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Dear Dannie,

It was good of you to call the other day. I had been thinking of calling you. I have written few letters recently, as I have been busy with visitors from the States. The inauguration of the new President brought all kinds of people. Dulles came but was here only 36 hours and we had really no time to talk. He did not look well and on his return home went to Walter Reed, as you know. The papers say, and from what I get from other sources, it is only colon trouble and not a return of the cancer, I hope it isn't. How he carried the load he has is beyond me.

We will spend Christmas at Cuernavaca and the Katz's will be with us. One of Marion's nieces from Wilmington and her husband and their children will arrive day after Xmas and stay for three weeks.

The weather is better now - less rain - but not much sunshine - and cold both here and in Cuernavaca.

Sam Katz is in New York at the Hotel Drake having some dental work done and will be there until about Dec. 20. Grace did not go with him.

I'm feeling some better - but still don't gain any weight and can't get my strength back. Marion is wonderful - she keeps going, almost too much. She has a lunch and dinner engagement I think every day this week including Monday.

Bob Hill, the Ambassador here, is coming for lunch with me alone at the house today. He is very young (41) but very intelligent. The article in the last issue of Time on Lopez Matteos, the new President here, is worth reading. It is based on a 3 hour interview with Lopez Matteos by one of the Time's best men. You can form your own conclusions, but all I can say that the interview is very accurate.

The Mexican Government is not friendly to private enterprise now - but they expect more money from the U.S. than we can possibly lend them. We will have to wait a few months to see how things go here.

Draper came back Wednesday and is leaving again Saturday. I think this new Committee will keep him in Washington a lot more than he thinks, or at least more than he admits.

I am looking around for a good secretary. I would like to get at my manuscripts. I've decided to redictate all that I have written, and have made copious notes of the more important things I didn't even touch in the first dictation.

Marion joins in much love to you all, and I hope that you and all the family will have a very happy Xmas.

Always faithfully

/ GEORGE /