

[late 1933, 1934?]

FOR THE BULLETIN

ATTENTION MR. GETZE

Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio, the Museum's field director for South American research, was sent to Venezuela in July 1933 to survey and study the ethnological and archaeological problems and opportunities offered by the country, and to carry out field research if the conditions permitted. Mr. Petruccio has just returned from Venezuela after an absence of nine months.

Scientific research, reports Mr. Petruccio, is receiving the enthusiastic support of the government and the people at large at the present time. Favored with the kindest cooperation of the Venezuelan authorities, scientists, and the people as a whole, Mr. Petruccio was able to carry out his program successfully. At the end of the rainy season, following the suggestion of Dr. Alfredo Jahn, he made a field study of a tribe of Indians called the Yaruros, a tribe known by name but never studied before.

Below he gives a personal account of his experiences and discoveries while living with these people who are nomads roaming over the extensive open plains of Apure in search of roots, seeds, and game; wandering up and down the rivers in search of crocodiles, turtles, and their eggs; and fishing. A series of extraordinary events led to his acceptance by these people as one of themselves but in some way related to their Gods. The breaking down of the suspicious reserve generally existing toward strangers and all civilized peoples made it possible to observe and study intimately their religion and social organization. They address him as "older brother", placing him in the same category as one of their Gods who appears in their legends as a culture hero and the Prometheus. Mr. Petruccio addresses the Yaruros as "younger brothers and younger sisters".

Mr. Petruccio brought back, also, a representative collection of objects made and used by the Yaruros in their daily life and ceremonial occasions.

Personal Account of Mr. Petruccio's
Experiences With The Yaruros

"The region lying between the Apure and the Meta rivers, (both of which are western tributaries of the Orinoco), is inhabited today by the Yaruro and Guahibo Indians. Other peoples have disappeared. Over a good portion of the area cattle raising has been carried on successfully, and as a consequence there are scattered about pioneers, most of whom are descendants of old Spanish and Indian stock. The Indians naturally resent the gradual occupation of their country and particularly with the Guahibos friendly contact is very difficult.

"At one place called El Buron I met the first band of Yaruros. I stayed with them a few days, but since most of the men were away I moved on to the river where I was informed there were several larger groups. From this point on I traveled only with Indians, and soon afterwards settled with a group of them on a vast sand beach exposed by the withdrawal of the waters of the Capanaparo, living with them intimately, eating their food, and because of illness, completely in their care. The small quantity of food that I had brought with me was given to

them, and after that was exhausted we shared the products of the hunt.

"The Yaruros call me 'elder brother' now, but not so at first. When I met the first group, no friendliness was shown towards me, and I found a resistance on their part to any attempt that I made to break down their reserve. Strangers that have come among them apparently have not treated them well, and as mentioned above, there is a certain amount of resentment that their lands are being occupied by the pioneers. However, one night, this resistance disappeared, and from then on they accepted me as a relative.

"It happened that I went to their camp on a sand beach--- a camp consisting of numerous small sticks planted in the sands, a few baskets, water jars, bows and arrows, placed about, and a number of small fires, over which were roasting crocodiles and turtles. The Yaruros construct no houses, living in the open; during the day they protect themselves from the sun by planting a few branches of trees in the sand which give a thin shade. I went among them at sunset, tried to engage them in conversation, and failing to do so, sat down watching the camp life, and listening to the roar of the howling monkeys brought to us in waves by the wind. Soon it was dark, and as the stars began to move across the sky I attempted to converse with them but without much success.

"At last following a whim I asked for a gourd rattle, and calling one man over to me who appeared to be the chief I sang a number of songs, accompanying myself with the rattle, and explaining that these songs were Indian songs. He listened carefully and soon became interested. A number of his men surrounded us and also commented on the similarity between their songs and those I was singing.

"I stopped and we conversed in a more friendly spirit. Soon the chief who happened to be the 'medicine man' or priest, also picked up the rattle, sat down facing the east, and saying to me that since I had sung for him he would sing for me, he began a most beautiful chant. His people joining in the spirit of the occasion soon had joined us and we sang and danced all night, the music becoming more and more intense, more and more beautiful as the night wore on. The dancing became more spirited, and we sang and danced until sunrise without resting, on the sand beach in the moonlight in truly primitive style. In the morning I noticed that their attitude toward me had changed, and soon I was told why.

"The medicine man had realized that I knew something about Indian religion and that I was sympathetic toward them and their culture. Puzzled, he sought an explanation from his Gods, and he was told that I was a relative of the Gods, that I knew a great deal about them, that I lived close to their abodes, that I had come among the Yaruros merely to visit them in a friendly spirit, and that I loved them as my brothers. Thus, through a religious performance and through religious revelation, I received a passport which opened to me the hearts of my hosts.

"As a result I was able to study their religion, social organization, ethics, etc. since they were more than anxious to talk to me about the things they had been most reticent about before. They also sought information about me, my family, my people, and our religious practices. Understanding that I wanted to know everything, they worked patiently with me day and

night, sleeping but little, and even going hungry, since they preferred talking with me to hunting.

"My reputation spread, and as I moved down river I found the other Yaruros more than willing to talk with me. More religious ceremonies were held, and the Gods often came at night, and greeted me through the medicine man whose body they entered while his spirit went to their land. They even brought me news that my own people were well but grieving over my long absence. It was in vain that I tried to explain that I was not related to the Gods. The Gods had spoken, and the Gods were right according to the Yaruros.

"I stayed with them until the end of March, and during this time they took excellent care of me. It happened that for a month I was unable to walk, so they did all they could to make my visit comfortable and profitable. The best food was mine, and they went to special trouble to obtain delicacies for me. In the meantime they made various articles for me to take back when I should go away, as presents to my people. The medicine men never left me, being anxious as I was to talk about their customs and exchange religious lore. We communed with the Gods, we investigated together the mysteries of our universe, and the principles governing this life and the next. They who in their economic culture must be considered to be about the most primitive of the extant South American aborigines have indeed a most poetic concept of the Universe. Day and night they are in intimate touch with their Gods and their dead ancestors. Theirs is not a Universe of fear, but one of quiet understanding and of hope.

"The Yaruros believe that in the beginning there was nothing, and that there appeared Kuma, a female Goddess who created everything. Other Gods appeared later. Humanity is descended from them, and the Yaruros considered themselves children of Kuma. Some of the descendants of the Gods mated with the anaconda and the jaguar, and from this mateship sprang the Yaruros. A grandson of Kuma by a trick gave fire to humanity.

"Marriage is strictly regulated among the Yaruros, and there is an obligation on the part of everyone to marry. There are neither spinsters nor bachelors. A man must marry ~~the daughter of his mother's brother~~, but he is prohibited from marrying either the daughters of a sister of his mother or a brother of his father. These girls he considers as sisters to himself, and calls them by that title. Thus a man must marry his cousin. Polygamy is practiced, a man marrying two sisters, but this can happen only if there are not enough men, or if a woman's husband dies, when her brother-in-law is obligated to take care of her, although she must wait a year before marrying again.

"A man looks to his uncle for instruction, that is the mother's brother, who is his future father-in-law, and on marrying the daughter the son-in-law goes to live with the parents of his wife; that is, he hunts with the uncle who is also the father-in-law. A son-in-law is not permitted to talk to or even look at his mother-in-law, although they must take care of each other. If they are in camp together they sit facing away from each other, and if there is necessity to speak to each other they have to do so through a third person. The same applies to the daughter-in-law and the father-in-law.

"There is a division of labor. Food is plentiful but it

the daughter of his mother's brother

has to be hunted and gathered. Therefore, the men occupy themselves with the hunt, and the women with the gathering of roots and fruit, the cooking, the weaving of basketry, the making of pottery. The men with hunting, canoe making, hammock weaving, etc. Both sexes are busy all of the time. Food does not fall in their mouths and they work very hard.

The Yaruros have never been studied before. Linguistically they are not affiliated with any other group of Indians and as is seen from the above they must take their place among the most primitive people of the world. Thus by an extraordinary religious experience of the shaman, permitting my living among them with safety, and on intimate terms, it proved possible to bring back invaluable information on a most interesting people."

Aruba, D.W.I., April 15, 1934.

Mr. James Petrullo,
c/o American Consulate,
Caracas, Venezuela.

My dear Mr. Petrullo:

When you left last year for Venezuela and I saw you at the University Museum in Philadelphia, little did I think that I would be in these regions again so soon. I got your address before I left New York on the 20th of March from Miss Frances Jeffres, a friend of my wife, who is also a friend of your sister. Since I am this close to your present field of activities and very much interested in them I am taking this opportunity to get in touch with you.

We moved to New York from Philadelphia in October last year and I took a semester's work at New York University. This spring, however, my funds were running low so I went and found a connection again with the Standard Oil Company. They send me down here to Aruba where they have a big refinery and I am supposed to stay here at least 18 months. My wife is still in New York. It will take a while before I get a family house here. The company is building them as fast as they can but there is a long waiting list.

The climate on this island is about as perfect as it can be in the tropics. Lovely swimming, sailing, tennis, baseball, dancing, shooting and movies are some of the recreational possibilities provided by nature and the company. The trade winds, the sea and imported food from the U.S. make it almost a health resort. If you are sick of Venezuela come here for a vacation. If I remember correctly I heard your sister say that you did not feel too well at the beginning last fall.

I am planning to run down to Maracaibo on one of our Lake Tankers but it will be a while yet before I'll be able to get time off for that. Have you been down there yet? How is your work progressing? I am very interested in and how you have approached the Motilones. The New York Times has had some rather discouraging articles on the Motilones activities recently.

I hope there will be soon an opportunity of us getting together.

Sincerely yours

Karel Sicha

Karel Sicha,
c/o Lago Oil & Transport Co., Ltd.
Aruba, Dutch West Indies.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Office of Secretary
108 College Hall

April 16, 1934.

My dear Mr. Petrusillo:

I see by the daily press
that you have returned from your expedition
in South America. Welcome home!

The purpose of this note is
to remind you that June 30, 1934 is the date of
expiration for your Grants No. 126 and 139. If
on that date there is a balance in the grant,
it will be returned to the Special Research Fund
unless you apply for extensions, giving a brief
summary of the progress to date, and the balance
in the grant.

Cordially yours,

H. S. Oberly
H. S. Oberly
Secretary

April 17, 1934.

Dr. V. Petrullo
University Museum
Philadelphia

Dear Dr. Petrullo:

I read a short notice in the paper to the effect that you have returned from South America with some very interesting findings.

I should like to know whether I may come out to see you and find out some of the results of your trip. I should like to write a story about your trip for the NEA Service, the Scripps-Howard syndicate.

If you will let me know a time and date that are convenient to you, I shall be very grateful.

With thanks for your attention, I am

Sincerely,

Madelin Blitzstein

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Jahn V.C.

Caracas, April the 18th 1934

D. Vincenzo Petrucci
Museum University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia

My dear doctor Petrucci:

A few days after you left Caracas, your small camera, which I suppose is the same you told me was lost on the road from La Bandelona to San Fernando, was sent me by someone. Will you kindly tell me it shall be sent to Philadelphia, or if it shall be kept here until your return?

I enclose Dr. Timoco's answer to your letter. I had a long talk with him about your recent exploration and future plans and he was very pleased to know how highly you appreciate the Government's aid in the way it was offered to you.

I hope to hear soon from you, your plans and your interesting paper about the Yaruros.

With best wishes and greetings, also from Mrs. Jahn and my daughter, I am

Yours very sincerely
A. Jahn

April 18, 1934

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

Dear Art:-

I have just returned from Venezuela after what I consider a very successful trip. I was sorry you were not able to stay with me; you would have enjoyed it.

Mr. Jayne has been very busy and has had some eye trouble, with the results that some things have gone unattended. I should like to know several things, such as whether you have received your cheque, how much film we have sold to Pathe, and the price that it brought, who has the rest of the negative and the copy of the print, etc. I find also in looking over the prints of the still pictures that several are missing, such as those that we had enlarged for Phelps. I should like to have copies of those also ~~also~~ as they were especially interesting and beautiful. I should like to know who has the negatives of all of the prints. Probably, if you have the time, I shall ask you to enlarge some of them for us. I brought back with me about eighty negatives which have been developed, which though not artistically beautiful, are of great interest to us. I should like to have you work on these negatives to make up a set or several sets for us and to enlarge most of them. Do you have the time? I was able to take about 500 feet of motion picture film, which has not been developed as yet. I shall let you know how it turns out.

Many people in Caracas asked about you and sent their best regards. Receive my own and excuse the brevity of this note. I am tied up with a great deal of work that needs to be attended to immediately. I should appreciate immediate reply to my questions.

As ever,

April 18, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Poffenberger:

I have just returned from Venezuela and find your letter of February 14, in which you inform me of the plans for a handbook on South America and my nomination to the committee. I accept with thanks, and I want to express my pleasure at the prospects that such an undertaking seems to offer for research in South America.

Perhaps there are a few suggestions that I might offer, but not being fully acquainted with the discussions that have been carried on, I hesitate to do so at this time.

My work in Venezuela took in the problem of cooperation between ourselves, the Venezuelan government, and persons actively interested in Anthropology in that country. I believe I have made considerable progress, and now we are faced with the problem of keeping everything going. I may need the help of the committee and the Council to do this properly.

It may interest you to know that I engaged in pieces of field work that promises to give excellent results, particularly in ethnology. I believe I have a comprehensive culture and linguistic study of the Jaruro, so far, left completely unstudied. They are river nomads, and on the whole their culture seems to be at the bottom of the heap in so far as South American cultures are concerned, at least in its material aspects. I concentrated mostly on social organization and religion. This study I am hoping to publish within the next two months.

With personal greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Vincenzo Petruccio

(Field director for S. Am. Research)

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Mr. Vincenzo Petrullo
University Museum
33rd. & Spruce Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

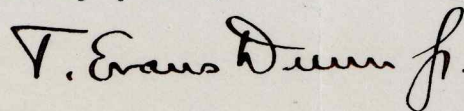
My dear Mr. Petrullo:-

I was interested in reading in the papers yesterday the account of your recent expedition in Venezuela. In 1931 I was a member of the Dickey Orinoco Expedition and while we were a long way from your part of the country, anything in Venezuela has naturally held a fascination for me. I was also interested in the revival of the Colonel Fawcett mystery.

If you are agreeable, and at your convenience, I should like to like to have an opportunity to discuss these subjects with you.

Very sincerely yours,

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T. Evans Dunn Jr.

JOHN S. JENKS
123 SOUTH BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA

April 19th, 1934.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo,

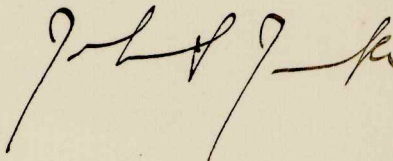
It is a pleasure to hear of your return after such a successful trip. I am most anxious to hear some of the particulars.

Mr. Jayne tells me that you will be able to take lunch with me on Monday next; April 23rd, at 12.30 at the Midday Club. I have also asked Mr. Arthur W. Sewall, President of the General Asphalt Co., which Company has large interests in Venezuela and Trinidad. You will find him a charming man.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Vincent M. Petruzzo,
Research Associate,
The University Museum,
Philadelphia.



April 20, 1954

Dr. Alfredo Jahn,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Friend:-

Receive my kindest personal greetings.

I had a good trip to New York and Laura's presence added to its enjoyment. I was able also to do a little work. There has not been enough time to properly evaluate conditions here, but so far I have met with high enthusiasm for our research program.

I am busy writing my report which I hope to publish very soon. I have been trying to obtain material for Dr. Mitchell's paper on snake venom, but I have had no success so far. I shall send it on to you as soon as I obtain something. Our friend, Mr. March, who has had great experience with snakes seems to be in Panama at the present time, but I shall look up others who know more about the subject than I do and will send on to you anything that may be of value.

I am preparing a report for Dr. Tinoco and I am hoping to send it on soon. I shall arrange in the near future to send you a number of publications which I know will interest you. I shall write to you again soon and at greater length. For the present let me express my personal appreciation for all that you have done and reaffirmation of the friendship that has grown up between us.

I hope that this finds you enjoying good health and that you will continue to contribute to human knowledge with the same energy as before. Please extend my best regards to Mrs. Jahn, Chilin, and all the other members of your family. I am looking forward to being among you soon again.

My pictures have been developed but not printed. As soon as a set can be arranged for you I shall forward it on to you.

Sincerely yours,

April 20, 1934

Dr. A. V. Kidder,
Phillips Academy,
Andover, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Kidder:-

I have just returned from Venezuela where I had the opportunity of doing some ethnological work. It promises to be of extreme interest to us.

I recall, and Dr. Mason has reaffirmed it, your saying once that you had a number of copies of your report on Southwestern Archaeology for free distribution, and that should I have need of any to send to South America for the purpose of winning and maintaining the cooperation of South Americans that you could send some on. I should like to have, as a matter of fact, some six to ten sets, if they are at all available, to keep up our contacts with Venezuela, Brazil, and Argentine. I should also like to have a set for myself, but I waive this request in favor of South America.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting your son in Venezuela but I understand that he had an interesting time of it there. I hope that we can get together ~~something~~ ^{to} discuss the field. mc

I have come across an interesting ethnographic specimen. An arrow with an iron point that is so large and heavy that most people would label it a lancehead if they did not see the shaft. This is a type of arrow used by the Yaruro Indians of Apure to catch large game such as deer, and also in war. I recall your saying that by weighing a point one could tell whether it was a lancehead or an arrowhead. I am convinced in this case that if an archaeologist were to find merely the head of the arrow he would say it was a lancehead. I call your attention to this specimen, which I have here at the Museum, not as a critical objection to your suggestion, but perhaps merely as an interesting exception to a general rule. I should like to show it to you on your next visit to us, which I hope will be soon.

I am at present busily engaged in writing up the ethnology of this tribe, which I hope will be published in the very near future.

Please receive my personal greetings.

Yours sincerely,

April 20, 1934

Mr. Lincoln Thompson,
Sound Specialty Company,
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Mr. Thompson:-

Thank you for your interesting letter of March 5th. I have just returned from Venezuela and your letter did not come to hand until now. I have been so busy unpacking, etc. that I have not had the opportunity of looking up various details, such as whether you have received the remittance on your invoice to the Museum. I shall look into it soon and if I find that it has not been sent I shall see that it is done so immediately.

I listened to the records for a moment and I agree with you that the results obtained from rerecording the film have not been satisfactory, but I doubt very much whether anything better could be produced. I noticed also that the film was badly choked up and the people who did the recording failed to bring out the best and most interesting phases of the music.

On this last trip I listened to some of the finest music I have ever heard. I regret not having had a portable outfit such as you describe with me. I should like to know more details about the machine and also would like to inquire if the weight could be cut down as I find that forty-five pounds or 100 pounds may very often be exceedingly difficult to transport when I am travelling. However, sometime will elapse before I shall return to the field and we can perhaps develop the very best type of apparatus for our work during this time. I shall take the first opportunity of coming to Waterbury to discuss this matter in person and to examine the apparatus, and meanwhile let me thank you for the interest you have shown in our problem and assure you of my appreciation of it.

Yours sincerely,

April 20, 1934.

Mr. T. Evans Dunn, Jr.
313 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

My dear Mr. Dunn:

I am in receipt of your interesting letter and in reply want to assure you that it will be a pleasure to discuss Venezuela and the problem of Colonel Fawcett's fate with you. If it is convenient to you, I should like to have you take lunch with me on Wednesday at 12.30.

I shall await you at the Museum where, if you have time, we can examine some specimens and photographs. Should Wednesday be inconvenient, I am certain we can make arrangements for some other day. Please consider me at your disposal.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo M. Petrullo

April 20, 1934

Dr. Pedro R. Tinoco,
Ministro de Relaciones Interiores,
Caracas, Venezuela.

My dear Dr. Tinoco:-

My personal greetings to you.

Just before I left Caracas I sent a note to you explaining my decision to return to Philadelphia. My trip was very successful. Conditions have changed so at the University that I felt it would serve our interests better to return immediately in order to publish my results and maintain a higher level of enthusiasm for research in Venezuela. I have found that interest for continued scientific studies in your country has now waned, and I am already actively engaged in making plans for the future. I have not had sufficient time to send you a formal report on my trip but I hope to do so soon.

For the present allow me to once again extend a formal expression of appreciation for the facilities that the Government put to my disposal, and for the numerous courtesies which I received. Also my personal thanks to you who have been so interested and so kind towards our objectives and to me personally.

I hope to be among you again soon, but first expect to publish a number of papers and books on Venezuela. I shall forward to you an account of my travels soon, to preface a more comprehensive account that will be published later.

Yours sincerely,

April 20, 1934

Dr. Raphael Gonzales Rincones,
Ministro de Instrucion Publica,
Caracas, Venezuela.

My dear Dr. Gonzales:-

I regret not having had the opportunity of calling on you before I left Caracas for Philadelphia two weeks ago. My decision to return to my country was made immediately on my arrival at Caracas from Apure, where I had the good fortune to obtain a valuable study on the Yarzros. I am at present busily engaged in writing up my notes for publication. I hope that soon afterwards I shall be able to return to Venezuela to continue our work. At this time I want to thank you for your personal and official kindness towards me and our projects, and the spirit of cooperation which you showed at all times.

Let me extend my personal greetings to you, both in my official and personal capacity, and the assurance that I am indeed happy in feeling that I have a friend such as you in Venezuela.

Please extend my compliments to your daughter, whom I had the good fortune of meeting several times.

Yours sincerely,

April 20, 1934

Dr. Gumersindo Torres,
Caracas Country Club,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Dr. Torres:-

In my haste to return to Philadelphia I am certain that I left unsaid many things that I had intended to say in appreciation for your great kindness to me and the friendship that has sprung up between us. I shall always remember your family the way they expected me as one of yourselves.

I have not had time to properly evaluate conditions here, but everything points so far to the existence of intense enthusiasm for future research. I am certain that on the publication of my material something practical will develop. I am busily engaged in preparing my notes, and I am already making plans to return to Venezuela.

The phonographic records of Brazilian Indian music, about which you spoke several times, have not turned out so well, and I am going to have the music rerecorded in the hope of obtaining a better product. I have wanted to send a set to you knowing the intense interest that your daughter, Carmen, has in music. It may interest her to know that contrary to popular opinion in Caracas I found indigenous music of Apure intensely beautiful and interesting. If I go there again, as I hope to do, I shall take with me recording apparatus so that this extraordinary phase of primitive culture will not be lost to posterity.

Please extend my kind personal greetings to Carmen, Hilda, and all of your children, and also let me express the hope that I shall be among you once again very soon. I shall forward to you at the first opportunity several things on anthropology that I am certain will interest your family.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Petrullo;

I represent a troop of Boy Scouts being the Scoutmaster of Upper Darby #3 meeting in the Presbyterian Church at 69th and Chestnut Streets.

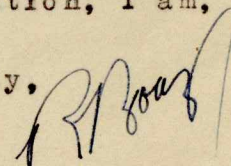
We are holding on Tuesday night, April 24th a meeting of all boys and boys' Dads.

It is our hope to give them a program of unusual interest. Was wondering if we could impose upon you to give us possibly $\frac{1}{2}$ hour between 8 and 8:30 to tell of some of your interesting experiences in South America. Unfortunately we cannot offer you a remuneration other than the satisfaction you might have in inspiring these boys to do bigger and better things.

Would appreciate your advising the writer either by collect telegraph or return mail at once in order that we may complete our program. We shall if you like be glad to send an automobile for you and return you home.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am,

Sincerely,



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Just received letter.

Sorry, ~~but~~ previous engagement prevents
my speaking tonight.

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Vincenz. Petruccio

Dear Mr. Petruccio:

I represent a troop of Boy Scouts being the Scoutmaster
of Upper Darby 43 meeting in the Presbyterian Church at 88th and
Chester Streets.

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you and return you home.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am,

Sincerely,
[Signature]

April 20, 1934.

Mr. John S. Jenks,
123 So. Broad St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jenks,

Thank you for your kind greetings and invitation to lunch with you Monday next. I am looking forward to exchanging personal greetings and discussing our research program, which I am certain will be of great interest to you. It will be a pleasure to meet Mr. Sewall.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo M. Petruccio

221 ALLENS LANE
MOUNT AIRY, PHILADELPHIA
PENNSYLVANIA

April 21st 1934

My dear Mr. Petrucci,

Thank you for
your kind letter of this morning.
I shall be delighted to have
lunch with you next Wednesday
and shall meet you at the
museum at twelve-thirty as you
suggested.

Very sincerely yours,

T. Evans Dunn Jr.

April 23, 1934
Mailing Address

Carreras Aereo #65
Barranguilla
Col. S. A.
P.O. Van Hoy!

Dear Mr. Petruccio: -

I have just returned to the coast from the interior for a breath of fresh air. Since our meeting on board last July, I have received but one letter from you sent from Caracas. I answered that letter and never received a response, and I therefore assumed you never received that letter.

The short experience of the last few months in the jungle sure filled me with an appreciation of those things which most Americans take for granted - I guess you'd experienced that feeling more than once. One certainly gets an opportunity in that sort of living to gaze a true perspective of our American breed red.

As for our expedition we have been very fortunate, and yet I hesitate to say "fortunate" for living the way we have must have some recompense. We struck a number of rich gold alluvial channels which make these mines a payable proposition even before the gold price rise.

At present we are just completing a report on the expedition and in the next four months these mines will be exploited.

As you know I came down here as a salaried mining engineer, and although this company wishes to continue my services,

I am inclined to go "on my own" or in a partnership with that company on any further deals.

From the time you told me of the probable possibilities in the state of Mato Grosso, I have given it more than an occasional thought.

Perhaps if you are contemplating a trip in there in the next five or six months, I would like to join you for a survey trip which may mean a lot to me.

If you are not contemplating anything of the sort, I wonder if you'd give me the name of the gentlemen whom you mentioned in your letters knew of some good alluvial gravels. I believe we could agree on a reasonable agreement for any help or information.

I am intending to go back in the interior for several months more after this short rest. Afterwards I am returning to the states to see my family and will probably be in New York in either July or August. If you will answer this letter and let me know if you will be in the vicinity at that time, I would appreciate a little chat.

Hoping you are enjoying good health and also to be able to correspond with you as a friend
Yours sincerely,

Peter Anthony Cona

National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 27, 1934.

Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio,
University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

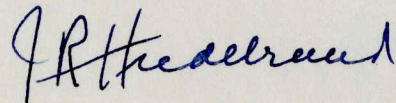
My dear Mr. Petruccio:

That portion of your letter regarding your ethnological work was referred to me.

We should like to know a little more about the extent and scope of your work before suggesting that you take the trouble to submit either pictures or a manuscript. Would you let us have a brief description of your explorations and a summary of the finds. When you do that, I shall be glad to communicate with you further about the desirability of submitting the material.

Very truly yours,

H:f



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Zoological Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

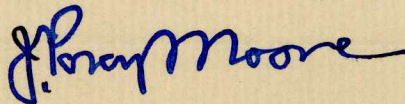
April 27, 1934

Mr. M. V. Petrullo
University Museum

Dear Mr. Petrullo:-

I found a memorandum of a telephone message from you stating that you have some leeches from Venezuela which you offer to me. Thank you very much for remembering my interest in these animals, which I should be very glad indeed to have. Shall I send for them, or can you send them over through the University mail?

Sincerely yours,



J. Percy Moore

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA

THE COLLEGE

Zoological Laboratory
38th St. and Woodland Ave.

May 1, 1934

Mr. V. Petrullo
University Museum

Dear Mr. Petrullo:-

Many thanks for the Venezuelan leeches which are a species of *Haementeria*, a genus of blood-sucking leeches widely distributed throughout Central and South America. I have not yet examined them sufficiently to determine the species.

Thank you also for your offer to secure other leeches for me on your future South American trips.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Percy Moore

JPM:EMH

J. Percy Moore



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Vincenzo Petruccio, Esq.
Field Director - South American research
University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Pa.

answered

1102 Clifton Ave.
Collingdale, Pa.
Via Darby P.O.
April 30th 1934.

Dear Mr. Petrullo,

I am writing to ask if you will be kind enough to send me your autographed photograph and if not possible your autograph on your own stationery so we may hang some in our boy scout troop meeting room. Would also appreciate it if possible if you have anything you care to donate to our boy scout museum that interest the boys. I am writing this at the request of the boys of my troop and hope you comply with same as they admire you very much and your great research work.

Thanking you for doing the same. With best wishes for your future success, health and happiness.

I am your sincere admirer

George Albert Ingham

May 1, 1934

Mr. J. R. Hildebrand,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hildebrand:-

I have your letter of April 27th.

My recent trip to Venezuela lasted nine months, seven of which were spent at centers such as Caracas and Maracay and the environs, and the rest of the time with the Yaruro Indians of the Capanaparo river, in the state of Apure. My material is divided into two parts, therefore:

1. A study of Caracas and its environs. Exceptionally well illustrated with photographs. Many contrasts in the mode of life of the people.
2. The llanos and llaneros (cattle culture), and the Yaruro Indians. The photographs are not as artistically beautiful as those of (1), but rich in material. They show (a) Cattle being driven across a wide river, with the madanos (steers trained to lead the herds) in the lead; (b) typical cowboy using toe stirrup; roped steer with the lasso tied to the horse's tail instead of the pommel of the saddle; (c) llanero with spear in position to receive the charge of a jaguar; etc., etc.

The Yaruros: (a) physical types; (b) women and children on their way to dig roots, etc. for food; (c) camps on beaches (no houses, merely branches planted in the sands to give some shade); (d) party of men with crocodiles on sticks (our dinner); (e) hammock weaving; (f) pottery making; (g) rope making; (h) basketry making; etc., etc. (all action pictures).

The Yaruros are unquestionably among the most primitive, if not the most primitive peoples of South America in their economy. Hunters and food gatherers, they roam the savanahs and wander up and down the water courses in search of food. They have no permanent dwellings, and do not use even windbreaks for shelter.

Geographically my work is of little importance, but in the field of human geography I believe it is of great value. The enclosed account is being printed in the Museum Bulletin which is a non-technical publication for our members. It gives some idea of my work.

Mr. J. R. Hildebrand,

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Since this matter has come up, let me call your attention to other material in my possession.

I spent 1931 in Matto Grosso, Brazil, at the headwaters of the Paraguay and the Xingu rivers. There is a selection of about a thousand photographs available to illustrate this trip. I believe you will gather a better idea of the nature of my work there by glancing through the Museum Journal of Vol. XXIII, No. 2 and the London Illustrated News of September 10, 1932. Should this interest you I should be glad to go further with it.

I expect to be in Washington in the near future, and should I hear from you in the meanwhile that you are interested in the material, I shall gladly go over a manuscript and photographs then.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio.

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

LOCK DRAWER 71
ANDOVER
MASSACHUSETTSCoolidge, N. M.
May 1, 1934

Dear Dr. Petrucci:-

Your letter of the 20th of April has been forwarded to me here, where I'm doing some reconnaissance.

We did have sets of the Southwestern books for distribution, and we sent a number to Russia at the recommendation of Galoustek (I've no idea how his name's really spelt). But numbers one and two: "Introduction to Southwestern Archaeology" and Guthe's "Pueblo Pottery Making" are now out of print. Nos. three to six, however, comprising Parsons' "Jemez", Hooten's "Indians of Pecos" (physical anthropology) and my two books on the pottery and artifacts respectively are still available if they would do any good. I'd naturally be delighted to send some of them if it would help out in promoting contacts in South America.

I'm sorry my son didn't have opportunity to meet you in Venezuela. I know he looks forward to the pleasure of doing so and of consulting with you in regard to his archaeological work in South America. He'd hoped to return to Venezuela this summer, but the exchange is so unfavorable at the moment that it is beyond the resources available to him.

Many thanks for the note in regard to the arrow. I did use to think that I could tell arrow from dart points by size and weight, but, queerly enough,

I recently found an arrow from a clibb-house
 in the Arizona State Museum at Tucson with
 a stone point which I would never have
 admitted could have been other than a dart-point.
 So go many pretty theories! I hope to see the specimen
 when I'm next in Philadelphia, but I'm afraid
 that won't be until autumn.

With kindest personal regards

Cordially

F. V. Kidder

Address

% Laboratory of Anthropology

Santa Fe, N.M.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

May 3, 1934.

Mr. George A. Inghram
1102 Clifton Avenue
Collingdale, Pa.
Via Darby P. O.

My dear Mr. Inghram:

I have your message of April 30, and in reply I wish to send my thanks to you and the boys for the kind sentiments expressed in it. I am enclosing an autographed photograph taken sometime ago.

I regret I have nothing to donate to your little Museum. I have made it a practice of turning over all specimens to the Museum, feeling that the collections are of greater service to the Public in its possession rather than mine. However, should you care to borrow a small collection of artefacts, I believe it could be arranged to send something.

Please extend my personal greetings to the boys and also the invitation to call on me at the Museum sometime.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY · NEW YORK

BROADWAY AT

156TH STREET



May 4, 1934.

Mr. Vincenzo Petruzzo
University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I find from newspaper notices that you have returned from South America and I hasten to return to you the Rondon map on the scale of 1:2,000,000 which is going to you in a separate package.

When I returned the other maps that you so kindly lent us this map was not among them and it was not until I had your letter in reply that I realized that this map was missing. It did not seem possible that it would by any chance have been lost but frantic searching failed to discover it until about a month ago, when I decided to search for it again for at least the fiftieth time, I found it in the map collection rolled inside another map.

I am most chagrined that this should have happened and can't understand how it did happen, and I can't ask your forgiveness since it is quite unforgivable.

Sincerely yours,

Ray P. Platt

RRP:AJV

G. TORRES

AP 1203
CARACAS

mayo 4 de 1.934.

Mi apreciado amigo:

Ayer tarde, cuando en mi diario viajar, subía de La Guaira a Caracas venía conmigo nuestro común amigo Don Rudolph Dolge y hablamos largamente de Ud.: al pasar frente al edificio del Correo me detuve para recoger mi correspondencia y recibí su carta del 20 la cual nos ha proporcionado a todos en casa la satisfacción de tener noticias del excelente amigo a quien saludamos con nuestros mejores deseos por su bienestar.

Muy interesante resultará la publicación de sus estudios y observaciones durante su estada en Venezuela y ese material será acaso una pica puesta en Flandes en el sentido de estimular los propósitos y tendencias a mantener viva la idea de llevar a cabo esas investigaciones insistiendo con fuerza en el desarrollo de tal género de estudios y de alcanzar para tan noble empresa el apoyo que ella merece.

Carmen Carolina espera que cuando vuelva usted por acá se traiga la música brasilera y que entonces podrá imprimir la venezolana de los indios de Apure y de las otras regiones del país que visite.

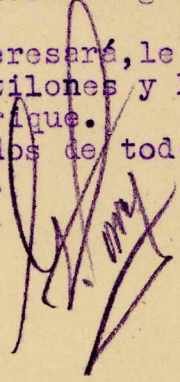
Bien merece la tarea de la Universidad el mayor elogio y comprendo perfectamente la alta significación y el valor que tiene no dejar perecer esas manifestaciones de la vida cultural de pueblos y razas que abandonados desaparecerán dolorosamente.

Particularmente le quedará agradecido del envío que me promete.

Por creer que le interesará, le envié en días pasados una publicación sobre los Motilones y hoy le envío varias de igual índole del Dr. Ron Pedrique.

Reciba muchos recuerdos de todos en casa y ojalá que pronto podamos verlo por acá.

Soy su amigo,



Al Sr. Pof.

Vincenzo Petruzzo
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia.

PROF. PETRULLO



EL MINISTRO DE RELACIONES INTERIORES

PARTICULAR

N° 138.-

File Tinoco Venezolano

Ruben P Tinoco

saluda atentamente a su distinguido amigo señor doctor Vincenzo Petruzzo, con ocasión de avisarle recibo de su carta de fecha 20 de abril próximo pasado, de cuyo contenido se ha impuesto con el mayor interés.-

TINOCO aprovecha esta oportunidad para reiterar al doctor Petruzzo sus sentimientos de aprecio y señala consideración.-

CARACAS, 10 de mayo de 1.934.-

Al señor Vincenzo Petruzzo
Universidad de Pensilvania.-
Filadelfia.-

May 16, 1934.

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

Dear Art:

The Museum has been in financial straits, and you have been made to suffer with the rest of us. A check has been sent to you, finally, by Jayne. I hope that he made it out for the full amount. If not please let me know and I shall get after him again.

Are you ready to do some enlargements for me? I should like to have some of your pictures enlarged, some of the Matto Grosso, and some that I have brought back. All of these I should like to enlarge to the maximum. What facilities do you have? And how soon will you be able to do the work?

I have done nothing with the film that I brought back. To what newsreel outfit could I offer the stuff? If the movies will turn out as well as my pictures (printed here at the Museum) I shall have very good material. Do we have any print of the movies you made?

The best to you, Art, and please give me this information soon, as I should like to forget all about it, and turn to other things.

Sincerely,

X-11, X+13, X-5

May 17, 1934.

Dr. A. V. Kidder
Philips Academy
Andover Mass.

Dear Dr. Kidder:

I am adressing the letter to Andover to avoid its going astray.

I am sorry your son sill not be able to go back to Venezuela this summer. If he is ever in this neighborhood please ask him to stop in. There are several places in Venezuela where he could excavate at practically no cost. I shoud be very glad of helping out.

I am certain that whatever is available of the series would be appreciated, and I should like to send them on. Judging from the letters that I have received our relations with South Americans are most cordial, and my only anxiety is that nothing be done to destroy it. Like everyone else travelling in those countries I was the recipient of numerous courtesies, and I am trying to return some of them with the help of friends and colleagues. I believe that the benefits of keeping up the spirit will be distributed all around.

With the kindest personal greetings,

Sincerely,

May 17, 1934.

Dr. Raye R. Platt
American Geographical Society
New York

Dear Dr. Platt:

Thank you for your letter of May 4th and the map which arrived a few days ago. I am indeed glad to get it back, but being accustomed to misplacing things I fully understand the delay.

I did not cross the Guajira Peninsula after all. You recall that my main objective was to investigate the possibilities of developing some research program in Venezuela. On my way down it seemed best to hurry to Caracas and leave the trip to the end; but later illness prevented my going out to the field until the later part of January, when I visited the Apure region. On my return from this trip I found that I had gathered extremely important material on a tribe so far unknown, the Jyaruro, and I hastened back to write it up before some other spell of sickness, (the parasites are not out of my system) would interfere with that.

I gathered a few maps but I do not know how accurate they are. I doubt if they will be of any use to you especially since the oil people have been in the region that I visited and they have undoubtedly surveyed the ground thoroughly. However they are at your disposal.

I was interested in reading the article by Hansen on the interior of Venezuela, and I have been wondering whether you would be interested in something that I might write on the region between the Apure and the Sinaruco region, in which I would describe the Indians and the llaneros, and perhaps indicate how the geography has conditioned the mode of life to a certain degree. The pictures are good.

My experience with the Yaruros was extraordinary, and makes a good tale. I am wondering whether I would be acceptable for a lecture next year. I am of course doubtful whether I satisfied your requirements the last time, and please do not hesitate to say so. Sometimes I lecture well and sometimes badly, but like everyone else I am in need of money and therefore am so bold as to suggest it. I hope that my book will be published this summer, and the lecture would be based on it.

I have to come to New York in the near future, and I am looking forward to calling on you. I shall let you know in advance.

SINCERELY YOURS

National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 21, 1934.

Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio,
University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

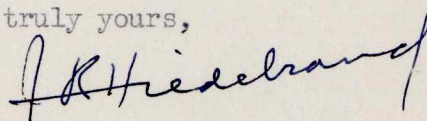
My dear Mr. Petruccio:

Thank you for writing me more fully about your recent trip
to Venezuela and your observations there among the Yaruro Indians.
material

We have had so much South American material recently and there is so
much in our files that I hesitate to encourage you to submit any-
thing further. However, since you are to be in Washington in the
near future, I shall be very happy to talk over the matter with
you and we should certainly give every consideration to your photo-
graphs and your manuscript.

As you say, it is difficult to give any sort of opinion on
such material before examining it.

Very truly yours,



H:f

May 31, 1934.

Dear Mr. Pannill:

Under separate cover I am sending a copy of my paper on the peoples of Matto Grosso which, I recall, you found of some interest.

I returned from Venezuela in the middle of April after making a successful trip to the Yaruros of the Capanaparo in the state of Apure. Illness prevented my going into the field sooner, but an extraordinary series of events led to my acceptance among these primitives as one of themselves so that in a short time I was able to bring out a considerable amount of information on their religion, language, social and economic organization. I hurried back to publish this material in book form, and I am hoping to have it completed soon.

When I left Venezuela Dr. Requena was in better health, but I have not seen him since October, though I received friendly messages from him from time to time. I did see his children from time to time.

We are going ahead with our plans for research in Venezuela. The government has been most cordial throughout and we hope to launch more extensive field work soon. There seems to be some interest in the pacification of the Motilones and we want to help as much as we can in that project. Also my interests in Venezuelan culture in general is still alive and I hope to make some contributions in that field.

I should like to call on you in New York, and to continue to be favored with your advice, as well as to exchange personal greetings from time to time.

Please extend my compliments to Mrs. Pannill.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Carter Pannill
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey
Legal Department
26 Broadway
New York

May 31, 1934.

Dr. George Woodbury
State Museum
Denver
Colorado

Dear Dr. Woodbury:

I have brought back from Venezuela over samples of hair, Yaruro tribe. The locks do not comply with your description of sort of sample that would be collected, but I believe they can be studied. Knowing of your interest in hair, I am writing to ask if you would find time to study these.

I recall that I must have somewhere about a dozen specimens of Bakairi hair, (Matto Grosso). If you should be interested in these I shall gladly forward them to you also.

I hope to publish my Yaruro study in the near future, and I should include the results of the hair study if possible.

Hoping that you will find time to at least look over the material, I am

Yours sincerely,

Vincenzo Petruccio

May 31, 1934.

Dear Dr. Lothrop:

Let me thank you for the reprints and other publications. I have nothing to send you jsut now, but several things are in the making and I shall forward them as soon as they come from the printer.

My archaeological work in Venezuela was done at Arauquin, in the Delta of the Apure . The work was limited to a few days and only for a few hours each day. Consequently the collection is small and was gotten mostly from shallow trenches about a foot deep.

The material consists entirely of potsherds, and is of two types. One consists of sherds decorated with geometrical incised designs of great interest because of their complexity and variability, and the other of modeled heads and figures of birds, animals, and man. In style some pieces show some affinity with the art of Tacarigua, but on the whole it seems to be of local development. (With the reservation that the "local" may be made very extensive with excavations at other points.)

I am hoping to publish this material soon.

Best regards, and forgive me for not having known you when you visited us. I have known of your work which I prize highly, but to the best recollection I had never met you personally. There is a great deal that I would like to discuss with you and I hope you will give me the opportunity some time. Please consider me at your disposal on any matter that I can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. K. Lothrop
1061 Madison avenue
New York

Bult. 8-4530

June 1, 1934

Dr. Alfredo Jahn,
Caracas,
Venezuela, S. A.

Dear Dr. Jahn:-

I was indeed glad to hear from you, and to learn that you and your family are enjoying good health. Don Manoel Sanchez must have sent the camera to you. He is the gentleman at whose ranch I excavated, and he is deeply interested in having you visit him and his property. Will you keep the camera for me for the present? I expect to return in the none too distant future, and shall be grateful for your doing so. However, there must be some exposed negatives in the case, and these might be developed.

I have had sent to you a number of publications of the Museum that I thought would interest you, and you will receive all future numbers of the Journal and the Bulletin. Should you want anything that we have published in the past and we have it still, please let me know and it shall be sent on to you immediately. Also I have sent some enlarged photographs of the Yaruros.

So far it has proven impossible to obtain a reprint of the Dr. Mitchel's article on snake venom. I am sorry, and I shall keep on trying. My friend who is an authority on snakes and snake venom is at present somewhere in Panama and I have not succeeded in reaching him as yet.

There is much enthusiasm over prospects for research in Venezuela, and we are pushing along my publication on the Yaruros and the archaeology. However, the work that piled up during my absence of nine months, and my own poor health, have interfered with my activities; but I can assure you that a book on Venezuela will be published soon. What is the feeling about having it translated in Spanish and publishing it in Caracas, perhaps by the government?

I am indeed grateful to Dr. Tinoco for the interest that he continues to show in our project, and you may assure him that there is not loss of interest here. Unfortunately we are somewhat handicapped by lack of research money, but we are continuing our efforts to find backers. The more encouragement we receive from Venezuela the easier it will be for us.

Dr. G. Torres has sent me some newspapers containing several articles on the Motilones and the desirability of pacifying them. I hope that such a movement will gain headway, and of course, I hope that Venezuela will consider us at its disposal. We want scientific informa-

Dr. Alfredo Jahn,

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tion, but also we are not adverse to helping in the performance of a social service.

My best regards to you and your family, and please transmit my greetings to our numerous mutual friends.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruzzo.

June 1, 1954

Sr. Don Manuel Sanchez,
a/c Barberito Hermanos,
San Fernando de Apure,
Est. Apure, Venezuela.

Muy estimado amigo:-

Tengo el gusto de saludar a Vd. y repetirle mis mas expressivos gracias por su generosa hospitalidad durante mi estancia en esa.

Tuve carta del Dr. Jahn en la que me dice que ha recibido el aparato fotografico que perdi en su grata compania y siento las molestias que le haya ocasionado el buscarlo.

En breve enviare a Vd. algunos libros que espero le gusten. Mi estudio sobre los Yaurros progresa lentamente hasta ahora, debido a que tengo que atender a otros trabajos atrasados que se han acumulado durante los nueve meses que pose alla, pero ya pronto podre dedicarme exclusivamente a el, asi como tambien al estudio de la arqueologia que hice con Vd.

Con respeto a mis planes para regresar a su Pais, esperare primero a la publicacion de mis libros. El material que he traído ha sido recibido con el mayor interes y ha dado prestigio al programa de la Universidad. Espero podra continuar Vd. sus excavaciones enviandome de vez en cuando detalles y notas de sus progresos en la misma como hemos convenido.

He encontrado a mi pais cambiado favorablemente en la parte politica y economica, pero hay una crisis con el Japon y a mi parecer solo falta un pretexto cualquiera para entrar en guerra; tengo confianza en que mi Gobierno se mantendra firme y calmo.

Permiteme ofrecer mi respetuosos saludos a su senora y familia y deseando que se encuentran bien, soy de Vd.
S. a. a. y S. S.,

Vincenzo Petruccio.

June 1, 1934

Sr. William Henry Phelps, Jr.,
Almacen Americana,
Caracas,
Venezuela.

Dear Phelps:-

By this time you should be in possession of some publications on tropical fishes, sent by the Academy of Natural Sciences. If you have not received them let me know and I shall see to it that they are sent.

I am informed that there is a society dedicated to the study and the raising of such fish in Philadelphia. Has the Academy sent you any information about it?

I have thought that you would be interested in the activities of our own institution, so you have been put on the mailing lists of the Bulletin, a non-technical publication of ours. We publish the Journal, and books, but these are generally technical and cover practically the entire world. If you let me know which would interest you from time to time they will be forwarded.

Do you think the Bulletin would be fit for the Club?

Please give my regards to Zuloaga, Boulton, but above all to your family. I hope to be among you soon.

My Yaruro book is progressing nicely.

Sincerely,

Vincenzo Petruzzo.

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NEW YORK June 4, 1934

Mr. ^NVecenzo Petruzzo,
c/o University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Petruzzo:

I am most happy to have your letter of May 31 and will read with interest your paper "The People of Matto Grosso" which has just come to hand.

I note your account of your visit to the Yaruros and I shall be most interested in obtaining a copy of your book when completed.

We hear more or less frequent news from the Requeñas and it is gratifying that his health has improved. We also keep in close touch with the Vaamonde family through the most excellent medium of Madame Santana.

It will be a pleasure to see you whenever you are in New York and I would like you to make a note that the company has moved to the R.C.A. Building which is officially known as 30 Rockefeller Plaza. I am located on the 28th floor and I will be very glad to see you any time you come this way.

Thanking you for your letter and with kindest regards in which Mrs. Pannill joins, I am,

Sincerely yours,

F. C. Pannill

FCP:HAN.

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June 8, 1934.

Dear Art:

Thank you for the two prints. They are splendid. Don't you think that it would be better to send me the negatives and I could sort them out to send back to you those that I want enlarged or reproduced? They have to be deposited with the Museum anyway.

In my last letter I asked you some things about the film. Will you look it up please? I should like to settle the entire thing, and the film must also be deposited with the Museum.

Enclosed you will find a photograph we took in Paraguay. I should like to have it enlarged. Johnson may have the negative, but I believe it is spoiled. Could you not rephotograph it? Please try, as I should like to use the picture. Make two enlargements.

I am also enclosing some negatives of my last trip. Will you enlarge them to the maximum, reframing to suit your own taste? I should like to have these soon.

And send a bill.

Best regards to you. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

*Included
Matto found negatives also*

PHILADELPHIA RECORD

BROAD AND WOOD STREETS

PHILADELPHIA

June 9, 1934.

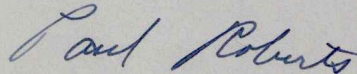
Mr. Vincenzo Petrullo,
University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petrullo:

Enclosed is the photograph which you so kindly lent us, and for which I wish to thank you. I hope you were pleased with the sketch of you which appeared in Sunday's Record. It looked very good to me.

Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time I can be of service to you.

Sincerely,



Paul Roberts.

PR:HG

I am leaving Boston
on the 23rd, and if
you could write me
any suggestions you
may have as to
sites for work, etc,
I should appreciate
it greatly. I just
missed seeing in

61 Mt. Vernon St.

Boston

June 17th

ONE PLYMPTON STREET

Dear Dr. Petrucci,

I have seen your
letter to my father
of May 17th. - I
have, however, decided
to go to Venezuela
again, for the Harvard
Division of Anthropology.

was away last summer,
and again in Phila-
delphia this spring.

Next winter I hope
to have better luck.

I already have
quite a program lined
up, but I should

be really very glad
to know of the places
you suggest.

Very truly yours,

Alfred Kieffer II

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
PRODUCER OF
MOTION PICTURES
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

46 FARRAGUT AVE., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

June
18th
1934

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are your enlargements. Some of the pictures turned out quite well, some were slightly out of focus so they could not be enlarged too great but on the whole I think you will like them.

I am forwarding the Venezuelan movie negative and still negatives under separate cover. No prints were made from the movie negative.

I am wondering Jim if it is possible for you to send me the Matto Grosso print for a few days that I might show them to my folks.

I will send the picture of the Paraguayan woman along in a few days. Enclosed is the bill which includes the copying and print of the old woman.

Sincerely,

Art
Art

P.S. Did Phelps want any prints?
I met a chap here, Jim Higgins,
who went to school with the Vaamondees
and another who went to Europe with
Bill Phelps.
Adios.

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
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University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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Philip Burr Coan
76 Elm Street
Montclair, N.J.

Dr. Vincenzo Petruccio
Anthropology Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Petruccio;

At about this time last year, when completing the courses for my degree, you surprised me very pleasantly by suggesting that you might be able to use me on an expedition into the Peruvian interior. Being extremely interested in such an application of what I have studied in Anthropology, and what I have read concerning the Inca culture, I have tried several times to get in touch with you. The few times I have been in Philadelphia, you have not been at the Museum or at the offices.

Should this trip still be under consideration for any date within the next year, I would like to know whether you can find a place for me. I could be of use to the party in taking notes and writing them up, and also in the physical work entailed in unearthing the various sites. Furthermore, I am competent to care for myself in North American forests, and hence may be able to meet the conditions of Andean jungles, though they are not immediately comparable.

It would be a pleasure to hear from you concerning this question, or to know something of yourself, though I hesitate to impose upon an instructor-student relationship. The only news which I have received of your peregrinations was two items in the papers concerning your trip among the Bororros.

Sincerely,

Philip Burr Coan

June 10, 1934

(Anth. 7, paper on Water
Transportation Among the
North American Indians)

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

June 12, 1934.

Mr. Philip Burr Coan
76 Elm st.
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Coan:

I was about to write to you last Saturday when I was interrupted by the arrival of several Venezuelan friends whom I have been entertaining ever since. I must apologize to you for not answering your letters which came to hand just before I left Venezuela two months ago. I have been trying to clear up my correspondence, but work that piles up over a period of ten months cannot be brushed aside quickly, so I find myself still worrying over things that need immediate attention.

I have not forgotten you, and if you thing of going into archaeology evyrthing that I have said to you still holds. I know your value and I should be most happy to have you work with me in South America.

There is no immediate prospect of working in Peru. The director and I have begun to search for omney with which to continue our field work, but so far nothing has come of it. At any rate, I am quite certain that I shall not leave again for at least three months. It will take at least that long to prepare my Yaruro study for thepress.

Have you any means of raising money ? It really isn't difficult, provided one has the courage and interest to back it up. Think it over.

I should be gladto see. Do you ever come to Philadelphia ? I expect to be here during the summer.

Sincerely yours,

June 13, 1934.

Mr. A. Francis Bennett
250 Park Avenue
New York

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The other day we were honored with a visit by Ambassador Robert Woods Bliss, and I recalled our dinner at his home in 1931, in Buenos Aires. This incident has reminded me of a promise I made to you which I have not kept. I have searched, several times, for your address but I have failed to find it. Yesterday it turned up accidentally.

Under separate cover I am forwarding several things I have published on South America, and I hope that they will partly fulfill my promise. While in Matto Grosso I gathered some information about copper deposits, and it is at your disposal should you still want it.

Permit me to recall the numerous pleasant - serious conversations at the breakfast table of the Western World in the course of the voyage to Buenos Aires -- December-January, 1930-1931. We were going to publish some sort of journal, were we not? I still have my notes on that project.

It would be a pleasure to see you again, and continue our conversations on social-philosophical trends. Should you ever be in Philadelphia I hope you will give me the pleasure of seeing you.

Cordially yours,

June 14, 1934.

Dr. George G. Heye
Museum of the American Indian
Heye Foundation
New York

Dear Dr. Heye:

The Matto Grosso Expedition owns a beautiful collection of Bororo artefacts consisting of some 350 pieces all of which come from the village of Corrego Grande on the São Lorenzo river, Matto Grosso. Mr. Johnson the president of the expedition is offering the collection for sale either in its entirety or in sets. Would you be interested in acquiring it ?

My own work in Venezuela turned out well, and now I am looking forward for ways and means not only to continue my researches, in ethnology principally, but even to increase their scope. My contacts in South America are invaluable and they must not be allowed to elapse. Would you be able to extend any support in the Fall ?

I am looking forward to greeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

July 24, 1934.

Dr. Ira S. Wile
264 west 64th st.
New York

Dear Dr. Wile:

I have been intending to write to you for some time. I have not published anything else on the Yaruros, but I am preparing a book which I hope will be published in the Fall. I shall send it on to you as soon as it is done.

Somewhere in my field notes I have some data for you on left-handedness. Unfortunately the entire notebook is missing, but I hope it will turn up soon, and I shall send this information on to you.

About the end of August the University Press and the Museum will publish a book of mine entitled the Diabolic Root, being a study of the narcotic Peyote and the religious complex associated with it. I believe that it will interest you.

I have been looking forward to seeing you again, and on my next trip to New York I shall take the privilege of calling on you.

Please receive my best regards, and remember me to Mrs. Wile.

Sincerely,

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

GEORGE G. HEYER
CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

June 15, 1934

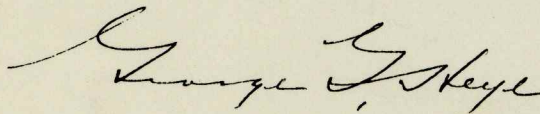
Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Petruccio:

I was glad to receive your letter of June 14th, and would say that we would be decidedly interested in some of the Bororo artifacts.

I would like very much to talk with you regarding this, and also about your work next fall. So, may I suggest that you come over here and see me during the next week? I am leaving the Museum on June 23rd for an extended trip to the West and can see you any day it is convenient, except on Tuesday, June 19th.

Yours very truly,



GGH:B

GEORGE WOODBURY

Box 148

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

18th, June, 1934

Mr. Vincenzo Petrallo,
The University Museum,
Univ. of Penna.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Petrallo;-

Thank you for your letter of the
31st regarding samples of Yaruro Indian head hair.

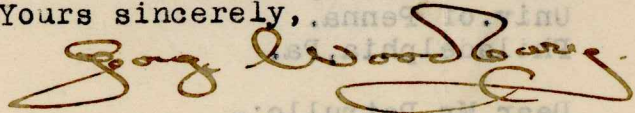
As you can see from the above address
I am no longer connected with the State Museum in Denver.
I am working on physical anthropology in my own laboratory
here.

Due to the nature of my present work
I am not able to undertake commissions gratis but have to
make a small charge for my services. I should like very
much to make you a report on your interesting series
of hair and if you still are interested in having it
done I will make you an estimate on the cost as soon as
I know how large your series is, how many of each sex, the
age, etc.

GEORGE WOODBURY
BOX 148

I shall appreciate hearing from you on this subject and will be very happy to do what I can in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



PS. I have made a extensive collection of hair samples from the stems of both North and South America and I plan at some time to put out an exhaustive study of Indian hair. If you have no other plan for the deposition of your specimens I would greatly appreciate them as I have no specimens, as yet from that particular area.



Due to the nature of my present work I am not able to undertake commissions gratis but have to make a small charge for my services. I should like very much to make you a report on your interesting series of hair and if you still are interested in having it done I will make you an estimate on the cost as soon as I know how large your series is, how many of each sex, the eye, etc.

ARTHUR P. ROSSI
PRODUCER OF
MOTION PICTURES
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

46 FARRAGUT AVE., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

July
9th
1934

Dear Jim:

I hope you received the Venez.
movie and still negatives as they were sent
to you some time ago.

I am expecting to leave on a
trip thru the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mts.
to the Cherokee Indian Reservation the
latter part of this month for a N.Y.man.

The pictures will be scenic together
with one of the mountaineers life and some
some Indian stuff.

I am wondering if you could send
the check along soon as I could use it
nicely on some equipment.

Hoping everything is O.K. and
let me hear from you, I am,

As Ever,

Art.

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

July 11, 1934.

Ernest Briggs Inc.
Times Bldg.
New York

My dear Mr. Briggs:

You will recall we corresponded over a year ago about motion pictures and exploration in Brasil. I am writing to inquire about the possibilities of a lecture tour for next fall and winter. I can lecture on a number of subjects, and suggest the following:

On Peyote and Peyotism. -- Peyote is a narcotic which has been the basis of a religion for hundreds of years to many Indian tribes of Mexico, and more recently to many on U. S. reservations. I am publishing a book under the title "The Diabolic Root". It will be out in the fall. (September, I hope). The religious content of the movement should prove highly interesting to numerous groups.

On Matto Grosso, Brasil. Illustrated with motion pictures and slides. I could make up at least three lectures.

On Venezuela. Illustrated with motion pictures and slides. I could deal both with the cities and the interior. I can also lecture on an extremely primitive group of crocodile and turtle hunters. A book on these people will appear sometime in the fall.

A general lecture on South America.

The above are merely suggestions. I have a great deal of material, and since I am interested in the tour merely for what money there may be in it, I don't care which subject or subjects would be chosen. Lecturing is not new to me.

Sincerely yours,

Vincenzo Petruccio

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

July 12, 1934.

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

Dear Art:

Thank you for the prints. I like them very much. I have received the negatives also. Enclosed please find cheque.

I am sorry I have delayed in answering you. I am under medical care for those damn parasites, and I am in and out of the Museum with the result that not much is done.

In a previous letter I asked you if you could give me the name of somebody with Pathé to whom I could write concerning the rest of the Venezuelan film. Could you do that before going away?

I am glad you have something to do in the near future. I wish you the greatest success. We are planning a large expedition to Venezuela and Brasil, and if it turns out you will hear from the Museum.

On your south try to stop in to see me.

The Brazilian motion pictures will be sent to you whenever you want them. The only difficulty is that they are not on reels, and I don't how soon I shall get the time to patch them up, etc. If you like to have them in their present condition I shall be glad to send them to you. Also, we have a great deal of scraps etc. which I believe could be made up into a reel. Why not stop in, look the stuff over and make up something for yourself?

Best regards. I hope you will drop in.

Sincerely,

CONGRESS HOTEL AND ANNEX

CHICAGO

H.L. KAUFMAN, PRESIDENT

July 16, 1934

Vincenzo Petruccio
University of Pennsylvania Museum
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Petruccio:

I would like very much to book your lectures.

It would need cuts and about fifty dollars for circulars which is usually \$150 to less desirable lecturers.

I have recommended you to the Brooklyn Institute list and while they do not pay much it would be a help in advertising. If you want to get out the printing I will run over to Philadelphia anytime. Just leaving for New York. Have been here putting on a Tony Sarg parade and will be home for two weeks and then in New England working with my family there on a vacation. Hope to hear from you

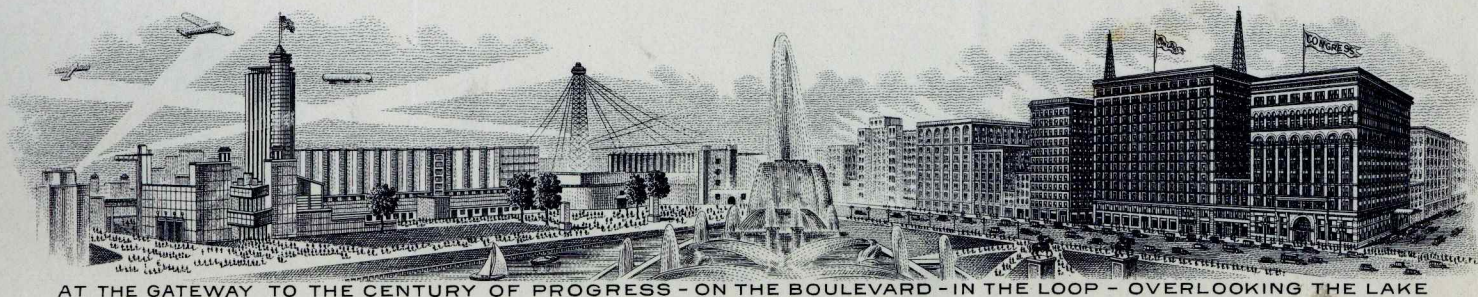
Faithfully yours

Ernest Briggs
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Two hundred and sixty-four
West Seventy-third Street

New York City
July 23, 1934

Mr. Vincenzo Petruccio
University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia. Pa.

Dear Mr. Petruccio:

I enjoyed very much reading
your account of the Yaruros in the University
Museum Bulletin. Vol. 5. I am wondering
whether you have published any additional
article dealing with this Indian group. If so,
I should like very much to have a copy of it
for my files.

With kindest greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ira S. Wile

Ira S. Wile.M.D.

Two hundred and sixty-four
West Seventy-third Street

New York City
July 25, 1934

Professor Vincenzo Petruccio
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia. Pa.

Dear Professor Petruccio:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th. I shall look forward to seeing your material on the Yaruros as well as what I know will be an interesting discussion of the Diabolic Root.

I certainly hope that note book turns up because I am still gathering data on lefthandedness despite the fact that the first volume of my book on this subject will appear in October.

You will be interested in a chapter that Margaret Mead has written concerning the general subject of chastity which is to appear in a volume that I am editing on The Sex Life of the Unmarried Adult, which is to appear in September.

Mrs. Wile and I should be very glad to see you and I certainly hope that you will let us know when you are in New York again.

With kindest greetings in which Mrs. Wile joins, I am

Sincerely yours,
Ira S. Wile
Ira S. Wile.M.D.

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Management Ernest Briggs, Inc.

ERNEST BRIGGS,
PRESIDENT
TIMES BUILDING, NEW YORK

July 26, 1934

Vincenzo Petrullo
The University Museum
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Mr. Petrullo:

I would be very glad to work for you for lectures.

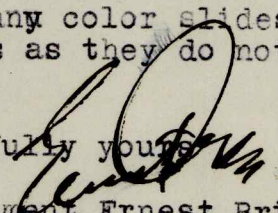
There would be two ways.

First, you provide us with 1000 circulars and \$25 to cover mailing and we will work for engagements available from Philadelphia and returning to Philadelphia after each engagement.

Second, you provide us with necessary photographs and data for a four page 8x11 circulars and we will get up a standard circular and get them out in quantity and charge you \$150 for the circulars and distribution which would be all over the United States and Canada and would involve a campaign to make a consecutive tour.

In the meantime let me know by return mail if you can take a date with the Brooklyn Institute next winter and if you have any color slides and just what you have in the way of slides as they do not use films as a rule.

Faithfully yours,


Management Ernest Briggs, Inc
By Ernest Briggs, President.

EB H

*File
Schiedt*

L043 Wheatland Avenue
Lancaster, Pa., July 27, 1934.

Dr. Vincenzo Petrullo,
Professor of Anthropology,
University of Pennsylvania,
University Museum,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Petrullo:

Enclosed find letter of introduction, as promised. I am sorry that I can not give you much encouragement as to the success of your mission, but the days of miracles are not yet over. The greatest obstacle in your way is, at present, Mr. Hershey's age. He is 77 years old, and his health has been rather precarious of late, so that he had to spend a good part of his time in foreign health resorts. But I hope for the best and trust you may succeed. With all good wishes

Sincerely yours

R. L. Schiedt

V.C.
Sanchez,

San Fernando 11 de Agosto de 1934.

Señor Dr Vincenzo Petrucci.
Filadelfia.

Muy estimado amigo:

En mi poder su muy atenta del 1º de junio, la cual me ha sido muy grato leer, pues por ella veo: que Ud ha llegado bien a su país y que le ha dado muy buen resultado tanto a Ud, como a su Universidad su viaje a estas regiones, reciba por esto mis felicitaciones. No tiene porque darme las gracias por mis atenciones, solo su gentileza puede apreciarla así, Ud debe perdonarme que no lo haya atendido como Ud lo merece, sirva de atenuante lo apartado de esta zona y lo poco frecuentada por personas de su categoría, causa por la cual, lo dejé a uno desprevenido para poder cumplir como es debido, así es: que le repito que se sirva dispensarme y erijole me crea su amigo.

El aparato fotográfico apareció cerca del hato "Trauquitas", como a 500 metros, y en seguida lo enviaron aquí, llegó el mismo día que Ud se fué para Caracas y atendiendo a sus instrucciones lo envié en la primera oportunidad al Dr Fahm para que lo pusiera a las órdenes de Ud.

Quedo en cuenta de que será Ud tan amable con el suscrito, al enviarme algunos libros, que seguramente serán de mi agrado.

He sentido que su proyectado viaje para esta haya sido

aplazado y ojalá se logren pronto sus deseos de volver. Hasta hoy no he hecho ningún trabajo de excavaciones, pues estábamos muy ocupados en los trabajos de ganados, pero ahora que tenemos menos trabajo, me propongo, al regresar al hato, verificarlos y algo notable que encuentre con mucho gusto se lo enviaré.

Tanto mi familia como yo agradecemos sus atentos saludos y muy gustosamente se los retornamos y aprovecho esta oportunidad para repetirle de Ud. su atento amigo y d.S.

M. Sánchez

Caracas, Aug. the 25th 1934

Dr. Vincenzo Tobullo.
University Museum.

Philadelphia.

My dear friend:

Having been abroad for some time, a good deal of my correspondence is still in delay and it is thus only to-day that I had opportunity to answer your kind letter dated April 20. and to express my gratitude for the wonderful Yaruro-photos and for all that interesting and valuable ethnological and archaeological literature published by the Museum and which so kindly has been offered to me. I beg to express my thankful feelings to the Museum - directory.

With special interest have I read your reports on the Yaruros and Farablos articles on his amazonian travels - and I would be very thankful for further sending of all South American ethnological literature published by the Museum.

I am anxious to have the complete results of

your Garuro research and hope that this first
success of your Venezuelan visit will lead
to a complete ethnological exploration, as we
planned last year and which is, undoubtedly,
the most urgent desideratum of South American
ethnology.

I hope we will have soon the pleasure of
seeing you again in Venezuela and among
our Indians.

Trusting that I may hear from you and
your interesting activity and ^{with} Mrs. Johnson,
Chitini's and my own regards & greetings to
you and your family

I am sincerely yours

A. Wilson

g. Torres File Venezuelan C.

La Guaira: 13 de octubre de 1.934.-

Mi querido Profesor:

Un millón de gracias por su fina atención y amables recuerdos enviándome su interesante libro "The Diabolic Root", publicación con la cual contribuye usted grandemente a enriquecer mas la Etnología americana que tanto debe a ese género de investigaciones.- Ya estoy leyendo tan curiosa exposición.- Anteriormente había recibido sus otros envíos, igualmente importantes.-

Todos en mi casa lo recordamos con especial agrado y hacemos votos por su bienestar.-

Lo saluda su amigo,

Al Señor
Profesor

Vincenzo Petrullo
The University Museum
Philadelphia.-

File Tinoco *Venezuelan*



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Edm. Tinoco

saluda atentamente a su distinguido amigo señor doctor Vincenzo Petruzzo, con ocasión de avisarle recibo y darle sus más cumplidas gracias por el obsequio de su obra "The Diabolic Root", la cual leerá con el mayor interés.-

TINOCO se vale de esta oportunidad para renovar al señor doctor Petruzzo el testimonio de su consideración y personal aprecio.-

CARACAS, 26 de octubre de 1.934.-

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V.C.

November 15, 1934

Mr. John P Phelps,
El Automovil
Universal Caracas,
Venezuela, S.A.

Dear Mr. Phelps:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your check for the sum of \$54.27, the selling price of the Oakland, and to thank you for taking care of this matter for me. I am indeed grateful for the assistance you so generously extended to me during my stay in Caracas. I am hoping to return to Venezuela in the near future, in fact as soon as I am completely cured from several intestinal parasites

Please receive my kindest regards and extend the same to Mrs. Phelps, believe me.

Yours sincerely,

VP:MG

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Caracas: 31 de Octubre de 1934

Señor Dr. Vicencio Petrullo,
The University Museum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia.

Muy señor nuestro:

Tenemos el gusto de acompañar a
la presente cheque N° 78656 de The National City Bank,
por la suma de \$ 54.27, que cubre la suma de Bs 213.75
al cambio de Bs 3.93, en que fué vendido su automóvil
Oackland usado.

Esperando que encontrará esto de su conformidad,
aprovechamos la ocasión para suscribirnos,

Sus attos. S. S. y amigos,

AV.

Cia. Anón. EL AUTOMOVIL UNIVERSAL

John S. Phelps
PRESIDENTE

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V.C.

Caracas, Nov. 16th. 1934..

Phelps

Dear Petruccio:

First of all, a thousand pardons for not having written you sooner and thanked you for the books on fishes which you so kindly had sent to me. They have proved very interesting and have helped me identify several species which popular 'tropical Fish' books do not list.

Your book on Peyotism arrived a few days ago and I have only glanced through it. However not many days will pass before I have read it through.

Have you written any thing about your trip to Apure and your experiences with the Indians down there?

What are your plans for the near future? Do you contemplate returning to Venezuela to continue the study of other Indian tribes? If so you must let me know. I am looking forward to some more 'bull' sessions in the CCC with you, and Guillermo, and Alfredo?

We still have some 'liquid' peyote left. As a matter of fact we have two batches of it. No body has volunteered to take a swig of the stuff.

You probably know that in the second 'Session' of Peyote we had a girl along! She is an American girl who was then visiting 'Dada' and his wife; she is a darned good sport and decided she too wanted to take the stuff. While in the 'Bar' at home she saw nothing at all. We took her home at about two A.M. and then, in bed, she says she saw all kinds of fantastic things, mainly very vividly colored animals. Alfredo had the most amusing 'vision': a locomotive whose front end consisted of an immense silver ear (about the same size as the locomotive). Also he decided to test the antiaphrodisiac effect. He betook himself to one our French ladies and reports that his manhood was just saved by sheer will-power. Throughout the experiment, I of course, continued to see phantastic fishes.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas in advance, and with best regards,

