

Dear Dr. Mason,

Avenida Insurgentes  
# 418.

I have not been home <sup>Mexico, D.F.</sup> for 9 months,  
& it has just occurred to my office to forward  
me your letter of Feb. 19, 1921.

I expect to go to Laguna next week.  
The family remains here, at the above  
address, to accompany the children, whom  
I have put in school here.

My eyes have been troubling me, so I  
can not write much. Yours,

Have heard nothing about Miss Butler's <sup>Leslie's</sup> woman

but if she arrives  
in office will  
take care for  
her.

Tenosique, Tabasco, June 16, 1932.

Mr. Leslie Moore,  
Ciudad del Carmen,  
Campeche, Mexico.

My dear Mr. Moore:

I was so pleased to receive your note from Mexico City a few days ago, but distressed to hear that you are having trouble with your eyes. I do hope that it is nothing serious and that the trouble can be remedied soon. I note that you are returning to Laguna "next week" as you say, so I suppose you are there now. Your letter was received here in Tenosique where we had just arrived from Piedras Negras after closing our season there. The rest of the party left last Sunday, but as usual there was some trouble with the customs in Frontera and they did not send up the celadores to accompany the cargo down, so I had to remain behind. This is now arranged, and the celadores are leaving Frontera today on the Simbad, and we will go out together, probably Sunday. I hope to get a boat from there in a few days and to be home by the end of June. I would be delighted to see you in Laguna, but do not expect to pass that way, though of course there is always a possibility that for one reason or another I may have to do so.

Miss Butler flew from Merida to Villahermosa where I went to meet her; she arrived there the day we got to Frontera by boat, about March 1st. I presume she stopped an hour or so in Carmen, but as you were not there, of course no one knew of her coming. She left with the others on Sunday.

We had quite a successful season and got quite a number of interesting objects as well as important notes and photographs. We had one unfortunate accident, however, in the burning of a large part of our camp, five buildings with a great deal of our equipment. It handicapped us greatly, but the most essential parts of the equipment were in use at the time and so were saved, and fortunately the bodega with our food supplies was not burnt, or we would have had to quit work and walk out to Tenosique. Almost all of our field notes were saved also, so after we got the most urgent replacements in, we were able to carry on efficiently, but we will have to replace a great deal of the equipment next year, if we come again, and many photographs and such things were irreplaceably lost.

Most of my correspondence was burnt also, but I think that I never had a final settling with you regarding our expenses when we came in last year, and I think I still owe you something, as you never submitted a final account. Whenever you are able to do this, I'll be glad to send you a check for the balance. I don't know how the rate of exchange affects you, but it was a Godsend for us, as we had to count our pennies this year, and the low price of pesos will probably keep me out of a deficit which I might have to foot out of my pocket, for the Museum is in a very bad way financially. It will be closed during August without pay for anyone; salaries have been cut once and will probably have to be cut a second time, and prospects of returning again next spring are mighty slim.

My cordial regards to you and your family and to the Shumachers, many thanks for your help, and good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

LESLIE MOORE

CIUDAD DEL CARMEN  
CAMP., MEXICO.

July 13th, 1932.

Dr. J.A. Mason,  
The University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia,  
E. U. A.

Dear friend Mason:

Your letter of June 16th, duly came to hand, after considerable traveling, as it took me seventeen days to come from México City, where I left the family.

Thank you for the desire you express in regard to my eye. So far it has cost me \$-395.00. It turned out that a hot cinder from a train that got into it fifteen years ago, burned a tiny speck somewhere in back, and although the operation I had at that time took out the cinder, it left the dead speck that has been getting worse, but the oculist in México City says that he will excavate it, to talk archaeologically, in about six months, and <sup>as</sup> he seems to be gay about it, I feel all right myself.

It seems impossible that since I called you up in Philadelphia, you have been doing so much work. It must have been awful to have a fire in your camp.

I was quite worried about your Miss. Butler as I imagined her wondering around all alone, but finally I learned in Mérida that she had flown to Villahermosa without stopping at this port.

In regard to any small amount you owe me for expenses, we shall have to let that lie over for the time, as I find too many details and don't know just where to locate any papers that deal with that matter.

When I was in Campeche I met a bunch of four men who had come from Duke College. The head of the expedition was Professor Pearse, who I understand, is a zoologist, accompanied by a Doctor Hall and two younger men, one of whom has specialized on crustaceans. I think that he must like his job, as I recommended the Campeche tiny shrimp to him, and he ate two great big heaping platefulls.

LESLIE MOORE

CIUDAD DEL CARMEN  
CAMP., MEXICO.

Dr. J.A. Mason,  
July 13th, 1932,  
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The other one is a botanist. They came along with me as far as Champoton, and at the dreary hour of midnight, they transferred over to a little lancha at that port, and started out for unknown lands. They had not taken the precaution to make any plans.

I took Professor Pearse over to see the Gobernador, as it looked to me like they might get into trouble if they went away from the coast, as they had moving pictures camera and all kind of prohibited articles. He gave them a letter to the President of Champoton. They were looking for stagnant water. I, somehow, have the feeling that they will find it.

I remain,

Truly yours,

*Leslie Moore,*

Leslie Moore.

LM/JF

October 6, 1932.

Mr. Leslie Moore,  
Ciudad del Carmen,  
Campeche, Mexico.

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have been horribly impolite not to have answered before this your kind note of July 13th, but have been extremely busy.

We still have a few pesos in the bank, and if you ever get to the papers referring to our shipment last year and find that we owe you a balance, as I suspect, let me know.

I never heard of the zoologist Pearce from Duke University, and wonder if they had a successful trip. So many people go down to your country knowing nothing about it and utterly unprepared.

I am mighty sorry we didn't see you last spring going in and out but it is more convenient traveling direct to and from Alvaro Obregon.

An old boyhood friend of mine who has a son at Mass. Tech. told me that the boy, Max Levy, has a classmate who comes from down your way. While he didn't remember the name to be sure, we decided that probably it was Shumacher's son.

Conditions are bad here but there is a good chance that we, or at any rate the expedition, will return again in February. They may go or come via Yucatan and Chichen Itza and in that event will of course drop in and call on you. We are now putting on exhibition some of the big things taken from Piedras Negras, and the rest are waiting on a raft above the last rapid for the river to get into condition to send them down.

That was a wonderful find that Morley made in your country at Calakmul, wasn't it?

With cordial regards to you and your family, the Shumachers and all other friends in Carmen, believe me as ever

Sincerely yours,

LESLIE MOORE  
CIUDAD DEL CARMEN  
CAMP., MEXICO.

October 26, 1932.

Dr. J. Alden Mason,  
The University Museum,  
Philadelphia, Penn.,  
E. U. A.

Dear Dr. Mason:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter of October 6, and especially to learn that there is a possibility of seeing you down in this district in October.

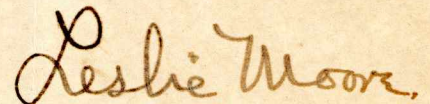
I never did know what became of the outfit from Duke University, and have often wondered what became of them. It looked to me like they were going to have a very hard time, and I tried to get them to see the inadvisability of starting up the Champoton River at midnight without first registering their presence with the Municipal President at Champoton. I have asked several people from that district, but have not obtained any information about them.

Mr. Schumacher is at Hot Springs at the present time, after having spent a short period in San Antonio. He is expected back in about two weeks.

I think the boy referred to at Technology must be Mr. Schumacher's son Jess.

I asked Mr. Pallas in this office in regard to your account, as I didn't know whether it had been cleared up or not, and I am going to inclose you a copy of what he handed me. The small amounts I paid in México City when I was running around with Mr. Aguirre, who was then with the consul general, to find out how to clear up the mess of routing your merchandise, don't amount to anything. If you have not this amount available, don't bother about it just now, but let it ride for some other time.

I remain, Truly yours,



Leslie Moore.

November 3, 1932.

Mr. Leslie Moore,  
Ciudad del Carmen,  
Campeche, Mexico.

Dear Mr. Moore:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of October 26. You speak of the possibility of seeing us down there in October. Possibly that was a slip-up on your part. I wrote you that we might get down in February.

I was glad at last to get a statement of your expenses in our behalf in the spring of 1931. My first impulse was to send you a check at once, for I still have a good balance in the Villahermosa bank and hope that it will be enough to pay the salary of our caretaker at the camp for the rest of the year and the expenses of the shipment of the monuments down the river. But then I thought I would look up my expenses for last year and the matter is so confused that I decided to write you again for information before settling the account. Of course you mustn't think that I protest any of the items and am not very grateful to you for all your help.

22/ As I presume I wrote you, a fire at the camp last April destroyed most of our papers, check stubs, etc., so it is very difficult for me to tell where we stand. I have a boxful of charred papers and when I have time to go over them may find that our correspondence was preserved, but it may be gone. In looking over the accounts that were saved, it seems that I gave you a check on Llabres for 500 pesos when I left Carmen. Apparently later, in May, I sent you another check, number 22, on the Villahermosa Bank, for 408.17. Since your account totals up to 608.17 there is obviously some relationship between these two sums. Although the total of these is 908.17, more than the total of your bill, yet I had noted that there might be a deficiency owed to you. I had noted the 408.17 on my expense account, but not the 500.00. Possibly 300.00 of the 500. was sent to me, or spent for me. If you have a file of my correspondence, might I trouble you to go over this and see if you can straighten out this matter? This looks almost certain inasmuch as I find in a copy of a balance sheet made up at Piedras Negras, Feb. 22, 1932, that I had a balance of 200 pesos with you. This added to the check for 408.17 which I sent you May 22 would just settle the bill. So the question is, what did we do with the 300 pesos difference? Probably you can find the answer in our correspondence.

I can't be certain from your bill whether the two celadores charged me for their return trip from Piedras Negras to Carmen. They told me that no funds had been given them for their return and I gave them 50.00 each and took their receipts for it. If no allowance was made for this I suppose it is too late now to do anything; they have probably left the service and I'll have to charge it up to graft. Anyway you have already taken too much of your time to trouble anymore about it. Be sure that we appreciate all your trouble in our behalf.

Some of the big monuments are now erected in the Museum, others are going up, but the big shipment is still above Tenosique waiting for the river to go down, and as I understand that the heaviest rains are in November, I suppose there is little chance of their coming down before January.

We have heard nothing more regarding prospects of returning there in February, but still have good hopes and are making plans for going back.

With cordial regards to Mrs Moore, the Schumachers and all friends in Carmen, and in hopes that your eye and other troubles are things of the past, believe me

Sincerely yours,

NOTA DE GASTOS HECHOS POR CUENTA DE DR. J.A.MASON, EN LA REEXPEDICION DE MERCANCIAS A GUATEMALA, como sigue:

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1931.			
Febr. 14	Telegrama a México	9.91	
24	Telegrama a Tenosique	1.50	
25	Telegrama a México	3.75	
	Telegrama a Tenosique	<u>.93</u>	16.09
	Timbres para documentos de la Aduana		2.20
	Descarga y acarreto s/2952 ks. mercancías llegadas en vapor "Fritzoe"		15.01
Marzo 3	Telegrama a México	4.06	
	Telegrama a Tenosique	<u>2.08</u>	6.14
4	Telegrama a Tenosique		1.99
5	Timbres para correspondencia Dr. Mason		1.00
12	Telegrama a Tenosique	1.46	
	Telegrama a Tenosique Aduana	1.20	
	Telegrama a Tenosique	<u>2.17</u>	4.83
17	Flejadura de 116 bultos mercancías		11.60
	Embarque de 116 bultos canoa "America"		9.20
	Acarreto y pesadura de 116 bultos de la Aduana a Plazuela		15.99
18	Machotes para conocimientos manifiesto general, apertura de registro exportación internacional canoa "America" y comisión al consignatario, en total		39.60
	Flete de 116 bultos de mercancías de C. del Carmen a Santa Margarita, Guatemala a bordo de la canoa "America" y pasajes de 2 celadores de ida, total		180.00
Abril 9	Timbres para correspondencia de Dr. Mason	.50	
	Derechos de tránsito sobre mercs. pagados a la Aduana, sg. percepción # 140		39.40
21	Derechos de importación pagados en la oficina del Correo por dos rollos de alambre, recibidos en ésta fecha		1.72
	Pagado al Celador Antonio Sanchez Mejía por su custodia de mercancías, según recibo de marzo 17		120.00
	Pagado al Celador Alfredo Reneum Morales por su custodia de mercancías, según recibo de marzo 17		120.00
	Antonio Sanchez Mejías, alimentación y hospedaje según recibo		8.00
	Pagado al celador Alfredo Reneum Morales, alimentación y hospedaje, según recibo		8.00
	Timbres para documentos de la Aduana		3.20
Mayo 12	Derechos correo un rollo alambre miriñac	.70	
	Flete de ésta a Tenosique, 3 rollos alambre	<u>4.00</u>	
			\$- 608.17
	Pagó Mr. J.A.Mason con giro de Llabres		500.00
	Saldo a su cargo		<u>108.17</u>
			\$- 608.17    \$-608.17

*Bill recd from Leslie Wood, Llabres Nov. 1, 1932. not yet paid*

Carmen, mayo 12 de 1931.

*Over*

