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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

San José, Costa Rica,
February 23, 1965.

Dear Hector:

I received your note, dated February 12th, and the attached newspaper clipping about our friend Cleve Cravens.

First of all, let me say that I was indeed pleased to hear from you as always.

In reference to Cravens, I am sorry to see that he apparently is in some kind of a mess in connection with his business.

A group of five men, headed by Oscar Spitz, who was appointed as receiver by Judge Garza, came to San José about four weeks ago. They were looking for Cleve and asked many questions about his coffee plantation here. We were able to put them in touch with Cravens and other members of his operation, but I understand that he would not allow them on his property. In any event, the group was not successful in carrying out the Court's instructions so they left after a few days. I understood from these people that Cravens had petitioned the Court for a reorganization procedure. If this was correct, I do not understand what happened that caused him to change his mind.

I hope that he can straighten out whatever his problem may be, for my impression is that he is a fine person.

What do you hear from Washington? Did you attend the inauguration? I received an invitation, but I decided to remain on the job here in San José. I guess you have read about Tom Mann being promoted to Under Secretary and Jack Vaughn, our Ambassador to Panama, moved up to Secretary Mann's job of Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs. I have heard nothing, so I am just minding my own business and waiting to see what happens.

Again, thanks a lot for your note and let me hear from you again soon. I believe I mentioned to you before that Willie Bonella had been here for a few days with Cleve Cravens about a month ago.

With best personal regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

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of America

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