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ans. 9 Oct.

October the fourth
in the middle of
the California desert
I find

Dear Arthur

that I have kindled a torch whose flame
only your magnetic presence can hope to
extinguish.

Mentioning my hope you might see fit to
visit these isolated folk has resulted
in a wave of enthusiasm that has, without
aid from me, raced across two countries,
two states, three districts, and 14 clubs.
Now, if you can spare a day, there is talk
of a gathering of 600 or more Rotarians
from the far-flung desert clubs, a whole
beef barbecue in Western style, a fiesta-
reception in Mexico graced by their high-
est officialdom--in the fashion they and
they obviously only can produce, a tea at
the fabulous Shadow Mountain Club, an aerial
survey if you like of the 9000 square miles
of mostly arid sand surrounding us with it's
contained fantasies including the life-
giving waters of the Colorado River, the
gigantic stagnant Salton Sea 200 feet be-
low ocean level, a penitentiary built of
mud, and strange boiling mudpots that they
use as a source of ice: all, I am sure
new and interesting to you.

Their hopes are so high, their interest
in true Rotary honestly so keen I cannot
but plead you grant them this one day,
knowing their hungry hearts will ever re-
member your graciousness.

Truly, yours,

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