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Dear Dannie :

I have your telegram which I received in Cuernavaca and in which you state that Brosens will be in New York between January 15 and 20. I wish that I could be there, and I need not tell you that I would if I thought it were prudent, but it is quite out of the question.

I had an X-ray examination at the hospital last Thursday morning, which was the earliest that I could have it, in spite of the fact that I was already strong enough to go to the hospital, the examination proved to be quite an ordeal, as it was naturally a very thorough one. I think they must have taken ~~some~~ 150 pictures. After the examination was over, Dr. Zubirán informed me that, although the plates had not yet been developed and it would be necessary for them to make a very full examination thereof, he could already tell me that the examination was very satisfactory and that the question of an operation was excluded for the present. He is of the opinion that with careful diet and exercising a certain prudence, there is always the possibility that an eventual operation may not be necessary. The unfortunate part of these hernias of the oesophagus, however, is that, no matter how much prudence one may exercise, they may return at any time. I am, however, very happy that the preliminary results of the X-ray examination show that an operation is not necessary.

Marion and I left Thursday evening for Cuernavaca where we remained until this morning (Monday), and the complete rest there did me a great deal of good. I regained strength rapidly and also gained back a kilo of the weight which I had lost. I will go to the hospital in the morning to see Dr. Zubirán and to get the full result of the X-rays. I am hoping that the final report may be as satisfactory as the preliminary one. In any event I feel very much better and I am already adding a little to the meager diet which I have been following during the last two weeks. I am rather afraid that I shall have to spend most of this week at home rather than going to the office. I think the doctor may be

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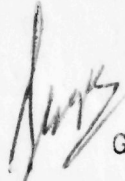
rather exigent about that, and I realize that I must take it slowly. I can do a good deal of work at the house. In any event, however, any trip north is excluded for January as I realize that it would be most imprudent. I am more sorry than I can say because there are so many reasons why I would have liked to be with you and Brosens for a few days there, and then there are some reasons why I wished to be in New York and Washington which are more of a personal character.

Mr. Maryssael and I are seeing the President of the Federal District tomorrow at 12.30, and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. We will see Lic. Carrillo Flores in the Ministry of Hacienda. This conversation with Lic. Carrillo Flores will be most important because he is really the key man of the whole situation. There are matters affecting the Company which have to be settled in the immediate future, or better said there are certain definite indications we have to have from the government in the immediate future or else we shall be under the necessity of stopping work, and in my opinion this must be avoided for so many reasons if it is at all possible. While the new officers of the government who have to do with our problems and with the electricity problem in general may be very competent and may be even very well disposed, it will be months before out of their own knowledge and background they are in a position to make certain decisions. I think therefore practically everything will depend on the decisions which Lic. Carrillo Flores will reach and the advice which he will give to the President which will lead to the appropriate directives to the Minister of Economy and the head of Nacional Financiera and other officers of the government.

There are a number of matters concerning which I would like to write you, but which I will have to put off for another letter, but I did want to get this off immediately to tell you how much I regret not being able to be in New York with you and Brosens.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially and faithfully yours,



George S. Messersmith.

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