

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Dec. 9, 1954

It was required that I employ a Customs Broker to get a release of the car, a Rafael A. Argu Torrebiarte - Agente de Aduanas. Also went to National Palace and got several signatures for other problems associated with car, guns and licenses.

Dec. 10, 1954

worked all day at Customs and at National Palace. Car officially released at 6:00 P.M. but will have to wait until tomorrow to get permit to drive in Guatemala.

Dec. 11, 1954

Got permit to drive. Ibarra arranged for Carlos Paredos to assist me on the first trip into the field.

Dec. 12, 1954

mailed expense account and letters to Hall and to Annette. Finally departed 10:00 A.M. for field work. Unnecessary official delays has cost me valuable time that could have been profitable in productive field work. Next time these matters should be handled by mail before departure from Kansas. However there will always be snags along the way. Itinerary included Chimaltenango, Solala, Encuentros, Santo Tomas, Chichicastenango, Santa Cruz de Quiché, Sozapulos. There was a bridge out enroute to Chajul so returned to a point 10 miles south and camped.