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Senor Obregon,
President of Mexico,
Republic of Mexico,
Mexico City, Mexico

My dear Mr. President:

In 1910 I made a trip to Mexico to inspect a property near Manzanero, comprising 75,000 acres of land. Then came the internal disturbances of Mexico. The result was our company defaulted upon their bonds, went in the hands of a receiver. The local condition was such that we could no longer give any attention to the property.

My term of office as Governor of Indiana expires on the 8th day of January. Immediately thereafter, if the conditions are such as to make it perfectly safe to do so, I desire to make a trip to Mexico for the purpose of investigating fully the condition with respect to the title, lien for taxes, etc. against the property and see whether the situation is such that we will be justified in financing the company and going ahead with the development of the property.

I will be obliged to you if you would advise me whether or not the condition is such as to make it perfectly safe for me to undertake the trip at that time and will also put me in touch with someone either in Manzanero or Mexico City with whom I may safely advise.

I have been watching with a great deal of interest the marked progress the country is making under your administration. I sincerely hope for the success of your administration, the restoration of sound conditions in Mexico and the progress of your country in every respect. Your country and mine are neighbors. Our interests are mutual, each has something that the other lacks and which will contribute greatly to the progress of both countries. There is no reason why the same friendly feeling or same free intercourse of the surplus products of both countries should not obtain between America and Mexico as does between Canada and this country.

I dislike very much to trouble you about this matter of private interest, yet I know of none other to whom I can go at this time for the information.

Respectfully yours,

J. P. Goodrich