

very takingly at the Fed.-
Music Clubs.

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Dear Laura:

I've been trying &
trying to find out more about
Frederic A. Delano of Washington
& his trip to Yucatan. His
wife and he are more or less
friends of ours - quite well off;
& they had 2 daughters in Boys
hears - a bond.

This week I found myself
at a Birth Control hearing
in the Senate seated next Mrs.
Delano. (They had asked for
an "intelligent backing" of listeners,
& of course we'd responded!)
She drove me home. I felt
around about Yucatan. You

may know more about Mr.
D.'s connection with it than I.
I gathered that the Carnegie
Institution invited him to
go - (it was in Feb., I believe)
They, as I understand, have
sole right to excavate there,
but must leave everything
in place. It was Mr. D.
who, in a chance conversation
with this Chile botanist,
discovered that the latter had
seen these further ruins.

Says I to Mrs. D. (please
forgive my officiousness; you
may have already predestined
all your Yucatan photographs)
"I wonder whether it would
be a good idea for my friend,

(who is the most brilliant photog-
rapher in the U.S.) to send her
Yucatan photos to the Geographic.
"Oh - do let Mr. Delano see
them first!" he implored.
I told her I didn't know
whether you'd taken natives or
ruins, or both.

Of course you wouldn't sell
'em outright; but who knows,
he might order a set. I suppose
you ought to copyright them
if he's to publish them.

This is all perhaps - a lot of
hokey. But I do know that
Mr. Delano is simply obsessed
with Yucatan; & thought something
might be made of the fact.

Love to you. We're off to
Waltham & Maine June 1st.
Just heard E. Mapother talk