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My dear Mrs. Drought:-

I am so very sorry to be forced to express my regrets to both you <sup>and</sup> Mr. General Ayres, as Mr. Evans and I will be out of the city on Tuesday the twenty-ninth of April and unable to attend the reception in your charming home. Mr. Ayres richly deserves this compliment and the honor conferred upon him by you <sup>and</sup> the decoration conferred by the King of Spain. His work has