

1 March 1953
Guanare, Ven.
Sunday

Dear Professor-

Was very happy to receive your letter 15 February - as always you brought good news. Thanks very much for submitting my map to the convention - although I can think of a lot of people who deserve credit for that map - much more than I. If it is not too late I would suggest you placing your name on it - in front of mine - I am completely serious - that was a joint project - your brains - and my ? I don't know what. By the way how is that interpretation holding up? Still valid or not?

Glad to hear Tom is doing so well, and is heading southward. What company is he coming down with? We will be looking forward to seeing him soon - although I won't be in Caracas for any length of time until June. As it is now I work here in the field six weeks and have one week in Caracas. You will be happy to hear that my three immediate bosses are very pleased with your old student - and I have been promised a nice "tidbit" if I continue to do as well - of course this all depends - and hangs in the future - which no one can predict. Vamos a ver. Please say nothing about this - I haven't said anything to Brick about it - since nothing is definite. The main thing is -- they want me to stay in surface work. At present I am working in the foothills of the Andes near the town of Guanare in the state of Portuguesa. Tuesday we are moving a camp up-stream on the Rio Tucupido and will have a rough fly-camp life for some four weeks.

Marsha has done a wonderful job raising Johnny - we still haven't moved things out of his reach - and we still have no problem child. He is a wonderful child - AND I AM NOT PREJUDICED.

Thanks again for the good news - would it be possible to get a copy of the Guidebook? I'll close now - have payrolls yet to figure for the boys and since they will be gone for such a long period of time they will need money for their families - advances, etc.

Hoping this finds all well with you and your family -

Best regards as always

Bies