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Dear Dad.

On my return from a three week trip to the jungles along the Pacific Coast I learned that mother had passed away. My greatest concern in Guatemala has been that I might not be in contact with the outside world in time of emergency. It is consoling to me and I know it has been to you that everything humanly possible has been done for mother and that the final rites were according to the traditional ceremony of the Bee and Culbertson family. It has been an outstanding example of a perfect wife and mother cared for in times of need by a perfect husband and father. My life's work will be dedicated to both you and mother. Extend my sympathies to Mary & Max who have been so helpful in the caring for mother during her illness.

I would love to have you spend a week or so in Guatemala with me - the separation is only a matter of 6-7 hours by plane. I have all the facilities here for visiting the country.

Love
James.

I would like to know the details of the funeral which I understand you will send later.