

Mr. Hutchinson



12 October 1931



MR. Paul S. Clapp, Secretary
N.E.L.A.
33 W. 39th St.
New York City

Subject: Recognition of Possible Death of
Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir:

The most appropriate suggestion made to the writer yesterday led to the following night message which I trust you will not consider inappropriate: "Suggest lights out for one minute member companies if Edison should die".

Although this suggestion may have been made to you previously, it would seem a most appropriate way of bringing to the attention of the entire country the significance of the life work of Mr. Edison.

Although we realize that it may be impracticable to cut off all circuits at any time, it probably would be possible to have the various member companies open certain residential lighting and street lighting feeder circuits at different times during the particular evening for one minute at a time.

Trusting that you will bring this matter to the attention of the officials of the N.E.L.A. and, if approved by them, to member companies, I am

Yours very truly,

C.F. HARDING

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Head, School of Electrical Engineering.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

October 19, 1931

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
WEST ORANGE, N.J.

THROUGH THE DEATH OF MR. EDISON THE ELECTRICAL
INDUSTRY HAS LOST ITS GREATEST PIONEER AND THE WORLD
AN OUTSTANDING FIGURE WHOSE SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS
INCALCULABLE STOP AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN INSTI-
TUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU
THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF ITS MORE THAN EIGHTEEN
THOUSAND MEMBERS IN THIS YOUR GREAT BEREAVEMENT.

C. E. SKINNER, PRESIDENT
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

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Mrs. A. Edison*

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October 23, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The following radiogram was received from
the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers,
Johannesburg:

"Regret passing of your illustrious
member and brilliant inventor Edison stop
Please convey condolence family"

Very truly yours,

Assistant National Secretary.

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Thomas Edison

October 23, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

The following cablegram was received today
from the Associazione Elettrotecnica Italiana, Milan,
Italy:

"The news of the disappearance of
Edison though not unexpected has been heard
with deep sorrow by the whole civilized world
and particularly by all technicians who may
better evaluate the enormous amount of genial
work done by the great inventor the great
difficulties he has so often overcome his
organizing talent his deep practical sense
the immense fecundity of his mind which have
lead him to the solution of problems which
were judged insoluble and which have render-
ed so rightly popular his name the Italian
electricians want to transmit to the family
of the great inventor and to all the col-
leagues of the A.I.E.E. their best sympathy
and deep sentiments of sorrow.

Bordoni
General President of the A.E.I. "

(Associazione Elettrotecnica
Italiana)

Very truly yours,

Thomas Edison

October 26, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We are quoting below four radiograms and telegrams which were received recently:

"Academic Council faculty members
Harbin Polytechnic Institute Harbin China
deeply regret decease great inventor Edison
express condolence."

"We express to you our heartfelt
sympathy for loss of Edison"

President
Institute Electrical Engineers
Japan"

"Elektrotechnický svaz Československý
in Prague expresses their heartiest sympathy
upon the loss of Edison the greatest inventor
of the world

Venci"

"Association Polish Electricians
expresses to American Institute of Electrical
Engineers profound and hearty compassion by
reason of death of Thomas Edison great man
of science

President Karsnicki
General Secretary Podoski"

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. A. Edison

October 27, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
West Orange, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Edison:

I have the honor of transmitting to you
herewith a copy of a minute in memory of Mr. Edison
which was adopted by the Board of Directors of this
Institute at a meeting held in Kansas City, last
Friday.

Very truly yours

National Secretary

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November 14, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We are giving below a copy of a message
received from the Asociacion Electrotecnica Iberica,
Barcelona, Spain:

"In the name of the Barcelona Branch of
the Asociacion Electrotecnica Iberica, and by
express wish of the Committee of the same, I have
the honor of conveying to your Institution the
expression of their deep sympathy with you in the
decease of the distinguished inventor, Thomas A.
Edison, by whose death the world suffers an
irreparable loss."

Very truly yours,

Assistant National Secretary.

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ASOCIACION
DE
INGENIEROS Y ARQUITECTOS
DE MEXICO

FUNDADA EN 1868

CALLE DE OCAMPO NUMERO 3
APARTADO POSTAL 20-57
MEXICO, D. F.

TELEFONOS | ERICSSON 2-37- 59
| MEXICANA J-41-30

HORAS DE OFICINA:
DE LAS 18 A LAS 20 HORAS, EXCEPTO
SABADOS Y DOMINGOS

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OF COMMITTEE



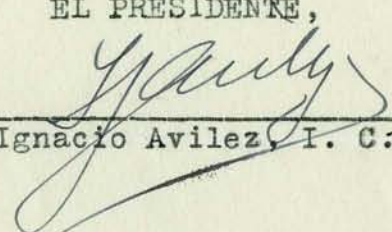
México, D. F.,
30 de noviembre de 1931.

The American Institute of
Electrical Engineers,
29 West 39th. St.,
New York, N. Y. - U. S. A.

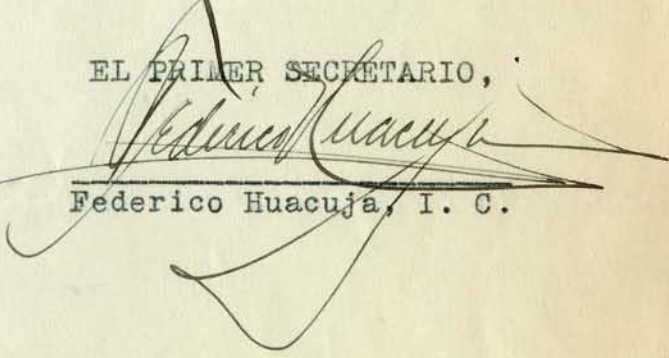
La Asociación de Ingenieros y Arquitectos de México, en su última sesión reglamentaria, acordó presentar a ustedes, como hoy tenemos el honor de hacerlo, su sincera condolencia por la muerte de una de las figuras representativas de la civilización moderna, el sabio inventor THOMAS ALVA EDISON.

Conmovidos profundamente por la desaparición de este hombre esencialmente dinámico, que supo dedicar su prodigiosa inteligencia en hallar la máxima comodidad y el mayor bienestar de sus semejantes, sentimos haber perdido, y con nosotros la Humanidad entera, al genio tipo de la etapa de evolución material del mundo.

EL PRESIDENTE,


Ignacio Avilez, I. C.

EL PRIMER SECRETARIO,


Federico Huacuja, I. C.

GSB.

TRANSLATION

FROM

SPANISH

Mexico City, Mexico,

November 30, 1931.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers
NYC.

Gentlemen:

The Asociación de Ingenieros y Arquitectos de Mexico (The Association of Engineers & Architects of Mexico) at its last regulation meeting adopted a resolution to present to you, as we have the pleasure of doing today, the expression of its condolence upon the death of one of the representative figures of modern civilization, the savant inventor THOMAS ALVA EDISON.

Profoundly stirred by the departure of this essentially dynamic man, who was able to devote his prodigious intelligence to finding the maximum convenience and greatest well-being of his fellow-men, we feel we have lost, as has all humanity, the typical genius of the present stage in the material evolution of the world.

THE PRESIDENT

Ignacio Avilez, I. C.

THE FIRST SECRETARY

Federico Huacuja, I. C.

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OFFICE MGR.

D. BIERMAN

30 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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December 14, 1931

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
East Orange, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Edison:

We are attaching a translation of a message
received from the Association of Engineers and Architects
in Mexico.

Very truly yours,

Assistant National Secretary.

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Enclosure