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I made a fool of myself, since I am in bed with an attack of pneumonia. Fortunately, penicillin did the trick and I am making good progress, although I am still rather weak. I hope to be my old self again within a week or so. I expect to go abroad by the end of February.

Jimmy is still in Paris. He has been travelling extensively during the last few months, to Belgium, Holland, England, Switzerland. He seems to like his job and his chiefs seem to like him, so I hear. I think his desire would be to join Sofina, but with his knowledge of Europe and speaking fluently four languages, I believe he could render useful services to his country.

I have my hands full. Difficulties all over the place. Mr. Speciael will be arriving in Mexico. You are acquainted with our difficulties there. I have asked Mr. Speciael to see you as soon as you can receive him. He is extremely intelligent and quick. I should be very thankful if you would advise him how to overcome the difficulties he is up against. Should the Mexican Governement carry out their plans, the reaction for many enterprises in the world, and not only in Mexico, would be disastrous. The success of Speciaels's mission, therefore, is of significant importance.

I hope you are keeping well and with best regards to you and Marion,

Believe me,

As ever,

D.N. Heineman

H/YJ.

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