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México, D. F.
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Dear Jimmy:

You will by this time have had my letter of August 10. I did not get to see Wilbur Morrison. He did pass through Mexico City on his return from Guadalajara to the United States, but he was here for only a few hours, I understand. Bink Goodrich and Sam Katz tell me that Morrison is going to be here again on August 28 for a day or more on business of Pan American. I will be sure to see him then if he does come here, which I think he is certain to do because I think he is coming here for a Board meeting in which he is very much interested. I thought nevertheless that I had better write him at least a brief note, which I have done. It is a very unsatisfactory letter but I do not think I should go into too much detail in the letter. I simply wanted to open the way for a conversation between him and yourself. I can do much more when I actually see him. I see no reason why you should not ask Pan American in New York when they expect Morrison there, for I am sure that if he is there before he comes to Mexico City on the 28th, he would be glad to see you there. It is also possible that he would be glad to see you in Miami. There is no reason why you should not take any of the initial steps necessary to getting into direct touch with Morrison.

I must tell you that the more I think of this business of an association with Pan American the less I think of it. I don't want to say anything to discourage you from anything in connection with forming an association with Pan American. There must be reasons why you are interested in Pan American in particular. I do not see them, but that does not mean that they do not exist and that the connection might not prove to be a proper and good one and a lasting one. As I told you in my previous letter, this aviation business is a hard one. The dealing with governments is difficult. The dealing with authorities is difficult. I don't just see where you would fit in and how you would like it. If it is a question of negotiating with other governments, you would be excellent for that, but I can assure you that it has as many if not more frustrations than similar work for a public utility. The airplane companies do not pay any too well. One has to be pretty sure where one stands before one starts. I think one has to see pretty well the path one could follow and which is open from the beginning. It is tough sledding in the business. You obviously see things in connection with it that I do not see, but that does not mean that you are not right and that I may be entirely wrong. I am only being entirely frank.

Wilbur Morrison and I were never particularly good friends. He is a very good businessman and a very effective one. He is a hard ~~trader~~ trader and when I was Ambassador here we got on very well together, but there were times when I could not go along with him in some of the things that he wanted to do.

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He has been very successful and is still very successful. While we did not see so much of each other, it was mainly because he had already changed his headquarters from Mexico City elsewhere when I came here as Ambassador. I have a lot of respect for him and I think he has a lot of respect for me. That is as far as the relationship between him and me really goes.

Thank you for giving me the address of your father. I am going to dictate a letter to him and I will send you a copy of it. As I will cover in the letter to your father some of the things happening here which may be of interest, I will not endeavor to go into any of that sort of thing in this letter. The chances are that I will not be able to mail this letter before Monday as I will not be returning from Cuernavaca before Monday noon.

This is a very hurried note and I should have written you yesterday, but could not get at it. With love and good wishes to you and June,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

Aug 23 - This letter was not mailed as I was in Cuernavaca. GSM