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Dear Mr. Messersmith:

On my return from Sharon Monday night I received your last letter informing me that you had spoken to Del Busto and others about IEM. It is most kind of you, particularly since you are not feeling too well, to volunteer to gather information about that company. Please do not do anything if it is any trouble to you. I do hope, however, that you will feel well enough to write me about IEM, for it will be an indication that you are feeling better.

I am enclosing an obituary on George Tinkham from this morning's "Times". I remember Tinkham's visiting you in Mexico, so believe you may be interested in reading it. He was quite a man.

Father continues to make slow progress, and now no longer has nursing care which shows that there is some improvement, since he required it for over two months. The rest of the family are all well.

I don't suppose that there is any chance at all of Mexlight obtaining the rates before the first of October, due to the President's State-of-the-Union address on September 1. I know practically nothing of the rate application and I fear that when the rates are granted they will not be what the company has requested, nor in the form asked for. It is a shame that nationalistic feeling does prevent some people from doing the right thing, thereby causing so much damage to the economy of the country. Unfortunately, Antonio seems weakest when things are going well, but I suppose that is understandable.

I have not had any news from Brussels for quite some time. Bachrach returned from there about ten days ago, and generally confirmed what we already knew. Apparently, Brosens will be leaving B. A. early in September to go to Brussels where the judiciary will ask him to make some statements. It would appear that the whole thing could die a natural death since it is a source of considerable embarrassment to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. However, it seems highly unlikely that

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March will desist through a middleman from bringing a civil suit. I really cannot state what the outcome of this could be except that it can keep the matter alive longer and cause general embarrassment.

Please give my love to Mrs. Messersmith, and thank you again for being willing to send me your comments on IEM.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Heineman

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