

December 6, 1946

Medical Director John F. Mahoney
Staten Island V. D. Research Laboratory
U. S. Marine Hospital
Staten Island 4, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Mahoney:

We were very much disappointed upon arrival in Puerto Barrios to find that the equipment was not on board of the ship which had left New York on November the 20th. However, while we were there we learned that the expected strike has been settled for at least thirty days so that we may still get the shipment before the dead line. When it comes, one of us will again go to Puerto Barrios to clear through Customs, after which it can come to Guatemala City by regular freight. Such a method will save about three weeks time.

I think that in the future it will be well to check with Mr. Fyfe as to ascertain whether the material was actually placed on board and to determine the name and sailing date of the ship. We were told by the United Fruit Company Agent that frequently shipments were consigned to a ship only to be removed or to be cancelled at the last moment.

The samples of unknown sera for testing arrived this morning and are now going through the laboratory. Thank you very much for sending them. We are continuing our work of the serologic survey of the penitentiary and are doing small scale work with both the Army and Dr. Funes' hospital, so that the days are very full.

We moved into our house two weeks ago and are finally getting settled.

You will probably want to have some cloth made in the near future. If you can wait until you arrive here it will be possible to get them tailored in a hurry from good English material at a cost considerably less than at home.

We have little need for Albert DeLassez's services after the 20th of this month and therefore I should like to send him back home then. He has requested three weeks leave on route in order to stay with his family in Mexico City. I have therefore told him that we can make arrangements for passage, consequently, he will arrive in New York around the 10th of January, 1947. Will you please issue orders for him to leave here on or about December 20, giving him three weeks annual leave on route.

Sincerely,

Respectfully forwarded:

Walter H. Dashiell
For the Chief, Caribbean Sector

John C. Outler
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