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**LETTERS TO AND FROM GUATEMALA
 FLOWN BY DORNIER DoX FLYING BOAT**

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The DoX “flying boat” was produced by the Dornier Company of Germany in 1929 in a plant by Lake Constance at Altenrhein. First conceived by Dr. Claude Dornier in 1924, planning started in late 1925 and after over 240,000 work-hours it was finally completed in June 1929. The 12-engine flying boat



delivering a total of 7,500 horsepower was the largest, heaviest, and most powerful flying boat in the world with a solid hull, 42 meters long and capable of carrying on board 170 passengers. It was endowed with huge fuel tanks to allow the airship fly about 2,500 km, its speed was estimated achieving 220 km per hour.

It was intended for luxurious travel with passenger accommodation approaching the standards of trans-Atlantic liners.

To introduce the huge DoX flying boat to the potential United States market, the airship took off from Friedrichshafen, Germany on 3 November 1930, under the command of Friedrich Christiansen for a transatlantic test flight to New York. The route took the DoX flying ship to the Netherlands, England, France, Spain, and Portugal. The journey was interrupted at Lisbon