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PARKING SPACE AND GARAGE  
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August 2, 1937

Dear Laura -

The plane strike made it necessary for me to do the Yucatan part of this trip via Gulf so here I am - Arthur is on his way to Denver. It has all been great. The pre Columbian stuff is impressive - I suppose you know Marrett's Archaeological Tour Set of Mexico City - It is perfectly good in every way - (which Terry is not). A good auto guide is Powers Guide which you can get as an addvt at the Magnolia Petroleum Company's Gas stations or their headquarters Dallas, Texas. or buy for a peso at the American Book Store in Mexico City. (Perhaps you know all this. Arthur will tell you all about road conditions. The highway is OK save for 30 miles of unfinished

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surface between Villa Juarez + Sacala.

There is nothing dangerous about the road - grades no more than 6% — Road 20 feet wide on the straight 24 ft. on curves - finely banked. Good surface. But some of it is terrifying to the imagination and should be photographed - which it has not been, apparently. There is beyond Tamasunchale a gorge of which the bottom cannot be seen - about 400 to 800 feet wide - the road runs around it - say 4 miles - The walls are vertical, smooth, and straight down for what appears to be thousands of feet! and the road runs along the top edge. (When we went south there was a split two inches wide along the middle of the road and they did not let you take the outer edge - but it was fixed when we returned. I was glad. In the angle of the gorge they have built the big circular foundation for a monument to the engineers who built the road - but the hundreds of peons who lost their lives especially there have the road for their monument. A photograph of the



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gorge entitled "Monument to the Peons"  
would be ironical.

Oaxaca is interesting because Indian  
life around there is really primitive. Monte  
Alban ruins are more impressive than  
Mitla but of course the latter have their  
special interest.

What I was not prepared for is the  
magnificent baroque - and pre baroque  
(Romanesque) architecture of the Spanish  
days - convents and churches - It is a  
great story that. The best baroque in the  
world some of it - The little S. Francisco  
Acatepec, 5 miles out of Puebla - on the  
Cholula side - is a gem. esp. inside -  
which many of them are not. Also the  
convent of Huejocingo - abt 10  
miles north of Cholula - The  
3rd Convent on the Continent.

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You can't drive to Oaxaca from Mexico City yet. Sleepers on the narrow gauge line run 3 times a week. Leaving Mexico City 5 P.M., arriving Oaxaca 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. This could be shortened by driving (five going) to Puebla and catching train there at 10:05 P.M. (or later!) Upper berths seem better than lower - airier, I found. Planes are not quite so reassuring - single motored and Mexican - but do it in 45 minutes.

Now there is at Oaxaca a very worthwhile man - he is Cook's guide, he is Belgian Consul, he is above all a good bibliographer, keen observer, knows his Spanish American architecture, his indian archaeology etc - and is very intelligent. He has a library of Mexicana of 7000 volumes of which 1200 are in English which he is afraid the government is going to confiscate - This man you must meet and I have enclosed here with a letter of introduction to him. Mr. V. is also very intelligent - a New Yorker - they have a nice old



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House - and I believe rent rooms  
out to tourists - They probably need  
what money they can get one way and  
another as a bibliographer does  
much of his stuff gratis I find.

He has some interesting dirt on the  
authenticity of the Monte Albán gold  
stuff - if he will talk. He also knows  
very well the primitive Indians of this  
region - the remote jewels of churches  
that nobody ever sees and the little  
book living on "Three Dollars a Year" -  
a study of one Indian community is  
in large part his work.

It has occurred to me that it  
might be of interest to the Colorado  
Spring Art Center to know  
about Vandeveld's library -



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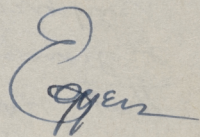
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I don't think he wants to sell it -  
but would like to get a place to  
put it where it would be safe -  
and have its transportation paid  
for. That might be something to  
look into.

Well - I'm sailing to-morrow -  
and I hope will see each other  
one of these days. I'm sorry  
things have turned out so that I  
can't go back to Colorado now -  
Perhaps you'll come to N.Y. this  
winter - If you do come and see  
us longer

As ever

Jimmy & Mm. 



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Dear Mr. VandelVelde:

This letter is to introduce to you my friend  
Miss Anna Gilpin of Colorado Springs.  
She has the understanding mind for the  
things which make Mexico so beautiful  
and which you know so well - and she  
is a most splendid artist with the camera.

I am sure that an introduction  
will be of mutual pleasure and value -  
and it is that idea which has inspired  
my writing this note for her to give to you.

I have been enjoying the books which  
you so charmingly inscribed - and the  
memories of my pleasant hours with  
you and Mrs. VandelVelde -

With all good wishes I am

Yours Truly

Jimmy W. Williams

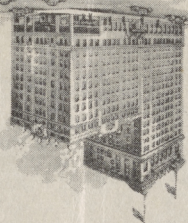
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*Franz Weggers*

To Mr. Pablo Van de Velde  
Hidalgo # 46  
Oaxaca.

Introducing  
Miss Laura Gilpin

Oax .