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Mr. G. Maryssael
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Mexico 1, D.F., Mexico

Dear Mr. Maryssael:

I have just spoken to Mr. Messersmith, who is in the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. He asked me to tell you that he is getting along quite well.

The cause of his distress has been an ulcer on the lower part of his stomach which heretofore had not been detected. This ulcer has contributed to upset other organs. The doctors are hopeful that they can treat the ulcer without performing surgery. If this is the case, Mr. Messersmith will have to remain at least another three weeks in the hospital for special treatment and will have to continue on a rigid diet, etc. after leaving the hospital. The doctors will decide next Wednesday if an operation should be performed and Mr. Messersmith believes that it might not be necessary. He told me that the doctors are well satisfied with his general physical condition so that if an operation is necessary, he should be able to stand it well.

Last night I saw Juan Pedrazzi at dinner. He sailed today with his family on the "Liberte". He seems to be enjoying his retirement and was very excited about his trip to Europe.

I have heard that you now plan to come through New York at the end of this month or the beginning of next on your way to Brussels with your family. Can you confirm this rumor? As you know, we all look forward very much to seeing all of you.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

JHH: pm