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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Lawrence, Kansas

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Sr. Jorge A. Ibarra, Director  
Museo Nacional De Historia Natural  
Ministerio De Education Publica  
Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Señor Ibarra:

Mr. James Bee has written me of your recent kindness to him in connection with the arrangements that it was necessary for him to make in order to collect mammals in Guatemala.

Mr. Bee has told me that you desire to carry on further studies here in the United States.

Because we are a training center for persons who engage in natural history work, Mr. Bee suggested that I write you, and because Mr. Bee recommends you, we would be willing and glad to have you study here. In our experience a period of one full year would be a minimum of time that would be required for completing the museum course.

If the candidate desired to attempt to obtain at the same time a higher<sup>academic</sup> degree (for example, a Master of Arts Degree in Zoology), some additional months, or perhaps two full years, ordinarily is required in actual practice. The requirements for the M.A. Degree depend in considerable part upon the previous courses and schooling and degree, if any, that the candidate has had.

If you have interest in undertaking work here, please furnish me with a statement of your previous schooling, courses and degree, if any.

It is my understanding that the Technical Assistance Board of the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, New York, New York, has funds that are available for the support of Latin American students who wish to study outside of their own countries. It is my understanding that if the Minister of Education of Guatemala agrees to the wisdom of your undertaking studies outside of Guatemala, he could recommend you to the Technical Assistance Board and receive the necessary funds for you to undertake the studies that Mr. Bee has mentioned.

By referring to our correspondence file I note that we have had previous correspondence between the dates of November 2, 1948, and December 27, 1948, and I note in particular that you received from me a letter dated November 8, 1948, concerning several aspects of natural history museums.

On January 8 I expect to leave here to visit New York City and I could make inquiry in person at the Office of the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations. However, I would need to know your plans and desires in order to make such an inquiry. Any such inquiry on my part would be