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Sr. General Alvaro Obregon
President Elect
Republic of Mexico.

My dear General Obregon:

I ask that you accept my personal assurance that the enclosed is a true copy of the letter which I mailed on the night of the Twenty Eighth of this current month to Senator Harding.

I repeated to Senator Harding, as correctly as my memory permitted, the cordial and important message which you gave to me and I sincerely trust that, it will meet with your entire approval.

I was very frank, in stating to the Senator, my honest opinion of your exceptional ability and took the liberty of adding my assurances to yours regarding your desire for complete co-operation and friendly relations between our respective countries.

Will you not accept my assurances of high personal esteem and good will.

Most sincerely yours,

A. R. Jones

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Hon. Warren G. Harding
Marion, Ohio. E.U.A.

My dear Senator:

General Alvaro Obregon requests that, I convey to you his sincere thanks for your cordial expressions of good will and for your congratulations upon his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Mexico.

At four P.M. on Wednesday the twenty seventh, I had the pleasure of having an audience with General Obregon, at which time I assured him that, after your inauguration as President of the United States of North America; you would announce the foreign policy of your administration and concerning Mexico, it would not differ in any material way from that toward other countries. I assured him that, you were sincerely desirous of rendering every assistance possible and consistent with the conditions then existing, in the re-habilitation of his country, realizing to the fullest extent the many complex problems which the President of Mexico would be called upon to solve.

I also assured General Obregon of your desire to co-operate with him fully in all things which concern the relations between our countries and that it was your desire that, in all instances, justice should be done.

General Obregon requests me to repeat to you the following message from him:

" The United States of North America and the United States of Mexico will be the store house of the greater portion of the worlds supply of food products and raw materials and naturally will be the source from which the nations of the earth, especially those countries which have been devastated by the late war, expect to draw their supplies and because of this fact it seems to me to be of first importance that, a thorough and harmonious relationship be brot about at the earliest moment possible.

I fear that some of those nations which, because of the great generosity of your country, have become heavily indebted to it, may attempt to create ill feeling between us and I wish to assure you sir that, I shall use every effort to render void every such attempt which has been or may be made and I most respectfully urge upon you your serious consideration of this question and solicit your invaluable assistance.

Because of the great power of your country and their supreme confidence in your high sence of justice, the nations of Latin America, hope for and expect your leadership in all those matters which so vitally effect

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the interests of the peoples of the Western Continent which, I feel, should be conserved for the benefit of those peoples.

Permit me sir, to assure you of my sincere desire to co-operate with you fully in the settlements of all questions which may concern the relationship between our respective countries.

I desire to extend to you expressions of my sincere regard and best wishes for your continued good health and every success."

General Obregon is possessed of a most charming personality and a strong and rugged character and gives every evidence of a broad and comprehensive knowledge of, not only those policies which are of vital importance to the national welfare of his own country but, of international questions as well and you may feel confident of his sincere desire to do every thing in his power to re-establish complete and friendly relations with our country.

My statements to General Obregone were made as coming from you as a private citizen of the United States with no suggestion of its being of an official character sought or conveyed.

A wish for your overwhelming success would be out of place as that is already assured but, I do most sincerely congratulate you on your masterly conduct of the campaign and your election to the Presidency.

I expect to remain in this city until about the twentieth when I will leave for my home in Gainesville, Florida.

Yours,

A. R. Jones