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Dr. John M. Dawson, Director,  
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Dear Dr. Dawson:

I am deeply indebted to you for your letter of September 4. Forgive my delay in acknowledging it - a bad cold has forced me to the sidelines for the better part of the last two weeks.

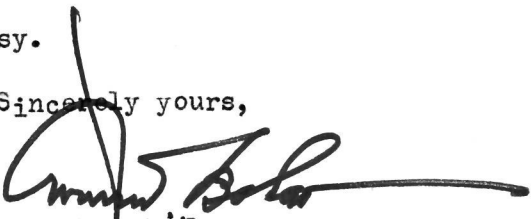
The negative character of your findings do not greatly surprise me. During the hectic weeks preceding Mr. Messersmith's departure for Argentina, the telephone played more than its usual prominent role in exchanges between Mexico City and Washington although I would by no means rule out the suspicion you voiced.

Unfortunately, the Agricultural Attaché assigned to the Embassy in 1946 passed on to his reward some years ago. He could probably have cleared up the matter for us since he was an intimate friend of the Mexican Minister of Agriculture at the time.

I would be delighted if you added the correspondence I sent you to the Messersmith papers. If I am able to develop any further information, I will pass it on to you.

Again my thanks for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,



Merwin L. Bohan.