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 Airmail Post Card
   
 Dr. Wilson Popance
   
 Calle de la Nolluya
   
 Antigua, Guatemala,
   
 Central America
   
 Kingston - July 8, '65
   
 Dear Pop:
   
 All here have enjoyed a
   
 very fine meeting - 150 people +.
   
 We all missed you. John
   
 and his wife are home from Miami.
   
 Bob Armitage and I ended up in a
   
 room with Bert Roggins.
   
 Eric Smile
   
 Business meeting went
   
 as you would have wished.
   
 We now have the editorial
   
 committee of 3 as planned.
   
 Johnny Lynch also key there.
   
 Bob

Dec. 23, '70

Dear Pop:

Wishing for a healthy happy  
Christmas for you and Mrs. Popenoe.

We visited your house on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>  
but you were away.

I'm sending via Bob  
Hunter a few seeds of:

Carica candamarcensis  
and

Carica chrysopetala

which are old friends of yours. The seeds  
came to me from Ecuador. I hope  
they grow for you.

I noticed you had some  
fine seed pods of Silicis philippinense  
[sometimes called (S. formosanus)] in your  
patis. If they are ripe can you send



me a few via Bob Hunter?

All good wishes. If you ever  
come to congested El Salvador please  
let us know.

Ernie Smiley

4/0 U.S. Embassy

San Salvador

Home Tel. 235704

Antigua, Guatemala, 4 January 1971

Dear Ernie,

Mighty sorry to have missed you here. I am sure you must come over to Guatemala every once in a while, so when you do, be sure to drop in on us; there is always a pot of frijoles on the stove and some guisquiles cocidos al lado. I would like muchly to talk with you about your work in El Salvador.

Thanks for the Carica seeds. Its a long time since I have seen any of these babages and chamburus or whatever you sent. I think I better put these seeds with Arturo Falla who is doing the very best job here in plant introduction and has a place near here at 7000 feet. I am helping him get going on peaches and pears, and he is making fine progress.

I am enclosing seeds of the Lillium you saw in our patio - seeds from the very same plant. I have never been too sure about the specific identification but like yourself I call it L. philippinense even the Bailey et al dont admit that this species grows to 7 feet as it does in our patio - which I think as a matter of fact is due to its location on the north side of the corridor. I assume you must know this lily; we think it is a grand thing, it does so well here and I dont see why it would be a good florists flower, though it does not hit the Easter market. Maybe with a little calcium cyanamide or sumpin we could change its season.

I am having a hard time trying to do all the work I want to do, with no help in my "office". I would like to spend a few days in El Salvador. A ver que dice Dios.

Ever yrs



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USDA-AID PARTICIPATING AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT  
C/O UNITED STATES EMBASSY  
SAN SALVADOR - EL SALVADOR

January 9, 1971

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Calle de la Nobleza  
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Pop:

Many thanks for the Lilium seeds. There is a tall form and a shorter form of L. philippense and a few-years ago the horticulturists were lumping them both together or calling the shorter form L. philippense var. formosanum or simply L. formosanum, I'm not sure what the latest or correct nomenclature is.

The tall form which you have, grows tall even in full sun and is a lusty plant. Both forms are very susceptible to the lily viruses and to Fusarium bulb rots neither of which were bothering your plants although I only had a quick glance at them.

They will do well here I'm sure but I haven't seen anyone growing them. They grow L. longiflorum but the entire stock is loaded with several viruses and quality is very poor as a rule.

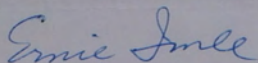
The highland type of papaya seeds I sent you with Bob Hunter may fail to germinate. I have learned from Ing. Tamacas here in Horticulture that the sample I gave him did not germinate. I'm asking for more seeds from my contact in Ecuador. If they come I will share some with you.

Thank you for your kind invitation which we in turn would like to offer the same to you and Mrs. Popenoe. We certainly will stop by if and when we get up there again. Should you come here we'll have a chance to visit. I saw the Rubus glaucus at Los Andes recently. The plants are doing well and the foreman said it was a paying proposition. The plants did not appear to be bearing heavily but perhaps with fruit production the year around or for a long season their total per acre may equal those of some temperate zone berries. They are delicious.



The United Fruit Company (formerly called) seems to be going through another period of agony and change. I'm sorry they were bought out. It may bring them some sad days.

With best wishes for 1971,



ERNEST P. IMLE  
USTA-Team Leader

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