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General Alvaro Obregon,
Ciudad Mexico,
Mexico, D. F.

My dear General:-

From afar I have been watching events in Mexico, and I have been truly sorry that your beloved country has had to pass through so much suffering, because since I have come to know your people and your country personally, I have felt nothing but a most kindly interest for them and for it, and the suffering which they have had to endure has caused me profound sorrow.

Now I am happy and content, because I believe that the dawn of a new day has come which presages an era of peace, tranquility and the great development of Mexico's wonderful resources.

To your country and to yourself personally I offer the most cordial and sincere congratulations and heartfelt wishes for a future filled with an abundance of good things. A man of your broad experience at the front of things should certainly be able, and I have no doubt but that you will, lead your country into a period of plenty and of contentment for all of your people. God grant it so, as a recompense for all that Mexico, and yourself, have suffered.

Since the latter part of November I have been here, with Mrs Canova and our daughter, having come to Colombia as an apoderado of some very good friends to close up a very important piece of business here in connection with the purchase of some emerald mines. I have been more than successful and expected to return to the States in this month, but other things have come up and I may be detained down here for several months more. I do not now expect to return to the States before October.

Lately, in looking up the early history of the discovery of the emerald mines, I have been doing considerable work in the Biblioteca Nacional and en los Archivos. I have also been buying up old books, and the other day I ran on one entitled "Tesoro de Medicinas" printed in Mexico City, in 1674. This book is in its original pergamino, and I have taken the liberty of sending it to you by registered mail, by this mail. I also found another book of great interest to me, published by Alejandro Canova, in Salamanca, Spain, in 1571.

Colombia is a great country, but my visit here has not made me forget the beauty and richness of Mexico, nor the charm of her people. Since my arrival here I have had some wonderful horse back trips which have taken me to most interesting corners of this Republic.

Again wishing you the great good fortune and success that you deserve, I am, my dear General,

Sincerely your friend,

L. J. Canova