

and to get the gun and ammunition into the country. A letter written by Hall on the 26th of November proved to be only an introduction to getting the permit although he said that we would like to have the permit sent to Barrios so that I could take care of matters there when I arrived. When I called the Ministerio de Defensa Nacional, he said that the permit had been resolved and that I was to check with the Ministerio de Relaciones Exterior (State Department or like Office of International Relations) at the National Palace where the permit was being approved. I do not think that Ministerio of Defensa Nacional had even written out the permit nor did he think that I could reach the M. de R. E. before he had a chance to make one out but I did get to see the M. de R. E. and found out that he had never heard anything about such a permit! It was five minutes to noon, Friday and at that time he could not get in touch with the M. de D. N. so asked if I would not return Monday at ten o'clock. Arriving in Guatemala City on a weekend, complicated matters considerably. The American Embassy closed Friday at four and could not be of help until Monday. Imagine hours from 10 - 12 and 2 to 4 with Saturday and Sunday and all holidays off! In visiting the various offices of the Guatemala Government, I found an anxiety and confusion which to me spells instability. This observation is proving true as I receive information from different sources. I did not believe Docking in Lawrence when he told me that the country was unstable as based on the stock market, but I find now that the country is far from stable; that there is an underground movement; that many people easily understood except