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is to have the certificate of ownership (preferably showing you as owner or part owner, or a letter from the owner). They will issue you a poliza provisional, or provisional permit for the time desired. A tourist card is required and serves the purpose even better than a pass-port. A drivers license and registration certificate should be carried. Any documents yielding colorful seals and bold signatures are impressive and the more you can present, the more you are respected and assisted. A certificate of present health, police record, and a half a dozen pass-port photos might help eliminate unnecessary delays if involved under exceptional circumstances. The international health certificate is required, of course. I would also investigate liability accident insurance for Mexico and Guatemala.

Getting your firearms legally into Guatemala is recommended. You should write the Ministerio de Defensa Nacional, Palacio Nacional, Guatemala City, Guatemala, immediately, asking for a firearms permit. In the letter you should explain the quantity of arms, ammunition, types and purposes for which you wish to bring them in. It is absolutely necessary to have the permit before leaving Provo, lest the guns be impounded on arrival. You can get them out of customs after you reach Guatemala City but this I do not recommend except as a last resort. Let me also point out the advisability of checking with the nearest Guatemalan Consulate about the trip as he will have the latest official word. It never hurts to get further assurances from a Guatemalan representative. Any letters signed by these officials about your trip might prove useful on the customs-inspector level. When in Guatemala avail yourself of the services of the American Embassy as they can direct you to individuals who will be the most useful to you. In any event sign in with them and have all your mail sent to you in care of them. Air-mail takes from five to nine days to reach Guatemala City from Provo. Never send correspondence except by air-mail unless the time factor is unimportant. Pan-American Airways provides regular plane service and is quite reasonable in price for fare. My telephone-shortwave calls to Lawrence, Kansas were approximately \$8.00 per three minutes.

For your initial stay in Guatemala City I would recommend the Pan-American Hotel which is conveniently located to the Palacio Nacional (two blocks away) where you will be required to spend considerable time if your permits have not already been prearranged. It is located on the exclusive Sixth Avenue which is the famed shopping street where nearly all of your needs can be obtained such as film, groceries, extra field equipment, clothing, etc. Although expensive (\$5.00-\$12.00 per day American plan) it is where American needs of health and sanitation are satisfied.

The most desirable part of the year for collecting in Guatemala (at moderate altitudes) is between the months of November and April. The days are generally comfortably warm to cool and are generally supported by brilliant sunshine. At one of my camps at Thamal, 12000 feet., the temperature dropped to 12° F. and at other camps in lower elevations the temperature became so high that I was forced to withdraw from the field between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A permanent antifreeze in your