rapidly drifting into the position of Brazil and Argentina. The uncertain situation about electric power is a very disturbing factor. Politics affects economic solution in many countries but in the Latin countries it is worse.

The third unit at Lecheria should be giving power into the system by April next year, but the uncertain attitude of the Government towards our Company, has made the longer range planning so essential, practically impossible.

Marion had a letter from Hettie saying she is slowly getting better, and I hope the improvement continues. She says you may be making a trip to Carolina, and I feel sure you would enjoy it, but hope you will not overdo. Your birthday comes the end of this month, and Marion and I hope you may have many more of them in good health.

I am feeling better and the colitis is much better, and the nervousness is less. The treatment by my new doctor certainly has helped, but I have lost weight, and feel so weak a good part of the time. The doctor recently made tests for andelant fever (moto feon) and the results were positive so I'm taking treatment for that.

My correspondence has suffered for I have felt disinclined to any effort. In every event, I think they are helping me more

than they did at the Lehey Clinic. I suppose here they are more accustomed to look for tropical diseases.

Marion has been well, and it is remarkable what she does. How she does it, I don't understand. She is very much like her mother who had extraordinary energy.

The recent developments with the satellites have over people and what we have needed for years, may grow out of this, that is, elimination of the rivalries between the army-navy and air force, and some real measure of collaboration. I am one of those who know how deep seated and dangerous these rivalries have been. There is much for us to think of these days, and in many ways we are not prepared for the responsibilities we have as a country, and I am slow to criticize, tho I see the deficiencies.

The candidate of the one real political party here has been announced. He is Lopez Matteredo - the Minister of Agriculture. He is supposed to be a middle of the road man. Time will tell for this country has serious problems ahead of it. The President in Mexico has more power as such than the President of the U.S. - no decision is made without him, so practically the whole trend of developments in the country in every field hangs on him. Let us hope for the best.

Marion joins in much love and good wishes to you all. Sam and Grace Katz are here, and send their best wishes to you all. I miss talking with you, and letters are no substitute. I will write again very soon.

All our love,

Faithfully,

Sg: GEORGE

It looks as tho our friend Adenauer has finally had to put his finger on his successor, and from what I know, I would say Erhardt is the best he could do.