

down to the freight depot and got a clearance paper from the office. They look my invoices & bills of lading and told me that I must first take the clearance paper to the Customs & pay the freight charge. So I walked across town to the Customs and found out that I needed the "documents" that the freight office kept so I went back and picked them up and return to Customs. They then told me I must get a Certificado de Declaración which I could pick up at a Liberia store (book store, stationery store) so I went up town but could not find such a form so went over to the United Fruit Co and they said that the Certificate were available at the Customs. (U.F. Co. billed me \$125.00 + 44 for extra weight of car which they did not tell me about.

they call it extra lift charge). So I returned to Customs and they said that an agency across the street will take care of the Declaración Certificate (for 3 or 4 dollars), as it was 10 to 12 o'clock I found that I was checkmated for the day. I have not decided whether these people are dumb or clever - I think they are making it as difficult as possible so I will have to appeal for professional guidance. I'll show em that I don't fall for their cunningness. Tomorrow I will complete the Certificado de Declaración, and then I can pay my freight bill. Then I can arrange to get the car out of bond and the guns and ammunition placed in the hand of the Custom authorities. After that is done I must go back to the Palaco Nacional and see the ministro de Gobernación who, I hope, will issue me a permit to carry the guns. I can then go back to Customs and pick up my gun and arms, providing of course that the ministro de Defensa Nacional does not take