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Mid-Day Luncheon Club

"The feast of reason and the flow of soul"—Pope.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 24,

1923.

To His Excellency Senor Plutarco Elias Calles,
Secretaria de Gobernacion,
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Dear Sir:-

In behalf of the Mid-day Luncheon Club I desire to again renew the invitation of our organization to you to visit Springfield as the guest of our organization at a time convenient for you, in the event of your coming to the United States during the winter or the coming spring.

I assure you we would esteem it a most delightful privilege to have you meet with our organization at a noon luncheon which we would like to arrange in your honor, with a large gathering of the leading men and women of the community participating, including state and city officials.

As mentioned before, an especial reason why you might wish to visit Springfield is that it is the home and last resting place of the martyred President Abraham Lincoln and, for this reason, one of the two greatest centers of inspiration of our country. It may well be said that no visit to the United States is complete without a pilgrimage to the great American shrine of Lincoln. In connection with your coming we would be pleased to arrange for you to visit the tomb of Lincoln and other places of historic interest here.

Springfield is but a few hour's journey from either St. Louis or Chicago, with frequent and convenient railroad connections.

As you may recall, President Obregon was the guest of our organization several years ago. During the past year or more we have had as our guests President Coolidge, General Pershing, M. Georges Clemenceau, M. Albert Thomas, Secretary of the Interior Dr. Work, Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, and Prince Caetani, Ambassador of Italy to the United States.

Hoping that you may find it possible to favor us with your presence in Springfield, in the not distant future, I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.

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MEXICO, D.F.,
octubre 25
de 1923.-

Sr. Elmer J. Kneale.
Secretario de MID-DAY LUNCHEON CLUB.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.-

Muy señor mío:-

El señor General P. Elías Calles ha quedado enterado con gusto de la muy atenta carta de usted fechada el día 24 de septiembre próximo anterior, - que no contesta personalmente por falta absoluta de tiempo.

Sin embargo, me encarga manifestar a usted su reconocimiento sincero por la bondadosa invitación - que se sirve hacerle, lamentando que por las urgentísimas ocupaciones que demandan su atención en la República Mexicana, le impidan aceptarla desde luego.

Soy de Ud., sin otro particular, afmo. atento y seguro servidor.

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KNEALE ELMER J.

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