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General Calles,  
Secretaria de Guerra y Marina,  
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Mexico.

My dear General Calles:

Since returning to the United States after living in Mexico for two years, I have been very much interested in the propaganda which is appearing in our newspapers and magazines concerning the religious situation in your country because these accounts are entirely different from what I found while I lived there.

While in the Republica de Mexico, I lived in the State of Jalisco, and spent most of my time in Guadalajara, Guzman, Tuxpan and Tecalitlan. I believe these are representative cities of your Republic being typical of the large and small towns.

Because of what I had read in the newspapers in the United States before going to Mexico concerning the alleged persecution of the Roman Catholic Church by the Mexican Government, I was much surprised and gratified to learn from my own experience and observation that practically all of this oppression was without foundation and untrue. I soon learned who was behind all of this publicity, and I wish to express to you my complete approval of the action of the Mexican Government in these religious matters. You are to be complimented on your firm determination to free the common people of Mexico from the years of extortion by the Roman Catholic Church, and in my opinion, you and your associates are doing the finest piece of work for the future of your people and your Republic that has ever been attempted. Success to you, and I hope that you will continue the good fight until you are able to educate your people to the truth. They are beginning to understand how they have been fooled in

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past years by the Church, and I know from my own conversation with many of them that they are on the Government's side of the question and appreciate what you are trying to do for them.

I attended many of the Roman Catholic Churches while in Mexico because I wanted to see if there was any suggestion of restriction of religious liberty or persecution of the Church, and I never saw anything that could possibly be construed as such. On Sundays and Fiestas, the churches were packed to overflowing and services were in progress all day long with no restrictions so far as I could see. I never found a church locked or admission denied me unless the building was condemned as unsafe or some repairs were being made.

I was in Guadalajara last December at the time of the revision of Article 3 of your constitution and read in the newspaper from Mexico City (El Universal) about the student uprising because of this. Not being familiar with Article 3, I did not understand what this revision amounted to except that it pertained to religious affairs in Mexico. I should like very much to have a copy of Article 3 both as it was before and after it was revised last December. Will you do me the favor, General Calles, to send me copies of Article 3 of your Constitution both as it was before and after being revised? I shall tell you why I wish this.

I am writing an article for a magazine on the Mexican Government's side of the religious controversy in Mexico in which I shall tell the people of the United States what your government is doing for the masses of your people and why you have done what you are doing in order to liberate them from the exploitation of the Roman Catholic Church. I want my people in the United States of the North to know that there is another side to this question, and that only the side of the Church has been published thus far. I feel that your government is entitled to this vindication, and I hope that you will be able to assist me by sending me the copies of Article 3 of your Constitution as I have requested.

Thanking you for this favor and courtesy, I am

Cordially and fraternally yours,

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