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Mr. D. L. Lacombe,

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Dear Mr. Lacombe,

Although I have not written you of late I wish to assure you that I have not forgotten you. Mrs. Lobenhoffer and myself often speak of you and your family. I hope you are all in good health.

My Partner, Mr. Schoeberlein, has had to undergo a very serious operation some three months ago, but he is now recovering slowly and I have every reason to hope that he will be back in business next Spring.

We have no reason to complain about business which has been on the whole much better than the last few years in spite of the various political scarces; but we are getting so used to those that we don't allow them to get on to our nerves any longer.

Unfortunately business with the Companhia has not been very good of late. This is due to the fact that Willinks have the best districts, whereas we have the more difficult markets where price is everything and where we have of late been cut out by people like Jabour, Ornstein & Sinner, but you can assure Mr. Machado that we are not relaxing our efforts and we trust that early next year business will revive.

POLITICS. Although they look pretty black at times we have unbounded confidence in our Prime Minister and feel convinced that peace will be preserved and that poor old Europe will be allowed to gradually settle down. You can well imagine that the anti-Jewish policy of the dictators is creating a lot of bad blood. It may interest you to hear that even Mr. Georg Behrens, who is not a Jew but whose family have been Christians for three generations, has been treated as a Jew owing to his Grandfather and Grandmother having been baptised Jews. He had to sell his business and was recently arrested. Can you imagine any more crying injustice?

Wishing you and your family a very happy & prosperous New Year, I remain, dear Mr. Lacombe,.

Yours very truly,

