



# Hotel Tequendama

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Dear Doctor Stenzel,

Please excuse me for not writing to you for such a long time. Hope you are fine, and that you like your new job. I read somewhere that you were with the University of Houston as head of the Geology Dept.

As for me, I am enroute from Peru back to Venezuela. Stopped over for day and a half to visit friends in Bogota - and to see the country. Except for lack of oxygen (elev. 8,600'), Bogota is a nice place. Too cold in the winter. Went to Peru in Oct of 55 on a 3-month loan - and stayed almost 1 1/2 years. Set on 4 wildcats in the Sclerua Desert. Then the past 6 months in the jungle not too far from Brazil on a deep wildcat. Lived in houseboats on the Rio Marañon. Communicated by 2-way radios and one plane weekly. That last well man

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dry too. In all, the Texas Co. has drilled 7 wells in Peru with no luck. I didn't like Peru very much. Work was a bit rougher. On the desert job I had no relief and was forced to do my own cooking. Lived on the well-site in a trailer house. Living conditions in the jungle were O.K. - but the Indian girls not much. Lina, however, has very beautiful women. Kinda hated to leave them!

Will probably spend the next 6 months in Venezuela, perhaps Caracas. Am due for another 2-month vacation in the States in Sept. While home, I'll try to drop in to see you.

On my way out of Ven. in Oct. of '55, I ran into Sharp in Maracaibo. He was on his way into the field. Was doing field geology for Crude, I believe.

Hope to see you in Sept or Oct. and I'd appreciate hearing from you sometime. Doctor Stenzel.

With best regards,

Pippie