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Puertos Barrios  
Hotel del Norte

Arrived Puerto Barrios early this morning. Everything up to now is in the pale compared to Guatemala. The trip between Havana and Barrios was uneventful except for rougher water, but then only enough to run the last drop of soup on to one side of the bowl so you could easily and politely get the last drop; I did see a show on the boat with Walter Pidgeon which was very good and also a short on some archeological work sponsored by the United Fruit Company which gave me the idea that they might also consider sponsoring a zoological expedition. Now, that they know Bee from the top to bottom, would be a good time to approach them. Imagine, eating all the bananas you wanted for nothing!

At the dock, met Mr. Holiday who is the manager of the interests of the United Fruit Company at Barrios. He took me over to the office and we started to see how far we could go about getting the car off the boat and on a flat car. Two other ships were ahead of the Cubabama and loaded with new cars. These new cars will have to be unloaded first and then, perhaps tomorrow they can start on the Cubabama. My car was the last item to be placed on the boat at New Orleans and therefore handy for getting off the boat. But, at Honduras, they put the car deep in the ship and loaded 100,000 pounds of pipe on top of it, so it may not be until