

Marzo 30, 1955
Ciudad de Guatemala

Dear Annette, Pally, Chris and Jay.

Your letters have been coming thru with faithful regularity - I wish I could claim the same.

Tomorrow morning I will put the car on a flatcar which will take it to Puerto Barrios. On the 4th of April it will be on its way to New Orleans on the freighter 'Lempa'. On the 8th I sail on the Cherequi which will arrive in New Orleans on the 10th. According to the schedules, the car and I should arrive on the same date but there may be a delay in the arrival of the car if the unloading ^{of other freight} at Houston, Texas takes longer than normally expected. At any rate I will be home by the 15th or before. Customs at New Orleans could throw a wrench into the schedule if they decide to retain specimens until a decision is reached as to whether they keep them for fumigation etc. Whatever occurs at New Orleans Customs will never compare with the red-tape in Guatemala - I have never seen nor heard of such detailed and time absorbing routine as they have here. This is the 4th day that we have been processing my departure and as yet we have not encountered customs as yet. As soon as the car is secured on the flat car and the car is moved ^{into} the custom house they will start processing - sealing every article in the car. I have a broker, shipping firm and Senor Ibarra working