

as well. There is a greater selection of toys than I have ever seen in the U.S. It really looks like home ( Pardon- not in all respects. ) Yesterday a car passed with American X'mas carols being sung. Toys in Guatemala are for the old as well as the young and would estimate that 80% of the peoples in come go for them.

Tell Jay to draw a picture of the new Bob Cat Badge and tell me something about it.

Do you have enough money to carry you thru December? address mail care of American Embassy- they will handle emergency calls. Will probably be in Guatemala City at least two more days, depending how soon they can reestablish the rail service from Barrios.

Love James.

Guatemala City, Guatemala  
Dec. 6, 1954

Contacted Mr. A. L. Bump, Head of the United Fruit Co., in Guatemala City. He showed me some exceptionally fine paintings of Mayan Gods. His hobby is the use and history of corn in the Mayan culture. Mr. Bump wanted to cooperate in publishing a manual of the mammals of Guatemala. He gave me the name of Farnsworth and Knight of the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City. He has a keen interest in the reconstitution of Mayan ruins.

This afternoon met Jorge A. Barra, Director of the Museo de Zoología y Historia Natural and spent the afternoon with him. He will bring a letter of authorization to collect mammals and birds and will meet at 2:00 P.M. tomorrow. For future expeditions to Guatemala, he will arrange for permits for guns and collecting etc.