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Dear Sam -

There isn't much news from here but we leave for Carmarvon tomorrow and will have 15 people with us, so I will not have any chance to write from there.

The Katz's are in New York at the Brook Hotel and may be there for a month.

Yesterday was Dora's last day at the office and I went down to say good by to her. He + Tooper and Margerach were in a meeting so joined them. They were going over the financial situation of the Company and I think you will be interested to know that Tooper showed a very keen financial mind. His questions and observations were unusually pertinent. It is the first time I have seen his mind at work and he seems a man of many qualities.

You may know that the Dora's have a dog - a great Dane, which is really tremendous.

It is in many ways a menace and a few weeks
ago it bit Brewster Stearns in the hand. No one
can handle it but Eunice who is very fond of
the dog. They consented not any commercial air
line to carry the dog to San Francisco so Eunice
left by Commercial plane for San Francisco at 9 a.m.
today, and Bill went with the dog in a one
engine Beechcraft that the Company has to provide
engineers to visit the plants. Squire, the
chief construction engineer of the Company, is a
good pilot in fact, and he offered to fly
Bill & the dog to San Francisco. They had a
crate built for the dog and a veterinarian
gave the dog a calming shot just before the
plane took off at 6 a.m. today. They will
have to stop twice for gas on the way to
the Border, which they planned to reach

this evening, and fly to San Francisco from the border tomorrow. I hope it all goes well and that Bill gets there safely. I like flying - but those nerves, and hope I never will fly in a single prop plane. The dog is a beautiful animal and really a menace, and my own opinion is that in so small a plane it is not safe to travel with a dog, like like, even if it is ⁱⁿ a crate, and kept under dupe. I shall really be glad when we get word tomorrow that Drake has arrived safely.

I was really shocked to read this morning ~~when~~ that a Braniff plane (a turbo jet - Electra) had blown up in the air not long after leaving Houston for New York. These Electras are very large smooth riding planes and were

Considered very safe. The papers here indicated the possibility of sabotage but that seems far fetched.

The difficulty is that one never knows what some people carry in their baggage. A few weeks ago Mexican airplane blew up in the air here, and it was found that one of the passengers had dynamite in a hand bag that he had in his seat with him.

Maryland & Taylor are leaving for Toronto Saturday morning for a Board meeting to be held there on Oct 5 and are returning next Wednesday. I still cannot see any evidence of the Mexican government being prepared to do the necessary for the private companies.

Marian is over her troubles with her health.

This humor of the omophages is still boistering me
but it does seem better. I don't know what sins I have
committed to have this succession of plagues!

In making all there is about the Russian
visit - but I think we have to wait to see
if the results are plus or minus.

We are having more rains and I hope we can
get more at Keroua before they stop. The storage
there is only about 70 millions - but at Lerma
we have been spending for weeks.

Mr. Ted Beaman has had his eye operation
and that it went very well and that he spent
some days afterwards with Jimmy at Geomich.
I haven't heard from Sara Jordan how her
husband's eye operation came out and in this
case I think no news may be good news.

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I think in November, when Taylor is planning
a brief trip to the States, he will call you
out Greenwich to ask if he can come out
to call on you. You will find he is an
interesting man.

With love & good wishes
to you all —

Fondly

George