

Mexico City,
June 12th. 1939.

Mr. Raymond Bell Sr.,
care State National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Your letter of the 29th. ult. was received and I am glad to hear that your family and yourself are enjoying good health.

General conditions are getting worst and worst every day; even our governmental Depts. are acting under a process of disorganization; instead of devoting to real matters that bring the welfare to the country they devote their time strictly to trifle matters. The letter I am now writing to Mundito in one of the lesser instances.

The political agitation is reaching its climax; the chances are that the candidates and their followers will take up arms to - decide who will be the next President. The Government is also, economically speaking, in dire conditions; they have asked for "adelantos a cuenta de contribuciones" up to millions of dollars. So, President Cardenas is eating up his fiscal returns; they have abandoned the most important public works in railroads, highways, dams, etc. If matters are not soundly remedied pretty soon THERE WILL BE NO MONEY WITH WHICH TO PAY THE REGULAR SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES. The conflicts - and absolute disorganization in the National Railroads and Oil Industry are leading the country to something fatal. We all see that: labor unions fighting each other to death in every section of the Republic; conditions of agriculture, of cattle, of industry in general, of mining, of trade, etc. are so that the enormous cost of living is now unbearable. Foodstuffs are fading away, and the regular social warfare has contributed to the monopoly of corn, beans, nixtamal, bakeries, etc. in the hands of NOTHING ELSE THAN THE LEADERS.

You may see that the landscape is ominous, and it looks to me that we will soon face a very serious situation of violence. How could you stop starving people?... And on top of this there come thousands of radical spaniards OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT CARDENAS AND BY THE LABOR UNIONS IN POWER!!! The disgust of people is getting deeper and deeper. You take the case of Mundito: if he were a radical spaniard I am sure that THE MATTER HAD BEEN ARRANGED IN NO TIME. In fact we are all here very much disgusted.

You may have seen Mr. Woodul upon his return from Honolulu; please give him my regards. I have sent correspondence to him care ASARCo. Office New York.

With my best regards for you all, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
LIC. ALBERTO TERRONES BENITEZ.

cc Mundito, Atotonilco, Dgo.

*Ans. in long hand,
June 22-1939
RB.*