

Guatemala City, Guatemala

March 30, 1955

Spent the day in the museum of natural history preparing for Petén expedition and organizing collections and truck for shipment to Puerto Barras and thence to New Orleans.

April 2, 1955

Jorge Ibarra and I left by plane for Petén. Ibarra had arranged for transportation thru the Guatemala Government. Took just enough equipment for sleeping, food and collecting material. Photo 550402-1 from plane over Cobon. Photo 550402-2 of jungle beyond Cobon. Photo 550402-3 Last range before lowlands of Petén, near Cobon. Guatemala from Pacific Coast to Petén is a series of ranges and river valley, trending E.W. Photo 550402-4 of C47 plane at airfield in Flores. Photo 550402-5 of Flores. This area supports a large beautiful lake, a good aquatic-marsh community. Photo 550402-6 at airport on Guatemala-British Honduras border. The pipes demarcate the border. Photo 550402-8 at Uxactun, Petén showing runway of airstrip and thatched houses we stayed on opposite side of the airstrip runway. Trapped area bordering the runway. The first evening a native brought a skin of a jaguar to the hut we were staying in and the odor of this skin caused the horses and mules in the area to wildly race up & down the airstrip as if actually being attacked! The photo 550402-8a is of Senior Ibarra, myself and two local helpers at Uxactun with the hut in the background on n side airstrip. Slept with nets over cots as the hut or 'basha' were mainly open side structures of spaced upright planks.



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