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Dear Bonnie -

I sent you yesterday a reprint from Life about Pablo Casals which I did not know you had seen.

We have had quite a busy time the last week or so. Milton Eisenhower has been here for about two weeks and has left today. It was President Wilson who started this practice of sending special ambassadors, or whatever one chooses to call them. Col. House was requested to send several men, and except to Wilson, but he must have been a thorn in the flesh of the regularly accredited Ambassadors. Almost any President since Wilson has followed this precedent and I think it is under the best circumstances a bad practice. It is better to do things thru channels.

In any event I do not have too high an  
opinion of William Essinkhouse. I had a long  
talk with him alone and saw him a number  
of times. I have known him for some years,  
and I think it is better for Presidents to  
keep their brothers at home. William Essinkhouse  
is supposed by some to be an expert on  
Latin America. I cannot out of my experience  
say that he is an expert.

Taylor arrived last Wednesday, a week  
ago, and left this morning for home.  
He has a lot he has to finish before he  
comes here again as he has an agreement  
with a publisher.

He is coming here towards end September  
to stay. Warren & I are giving a big  
party for the Browns and the Taylors  
at Carronville on Sunday September 27.

John Snyder arrived last Saturday morning.  
They had a meeting of the Finance Committee  
Saturday. They all came to Curran on Saturday  
afternoon. The Dopes stayed with the Mary-  
malls, and the Torkers and John Snyder  
stayed with us. They returned to Mexico  
City Sunday evening.

Mr. Foster seems like a very nice person.  
He is quite a man. He looks younger than  
his 57 years. He is very pleasant and  
there is no doubt that he is a student,  
and apt at languages. I think he speaks  
7 languages: His Spanish is very good.  
He used to teach Spanish at West Point.  
He does not speak Spanish as well as  
Marymalls, nor is he more fluent than  
I in that language - but he does speak  
it more grammatically than I. I also

noted that he speaks fairly good French,  
you may remember he was in command of  
the U.S. Troop in Korea during the  
Korean war, and it was there that he  
and Arthur Dean got to know each other  
so well. They are together in Korea for  
about 8 months.

I think Taylor made a good impression  
while he was here on the people whom  
he met. That he speaks Spanish well  
means a lot to our Nationalistic Mex-  
ican friends - and of course it is a  
great advantage in his work here.

My feeling is that he will work out  
well here, but I cannot make up my mind  
until I have seen him really at  
work.

Sunday morning was the only time John

Singer & I nearly had a chance to talk alone and we had a good talk. He said he had talked with Drope & Taylor ~~at~~ about the matter concerning me that you had discussed with John. John said their reaction was favorable. John said he enjoyed his lunch with you immensely.

In my opinion & I had no opportunity to talk more alone, but Drope had practically my hour filled for him. John returned home late Tuesday evening.

I have not been feeling very well. My digestion seems to bother me. I feel wonderful while we were on the visit home in May & June. If I don't feel better

I will go to Houston for a week for a check up of the stomach & intestinal

tract but I prefer not to go unless I  
feel I have to. If I go, I will go alone,  
as Maria does hate to fly and it is  
really bad for her.

We had some Cuban friends for lunch  
today. They are very rich but Castro is  
taking away what they have pretty fast.  
This doctrine of non-intervention for me  
is silly. It simply weakens our  
position. There are times when we should  
intervene.

There is a lot of news in the papers  
in the west about Ike's travels  
& those of Keesler. I wish both would  
stay at home.

Supper is ready so I have to close  
this letter. I have had a full day and

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am ready for a good look and a  
good sleep. Thank you so much  
for to you + all the family,

Fondly

Henry