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General Plutarcho Elias Calles,
City of Mexico,
Mexico, D. F.

My Honored General:

I am writing you to ask a great favor which you alone can confer. I am editor of the Pacific Geographic Magazine, whose first number should reach you December 1. For this number the sponsors of the magazine are very desirous of having from your distinguished pen an article concerning Mexico and her attitude toward the other nations of the vast Pacific area. We shall print such an article, assuming that you will be so generous as to write it, with a number of the best pictures that we can obtain.

The Pacific Geographic Magazine comes into existence in answer to a definite need for a publication which shall survey the entire Pacific littoral as a geographic, historic, and scientific entity. The task assumed by such a magazine is one "of fortitude and delicacy", requiring all that its sponsors and its editor can bring of intelligence and enthusiasm. The vast theater of human affairs whose scenes are washed by Pacific waters is destined to present much of the great drama of immediate future history. From Antarctica to the farthest reaches of the Northern Sea, and clear around the circle of Pacific land masses, with the islands north, south, east and west over the entire expanse, is a titanic field of action. Nevertheless, it is the field chosen by the Pacific Geographic Magazine. We shall cover it never completely, but always with an earnest ambition to be interesting, factual, human and thorough for whatever lands, islands, waters, cities, or peoples which may be chosen for presentation in any particular issue. We shall bring the romance of far-off lands each to the other and the facts that make a living story for eyes eager to know how the other fellow lives, how he gets his living, and among what creatures, in what kind of country, either of dearth or plenty, of delight or desolation. Always the magazine will contain many pictures illustrating and complementing its text. Suggestions and contributions from readers will be welcomed. The editor of the Pacific Geographic Magazine believes that he and his associates with its first number are embarking on an adventure of great happiness, an enterprise that must prove of profit to all Pacific peoples.



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I trust that your health is most excellent and that all things are prosperous and propitious in your affairs and the affairs of your beloved country.

I am, my honored General,

Your obedient servant,

Rex H. Lampman

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September
25
1935

General Plutarcho Elias Calles,
Beverly Hills,
California.

My Honored General:

Just before your recent arrival at Los Angeles I addressed a letter to you at Mexico City in which I asked of you a very great favor.

I am enclosing with this note a copy of the letter. It may be, and I trust it will be, possible for you to grant me a brief interview while you are here. However, if this is not convenient, I shall be happy to have you consider my request on your return to the capital.

I am, my honored General,

Your obedient servant,

Rex H. Lampman

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GRAL. PLUTARCO ELIAS CALLES.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Los Angeles, California,
october 10th, 1935.

Mr. Rex H. Lampman,
Pacific Geographic Society,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Dear Sir:

In due answer to your kind letters of the 19 and 25 of september last, requesting me to grant you - an interview, or to write for your magazine an article concerning Mexico and her attitude toward the other nations of the vast pacific area, I beg to inform you -- that at the present time it would be impossible to comply with your wishes, due to the fact that I am at present under medical treatment, and quiet a number of trips to San Diego, Calif., to attend to my health, take most of my time.

However, as you suggest in your letter, upon my arrival to Mexico city, if you would care to write - to me again and remaind me about the matter, I might be able to do some thing for you to that effect.

In the meantime allow me to remain,

Most cordially yours,

Gral. Plutarco Elias Calles,

By Fernando Torreblanca.

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