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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

2, BUCKINGHAM PALACE MANSIONS,
S. W. I.

TEL. SLOANE 8628.

January 1, 1959

My dear Wilson -

It seems a long time since I have heard from you, and I only wish that I could have come and paid you a visit as you so kindly asked me to do when you were last in England. Nevertheless, as I shall shortly be giving up the work I am at present doing, I hope that a visit to you towards the end of the year may be possible.

I would now be very grateful if you would do me a favour. An old friend of mine, Mr. W. A. Lee, C.B.E., who before nationalisation was Chairman of the Mining Association of Great Britain, is about to visit Jamaica. He sails on the "Golfito" on January 13 which, I believe, arrives at Kingston about January 26. He will be staying for a very few days at Port Antonio, but I am wondering if you could ask the Manager of the Fruit Company to arrange for someone to meet him on the boat when he arrives at Kingston. I know that the Fruit Company could help him a lot and could tell him the best places to visit, for you will appreciate that this visit will be very brief.

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I should be most grateful therefore for anything you can do on his behalf.

I hope that you and Helen and the family are keeping well, and I shall much look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future.

J. Ewen.

Rawdon [Rawdon
Hoare]

January 12, 1959

Mr. Henry F. Bicknell
Kingston, Jamaica

Dear Mr. Bicknell:

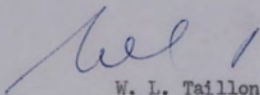
Mr. W. A. Lee, C. B. E. who before nationalization in England, was chairman of the Mining Association of Great Britain will visit Jamaica soon. He sails on the "Golfito" on January 13th and I believe the arrival date at Kingston is January 26th.

Mr. Lee is an old friend of one of Dr. Wilson Popenoe's friends in London. The latter would deeply appreciate any assistance given to Mr. Lee in planning his visit in Jamaica. He wants to spend a few days in Port Antonio.

Both Doctor Popenoe and I will be very grateful indeed if you would have someone meet Mr. Lee on arrival and advise him on best places to visit in Jamaica.

Many thanks, and I take this opportunity to extend best wishes for 1959.

Sincerely yours,



W. L. Taillon

EC: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓

*Returning your friend's
letter*

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 January 1959

Col. Rawdon Hoare
2, Buckingham Palace Mansions,
London SW 1.

Dear Rawdon:

Both Helen and myself were delighted to have news of you once more, and especially to learn that you may be coming this way. We returned two weeks ago from a year in the Old World - mostly Spain, but sightseeing in Italy and Greece and a visit to Israel to help the boys with their banana problems (they have 5000 acres of Cavendish in production) and to the Canaries to see what they are doing in the wonderful little Jardin de Aclimatación at Orotava, established in 1788. We now expect to stay in this part of the world, so you can pretty well count on our being here when you come over, and we have lots of room. In fact, your bedroom is 32 x 44 feet.

About your friend Mr W.A. Lee: Since I am no longer and official of United Fruit I thought it would be best if Bill Taillon, whom you will doubtless remember as a Timekeeper at Tela when you were there and who is now General Manager for Guatemala, would write the Manager in Jamaica, Henry Bicknell, which he did, asking Mr Bicknell to have Mr Lee met as you suggested. I know Harry Bicknell but now as well as I knew the previous four managers in Jamaica. I feel sure Mr Lee will receive appropriate assistance, and am glad that you wrote about him.

Helen joins in warmest regards.

Ever yours,

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January 21, 1959

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus of the
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2,
Antigua,
Guatemala, C.A.

My dear Wilson,

So many thanks for your kind letter of January 16. I shall most certainly not forget about coming out in the comparatively near future to see both you and Helen. It will give me immense pleasure and is something which I have looked forward to for many years. My bedroom sounds quite delightful.

It is most good of you to have written about Mr. W. A. Lee to Bill Taillon, whom I think I remember as a Timekeeper when I was Superintendent of Progreso, but I may be wrong. I certainly remember his name. I feel sure that Mr. Lee will get all the assistance possible.

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Let me thank you again for your kindly
act, and please let me also send my warmest
regards to both you and Helen.

Yours as ever,

Rawdon.

[Rawdon Hoare]

Please remember me to
Bill Tailor and thank him
for me for having written

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