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Dear Doc

Was very happy to receive your letter
my apologies for not visiting with you
more during vacation - but things didn't
seem to work out so I could.

I'm glad to know all the news about school,
kinda surprised the Bureau takes such an
attitude regarding publications. Que va?

Things are going very nicely with
Creole for me - I am quite happy. I saw
Tom in Caracas just before "Comunal",
he was in for his work week & I was in
helping my boss with a report. Remember
my writing? Terrible wasn't it - still is
I guess - have had no complaints yet - however
have written only monthly reports. The complaints
will probably come later on longer reports.

I share a very nice apartment in Caracas -
made the deal the last time I was in town
through an friend. Glass doors, balcony,
over looks the entire city. Tom doesn't
think about it yet - but I saved a place
for him - and remember just like it.

I'll see him Monday - maybe going
to Colon on the Colombian border for
Creole biological convention. It

will last all week.

The country here south of Lake Maracibo & north of the andes is still a little rough. Usual amount of snakes, mosquitoes, ticks, thorns and flash floods. The rains are quite heavy at this time of year - daily in fact - and a fellow has to watch for signs of an "enfermedad" when working the quebradas. None killed my shoe of snakes & had a "cocal" attach himself to my left boot - no damage - good boots. Lots of "ligua" tracks & signs & one marked a Venezuelan war her not long ago - when being very I guess they will attack. Anyway they are big enough to get the job done - if they so desire.

I'm sitting here - chewing on a lechosa as I write - so please excuse all lechosa droppings - just trying to give your letter a little local "color" *¡la! ¡la! ¡la! ¡la!*

I guess I was cut out for this kind of life Doc - I seem to thrive out here - had a check up in Caracas and they wanted to send me over to the blood bank afterwards too healthy - famous last words (?) hope not.

Always happy to hear from you & will be looking forward to your next letter. Speaking of your classes - I ought to go back - and this time maybe I would stick in! As always - the best to you -

Bill