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c/o Postmaster  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear John:

We were more than glad to have your note of October 9th. The items of heat controlling equipment which you mention are being purchased and we will forward them to you as soon as possible. Between the trucking strike and the maritime strike the harbor of New York is still practically closed and we are unable to obtain any precise information as to when the accumulated cargo may be moved.

We have contacted the Army Transport Service in regard to employing that facility in moving freight to you. We were informed that the Army does not maintain a flying field in Guatemala which was contrary to my impression, as I thought that the Air Corps had a field in Guatemala City. The Army did have regular service from West Palm Beach to Panama at a cost of 60¢ per pound. I wonder if you would check on the situation and as to the possibility of moving material up from Panama City to Guatemala City.

We were all pleased to learn that Joe Spoto is returning to Guatemala City. He can hardly fail to be of real assistance to us as our work unfolds. I do not know of any man who could be more helpful in a Latin American country than Joe.

Your show is already attracting rather wide and favorable attention up here. We are frequently asked as to the progress of the work. Doctor T. B. Turner of Johns Hopkins wants us to check on the pathogenicity in man of the rabbit spirochete; Doctor Neurath of Duke would like to have us follow patients with his verification procedure; Doctor Parran and probably Doctor Moore might drop in for a visit after the first of the year. We have told them all that the laboratory is not completed as yet but when in operation we would more than welcome visitors and inspection.

Sincerely yours,

  
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