

Memo to Miss McHugh:

I have already left with you a "Schedule of Requirements", which shows a list of bills to be charged the museum, and by it against the Piedras Negras appropriation, with estimated amounts.

Here is a supplementary list, together with all bills so far received by me, for which of course the exact amounts are now known:

Burroughs Welcome	19.26	per bill
Sharpe & Dohme	15.00	" "
Eastman Kodak	53.92	" "
Houston Club		
Total	33.01	" "
Less pers. check attfd to cover personal items.	<u>10.71</u>	22.30 (Please mail my check with yours).

Houston Club (Mar. bill to come)	40.00	(approximate estimate)
Hirt, O.H.	5.00	(" ")
Pomerantz	18.57	per bill
Wm. I. Meil	8.10	" "
Wanamaker *	2.00	" "
Miller Co.*	5.00	(estimate)

*These, and probably two or three other small items were ordered by the office for me and must be entered in your order system; everything ordered through the office has been received, and the office has a list of those orders.

Woodward Wight: Please pay promptly, together with freight charges they will add to their bill; the goods will be received in camp but this house never misses a trick and does a lot for us gratis.

Cottam: Please pay promptly also, with added ~~xxxxxx~~ freight, after deducting \$25.00 from the total until I authorize ~~xxx~~ payment of of this withheld amount; I told them I was going to do so (as we did last year) until we arrive and see if they furnished the correct brand of hams.

I don't think I have forgotten any charged items; I certainly hope not.

Special request for assistance: A mix-up not our fault has delayed delivery of one wide angle lens by O.H. Hirt, 41 No. 11 (the item I have alloed for above. He promised this morning to send it out on receipt, billing the museum. The Houston Club (art Store branch) is short 6 doz "Twist-out" thumbtacks (unimportant) and $\frac{1}{2}$ doz folding meter rules (very important). They were probably in this morning, but I forgot to get them. Won't you send over for them and mail, together with the lens when it comes from Hirt. Value will be about \$9.00. I will instruct Villanueva to pay the duty in Tenosique - I know it can be done this way by parcel post. The package will have to be sealed. If these get off a week or ten days behind us we will be allright, and the job won't collapse if we never get them, so please don't fuss with them too

A nuisance item which comes up at the last minute entirely through my own procrastination. There are a number of books which I must have with me on the way down and at camp to make our work there, and the Guatemala trip if we make it, of maximum value. I thought Dr. Mason had them all, and he said he would lend them to me. I want to own them anyway, and the arrangement is that I take his and order new copies, which go to him.

← copy of letter attached.

I am ordering today four numbers of the American Museum of Natural History's "Anthropological Papers, all by George C. Vaillant, asking them to bill the museum, though stating they are for my personal use in the field. I have a feeling, but thus, they may come free. If not, will you pay the bill (\$10.00 or so), charge to P.N. expedition, from which, on return, I will purchase them, crediting the expedition dollar account. And, of course, please send the publications down to J.A.M.

In the case of two other items it is more complicated: I find Dr. Mason has neither of two books I must have to properly prepare for the Guatemala survey, if I make it, though they are in the library (i.e. charged to me). I decided this morning in a hurry, with Dr. Mason's tacit approval though on my own responsibility, to take them with me. My device for covering this high-handed business is to ask you to order them from Guatemala (they are recent and can hardly be out of print), charging the ~~xxxxxx~~ expedition, from which I will buy them when I state my accounts. On receipt, these should go to Dr. Mason to check as to titles, and then to the library to replace the stolen copies. In this way they won't be out more than a month. If either you or Mr. Jayne think this procedure is improper please wire me at Obregon and I will mail them back, registered, six days hence and they will only be out two weeks or so. I will take copious notes on the ship. Dr. Mason won't need them - apart from a stray student, Miss Butler is the only other who might. *I don't think they should stay out 3 or 4 months however, and would be pretty mad if anybody did that to me.*

The two books in question (unbound) are:

Huehuetenango by Adrian Recinos (full title "Monografia del Departamento de Huehuetenango, Republica de Guatemala, published in 1913 by Tipografia Sanchez & de Guise, Guatemala.

(Note: The only library notations in the library copy are "Jan. 8. 1931 Book Gift of the author Jan 8, 1931")

Arqueologia Guatemalteca, by Villacorta, J. Antonio and Carlos A., published 1927 by Sociedad de Geografia e Historia de Guatemala, Guatemala: to be had from Jose Luis Reyes M., Bibliotecario, Apartado Postal 480, Guatemala (\$5.00).
Note also unbound, now at home. Will advise of the library notation from the ship.

I think Dr. Mason can best order these, and I know he will help me out. I can't do it because I don't know the price of the first one, and payment must be made by money order for which I lack time. I am sure they will be sent with bill. Again, the last item may very likely come for nothing.

I am writing the Postmaster to forward all mail to my brother, Willis H. Satterthwaite, Legal Dep't., Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co., 6th and Walnut Sts., Phila.

Despite this annual request, some mail, especially second class, trickles in. Please send this down to Dr. Mason, who will hold it for me or, in case of first class mail, forward if it looks important. Our general rule is that anything scented should be forwarded unopened. I still hope.

Salary checks should be to my order, as usual, but mailed to my brother at the above address. He has power of attorney. I told him I expected salary checks would come through the first of each month without delay, and I have a schedule of paying off loans on that basis. If there should be some delay, would you be good enough to have him advised? * ~~Box~~ 7300 Lombard.

*Paper & envelopes for air mail here with:
(More in my desk for J.A.M. - left & right top drawers.)
J.S.*

March 6, 1937.

American Museum of Natural History,
Publications Office,
New York,

Gentlemen:

About to leave for the field, I find myself in need of the following publications by Dr. Vaillant:

1930	Excavations at Zacatenco	Vol. XXXII	Part 1,	Anthrop. Papers
1931	" " Ticoman	" XXXII	Part 2,	" "
1934	" " Gualupita	" XXXV,	Part 1	" "
1935	" " Early Cultures of the Valley of Mexico; Results etc.	Vol XXXV,	Part III	" "

I am taking these (500 copies).

I should like also to have Dr. Vaillants summary under the title "El Arbolillo", or something similar, if you can identify it without trouble. No copy is at hand at the moment and I lack time to look it up.

Although these are for my personal use they should be addressed to the University Museum, Philadelphia, or they will not be forwarded to me without delay, and the bill should be to the museum.

Thanking you I am,

Very truly yours,

Linton Satterthwaite Jr.
Ass't Curator.

*Chief: I don't find this has - at least haven't yet.
LS.*

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

S.S. Ceiba,
March 13, 1937.

Dear Hoddie:

If our immediate get-away was somewhat hectic, everything has been rosy since. We are all feeling swell and hell-bent for a good season.

I have been thinking about your last minute remark that if the money comes through you two might come down and see us, coronation or no coronation; or didn't I get it straight? This would be such a swell thing for me and Peggy that I want to get all the facts into your ken, where they can germinate - and once you are off for England correspondence will be very slow indeed.

We plan to be through intensive digging by May 15, when rains begin to bother us, though are not bad; and through altogether by about June 15th, ready to head out. The Carnegie boys are expected about June 1st. From the point of view of weather you ought to be in P.N. by May 7 or so; but that will hardly work out in your schedule. I can show you what's to be seen anytime up till we leave, but there will be some discomfort due to poor weather.

I don't feel that I can decide whether to make the cross-Peten trip or not until the end of the season, when I know what the season has been like - they vary a great deal - and I learn from the Carnegie boys what the trail is like, and the condition of Uaxactun. There is an alternative scheme which might fit in with you, which would be a lot of fun and show you a lot. That is to go down the river as usual, then to Puerto Mexico on the gulph side of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec; thence by rail to Guatemala, stopping off in Chiapas and back-tracking to Ococingo, which would greatly enlarge my view of things and almost balance the loss of a look at the central Peten. There is also a possibility of shooting off to the side to Oaxaca and Monte Alban & Mitla, though money probably wouldn't permit and this isn't strictly on my Maya program. You could do all this with us from camp, or meet us somewhere in Mexico, having gone to Vera Cruz and Mexico City. The rail ride, Mexico to Guatemala, is no joke, but would be darned interesting and only lasts a couple of days. Dr. Mason has done it and can describe it better than I. The third alternative of course is to sail to Puerto Barrios (Un. Fruit from New York) and so directly to Guatemala, meeting us there in the latter part of July. If we go across the Peten I now

figure on arriving Guatemala about July 10; if we go around by way of Mexico, about the same time, possibly a little earlier.

I hope that Carnegie application goes through, whether the other does or not, because five hundred dollars is five hundred dollars and we can use it and will want it soon enough. If both go through I wonder if I can steal an extra hundred or so for the trip, in case I go through Mexico and need it to get the maximum value. I am thinking especially about getting to Oaxaca, and running around in Chiapas (west rather than south of P.N.) more than I would otherwise. This is the largely unknown Maya ~~xxxxxxx~~ peripheral country between the Yucumacinta and Mexican areas. Any extra traveling will cost me more personally for Peggy's expenses, so that I will tend not to add more than I should.

We appreciated your coming down to the dock, when I know it was something of a struggle. We are mindful that the big dinner is now in progress, and hope it is going off well. I'm mindful also of the nice way you have us fixed. I'll be practically out of debt by the time we get home, with a consequent easier mind, and all set to get something done in that year at home. It is time you had something concrete to point at as a result of all the effort and faith in us, and we will try pretty hard to produce it.

Best love from us both to you both.

Faithfully,

Winters

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MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

S.S. Ceiba,
March 13, 1937.

Dear Miss McHugh:

We got off, as you have doubtless heard, more or less in a cloud of dust, and so far as I know so far, without neglecting anything of much importance. Again, however, I had to give myself a good stiff lesson in the evils of procrastination. I trust the long memorandum I wrote you Saturday afternoon was placed on your desk. I left it on the bench outside the office, intending to get a guard to let me in, but forgot to do so. Dr. Mason was at the ship and promised to see that it got to you. He does a good deal more yeoman service for me than I for him, which isn't exactly as it should be.

I enclose a dollar statement to date. This doesn't change very much, except at the Philadelphia end, till late in the season, except that \$750.00 which I have as an American Express check will be converted to pesos as soon as we land. To date expenditures are very close to the budget estimate, and if my estimates of Woodward Wight and Cottam bills are reasonably close, as they generally have been in the past, I won't have to trim anything on the peso side, despite my close figuring. This statement won't agree with your books until all those bills which had come in before we left, totaling 139.15, have been paid, as I show them as if received and paid. After April 1st bills are in won't you ask Miss Caldwell to advise me of their exact amounts. You will note also that while your 1936 account shows zero balance I start with 98.92 from 1936 funds, which remained unspent though in my hands. This amount, together with anticipated pesos surplus from 1936, has already been figured in the budget, to reduce the peso estimate; the total pesos to be bought with 1937 funds being 500 less than the total to be spent, the difference coming from 1936 funds- surpluses in my hands.

With kindest regards from us all to you
and all our museum friends,

Faithfully



Linton Satterthwaite Jr.

Piedras Negras Expedition

Field Dollar Account

Dr. Receipts.

Balance from 1936 Exped. dollar account, per statement of Feb. 28, 1937			98.92
Bills for goods and services received to date and to be paid by museum office, per memoranda			139.15
Checks for field expense:	Feb.	200.00	
	Feb.	<u>2171.00</u>	
			<u>2371.00</u>
			<u>2510.15</u>
Total receipts for field expense to date - - - - -			<u>2609.07</u>

Cr. Expenditures.

1. Conversions to Mexican pesos:

Mar. 2 Pesos	@	Ac-	P'd by	P'd by	750.00
		count	Office	F.Dir.	Total

2. Direct Dollar payments:

Camp equip't & supplies	A		51.45	51.45	
Excavation ditto	B		13.70	13.70	
Laboratory, Packing &c	C	2.00	8.10	10.10	
Medical	D	34.26	6.95	41.21	
Photographic	E	53.92	12.15	66.07	
Stationary, drawing	F	48.97	5.08	54.05	
Travel, staff	H		15.21	15.21	
Telegrams	T		2.35	2.35	
Miscellaneous	V		31.04	31.04	
			<u>146.03</u>		285.18
			<u>139.15</u>		
			285.18		

Total dollar expenditures to date - - - - - 1035.18

Summary

Total receipts (field expense only)	2609.07
Total disbursements	<u>1035.18</u>
BALANCE - - - - -	<u>1573.89</u>

The above balance is held as follows:

Travel checks, L.S.Jr.	330.00	
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		730.00
Cash L.S.Jr.	23.00	
F.C.C.Jr.	<u>8.00</u>	31.00
		761.00
Amer. Express check		730.00
L.S.Jr. in bank, Phila		<u>62.89</u>
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MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Piedras Negras,
March 31, 1937.

Miss Jane M. McHigh,
University Museum,
Philadelphia,

Dear Miss McHugh:

Here we are after eight days work, having arrived fifteen days out of Philadelphia, and not counting the first day here, which was devoted principally to loafing. We have had a variety of poor luck, mitigated by compensating breaks, usually, however, of a lower magnitude. Please tell Dr. Mason I will recount events to date by the next mail.

A good part of the difficulty has been with labor, which is costing more than formerly. But I have been able to keep the net estimated rise to about \$60.00 US; local food prices have risen sharply due to failure of crops and I think it will cost about \$50.00 more to feed them. I think I can ~~save~~ elsewhere a little; and have eliminated the sawing of some boards and building of a new storehouse. By so doing I can, I think, stick to the pesos estimate of my budget (9050.)) without cutting down on men, but I can't be sure, as the figuring is close. Unless somebody tells me not to, I am going to consider the extra labor cost an unexpected contingency, and if necessary, apply the \$100.00 US contingency reserve to the peso account. This can be done safely if the bills you are now paying for me don't exceed my estimates, as my own cash dollar purchases in Philadelphia were within \$5.00 of my estimates. For all of which reasons won't you send me a statement of bills paid by the museum, to date, if you haven't done so already? The principal questionable items are Cottam, Woodward Wight and Huston Club.

650. Part of my labor difficulties were resolved by agreeing to pay five men from Flores, Guatemala, in American dollars. This item will amount to \$230.00 US and my budget calls for paying it in pesos. Please therefore reduce the draft on Vera Cruz which I asked for Apr. 15, from \$880.00 to \$650.00. The balance of \$230.00 I will need here, and a draft won't suit, since I must disperse it in odd amounts to men who will be unable to cash anything except traveler's checks (which of course you can't send me).

Unless there is some postal regulation in the way, which I doubt, won't you send me this \$230.00 in cash, ^{twenty} ~~one~~ ones, ^{ten} ~~ten~~ fives, the rest in tens. This I assume can come registered mail (or better) insured for its value. Once in the hands of Villamueva the risk of loss is very slight. I will tell him what I am expecting and he will see that it is sent out by a reliable man.

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write this
allow this
JMC

Miss McHugh -2.

If it is impossible to send cash I will make out somehow with travelers checks which we have here, but this will leave me very short for the trip across the Peten to Guatemala if, as seems likely, we make it. In this case the \$230.00 should be sent in the same sort of checks which are used to forward the Carnegie Coporation grant - American Express checks which can be cashed at their offices, either Mexico or Guatemala, on my identifying myself. If possible, a series of \$50.00 and one \$30.00 check would be best, as I might possibly be able to pay wages with them, if in these amounts. I hate to make a hot of bother; it seemed polotic to write to Flores offering work to Guatemaltecos there, but I didn't expect anybody to come - five did, but I didn't and couldn't know they would till we got to Tenosique.

I have half finished Chesterton's autobiography, and enjoy it very much indeed. On the ship down we played so much bridge and I did so much concentrated loafing that the expected reading didn't get itself done. We are all well and happy and send best regards from all. Peggy says she is going to write to you soon as soon as she gets the camp really straightened out. She is very lucky in having picked up a good new cook.

Faithfully,

Winton J. Thwaites

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
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MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Piedras Negras,
April 1st, 1937.

Dear Mr. Jayne:

After nine days in camp we are beginning to feel the job is well under way. I have just written Dr. Mason in more detail than I will burden you with. The main result so far is identification of a new and extra major building period in the long Acropolis series.

As I wrote from Tenosique, on receipt of your telegram, while it is uncertain by what route, we shall certainly go to Guatemala, which raises a couple of queries. I will of course, meet the government officials who authorize our work. I don't know whether to tell them I plan to skip a season in the field or not, and I think I had better use my own best judgment at the time. What concerns me is that I am likely to be queried as to the return of our monuments. If cornered and I need to make any expression on the point at all, I hope you will agree with me that I have got to admit that the expense of return is a charge on the museum. The contract says "El Gobierno proporcionará al Museo, en calidad de préstamo, por el término de diez años, la mitad de las estelas . . ." that is, "the government will apportion to the museum, in the quality of a loan, for the term of ten years, half of the stelae etc. ".

Shall I, naturally without making any commitments, feel them out as to the possibility of getting the loan period extended? And if so, should I suggest the possibility of sending them out some more stones?

All this, of course, on the assumption that we won't meet you yourself in Guatemala, or enroute, which we hope for, but scarcely believe in without some definite word. Best regards and may the trip to England be a pleasant one.

Faithfully,

Steven F. Talcott

April 14, 1937

Dear Linton:-

A day in advance of the dead line I am sending you an American Express draft no. 377271 on the Vera Cruz Branch of the Banco Nacional de Mexico for \$650. and money orders nos. AC7473232-36 for \$230. In your letter of March 31 you asked for a draft for \$630. and cheques for \$230. but as these add to \$860., I have increased the draft to make the total reach \$880. No field director minds an error of this kind.

As is usual in transmitting funds to you we have met with difficulties, the draft of course goes in accordance with your instructions. The post office refused most emphatically to carry cash registered and insured. I then resorted to the traveller's cheques and sent a voucher down to the American Express Co. for four at \$50. each and one at \$30. They have just phoned me that they could not issue for mailing purposes traveller's cheques, these must be delivered through one of their offices. The alternative was money orders which I do hope will answer your purposes. It is distressing to me not to be able to follow your wishes to the letter for I know how handicapped you are in the field to take care of payments. My hope is that your men may be able to use the money orders as they would travellers cheques.

Before May 15 I shall put in the mail for you five American Express cheques for \$100. each, totalling \$500., which will cover the grant from the Carnegie Corporation. This should reach you certainly before June first. If you want it earlier just drop me a line and I will speed it off.

Word has just come from Dr. Conklin that the American Philosophical Society has voted \$3,000. for Maya work. Good news, is it not?

Mr. and Mrs. Jayne are sailing tomorrow for a seven weeks trip to England and France. Mr. Jayne has to look after the exhibition which is being put on by the American Federation of Arts at the Paris Exposition and will I hope get some rest and pleasure out of the trip. The Coronation is to be taken in too, so it looks like a real holiday. Mr. Jayne will be home in June 2nd, he has asked me to say to you that there is no chance of his getting down to meet you this year.

Nothing exciting has happened since your departure. The dinner was a great success and a little money has drifted in as a result of it. Of course nothing short of a million would satisfy us completely, but the first weeks' work of the drive has been encouraging.

I am glad that Peggy got a good cook, that will help to keep the family contented and happy if they take their food as seriously as some of us do here.

L. S., Jr. (20)

4/14/37

Charles Bache is sailing for home tomorrow and Speiser is on the high seas, otherwise the family is intact as you left it.

Best regards to you all.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Linton Satterthwaite, Jr.
c/o Sr. Francisco Villanueva
Tenosique
Tabasco, Mexico.

P. S. The draft has been reduced from \$650. to \$645.20 because the express company has deducted the difference for the charges on the money orders and draft.

You will find enclosed also the statement of your account to date.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
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PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Piedras Negras,
May 1, 1937.

Miss Jane M. McHugh,
University Museum,
Philadelphia, Penna.,

Dear Miss McHugh:

Your good letter of April 14, with forehanded remittances, came several days ago. Thank you very much. Your solution of the cash problem was as good as possible, and we will make out. It merely means that I will have to use up travelers checks for men's pay, and may be short of them while traveling; but with the type you sent me broken up into fifties we'll get along all right till we get to Guatemala, and I can probably buy travel checks there. I'm sorry I didn't know how to add when I wrote my last letter, and glad you corrected my mistake instead of holding back the difference. You are correct, no field director will ever kick at such adjustments. I'm sorry I put you to a lot of fussing, trying to send me cash. I should have known they wouldn't do it with all the modern concern for national currencies, and after the trouble I had in sending two fountain pens down here last Christmas. I gave up having them insured and had the general impression that it was quite a favor to send anything out of the country by ordinary mail.

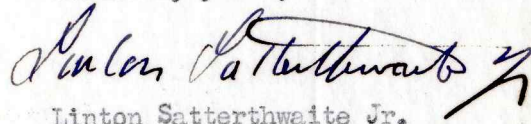
The job is sailing along nicely. Nothing startling for exhibition cases but plenty for the report. Both architecture and pottery are beginning to make sense. We have missed a lot of fine polychrome pottery by a bit of bad luck; are getting pots, mostly broken but restorable, left by the dozen on the thrones and floor of a palace. This is exceedingly rare, and scientifically important also, for the plain implication is that they date from the very end of the occupation of the building. The palace they selected for this of course had to be the only one on the acropolis which had a roof of leaves or (I rather think), a thin sheet of concrete resting on wooden beams. The resulting debris on the floor is only about a foot deep, and the water has uniformly leached off the painted designs. Had they been in a vaulted palace, which, when it falls, has three to five feet of debris on its floors, they would have been well-preserved. Possibly these pots are all of a different and softer clay, which played its part. We get the dated shapes, anyway.

We are of course delighted to learn that the Philosophical Society has taken care of the rest of the P.N. budget for the year, and more. I can't say I enjoy never knowing more than a year ahead where I am going, sometimes less. But I do very much enjoy each time having my faith in the inevitableness of work in this region justified. And I may take this opportunity of leaving record with you how much I appreciate the struggles the museum has gone through to keep it going. This applies of course most to Mr. Jayne and Mr. Jenks. I don't know how much you specifically have to do with fund raising. But whether much or little I know that shooting out money to expeditions when it is scarce at home means trouble and grief for you anyway, and I appreciate a great deal the fine kindly sympathy you have always shown me, when with plenty of reason you might have regarded me as a dangerous nuisance. With the year home in prospect I hope I will be able to get enough down in black and white to justify it all. I shall certainly try.

I meant to have a statement to date to send along, but it won't be done till tomorrow, and will have to await the next mail. Peggy is working on the books now. She was a bit ill with indigestion yesterday and I made her loaf. That is the first slightest sign of illness any of us have had, despite the wet season and malaria constantly in camp.

Please tell Dr. Mason I expect to report to him on progress very shortly, perhaps tomorrow if I can get it in. We knew the Jaynes were supposed to go to England but hardly thought they would. Peggy joins with very best regards.

Faithfully yours,



Linton Satterthwaite Jr.

May 6, 1937

Dear Linton,

The enclosed money orders of the American Express Company cover the grant made to you by the Carnegie Corporation, minus the company's charge of \$3.30. I hope these will reach you in good time and that Peggy and you will get as much pleasure out of your trip into Guatemala as I had during my all too short stay there last summer.

All is well with us at this end. I hope you have had a good season. Best regards to Miss Froskouriakoff and Mr. Cresson. My love to Peggy and you.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

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MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Piedras Negras,
May 17, 1937.

Miss Jane M. McHugh,
University Museum,
Philadelphia, Penna.,

Dear Miss McHugh:

I have to acknowledge your remittance of money orders covering the Carnegie travel grant, for which many thanks. If my brother Willis only sends along the money to cover Peggy's expenses in time we will be all set.

I enclose dollar and peso statements up to ~~May 1st~~. This will agree with you only after two adjustments:


I have shown the Cottam bill as if paid in full. Please now pay the balance to them. I have figured this unpaid balance at \$19.51, as being the difference between the total amount per a copy of the invoice which they sent me (which includes freight) and the amount shown as paid per your statement from the museum books, 496.69. Since you are surely holding back an even amount I suppose I am wrong by \$6.49, which I will run down after the season.

I show only one payment of \$160.00 to Standard Fruit Co., while your list shows two, in March and April, respectively. Four fares at half rates, which were conceded again this year, are \$160.00, so that I hope this is an error in Philadelphia; if not, I am sure I can get the amount back again after our return.

You have paid out, according to me, as of April 13, \$50.03 more than \$4250.00, the total allotted for field expense, including contingency reserve. It is up to me to refund this overdraft plus future dollar expense at Philadelphia and I expect to just about do it.

We have only two weeks more of intensive digging and I am nervous as a kitten. We have quite a pile of things to record but I guess we will get it done. Everybody is working splendidly and it will be my fault if we don't. Best regards from all to all and love from Peggy and me to you.

Faithfully yours,


Linton Satterthwaite Jr.

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TENOSIQUE
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NIGHT LETTER

6/4/39

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June 1, 1937

Dear Linton:-

We did make a mistake in entering the Standard Fruit Company twice. We have now made up a new account with all payments to date, except for the \$25. which we will pay to Cottam. The total indebtedness of the Expedition to date on our books is \$6,121.09.

I hope that Peggy and you will enjoy Guatemala. Love to you both.

Sincerely yours,

Linton Satterthwaite, Esq.,
c/o Francisco Villanueva,
Tenosique,
Tabasco, Mexico.

June 1, 1937

Accounts paid by Museum on account of Piedras Negras Expedition.

February 1937	L. Satterthwaite.	\$200.00
	L. Satterthwaite.	2,171.00
	F. M. Cresson, Jr.	250.00
	M. Satterthwaite.	250.00
	T. Proskouriakoff	125.00
March 1937	Miller, bags.	6.98
	Standard Fruit Company.	160.00
	L. Satterthwaite, pd. Willis S.	250.00*
April 1937	Cottam.	471.69
	Burrows, Wellcome	19.26
	Sharpe & Dohmé.	15.00
	Eastman Kodak Co.	53.92
	Houston Club.	65.38
	Bomerantz.	18.57
	John Wanamaker	2.00
	Meil Co.	8.10
	Telegrams to Mexico.	23.13
	American Express draft, L. S.	880.00
	Woodward Wight Co.	142.26
	O. H. Hirt.	3.80
	American Express, L. S.	500.00
	Powers Express.	5.00
May 1937	L. Satterthwaite, pd. Willis S. (salary April and May).	<u>500.00</u>
	Total.	\$6,121.09

*\$25.00 to be paid Cottam.

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MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Piedras Negras,
June 16, 1937.

Dear Hoddie:

You two ought to be home by now and we ought to let you know personally that we are still alive. We feel as though we had been through a wringer, with lousy luck from start to date, beginning with rain and running through about all the petty annoyances imaginable. The job is I think a success, except that I am very much dissatisfied with it and with myself. I laid out entirely too much, and now I can't finish it. See my last report, which I made to Mason in your absence. We have a large amount of new dope on architecture and some on pottery. There are no complaints about the site, nor my helpers, who have worked like horses - only that I have spread myself too thin and been unable to follow each clue as far as I should have. Still, I won't really know how bad my judgment has been till we have worked up things at home. Maybe not so terrible. What gripes me is that I know that when that starts I am going to curse myself for not digging just a little more here and there.

The Carnegie boys were here last week and I got a lot out of them. Comparison of the two sites is going to be mighty interesting. They advised against going up river, there being no architecture to see without plenty of time for clearing; some new monuments they have photographed and that isn't my line. We're going out to the coast the usual way, and thence to Guatemala by rail through Mexico. I will gather a little dope if possible at a couple of sites on that route. Then the Uaxactun-Peten trip will be made as planned, but going in to Flores by air. We're pretty tired and Peggy and I are going to sit down a week in Tenosique to rest. That will be on our own, of course. By the time I get through monkeying with transfers of dollars to pesos, vice versa, from personal expense to Museum Expense to Carnegie Travel Expense I will go cuckoo. Peggy keeps perfectly good books but she can't follow some of my mystical juggling, and by the time we are in the middle of it, neither can I.

This was meant to be a personal note, though it is turning into shop, so I suppose I might as well go on in that vein. Miss McHugh wrote me after you left for the coronation that the Philosophic Society had come across, and I assume there is a budget for the second six months. If you get out the proposed budget, which I made out you will see 75 bucks more for contingency reserve. If I can have that I hope and think I will come through within the estimate. If not, I'll make it up. The budget for the six months we are in, but including July salary, was on the basis of \$300.00 a month beginning with March. I think we agreed on that and I hope I didn't make a mistake. If I am correct and this could be rectified without embarrassment, it would be appreciated. Bill reports March and April paid at the old figure. Or should I write myself to Miss McHugh? I don't want to do that without checking with you first. Bill is supposed to have been paying debts for me at a rate based on the new figure, and if he has my balance is pretty slim; and while traveling I would like to feel there was a little cash in reserve.

for 2nd six month

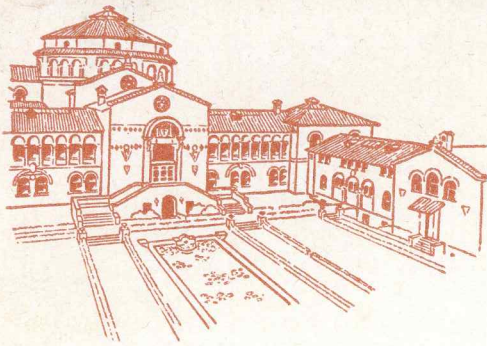
It seems that the United Fruit line is pretty crowded these days, and we should make reservations for the return home as soon as we get to Guatemala. This is exactly what I don't want to do. I want to see as much as possible, depending on how far the money can be stretched, and I won't know that till we have been there a while, especially until after the Petén trip. They say the Grace Line is not so crowded. We may come home that way, via Panama canal. This is only four days longer. The extra expense will be personal, of course, and again I need to know how I stand. This is sordid letter, and no more of it.

We are anxious to hear about the big doings in London, and about Germany from Chas. and Elizabeth. That won't be till the middle of September, as I figure now. Drop us a line, or get Henny-Penny to do it. We long for some little contact with home. We will be in Antigua till about June 12, Obregon (c/o Alvaro F. Perez Sucs.) to about June 16, after which c/o Carnegie Institution of Washington, Guatemalan Project, Guatemala, C.A.

Love to you both and to the Baches. Tell Charles I note by the public prints that previous seasons at Tepe Gawra can't be compared with this last one.

Faithfully,

Dunton



THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

33RD & SPRUCE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA

June 25, 1937

Dear Linton,

We have been back ten days but I have had no chance to write to you until now when the arrival of your letter of June 16th impels action. We had a superb trip abroad, accomplished relatively nothing and are returned full of vim and vigor. I interpret the dissatisfaction you express as end-of-season depression and feel confident your results were of a find order. I mean to go over with Mason your long and detailed letter to him as soon as I have time: I fear it would be difficult for me to comprehend alone. He did make an excellent abstract of it which I read to the Board at the last meeting and which seemed to interest them considerably.

I am too sorry about the error in the amount of the cheques being sent to Willis. It was entirely my fault and in my absence Miss McHugh was concerned about it, but the Board having demanded a PN Budget for the meeting just before I went away I hastily got one together which had the total of your salary correct but marked for six months instead of five, and the Board having approved this, Miss McHugh could do nothing in my absence save to send in the cheques at the prescribed rate. It is now rectified, however, and Willis will shortly receive a cheque for two hundred dollars to make up the short-changing on March, April, May, and June and July will go to him for the full amount. Sorry.

The Philosophical gave us only \$3,000. instead of the \$4200. odd for which we asked, but I pried another five hundred from the Board at last week's meeting so we are pretty well fixed at least until the end of May next year. I'm afraid the one payless month must be borne with again, but I'll see that Willis gets an August check for you anyway, since probably you would rather take it at the other end of the year than just when you return home. I have little doubt but that we shall get more contributions for PN in the course of the next eight or ten months.

We are all pretty much put out to know that you won't be home till September. I wouldn't probably have gotten the Carnegie grant if I'd known it would so greatly prolong your stay. Summer won't seem right without you both, and if Charles and Elizabeth have to go before then, there will be gnashing of teeth. We

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all went in force to Marian's tea at which the Museum and the Department were predominant. Patsy looked as cute as possible and Bill was in excellent form with quantities of juleps flowing. I haven't seen Marian to talk to properly since she rented her Northeast Cottage and has been dashing up there to set it in order.

Things are very quiet here and it looks as though it would be an uneventful summer. We have a cottage at Bethany for August and I shall probably go down for one full week and long week-ends.

Best luck to you both from all and sundry, and I'll try and enduce Charles and Elizabeth to write.

Always yours,

Wm.

Demasique,
July 9, 1937.

Dear Hoddie:

Your good letter of June 25 was here when we got in July 5, after the toughest trip yet. Annoying bad breaks continue. The Guate. Inspector has been drunk since arrival and the Mexicans haven't yet notified the local customs to let our freight through, so I finish as I began, sending telegrams and waiting for replies. However we are beginning to feel rested and in good spirits. Frank and horse-face (by the way this is a personal note) took off for Yucatan two days ago.

I'm disgusted and beginning to get a little concerned at my mental lapses. From a letter from the chief, which was also awaiting us, it is clear that I told either you or Miss McHugh that we were pulling out on a certain date in June, instead of July; and I find I have been writing undated letters.

Thanks very much for straightening out the salary business. It has surely caused no inconvenience. If it is really just as easy for you, the payless month postponement will be appreciated, but is not essential. Since Frank and Miss Proskouriakoff will be back a good while before us - in a month or less - probably broke after their respective trips and with part of the summer still ahead, it might be nice to have checks for the second half of their honoraria ready for them. I would rather have this done than a payment for August, if both aren't convenient. Since the museum will be closed, possibly they could be mailed to their homes, marked "hold". We owe Frank \$250.00, T.A.P. \$125.00, payable, by our arrangement, on their return. The Philosophic grant may be less than asked for, but it looks good to me. We've never before, in July, been able to see further ahead than January 1st. You're a wizard, and never fail. I hope I'll be able to come through decently with my end. As a matter of fact we learned so much that I have mental indigestion, which is what is the matter with me. The chief wants a resume for American Antiquity, which I will get started tomorrow and finish on the river boat. That thought to be for the final field report, and I will try to make it comprehensible. I've been too busy here, up to know, paying people off, translating the object catalogue, tracing some stuff for Dieseldorff and sleeping.

Love to Henypenny, Chas. and Elizabeth. It will be disgusting if they are off again before we get back. Hold'em up a month. Pretty soon now we'll write them ourselves. Get yourself some good loafing at Bethany Beach. We are both reasonably excited at the prospect of the Guatemala trip; but are going to miss the Philadelphia summer plenty.

Faithfully,

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PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

MIDDLE AMERICAN EXPEDITION

Alvaro Obregon,
Tabasco, Mexico,
July 14, 1937.

Miss Jane M. McHugh, Secretary,
University Museum,
Philadelphia, Penna.,

Dear Miss McHugh:

Here we are at Obregon again, preparing to leave for Vera Cruz tomorrow, and thence on to Guatemala. As Dr. Mason may have mentioned, there has been just as much trouble getting the Mexicans to let us out through this state as there was to get them to let us in; but yesterday the final word came through, and shipments should be made from here in two or three weeks.

There will be nine cases which pass through here in bond for Philadelphia, three others for Guatemala. The latter, marked G-1 to G-3, go to Woodward Wight and Co., New Orleans, for re-shipment to Guatemala. They will bill the museum for their charges (\$15.00 or \$20.00, perhaps a little more), and since they have always performed this service for us without profit won't you see that their bill is paid promptly? There is no practical way for me to pay this from this end, although I know I am overdrawn as to the field budget a little. I will straighten this out when I get home.

The Philadelphia boxes, marked P-1 to P-9, should go direct to Philadelphia, by Standard Fruit steamer, addressed to the museum. Nrs. P-1 to P-7 contain nothing but archeological objects (mostly sherds I might as well confess); P-8 a couple of tripods; P-9 some more sherds, some miscellaneous scientific equipment and a rebuilt B.C. Smith typewriter. Everything in these boxes, other than archeological objects, is used stuff which we took with us from the states.

There will be another shipment of five pieces, which I expect will go out first: a large box of drawings, scientific equipment, a mandolin and used clothes; a wooden Kyack of papers, boxes, used clothes; a trunk of books and papers, developed films, two camera lenses; a canvass trunk of pillows and personal effects; a large camera case with two cameras, old clothes. These are all things we brought out with us, but which I don't want to carry all over Guatemala. Everything belongs to the museum except the clothes, which we found very handy for packing material.

Alvaro Perez, our agents here, have been instructed to obtain American consular invoices for both

shipments, and I hope there won't be any difficulty at the Philadelphia end. With the invoices, which are to go directly to the museum (or is it Philadelphia customs?) I presume the customs people will, as in past years, allow everything to be opened at the museum. Mr. Cresson should be home by the time these things arrive, or shortly after, and will be glad to do the necessary unpacking, which, I think, will be slight.

Cresson and Miss Proskouriakoff took off for Yucatan a week ago; I don't think Miss Proskouriakoff's ~~plans~~ plans are very definite, except that she will come back here to take a Standard ~~Fruit~~ Fruit ship for Philadelphia. Cresson, after visiting Morley at Chichen, is going into the Puuc district (Uxaml and south) of Yucatan for a week or so, then probably to Vera Cruz; New Orleans by Standard Fruit Steamer, thence home by rail or bus.

Mrs. S. and I are about on schedule. I am terribly ashamed that (I think in a letter to you) I inserted a "June" for "July" and so gave all and sundry a totally incorrect notion of our future whereabouts. Our Guatemala address will be c/o Carnegie Institution of Washington, Guatemalan Project, Guatemala, C.A. We should arrive there in about a week, and that will be our headquarters till we sail for the states. The time there I now estimate at a month, but if we can keep expenses down, it may stretch to six weeks. Two weeks of this time I will be in the Peten bush (Uxactun and Tikal). We are looking forward to a great deal of fun, clouded only by the thought of six days on mules in the rainy season getting in and out of there. If things seem propitious, Mrs. Satterthwaite will probably stay in Guatemala City while I go into the Peten.

You are, of course, more than likely to be on vacation by now, and I mark the envelope to be opened in your absence. We both hope the vacation will be a pleasant and successful one. With kindest regards to everyone,

Faithfully,

Susan Satterthwaite

P.S. I would appreciate it if the second halves of the honoraria could be made available to Cresson and Miss Proskouriakoff on their respective returns. They said nothing about them, but very likely would find a little spending money useful before the end of the summer.

J.G.M.

Dear Henny-Penny and Hoddie:

Linton took off for the Peten last Saturday (July 13) and asked me to write Hoddie, giving him the dope on our doings. I hope he did not mean a very formal letter to the Director of the Museum since I'm really not up to that. I think this will serve and give you some dirt also. I am recuperating from the heat, be assured that is all, in Guatemala - also I could'nt face another mule.

We got here later than we had expected. On our way from Vera Cruz we made a couple of stops to look at ruins. I'll be a ruin myself if I see many more fallen buildings. Stopping off here and there in Mexico is no joke since when the next train will be along is problematical. One train we boarded was only a day late. However the ride from Ayutla (the border) to Guatemala City was simply beautiful and well worth ten hours on a train. On arrival here werwere somewhat taken aback to find that the people at the Carnegie Institution had given us up or doubted that we were ever coming, and returned what they termed "A bunch of letters" to the States. Our last letters to family and friends were from Vera Cruz. A day or so after we left they had, in that vicinity, a small earth-quake. I had a feeling the families might be worried when mail was returned marked "Unknown", and our friends might think it was all for the best. Hence, the telegram to Will, which he says was garbled. I'm sure the "bunch of letters" were from Time, The New Yorker and The Saturday Evening Post.

Linton will be in Uaxatun (it will take him four days to get there from Flores) and Tikal until August 13th or 14th, returning here, I'm praying, on the 15th. After that we tour the outlying districts of Guatemala, then do Copan and Quirigua. All this we figured would take until Sept. 1st, or at the latest the 5th. All was rosy until we found that we could not possibly go home via Panama Canal. The Grace line is just too damned expensive. So we hotfooted it to the United Fruit Co. office where they smilingly told us that the first available ship to Philadelphia was SEPTEMBER 21st. ! That really left us blinking. To go back to Mexico would cost a good deal more than a penny, and after that a probable wait for days in Vera Cruz for a ship. I inquired abouts ships to New York - the clerk said about the middle of October and to New Orleans the 1st of November. Can you believe it. We have more or less decided to stay in Guatemala with the hope that some kind sculs will cancel their reservations and we can sail home before the 21st.

We have had a grand trip, enjoying everything- even when I made nasty remarks about the soup in rural Mexico. I said before that I am staying here to recuperate from the heat of Mexico. Now I'm afraid I'll scream to go somewhere to recover from the cold of Guatemala. Mid-day is not so bad, but oh the early mornings and evenings. You will remember, Henny-Penny, how i fretted over buying a suit and then gave it up. Just this morning I went out and bought one, rather than

get pneumonia before Linton gets back. Next week, for five days, I'm going on one of United Fruit Co. tours. I've never been on one and I think it may be fun. The town is usually flooded with Americans and very well behaved they are - the school teacher around the age of fifty seems to be the giddy one.

We have wined and dined with the Robert Smiths. (Bob is Leyard's brother). They are both awfully good fun. Becky (Mrs. Smith) is a little southern. Very nice, but I never know quite where to put my foot. Then I have had some of the older ladies of Guatemala call. My God, they are charming, but what with their English and my Spanish- I needed a good stiff drink at the end of the session. I always need Linton by my side, but more than ever with the Spanish-speaking ladies.

Your cottage at the shore for the month of August makes me green with envy. I do so want to go in swimming, but the Pacific is so far away. I have seen that mighty ocean and strangely enough it looks just like the Atlantic.

We are anxious for news of you both, of Charles and Elizabeth and other good friends. It will be cruel and awful if the Baches go off before we get back. And the children, I hope they are well. Will you break the news to Tim that we did not get a chair for him in Obregon, unfortunately we did not have time to have any made. If you should get around to writing send our letters to the Pension here instead of the Carnegie Institution. I feel it is safer.

I hope you are both having a grand summer. With much love in which Linton would join me if he were here

Always

Horace H. F. Jayne, Esq., Director,
University Museum,
Philadelphia,

Dear Mr. Jayne:

I am just back from the Peten trip. Before leaving for it, two weeks ago, I had occasion to telegraph my brother Willis, and asked him to let you know our whereabouts, which I trust he did, but I know it is about time to give you some notion of our doings to date.

We left Vera Cruz a few days before the earthquake there, and since by that time Dr. Mason should have received a letter stating the date of our departure I did not think it necessary to telegraph that we had missed it and were well and happy, as indeed we still are.

We spent a full day at the ruins of Tonala, Chiapas, on the Mexican west coast; to do so required a day-over of two days. Apart from this we came to Guatemala City as fast as is possible. While the Tonala ruins are somewhat out of our sphere of interest at present, they will become less so as the archeology of the Guatemala highlands is brought into closer relationship with that of the Peten, something which is now going on rapidly. The site was visited years ago by Selser; I am not sure just how much he published on it, but I do not think very much. Dr. Pollock of the Carnegie thought I should take a look at it since I was going right by it, and I did. The visit was a very hurried one, for there are a dozen or so important masonry foundation platforms besides a hundred or so small mounds, and many excellent stone sculptures. It is a mountain-peak site, somewhere in the neighborhood of 2000 feet above the coastal plane immediately below; ascent and descent (by horse) each require about an hour and a half. I photographed or sketched a number of the sculptures, some of which I am fairly sure have been recently discovered by our guide or his partner, who have a rachch-house among the ruins, and who take a keen interest in them. The sculptures are not confined to rounded boulder-like masses (of which there are many, small to very large) but include several perfectly shaped rectangular stelae; these are carved in flat but fairly high relief on the front, front and back, ~~and~~ front, back and edges. The principal subjects are human figures in ceremonial array. In one case apparently glyphic designs appear on the edges; in another below the figure, and these I managed to get recorded to scale, as well as a head and headress which had been removed to the town.

The architecture is most interesting; the platforms are low to fairly high, but there are no terraced pyramids; stone was

beautifully cut in very large pieces, and there is another small-rough trimmed masonry type; the temples were apparently of perishable materials with low stone foundation walls ~~xxx~~ plainly outlining the plans. This has perhaps been adequately covered by Selser; I will have to look it up on my return.

The placement of these temples and their platforms on and among three or four minor rocky peaks is magnificent; in most cases one temple is placed behind and above another on broad terraces built out from the precipitous slopes so that all command a tremendous vista of the coastal plain below, and the Pacific beyond. The arrangement is strikingly like Bingham's Inca site, the name of which escapes me.

Arrived here, I called on the Minister of Education and on his son, director of the archeological museum, both of whom were extremely cordial. Not only our stelae and other monuments, but stucco fragments and minor objects are very well shown at the museum; the local tour man tells me that tourists generally dodge the National museum (which I think is an Art Museum) and ask to be taken to the archeological museum instead. The half which comes here at once is by no means wasted on desert air. The museum is a little crowded. They tell me plans are afoot for a new building, which means, I fear, there will be room for more, perhaps in the near future.

Mr. Robert Smith, of the Carnegie Institution has been very helpful, and I expect to be able to exchange a good deal of information with him before leaving. After three days I took the first available plane for Flores, July 31, returning yesterday, August 15th. Of that time, seven days were spent on mules and the lake, three each at Uaxactun and Tikal. I had remarkable luck with weather; at Tikal, where there are many standing buildings, I saved a more or less completely roof palace for a rainy afternoon; this I worked in the last afternoon, the only one in which there were more than light showers, and so lost practically no time from bad weather. It would be foolish to try to recount my impressions of these two sites. I feel that if I had to return tomorrow, the six days spent at them were well worth all the trouble of getting there, and the entire Carnegie grant. Personally, my horizon is immensely widened; specifically a good many things at Piedras Negras fall into place which were not understood as isolated phenomena.

I am glad, rather than sorry, that this trip was delayed until after the Carnegie people had left Uaxactun. On their three or four day visit to us they did not see half of our excavations, because we spent so much time in discussing them, and the general Maya problems which they raised. This was all to the good for me, but they missed a great deal which was to be seen. The same would undoubtedly have happened to me at Uaxactun had they been there. Smith has done a magnificent job there; in that area the pyramids and playforms are solid lime and stone, instead of piled-up rock with only a masonry skin as we have them. The result is he could cut wherever he liked, like slicing cheese, and what he left still stands unimpaired. He has shown remarkable judgment in choosing what to leave so that the excavations tell their own story; being alone I was free to concentrate on what I most needed, and to apportion my time properly so as to get the maximum in notes and photographs which

will have a bearing on our specific Usumacinta problems. I have written too much already and will only say that I gathered a good deal on bench thrones which I think is going to help explain the function of the "palaces"; on pyramid design which will help to date various structures at Piedras Negras; and on roof-comb placement, both at Uaxactun and Tikal, which makes a plausible reconstruction with comb possible for our more typical P.W. temples, while it hardly seemed probable before.

Dr. Kidder, as Dr. Mason has doubtless told you, has placed the Carnegie Institution's station wagon at our disposal here, which means I can afford to do a great deal more than I otherwise could, especially as the Peten trip cost quite a bit more than anticipated. Day after tomorrow we go down to Esquintla for two or three days to see the sites in that neighborhood; returning Friday or Saturday we go to Copan if there is a plane; if not, to several sites in the neighborhood of Huetenango, hoping for a Copan plane the following Sunday.

I hope I may be forgiven my long absence. We have a reservation for the 21st of September, with a promise of the first cancellation for the 6th or the 13th, and I am arranging my plans to be ready to sail by the 6th - but may have to stay here two weeks after that. If I do, I will put in most of the time working up notes, for I won't be able to afford getting around much after that. I do hope they will be able to slip us in, for I ought to be back. There is no feasible way to come except by United Fruit; air or rail all the way is too expensive, and so is that Grace Line Panama Canal route; rail back to Vera Cruz ~~via~~ would be fairly cheap, but I cannot count on Standard Fruit sailings there - Cresson last year was unable to get a berth with them, and the delay might be just as much.

Please tell Dr. Mason I meant to write him today also, but I must go off to see Smith now, and the air-mail closes before I will get back. I will do so tomorrow. Our best regards to everyone,

Faithfully y

PENSIÓN GUÉROULT

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Horace H. F. Jayne, Esq., Director,
University Museum,
Philadelphia,

Dear Mr. Jayne:

I am just back from the Peten trip. Before leaving for it, two weeks ago, I had occasion to telegraph my brother Willis, and asked him to let you know our whereabouts, which I trust he did, but I know it is about time to give you some notion of our doings to date.

We left Vera Cruz a few days before the earthquake there, and since by that time Dr. Mason should have received a letter stating the date of our departure I did not think it necessary to telegraph that we had missed it and were well and happy, as indeed we still are.

We spent a full day at the ruins of Tonala, Chiapas, on the Mexican west coast; to do so required a lay-over of two days. Apart from this we came to Guatemala City as fast as is possible. While the Tonala ruins are somewhat out of our sphere of interest at present, they will become less so as the archeology of the Guatemala highlands is brought into closer relationship with that of the Peten, something which is now going on rapidly. The site was visited years ago by Selser; I am not sure just how much he published on it, but I do not think very much. Dr. Pollock of the Carnegie thought I should take a look at it since I was going right by it, and I did. The visit was a very hurried one, for there are a dozen or so important masonry foundation platforms besides a hundred or so small mounds, and many excellent stone sculptures. It is a mountain-peak site, somewhere in the neighborhood of 2000 feet above the coastal plane immediately below. Ascent and descent (by horse) each require about an hour and a half. I photographed or sketched a number of the sculptures, some of which I am fairly sure have been recently discovered by our guide or his partner, who have a ranch-house among the ruins, and who take a keen interest in them. The sculptures are not confined to rounded boulder-like masses (of which there are many, small to very large), but include several perfectly shaped rectangular stelae; these are carved in flat but fairly high relief on the front, front and back, ~~for~~ front, back and edges. The principal subjects are human figures in ceremonial array. In one case apparently glyphic designs appear on the edges; in another below the figure, and these I managed to get recorded to scale, as well as a head and headress which had been removed to the town.

The architecture is most interesting; the platforms are low to fairly high, but there are no terraced pyramids; stone was

beautifully cut in very large pieces, and there is another small-rough trimmed masonry type; the temples were apparently of perishable materials with low stone foundation walls ~~skk~~ plainly outlining the plans. This has perhaps been adequately covered by Selser; I will have to look it up on my return.

The placement of these temples and their platforms on and among three or four minor rocky peaks is magnificent; in most cases one temple is placed behind and above another on broad terraces built out from the precipitous slopes so that all command a tremendous vista of the coastal plain below, and the Pacific beyond. The arrangement is strikingly like Bingham's Inca site, the name of which escapes me.

Arrived here, I called on the Minister of Education and on his son, director of the archeological museum, both of whom were extremely cordial. Not only our stelae and other monuments, but stucco fragments and minor objects are very well shown at the museum; the local tour man tells me that tourists generally dodge the National museum (which I think is an Art Museum) and ask to be taken to the archeological museum instead. The half which comes here at once is by no means wasted on desert air. The museum is a little crowded. They tell me plans are afoot for a new building, which means, I fear, there will be room for more, perhaps in the near future.

Mr. Robert Smith, of the Carnegie Institution has been very helpful, and I expect to be able to exchange a good deal of information with him before leaving. After three days I took the first available plane for Flores, July 31, returning yesterday, August 15th. Of that time, seven days were spent on mules and the lake, three each at Uaxactun and Tikal. I had remarkable luck with weather; at Tikal, where there are many standing buildings, I saved a more or less completely roof palace for a rainy afternoon; this I worked in the last afternoon, the only one in which there were more ~~th~~ than light showers, and so lost practically no time from bad weather. It would be foolish to try to recount my impressions of these two sites. I feel that if I had to return tomorrow, the six days spent at them were well worth all the trouble of getting there, and the entire Carnegie grant. Personally, my horizon is immensely widened; specifically a good many things at Piedras Negras fall into place which were not understood as isolated phenomena.

I am glad, rather than sorry, that this trip was delayed until after the Carnegie people had left Uaxactun. On their three or four day visit to us they did not see half of our excavations, because we spent so much time in discussing them, and the general Maya problems which they raised. This was all to the good for me, but they missed a great deal which was to be seen. The same would undoubtedly have happened to me at Uaxactun had they been there. Smith has done a magnificent job there; in that area the pyramids and playforms are solid lime and stone, instead of piled-up rock with only a masonry skin as we have them. The result is he could cut wherever he liked, like slicing cheese, and what he left still stands unimpaired. He has shown remarkable judgment in choosing what to leave so that the excavations tell their own story; being alone I was free to concentrate on what I most needed, and to apportion my time properly so as to get the maximum in notes and photographs which

will have a bearing on our specific Usumacinta problems. I have written too much already and will only say that I gathered a good deal on bench thrones which I think is going to help explain the function of the "palaces"; on pyramid design which will help to date various structures at Piedras Negras; and on roof-comb placement, both at Uaxactun and Tikal, which makes a plausible reconstruction with comb possible for our more typical P.N. temples, while it hardly seemed probable before.

Dr. Kidder, as Dr. Mason has doubtless told you, has placed the Carnegie Institution's station wagon at our disposal here, which means I can afford to do a great deal more than I otherwise could, especially as the Peten trip cost quite a bit more than anticipated. Day after tomorrow we go down to Esquintla for two or three days to see the sites in that neighborhood; returning Friday or Saturday we go to Copan if there is a plane; if not, to several sites in the neighborhood of Huetenango, hoping for a Copan plane the following Sunday.

I hope I may be forgiven my long absence. We have a reservation for the 21st of September, with a promise of the first cancellation for the 6th or the 13th, and I am arranging my plans to be ready to sail by the 6th - but may have to stay here two weeks after that. If I do, I will put in most of the time working up notes, for I won't be able to afford getting around much after that. I do hope they will be able to slip us in, for I ought to be back. There is no feasible way to come except by United Fruit; air or rail all the way is too expensive, and so is that Grace Line Panama Canal route; rail back to Vera Cruz ~~plus~~ would be fairly cheap, but I cannot count on Standard Fruit sailings there - Cresson last year was unable to get a berth with them, and the delay might be just as much.

Please tell Dr. Mason I meant to write him today also, but I must go off to see Smith now, and the air-mail closes before I will get back. I will do so tomorrow. Our best regards to everyone,

Faithfully,



Chichicastenango,
August 23, 1937.

Horace H. F. Jayne Esq., Director,
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Philadelphia,

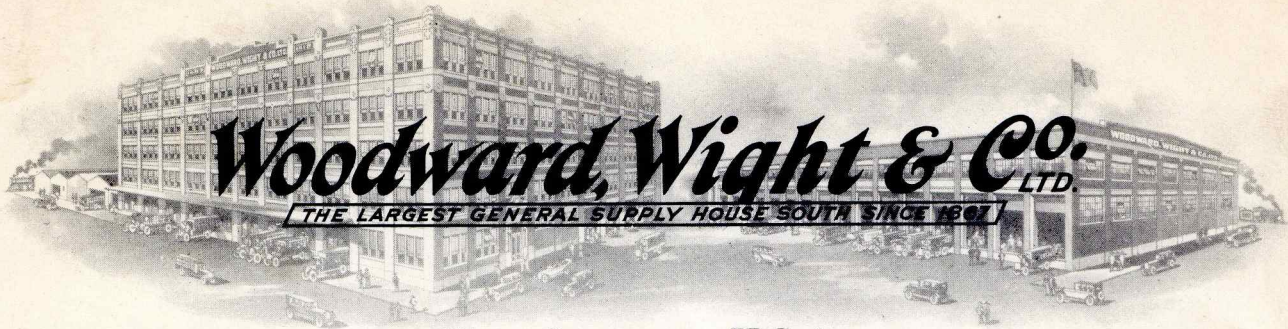
Dear Mr. Jayne:

We are enroute to Huehuetenango, having visited the famous ruins of Utatlan, near here, yesterday. The trip to Copan was postponed a week in the hope that passage by air will be then available. However, I write in considerable haste, and about purely mundane affairs. Costs have been a great deal more than I anticipated and I find it necessary to ask my brother Willis to send me more money than I had planned. To make sure that he doesn't reduce my account to less than zero would it be possible to send to him without waiting for our return a check covering the second half of Mrs. Satterthwaite's honorarium and, as you suggested might be done, another covering August salary, postponing the payless month a little? The honorium check should be payable to Mrs. Satterthwaite, and can be deposited by my brother without difficulty as we have a joint bank account, man and wife.

Apart from costs, everything is going along beautifully; and as to the costs, it is worth it. We are having a fine time and I am getting a great deal out of it. There is still no indication that we shall be able to get a sailing for home before September 21st.

Faithfully,

Arthur Satterthwaite



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8/25/37.

The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penn'a.

Dear Sirs:

We received a letter from Mr. Linton Satterthwaite Jr. dated July 14th. at Alvaro Obregon, Mexico, advising regarding archeological objects being sent us for reshipment to Guatemala.

Up to the present time we have not as yet received the objects.

Of course, we know that there is nothing you can do about this, but we merely thought we would pass this information along to you.

Just as soon as shipment is received we will handle according to instructions of Mr. Satterthwaite.

Yours very truly,

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Guatemala, C.A.,
September 8, 1937.

Horace H. F. Jayne Esq.,
Director, University Museum,
Philadelphia,

Dear Mr. Jayne:

We are back from Copan, where we had five and one-half days at the ruins, since Sunday, the fifth. A letter to Dr. Mason, which goes by the same mail as this, recounts our movements since I last wrote, and I won't repeat here. We have been everywhere we planned, and about on schedule, except into the Vera Paz region, directly north of here. This I have given up because I can't afford it (the Carnegie grant is nearly exhausted, with fare home still to go); because the rains are increasing; and because in another year or two that whole country will be opened up by roads now building and it will be possible to see a great deal more than now, for the same investment of time and money. Incidentally, my head won't hold much more for a while.

There seems to be no hope for sailing before the 21st, which is definitely assured. Unless I wire to ^{the} contrary, we will sail from Barrios Sept. 21 on the United Fruit ship Castilla, due to arrive Philadelphia Sunday September 26. Meanwhile I am arranging and trying to digest notes, preparing photograph catalogue, catching up on diary and so on - things which would have to be done at home if not here, so that no time is really going to be lost. I still have some studying to do in the museum here, and I am going to go over the manuscript reports on Uaxactun, which have been made available to me, and which will be quite a job, and quite an opportunity. The publication of that site is still a long way off.

We will leave here September 18, in order to spend two days at Quirigua, just before sailing; to reach us by wire in case of emergency (not very likely) address will be c/O W.E.G. Clark, United Fruit Co., Quirigua until 3.30 of Sept. 20, thereafter the ship.

The trip has been thoroughly worth while to me, and I hope it will seem so to you when I get back and tell you about it. I will try to have a summary report ready for the Carnegie committee by the time of our return. Meanwhile best regards to your good self and the museum in general.

Faithfully,

Arthur Castetter