

My dear Senor Torreblanca,

May I, as a sincere friend and admirer of the great country you represent with honor and distinction, extend my humble felicitations and express my deep appreciation for having been introduced to you, by Mr. Brittingham.

You are in America as a citizen and as an official representative of the Republic of Mexico. As a citizen you bring profound credit to your beloved country; as the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs you bring equal honor to the United States and to every other country with which your duties bring you in touch. Thus in both of these capacities you combine the highest attributes that will make the name of Mexico respected among the nations of the world, the equal of all - the inferior of none.

I would have counted it a distinct privilege to have been able to speak with you at length upon those problems that concern the world and in which we have a common interest. I trust this may be an opportunity to which I can look forward with keen pleasure.

In the meantime, however, whether you are in this country or at home, I would deem it a mark of your confidence to have you call upon me to serve yourself or your friends, in whatever humble capacity I might be helpful. Not only as a citizen of the United States but also as your friend and as a friend of Mexico.

May you find the pleasure and satisfaction in your present and future responsibilities that will approach the unlimited benefit humanity will derive from the service of ability, courage, and idealism devoted to a worthy cause.

With assurances of my highest regards and best wishes for your continued success, believe me to be,

Yours very respectfully,

Elmer S. Nelson.

Senor Fernando Torreblanca, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, United States of Mexico, % Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles.