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Dear Brosens:

This is just a word to tell you that I got your letter of September 19 about your plans and the probability of our seeing you with Mrs. Brosens in early December, and that I wrote you in Buenos Aires on September 23. As this letter may not reach you before you leave Buenos Aires, I am sending you this further personal word to Brussels to tell you how much we look forward to seeing you here whenever it may be convenient for you. Marion and I have been looking forward to a visit from you and Mrs. Brosens here for several years and we hope that this time there may be nothing to interfere with your staying with us, and I hope that you will be able to remain for some time instead of too fleet a visit. Completely aside from the personal satisfaction and pleasure it will give Marion and me to see you here with us, I think you will really enjoy seeing Mexico City and its surroundings and Maryssael and I would like you to know our people here in the office better, as well as to see our plants and to get the feel of our situation, which one can only get really, as you know, by being on the spot.

It seems that we have solved in a most satisfactory way one of our two major problems, which is the labor problem, and it has been resolved in a way which is really better than anything that we could have hoped for, and we hope to keep it on a sound basis. It means a tremendous lot for the company, as well as for the public, and the whole story is really a fascinating one and an extraordinary one which I will tell you about when I see you here, as I am sure you will be very much interested.

Our other major problem, which is the cash position from which we suffer and the better treatment which we need from the authorities to resolve that, as well as the whole future position

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of the company, is in its acute stages now and we are occupied with this too many hours of every day and have been for months and will be for some weeks longer. I am sure that we will get a satisfactory solution, but it will take at least 6 months to get a full solution for all of the aspects of the problem. The present administration is going out on December 1 and while we are presenting all of our problems to it forcefully, you with your knowledge of these countries will appreciate that we cannot expect a full resolution of the longer range problems until the new administration has been in for several months. While it is a tremendous struggle, it is well worth while and I have every confidence myself that it will work out satisfactorily. It means in some ways almost a super-human effort, but we have many friends who are understanding of the importance of the company and of the electricity situation.

Mr. Heineman was here for about a month and we enjoyed his stay here with us tremendously. He is very well and I understand he intends to leave for Brussels around October 10 and you will be seeing him there and he will tell you about things here. He is as dynamic and as interested and as resourceful as ever and it was really stimulating, as well as pleasant, to have him here and I was of course particularly happy to see him looking and feeling so well. He was good enough to prolong his stay to help us in connection with the Patla project, where we have a very serious problem, because the contractor has fallen down badly on the job and it is incredible that a company like the Société Générale d'Entreprise should have fallen down as they have.

I did want to send this word to Brussels because I wished to be sure that you know with what pleasure and anticipation we look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Brosens here, and I do hope that you will plan to stay sufficiently long to really enjoy the stay. I am not writing you about a lot of other things because I am sure we will have an opportunity to talk these over when I see you here.

Marion joins me in affectionate good wishes to you and Mrs. Brosens,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

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