

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas

April 10, 1956

The following information sent to Senor Jorge A. Sbarra Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, Guatemala City, Guatemala "La Aurora" Camp de la Feria.

"I was happily surprised to receive your kind letter of April 2 and I might say that I am highly envious of your pending expedition into the wilds of Petén. Of all the trips that I made in Guatemala, the one to Petén with you and your kind friends was the most memorable one.

"Two tubes of insect repellent, which will be making their second trip into Petén, were shipped by airmail - special delivery on the morning of the tenth. The postmaster at Lawrence told me that the package will go through Customs at Guatemala City so you should keep in touch with your people in customs as I know, from experience, that they will take several days to process the package before you finally get it which may then be too late for you to take to Petén. In the meantime, I will see if I can find additional tubes of repellent for you.

This morning I was talking to Dr. Tordoff, our ornithologist at the museum, about your trip to Petén and he informs me that we do not have wild turkeys from Guatemala and that we would be very happy if arrangements could be made to get one or two specimens from your country. If opportunity arises for you and your assistant to collect a male & female, they could be skinned, dried and shipped collect to Customs at Kansas City. Tordoff could pay \$20.00 for two such skins.

After I finish a manuscript on the Birds of northern Alaska, I expect to publish a paper on the mammals which I collected in Guatemala. There are some new undescribed forms.

I am sorry that you did not have the opportunity to visit the University of Kansas but I know you would have if at all possible. At the time you were in St. Louis I was in northern Minnesota collecting material for our exhibits, otherwise I would have tried to see you in St. Louis. I have not made my last trip to Guatemala and I know you will visit again our country, so eventually our families will have a chance to meet each other.