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Dear Dannie:

Marion and I had a very pleasant trip back and arrived last night, the train being only about an hour late. Things seem to have gone here quite normally while I was away, but I shall be writing you further when I am fully into the picture again. I do want to tell you how glad Marion and I were to see you all and how much we enjoyed being with you, and I need not tell you what a pleasure it was for me to be able to spend some time with you.

Jimmy is well and June returned on Saturday and I understand brought quite a number of people with her in the plane, so I think Jimmy has some guests on his hands for the time being.

I wanted to send you this word immediately as I think we must handle this matter with regard to Clark and the work he has been doing in Washington with the greatest care. Clark has many good qualities and has shown some very human qualities, and whatever we do I would like to see done in such a way as to spare his feelings as much as possible. In view, however, of the way in which the matter was put to me from Washington over the phone just before I left, as I explained to you, I am sure that we must make arrangements for having someone else do the work that we must have done in Washington. The way the matter was put to me we have, I think, no other recourse, and as you know, what I was told over the phone only confirmed some of my own very real misgivings.

Before leaving New York I was able to mention this matter to Lorie and told him I had mentioned it to you but that he was not to mention anything to Clark for the present and that for

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the present Clark should continue his work in Washington as before, and until we had made other arrangements. I told Lorié that I wanted to talk the matter over with Levitan here, who as you know is in Mexico on a holiday, and after I have talked it over with Levitan I will be writing you and Lorié about the matter as to how we can best handle it.

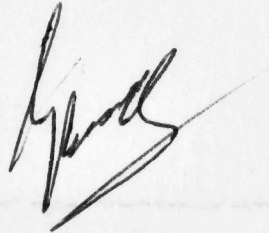
I find that Levitan is spending a part of his holiday in Acapulco and will not return here until Friday, November 2 or Saturday, November 3. He plans to stay in Mexico City until around November 12 as there are some things around Mexico City he wants to see and do before returning. He plans to leave Mexico City around November 12 for New York by car by way of Brownsville and New Orleans and is planning to be in New York around Thanksgiving time.

My suggestion is that we let the matter stand until I have been able to write you after I have seen Levitan here, or until Levitan gets back to New York. I will be able to say something more precise and helpful after I have talked with Levitan. I would suggest that in the meantime nothing be said to Clark about this matter and you will recall that I promised Mr. Anderson of the Bank that I would not mention him or the Bank or the O.I.T. officials in any way in connection with this matter when taking it up with Mr. Clark.

With all good wishes to you all in which Marion joins,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

GSM/cbc

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G. Smith', written in a cursive style.