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Dear Dannie:

I think you will be interested for your personal background, in a conversation I had with Matson, the head of the American and foreign group in Mexico. He and his wife spent the last week-end with us in Cuernavaca and are very good friends of ours, as we knew them in Buenos Aires before he came to Mexico. He has just returned to Mexico from a brief holiday in the United States.

He told me that Ebasco has expanded its activities very much and is doing a lot of work. He said that he was told in New York that the Ebascos had six million kilowatt of new power plants on their drawing boards. Most of this is for the United States. The largest job they are doing is a 600,000 KW plant they are designing, and I believe, building for the Atomic Power Commission in the United States. This plant is somewhere in the middle West. He said that Ebasco has been obliged to rent offices all around their present offices in New York, and that they now have some 3500 draftsmen at work. He said, that while most of the work Ebasco was doing was in new power plants, they were doing work in designing other kinds of plants as well. I gather that one of the jobs they are doing in the power field is in Greece.

In general, I gather from what Matson said, that Ebasco has expanded enormously and that the expansion is continuing and that its work is covering a wider field than in the past.

He told me an interesting bit of news, he said, that John Fitch who has for years been the Chief Engineer of the Export, Import Bank, has joined the Ebasco staff, and so far as he knows, is going to take charge of this job which Ebasco is doing in Greece for the E.C.A.

I am not altogether surprised that Fitch is leaving the Bank, because he has a family and his staying with the Bank so many years has been a real sacrifice, though he has had many offers from various firms. He is really not only an

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excellent engineer, but a man of very good judgement and he has a world of experience and background. It is too bad that he is leaving the Bank, but of course, he cannot be blamed because the salary which he is getting, or will get, from Ebasco, is probably two or three times what he got from the Bank. I am only passing on this word about Fitch as indirect information, for I have no direct information as yet that he is leaving the Export, Import Bank and going to Ebasco.

Hoping that you had a good trip, with all good wishes,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith



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