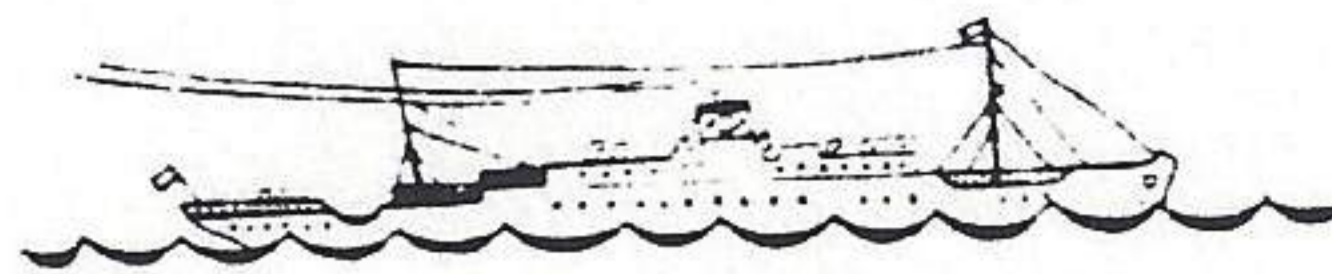


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dear mother and Dad,

At last I have completed the Alaskan report and am now on my way to Guatemala for a couple of months. I need one good cook and a diplomatic secretary so you better both come on down and share the fun.

This trip is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the University of Kansas and is for the purpose of studying the mammals in Guatemala. This expedition should round out my studies of the mammals of the world!

The museum has provided me with a suburban Carryall Chev., \$400.00 a month salary and \$3,000 expenses, or more, if needed. Barring any serious difficulties like selling my scalp or being pushed into a volcano, I see no reason why I should not be able to accomplish my objective. As soon as I return from this trip I expect to finish the degree so the family can also participate in these trips.

Right now I am writing from Havana on the S. S. Chiriqui. The University was willing to pay my fare and ship the car by boat and naturally I did not object. I expect to return via the same route in early February.

I drove from Lawrence to New Orleans and camped along the way. A bed with interesting ^{built in the cap} mattress provides me with a very comfortable place to sleep. The country through Arkansas was not unfamiliar to me as I had travelled three