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Dear Annette

Returned yesterday from Astillero to find the full story waiting in your letters and I ^{quite properly analyzed} must say, The Bee family is leading a very complex life and ^{we} must start to unpack some of the problems. It is impractical to try to solve these problems by mail or at this particular time but when I return ^{we} can fully discuss them and take certain actions. Let's go native in ^{Guatemala} and illuminate the complexities of life.

Wrote Dad today and sent in what will be the second and last expense account while in Guat. At the time of mother's death I was in the jungle along the Pacific Ocean in one of the most "out of the way" places I have seen in since in Guatemala. It is consoling to me to know that everything humanly possible had been done for mother and that the funeral was ^{carried} out according to the tradition of the Bee and Culbertson family. My regret is that I was not able to share my share of the responsibility in ^{caregiving} for mother during her illness. Dad, Mary & I was shouldered the full physical and emotional strain and my greatest respect is extended to ^{them} them. My memories remain of ^{the} a perfect mother of her pre-illness days and I am thankful for that. Dad will never completely recover from the emotional strain and, as you suggested, a visit to the children would help to relieve ^{the} the tension. I have asked him to fly down to Guatemala and spend ^{a week} or so with me before I return to the States.

I have reservations to return to the U.S. via United Fruit Co ship ^{on} ^{April 8} I will not know until about 26th of this month as to when the car can be ^{shipped} by freighter. If the passenger and car shipment can not be synchronized within 2 or 3 days I will ship the car and fly to New Orleans. This is one ^{of} the many difficulties of getting in and out of Guat. by ship.

Monday or Tues I fly to Peten (Paso Caballo) in the NW part of Guat. This ^{is} the wildest part of Guat. The trip is being made at the invitation of W. W. ^{Brown} who is the big chieftain of the Construction Co building the new highway from Guat. City to Puerto Barrios (Atlantic Highway). He expects to get the other contracts of ^{road} development in Guat. (as he said get 64 of the 65 million dollars available for development). His interests in Peten are hunting and oil and at this stage the work is exploratory. A helicopter and several planes are at his disposal. His interest in me is my knowledge.