

October 2

Dear Petrus -

I have to excuse you with this letter in longhand because it happens in almost my hurry to use my eyes and to order to get it written at all I am a typing. I have to send you all sorts of apologies for my long & impolite silences. Maria's last letter perhaps explained them a part - but only a part. Having for years written everything in longhand I just couldn't successfully dictate and this, added to the fact that this damn eye infection not only bars my using this for reading or writing but also has taken the stuffing out of me otherwise, may perhaps serve as an excuse.

This is due to acknowledge yours of Sept 26th brought by Rossi (who will be down to see me this Saturday) and to tell you that so far as I can make out all your letters have come through to us and all of them apparently unopened and unopened. We are all immensely pleased with what you have done though perhaps you yourself are discouraged by lack of tangible results. It is difficult - indeed it is well-nigh impossible - to instruct you what to do for here. You will just have to use your best judgment, with the assurance you can count on us for support while you are on the spot and until you

You mean direct instructions to return home. These
will not be sent by any possibility under
Drum's feet, perhaps not then depending upon
the financial situation here, which is pretty good
but might well be better.

I still want to come down myself - very
much indeed, but without some sort of invitation
from your end I don't see how it can be done.
With an invitation I might persuade the Board
to finance me; without it I can't ask this, for
the possibility of return is too indefinite &
I just can't bring it on my personal account.
So that Mr. Chandler has an idea - and a
good one - for having me appointed delegate to
the Pan American Congress at Montevideo &
putting you up in some way to act as secretary.
It would be grand if anything comes of it &
it doesn't cost too much. I'm not optimistic,
but will keep you informed.

No great news here - everything goes along pretty
well & my wife seems fairly happy. Mrs. Soper
& Ann are back at the job & keep you
end of the American Section going. Many people
ask for you & I see the how well you
are doing which is a unanimous thought of
all the who know your trials, tribulations &
difficulties. Yrs always
W.M.

Concerning the Biblioteca Henry Clay.

The primary function of an organization, (Cultural Center), as described by its sponsor, is determinable in terms of service to the community. ~~Whether~~ the community is willing to patronize and if possible to at least partially support it there is no place in the community for such an organization.

Therefore, the first inquiry is : what kind of service and will it offer to Caracas, and (2) how extensive and intensive will this service be ?

The first part of the question is partially answered in "Outline of Purposes". The second needs to be covered.

Suggestion: Let the Cultural Center develop some kind of service to the American colony. Such cultural services are much needed and their lack is felt by numerous members of the colony with whom I have talked on the matter.

If this could be evolved, some financial support could be obtained from the colony, and perhaps it would be possible to prevail on the commercial organizations having offices in Venezuela to donate money, equipment, facilities, etc.

Suggestion: Let the Cultural Center develop some service to the Venezuelans :

1. To those Venezuelans who have studied in the United States are desirous of keeping in touch and developing their knowledge of American things.
2. To those intending to study or visit in the U. S.
3. To the women who do either rarely
4. To the general public

Support might be sought : From the government.
From individuals, perhaps
in the form of dues.

The Cultural Center could offer services to all Americans, including students, tourists, commercial organizations, diplomatic service, etc.

Therefore financial assistance might be obtained from cultural institutions in the States, commercial organizations, American government, etc.

In this connection it would be advantageous to the Center to seek sponsorship by some well-known American Institution or a number of them. A possible institution is the U. of P.

Suggestion: In connection with research in Venezuela in such fields as Natural History, Anthropology, Geology, Geography, Astronomy, History, Commercial analyses, etc., the Center could serve as a clearing house, and thus support could be sought from organizations, etc. intending to research in the country.

Conclusion. Reading the Center in terms of service it is obvious that any individuals, organizations, and the two governments could profit by establishing such an institution, and, therefore, it is possible to approach many groups and interests for support.

N. B. Considering merely the practical aspects of the desirability and practicability of the Center, I visualize it as an organization which would actively contribute services to the peoples of Venezuela and the United States. Since the endowment will be sought mostly in the United States, the latter must be given greater consideration, at least, in presenting the proposal to Americans. The center could develop service to scholars and institutions by keeping them informed, for instance, of current publications on pertinent subjects, such as literature, science, philosophy, history, discovery, etc. etc. It could produce notes on current art movements both in the states and in Venezuela, etc. etc. It could develop an "information bureau" for things Venezuelan and American.

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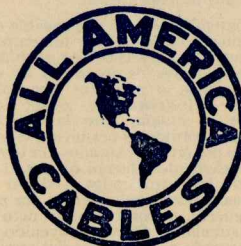
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*Mason
Antiquity
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania*

*If twenty five hundred covers back salary
working alone without supplies and resigning
when job completed stop please inform stop urgent
Museum make deposit to personal bank account.*

Petrullo

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THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

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Letter of introduction of Rowe to Jahn

Mi estimado señor doctor y distinguido amigo:

Me es grato presentar a Ud al señor ----

La Universidad ---- tiene un vivo interés en estrechar relaciones con los hombres de ciencia que se ocupan en investigaciones etnológicas y arqueológicas en Venezuela, y para establecer esas relaciones y hacer estudios preliminares que pueden conducir a una cooperación científica más estrecha entre los técnicos venezolanos y la Universidad ha comisionado al señor Petrucco para ir a Venezuela, establecer relaciones y observar los resultados de las investigaciones etnológicas y arqueológicas que allí se han hecho.

Apreciaré mucho que Ud se sirva recibir al señor--- y prestarle su cooperación que será muy valiosa y muy apreciada por la Universidad por el señor --- y por el suscrito que lo saluda muy atentamente.

L. S. Rowe

Señor Dr. Alfredo Jahn
Sur, 3, no. 145.
Caracas,
Venezuela.

Ven. C.

Dr. Alfredo Jahon

sent in
English

Mi estimado amigo:

En mi poder se
atenta carta de fecha 18 de abril
del pasado mes, la que tengo
verdadero placer en contestar, agra-
deciéndole lo que me dice con res-
pecto al aparato fotográfico, y
si no es molestia para Ud. de-
searia que me lo guardase en
esa hasta mi regreso.

Me complace ver que mi carta
al Dr. Finoco haya sido de
su agrado.

Espero que mi libro pueda
ser publicado en breve, aunque
estoy algo atrasado en este, debido
a los ^{trav} muchos trabajos que me he
visto obligado ya atender ahora,

Ha tenido aquí gran acepta-
ción enantos datos etc. Me traído
de esos lares. y le aseguro que
existe el gran interés en el desa-
rrollo de nuestros estudios venezola-
nos; ya volveré a escribirle sobre
todo esto cuando estén más defini-
dos nuestros planes.

Le enviare algunos libros que
espero encontrará Ud. interesantes,
así como también el "Bulletin" y el
"Journal" del Museo. Si desea Ud.

algún otro libro publicado anteriormente
me sería muy grato remitirselo.
Con afectuosa salud a su aprecia-
ble familia, quedo de Ud. su atto.
amigo,

Dr. R. González Pincones
V. E. Ministro de Instrucción Pública
Barajas.

Muy estimado doctor y amigo:
Tengo el honor y placer
de saludar a Ud. manifestán-
dole que en breve le enviaré
el "Bulletin" del University Museum,
un folleto no técnico y el "Museum
Journal" que es técnico. El museo
oprece a Ud. y al ministerio éstos
y otros que publicará de vez en
cuando. Si desea Ud. algún
folleto publicado con anteriori-
dad, ~~será~~ tendrá mucho gusto
en enviárselo.

Sin otro particular, me repi-
te de Ud. su atto. S. S. y amigo.

Vincenzo Petrucci

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DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT WILL BE WAIVED CABLE BOAT NAME AND GIVE ROSSI
PROPER LETTERS SEND ANOTHER SET MAYA PLATES AND SEVERAL COPIES MY
REPORT LETTER FOLLOWS

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VENEZUELAN CONSUL NEWYORKCITY

AM HOLDING FOR DEPOSIT ONETHOUSAND BOLIVARES REQUIRED BY IMMIGRATION
AUTHORITIES FOR ENTRY OF ARTHUR P ROSSI UNIVERSITY MUSEUM REPRESENT-
-ATIVE JOINING ME IN SCIENTIFIC MISSION IN VENEZUELA

VINIENZO PETRULLO

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Los términos y condiciones arriba estipulados son aplicables tanto para el destinatario como para el remitente de este cablegrama.

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Cablegrams

Night letter

Jayne
University Museum
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

YOUR CABLE SATISFACTORY DECISION TO DELAY YOUR COMING GOOD STOP TRYING
TO OBTAIN FORMAL INVITATION STOP PRESSED TO PRESENT FORMAL MEMORANDUM
TO GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE PRESENTED BEFORE FIFTEENTH FORWARDING REPORT
AND COPY STOP SORRY ILLNESS PREVENTED CLEARER COMMUNICATIONS
PETRULLO

Memorandum.

El Museo de la Universidad de Pennsylvania saluda muy atentamente al Gobierno Venezolano o cualquier organización científica venezolana interesada en estudios de arqueología y etnología venezolana. El Museo está dispuesta a prestar su valioso apoyo para estas investigaciones con todas facilidades a su alcance, tanto moral como materialmente, organizando y estableciendo un instituto y museo para tales estudios, entrenando estudiantes venezolanos para el trabajo en el campo, publicando los resultados de los estudios, y se compromete a asistir al Gobierno en cualquier manera en que estas investigaciones puedan ser una ayuda para él convirtiendo la vasta región interior del país y sus aborígenes en una parte productiva de la República.

En caso de que se le conceda una suma substancial para la fundación de tal instituto, el Museo con el mayor gusto participará con un importe m. ó m. igual ^{el} en esta donación.

El Museo de la Universidad va a hacer estudios ^{preliminares} del campo ~~anteriormente~~ inmediatamente por el director de campo para estudios en la America del Sur, ^{el} /Dr. V. Petrullo, y suministrará fondos para estas investigaciones hasta una cantidad de dos terceros de los gastos respectivos, si el Gobierno Venezolano pagará los gastos de campo y viaje que no ascenderán a ^{un importe más alto} más/de m. ó m. de \$ 400.-- per mensuales, suma que puede ser reducida considerablemente aprovechando las facilidades concedidas por el Gobierno.

Cualquieres ~~mentantes~~ fondos que se le dotaran al Museo para la expedition, serán puestos a la disposición del Gobierno, concediéndole al Museo cierta parte de estas colecciones.

Recomendamos que el director de campo ^{hiciera} ~~haga~~ los siguientes viajes de exploración antes de lanzar un programa definitivo:

- 1) Para el País de los Motilones: con el fin de ^{estudiar} ~~investigar~~ las posibilidades para la investigación y pacificación de los Motilones.
- 2) Para la región entre Maturin y Cd. Bolívar: con el fin de determinar las condiciones culturales de los ~~C~~ribes en esta región.
- 3) Para la región entre los rios Apure y Meta: con el fin de averiguar los sitios de los grupos de tribus e investigar las posibilidades de acercarlas.

4) Se estima que se necesitarán 4 hasta 5 meses para estos estudios que abrián el paso para investigaciones futuras. El trabajo debería empezarse a principios de Octubre.

Señores: -

Quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar el sincero placer que experimento al encontrarme en Venezuela. - He venido con el propósito especial de intimar con el país y sus habitantes, y con sus problemas científicos. La cordial acogida que me ha sido dispensada compromete mi gratitud y cariño para con este país y para con los numerosos amigos que he tenido la fortuna de hacer.

Me encuentro realmente impresionado por la belleza y encanto de Venezuela. No soy pintor, pero puedo decir con toda verdad que es uno de los países más pintorescos que he visto.

Sin embargo, me parece que su encanto y belleza no están limitados a la perspectiva artística. - Los diversos aspectos de la vida venezolana que he podido observar hasta ahora son dignos de elogios

Estas son las impresiones que he podido recoger durante dos semanas de estada en el país, y hasta ahora no hay ninguna indicación en sentido contrario. Estos breves comentarios expresan sucintamente, pero con toda sinceridad lo que he visto y experimentado desde mi llegada a Venezuela.

Llegué a Venezuela la víspera de la fecha del sesquicentenario del nacimiento de Simón Bolívar. - Asistí a las ceremonias en honor del Libertador, quedando vivamente impresionado por su sencilla dignidad y profunda sinceridad. El Te Deum en el Panteón fue una ceremonia imponente que creo no olvidaré fácilmente. - Tuve también el placer de asistir a la inauguración de

la Nueva Academia de Ciencias Físicas, Matemáticas y Naturales y quiero aprovechar esta oportunidad para felicitar a la nación venezolana por la creación de esta Academia que, dado el bien cono-

cido mérito de sus miembros no puede menos que redundar en gloria y provecho del país y

Señores, me siento altamente honrado al dirigir la palabra a tan distinguida audiencia, lo que hago a instancias de mi estimado amigo, el Dr. Alfredo Jahn, quien me sugirió refiriéndose a Uds. algunas de mis observaciones sobre los indígenas del interior del Brasil. - He accedido a ello, no obstante la convicción de mi insuficiencia, tan solo porque el material que presentaré es completamente nuevo. Algunos de los pueblos que encontré en los afluentes del Alto Xingu son aún muy poco conocidos.

La antropología es en realidad una disciplina muy nueva. Notable paradoja ésta en la Historia Humana. La rama del saber más importante e interesante para el hombre no fue disciplinada hasta nuestra generación. Las más antiguas crónicas de la China y del Egipto atestiguan el interés que existía en esos pueblos primitivos, llamados "bárbaros" por esta clase de estudios. El hombre siempre ha querido saber la historia, costumbres y naturaleza de los pueblos ~~injanasxxxGuxixaidad~~ de otras tierras. Curiosidad ésta que tenía una fase seria: el hombre esperaba aprender la manera de mejorar su propia vida, aprovechando la experiencia de sus vecinos. - Este interés aumentó y se desarrolló notablemente hacia la mitad del siglo XVIII, cuando la Filosofía que sabía algo de la etnografía de los pueblos primitivos, pensó que en el estado salvaje se hallaba la clave no solamente de la felicidad, sino también de la salvación de la humanidad. Concepto muy romántico, basado en el poco conocimiento de la vida primitiva.

Las épocas de conquista y exploración europeas produjeron muchas informaciones sobre los pobladores de los otros continentes.

Estas observaciones llevadas a cabo por exploradores,

naturalistas, viajeros etc. no debían haber sido muy correctos, ya que, como sabemos, las diversas culturas son demasiado complejas y necesitan ser estudiadas detenidamente y bajo métodos de severa disciplina. No obstante, las observaciones recogidas por estos observadores fueron utilizadas por los escritores para lanzar teorías sobre la vida social, política, económica, filosófica, religiosa y artística de otros pueblos, y hoy en día

Mas la severa crítica moderna no acepta más tales observaciones, y se somete a la nueva disciplina de la Antropología, disciplina que tiene sus problemas, sus métodos de observación y de análisis.

La Antropología es una ciencia de importancia primordial en esta época. Es de importancia primordial tanto en el sentido histórico, como en el científico o en el práctico. - Tenemos ante todo un punto esencial: los pueblos primitivos están predeterminados a desaparecer en nuestra generación. La cultura occidental está penetrando en todos los rincones del mundo. Ya existen pocas regiones donde puedan encontrarse pueblos primitivos, que no hayan sentido la influencia de la cultura europea. Con exactitud literal puede decirse que, a menos que los estudios antropológicos sean llevados a cabo en nuestro tiempo, nuestro conocimiento del hombre histórico y viviente será defectuoso por siempre jamás. La aceleración del progreso científico, de los viajes, de los medios de comunicación, del desarrollo industrial, está modificando el "modus vivendi" de todo el mundo. La composición física y psicológica de las razas se modificará sin duda alguna. - En el estudio de este drama que no tiene paralelo en la Historia la Antropología es el técnico que se debe utilizar.

La Antropología moderna es fundamental a la comprensión de la Historia humana, del desarrollo de las diversas culturas,

de la trayectoria del pensamiento ~~xxxxxx~~, del desarrollo político y moral, en una palabra, es esencial a la comprensión de la Historia del hombre. - Considerada en toda su amplio radio, la Antropología viene a ser la ciencia básica no solo para el antropólogo, sino también para el psicólogo, psiquiatra, sociólogo, anatomista, filósofo. Todos ellos dependen de la Antropología para el material comparativo y para el material básico de sus ciencias.

Pero la Antropología no es solo una ciencia abstracta y teórica. Es también de importancia práctica. Los tiempos en que un pueblo inferior en cultura material era destruido por un pueblo más fuerte, han pasado. Hoy el hombre ha comprendido que es preciso reconciliar las culturas, no destruirlas; que las pérdidas de un pueblo atañen a todos los demás. En consecuencia, se impone el estudio de las costumbres y psicología de los pueblos si queremos evitar antagonismos de culturas. - Los holandeses conocen esto muy bien, y es por ello que en la administración de sus colonias han tenido un éxito sin paralelo en la historia. El secreto de este éxito radica en su conocimiento de la cultura y psicología de los pueblos que gobiernan lo que les permite implantar una administración que sea simpática y consona con la naturaleza de los gobernados. En Africa los ingleses están empleando el mismo inteligente sistema.

Como hemos dicho hay ya pocas regiones donde la cultura occidental no se halle presente. - En el estado ~~xxx~~ de Matto Grosso, en el Brasil, existe una de estas regiones no influenciadas aún por culturas extrañas. Dos factores de importancia han contribuido a ~~xxxxxx~~ conservar esta región sin contaminación occidental. Primero, lo ~~difficil~~ difícil y costoso que resulta penetrarla; y segundo, la influencia y actividad del heroe brasileño, General

Mariano Cândido Rondón. Este hombre ilustre, movido de altos conceptos humanitarios, patrióticos y prácticos, empezó en el Brasil un tratamiento de los aborígenes del país que ha dado los más felices resultados. - Rondón se dedicó a conservar a los aborígenes para su propia patria; en vez de acosarlos y destruirlos, se dedicó a convertirlos de un pueblo salvaje en un estado civilizado; en vez de hacer de ellos enemigos del Brasil, se dedicó a transformarlos en buenos ciudadanos de la República.

En la parte sur del Estado de Matto Grosso es una llanura que no se eleva a más de trescientos metros sobre el nivel del mar. Está sembrada de florestas. - Durante la estación de las lluvias la región se transforma en un mar y queda inundada por tres o cuatro meses. Durante los meses de Julio, Agosto y Setiembre, por el contrario, es bastante difícil hallar agua. La fauna y la flora es sumamente rica y variable. (

Para llegar a esta región es preciso un viaje de dos meses bajo condiciones muy desfavorables. Afortunadamente, ahora es posible ir en automovil desde Cuyabá hasta el punto "Simón López", a orillas de la donde los Bakeries están hoy establecidos. De otra manera el viaje sería mucho más largo.

De "Simón López" hasta el río Koliseum el viaje tiene que ser hecho a pie o en mula, transportando el equipaje a lomo de bueyes. Por mi parte, habiendo recibido la amplia y cordial cooperación de la Inspectoría de Protección de Indios, recluté 23 hombres, la mayor parte Bakeries, y caminando ligero hicimos en siete días el viaje hasta el Koliseum haciendo uso de bueyes, mulas y caballos. Afortunadamente solo sufrimos un accidente. Uno de los bueyes cayó quebrándose el lomo, viéndonos obligados a sacrificarlo. Es mucho lo que pudiera decirse sobre este viaje a través de esta desierta planicie, pero es preciso abreviar a fin de poder hablar más extensamente de las razas aborígenes.

Llegando cerca del Koliseum fue necesario abrir un camino para llegar hasta el río. El día después de nuestra llegada, todo nuestro equipo de bestias fue enviado a Simón López con ocho hombres. Fue éste nuestro último contacto con el mundo civilizado. El mismo día los Bakeries empezaron a buscar árboles de Yabutá, de cuya corteza fabricamos canoas para descender el Koliseum. La construcción de estas canoas fue acompañada de ceremonias religiosas y mágicas celebradas por los Bakeries. Tampoco puedo entrar en detalles sobre este punto por falta de tiempo. Solo narraré un incidente a manera de ilustración: un día mientras cazaba, me hallé cerca de algunos de mis hombres que hacían su trabajo. Aunque había sido advertido por los Bakeries de permanecer lejos del trabajo, ya que la presencia de un "blanco"

haría resquebrajar las cortezas, mi curiosidad me hizo desafiar sus supersticiones y me llegué a ver como construían las canoas. Mi presencia los sumió en gran consternación, y después de hablar entre ellos, me rogaron no retirarme, pues de lo contrario el trabajo no se llevaría a cabo con éxito. Ellos por su parte no comían durante el día, siendo ésto otra de sus prácticas supersticiosas, y yo, estando forzado a permanecer con ellos, tuve que pasar hambre también.

El viaje, río abajo, en las frágiles canoas fue arduo, pero de una gran belleza. Los diez primeros días luchamos con numerosas cataratas. De nuevo fuimos bastante afortunados. Los canoeros se veían forzados a trabajar dentro del agua, completamente desnudos, guiando las canoas a través de las turbulentas aguas. Un paso en falso en una roca resbaladiza hubiera significado la pérdida de los materiales y de las canoas, y serios accidentes para los trabajadores. Sin embargo, ellos demostraron un gran valor y fortaleza, trabajando tan cuidadosamente que no sufrimos ningún percance. Esto es tanto más notable cuanto que el paludismo incapacitaba por lo menos tres hombres cada día. Con mucha frecuencia nos vimos también forzados a cortar árboles que habían caído al río e impedían el paso. Pero al mismo tiempo la Naturaleza nos brindaba un espectáculo enormemente interesante para un hombre blanco. Cuadrúpedos y pájaros salvajes, no acostumbrados a la presencia del hombre y no teniendo temor alguno de él, permitían que nos les aproximáramos hasta dos o tres metros, antes de que entraran en sospecha y se retiraran un poco. El silencio, el frescor de las noches libres de insectos atormentadores calmaban los nervios del hombre saturado de cultura occidental.!

Después, la tranquilidad de las aguas, el continuo remar, el silencio profundo!

Los hombres ya no ~~contaban~~ hablaban sino en susurros; ellos se alejaban más y más del hogar, de los familiares y la nostalgia se apoderaba de ellos; al mismo tiempo sentían que entraban en una región donde el peligro los acechaba a cada minuto. A cada momento podía sentirse el restallido de un arco enemigo, pues habíamos encontrado huellas de indios cerca de nuestro campamento. Pero el peligro, cuando llegó, no procedió de los indios. De un modo bastante prosaico perdimos un día tres canoas que se desfundaron, y con las canoas la mayor parte de nuestra provisión alimenticia consistente en arroz, granos y café; también perdimos las armas de fuego, municiones, machetes y otros bagajes. Perdí igualmente todas mis notas científicas, mis instrumentos, mis aparatos fotográficos y las fotografías que había ido tomando del viaje. Es por esta causa que no puedo mostrar a Uds. ninguna fotografía de la primera parte de mi viaje. Como escapamos de la peligrosa situación en que nos hallábamos, gracias a una familia de indios perteneciente a la tribu de los Minacos, es una historia que honra la raza india. Es bastante decir que sin la ayuda de los Minacos, estábamos expuestos a sucumbir. Gracias a su generosa intervención no sufrimos hambre y pudimos ponernos en contacto con un hidroavión que nos esperaba en la Boca del Koliseo. Nuestros compañeros, que por arreglo previo, pilotaban este hidroavión a fin de asegurarse que la expedición marchaba bien, habían estado aguardándonos en la boca del Koliseo durante nueve días; ya habían consumido todo su bagaje alimenticio y se hallaban en peligro de ser atacado por los indios. Así que cuando aparecimos, estaban ya dispuestos a retirarse y partir para Cuyabá en busca de un areoplano mayor para organizar otra expedición en busca nuestra.

El avión partió dejando conmigo nuevos aparatos fotográficos

cos. El Sr. Rossi que había venido en el areoplano para tomar vistas aéreas de esta desconocida región, aunque bastante enfermo, insistió en permanecer conmigo. Las vistas que tengo el honor de mostrarles esta noche fueron tomadas por este generoso y valiente amigo. Siento no poder, por falta de tiempo, decir más del valor, generosos esfuerzos, sacrificios y fidelidad demostrada por mis hombres y compañeros, en mi servicio y en servicio de la ciencia. Pero no quiero dejar pasar esta oportunidad sin hacer público que el mundo científico tiene contraída con ellos una deuda de gratitud.

A las orillas del Koliseo hallamos cinco tribus de indios, los cuales fueron descubiertos y estudiados por Von den Steinen en 1888, y algunos de ellos algo después por Max Schmidt. Estas tribus son: los Anaucja, que hablan caribe; los Minacos, Aurás y Yagwalapite que son Arawks; y los Aubí y los Camayula que son Tupi. Encontramos también los Trumay, un pueblo no estudiado hasta el presente, el cual habla un idioma no afiliado a ningún otro de las regiones de Sur América.

Subiendo el Cunuene encontramos cuatro tribus de Caribes, de los cuales no se había tenido antes ninguna noticia. Tres de estas tribus, los Naragutes, los Calapalo y los Guicuro, eran conocidos de nombre por el Mayor Noroña, intrépido brasileño al servicio de la Inspectoría de Protección de Indios, quien fue el primero en diseñar el río Cunuene en 1922. Pero la otra tribu, los Tsure, eran absolutamente desconocidos antes de nuestra llegada.

Aunque las tribus de esta región ~~dixax~~ difieren grandemente en su lenguaje, como ya hemos visto, hay representados en la región cuatro familias de idiomas: Caribe, Arawak, Tubé y Trumay; en la región circundante tenemos Bororo y Tapuya. La cultura es una. Tal vez se debe ello a que el país no permite el desarrollo de otro tipo de cultura. Es una de las regiones más pobres de Sur América y está

rodeada como está por comarcas aún más pobres y desiertas, representa una area típica de refugio a la cual las tribus pobres y débiles eran arrojadas por tribus más fuertes, y, desde el tiempo del descubrimiento, por la cultura occidental. Es por esta razón que aún hoy en día hay tribus en esta región que son absolutamente puras, física y culturalmente. Debe decirse también que hay un "cul de sac" del cual no hay escape posible. Ellos están rodeados por un círculo cultural que va estrechándose paulatinamente, ahogándolos más y más. Puede concluirse que, que estos pueblos se extinguirán en una generación más y que, a menos que sean estudiados ahora, la Humanidad perderá un record de vida primitiva que no podrá ser reconstruido después de su desaparición. La cultura de estos pueblos es notable por su misma simplicidad. Son típicos "pueblos de río" que dependen casi exclusivamente de la pesca para su alimentación. Ellos emplean el arco, la flecha y el arpón para pescar. Es una escena típica ver deslizarse lentamente una canoa hecha de corteza de árboles, llevando una familia entera con todas sus posesiones personales: las hamacas, los arcos y las flechas, guida por la mujer que posiblemente amamanta al mismo tiempo uno o dos pequeñuelos, en tanto que el marido, de pié, en la proa, armado con el arco y la flecha, pronto a ~~de~~ disparar a la vista del pez, acecha el movimiento de las aguas; de pronto, el marido dispara, recoge la pesca y la pasa a la mujer que inmediatamente la pone al fuego, que se lleva constantemente encendido en la popa del barco. - El otro alimento usado por estos indios es una especie de yuca, bastante venenosa, de la cual extraen el veneno, comiendo la masa.

Los indios van completamente desnudos, hombres y mujeres, aún cuando sufren terriblemente con las picaduras de insectos y el frío

durante la noche. Les es preciso para poder soportar el frío nocturno encender fogatas debajo de las hamacas. -Es muy interesante el modo como suspenden las hamacas. Las hamacas donde duermen las mujeres son siempre colgadas debajo de las de los hombres, lo cual constituye una señal de matrimonio. Cuando el joven desea casarse, va a la casa de la muchacha que pretende y cuelga su hamaca debajo de la de ella. Al día siguiente vuelve: si halla que la muchacha ha cambiado la posición de las hamacas, colocando la de él arriba de la de ella, es entendido que su oferta ha sido aceptada, y desde ese momento se considera como hombre casado.

En la construcción de las casas es donde se demuestra la ingeniosidad de estos pueblos. No tienen instrumentos de hierro ni de piedra, y sin embargo, por medio de ingenioso uso del fuego, que ellos hacen frotando dos pedazos de madera, construyen grandes y hermosas casas, dignas verdaderamente de admiración. Las fotografías las describen mejor de lo que yo pudiera hacerlo.

Antes de mostrar las fotografías quiero agregar unas palabras más: No deben Uds. pensar que porque estos pueblos van desnudos y llevan una vida completamente primitiva, desconocen la moral, sistemas de leyes sociales y económicas, y religión. Tienen todo esto y sus sistemas son en verdad bastante complicados. Espero que algún día podremos ~~verix~~ tener la historia completa de la vida social y espiritual de estos pueblos.

Señores: aquí en Venezuela hay una gran oportunidad para hacer investigaciones antropológicas. Hay muchas tribus en el interior en eminente peligro de exterminación, afiliadas a las tribus que hemos estudiado esta noche, las cuales pueden ser estudiadas para el benefi-

cio de la Ciencia y de la Historia y provecho de la Humanidad. Es urgente estudiarlas ahora mismo, antes de que desaparezcan. Me complace altamente que la República de Venezuela haya creado la Academia de Ciencias Físicas, Matemáticas y Naturales, y espero que esta culta Asociación dé atención preferente a los estudios sobre los ~~abórigenes~~ aborígenes venezolanos. En mi opinión no hay mejor contribución al saber humano que estudios bien conducidos sobre los aborígenes del interior, especialmente ya que dichos estudios solo pueden hacerse en nuestra generación.

Antes de terminar deseo una vez más felicitar a Venezuela por la creación de esta Academia y expresar a todos Uds. mis más sinceras y efusivas gracias por su generosa hospitalidad.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA
THE COLLEGE

ANTHROPOLOGY

I believe that your old passport is still good. Write immediately to the Department of State, Division of Passports, Washington, D. C.. Remember that your purpose to visit Venezuela is scientific.

Please keep an account of your expenditures and you will be reimbursed.

Should you be asked about this trip, say that you are going for the University Museum on an archeological reconnaissance. We shall try to give you as much publicity as is consistent with good taste. It would be a good thing if you send us a photo of yourself.

Let me know about your photographic equipment. Please take the best possible, and in respect to the still cameras try to have several of various sizes. Your photography will largely determine the success of the trip; if not that, at least it will determine whether the Museum will ever try it again.

Remember our conversations? You shall have on this trip practically a free hand. If you can make a travelogue picture so much the better. Perhaps if successful there may be more money for you, and future commissions as well as publicity. We must try not to miss too much.

As to the quantity of film, I shall expect some suggestion from you. We must of course be as economical as possible, for our funds are limited, and the bulk must be spent in living well. If we can cut down the bill insofar as equipment is concerned we shall do better in other phases of our mission.

I suggest that if you have any spare time that you try to learn to speak some Spanish. If there is a Berlitz school in Providence it would be worth while to attend it. By the way, we are receiving competition from Yale on this project, so it is essential that we look into everything. Our greatest asset is that both of us are Latins, and if on top of that we can speak Spanish we shall be nearer to success. Don't forget, though, that there may be a great opportunity for you also with the Venezuelan government. It wants publicity very much, and if can supply it with pictures, so much the better.

Please say as little as possible about this entire thing. Not mysterious, but it will be wise to feign ignorance.

Excuse the disjointed character of the letter. I am terrifically busy, and I am writing it in the order of the ideas as they come into my head. Let me have what information we need soon, and if you have any questions to ask please do so.

One more thing. If you get the opportunity, read something about Venezuelan history and about the geography of the country. It is very picturesque, and different from "atto Grosso.

I shall send you some suggestions for taking pictures on the way to Caracas.

Once more let me say how glad I am that you are going. Let us see what we can do.

Sincerely,



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE COLLEGE

March 7, 1933.

Botanical Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

Philadelphia

Dr. Vincent M. Petrullo,
Department of Anthropology,
College Hall.

My dear Dr. Petrullo:

I happened to mention your proposed trip to the Matto Grosso country in the presence of an acquaintance of mine, Mr. Peter Ramirez, who is now out of work after having taught Romance Languages in a number of institutions.

Mr. Ramirez tells me that his father in more prosperous days ran a steamship line that called at South American ports—I judge as far south as Sao Paulo, Brazil, around to the coast of Ecuador. He has a very wide knowledge of linguistics, and would be delighted to be connected with your expedition, if he received a proper understanding of it from our conversation.

So far as I know, Ramirez is a pretty well-informed man. I have had some dealings with him and believe that he is a reliable sort of fellow. While he has been interested in linguistics, he seems to be broadly informed on a great many matters, and I am taking the liberty of mentioning his name and wishes to you, so that in case you are interested in his qualifications, you could know of him. He could be reached at 4111 Baltimore Avenue should you wish to see him or correspond with him.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney H. True

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary
108 College Hall

Philadelphia

March 14, 1933.

My dear Mr. Petrullo:

Is there a chance that you will not leave for Brazil before the first of July, 1933? The reason for asking is as follows: the grant of \$750 has been taken from the budget for 1932-1933. In case your definite plans do not call for departure until after July 1, 1933, the \$750 may be made available for other applicants this spring. You will of course have the grant when you wish it.

There are several grantees who have signified their willingness to permit the Committee to use a portion of their grants in this manner.

Cordially yours,

H. S. Oberly
H. S. Oberly
Secretary

TO Mr. V. M. Petrullo Grant No. 125 Amount \$70.
FROM The Faculty Research Committee
SUBJECT Extension of Grant
DATE JUN 19 1933

Upon the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee, the Board of Graduate Education and Research has granted your request for the extension of your Grant from the Special Research Fund for the year 1933-1934.

H. S. Oberly, Secretary
108 College Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1. Department _____ 2. Name _____ 3. Position _____

4. Have you under way or in contemplation a project for the coming year? Yes? _____
No? _____

5. Description of project: (Additional blanks will be furnished upon request.)

A. Subject, title or problem _____

Will this be carried out by (a) yourself alone; (b) yourself with Graduate Student Assistance (c) Graduate Student under supervision?

B. Time already spent _____ C. Estimated time to complete _____

D. Do you plan to publish your results? _____ E. Journal or book? _____

F. Amount of money already available _____ G. Source (Budget, etc.) _____

6. Do you urgently need more funds to aid in the completion of this project? _____

7. If so, specify the amounts below:

Allocation proposed for:

A. Assistance _____ This is for technical aid _____
This is for clerical aid _____

B. Equipment _____

C. Supplies _____

D. Travel _____

(Travel; Train fares, pullman fares,
meals, etc. enroute.)

E. Total Amount requested _____

REMARKS: (use other side if necessary)

February 7, 1933

Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, Provost
University of Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Penniman:-

The Matto Grosso region that the projected Museum Expedition will visit is even less known botanically than it is anthropologically. With this welcoming cooperation between the various faculties of the University I have suggested that a botanist accompany the expedition. Mr. Rogers McVaugh has been suggested, who is acceptable to me, though I am relying entirely on the judgment of Drs. True and Fogg as to his capabilities in his field.

In so far as Mr. McVaugh's work would bear on the plant economy and pharmacopodia of the aborigines he would be of value to our own fields of researches. However, I feel that this alone does not justify his accompanying the expedition, for it is possible for the ethnologist to bring back specimens for identification purposes. The value of his work, therefore, must be judged on its botanical merits, and I do not feel qualified to discuss that matter. There is the economic advantage to be considered, since the cost of sending another scientist will be relatively small.

Sincerely yours,



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary
108 College Hall

Philadelphia

January the seventeenth,
1 9 3 3

My dear Mr. Petrullo:

Enclosed is the formal notification of the award of a grant to assist you in your research at the University of Pennsylvania. Should there be any questions in connection with the manner proposed to secure these funds, the Faculty Research Committee will be ready to assist you.

The regular form for requisitions used by the University, obtainable at the office of the Dean or your own department office, is to be used and marked as indicated in the enclosed notice.

Cordially yours,

H. S. Oberly
H. S. Oberly
Secretary

Mr. V. M. Petrullo,
Anthropology.

Grant No.....139.....

\$ 750.....

Upon recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee the Board of Graduate Education and Research has made this grant to you for the purpose of aiding your research: "Ethnology and archaeology of the plateau region of Matto Grosso, Brazil." For equipment, \$250; for travel, \$500.

The period of the grant terminates..... June 30, 1933.....but any balance may be reappropriated by written application to the Research Committee. Apparatus and equipment purchased become the property of the University. Publications resulting from this aid should contain appropriate acknowledgments. Notice of such publications should be sent to the Faculty Research Committee.

Purchases of apparatus, equipment, and supplies are to be handled on requisition through the Purchasing Agent in conformance with University practice. In presenting requisitions kindly notify the Purchasing Agent of any preference as to source of supply.

Such petty cash fund as you may require for the prosecution of your investigation will be supplied by the Comptroller upon written request. A record should be kept of all expenditures from this petty cash fund, and be submitted to the Comptroller when this fund is exhausted or upon expiration of this grant.

All invoices and other authorizations for expenditures should be approved by you and clearly marked to be charged to "Special Research Fund - Grant No. 139".

A record of all commitments made against this grant should be kept by you so as to enable you to keep within the appropriation.

B. E. M. Quinn
Chairman, Faculty Research Committee

H. S. Oberly
Secretary, Faculty Research Committee

January 16, 1933



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary
108 College Hall

Philadelphia

November the twenty-first,
1 9 3 2

My dear Mr. Petruzzo:

Enclosed is the formal notification of the award of a grant to assist you in your research at the University of Pennsylvania. Should there be any questions in connection with the manner proposed to secure these funds, the Faculty Research Committee will be ready to assist you.

The regular form for requisitions used by the University, obtainable at the office of the Dean or your own department office, is to be used and marked as indicated in the enclosed notice.

Cordially yours,

H. S. Oberly
H. S. Oberly
Secretary

Mr. M. Vincent Petruzzo,
Department of Anthropology.



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary
108 College Hall

Philadelphia

January 9, 1933.

My dear Mr. Petrullo:

The Faculty Research
Committee wishes to acknowledge the receipt
of your application for a grant from the
Special Research Fund.

The papers are being forward-
warded to Dr. McClung. Will you arrange to
confer with him before Monday, January 16th?

The application has the
endorsement of Mr. Jayne I assume, for the
"Outline etc." enclosed refers to the
plans of the Museum Expedition.

Cordially yours,

H. S. Oberly
H. S. Oberly
Secretary

Mr. Vincent M. Petrallo Anthropology

Grant No. 126

\$ 70.

Upon recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee the Board of Graduate Education and Research has made this grant to you for the purpose of assistance in your investigation: Delaware Peyoteism.

The period of the grant terminates June 30, 1933 but any balance may be reappropriated by written application to the Research Committee. Apparatus and equipment purchased become the property of the University. Publications resulting from this aid should contain appropriate acknowledgments. Notice of such publications should be sent to the Faculty Research Committee.

Purchases of apparatus, equipment, and supplies are to be handled on requisition through the Purchasing Agent in conformance with University practice. In presenting requisitions kindly notify the Purchasing Agent of any preference as to source of supply.

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All invoices and other authorizations for expenditures should be approved by you and clearly marked to be charged to "Special Research Fund - Grant No. 126".

A record of all commitments made against this grant should be kept by you so as to enable you to keep within the appropriation.

B. C. M. Lunn
Chairman, Faculty Research Committee

A. J. Oberly
Secretary, Faculty Research Committee

November 21, 1932



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE COLLEGE

Zoological Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

Philadelphia
March 20, 1933

Dr. V. M. Petrullo
University Museum

Dear Petrullo:-

Recalling your kind willingness to bring back some leeches from Matto Grosso I am sending a few tubes, a bottle of formaldehyde solution and some labels in the hope that you may come across some of my favorite worms. They are to be found in all kinds of fresh-waters on alligators, fishes, frogs, turtles and aquatic mammals or those that enter water to drink, etc. Also on aquatic plants, under stones and logs in water and terrestrial forms under logs, or in vegetable mould in wet forests and swamps.

Perfect preservation requires considerable care but excellent material for systematic study may be prepared by the following simple method which will not take much of your time. The most important requisite is to have them extended as straight and undistorted as possible. This is best done by stupefying the leeches in a little water. If you have any plain bottled soda water along this carbon dioxide water is the best thing that I know for the purpose. Next is a trace of nicotine made by putting a few shreads of smoking tobacco in a little water and adding a few drops of the decoction to the water in which the leeches are. When they become quiet so that they do not contract when pinched or pricked they are straightened out side by side and a little 3% formaldehyde poured on gently to harden them. When somewhat stiffened they may be placed in vials and covered with 3% formaldehyde (1 part of solution to 12 of water) and labeled with locality etc.

In case you do not have time to stupefy them, the leeches may be placed directly in formaline (3%) but they contract and are much more difficult to study.

I have never had any leeches from that area and should value very greatly any that you may have time to collect.

With all good wishes for a successful expedition, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Percy Moore

March 28, 1935

Dr. Rodney H. True,
Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. True:-

Thank you for calling my attention to Mr. Peter Raminney, as a prospective companion on my trip. I shall gladly get in touch with him should there be any chance that my budget will permit an addition to the personnel of the expedition. However, this is not likely.

Let me take this opportunity of expressing my gratification that a botanist from your Department will accompany me.

Sincerely yours,

Received
ROY McVAUGH

KINDERHOOK, N. Y.

April 17 1933

Dear Mr. Petrucco

The thought came to me that perhaps I should let you know my whereabouts, in case anything turns up in regard to Matteo Gresso. The newspapers seem to show that the banking situation is not clear yet, by any means, but perhaps will become so. Would you be kind enough to let me know of any new developments, as I am anxious to get summer employment, or some short-time job, in case the Brazilian expedition is delayed for a time or indefinitely.

We are having a great deal of rainy weather here, and few warm days, so that spring is delayed: the plants are just now beginning to grow. I am managing to study a little Portuguese: after the verbs are understood, it seems much like French or Latin.

I was able to get some good articles from the
Archivos do Museu Nacional which you mentioned.

Sincerely

Rogers McLaughlin

Le 20 Avril 1933

Asunción

Calle 15 de Agosto 774.

Cher Monsieur,

j'ai reçu votre honorerie du premier Mars 1933
où vous me proposez de prendre part à l'expé-
dition à la rivière de Xingu - cette lettre m'a
fait grand plaisir.

Je vous prie de bien vouloir me faire part de la
date exacte du départ de cette expédition et me
signaler l'endroit où je pourrais la rejoindre.

Actuellement je me trouve à l'armée paraguayen-
ne en grade de capitaine. Comme étranger je
puis toujours quitter mon emploi, mais avant
de le faire je voudrais être rassuré que l'expé-
dition aura lieu et j'y serai admis.

En ce qui concerne les conditions j'ai pleine
confiance en vous: vous me connaissez et vous
savez ce que je peux faire, et je suis sûr qu'il
n'y aura aucun malentendu entre nous.

J'accepte d'avance toutes vos conditions.

Je me rends de nouveau au Chaco. Ma plaie
est complètement guérie.

L'ingénieur Conradi me transmettra immédia-
tement votre réponse.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, mes cordiales salu-
tations.

Votre dévoué S. Salaschin.

Le 22 Avril 1933

Asunción

Calle 15 de Agosto 774.

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Votre dévoué S. Salasovic

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

April 21, 1933.

Mr. Roy McVaugh
Kinderhook, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McVaugh,

I was indeed glad to find your letter on my return from a few days vacation. I had been planning to write to you as soon as I should have good and definite news. However, to date the situation is much as you left it. I have had several conversations with Mr. Jayne, our director, and have found him alternately optimistic and pessimistic. Before I went away he was quite hopeful, but since then nothing has happened that would encourage him further.

My personal feeling is that we shall go eventually, though I have no idea when. Under the circumstances there are only two plans that I can suggest: One is that you make plans for the summer so that should I go during the summer months you could join me immediately or soon afterwards; the other is that you leave by yourself. Won't you give this latter plan some thought? I am certain that you could do a great deal of good collecting at the headwaters of the Paraguay river. I have many friends that would help you in any possible way. You could in fact penetrate a little on the plateau country with the help of these friends. If you are interested in this, let me know and I shall give you further information.

In any case, I believe that I shall have definite news in a week or two. In the meanwhile let us practice the virtue of patience!

Sincerely,

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May 15, 1933

Vinzenzo M. Petrullo
University Museum
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Petrullo:

I have your letter. I will be leaving for Baltimore Friday Afternoon so could not see you then, but will arrange to call at the Museum at 4:30 on Thursday. Please let me know by return mail if this is all right.

Yours very truly,



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By Ernest Briggs, Pres.

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C O P Y

63 St. John Place
New Canaan, Conn.
May 16th, 1933.

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

Dear Jayne:

Early in April, just before I went on the lecture tour from which I returned about a week ago, I mentioned to Percy Madeira the possibility of my going to Venezuela in the Fall at the invitation of the Venezuelan Government to follow up the digging begun by Dr. Rafael Requena, Secy. to Pres. J. V. Gomez, of Venezuela, and my friend, Dr. Wendell Bennett, of the American Museum of Natural History.

For about a year and a half reports of extraordinary archaeological finds in the region of Lake Valencia have been emanating from the pen of Dr. Requena. Last Fall, the American Museum asked Dr. Bennett to stop at Venezuela on his way home from Bolivia to check on these reports. Bennett had time for only one month's work - opening only one burial mound, but what he brought back with him amply demonstrates the importance of further work in that field. There is polychrome tripod pottery, fine stone ornaments - including some of the "klang-platten" type such as Alden Mason got in Colombia, remarkable artificially deformed skulls, etc. It is apparently a "new" culture, I mean, distinct from any yet recorded, though it shows some affinities to Antillean stuff, to Inca and to the Tairona culture in which Alden Mason and I worked in Colombia. It seems to occupy a key position in South America, and full investigation of it may be hoped to throw light on many puzzling problems of pre-Colombian contacts and trade and migrations.

It is the chance of a lifetime to have the Government of a Latin-American Republic begging an American archaeologist to come in and dig and carry all he finds away with him! So different from the usual furtive, smuggling procedure necessary in those countries. Pres. Gomez is 76 years old, and when he dies or loses his grip the set-up will go. Bennett, who would go himself if he could get the funds, tells me that Fall is the time to do the job.

I spoke to Heye about five weeks ago, and told him I wanted \$4,000 to do this job - which is the same figure I had to work with in Colombia for you and him two years ago. He said right away he thought he could get at least half of it, but suggested I feel out other sources to see if another museum would want to share in the collection. You were the first one he mentioned. I wanted to wait until I hear definitely and directly from Dr. Requena (rather than indirectly through Dr. Bennett). I have just had a most full and cordial promise of complete cooperation from Pres. Gomez and his Government. Moreover, Requena writes that he has done further digging since Bennett was there, and that his latest finds are "of much more scientific importance" than those seen by Bennett

and those described in Requena's book, "Vestigios de la Atlantida".

Of course, it's a hard time to get money. But this is such a rare opportunity I mention it to you, on the chance you might get a special donation. Heye is on a vacation, but will be back May 24th. I will see him then. Should be glad to show you Requena's letter and go into the matter more fully if you are interested.

Very sincerely,

s/ Gregory Mason.

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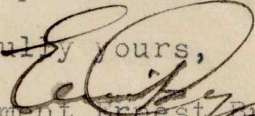
May 22, 1933

Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo
University Museum
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I inclose herewith a letter covering the exact situation regarding the gentleman who may wish to join the South American Expedition. Of course, I would want to have something from the money he advanced and would say that probably it would be 10%. If you can figure out the amount of money he should put in and arrange it so this covers expenses from and returning to New York and give him the lecture rights I think an arrangement may be made. In any event if you can show the film Thursday Afternoon let me know and let me have some answer on the money proposition, perhaps one letter which I can show to Mr. Winne outlining the plan and another letter in which you can express yourself more freely and which I will keep as confidential.

Faithfully yours,


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May 27, 1933

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

My Dear Mr. Jayne:

Mr. Winne and I talked over the matter and before dropping the proposition we would like to try for two weeks to see if we could get some picture concern interested in the proposition and in order to do this work it is necessary for us to know definitely whether or not the pictures now made could be put in escrow until the new expedition returns so that if any accidents happened to the new film obtained it would be possible to piece out of the other film already on hand. Mr. Winne is now in New York and we can do nothing until we get your reply regarding the films which you now have and their availability as a part of a proposition to a motion picture production concern.

This picture concern would probably want to make a scenario using the pictures you have as a basis and amplifying from new pictures to be obtained by the expedition.

Mr. Winne still hopes to go on the expedition in connection with this proposition for which we are prepared to work intensively for a short time until we get a definite answer. We are awaiting the information regarding the availability of these films.

I am sending Mr. Petrallo a copy of this letter.

Faithfully yours,

Management Ernest Briggs, Inc.
By Ernest Briggs, Pres.

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ANTHROPOLOGY

June 8, 1933.

Mr. Robert E. Mc Vaugh
Kinderhook
New York,

Dear Mr. McVaugh,

I have some specific news for you, which unfortunately is not entirely of the best. The money for Brazil has not been raised as yet, but hope is still alive, and I am quite certain that eventually it will be supplied. I am being sent on a mission to Venezuela, leaving in the early days of July. I do not know how long I shall be there, but probably no longer than the summer months. Subsequently I shall proceed to Brazil, or return to the States and then leave for Brazil---- all of this if nothing happens to the Museum's funds, of course. According to this you could then join me in the Fall, which seems to be the best time. (Incidentally, should you want to shift your activities to Venezuela I should be glad to have you along although I shall do practically no field work. I could arrange it for you, however.)

Mr. Jayne, who feels the awkwardness of the situation as much as I do, has called my attention to another expedition, that judging from its itinerary and the men that are organizing it, should prove most valuable and productive. I am sorry that I cannot join them myself. They would like to have a botanist along, provided he can supply \$1000.00.

Briefly, the trip is in Honduras, in regions little known. Its main purpose is exploration, locating archeological sites, etc.. It will work at various altitudes and in various environments. It is a certain thing, and if it would be possible to transfer your project to that country, I am inclined to advise you to join it, though my greatest desire is to have you with me, as you know. I shall send you further information if you can give it any consideration. The expedition will leave sometime late in July.

However do not forget that I still have faith in my Matto Grosso project, and that if all goes well we should be there in the fall.

Incidentally, Brazil has recently passed a law that all scientific specimens gathered in the country must be divided with national institutions. I do not think that this will effect your project, though it may be politic to present some institution with a small duplicated collection.

With regrets that I cannot have better and more exciting news for you, and the assurance that I shall continue to make all efforts to see you with in Brazil, and best regards,

Faithfully yours,

Wm. G. Hall

8 de junio de 1933.

Senor Doctor
Rafael Requena,
Secretario al Presidente de la Republica de Venezuela,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Distinguido colega Doctor Requena:

Primeramente permitame of recerle mis felicitaciones sinceras en respeto a su magnifica obra VESTIGIOS DE LA ATLANTIDA, la cual me hizo el favor de prestarme mi colega Dr. J. Alden Mason quien tenia muchisimo gusto en recibir el ejemplo que Ud. le hizo el gran favor de mandarle. La brillantissima exposicion de los problemas de la Atlantida y de la antiguedad del hombre en America, reforzada por los descubrimientos de Ud. en la region del lago de Tacarigua excita mi entusiasmo profundo para investigaciones nuevas en antiguedades americanas.

Como Ud. sabe, el Museo de la Universidad de Pensilvania desde muchos anos se ha dedicado a investigaciones en etnologia y arqueologia sudamericana, bajo la direccion de cientistas tales como Theodoor de Booy con los Indios Macoas en Venezuela, Dr. Mason en Colombia, Dr. W. C. Parabee en Guiana, Brazil y Peru, y Dr. Max Uhle en Peru y Chilo. Mas reciente, yo mismo he trabajo en Matto Grosso, Brazil. Ademas estos problemas actualmente estan en curso de investigarse por expediciones muestras en Guatemala, Nuevo Mexico y Alaska.

Despues de conversaciones con el director del Museo, Sr. H. H. P. Jayne, Dr. Mason, Jefe de la seccion americana, y miembros de la facultad de la universidad, he decidido visitar a Venezuela para investigar

los problemas de esa importantísima region, y para conocer a Ud. personalmente y aprovechar de su excelentísimo conocimiento de la arqueología de esa region.

Durante mi visita desearia examinar la notable y famosa coleccion arqueologica de Ud., y tambien visitar los lugares de importancia arqueologica mas importantes. Ademas me han avisado que el gobierno Venezolano esta actualmente organizando una expedicion para visitar a los indios motilonos, y en este caso tendria yo muchisimo gusto en acompañar tal expedicion para poco tiempo. Podria yo suplicar su ayuda de Ud. en cumplir estos proyectos?

Tambien me ha ocurrido que Ud. tal vez tendria mucho interes en ver las peliculas hechas por mi expedicion en Matto Grosso, demostrando las excavaciones y los aborígenes del rio alto Xingu, los cuales son de los mas primitivos de Sud America. Las traere conmigo.

Tengo la intencion de salir de los EE UU de A. mas o menos los primeros de julio pero antes de mi salida desee saber si Ud. estara en Venezuela en aquel tiempo y le suplico contestarme y avisarme de este asunto. Lo considere un gran honor la introduccion a Venezuela y a los cientistas de esa republica por Ud.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad, ilustrisimo Doctor Requena, para reiterarle las muestras de mi consideracion muy distinguida.

De Ud. muy atto, y S. S.

THE .UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 12, 1933.

Mr. Arthur P. Rossi
49 Farragut Ave.
Providence, R. I.

Dear Art,

I am leaving for Venezuela at the end of this month. I shall do very little field work on this trip, my project being one of reconnaissance, and to make contacts with Venezuelan officials. The trip will last two or three months, and I shall spend most of the time in the cities. Subsequently I shall proceed on to Brazil or return here and then go to Brazil.

I have spoken many times to our director about you. He would like to meet you and in fact has spoken about wanting to attach you to our field staff as photographer. He is handicapped at present for lack of funds, but I am quite certain that as soon as the occasion arises and the money is available he will call on you. Should you come to Philadelphia at any time, do come over to see him and talk things over. Though he has not met you he is familiar with your name and your work.

An expedition not connected with the museum is going to Honduras, and will be away about four or five months. It will explore some, etc.. The personnel I am told is reliable. I'll get the name from our director, H. H. F. Jayne, and send it on to you. By the way, should you ever want a strong letter of recommendation Jayne will be very willing to give you one, and if mine will be of any service, you are welcomed to it.

I have not forgotten what I proposed in reference to Brazil. I still think that it would be feasible. At any rate I shall keep you informed of my movements, and when the time comes I shall lay before you concrete plans.

I should like to buy a small camera for personal use. Could you suggest something? You know what a poor photographer I am, so that it ought to be mechanically easy to handle. Do you think that you could pick up something for me, in the second hand line? Of course money is a consideration and I would like to get one as cheap as possible. In fact I am not so sure that I can afford any.

By the way, should you be able to get away to Venezuela for several months we could have a great lark. It is mountainous country and picturesque, offering a fine opportunity for photography. I shall be in touch with high officials, and I am in hope that the government will defray most of the expenses. The Venezuelans are crazy to have motion pictures made of their country, and I have a hunch that you might get a commission from it. I am taking our pictures of Matto Grosso along to show them. The boat trip down will cost less than two hundred dollars, and possible considerably less if one can get passage on an oil boat. Do you know anyone connected with Gulf or Standard Oil of New Jersey? They have boats going to that country and it is quite possible to get free transportation. The country has a splendid climate in the highlands where I shall be most of the time.

Let me hear from you soon. Best regards.

Sincerely,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 12, 1933.

Dr. Donald Young
Social Science Research Council
230 Park Ave.
New York

Dear Don,

I have finally satisfied all of the requirements for the Ph. D., that is, passed the examinations and had my thesis accepted. However, I failed to report it in time to the Dean of the Graduate School. Crosby is willing to write that I have fulfilled all of the requirements, but he will not recommend me for the degree until next February. Does this make me eligible for the grants from your organization? If it does, I should like to apply for a grant in aid for my Brazilian work.

I am leaving for Venezuela early in July, and will probably be there two or three months. Unfortunately I don't think that I shall have the opportunity of doing much field work, but I do hope to make an archeological, and if possible an ethnological survey of the country. After this trip I am expecting to go to Brazil.

I shall probably be in New York this month and look you up.

Cordial regards,

Sincerely,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 12, 1933.

Dr. George G. Heye
Museum of the American Indian
Heye Foundation
155 St. and Broadway
New York

Dear Dr. Heye,

Is a set of Clarence B. Moore's reports on the archeology of the Southwest available? It would be of inestimable value to me in making comparative studies between the Calchaqui and other south American cultures and the southwest. I have inquired at the Academy of Natural Sciences and I have been told that the publications were turned over to you.

There are many publications of the Heye Foundation that I should like to add to my personal library, especially those dealing with the Central and South Americas. Recalling your generous suggestion that I send in a list to you, I take the liberty at this time to ask if I could obtain a copy of Lothrop's study of Tierra de Fuego.

As you see, I have not succeeded in getting away to Brazil. Though I have had a good portion of the necessary funds at my disposal for a long time, all efforts to obtain the rest have failed so far. Things look more promising now, and I feel confident that the Fall will see me in Matto Grosso.

I am sorry in the matter of the collections. These things are not in my hands. Incidentally the bulk of my Matto Grosso collection is on exhibit at the present time. I should like to have you see it, for it represents a typical selection of the sort of thing obtainable there.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 12, 1933.

Dr. A. T. Poffenberger
Division of Anthropology and Psychology
National Research Council
Washington D. C.

My dear Dr. Poffenberger,

Several months ago I stopped in your office and we discussed my prospective trip to Matte Grosso, Brazil. You will recall that I visited the aborigines of the Upper Kingu in 1931, and that I hope to return there for more intensive work and to continue the survey. Unfortunately it has been so far impossible to obtain all the funds necessary. I should like to make an application for a grant in aid, which would permit me to buy necessary equipment.

I have not made formal application, first because I thought the money could be raised from other sources, and also because I was waiting to formally receive my Ph. D. at the convocation this June. However, my duties have interfered again, with the result that though my thesis is complete, and my examinations passed, in short all the requirements fulfilled, the actual conferring of the degree will not take place until next February. I did not succeed in reporting the completion of my thesis until the time limit expired. The Dean of the Graduate School of the University is willing to write a letter stating that I have satisfied all of the requirements, and that the degree will be conferred at the next convocation. Will an application for a grant in aid be considered by the Council under these conditions?

I must add that the University Museum would find a means of advancing the money if there were an indication that the council would make the grant in due time.

I am leaving for Venezuela in July and will be away two or three months. I hope to do some archaeological work.

Very truly yours,

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 13, 1933.

Dr. Raye R. Platt
American Geographical Society
156th St. and Broadway
New York City

Dear Dr. Platt,

Financial difficulties have kept me here instead of doing field work in Brazil. However, I am leaving for Venezuela for a trip to last about three months, and then I expect either to proceed on to Brazil, or to return to the United States and almost immediately sail for Brazil.

I have not to date received the maps that I lent the Society. I am most anxious to get them back as they are the only ones that I have. Could you ship them back to me before I leave for Venezuela?

I have also heard that the millionth map of Latin America has been partly published. I should be indeed pleased to have some of the sections. Can they be obtained from the Society, and at what price?

Is there anything that I can do for the Society in Venezuela? I should be glad to gather maps or data that may be useful, though I suppose you have most of the material.

May I extend my personal regards. Please remember me to Dr. Bowman.

Cordially,

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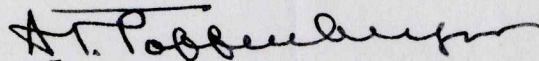
Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo,
The University Museum,
Univeristy of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I remember with pleasure your call at my office several months ago and our conversation about your plans. There are serious obstacles in the way of meeting your request for financial support. First, the next awards of grants will not be made until December which would, of course, be too late, even granting that your application should be favorably received. Second, there is no way of determining before the regular meetings of the committee what the fate of your application would be, so that borrowing on prospects would be precarious.

I do not wish to deter you from making an application which would be acted on in the regular way in December, and am sorry that the mechanism of the grants does not permit immediate consideration of your case.

Very truly yours,



A. T. Poffenberger,
Chairman, Division of
Anthropology and Psychology

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
HEYE FOUNDATION
BROADWAY AT 155TH STREET
NEW YORK

GEORGE G. HEYE
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

June 14, 1933

Mr. V. Petrullo
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 12th
addressed to Dr. Heye is acknowledged.
At the present time he is out of town,
but will be back in about a week or
ten days, at which time your letter
will have his attention.

Very truly yours,

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN
INDIAN, HEYE FOUNDATION

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BROADWAY AT

156TH STREET



June 15th 1933.

Mr. Vincenzo Petrucco,
The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petrucco:

I was glad to hear from you again but sorry to learn that financial difficulties have kept you from getting to Brazil. Things must be picking up, however, if you can now plan for trips to both Venezuela and Brazil.

You are very kind to offer to gather data for us in Venezuela. It is always difficult to suggest things that an explorer who has his own work to do can do for us, but we are certainly always anxious to get new cartographic data of any kind. By the way, if you can let me know what section of Venezuela you are going into we might be able to furnish you with maps that would be useful to you. None of the Venezuelan sheets of our Millionth Map have been published as you will see from the enclosed index map.

I should have returned your maps to you long ago. Today I am returning part of them and I shall send the rest, which I find we have not yet photostated, tomorrow after we have made copies of them.

With best wishes from Dr. Bowman and myself for a successful trip,

Sincerely yours,

Ray P. Platt

RRP:AJV

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
 PRODUCER OF
MOTION PICTURES
 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

46 FARRAGUT AVE., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

June 17, 1933

Dear Jim:

Your letter received and was pleased to hear that you are on the go, and hope you will enjoy your Venezuelan trip.

If I ever get to Phila. I will look up your Mr. Jayne. I am writing to that Honduras outfit today. There is a camera out $2\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$ a Zeiss Ikon that is about foolproof & gives excellent results. It's cost is under \$8.00 I will find out what I can get you one for.

Will write you again soon, and let me know what your forwarding address is.

With Best Wishes,

Art

P.S. If I was in a position financially or otherwise I might go along.

ROY McVAUGH

KINDERHOOK, N. Y.

June 19, 1933

Dear Mr. Petrucco

I am sorry to hear that the Matto Grosso expedition is so backward. However, I am much obliged to you for thinking of me in regard to the Honduras expedition. I rather think that that would be better let alone, by me, at any rate. I am not at all certain that I could persuade the men at Peun and at Swarthmore to transfer any funds for the purpose, and in any case it would entail much difficulty. Furthermore, I have a fairly permanent job this summer, and am collecting a large number of plants here in the Hudson Valley in my spare time. All things considered, I think I must forego the expedition, but it was certainly kind of you to think of it.

Unless something unexpected turns up, I shall be able to accompany you in the fall, although here, as everywhere,

money is very scarce, and this delay has
put quite a jolt into the bank-account. If
you could send me some forwarding
address for the summer, I can let you know
what turns up. I am surely hoping to be
with you in the fall.

Sincerely yours

Rogers McVaugh

Social Science Research Council

Committee on Grants-in-Aid

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June 19, 1933

Dear Jimmy:

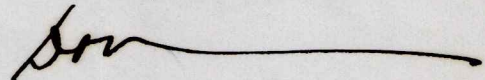
If Dean Crosby is willing to write that you have fulfilled all the requirements for the Ph.D., even though you will not actually receive the degree until next February, you meet our fellowship and grant-in-aid requirements. Since your plans for the summer in South America are already made and you are sailing early in July, I am assuming that you do not intend to file an application with us until this fall. If this is correct, I hope you will get in touch with me in October or November in order that we may talk over your proposal before you actually fill out the blanks. I shall be waiting to hear from you.

With best wishes for a pleasant and profitable trip,

I am,

Professor Vincenzo Petruller^o
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sincerely yours,



Donald Young

P. S. If you get to New York this month, don't forget to look me up and we can probably arrange to have lunch together.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN
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BROADWAY AT 155 TH STREET
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GEORGE G. HEYE
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June 21, 1933

Mr. V. Petrullo
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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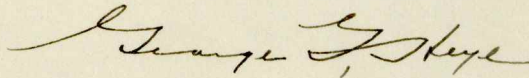
Upon my return to town I find your letter of June 12th. You are mistaken regarding the Clarence B. Moore reports, as these are on the archaeology of the southeastern United States, and not the southwest. In all events, we have but very few sets of these left and Mr. Moore's feeling in the matter is that they be presented only to institutions in the future, so I have no jurisdiction in the matter.

Regarding the publication of Lothrop's, "The Indians of Tierra del Feugo", I am sending you a copy of the same under separate cover today with my compliments.

I do trust that you will be successful in getting away to Brazil and hope eventually that we will be able to make an exchange for some of your material.

With best wishes, believe me,

Very truly yours,



GGH:J

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
PRODUCER OF
MOTION PICTURES
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

46 FARRAGUT AVE., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

June 27, 1933

Dear Jim:

Just a line to let you know that that camera sells for \$16.50 and I can get it for you for \$13.00. If interested let me know.

With Best Wishes for a Good Trip, I am

As Always,

Art.

P.S.

I wrote to Capt. Murray at Ritz Tower, New York City. Was that the correct address? Thus far I haven't heard from him.

June 28, 1933

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S. S. Columbia,
Puerto Columbia,
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A pleasant time to you and Mrs. Osgood. I don't think that I shall reach Caracas before the middle of July, but I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

Cordially,

L. S. ROWE
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June 29, 1933.

My dear Dr. Petruzzo:

I want to show you what a pleasure it was to see you at the Pan American Union and of my earnest desire to be of every possible service to you. I am enclosing herewith letters of introduction which I hope will be of service to you. If there is anything further that I can do, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very cordially yours,

L. S. Rowe,
Director General.

Dr. Vincent M. Petruzzo,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
 PRODUCER OF
MOTION PICTURES
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46 FARRAGUT AVE., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

June 29, 1933

Dear Jim: I hope you received my wire. As for the trip, I will be able to go. If you can possibly make it near the end of July it will be better as I have an aerial movie job to do of Prov. Newport & Narragansett Piers, for a N.Y. outfit. While it is nothing elaborate still I must wait for proper weather; as you know even on a pleasant day we have plenty of fog along the coast, which has held me up for 2 weeks. However if you must leave sooner I can make other plans but hate to do so now as I've made quite a few ^{air} pictures that remain to be sold.

Let me know what camera equipment will be required, and other details, such as passport, what clothing paraphernalia etc. etc.

With Best Wishes, I am
 As Ever, Art.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 29, 1933.

Dr. Donald Young
Social Sciences Research Council
230 Park Avenue
New York

Dear Don,

I saw Rice yesterday in Washington, and the chairman of the committee whose name I did not catch. Rice had received your note, and after discussing the project I was advised to apply for a \$1000.00, half of which is to be paid immediately and the remainder after I reach the field, in order to carry the \$500.00 over on your next year's budget. Both seemed well disposed and favorable to my cause. The blanks ought to be in your hands with the same mail, as well as the outline of the project and Crosby's letter. I have not itemized the probable expenditure of the grant following the advice of the chairman, but I have roughly indicated how the ten thousand will be used. I have not included any salary for myself, since I believe that it will be taken care of by the Museum.

I had a very successful visit in Washington in connection with my Venezuelan project. I found that the minister is an ardent student of primitive linguistics and the assistant director of the Pan American Union is an ardent ethnologist. Having their hearty cooperation my visit should be made pleasant and profitable.

By the way, I don't believe that any application to the National Research Council would be of avail at the present time. Poffenberger was too busy to be seen and though meeting him by accident I hastily outlined my project, I received no encouragement beyond being told that no grants would be made until the fall. He really was too busy to talk to me, but he did promise to write to you.

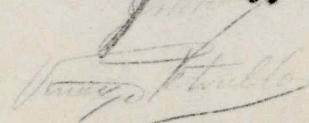
I am returning your book to you. I have had time only to glance through it. However I have bought a copy, and am looking forward to reading it carefully.

I am looking forward to the Venezuelan trip. It looks better now than when I talked with you.

I am enclosing a formal letter with the application for the grant.

Best regards and thanks. I had really a fine visit with you and am looking forward to discussing more things over a little beer.

Cordially,



THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
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June 29, 1933.

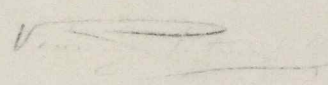
Dr. Donald Young
Secretary, Social Sciences Research Council
230 Park Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Young:

Enclosed please find emergency application for a grant-in-aid to the Social Science Research Council, and an outline of the project for which the grant is being asked. A letter from Dr. L. Crosby, dean of the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania accompanies the application, certifying that I have fulfilled the requirements for the degree of Ph. D., which will be conferred on me in February 1934.

Let me extend to the Council my thanks for its sympathetic reception of my project.

Sincerely yours,



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

THE COLLEGE

ANTHROPOLOGY

June 30, 1933.

University Museum

Mr. Arthur P. Rossi
46 Farragut Avenue
Providence, R. I.

Dear Art,

I received your welcomed telegram and letter. I am indeed happy that you are able to join me. It is indeed convenient that you are busy until the end of the month, since we do not want you to leave until then. I am leaving on the 8th, but will not reach my destination much before the end of the month since I am going in a roundabout way. You will probably sail on a Red, D Line boat, and come directly to Caracas, unless you should receive other instructions.

I doubt very much whether we shall penetrate into the interior on this trip. To be frank and confidential we are to arouse the interest of the President of the country in research through motion pictures. This pastime is his hobby, and he has a theatre of his own. I am taking down, or you will bring the Matte Grosso films, and we shall try to have him view them. You will take what pictures you can of Venezuela, and if possible have them printed for projection so that we can show them to him before we leave. I shall go more in detail later about your work and our projects, but you understand that we must do our best in this field. If we succeed there will be good things in store for us.

Since we shall be close to the cities it will not be necessary to take along any developing outfit, unless you prefer to take along American chemicals. It will be necessary, though, to have at least one still camera, and one motion picture. Are you equipped to that extent? It was suggested that I take along such equipment, but I thought that for that expenditure you could go along. That is how I was able to swing it. Let me know if you don't have such equipment. I believe that we shall do some flying probably at the government's expense. It occurs to me that if you were to take along an aeroplane camera it might benefit you personally, in that the government might offer you something. It is quite possible. If it won't be too difficult I urge you to take it along.

In the matter of clothing, please take your best, and as complete a wardrobe as you can. Do not, however go to any expense. We shall mix, I hope, with high society, and in fact we shall have to play the game of wealth. Funds are being supplied for this. It is definitely a highbrow mission. Also take along what field equipment and summer clothing you have. We shall ride and walk, and in fact may do everything. We shall be in the lowlands and also will probably visit places about 16000 feet high in the Andes. Therefore you should have some warm clothing. You know the sort of thing that is best for camping.

As to arms, take what you please, though I don't think that there will be a chance to hunt jaguar. You will probably will have to leave it at the Customs until permission is received from the government. I shall arrange that. If you think that you may have difficulty in riding the native saddles, take one from here.

Our movements in Venezuela are uncertain for the present, but by the time that you reach the country I hope to have everything arranged.

Therefore you will sail for La Guaira where I shall meet you. Sailing will be arranged for you by Mr. Horace H. F. Jayne, the director of the Museum. You will spend about five weeks in Venezuela, but if we get more money and you are willing to stay, perhaps longer.

In reference to the small camera, I shall let you know in the early part of the week. It seems a little small to me.

E. R. FENIMORE JOHNSON
608 WEST JERSEY TRUST BUILDING
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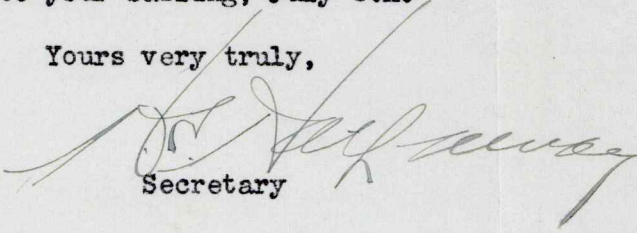
Mr. V.M.Petrullo
University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petrullo:

As directed by Mr. Johnson, I am
having the Becton Dickenson Company of Rutherford,
New Jersey, deliver direct to you snake bite out-
fit No. 2006, which I trust will be received by
you prior to your sailing, July 8th.

Yours very truly,

HRH ALC


Secretary



EL SECRETARIO
DEL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA

Maracay: 30 de junio de 1933.

Sr. Dr. Vincenzo Petrullo,
The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia.-U.S.A.

Distinguido colega y amigo:

Tengo el gusto de avisar a usted el recibo de su estimable carta del 8 del corriente, de cuyos interesantes particulares me ha sido muy grato imponerme.

Mucho me contenta saber el propósito que abriga de venir a Venezuela, cuya visita me proporcionaría el doble placer de: conocer a usted personalmente y mostrarle mi Museo y los lugares de las excavaciones; pudiendo, además, cambiar ideas con usted respecto a mis últimas excavaciones, cuyos resultados, superan en valor científico, a los enumerados en mi obra que usted conoce.

Así pues, quedo en la espera de sus gratas noticias sobre su venida; y, al significarle mis gracias más cumplidas por sus cordiales felicitaciones por mi obra "Vestigios de la Atlántida", tengo especial placer en ofrecer a usted mi sincera amistad.

Su servidor y amigo,

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THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
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PHILADELPHIA

June 30, 1933.

Mr. M. L. Wilcox
United Fruit Company
Pier 3, North River
New York


Dear Mr. Wilcox:

Enclosed please find coupon with information requested by the U. S. authorities. I am having some difficulty with my passport --the Department has decided that my old one is too mutilated to be renewed, and I had to apply anew --- so that I do not have the number of it to fill the coupon requested by the Colombian authorities. As soon as I receive the passport I shall forward this one also.

Mr. Ogilvie's letter granted complimentary transportation to and return from Santa Marta. I note that no provision has been made on my ticket for the return trip. Will it be enough for me to present myself to the officials of the company in Santa Marta, or should I not have at least a letter from you giving the necessary instructions? I am sorry you bother you about this, but it did not occur to me on the day that I saw you.

Please accept my personal thanks for your kind courtesy to me, and also allow me to extend the same to the company for its generosity.

Sincerely yours,



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PIER 3, NORTH RIVER
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July 3rd 1933.

Dr. Vincenzo Petrullo,
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University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

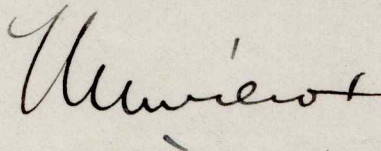
Dear Dr. Petrullo:-

Many thanks for your letter June 30th enclosing U. S. Government information form in connection with your forthcoming trip on our SS METAPAN July 8th, New York to Santa Marta, Colombia. Note you have arranged to secure new passport and that you will send us Colombian Government form as soon as possible. This is entirely satisfactory.

As regards your return transportation from Santa Marta to New York; regret that this feature was overlooked when you called here. However, am enclosing order drawn on our Santa Marta Office calling for complimentary transportation in your favor returning from Santa Marta to New York.

The "METAPAN" will be dispatched from Pier 9 North River, foot of Rector Street, and you should arrange to be aboard not later than 11 AM daylight saving time. I will take care of your accommodations and feel quite sure we will be able to make you entirely comfortable.

Sincerely yours,



GREGORY MASON
63 ST. JOHN PLACE
NEW CANAAN, CONN.

July 6, 1933.

Mr. James Petruccio,
University Museum,
Philadelphia.

Dear Jimmy:-

I heard from Jayne a few days ago that you are shoving off for Venezuela about the tenth. I hope this reaches you before your departure to wish you all the luck in the world.

You probably know already from Alden Mason or some other source that there are motor boats from Santa Marta to Rio Hacha in the Goajira Peninsula, and camions - or trucks with benches for passengers - which leave Rio Hacha every now and then for Maracaybo. They are cheap if you havent a lot of baggage and will wait till other passengers are going. Sometimes tho the rains are so heavy that they can't make the trip for days or perhaps even weeks.

The boat fare from St. Marta to Rio Hacha was five dollars for foreigners, less for natives. There were three motor boats - all lousy, and a schooner on this run when I was there. But it is only an overnight trip unless you take the schooner.

At St. Marta look out for graft by the baggage movers and customs people. Probably most of the Fruit Co. people and local officials have changed since I was there, but Wm.A.Trout, and the Flyes - all old resident Americans to whom Alden M. introduced me, are probably still there. At Rio Hacha may still be Judge Rafael Lafaurie, who was rather helpful to me, and a half Goajiro, half Dutch gentleman named Webber, who seemed reliable and knew the Indians well. There was a Venezuelan Consul at Rio Hacha who was a grafter.

The Fruit Co. had a negro generally known as "McGovern" (not his real name) at St. Marta who was a big help to me with baggage, Customs, etc. He may still be there.

An airplane used to fly along this coast when I was there, my impression was that it took passengers from Barranquilla to Maracaybo. Might pay you to get dope on this at St. Marta, where there was an agent.

If you find any people in Colombia who remember me without bitter curses please give them my regards. I hope to see you in Venezuela later. Y Vaya con Dios.

Yours

Greg Mason

Can't remember name of Hotels in St. Marta or Rio Hacha. Stay ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ Fruit Co. bungalow at St. Marta if they'll let you. Think I stayed at Hotel Tivoli (?) in R. H., but thought hotel right on head to east of Custom House was better. S.M.

March 18, 1933

Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole
Dept. of Anthropology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Cole:-

You will recall that following our conversations in Philadelphia, I wrote to you concerning the possibility of having one of your students accompany me to Mato Grosso, Brazil. Because I consider the matter of some importance, I beg that you will pardon my calling this matter to your attention once more. I wrote to you on January 5, 1933.

Though my departure has been postponed, as a result of the unsettled financial conditions of the country, our plans still stand as formulated in the letter I sent you. I would appreciate hearing from you, so that I can prepare the proper amount of equipment.

Very sincerely yours.

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Dr. H. S. Oberly, Secretary
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My dear Dr. Oberly:-

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Cordially yours.

May 31, 1933

H. Lamar Crosby, Esq., Dean,
The Graduate School,
Bennett Hall,
University of Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Crosby:

I understand that there is a possibility that the granting of Mr. V. M. Petruccio's doctorate may have to be postponed because he was somewhat delayed in submitting his thesis to your faculty for approval. I wish to tell you in this connexion that we have had to call upon Mr. Petruccio (who, as you know, is a member of our staff) for an undue amount of work this spring, and these additional but unavoidable duties no doubt retarded his efforts, and hence these circumstances should, I feel, be given consideration.

Mr. Petruccio has done splendid work for us and we regard his future as showing brilliant possibilities. The granting of his degree at this time will be of especial value to the University and to the Museum in consummating the plans for research that are immediately before him.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will give the above your consideration, and I trust that the resulting decision may be favourable.

Yours always sincerely,

Horace H. F. Jayne
DIRECTOR.

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THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
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Vincenzo M. Petrucci