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From P. P. Calvert, Zoological Labry., University of
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Profesor J. Fidel J.

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Carta del
Dr. Calvert,
de Filadelfia, Pa.
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Feby. 5, 1918.

Dear Professor Tristan,

Your letter of Dec. 4, 1917, the very interesting photographs of the craters of Irazú, showing the eruptions of steam, etc., and the articles in "La Informacion", and especially your report in "La Gaceta" all gave me the greatest pleasure to receive. I read them all very attentively and studied the photographs. I was able to identify the various craters from your photographs before I read the legends under those which are reproduced in your report. On account of our three visits to Irazú and especially of our camp there in the last day of March & first day of April, 1910, we feel that we know some places in Irazú very well and are consequently deeply interested in whatever happens

there.

I received also the photographs which your brother don José María Tristán sent me from the craters of Irazú, as taken on his expedition of Dec. 20/17, and I am writing to him also about them.

Some of our students here have a "Naturalists' Field Club" and, as they asked me to speak to them at their meeting in January, I told them of our visits to Irazú and then of your account of the eruptions of 1917, showing your and your brother's pictures by means of a projecting lantern ("balopticon"). They were very much interested. I send you the copy of their program of this meeting.

Please accept my best thanks for sending me all these things. My — our — interest in Costa Rica continues as great as ever and we hope that in some future year, when

the great war is over, we may see the República and you again!

Speaking of Irazú, I have noticed a mistake in our book concerning it: on page 134, the date for Dr. Sapper's visit should be 1899 instead of 1889. We were very glad to learn of the lecture which Señorita da Gallegos gave of our work at the Collegio.

I thank you also for the copy of Professor Gagini's book on "Los Aborígenes de Costa Rica," which I would like to keep, if another copy can be spared for the library of the University Museum. I believe that Prof. Frederic Starr, of the University of Chicago, is interested in this subject; perhaps Professor Gagini knows of his work.

We shall be anxious to know whether the eruptions of Irazú have increased or decreased in intensity, as you will ^{have} learned if you have made

another visit to the volcano in January.

For myself I have been very much occupied with the teaching at the University and the editing of "Entomological News", but I hope this year to do more with the study of the Costa Rican Odonata.

With the kindest regards of Mrs. Balvert and myself to you, Señora de Iristán, your little son Luis and the other members of your family, I remain

Yours very truly
Philip P. Balvert.