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Dear Mackie, I've been in-  
tending to write you, but  
am ashamed that I haven't  
gotten around to it. I  
have been kind of stalled  
on a memo that I ex-  
pected to finish before  
Christmas, and haven't  
finished yet. I think I  
will though in about  
two days more.  
When I wrote you last  
I guess I forgot to tell  
you where I am. I am

at the Gondou Hotel  
916 Sixteenth Street North  
West, about two blocks  
from the Rochembeau.  
I want to get a chance  
to run up to New York  
I soon. It seems like  
an awful long time  
since I saw you.

Gaston Drake of Miami  
was up here last  
week and I had a long  
talk with him. You know  
he is the President of that  
oil co. that has been try-  
ing so long to put down  
a well on the Chevelie, land.  
He is still very confident that



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there is oil there and still trying to finance the completion of the well. I talked to him about the taxes and he says two members of the I. I. Board had told him that so long as he was developing oil prospects they wouldn't let any one get the land for taxes; of course though they have been shut down for more than a year, and sooner or later the taxes will have to be paid or the land sold,

Mr. Arake is disturbed about the Park proposition. He thinks it is awful to think about putting that land in a park and not reserving the oil rights. After I saw he was so much against the Park proposition I did not argue the matter with him, but emphasized the importance of holding off the tax foreclosure. If that can be staved off until either the park, or the well materialize, I will be ready to grab whichever one happens first. More soon.  
Lots of love to my sweet Pal. Father,