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Mr. James Bee  
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Dear James:

Just a few days ago I came back to this city and now I take this opportunity to answer your very kind letter of April 10.

The trip I realized to the jungle was very fortunate; in the first place I could say that the insects were not of blood thirsty and the reason is obvious: the two tubes of repellente were received on time and I want to express my gratitude for your valuable assistance, though you haven't told me the price of these precious tubes of insect repellent.

I stayed in La Libertad trying to capture some ocellated turkeys for Dr. Tordoff. I didn't find any, but I hope to obtain some of these birds in my next expedition; any of these and some mammals will be sent to your university in the future as a souvenir of my museum.

I am very happy to know about your activities on birds of Northern Alaska and I hope to have the surprise to read something about the underscribed mammals that you successfully collected in Guatemala.

Certainly I was very sorry not to meet you when I stayed in your great country, but I think that some time in the future will be any opportunity to see you and family. I believe that the world is small and the occasions to find our excellent friend, are not rare.

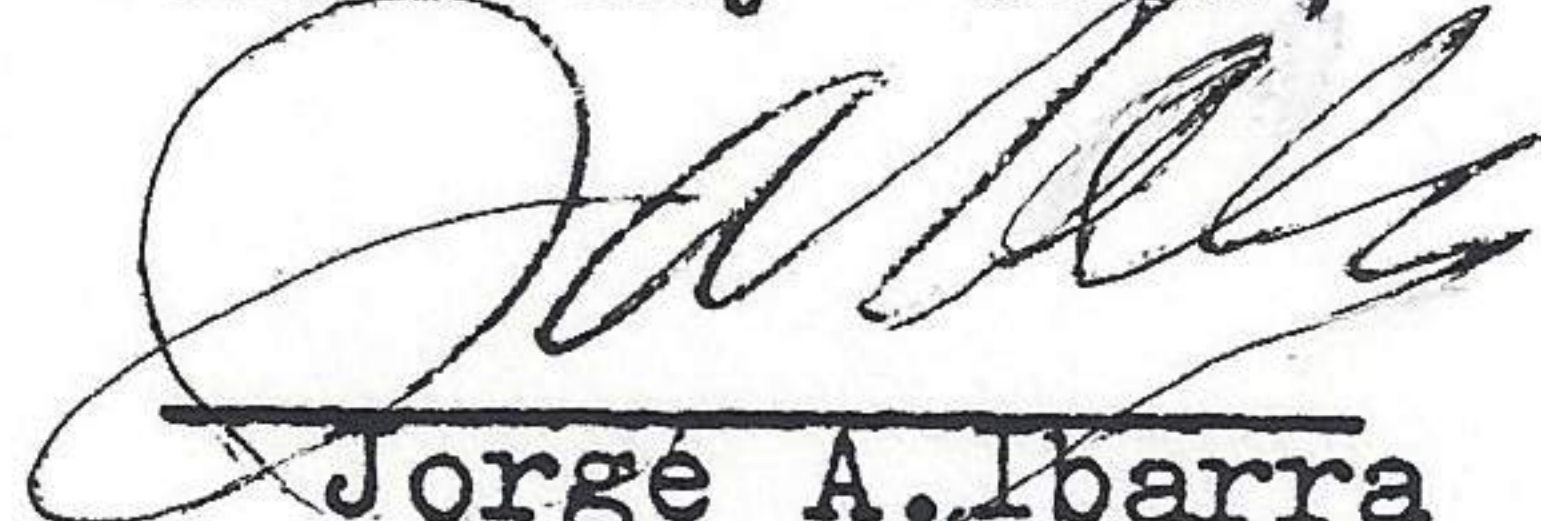
My desire to establish primitive sanctuaries in this country will be realized; there are some people interested in its realization, especially now with the development of the oil companies which will be actively working in Petén.

I have given your regards to the persons that you mentioned in your letter and they have expressed their desire for your success in Natural History.

My wife sends to you and family the most sincere regards. Two days ago my little boy mentioned your name in the nicest manner saying: "yo me llamo Dr. Bee", as you can see, he also wants to be a scientist.

With my best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,



Jorge A. Ibarra

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