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Dear Donald:

I have just received your letter of September 1 in reply to mine of August 26 and appreciate your writing me. As it is my intention to make a trip north to New York and Washington, and probably to Toronto, in the near future on business of the company, I believe that it would be better to discuss this matter which is the subject of our recent correspondence when we see each other than by letter.

I cannot tell just when I shall be leaving here. I understand that Dannie is planning to arrive in New York around September 11 or 12. I suppose that Hettie will still be at the farm then and that he will wish to go up there, but may be spending some days in New York before going on to the farm. I would like very much to see him, of course, as soon as he arrives, for aside from the pleasure of seeing him, there are so many things that we can usefully talk over. The fact, however, is that there are certain things of vital importance to the company which make it impossible for me to determine just when I will leave here. As you have undoubtedly been able to gather from the press, the Mexican Government has a good many major problems with which to deal these days, but the electricity problem is one of the important ones and there are some major decisions which must be made by the government in this field in the immediate future. One of the characteristics of Latin countries is that while certain responsible people in government may know what has to be done they are slow in doing it and have some very real difficulties in doing it. I expect during this next week to have some important conversations with the President and with some of the principal Ministers connected with this matter of electricity, in order to facilitate decisions with respect to policy, or rather with respect to the implementation in concrete ways, without further delay, of policy already determined upon and which I still believe it is the will of the Mexican Government to carry through. These conversations are so important that I must hold them before I leave here, but I shall certainly arrive in New York soon after Dannie's return.

With all good wishes,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

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