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Dear Hi,

Thanks so very much for the picture, only it makes me want to ask for more once I see myself to add to the happy family group which it rightfully belongs.

Since I saw you last, I have been busier than ever before, and I think with better results, the telling of which is the Christmas
message that I am
saved up for you—
listen then, and rejoice
with me.

I am to be sent by the
Smithsonian Institution
this winter to Guatemala
to make an investigation
of the volcano Santi-
aguaria which was in
eruption last year.

The opportunity is an
unusual one and it
has come true out of
a clear sky. It is
unnecessary to say that
I am very much
as it is all
quiet in line with my
ideas as to future work.
I expect to learn about
the middle of January
and return when I
finish — possibly in April.
It isn’t our official end
as do not say anything
about it. I only
before the first of January.
From now on life will
be a strange mixture of
dinners and dances and
hurried preparations for
the field — I really can’t
do anything else
and can’t tell how I
are going or who is going with me, but I'll drop you a line before I start to say adio.

And now the happiest Christmas to you all.

E.

Dec. 23.