

Thursday, Nov. 6, 58

Dear Dannie,

I have waited to write you all week, but the days have gone by so rapidly. I have had a good deal to do this week. This regime which I still have to follow of eating 6 times a day and lying down immediately after eating for at least 30 minutes simply destroys the days and it is hard to get things done. The regime has helped and I'm to keep it up for at least another month. I am not losing any more, and have gained a few ounces, and feel a little stronger as the weeks pass. I look all right in the face, but as long as I can't gain a little weight, I shall not get my strength back.

We haven't seen Christiane Maryssael but have talked with her on the 'phone. She seems to be getting on well. Gustave is very busy as Draper has been away a lot, and the Company has many problems. I'm giving more time to try to help more than I have for some time. I'm very much afraid that the Government is more and more thinking of eventual taking over of the Company. We are feeling the effects of lack of money for maintenance and I am glad we have this plant of our own at the Cuernavaca house. The house in Cuernavaca is a great comfort but it is expensive. I'm having the whole exterior painted again, and a good part of the inside. The heavy rains made repairs to the roof necessary.

The rains are still continuing. We still have practically no sunshine, and it often rains heavily all night altho this is the beginning of November. The atomic explosions may have something to do with this extraordinary weather - altho I have always felt they had nothing to do with it.

After 44 visits to the dentist the complicated bridge work that Marion had done seems to be satisfactorily ended!

I would like for various reasons to make a trip north as I am concerned about some possibility of change in our lending practice but I have decided to mind my own business. I don't feel like traveling yet.

The elections were no surprise to me. I felt sure Nelson Rockefeller would defeat Harriman, but I did not think he would have such a big majority. God grant we will not have him for President - I know him well, and like him, but among other things he has always been a poor judge of people to work with, or for him.

I think Draper may take some more time off as I understand they want him to give some time to being Chairman of a Committee to study Military Aid programs which he can't very well refuse to do, and it would mean his being in Washington one week and the other here for a period of several months.

Marion and I often wish you were all with us here. I hope Edna has her strength back and that Hettie is well. Please tell Jimmy I hope to write him soon. Marion joins in love and good wishes to you all.

Faithfully
GEORGE