

July 23, 1930

Dear Perfilieff:

I should have written you before this but I have been extremely busy. In confirmation of our talk the other day, I wish to mention the following points.

a. The University Museum will contribute the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) to the Expedition and pay the salary of its ethnological representative, Mr. V. M. Petrullo, during the period of the Expedition, and provide him with necessary instruments and other equipment not already included in the equipment of the Expedition.

b. The Expedition will pay all Mr. Petrullo's living and travel expenses to and from New York and during the period of the Expedition.

c. The Expedition will make every effort to further Mr. Petrullo's anthropological, ethnological, and archaeological studies by supplying him when possible with the necessary guides, interpreters or workers, and placing at his disposal <sup>trading</sup> travel material not to exceed \$500 in value for the acquisition of collections for the Museum.

*as* "A reasonable number of feet of film is to be devoted to making scientific records of native life and customs, and, if the sound equipment permits of recording examples of the languages and a set of prints from these films are to be furnished the Museum."

e. It is understood that Mr. Petrullo as representative of the University Museum is nevertheless directly and solely responsible to the Field Director of the Expedition.

f. The University Museum gives up any right it may have to profit by the sale of moving picture rights, collections of animals, news stories and so forth.

I feel that all the necessary points are covered by the above, and naturally if there are any additions or changes you wish to make I shall be glad to give it further consideration. If not just

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drop me a line acknowledging the receipt of this letter and say that the terms are satisfactory. Of course I hope to see you before you start.

Yours cordially

Horace H. F. Jayne  
Director

Captain Vladimir Perfilieff  
2116 Chancellor Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 29, 1930

Dear Perfilieff:

Mason tells me that Petruccio said you had received no letter from me. I enclose a copy of one I sent you last week, addressed to your Philadelphia Studio, in case it has not yet turned up.

Yours sincerely

Horace H. F. Jayne  
Director

Captain Vladimir Perfilieff

Hotel Seymour

50 West 45th Street

New York

August 1, 1930

Dear Perfilieff:

I had a talk with Petruccio yesterday. He is enormously pleased over all the arrangements for the expedition and likes the personnel. I hope you will all find him agreeable as a travelling companion.

He told me that you had at length received my letter. He mentioned two or three points that came up in the course of your conversation that he felt might be more explicitly agreed upon.

1. It is understood that he is to be responsible to the Directors, rather than the Director as I wrote before. I had not known that there were two Directors or I should have so written it.

2. The footage of film available for the uses of the Museum is to be between three or four thousand feet. I understand this was the amount mentioned in your talk.

3. About the developing of Petruccio's still negatives, it seems to me that it would be easier all around if whoever does this in the case of your still photographs took care of Petruccio's also. Not only will it save Petruccio much time, but I rather think that to have such an arrangement clearly understood would avoid possible friction that might occur, for obviously he would probably have to the expedition apparatus, since it would be inefficient to take along a specially developing outfit and so on. I should like to hear how you feel about this and only suggest it for your consideration.

I understand that you and your associates are going to get a number of items for Petruccio along with your own, which is very kind of you, both as it will save us money and be a decided saving of Petruccio's time.

Let me know beforehand when you definitely intend to go and if possible I would like to see you before then.

Yours cordially

Captain Vladimir Perfilieff  
Hotel Seymour  
50 W. 45th Street  
New York

Horace H. E. Jayne  
Director

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NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Gayne,

A hurried note which I hope will reach you before I see you in the afternoon. I promised <sup>Perfiloff</sup> to write to you last night. I did but forgot to post the letter.

I have found the situation somewhat complicated. The budget of the expedition is \$1,000,000.00, not \$50,000 as I had thought. So far only some \$55,000 have been pledged. A man by the name of Johnson - I understand that he is a classmate of yours - may give some \$30,000. It is in this connection that I write. Johnson apparently is not quite assured that there will be no faking in the moving pictures. Perfiloff has suggested that since I am accompanying them, and will see them taking the pictures, I could testify as a representative of the Museum that there was no faking - on our return. It is believed that if this point is stressed Johnson may more willingly donate some such sum as the above.

I know that really, this is not any of our business - but, since it may very well be that there will not be any expedition, and since we are interested in having the expedition, I take the liberty to place the matter before you - Perfilief will do as anyway.

Another point is that the Carnegie Pittsburgh institution may donate something if they can get an ethnological collection. It is willing, according to Perfilief - to pay me a salary and donate a certain sum to the expedition. Since I am to do little collecting for the Museum, and since it may help the departure, it may be of interest to consider it.

The third matter is whether the Museum would care to become a corporate member of the expedition. I see one disadvantage if I go as a co-operating member only - and that is that I will have nothing to say about the policies of the expd. etc. which may prove embarrassing.

Briefly, I am of the opinion that we must take more active part, if there is to be an expedition, and if I am to achieve any amount of success. I would like to add, also, I might attempt it alone on the money available

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Finally, the salaries of the various members are high - one, I recall, being some \$700 a month. Perhaps and the others may be interested in my salary. Would there be any loss of prestige, etc. if they were to learn of mine? I need that very much to have them work with me.

I will discuss these things at length with you, but since Perhaps will visit you in the afternoon it may be well that you be aware of the pts of discussion. I will be at the Museum in the afternoon.

Petrillo

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

August 12, 1930

Mr. V. M. Petrullo  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Petrullo:

I congratulate you on the prospect of field work in Brazil.

The list of measurements and observations you give seems an adequate one under the circumstances. I really ought not to comment further because I am not a physical anthropologist. That I had to put a chapter on race classification into a textbook on general anthropology does not alter that fact.

If you are asking advice as to enthnological work, I should think that the men to inquire of, in approximate order of importance, would be:

Nordenskiöld, Göteborg, Sweden  
Fritz Krause, Leipzig  
Metrax, Buenos Ayres or La Plata  
Father Cooper, Washington  
Father Koppers, Moedling near Vienna

I am glad to know that North American interest in South America is still active in spots, and congratulate you on your impending trip.

Sincerely yours

*J. L. Kroeber*

ALK/CGC

Capt. V. Perfilieff  
Hotel Seymour  
50 W. 45 Street  
New York City

August 26, 1930

Your battle cry, my dear Petruzzo, reached me yesterday and brought out a hearty smile on a face of such a grim and hard-boiled face as mine.

Thank you for all of your suggestions in the equipment of the expedition. Anything that comes into your head, please let me know.

I met Mr. March the other day who called on me on his way to Honduras and found him very interesting. He told me that he knows you quite well.

I hate to commit myself in giving any definite date for our departure but I wouldn't be at all surprised if it will be in three or four weeks from now.

Please let me know about your activities and I will keep you informed of the things which will be of your and mutual interest. All our expedition is planning to be in Philadelphia in a few days and make a call on Mr. Jeane and Professor Mason.

God bless you and I hope you will find yourself sitting at the new discovered well of oil at the time you receive this letter.

Yours always  
V. Perfilieff

**New York Zoological Park**  
UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
**NEW YORK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
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DR. W. REID BLAIR, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF MAMMALS AND REPTILES  
RAYMOND L. DITMARS, CURATOR

August 27th  
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Mr. Vinienzo M. Petrullo  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I will be very glad to see you whenever it is convenient for you to come to the Zoological Park. I would suggest, however, that when you come to the city, you 'phone my office, to make a definite appointment.

Yours very truly,

*Raymond L. Ditmars*

September 23, 1930

Mr. E.M. Petruzzo  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I have just received your letter of September 19th in regard to succinchlorimide. This chlorinating substance is made by the Sterling Products Company, Easton, Pa. They supplied me the drug to be tested in the field, and I have corresponded with Mr. W. Ketchledge in regard to it. I would therefore suggest that you write to Mr. Ketchledge, telling him just what you want, that is to say, whether you want tablets to sterilize small quantities of water in canteens, or whether you will be storing it larger canteens at your camps. As you undoubtedly know, river water in Matto Grosso is of two kinds: white and black. The white water contains a good deal of silt and would undoubtedly neutralize a good deal of chlorine. I have not, in fact, used chlorinating substances extensively in Brazil, because in the interior, where the population is extremely sparse, and the rivers large, I have believed it safe to take water from the river itself well out from the bank and, of course, above the settlement if there is one in the neighborhood. On the last Hamilton Rice expedition, which spent a year in northern Brazil, this was the constant practise, and nobody got dysentery.

On the other hand, in centres like Manaus or other settlements of any size, one would do well to sterilize all water used for drinking, unless a reliable bottled water is obtainable. Charged water is not necessarily good, because often contaminated water is charged on the premises and not sterilized long enough to become safe. The amount of chlorination necessary in the field in my experience has varied very much according to the nature of the water to be sterilized, but I have found it necessary in general to use from three to six times the number of tablets that would be theoretically required to sterilize a canteen full of water of ordinary purity. If you plan to use chlorinating substances extensively it would be advisable for you take along four or five times the calculated amount that would be needed, if one tablet was sufficient to sterilize one quart of water.

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Some years ago I wrote an article dealing with sterilization of drinking water in the field, there being nothing in the text-books about it except as it is required for armies and permanent installations designed to provide drinking water on a large scale. I have no more reprints of that article, but you might find it worth your while to look it over. The reference is: "Drinking Water for Travelers in the Tropics". Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, September 15, 1928, Volume XXXI No. 18, p.229.

*London)*

Sincerely yours

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October 9, 1930

Dr. Andrey Avinoff, Director  
Carnegie Museum  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Avinoff:

I have been attempting to write you every day since Captain Perfilieff and Mr. Petrullo visited you in regard to the projected Expedition to Mato Grosso, Brazil in order to confirm the fact that for our part we should be delighted to have the Carnegie Museum join us in the scientific side of the work, if you decide to make a contribution to the expedition funds. I can heartily recommend this; I have known Perfilieff for some time and the way he has developed the present project is admirable. The people he is associated with are very reliable and I think from every angle the prospects of the expedition are good.

I feel that so far as the collection of additional ethnological material for you is concerned, Petrullo can handle this for you as well as for us. It is virtually no greater effort to gather two collections as one. Unless you are particularly interested in anthropological data and records, and we should like to have first rights on the publication of this material, and perhaps first choice on such archaeological material as may be found, since we are essentially an archaeological museum. We have no interest in the natural history collections and I suppose you will arrange this side of the question separately with Perfilieff. I am a firm believer in cooperative work in the field and you will find us, I believe, liberal to deal with. Petrullo is a competent chap and is anxious to do his best for you, as well as for us, if you come in.

Let me know at your convenience how you feel on the above points, and if there is any alteration to be made I am sure we can adjust it.

I look back with great pleasure on our meeting at Mr. Livinggood's last year in Cincinnati and hope we can soon again talk over affairs in which we are both interested.

Yours sincerely

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR

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CARNEGIE MUSEUM

Dr. Horace H. F. Jayne  
Director, University Museum  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Jayne:

Let me thank you for your interesting letter in regard to the projected expedition to Matto Grosso. Captain Perfilieff and Mr. Petruccio visited me in Pittsburgh and we discussed at considerable length the details of their enterprise. It looks as if we would be unable to participate to any significant extent in this undertaking, although we would desire to secure the natural history material in certain groups. Accordingly a tentative arrangement has been worked out on the strength of which we are supposed to obtain representative series of birds, mammals, reptiles, certain insects, etc. We are planning to pay for these collections on a piece basis, as is customary with many collectors from whom we have obtained material.

As to the ethnographic objects, I do not think we should be entitled to have the share of which you write to me. Although we possess some interesting ethnographic sets from a variety of places, we can scarcely hope to form systematic collections along these lines, and would prefer to acquire to a better advantage for our museum, objects of natural history. In view of this I wrote to Captain Perfilieff indicating our intention to forego this opportunity to receive some collections on South American ethnography, which would find a better place in some other institution especially interested in such studies and subjects.

I hear from Captain Perfilieff that they propose to engage a very competent collector of various groups of animals who has proved his ability in previous expeditions. As I understand, he will take part in this trip in addition to their present staff. In view of these circumstances we

may anticipate some desirable results in the fields in which our museums has been already conducting investigations in past years. As you may probably know, we own the larger part of the collections made during a number of years by the late H. H. Smith, who stayed in Matto Grasso in the late eighties.

Very sincerely yours

(signed) A. Avinoff  
Director

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CARNEGIE MUSEUM

Department of  
The Carnegie Institute  
Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A.

Captain V. Perfilieff  
50 West 45th Street  
New York City

October 10, 1930.

My dear Captain Perfilieff:

The Carnegie Museum has given careful consideration to your proposition in regard to the expedition to Matto Grosso and the collecting of objects of natural history in that region. The only basis on which the Museum finds it possible to avail itself of this opportunity is to acquire the specimens after they have been collected, shipped to Pittsburgh, inspected by our specialists, and found acceptable as far as quality, preparation and state of preservation are concerned. It is also important not to exceed certain limits of duplication of specimens for each species, as will be subsequently indicated. We agree to pay for satisfactory series of skins of birds and small mammals, for reptiles, amphibians, fish, molluses, butterflies, moths and dragon flies, the regular prices that have been customary in our dealings with other collectors in various parts of the world. The rate for birdskins varies between .75 for the smaller specimens, below the size of the bird commonly called in America, the Robin, to \$3.00 for the larger birds, according to size. In exceptional cases of rarities or particularly large birds, a higher price will be paid on the basis of a fair valuation. For the frogs, we stipulate a price of .25; for lizards .50 and \$1.00 for the snakes of not particularly large sizes. For the butterflies, moths and dragon-flies, we will pay from .06 to .10 a piece. The price for the fish would run from .25 a piece for the smaller kind. The remuneration for the mammal skins will depend upon the size of the animal, varying in price in a similar way as in the case of the birds. Each series of a certain species should not exceed twenty specimens of the same kind for smaller birds, ten for the larger, twenty for the insects, reptiles, and amphibians. These limits are indicated in an approximate way, since it is impossible to expect that any correct identification of species can be affected in the field whilst collecting.

Provided that the material on natural history will be sent exclusively to our museum, we agree to purchase in this way collections not exceeding in value \$1,500.00. The payments will be made upon receipt and accession of the several lots as they are forwarded to the Museum from time to time. If it occurs that the collections made by the expedition at the rate of remuneration outlined heretofore exceed the stipulated figure, we consider it our right to make further purchases for an additional sum of \$2,500.00 depending upon the consent of some of the friends of our museum, including the persons whom you indicated during our conversation, to defray these expenses. Although we would be naturally only too grateful for every gift to the Museum, we do not feel that we are in a position to solicit donations. Only when the collection reaches our hands and exceeds the portion worth \$1,500.00, and paid for by the museum as outlined in this letter, shall we feel at liberty to bring to the attention of some of our patrons, the opportunity to exercise their generosity.

Since the Carnegie Museum is not making systematic collections on

Captain V. Perfilieff

October 10, 1930.

the ethnography of South America, we prefer to forego the occasion to obtain such material which can thus be released by you for some other institution beside the University of Pennsylvania.

After thoughtful deliberation the procedure described in this letter was found to be the only possible one in the present case. If this plan is found acceptable, the Museum is prepared to advance \$1,000.00 immediately upon concluding our arrangements with the understanding that this sum will be used for the payment for the first consignments of collected and accepted specimens. Upon the exhaustion of this fund in accordance with our rate of payment, we shall proceed with the payment of the following shipments as they arrive and are accessed. Whatever balance of the collections, of a type available to us, would remain in your hands beyond the material acquired in the described manner, its disposition would be a matter of a subsequent free mutual agreement which would be difficult at the present time to anticipate.

In the case of a favorable attitude on your part, and in order to assure the proper methods of collecting, your field naturalist is expected to come for a short time to Pittsburgh for the necessary technical instructions.

If, by any unfortunate chance, your enterprise should come to an end before you have fulfilled your part in sending material equivalent to the sum advanced, it goes without saying that this matter will be properly adjusted and you will return that part of the sum for which specimens have not been delivered.

I am sorry that the participation of the Carnegie Museum in your undertaking cannot be offered on a broader scale.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) A. AVINOFF

Director, Carnegie Museum

Capt. V. Perfilieff  
The Seymour Hotel  
50 West 45th Street  
New York City

October 18, 1930.

Mr. Horace Jayne  
Director University Museum  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Jayne:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter dated October 10, from the Carnegie Museum, which I am forwarding for your information.

From our preliminary discussion of this letter, I am inclined to think that the expedition will not accept the terms of the Carnegie Museum, which put us in the position of nothing but a supply agent in the field in which they are interested. I suspect that at our next meeting, on Tuesday October 21, we will be obliged to refuse their terms, unless some other form of mutual cooperation is worked out.

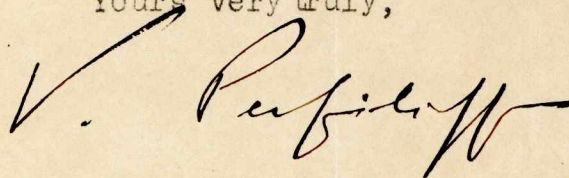
I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me a copy of your letter to the Director of Carnegie Museum, so that at our next meeting I would have more knowledge of the correspondence which has taken place between you and the Museum.

Mr. E. Fenimore Johnson is planning to put up another proposition during the next few days, to the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia, for he is very anxious that the institutions of Philadelphia should receive preference in deriving benefit from the results of our expedition.

We are definitely progressing towards our goal. Mr. de Milhau, an active member of the Explorers Club of America, with quite a reputation of his own as an explorer, has agreed to take over all the legal problems connected with the organization of our group.

Thanking you once more for your always friendly and helpful interest in our enterprise, I am,

Yours very truly,



October 18, 1930.

Capt. V. Perfilieff  
The Seymour Hotel  
50 West 45th Street  
New York City

My dear Petruzzo:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Horace Jayne. Everything, as you can see, is shaping up, although slowly. It worried my conscience that you are so full of energy and ambition, yet have to confine yourself to such an uninteresting pass-time as waiting.

God bless you and let me hear what new ideas and suggestions you have.

All best, old man.

Yours always  
V. Perfilieff

HOTEL SEYMOUR



FIFTY WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET  
NEW YORK

October 23, 1930.

Mr. Horace F. Jayne,  
Director, University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Jayne:

Thank you for your letter of  
October 28 and the enclosed copies.

For your information, I am  
enclosing a copy of my last letter  
to Mr. Ivanoff.

Yours always sincerely  
and thankfully,

*V. Perfiloff.*

October 22, 1930

Dear Pefilieff:

Thank you for your letter of October 18th. I send you herewith a letter just received from Avinoff, in the same tenor as his to you. I am disappointed that they will not come in on a substantially helpful basis and I agree that their proposition would be best left alone. I also send a copy of my letter to Avinoff for your files. I have not as yet heard from Mrs. Stewart, but I shall write you as soon as I do.

Yours hastily,

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR

Captain V. Perfilieff

The Seymour Hotel

50 West 45th Street

New York

October 28, 1930

Dear Perfilieff:

Thank you for your note of October 27 enclosing a copy of Mr. Johnson's letter to Mr. Cadwalader. I am full of regret that I see no possibility whatsoever of increasing our contribution to the Expedition. As times become more difficult I feel that you can count yourself fortunate, in fact, to get our contribution when you did and for the amount given. It would be far harder at the present time to persuade my Board to spend so much -- and, I am sure, impossible now to spend more.

Why don't you drop a personal letter to Mrs. Stewart to ask whether she ever received mine to her?

Yours sincerely

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR

Captain V. Perfilieff  
Hotel Seymour  
Fifty West Forty-fifth Street  
New York

November 5, 1930.

Capt. V. Perfilieff  
Hotel Seymour  
50 West 45th Street  
New York City

Mr. V.M. Petrullo  
University Museum  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear "Professor":

Thank you very much for your kind letter about the Trenton Museum and Kurtz. Did you go to Baltimore to see him last Sunday? What is the news?

Regarding the tablets for water, we decided at our last meeting to leave the matter entirely in your hands. In other words, order what you think is necessary and send the bills to the expedition. Anything you consider necessary, we will want, providing we can afford the expense.

I close in true un-Indian style - I have plenty more to say, but will keep it till the next time I see your friendly face.

God bless you and the devil miss you.

*Yours always,*  
*"Captain"*

# MATTO-GROSSO

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Mr. H. F. Jayne  
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University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 20, 1930.

Dear Mr. Jayne:

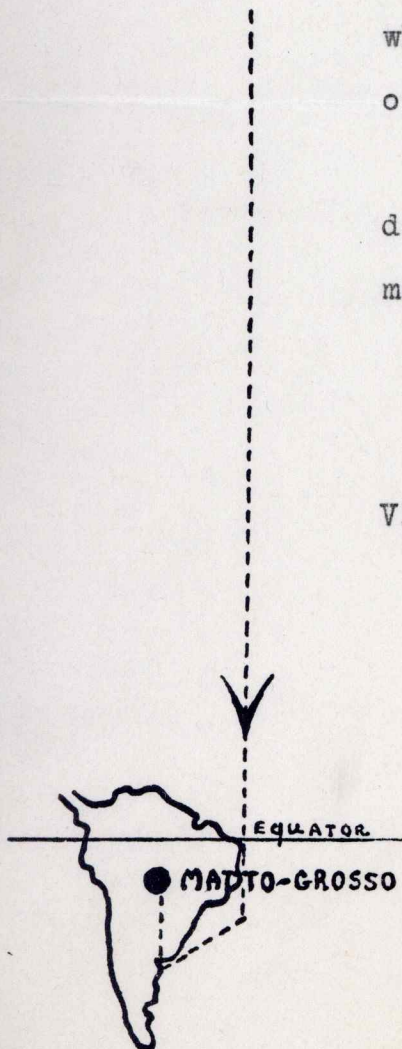
Enclosed is a copy of the statement  
which the Expedition gave to the representatives  
of the press yesterday.

Everything is about ready for our  
departure, which is planned for the 20th of next  
month.

Yours very truly,

*V. Perfilieff*

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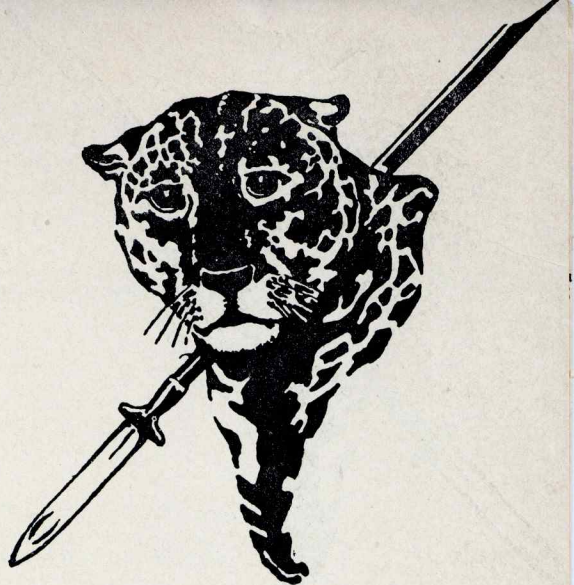


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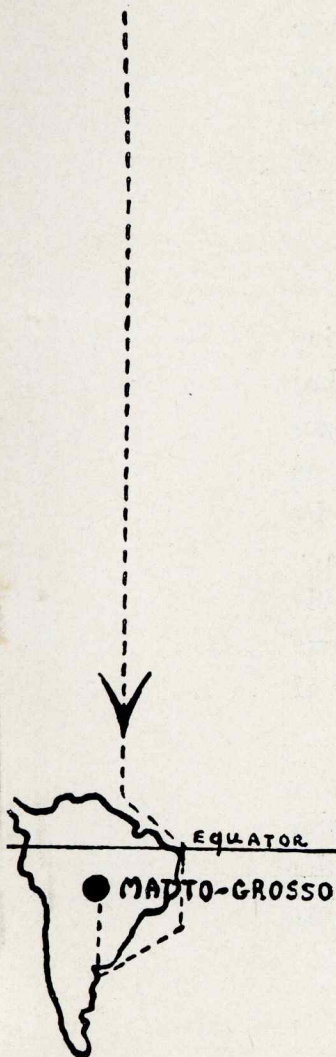
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THE Matto Grosso Expedition, which Captain V. Perfilieff, Alexander Siemel and John S. Clarke, Jr., began to organize a few months ago in New York, has adopted the name of that part of Southwestern Brazil to which it is going. Mr. Alexander Siemel came to New York early this year, after spending 21 years in different parts of South America, ten of which were spent in the jungles of Matto Grosso. His unusual stories of the natives and animals of that part of the country, and his many photographic illustrations (some of which appeared in rotogravure sections of leading newspapers of this and other cities) were the original stimulant for the organization of this group. Mr. Siemel is the only known white man who has mastered the art of stopping, singlehanded, the charge of a jaguar with an Indian spear.

The members of the Expedition are planning to take with them one of the finest packs of lion hounds ever assembled, and they will be trained in hunting the jaguar, the largest member of the cat family on the American continents.

The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania is cooperating by sending their representative, Vincent M. Petrullo, who will study ethnology and anthropology of the different Indian tribes, and will make a survey of the opportunities for archaeological work in the country. Mr. S. A. Daveron, a student of tropical diseases in the field of vertebrate zoology, will also accompany the Expedition.





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The Expedition is planning to make the first sound motion picture record of the life of the animals and natives of Matto Grosso, and will spend one year in the field. This picture will include the capturing, alive, of a jaguar and a giant anaconda. Though the actual greatest size of anaconda is still not definitely established, they have been reported to be up to 30 feet long. Mr. Siemel, the Field Director of the Expedition, has captured a number of smaller ones. The Expedition aims to bring back, alive, two or three large specimens, together with jaguars, giant armadillos, tapirs, anteaters, etc. A collection of museum specimens will also be made of birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and fish of the districts visited.

The rivers of Matto Grosso are infested with the little man-eating fish called "Piranha." They rarely attain a length of 12 inches, but have heavily set jaws of exceedingly sharp teeth. At the first appearance of blood in the water, they will tear to pieces human beings or animals within reach. The sharpness of their teeth is illustrated by the fact that their jaws are dried and used by the Indians as hair-clippers. Interesting under-water pictures of these dangerous fish will be made and it is hoped that the Expedition will be successful in bringing some specimens back to this country, as there are none to be seen in any of the aquariums of the United States.

The camera man of the Expedition will be Mr. Floyd Crosby, who has made several trips into the tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world working in the field of moving pictures and still photography.

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David M. Newell, one of the members of the Expedition, who has to his credit books and articles on the life of North American animals, is planning to write two books concerning the results of the Expedition, and the animals of South America, one for adults and the other for children.

The engineer of the Expedition who will be in charge of the sound equipment and also the lighting and power plants at the headquarters, is Mr. John Newell.

Captain Vladimir Perfileff, the General Director of the Expedition, is planning to make as complete a set of paintings of the natives and jungles as time and opportunity permit. He is a member of the Explorers' Club, a well known artist and lecturer, and has led an expedition to Hershell Island and the mouth of the McKenzie River in the Arctic Ocean. He has also visited the remote monasteries of Mount Athos in Greece, to which latter place he led an expedition last year. He accompanied the expedition of William Beebe to the Island of Haiti, under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society.

The base camp of the Expedition will be situated about 2,500 miles up the Paraguay River, in the geographic "heart" of South America. From this main camp the members of the Expedition will make numerous trips in different directions to capture animals and study the life of the different Indian tribes.

Station KDKA, in Pittsburgh, is to be in touch with the Expedition by sending, once a week, personal messages from the families and friends of the members.

The principal financial backers of the Expedition are Mr. E. R. Fenimore Johnson, late Vice-President of the Victor Talking Machine Co., of Camden, N. J., Mr. F. L. Spalding, of Boston, Mr. John S. Clarke, Jr., of New York, and Mr. W. E. Green, of Trenton, who are chiefly interested in the scientific results of the Expedition.

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The Matto Grosso Expedition, which Captain V. Perfillieff, Alexander Siemel and John S. Clarke, Jr. began to organize a few months ago in New York, has adopted the name of that part of South Western Brazil to which it is going. Mr. Alexander Siemel came to New York early this year, after spending 21 years in different parts of South America, ten of which were spent in the jungles of Matto Grosso. His unusual stories of the natives and animals of that part of the country and his many photographic illustrations (some of which appeared in rotogravure sections of leading newspapers of this and other cities) were the original stimulant for the organization of this group. Mr. Siemel is the only known white man who has mastered the art of stopping, singlehanded, the charge of a jaguar with an Indian spear.

The members of the Expedition are planning to take with them one of the finest packs of lion hounds ever assembled and they will be trained in hunting the jaguar, the largest member of the cat family on the American continents.

The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania is cooperating by sending their representative, Vincent M. Petruccio, who will study ethnology and anthropology of the different Indian tribes and will make a survey of the opportunities for archaeological work in the country. A student of tropical diseases and a scientist in the field of vertebrate zoology will also accompany the Expedition.

The Expedition is planning to make the first sound motion picture record of the life of the animals and natives of Matto Grosso, and will spend one year in the field. This picture will include the capturing alive of a jaguar and a giant anaconda. Though the actual greatest size of anacondas is still not definitely established, they have been reported to be from 30 to 40 feet long. Mr. Siemel, the Field Director of the Expedition, has captured a number of smaller ones. The Expedition aims

to bring back alive two or three large specimens, together with jaguars, giant armadillos, tapirs, anteaters, etc. A collection of museum specimens will also be made of birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and fish of the districts visited.

The rivers of Matto Grosso are infested with the little man-eating fish called 'Piranha'. They rarely attain a length of 13 inches but have heavily set jaws of exceedingly sharp teeth. At the first appearance of blood in the water, they will tear to pieces human beings or animals within reach. The sharpness of their teeth is illustrated by the fact that their jaws are dried and used by the Indians as hair-clippers. Interesting under-water pictures of these dangerous fish will be made and it is hoped that the Expedition will be successful in bringing some specimens back alive to this country, as there are none to be seen in any of the aquariums of the United States.

Giant armadillos are reported by the natives to exist in this section and an effort will be made to capture one or more specimens for zoological exhibit.

David M. Newell, one of the members of the Expedition, who has to his credit books and articles on the life of North American animals, is planning to write two books, concerning the results of the Expedition, and the animals of South America, one for adults and the other for children.

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November 21, 1930

Dr. Vinienze M. Petruzzo  
University of Penna.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Petruzzo:

Thanks very much for your letter of November 18th. The writer will be in Philadelphia Monday or Tuesday of next week and is going to take the liberty of calling on you to discuss your succinchlorimide requirements.

If this is not satisfactory to you, kindly advise and I will make my plans to coincide with yours.

Trusting that the writer may have the pleasure of calling on you next week, we are

Very truly yours,

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Mr. H. F. Jayne,  
Director University Museum,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Jayne,

In confirmation of our talks during the time which has passed since your kind letter of July 23, I wish to inform you about the following points -

- (a) The Matto-Grosso Expedition understands that the University Museum will contribute the sum of \$5000 to the Expedition and also pay the salary of its ethnological representative, Mr. Vincent M. Petrullo, during the period of the expedition and also provide him with the necessary instruments and the equipment not already included in the equipment of the Expedition.
- (b) The Matto-Grosso Expedition will pay all Mr. Petrullo's living and travel expenses to and from New York and during the period of the Expedition.
- (c) The Matto-Grosso Expedition will make every effort to further Mr. Petrullo's anthropological, ethnological and archaeological studies by supplying him when possible with the necessary guides, interpreters or workers, and placing at his disposal trade material not to exceed \$500 in value for the acquisition of collections for the Museum.



November 24, 1930



Mr. H. F. Jayne.

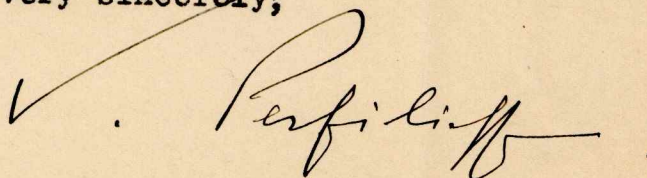
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- (d) A reasonable number of feet of film is to be devoted to making scientific records of native life and customs, and, if the sound equipment permits of recording examples of the languages and a set of prints from these films are to be furnished the Museum.
- (e) It is understood that Mr. Petruccio as representative of the University Museum is nevertheless directly and solely responsible to the General Director of the Matto-Grosso Expedition.
- (f) The Matto-Grosso Expedition understands that the University Museum gives up any right it may have to profit by the sale of moving picture rights, collections of animals, news stories and so forth.

I am awfully sorry that the answer to your letter in this positive form has been so much delayed, but there have been all kinds of troubles and circumstances which the members of the Expedition had to overcome slowly during the period of the organisation.

It took us much longer to come to the point when we feel that everything is complete and we are ready to start, but the fact of delaying the Expedition has in no way broken our firm belief in the success of the Expedition to Brazil and finishing this letter I want once more to thank you in the name of the other members of the group and myself for your kind cooperation and for your constant tolerance and trust in ourselves.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Perfiloff", with a checkmark to its left.

VP: ss

November 25, 1930

Dear Perfilieff:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 24th in which you outline the various points under which the Museum is participating with the Matto-Grosso Expedition. I think all contingencies are covered with the exception of the publicity. I was somewhat bothered by the appearance of the story about the Expedition last Thursday in which the Museum was perhaps made to figure too extensively as sponsoring the whole project. This did not concern me so much, however, as the fact that you did not get as much space as the story deserved. I think perhaps it would be well, if it is agreeable to you to let us see or at least send us simultaneously (as you have since done) your publicity releases until you start and also, if it is agreeable to you to let Petruccio look over such field stories as you may send off that concern the work of the Museum or in which the Museum is mentioned.

Drop me a line confirming this arrangements provided you have no objection. I think you can count on the fact that we shall not in anyway attempt to hamper your publicity, it is only a natural precaution for a scientific institution to take.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR

Captain V. Perfilieff  
50 West 45th Street  
New York City

Copy.

Johns Hopkins Medical School,  
Baltimore, Md.

November 26th. 1930.

The Directors of the Matto Grosso Expedition, Inc.,  
New York City.

Gentlemen,

Confirming a recent conversation between your Captain Perfilieff and myself, I would like to outline to you work that I would like to perform if elected to membership in your Expedition.

I shall endeavour to provide for the sanitation and maintenance of health of all members of the party. This will include the diagnosis and treatment of tropical diseases as far as camp facilities will permit, together with what first-aid work and emergency surgery might be imperative in the absence of professional medical assistance. My incomplete training will of course limit my value to you in the above capacity to a degree with which you are, I trust, familiar.

It will be my desire to enter into the investigation of certain matters of extreme medical interest, namely -

1. Scientific studies of the blood of animals captured on this Expedition.
2. Studies of the blood of native peoples encountered.
3. Studies of heretofore uninvestigated plants for their pharmacological possibilities.
4. A comprehensive study of the anatomy and physiology of blood sucking bats.
5. Should opportunity present itself for an investigation of the historical aspects of syphilis, either as a disease of man or animal, I should like to persue investigations wherever there is promise of uncovering any new data.

It is understood that Mr. Petrullo will be in charge of the scientific aspect of this Expedition and further it will be me desire to assist him in every way possible with work that is of interest to him. It is understood further that data and material obtained by myself will be published with a view towards the interests of the Expedition, but if prepared as strictly scientific articles will be issued under my authorship.

I shall make every effort to secure authorization from the Johns Hopkins University or one of its medical departments to represent them officially upon this Expedition. Under no condition, however, would I consent to seek this permission from the University unless I have your assurance that the name of Johns Hopkins will not be exploited in any way that might be objectionable to the School.

I will be willing to underwrite my own expenses on this Expedition provided they do not exceed \$125 per month.

It might further be added that my services in any mechanical or engineering or other capacity will be available in any work that the Field Director of the Expedition may deem necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) S.S. Daveron

Nov. 28. 1930.  
Phila., Pa..

Dear Capt.,

As you know, there have been oral conversations in which you and the other members of the expedition have expressed the wish that I take charge of the scientific work to be done by the party. I believe that your statements to the newspapers have contained that thought. I, on my part, have expressed my willingness to assume the responsibility, and as you know I have been actively interested in furthering the interests of the expedition in the scientific field. However recent developments have shown me the desirability and necessity of making clear to the expedition and to the members of the scientific party, the conditions to be met by them, before I will accept the duties and obligations of such an arrangement which is in no way advantageous to me or to the Museum, and which, in fact may prove very embarrassing if the work is not controlled by scientific competency, honesty, and good faith. You will concede also, that the attention and the energy to be given to the project --and I mention this with apologies-- will be in no way recompensed.

These are the conditions:

1. Each man expecting to do scientific work must submit to me a written outline of his project.
2. A written statement by a competent scientist outlining the value of the work to be undertaken, if I think it to be necessary.
3. Credentials that the man is competent to carry out the researches.
4. The work is to be carried out under my general supervision
  - a. I must be satisfied at all times that the work is being carried out under the best field conditions.
  - b. That the work is being done in good faith.
5. Publication of the results not to be permitted by the corporation until it is satisfied that the results have scientific value, and that the above conditions have been complied with.
6. That I shall have the right to present my objections, if any to the corporation.
7. That in case I should remain dissatisfied with the decision of the corporation I reserve the right to withdraw my name

If these conditions cannot be met, I ask the expedition,

1. that it consider me only in the- my original capacity of anthropologist, etc.
2. that it refer to me in its reports only in that capacity
3. that it in no way will impute to me responsibility for other scientific work than that undertaken by me personally.
4. that the field of Anthropology remain mine and that it suffer no interference by the work of any other member.
5. that my name will not be used in the reports of the other members
6. that the institution that i represent, only, have the right to pass on my reports. This , of course , will hold in any case.

Since you have had proof of my willingness to cooperate at all times with any one, I need not stress the point that whatever your decision will be I shall always be at your services.

If you should comply with my conditions, you may make it plain to the other members of the scientific party that none of their time will be taken up by to assist in my work. Anthropology is work of such a personal nature that the assistance of untrained and disinterested parties is detrimental.

I would suggest that in any case, the prospective member be asked to comply with 2 and 3.

Although I am willing to supervise the scientific work of the expedition, I am not at all overly anxious to do so, and if it suits the interests of the expedition to refuse my conditions, or for some other reasons drop the arrangement, please do not feel in any way obligated to keep me in charge.

P. S. If I have to write another letter as business like as the above -----well I won't do it.



October 27, 1930.

Mr. Horace Jayne, Director  
University Museum  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Jayne:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which  
Mr. Johnson sent to Mr. Cadwalader.

We are nearer and nearer the goal.  
Is there any hope of further financial  
support on the part of the Museum? We  
may need just \$3,000 or \$4,000 to complete  
our budget.

Yours always very sincerely and thank-  
fully,

*V. Perloff*

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October 24, 1930.

Dr. Charles M. B. Cadwalader  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia  
Logan Square  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Cadwalader:

Mr. John Clark and Capt. Perfilieff called on Mr. James L. Clark of the Museum of Natural History. They proposed to Mr. Clark that his Museum cooperate with them in the same fashion as will the University of Pennsylvania Museum. He was unwilling to consider expenditures as large as did Dr. Jayne but he encouraged them to hope that, subject to the approval of his Board, he would be willing to cooperate jointly with your Academy. If a joint cooperative arrangement on the part of the New York Museum and your Academy is of interest to you, I will be grateful if you will communicate directly with Mr. James Clark upon that subject.

I told the expedition associates about my luncheon talk with you. They would be most pleased to have your cooperation upon the basis we discussed either alone or jointly with New York. However, they clearly understand that they are not to count upon it.

Their discussion with the Carnegie Museum has been along the line of an advanced payment to the expedition for a collection to be brought back by it rather than the Museum's own representative. An arrangement of that type in my opinion would not be very attractive. In spite of the short time now left in which to make arrangements with anyone I advised them to suspend their correspondence with Carnegie for a few days.

Captain Perfilieff is anxious that you become acquainted with Mr. T. Chetyrkin. Regardless of any consideration of employing him, I believe it would be worthwhile for you to see the fish skins he treated. He revives only about twenty-five per cent. of the brilliance of their colors, but the details of scales and shading are far superior to any practical hand painting work I ever saw. He should be able to make a fine living at mounting fish for Florida sports. His poor English is his handicap.

Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Jayne's letter to Capt. Perfilieff.

For your convenience, I mention the advantages of sending a naturalist with the expedition as compared to investigating the natural history of Matto Grosso by the ordinary means:

- 1 - Part time service of \$20,000.00 worth of sound and photographic equipment operated by professionals.
- 2 - The use, for naturalhistory purposes, of extracts from the

main film which will deal predominately with the noises and actions of wild animals in their native setting.

- 3 - The Help and advice of a white man familiar with the natives and country.
- 4 - Part time use of corral and captive animals.
- 5 - Part time use of pack train, group of guides and gang of laborers.
- 6 - The use of a headquarters camp with its shelter for collections and relief from domestic duties.
- 7 - Relief from the hardship of travelling alone and the detailing of routes and schedules.
- 8 - Time saved to a naturalist because of items 6 and 7 may be applied to scientific work.
- 9 - Less cost than same naturalist travelling alone in the same country.

The route will be by boat eighteen to twenty-five days New York to Montevideo; about three days lay-over in Montevideo; by river steamer twelve to fourteen days from Montevideo to Corumba; by river steamer four days to Descalvados. Steamers stop at Descalvados every two weeks. Actual field work in and around Descalvados seven to nine months. The revolutionary district will be avoided and Brazil will be entered at a point too undeveloped commercially to be of any interest to either rebels or Federalists. The headquarters will be quite near to the Bolivian frontier and probably could be moved across the line if necessary.

If there is any further information I can furnish you, I will be pleased to do so.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) FENIMORE JOHNSON.

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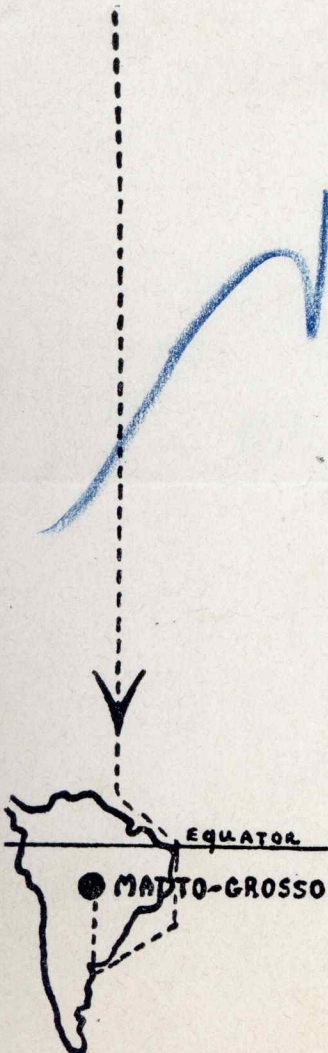
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Mr. H. F. Jayne,  
Director University Museum,  
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Jayne,

In confirmation of our telephone conversation on the day of Thanksgiving, and also of Mr. Petruccio's discussion with me about his activities, may I submit to your kind attention the following points:-

- (1) The Matto Grosso Expedition is definitely planning to sail on December 26<sup>th</sup>, and the financial committee asked me to let you know that they will appreciate your sending the check for the amount of \$5,000.00 to the account of Matto Grosso Expedition of the Foreign Department of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
- (2) The Matto Grosso Expedition is going to pay half of the travelling expenses which Mr. Petruccio had in making a few trips to New York.
- (3) That all the publicity in connection with the activity of Mr. Petruccio before the Expedition sails is subject to your approval and after the Expedition leaves the United States is going to be written or approved by Mr. Petruccio himself.
- (4) The Matto Grosso Expedition will appreciate very much if in the near future the University Museum of University of Pennsylvania will issue to the Philadelphia, New York and other, as desired by the Museum, newspapers information on the subject of Mr. Vincent Petruccio's activity in the proposed trip in the field of ethnology, anthropology and such archaeological work as he is expecting to do.



Mr. H. F. Jayne.

December 3, 1930.

- (5) The Matto Grosso Expedition will appreciate very much your consent for Mr. Vincent Petrullo to write as soon as possible a summary of the history of Matto Grosso country and also in the way of expectation what there is to be found in the field Mr. Petrullo is expecting to work. The Expedition is making presently an agreement with the National Broadcasting Company or maybe some other leading broadcasting station with the understanding that the selected station is going to put on the air three members of the Expedition:-
- (a) One on the subject of general plans of the activity of the Expedition;
  - (b) One on the subject of Matto Grosso country as a field for hunting and catching the specimens of animal life; and
  - (c) One (in this case Mr. Petrullo on the subjects I mentioned above in this paragraph).

The statement must be written definitely with the understanding that when it is going to be read to the microphone it is going to take fifteen minutes of time. It might happen that the time is going to be reduced and in this case the address is to be reduced.

- (6) The Matto Grosso Expedition understands that it is going to offer all the facilities of the development of the results of Mr. Petrullo's work with the still camera in the field.
- (7) The Matto Grosso Expedition understands that it accepts the second proposition from the enclosed letter of Mr. Petrullo.
- (8) The Matto Grosso Expedition understands that Mr. Petrullo is planning to do besides the above mentioned work some biological research and collection and in this case is willing to share part of his material collected with the Expedition on the basis of his own decision.
- (9) The Matto Grosso Expedition is signing up a lease agreement with the R. C. A. Photophone Incorporated Company and in this case I am drawing to your attention paragraph 19 of this lease which says the following -

"Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event Licensee shall desire to record with the Equipment sound motion pictures of a purely educational or scientific nature and manifestly intended for such purposes, RCA Photophone agrees that such pictures may be recorded by Licensee in the Territory for release in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and that the royalty on such pictures, if not distributed or used in public theatres or for entertainment

Mr. H. F. Jayne.

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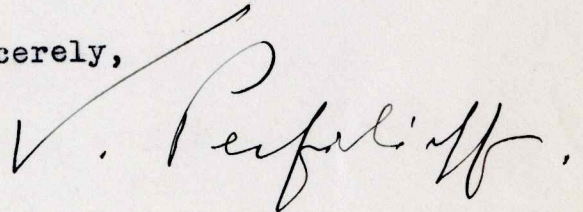
Should you utilize the moving picture film which we will turn over to you in such a manner as to make us liable for the payment of the above royalty, we will expect you to refund us the amount due R.C.A. because of the use by you of the film.

Planning to see you in the near future before we sail,

I am,

as always,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. Perfolinoff", written in dark ink.

VP:ss

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Mr. Vincent M. Petrullo  
1447 Edmonds Ave.  
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Philadelphia, Pa.

12/4/30.

Dear Petrullovitich:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Jayne which I think covers all the details you brought up at our last meeting..

The date of sailing is fixed for the 26th, on a Munson Line passenger boat. I will write further details to you later on.

The address of the Expedition will be Matto Grosso Expedition, c/o Foreign Department, Guaranty Trust Co. of N.Y., New York City.

The Executive Committee of the Expedition has accepted the second proposition of your letter, because we may still obtain a scientist to accompany us, in the field of zoology and perhaps ornithology. We think it would be best if each man works in his own field, although Mr. Daveron has stated in his letter to me that he will always be willing to help you in any way you desire, providing it does not interfere with the general field activities of the members.

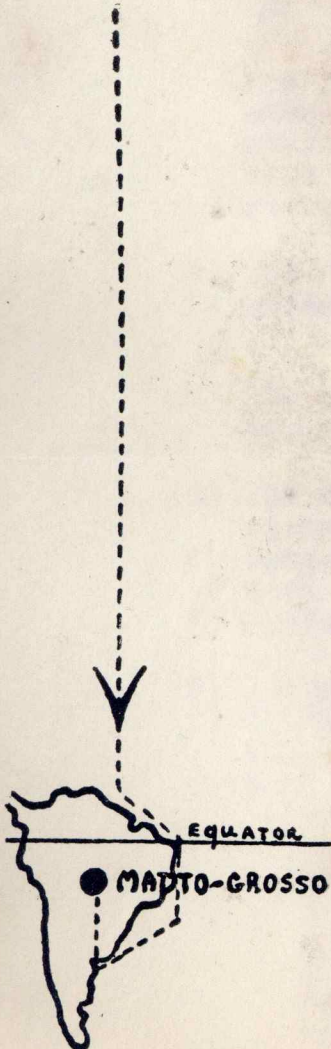
Hope all is going well with you.

Have you any of your poisonous stuff left with which to take away a man's thoughts and sensitiveness. I need it badly before I go cuckoo from accumulated work.

All best until our next meeting.

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Perfilieff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



December 9, 1930

Dear Captain Perfilieff:

I have been slow in replying to your letter of December 3rd for which I apologize.

I am writing to Petruccio asking him to prepare the articles for broadcasting and I am suggesting that he communicate with you directly whether he can do this, and if so, when his material will be ready.

All the other points in your letter are satisfactory to me, and I am giving instructions to place the \$5,000. to your credit as directed in paragraph 1.

I hope to see you again before you go.

Yours sincerely

Horace H. F. Jayne  
DIRECTOR

Captain V. Perfilieff  
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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jayne,

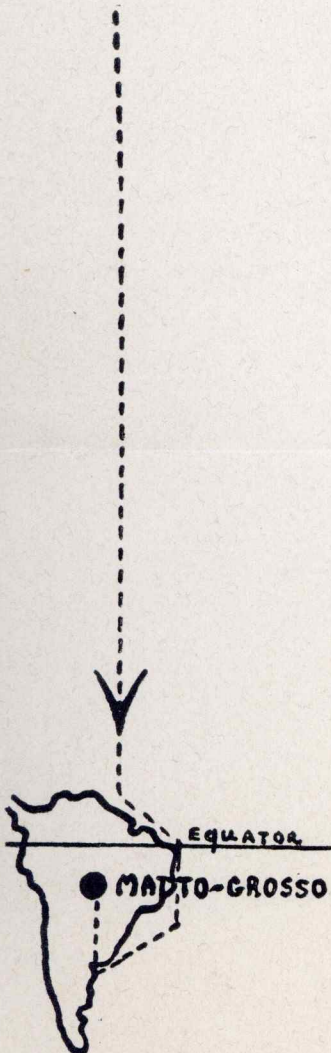
The manager of the Matto Grosso Expedition has informed me that he has a statement from the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York about the deposit of \$5000.00 from the University Museum to the credit of Matto Grosso Expedition.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to our enterprise and your quick action in depositing the money.

We are planning to sail December 26th. and I will surely see you before then in Philadelphia.

Always very sincerely,

*Yours V. Perfilieff*



VP:ss

December 20, 1930

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to announce that the University Museum is participating in the Matto Grosso Expedition, Incorporated and is sending Mr. Vincent M. Petruzzo as a member of the Expedition staff to conduct ethnological and anthropological investigations among the natives of the regions to which the Expedition is going.

It is urged that any assistance it is possible to give the Expedition and through it Mr. Petruzzo's researches be granted and the Board of Managers will be grateful for such cooperation in furthering the scientific work of the Museum.

Horace E. F. Jayne  
Director

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Sailing December 26th (if delayed, December 27th), on the steamship "Western World" of the Munson Line, from Hoboken to Montevideo, the members of the Matto Grosso Expedition realize that being handicapped by the last few days' rush connected with the departure, they would be unable to see many of their personal friends, and therefore extend to you now their sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and Heartiest Greetings for a Happy New Year.

Capt. V. Perfilieff,

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