

when I returned from the field on Feb 1, I was about ready to turn in my toothbrush and head for the states. I must say that Wall's proposition actually does not appeal to me, as, if this date, I have seen about all of Guatemala, at least the representative parts. I already have 800 skins which I think is a good representation of Guatemalan mammals. The extra 7 weeks will, however, permit a more thorough coverage of the Republic and justify the big expense in sending out the expedition. This collection will be the most noteworthy and significant one to come out of Guatemala. However, while I have told Wall that I would collect for seven more weeks, I will use any excuse to come home - for instance if the U.S. gets tangled up in Formosa - I think that I will immediately head for the U.S. Central Am. is not safe, especially Guatemala, when the Russians and Communist China are agitating the world.

When I talked to you the other day I did not give you much of an opportunity to defend your side of the story because of the lack of time but I will say that I am using poor judgment by staying and that I should not be away from the family so long. This will be the last time I will collect for full until I have a degree and, how do the practical thing, which is to take the family into the field. For instance, Dr. Stewart of Michigan arrived yesterday and every year he brings his family with him and keeps them at Atitlan Lake. Stewart married into a million dollars and they live in the big hotel at the lake, but I find that to live like a king in Guatemala, does not take millions to do it. Have you noticed any ill-effects in the children because of papa's absence. From what I heard on the telephone the children seem to be developing ^{at} a rapid speed in spite of their daddy being away. It will be a happy day when we can get together again.