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Senor Plutarco E. Calles,  
San Diego,  
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My dear Senor Calles:

As you undoubtedly are aware, there is in some quarters of American journalism an increasing interest in both contemporary and possible future developments in the Republic of Mexico.

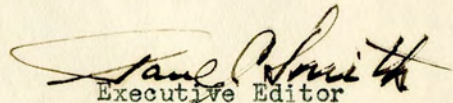
For some time I have been interested in the outlook and am anxious to more adequately inform myself regarding the possibilities of the near future.

My interest, of course, is chiefly that of an editor of The Chronicle, which, as you perhaps know, is one of the largest and most influential papers in the Western United States. I am particularly anxious that we establish as early as possible the best sources of information in the event that affairs in Mexico take the turn I expect them to at the moment.

With this in mind, I am anxious to have a personal chat with you in the near future. You may be sure that I will gladly hold in strictest confidence anything you may wish so treated.

Would you be good enough, therefore, to let me know when I may see you in the near future?

Very sincerely yours,

  
Executive Editor

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Muy estimado señor Smith:

Por haber pasado algunos dias fuera de esta ciudad,hasta ahora recibí su grata carta de fecha 18 de Febrero último, la que con todo gusto contesto.

Actualmente me encuentro retirado de las actividades de la vida pública de mi país y poco o nada sería lo que yo tuviera que decirle al periodista,pero si,como Ud. me dice en su carta desea platicar en el terreno puramente amistoso conmigo,tendré mucho gusto en hacerlo y será para mi un placer recibir su visita cuando Ud. lo desee.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para quedar de Ud. como su animo. amigo y atto. S. S.

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P. Elías Calles.