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Dear Dannie:

I appreciated your calling me at the hospital in Houston. They were able to arrest the dysentery and the analysis show that the bugs are on the run but have not entirely disappeared. I'm not taking any more antibiotics. They think I'm building up an immunity to the bugs. I'm very thin - weigh less than I have for many many years, that is not so bad because when I'm fully rid of this business I should gain enough weight. The doctor in Houston says the six weeks of dysentery weakened me very much and that it will be more difficult to regain my strength than after the big stomach operation. I have to eat 6 small meals a day and lie down 30 minutes after each as the bugs got up into the little stomach, so that it became inflamed and the food went thru it like a sieve. All in all it means a strange kind of life. I'm getting back strength very slowly and if I go out with Marion I don't stay for more than an hour.

We are having torrential rains almost all over Mexico. The dams of the company have plenty of water and at Lerma the waters rose so that the plant was threatened, but for the present the danger is over there. For the first time in years, we are not going to Cuernavaca for the week-end as it has rained so steadily there.

I'm putting in an 18 kv Stanley plant at the house in Cuernavaca - a Hercules (American) gasoline engine and a Swiss generator. It will work automatically. We have so many interruptions and such low voltage that it has made the week-ends at Cuernavaca less agreeable. It will cost a fair amount, but at my age I think I can think of our comfort, rather than what we may leave when we die to our nephews and nieces. We won't know what the policy of the Government towards the private companies will be until the new President comes in on Dec. 1, and in my opinion for some time later. There are all sorts of problems accumulating in this country and the new President will have his hands full. There is no real communist party in Mexico, but the communists from the outside have been very active and we have had all sorts of disorders which have not been exaggerated in our press at home.

Maryssael was due back here a week ago, but on arriving in New York his wife had to have an operation, for I do not know what, and Draper tells me this morning Maryssael is expected back Sunday.

I do not venture out for meals these days, but we are having a bunch of the directors in Mexico today at the Club Industrial to discuss what can be done towards some financing in pesos. The nationalistic trend all over the world is really fantastic and unreal and can lead to no good for anyone. I do mean that we shouldn't do some financing in pesos - that is essential. It depends on the way it is done.

Things have really taken a turn for the better in Argentina if the Government is strong enough to carry thru the new program on oil and the electricity companies. The arrangement to be made with the Cade is not ideal but is far better than anything that seemed possible a year ago.

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Marion is having a big dental job done and has been to the dentist 16 times in 3 weeks and has two more weeks to go before the job is done.

I came across an address which André Siegfried made at a cotton meeting in Italy in 1957 and will try to get a photostatic copy of it as it is really interesting and will send it to you. The book is not available, as it was only a report of a cotton meeting.

I got the book you sent me and am getting a lot of pleasure out of it.

I wish we lived closer and could see each other any day. There is so much to talk about.

I returned from Houston Sept. 12 (Friday) and we went straight to Cuernavaca and stayed until Wednesday the 17th, the weather was miserable. I like to see rain because it means k.W.h; if it falls in the right places, but we have had really no sunshine for months.

Marion joins in love and good wishes to you and all the family. Again thanks for the phone call and the book.

Always faithfully,

GEORGE