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May 27, 1918.

General Alvaro Obregon,
Nogales, Arizona.

General:

As we wired you prior to the receipt of your wire, at the suggestion of your agent at Laredo we have made application for license to pass 7 cars to cross in bonds from Laredo. Your wire just received asking that we apply for license to pass 10 additional cars. We were unable to determine whether these were to be regarded as additional to the 7 cars already applied for at the suggestion of your agent at Laredo and we are therefore awaiting a reply of our wire to you.

We have been expecting every morning licenses covering corn, lard and soap also 1000 Jute twine. I have been assured by officials of the State Department that the Board would grant these applications and since the Federal Reserve Board responded in full to our request there would seem to be no reason why the War Trade Board should not do likewise. We wired you that we thought an agreement would be made whereby Cuba would supply your requirement of sugar out of her allowance to Latin America. I do not know what effect this recent diplomatic breeze will have on Cuba so far as suppling your requirements of sugar are concerned but have every reason to think it would have no effect. Our Government, it would seem to me, would want more than every

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to have you our friend and along this line I am sure they are most anxious to have all Mexico as our friend as we would like to be with them.

If your Government is inclined to be Pro-German in the belief that German^y will be victorious in this War they will make a grievous mistake. Germany never can be victorious. You know this country well enough to know that if necessary War would be continued for 20 years and more than 25 millions of men would be sent to France. The resources of this Country are so vast that no great amount of suffering would prevail should this be the case. I write this to you, General, as your friend and in writing it I feel sure I have not told you anything that you do not already know and realize. There is only an imaginary line between our two countries. We are neighbors and should be the closest friends. Under no circumstances would the United States ever want to require any of the ^{territory} ~~lands~~ of hers belonging to Mexico. Germany's only ambition would be future aggression and expansion. For the accomplishments of their own selfish purposes they seek to disturb the friendly relations which now exist and which always should exist between our countries.

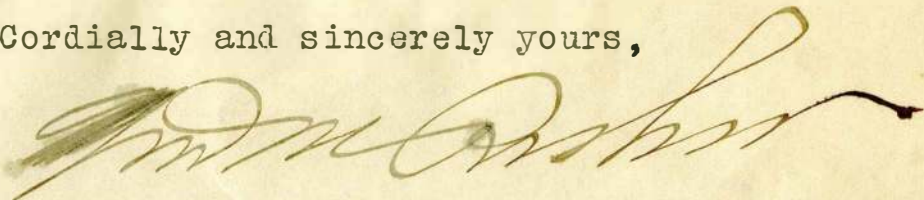
Through reference to diplomatic relations with Cuba I have premitted myself to digress very much from the purpose of this letter but I feel sure you will be convinced of my sincerity and good friendship.

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Such applications has we now have on file are
receiving our best attention.

I am General,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alvaro Obregon', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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24 de junio de 1918.

Sr. Col. MYRON M. PARKER.
Kellog Building.
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Muy estimado amigo:

A mi regreso del Sur, he tenido el gusto de encontrarme con algunas cartas de usted, que contestaré en seguida, pues el poco tiempo de que dispongo en estos momentos en que me preparo para emprender nuevo viaje al Sur no me permite hacerlo desde luego y la presente carta lleva el exclusivo objeto de recomendarle un asunto que yo juzgo de interés.

Hay en esta Ciudad fronteriza un ciudadano mexicano de nombre Manuel M. Bernal que hace muchos años tiene abierto un Departamento Aduanal y ha vivido exclusivamente dedicado a su negocio y es el caso que este señor ha sido puesto en la "lista negra" y sufre, naturalmente, las consecuencias.

No es mi ánimo censurar los actos de los Agentes americanos que habrán dado las informaciones que motivaron el que fuera considerado el señor Bernal en dicha lista, pues desconozco las causas que hayan tenido para considerarlo así; pero como quiera que mi propósito ha sido y será buscar por todos los medios posibles y que estén a mi alcance la manera de que se resientan menos en estas ciudades fronterizas las consecuencias que se están sufriendo por el estado de guerra, quiero suplicarle que haga todo lo que esté de su parte para ver si es posible conseguir que sea reconsiderado el caso y que el señor Bernal sea retirado de esa lista tan temida, para que continúe dedicado a su negocio.

El señor Bernal es hombre muy bien apreciado por toda la sociedad de Nogales, es miembro de la Junta de Mejoras Materiales que presido y es miembro, además, de la Cámara de Comercio que también presido yo; y creo que daría una impresión muy favorable si su caso fuera reconsiderado.

Repito que no debe considerarse mi deseo como una protesta, ya que desconozco los motivos, como antes dije, que originaron tal determinación, pero sí quiero que se considere como mi mejor deseo porque el señor Bernal quede excluido de la repetida lista.

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Suplique usted en mi nombre al señor Canova, Encargado del Departamento de Negocios Mexicanos para que contribuya con su acción en favor de mi súplica y si le es posible ver a Mr. Polk, Consejero del Departamento de Estado, hágale en mi nombre igual insinuación.

Agradezco a usted la actividad con que ha manejado los negocios que le confiamos y, como antes digo, ya me ocuparé en contestarle sus cartas y referirme a todos nuestros negocios.

Entre tanto, quedo de usted muy afectuoso amigo y atento S. S.

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12 de agosto de 1918.

Sr. Corl. MYRON M. PARKER.
Kellogg Building.
Washington. D.C.

Muy apreciable amigo:-

Para que conozca usted los garbanzos que tanto hemos defendido este año, le remito tres sacos de ese grano conteniendo 65 kilos c/u.

De ellos, es uno para el uso doméstico de usted y dos que dedico a la cocina de la Universidad.

Deseandole prosperidad y salud, me despidiendo como su amigo afmo. y S. S.

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15 de agosto de 1918.

Sr. Col. M. M. PARKER.
Kellogg Building.
Washington. - D.C.

Mi apreciable y buen amigo:-

El portador de la presente es el señor doctor Bernardo J. Gastélum, amigo mío de toda mi estimación, y pasa a ese país con el objeto de ingresar un poco de tiempo a la Universidad de CORNELL o a la de HARVARD.

Me permito presentarle y recomendarle a usted de una manera muy especial al citado facultativo, suplicándole impartirle su ayuda para el mejor éxito en sus propósitos.

El doctor Gastélum es uno de los médicos que con mayor acierto ejerce su profesión en nuestro país y veríamos con gusto que se le diera buena acogida en las instituciones científicas de aquel país.

Todo lo que se sirva usted hacer en favor de mi recomendado, será debidamente agradecido por su amigo afmo. y atento S. S.

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W A R T R A D E B O A R D

August 21, 1918.

Mr. Myron M. Parker,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 19, 1918 concerning the petition of Manuel M. Bernal for the removal of his name from the United States Enemy Trading List for Mexico. I have telegraphed to our sources of information in Mexico for a report concerning this case and am still awaiting a reply to my inquiries. I suppose that a certain investigation of the facts is being made and that we shall hear of the results within the next few weeks.

Yours truly,

(signed) Joseph W. Bingham.

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August 23, 1918.

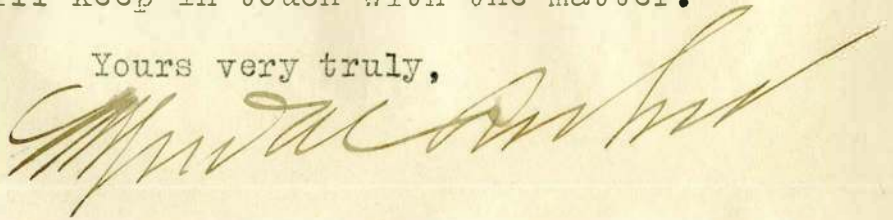
General Alvaro Obregon,
Nogales, Arizona.

Dear General:

For your information we are enclosing cope of letter received today from the War Trade Board, Bureau of War Trade Intelligence, relative to Sr. Manuel Burnal, which will explain itself.

If you can find out the source of information referred to by Mr. Bingham you might possibly get in touch with him with good results. We will keep in touch with the matter.

Yours very truly,



P. S. The garbanzos came safely to hand yesterday and we are enjoying them immensely

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10 de septiembre de 1918.

Sr. Col. M. M. PARKER.
Kellogg Building.
Washington - D.C.

Muy apreciable amigo:-

Me permito el gusto de presentar con usted a mi buen amigo el señor Alejandro Carrillo, quien va a esa Capital al arreglo de algunos asuntos particulares que verbalmente le planteará.

Siendo el señor Carrillo una persona honorable, bajo todos puntos de vista, me apresuro a recomendarlo de manera muy especial a fin de que le imparta su ayuda en todos los negocios que tengan conexión con las esferas oficiales.

Le anticipo las gracias por la buena acogida que se sirva dispensar a mi recomendado y me despido con un saludo cariñoso de su afmo. amigo y S. S.

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October 14, 1918.

General Alvaro Obregon,
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear General:

I am pleased to inform you that the name of Sr. Manuel L. Bernal has been removed from the Trading With the Enemy list.

Mr. Canova is now and has been for nearly a month, in Florida with his family. Before leaving, he told me you were expecting to come on to Washington shortly. I hope you have not given up the idea.

Yours very truly,



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MYRON M. PARKER
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November 13, 1918.

General Alvaro Obregon,
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

Dear General:

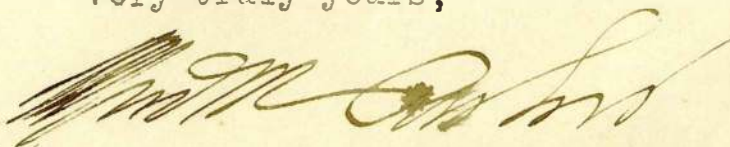
I am advised this morning by the War Trade Board that, in a speech recently delivered by you at some gathering in Mexico, I think Sonora, you reflected on the President, at least you are so reported having done by the Mexican Press. I told the Board I could hardly believe this for I was quite sure you greatly appreciated the extraordinary courtesies that had been extended you by this Government.

Of course, you will appreciate that statements of this kind brought to the attention of our Government might make things very embarrassing should you have further business with the War Trade Board or other bureaus of our Government. I took the liberty of assuring the War Trade Board that I believed you had been misquoted, that my impressions had from frequent conversations with you were to the effect that you were quite largely in sympathy with our Government.

Perhaps it would be well for you to write me a letter, denying this, if untrue, so that I can straighten the matter out with the War Trade Board.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,



Attorney and Counselor at Law
Washington, D. C.
November 15, 1919.

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I am glad to hear that you are so interested in the War Trade Board. I think you are so interested having done by the Mexican Press. I feel the Board I could hardly believe that for I was quite sure you greatly appreciated the extraordinary assistance that had been extended you by this Government. Of course, you will appreciate that statements of this kind brought to the attention of our Government might make things very embarrassing should you have further relations with the War Trade Board or other business of our Government. I feel the liberty of ensuring the War Trade Board that I believed you had been released, that of legislators and their frequent conversations with you were to the effect that you were quite largely in sympathy with our Government. Perhaps it would be well for you to write me a letter, and I am sure, so that I can straighten the matter out with the War Trade Board.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature at the bottom of the page.]

November 19th '18.

Col. Myron M. Parker,
Kellogg Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor dated the 15th inst. which I received on my return from California.

The Press reports to which you make reference are not at all surprising since I am frequently subjected to such attacks by my political enemies. You may judge by yourself how absolutely false the "recent speech" is, if you stop to consider that I have been in California since the latter part of September. On the otherhand, it would practically amount to a self attack on my own dignity if I were to reflect upon a Government from which I have been requesting favors for my own personal benefit.

I thank you very sincerely for the interest you have taken in my behalf and with my best personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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10 de diciembre de 1918.

Sr. Col. M. M. PARKER.
Kellogg Building.
Washington. - D.C.

Apreciable y buen amigo:-

Por correo de hoy tuve el gusto de remitirle un ejemplar de mi obra OCHO MIL KILÓMETROS EN CAMPAÑA, que le suplico aceptar con el afecto y estimación de su sincero amigo y atento S. S.

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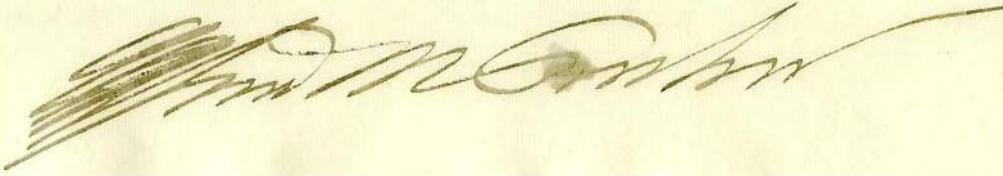
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conjunction with your numerous other friends here, of welcoming you to Washington.

Will you kindly extend my kindest regards to Mr. Guizalo.

Know me to be,

Cordially and sincerely yours,



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Diciembre 26' 1918.

Dr. Col. M. M. Parker.
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Mi querido y buen amigo:-

Fué en mi poder su carta del 18 de los corrientes; y enterado de su contenido me apresuro a enviarle mis agradecimientos por los conceptos encomiásticos que en ella me dedica.

Por su citada, me he enterado de que el Señor L.J. Canova renunció al puesto que ocupaba en el Gobierno en esa Capital, y dadas las buenas relaciones que siempre he cultivado con tan distinguido amigo, sería un motivo de gusto para mí que su renuncia obedeciera a un mejoramiento.

En la actualidad esta nuestro Embajador, señor Bonillas, haciendo un viaje de paseo por este Estado y hemos hablado mucho de usted, haciendo siempre muy buenos recuerdos.

Me despido saludándolo con todo cariño y deseándole un Año Nuevo lleno de prosperidades.

Su sincero amigo y S. S.

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