MERRILL, LYNCH & CO.

MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE 105 SO.LA SALLE ST. CHICAGO

NewYork Los Angeles Grand Rapids Detroit

AINSLIE J. BELL Resident Manager RANDOLPH FOUR

TELEPHONE

May 10, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:

This will be presented to you by Mr. Sidney M. Sutherland who represents the Chicago Tribune. The owners of this paper are especially desirous of getting accurate, truthful accounts of events in Mexico. They have great confidence in this young man and assured me that he is reliable, trustworthy and competent. I feel sure that any information he receives will be transmitted exactly as given and as this paper is most widely distributed in the United States, its reports from Mexico will be read with deep interest by people in every section of our country.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Very sincerely yours



GENERAL JAMES A. RYAN, President MAJOR ALBERT A. SPRAGUE, Chairman Board of Directors MAJOR PHILIP FOX, 1st Vice-Pres. MAJOR J. W. E. TAYLOR, 2nd Vice-Pres. COLONEL ABEL DAVIS, 3rd Vice-Pres. MAJOR JOHN S. MILLER, Jr., Secretary LIEUT.JOHN S.BROEKSMIT, Treasurer

Fort Sheridan Association

21 N. LA SALLE STREET

CHICAGO July 8, 1920.

TELEPHONE STATE 5057

Gen. Alvaro Obregon,

Mexico City,

Mexico.

My dear General:-

I sent you two letters - one in April and one in June, addressed to you at Sonora, Mexico. I trust they reached you and found you well.

I have been in New York recently, and after consultation with some of my friends there 1 have decided to make a trip to Mexico, arriving at Vera Cruz about August first or the first week in August. I am very much interested in your success and in the peaceful solution of the questions now confronting Mexico. I do not know how long I shall remain, but I shall bring with me the good wishes of thousands of Americans who desire to see Mexico resume her normal position among the nations of the earth.

I have watched with much interest the installation of President De la Huerta and the quietness that seemed to settle over Mexican affairs almost at ome. I shall be glad to meet my old friend, General Calles, with whom I had such pleasant relations when 1 was in command at Douglas, Arizona and he was commanding at Agua Prieta, and I shall also be glad to meet Roberta Pesquiera, and no doubt I shall meet many other old friends in Mexico.

Our two national conventions have been completed. The candidates of both parties are excellent men. I have a strong leaning to the Republican party and believe that Senator Harding and General Collidge will be elected. I trust they will be elected for I have many excellent friends in that party who will have a strong influence upon the administration. For another reason I hope they will be elected for I believe their policy toward Mexico will be one of reconstruction and assistance in every way.

I shall be glad to carry out any missions you may have in the United States before my departure, and if you will address me at the above address your letters will reach me and I shall be glad to carry out your wishes or to bring you anything you desire me to bring you from the United States.

DIRECTORS COLONEL ABEL DAVIS CAPTAIN MARSHALL FIELD III MAJOR THOMAS R. GOWENLOCK MAJOR JOHN S. MILLER, Jr. GENERAL JAMES A. RYAN MAJOR ALBERT A. SPRAGUE CAPTAIN JOHN A. STEVENSON

Executive Manager CAPTAIN MYRON E. ADAMS Gen. A.O. #2

Mrs. Ryan and my little son whom you met at Fort Sheridan are passing the Summer at Cobourg, Canada. She joins me in very best wishes to your estimable wife whom I had the pleasure of meeting as Miss Tarpia at Nogales, Arizona.

With very best wishes for your continued success, and with warm personal regards, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

k.A. hyan,

# REPUBLICA MEXICANA

5

1920

OCT

TELEGRAFOS NACIONALES

TELEGRAMA ai Núm Recibido en H. D. Via Sr. P for al 10 Be 12 P 40 2x P 1) a CO 1 n 50 as ameri ans and chura

## ALVARO OBREGON

### TELEGRAMA

Cd. Juarez ochies, Sontubre 6' 1920.

6

COPIA

Gen, James A. Ryan. L A R E D O, Tex.

ENTERADO SU MENSAJE RELATIVO CORONEL STOTTIL. PUEDO ASEGURAR A USTED QUE VERIA YO CON MUCHO GUSTO QUE FIGURARAN COMO CANDIDATOS AL GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE TAMAULIPAS TODOS LOS CIUDADANOS QUE SE ENCUENTREN CAPACITADOS PARA ELLO DENTRO DE LA LEY Y QUE CREAN OBTENER LA CONFIANZA DE SUS CONCIUDADANOS. SALUDOLO AFMTE.

ALVARO OBREGON.

Pase 851.

17 BATTERY PLACE NEW YORK CITY

October 14, 1920.

Shar and the second General Alvaro Obregon, #1 Francisco Madeiro, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:

I returned safely a few days ago after my delightful visit to your country, and I am charmed with the expressions I have heard in Chicago and here in New York, about you and the future of Mexico. Your visit to El Paso created a good impression there, as you showed your friendliness and desire to cooperate and to meet Americans. These visits will do a great deal of good among men who never have seen you, and I trust that your visit to Tucson, at the invitation of Governor Campbell, will be equally successful. Your speeches have been widely read and the small portions that have come over the associated press have been generally approved. We are all looking forward to a most friendly and satisfactory settlement of affairs as soon as you become President. They all have faith in you and I assured them that it is not misplaced.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the record of the two camps at Fort Sheridan, Ill., which will give you a good idea of the kind of men trained there, and the results. After you become President, I shall talk with you more at length about your establishing a similar camp of instruction in Mexico for the benefit of the officers of the Mexican army. Three months of such training of officers would make a wonderful difference in the training of their men and would make a vast improvement in the Mexican army, now that peace has come.

I hope to return to Mexico in about four weeks, or as soon after the election of our President here, as I can. Until then I shall be at the above address and will be glad to

## General Alvaro Obregon -2- October 14, 1920.

hear from you or to bring anything to you that I can on my return. Please remember me to Mr. Torreblanco and to Mr. Ingygo, both of whom were very kind to me while in Mexico.

With great good wishes in which Mrs. Ryan joins me, I am, with warm personal regards,

Always your friend,

JAR/MVC

#### GEN. J. A. RYAN

17 BATTERY PLACE NEW YORK CITY

November 3, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Francisco Madeiro #1, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:

Many favorable comments have appeared in the daily papers here about your speech at Dallas, and the splendid reception given you there by the American people. I am glad to see the same information has been given out in the daily papers in Mexico City. I have met a number of important business men, bankers and others, since my return, and they have a great feeling of confidence in regard to Mexico, and are all anxious to assist Mexico in every way possible.

Last night the election of Mr. Harding was assured and with it comes a period of recognition in our own country which will go hand in hand with yours. We are very fortunate in having such a calm, dignified and sensible man as Mr. Harding, and I know that you and he will work out the future of both countries in harmony and with success. Recently the subject of the recognition of Mexico has appeared in the papers and I am sure that it will come about successfully when you desire it. It is fortunate that your administrations begins at a time when we also look forward with so much hope to better things.

I shall be returning to Mexico very soon. I expect to leave here about the 14th of November and I hope to find you in good health and best of spirits when I return to your beautiful country. I expect to bring Mrs. Ryan and my little son with me, as Mexico's skies and Mexico's General Alvaro Obregon -2- November 3, 1920.

beautiful climate, as well as my many good Mexican friends have fascinated me.

Mrs. Ryan joins me in greetings to Mrs. Obregon and yourself.

Yours most sincerely,

JAR/MVC

### To Gen. Obregon: This letter supersedes that of even date. Please note the underlined correction of an error inadventently made.

M.C.



#### GEN. J. A. RYAN

17 BATTERY PLACE NEW YORK CITY

(Corrected Copy)

November 3, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Francisco Madeiro #1, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:

Many favorable comments have appeared in the daily papers here about your speech at Dallas, and the splendid reception given you there by the American people. I am glad to see the same information has been given out in the daily papers in Mexico City. I have met a number of important business men, bankers and others, since my return, and they have a great feeling of confidence in regard to Mexico, and are all anxious to assist Mexico in every way possible.

Last night the election of Mr. Harding was assured and with it comes a period of reconstruction in our own country which will go hand in hand with yours. We are very fortunate in having such a calm, dignified and sensible man as Mr. Harding, and I know that you and he will work out the future of both countries in harmony and with success. Recently the subject of the recognition of Mexico has appeared in the papers and I am sure that it will come about successfully when you desire it. It is fortunate that your administration begins at a time when we also look forward with so much hope to better things.

I shall be returning to Mexico very soon. I expect to leave here about the 14th of November and I hope to find you in good health and best of spirits when I return to your beautiful country. I expect to bring Mrs. Ryan and my little son with me, as Mexico's skies and Mexico's General Alvaro Obregon -2- No

November 3, 1920.

V

beautiful climate, as well as my many good Mexican friends, have fascinated me.

Mrs. Ryan joins me in greetings to Mrs. Obregon and yourself.

Yours most sincerely,

(Syd. by Gen. J. a. Rijan) pen m. V. c.

JAR/MVC

#### GEN. J. A. RYAN

17 BATTERY PLACE NEW YORK CITY

San Antonio, Texas, November 16th, 1920.

Confidential



General Alvaro Obregon, No. 1 Francisco Madero, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:-

I received your kind invitation to be present at your Inauguration in Mexico City and it has filled me with a deep sense of gratitude that you have remembered me so graciously.

I shall leave San Antonio for Mexico City on November 22nd and reach the border about that date. I will be accompanied by Mrs. Ryan and our little son, and the American Consul at Laredo will know the exact time of my arrival and my Hotel, so that your messenger who comes to accompany me to Mexico City will be able to find me.

I shall be here until November 22nd at the Menger Hotel, in case you desire to communicate with me. I hope to arrive in Mexico City on the 23rd or 24th of November and trust I may see you soon after my arrival to convey to you many messages of congratulation from your many friends in the United States.

With very best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of Mexico under your able direction, I am

Your Faithful and Sincere Friend,

A. Tyan.

# COMPAÑIA TELEGRAFICA MEXICANA

#### VIA GALVESTON.

Comunicación rapida entre oficinas de la Compañía, Centro y Sud América, Los Estados Unidos y todas partes de Europa, etc.

ESQ. AV. INDEPENDENCIA Y SAN JUAN DE LETRAN.

VERACRUZ, CALLE DE LA INDEPENDENCIA No. 1.



538 SANANTONIO TEX 17 RC

GENERAL ALVARO OBREGON 1 FRANCISCO MADERO

MEXICO

ACCEPT WITH DEEP APPRECIATION YOUR KIND INVITATION ARRIVE LAREDO NO-VEMBER TWENTY SECOND UNTIL THEN MENGER HOTEL SANANTONIO

GENERAL RYAN VAA

4.15 AMMZ

LA RECTIFICACION DE PALABRAS DUDOSAS, DEBERA SOLICITARSE POR MEDIACION DE L COMPAÑIA, QUIEN SE ENCARGARA DE OBTENERLA SIN ESTIPENDIO ALGUNO.