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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin;

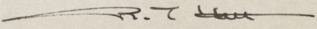
Since I am lecturing several times this month on my recent field work in Yucatan I have arranged to set up a display of your photographs in our Museum. I received your portfolio and a few of the Catherwood plates and will exhibit them soon.

This trip I spent most of my time at Hacienda Calcehtok, near which are some very fine caves. Photographic possibilities in one of them, Actun Spukil, would be good for one having adequate artificial illumination. I used magnesium flares for taking Kodachrome motion pictures in the caves, but from the standpoint of a photographer the results are rather poor. In the caves I conducted considerable excavations. These caves, as I presume you know, had been fortified by the Maya because of their importance as a source of water.

In Quintana Roo I stayed at Hacienda Santa Rosa, which is 25 kilometers from Peto, and at Esmeralda at the southern end of Lake Chichancanob, which may be reached by following the same road. There are no ruins of photogenic quality at either of these places and there are other localities where one can more comfortably photograph the jungle.

Judge Hulbert is in reasonably good health, considering his years, but for some years Mrs. Hulbert has been in a very poor condition. I am very sorry that I do not know Miss Maud Hulbert and can tell you nothing of her.

Sincerely,


Robert T. Hatt
Director

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