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# J. L. LACAYO

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, C. A.

TELEFONO J-3166  
APARTADO 1941

16th. July 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua  
Guatemala.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you through the courtesy of Stark Bro's Nurseries, Louisiana, Mass. who have kindly given me your name.

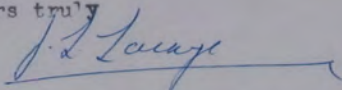
At their suggestion I am writing to ask you what corrective action can be taken to overcome certain difficulties I am having in my subtropical area in Costa Rica in connection with some apple and peach trees which I obtained from them.

I planted the trees in my farm on the 15th. March 1963, and some three weeks later they all came into bud, and showed good growth, and some two months later all the trees had plenty of leaves, however about six months ago, the trees shed their leaves with the exception of one apple tree "Stark Golden Delicious" which tree continued to make good progress, and at the moment has nice fresh looking leaves, and has developed well. The soil conditions are good rather on the clay side, and well drained. The height is some 6000 feet above sea level, average temperature about 60 ft. and falls to 48/50 during the months of October/December, even lower at times but I have never known it lower than 40° ft. We get plenty of sun most days, but never excessive heat. I have used fertilisers, and organic manure, and sprayed with insecticides. I am wondering whether the leaves are falling on account of root growth. I would tell you however that leaves are now commencing to show again on the trees, but the growth seems slow. In the same land I have native peach trees which have produced an excellent crop of fruit this year, the crop has just about finished. Some time ago I had a farm situated some 1000 feet lower, and I produced some good apples, with average weight, I do not know the class of apple, as they were there when I purchased the place.

I would be most grateful for any information which you might be able to give me in respect of the abnormalities which I am experiencing. I should like to obtain some apple trees from Guatemala which might suit this climate better. I purchased the tree from Stark as an experiment.

Hoping I may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

Yours truly



Antigua, Guatemala, 27 August 1964

Sr don J.L. Lacayo,  
San José de Costa Rica.

My dear señor Lacayo:

When I tell you that I have six people here in my house for the past two months, I hope you will pardon me for not having replied more promptly to your letter of 16 July.

I wish you had told me in what region you have planted the trees from Stark Bro's, because I am fairly familiar with Costa Rica and have been interested for many years in the possibility of developing the production of temperate zone fruits in your country. You say you are at 6000 feet. That is minimum, or below minimum, for most of the temperate zone fruits, in Central America, and a greater problem in most regions is the wet climate, as for example on the slopes of the volcano Irazú.

First of all, you must take into consideration the chilling requirements of the temperate zone fruits. Here in Guatemala and El Salvador we can give you the results of our experience. As regards, peaches, which require the least cold weather (with exception of the varieties from the United States such as Elberta) you should be able to get better peaches than you are now getting - I assume - by planting some of the new hybrids from California, which are better in quality than the common peaches here in Central America, though not much so. Plums come next, as regards the chilling requirement, and we have found that Satsuma needs the least chilling, but is not the very best dessert plum; then Santa Rosa. We are now trying Methley, which we believe very promising. As regards pears, at 6000 feet you may have to use the Japanese hybrids, of which we are finding, so far, that the variety is about the best. And as for apples, Winter Banana is doing better here at lower elevations than Delicious, which here should have about 6500 to 7000 feet and a rather dry climate.

Baldwin

The main thing is, to plant varieties which we are finding will succeed in the tropical highlands; those which do not need too much cold weather. But we must also take into account the moisture factor. I may be in Costa Rica in late October or early November and would be happy to talk with you and perhaps look at your land if you would care to have me do so. You can learn of my plans through my good old friend Luis Cruz B. or Oton Jimenez.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

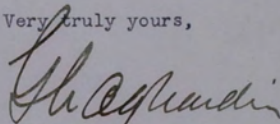
October 3, 1941

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your Letter of Authorization No. 15-(FAR)-2, dated  
September 1, 1941, is attached. I am also enclosing copies  
of Voucher for per diem and/or Reimbursement of Expenses  
Incident to Official Travel. An original and two copies  
should be filled out and returned to Mr. William H. Rohrman.

Very truly yours,



G. Laguardia  
In Charge  
Division of Latin American Agriculture

Enclosures - 8

**VOUCHER FOR PER DIEM AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT  
 OF EXPENSES INCIDENT TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL**

D. O. Vou. No. ....  
 Bureau No. ....

(Statement of account must be completely filled in by payee prior to signature, and there must not be any erasure or alteration unless initialed or signed by him.)

General Accounting Office  
**PREAUDIT**  
 Certified for payment in the  
 sum of \$ .....  
 COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF  
 THE UNITED STATES  
 By .....

U. S. ....  
 (Department, bureau, or establishment)  
**THE UNITED STATES, Dr., To** .....  
 (Payee)  
 .....  
 (Address)  
**Official Headquarters** .....  
**Domicile** ..... **Residence** .....  
 (For use of Postal Service only)

**PAID BY**  
 .....  
 (For use of paying office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for personally owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT of travel and other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from 20 August, 1941, to 7 October, 1941, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. 15-PAR, dated 1 Sept 1941, 19....., copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. ...., paid ..... 19....., by .....  
 (Name of disbursing officer)

AMOUNT	
DOLLARS	CENTS
494	00
\$	

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above account and schedule annexed are just and true in all respects; that payment therefor has not been received; and that my statement of travel performed upon transportation requests and/or by motor vehicle correctly reflects travel performed by me on official business.

(Payee will NOT use this space)  
 Differences.....  
 Account verified correct for.....\$ .....  
 (Signature or initials).....

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY Payee  
 Title Collaborator, For. Agrl. Rel.

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me at ..... this ..... day of ....., 19.....  
 Title .....

(To be used at discretion of department, bureau, or establishment)

Recommended for approval:

(Immediate supervising official)

I certify that the official headquarters, domicile, or residence of the claimant is as stated above; that the travel was authorized from and to the points stated in the account, and for the period and at the subsistence rate or rates claimed, as shown by the authority on file, or (if such authority was not issued in advance of travel) as satisfactorily explained and approved hereon as required by the Standardized Government Travel Regulations; that the within itemized statement including claimant's statement of travel performed upon transportation requests has been examined and is certified correct, except as noted; and that the amounts therein claimed are just and reasonable, except as noted.

†Approved for \$ .....

SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY  
 Title .....

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION (For completion by administrative office)

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Paid by { Check No. ...., dated ....., 19....., for \$ ..... } on Treasurer of the United States  
 { Cash, \$ ....., on ....., 19..... } in favor of payee named above.  
 SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY  
 (Signature of payee)

\*If there was no prior authority state circumstances which rendered securing prior authority impracticable.  
 †If the ability to certify and authority to approve are combined in one person one signature only is necessary; otherwise the approving officer will sign in the blank space below "Approved for \$ .....", and over his official title.

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 (Address)  
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**Domicile** \_\_\_\_\_ **Residence** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For use of Postal Service only)

**PAID BY**  
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 (For use of Paying Office)

FOR PER DIEM in lieu of subsistence, mileage for personally owned motor vehicle, and/or REIMBURSEMENT  
 of ~~October~~ <sup>26 August</sup> other expenses paid by me in the discharge of official duty from ~~15 PAR~~ <sup>15 PAR</sup> ~~1 Sept 1941~~ <sup>1 Sept 1941</sup>,  
 to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, as per itemized statement within, under authority No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
 19\_\_\_\_, copy of which is attached,\* or has been previously furnished with voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, paid \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,  
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Collaborator, For. Agrl. Rel.

**MEMORANDUM**

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SIOUX FALLS, S. D. 57102

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

September 13, 1971

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Popanoe  
Casa Del Oidor  
Antigua  
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popanoe:

With the beginning of the new school term, all sorts of things must of course be attended to. Among these is the completion of plans for a repeat of my travel-study program to the Middle Americas. Enrollment permitting, I will return to that part of our hemisphere which I enjoy so very much. Our group will probably number no more than about 15 this year, however.

How much we remember your kind hospitality last year. May I ask to bring my students to inspect your home again next January while we're in Antigua? Our itinerary is still tentative, but I would guess that we will be in Antigua during the first week of January.

After returning home last winter, I became aware of the existence of the book by Adamic, The House in Antigua. I have been able to locate a copy of both the first and the second editions. The latter is a far more attractive volume. If I recall correctly, Marlys Lqu mentioned one day that you are eager to pick up additional copies of the book when you come across them. I have located copies of the book from two additional sources. I do not know whether these others are the first or second editions. I've made these two used book dealers offers for these volumes and await their replies. Please let me know if you are still "in the market" for additional copies of these books.

Best wishes to you. I hope that you will be in Antigua when our student group arrives. I greatly look forward to greeting you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Richard J. Landborg  
Associate Professor

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

October 12, 1973

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Popanoe  
Casa Del Oidor  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

Dear Dr. and Mr. Popanoe:

Our fall academic semester is now well along. Some of my spare moments are being spent thinking of the January, 1974, interim term ("short term" or bridge term" as some students call it). During the month of January ahead I will be bringing a group of students to your part of our hemisphere.

We will depart just after Christmas for the Mexican Yucatan, Belize, and Guatemala, and return through Mexico. We plan to use automobiles and small camping trailers with occasional stops in hotels or motels. I would hope to be able to include several days in Antigua as a part of our itinerary. We would consider it a great favor and pleasure if our group would be able to tour your home while we are in Antigua.

During last August the Landborgs were happy to have the Rev. Don Hinz family visit us briefly. They were en route from a visit with Minnesota relatives back to their Lubbock, Texas. Don is serving a church in a racially mixed part of that city.

I hope that this letter finds you both quite well. I look forward to renewing many friendships during my travels next January.

Cordially yours,

Richard J. Landborg  
Associate Professor



J. Langermann,  
P.O.Box 156, Messina ,  
Northern Transvaal,  
Republic of South Africa.  
12th of May, 1962.

Dear Dr. Popenoe ,

I have with thanks received your letter of the 3rd instant and am very grateful indeed that you have replied so quickly .

I must admit that I should prefer a position in the United States, but if the climatic conditions in Tropical America are not too trying, we should be perfectly happy to obtain a suitable position there .

For the last 12 years my wife and I have lived here in Messina, situated in the hot Limpopo valley, where the temperature for 8 months of the year usually exceed 100° F., so we should like to go to a somewhat cooler climate. Although we have a modern, air-conditioned house, the heat does get one down in the long run and this is actually the main reason why we should like to leave.

I should like to work for the F.A.O of the U.N. and feel confident that my training and practical experience is just what is required. I am a good linguist and speak five European languages as well as Ki-Swahili, so I am sure I can learn Spanish rapidly .

Now a bit about my practical training and experince . After matriculation, in Denmark, I worked three years as an apprentice with D.T.Poulsens Nurseries, Copenhagen, and one and a half years with the Royal botanic Gardens, where I served my apprenticeship. I then studied for two years at the Royal Horticultural and Agricultural College, Copenhagen , where I learnt Plant breeding, Botany, Ornamental Horticulture, Surveying, Chemistry etc. After having completed my studies, I worked for seven months at the Royal Botanical Gardens, until I left for British East Africa.

In Kenya Colony, I was employed by Sir John Ramsdens Estates, where I was in charge of the experimental farms and nurseries. Here research was carried out with Citrus, Pawpaw, Banana, Pineapple and other tropical fruits and with Pyrethrum, Hydrastis, Rheum and many other medical plants as well as with Sisal, Sugar, Tea and Coffee. Experiments were also carried out with regard to Native food crops and Native housing. During this period, I got thoroughly acquainted with the supervision and handling of Native people and with their language, Ki-Swahili. Two very large Gardens and a commercial Nursery were also under my supervision. After six years, I left to take up a position with a Chartered Accountant in Nairobi, this I did to improve my knowledge of book-keeping and accountancy. I remained with this firm for two years when I left to take up a position in the Union of South Africa.

Here in South Africa, I was employed as Manager for a large Estate, where I was in charge of Citrus, Tung, Wattle, Pine and Gum plantations as well as the large Garden and a commercial Nursery. As I did not see eye to eye with the owner, I left after six months service to take up a position with a Johannesburg Publicity Firm, for whom I travelled extensively by car throughout South, Central and East Africa. I mapped the routes travelled and supplied information about flora and fauna as well as road conditions. After two years service, I left to take up my present employment with the Messina (Transvaal) Development Company, Ltd. on February the 1st, 1950. As you know, I am still employed here as Head of the Parks, Gardens and Plantations Dept.

I am not under contract here and have never been during my 23 years in Africa

As you will see, I have had considerable practical experience and, without a doubt, am good at getting plants to grow. I have been, and still am, organizing nursery work and propagation, also of vegetables, and regularly supervise the control of pests and the fertilization of our Orchards both here at Messina and on our properties in Southern Rhodesia. Admittedly, I do very little propagation myself now, but show the Natives how to work and supervise their work. I presume this is more or less what I would be required to do with the F.A.O.- For years, I have been organizing and directing nursery work and orchard management, mainly Citrus, but I also have some experience with Avocados, but not nearly as extensive as with Citrus. In my present position, I have a lot of Ornamental Horticulture to attend to as well, and also Plantations for timber. - The equivalent of my present salary and allowances would be some 7200 U.S. Dollars p.a., whether or not this is excessive, normal or insufficient for a similar position in Tropical America, I am unable to say, and should appreciate your judgement as to what salary to expect.

Hoping to hear further from you at your earliest convenience I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I shall gladly forward certified copies of my testimonials, should you so require.

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Jorjen Jangermann, Esq.,

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Dr. Wilson Popence,

1722 N.W. 2nd Avenue,

Gainesville,

Florida.

United States of America.

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Jürgen Langermann ,  
P.O.Box 156, Messina ,  
Northern Transvaal ,  
Republic of South Africa .

1st June, 1962.

Dear Dr. Popenoe ,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 22nd May, it was very lucky indeed that my letter reached you just in time before you left for Guatemala.

I am very pleased to note that you believe that I am suitable for a position with the F.A.O., and I do hope that your conversation with Mr. Mario Jalil in Guatemala, about me and my prospects, will be of some help, then I do not know to whom I must write in connection with a position with the F.A.O. , have you any idea ? I suppose I will have to fill in some sort of application form or questionnaire .

I shall be most grateful if you will kindly write to me again after you have discussed the position with Mr. Jalil, and let me know what to do next .

Hoping you will have a very nice time at your home in Antigua, and with my best regards,

I remain,

Very sincerely yours ,

*Jürgen Langermann*

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UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

*The College*  
*Division of Biology*  
BOTANICAL LABORATORY

November 4, 1960

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to clear up the following bibliographic problem in connection with an article which I think is one of yours. I refer to an article entitled Varieties of the avocado, which was published in the First Report of the California Avocado Association, p. 44-69, 1915. The author is cited as F. O. Popenoe. I feel fairly certain this should be F. W. (for Frederick Wilson) but I thought I ought to check with you first. I want to get the citation correct for a bibliography I am preparing on the botany of Mexico.

Sincerely,

*Ida K. Langman*  
(Mrs.) Ida K. Langman  
Research Fellow

Dear doctor: This seems to be your papa.  
Did you attend the Board meetings?  
Regards.

*F. W. Wilson*

Antigua, Guatemala, 9 December 1960

Mrs Ida K. Langman  
Division of Biology  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Your letter of 4 November 4 came over here from the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras, from which I have been retired for three years.

Answering your question, The paper to which you refer in the First Report of the California Avocado Association was indeed properly signed by my father F.O. Popenoe. 1915. I was pretty young at that time but had already begun to write on horticultural subjects. It soon appeared that confusion - as in your case - was caused by the close similarity of "F.O." and "F.W. Popenoe". About that time my father began to retire and wrote little. I prepared articles on numerous tropical fruits for L H Bailey's "Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture" and signed them "F W Popenoe" (you will still find them that way).

In 1913 I joined the U S Dept of Agriculture under David Fairchild, head of the Office of Foreign and Seed and Plant Introduction as it was then called. He told me "I used to sign my name D C Fairchild". I now sign it "David Fairchild" and I think it sounds better. "Why dont you switch over to "Wilson Popenoe". So there I am. ~~Jaysuis joy~~ ~~reste.~~ Maybe my French is not as good as it was 50 years ago but I am still signing "Wilson Popenoe" and I never sign "Dr Wilson Popenoe".

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

January 4, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

(You closed your kind letter of December 9 with the statement "and I never sign Dr. Wilson Popenoe". However, you are listed as Dr. Wilson Popenoe~~ix~~ in American Men of Science so you will not object, I trust, if I address you thus.)

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I was sure that the F. O. would turn out to be a typographical error that it never occurred to me to ask for the full name. I find now by looking in Who's Who that your father's name was Fred O. May I trouble you just once more, then, and ask for your father's middle name? If you wish, you may put it right on this sheet and return to me.

Since you have dropped the Frederick from your name, shall I list all your works under Wilson, with a cross reference under Frederick Wilson, to see Wilson? Or shall I list under Frederick Wilson, with a cross reference under Wilson? If you have no preference, I think I shall do the latter.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

*Ida K. Langman*  
Ida K. Langman

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 Jan 1961

Miss Ida K Langman  
Dept of Biology, Univ of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia.

Dear Miss Langman:

Your letter of the 4th has just come. Now that you have put me on the spot, I shall confess to that doctor business. I never earned one in my life, but I am rather proud to have an honorary Sc.D. from what is considered by many as the oldest university in the New World - The Universidad Mayor de San Marcos, in Lima, Peru. I believe in 1555 Carlos Primero of Spain granted charters to three universities in the new world; Santo Domingo, Mexico, and Peru. One of them had the first charter but didnt get going right away; another got going but stopped for a while; and I think San Marcos claims to have been the only one to have kept going continuously. Or something like that! My other two honorary doctorates are from Pomona College in California and the University of Florida.

My father's full name was Fred Oliver Popence. If you have a copy of Louis Adamic's "The House in Antigua" in your public library, and you probably have, you will find the whole family history in it, though I dont now why you should be interested. I think it is in order for you to list me as Frederick Wilson with cross reference to Wilson, as you suggest. I believe Who's Who in America has always put it (Frederick) Wilson, not a bad system.

Sincerely,

(Frederick) Wilson Popence



Ibarra, a 21 de Julio de 1,962

Señor Dr. Dn.  
Wilson Popenoe  
Director de la Estación Experimental Agrícola " Lancetilla"  
Honduras.

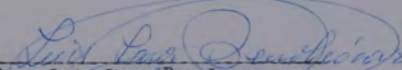
Muy respetable señor :

Lo recuerdo mucho a usted, y siempre que tenía mis reuniones con el Sr. Jose Félix Tamayo y el Sr. Ing. Ernesto Molestina, lo recordábamos con verdadero cariño, pero corre el tiempo y han desaparecido de esta vida, pues, murieron, y a sus amigos nos han dejado el recuerdo de su valiosa amistad y la impresión de sus enormes conocimientos en el campo agrícola. Aquí tenemos los frutales, más o menos conservados sin el control de sus dueños, ( los aguacates) que le proporcione usted, de una visita que hiciera a la zona de El Chota cuando coleccionara las variedades allí existentes.

Quiero después de este recuerdo solicitar a usted, una información respecto de la posibilidad de preparar a un joven bajo la supervisión de usted, en el campo práctico de cultivos de la Estación que la dirige.- El Joven es mi hijo, quien tiene o está viviendo los 16 años, lo tengo en el Colegio de Agricultura de Ambato, "Luis Martínez", cursando segundo año. Y, como tiene que permanecer aun cuatro años más, me ha venido a la idea solicitar informaciones suyas para ver de realizar mi deseo de mandarlo para allá a mi hijo al cual me estoy refiriendo.

Sobre este particular, converse hacen unos días con el Sr. Dn. Galo Plaza Lasso, ex- Presidente del Ecuador, y fue el quien me manifestó de esta posibilidad a fin de educarlo bajo un régimen de especialización en los cultivos que allí están bajo su Dirección. - Me decía que tiene la nominación de " EL SAMORANO " el lugar para dicho objeto, y que me dirigiera a usted, para mejor información, debiendo en caso necesario hacer también el señor Plaza cualquiera gestión en beneficio de mi hijo a quien le interesaría viajar a dicho lugar. Para lo que le daría la molestia de darme informaciones de los requisitos exigidos para el efecto.- Ojalá tuviera el honor de recibir una comunicación sobre este particular, de lo que me anticipo en darle mis agradecimientos merecidos.

Con esta oportunidad, deseo de su perfecto bienestar, me place suscribirme cordialmente, Atento y S.S.

  
Agr. Luis Lara Benalcazar.

[1960-1962]

Batalla de Acaxual.- El 6 de Junio de 1524 penetró en Mochizalco el ejército español que capitaneaba don Pedro de Alvarado; el 7 ocupó sin resistencia alguna el abandonado pueblo de Acatepeque; y el 8, en las llanuras de la costa, en Acaxual, contempló el numeroso ejército indígena destinado a ofrecer la primera resistencia de los pueblos yaquis o pipiles a los invasores iberos.

El jefe español, en carta de 28 de junio de 1524, informó a Hernán Cortés que en las llanuras de Acaxual, "vió los campos llenos de gente de guerra en él, con sus plumas y dividas, y con sus armas ofensivas y defensivas, en la mitad de un llano;" pero que como había un monte próximo, en donde los soldados indígenas podían refugiarse y hacer nugatoria la acción de la caballería - la más poderosa arma de la conquista - dispuso retirarse en busca de un paraje más propicio para entablar la batalla.

Esa estratégica retirada de Alvarado fué tomada por los indios como sinónimo de debilidad y miedo, pues, que podían hacer 100 jinetes y 150 infantes blancos, más 5 o 6 mil indios auxiliares, contra los millares de soldados nativos, invictos otrora en mil combates?

"Fue tan grande el placer que hubieron desde que me vieron retraer - dice Alvarado a Cortés - que me vinieron siguiendo hasta llegar a las colas de los caballos y las flechas que echaban pasaban en los delanteros."

Alejados los aborígenes del monte cercano a Acaxual, el feroz Tunatiuh - que tal nombre daban los indios al jefe español - dió ordenes de dar media vuelta y atacar despiadadamente al adversario. "Di vuelta sobre ellos con toda mi gente - dice - y rompimos por ellos, y fue tan grande el destrozo que en ellos hicimos que en poco tiempo no había ninguno de todos los que salieron vivos."

La victoria de las armas españolas, sin embargo, no fué fácil.

Los defensores del suelo nativo mataron infinidad de soldados indígenas auxiliares, hirieron a un considerable número de combatientes españoles y el propio don Pedro de Alvarado recibió un flechazo en el muslo de la pierna izquierda, que se incrustó en la silla, herida que lo dejó cojo para toda la vida, teniendo que usar, para no parecerlo tanto, una suela de cuatro dedos de corcho.

Refiere la leyenda que fue el principe Atonal o "Sol de agua" jefe de los ejércitos de Acaxual, el que lanzó el tremendo flechazo contra don Pedro de Alvarado.

(Jorge Larde y Larin)



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH

80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

January 8, 1960

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua  
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Last September you wrote to Mr. Whitman requesting a copy of Dr. Simmonds new book, "Bananas", when it became available from the printer, and shortly after that Dr. Hobson wrote to you that he would forward a copy to you at the first opportunity.

Under separate cover I am today sending you the long-promised book -- and I am sure you'll agree it is an excellent and authoritative work in every way. The seemingly endless delay in getting delivery of the book stems from a many weeks' printers strike in England, and our large order has just now been filled. Although Dr. Hobson is not in Boston now, I know he would be anxious for me to send off your copy at once.

Sincerely yours,

Charles X. Larrabee

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

3 February 1965

(dictated 30 January)

Mr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

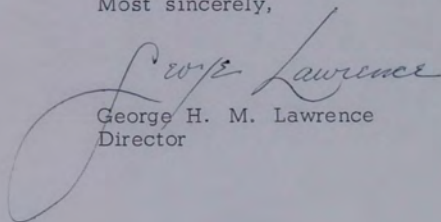
Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Upon my return from a few days work at the Fairchild Tropical Garden I find your letter of 17 January. Thank you for putting me in touch with Dr. A. B. Awan, editor of *Ceiba*, to whom I am writing for a picture of Dorothy Allen.

We maintain a regular exchange of correspondence with Dorothy and it appears she doesn't have a copy of the photograph that I want. Recently she kindly sent me the copy of the write-ups that you prepared on medals that you have received. This I am delighted to have and to add to our own biographical file of your accomplishments. Earlier she turned over to me the notes and papers that Paul had accumulated about you. They are now on deposit here for posterity.

Mrs. Lawrence and I are considering joining up with the New York Botanical Garden's trip to Guatemala next October. More about that later.

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence  
Director

GHML:PS

Dear Dr. Popper,

Blake and I went to thank  
you so much for the pleasure you  
gave us during our Antigua visit.  
The view of the big house and garden  
was enchanting but nothing can be  
compared with you, which I find  
myself thinking of more and more  
as the shell sky scrapes engulf us -  
I wish we could have seen it with  
you but Katherine was a delightful  
and well informed Cicero.

We hope to return to Cortina  
often and that you might come  
to Charlotte, Vermont which in the  
New England way is very nice too  
A warm welcome awaits you there  
from us both

Shirley Lawrence

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

Antigua, Guatemala, 4 agosto de 1959

Ing. Filiberto Lazo  
Estacion Experimental Agronomica  
Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba.

Amigo Filiberto:

Por medio de la presente tengo mucha satisfacción en presentarle a mi buen amigo y colega Sr José Miguel Calabria, Jefe del Departamento de Agricultura de la Fundación Eugenio Mendoza de Venezuela - entidad con la cual yo estoy colaborando desde hace algunos meses.

El señor Calabria ha pasado algunos días conmigo, aquí en Guatemala, y sigue para Miami; pero yo le he aconsejado que visite a Cuba, aunque sea por un par de días, y especialmente que hable con Ud respecto de la multiplicación de los frutales tropicales, pues esta materia es de sumo interés en Venezuela. Y Usted mejor que nadie puede explicarle lo que Cuba está haciendo en este sentido.

Muchos saludos de su amigo y colega,

Wilson Popenoe

25-10-1960

Mr. S. LEBATRE  
« L'AVOCATERAIE »  
MONTI FOR MENTON  
(A.M.) FRANCE

Dear Mr. Poyen

Your report titled « Mostly about Spain » published in the 1952 year book of the Cebaco was very interesting to me. When I was 19 years old in 1955 I decided to start a little avocado grove near Menton on the french Riviera. I made a nursery of about 300 mexicanas and 100 Ganters rootstocks. But later on I was cut in my work by 24 months of national military service and now the trees in nursery are too big to be transplanted by myself. (I work alone). So I would like to constitute another nursery of mexican rootstock of the mexicana variety. In Europe it is not possible to obtain those seeds. Could you indicate me somebody susceptible to sell me about 200 mexicana seeds? Last year already I tried unsuccessfully to obtain seeds from California.

I have now 100 trees definitely in place. They are grafted in Zutano, Ryan, Edmond, Fuente, Emerald, Dubon,



and Mexicana variety. For the first time, the Zutano,  
Ryan Edmond Fuente and Mexicana bear. The load set  
is a Fuente with 7 fruits. I have just one grafted  
Mexicana in place and he has just one fruit.

The climate seems to be good for this culture but I  
have to protect the trees in winter with sawdust pads.

With the hope it will be possible to you to  
find a solution to my problem, will you receive  
Mr. Popenoe all my thanks.

*Robert*

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Antigua, Guatemala, 9 March 1961

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS  
CENTRO AMERICA

M dear Monsieur Lebertre:

I am sorry to be so tardy in replying to your letter of last October.

You wish to obtain seeds of Mexicola for use as rootstocks. Your reason for preferring Mexico is that it is a favorite rootstock in California, and precisely for this reason seeds are probably rather difficult to obtain. But I do not believe Mexicolasis the only rootstock which will prove satisfactory with you. If you have the 1960 Report of the California Avocado Society you will find my article "Avocados in Spain, and Elsewhere" in which I discuss what is available in Spain. There are quite a number of avocados of the Mexican race around Malaga and it is just possible but I do not think very probable that Don Luis Sarasola of the Rancho California, Almuñecar, Provincia de Granada, could get you some seeds. But perhaps he will want them all for his own use. I think the very best thing would be to write Dr Ralph W Richardson, Rockefeller Foundation, Londres 40, Mexico D.F., Mexico, asking him to recommend someone who is willing to supply avocado seeds of the Mexican race. There is an unlimited quantity of them in Mexico, as you know, and they are not expensive. I can not get any for you here in Central America as this race is not cultivated here; we only have in quantity West Indians and Guatemalans.

I am interested in the varieties you are cultivating. I think Zutano, Ryan, Emerald, Fuerte and Duke are all promising. Mexicola is too small a fruit to be worth cultivating where you can grow larger ones - Mexicola is of course cold-resistant but so is Duke and it is somewhat larger. In spite of its tendency to alternate bearing, Fuerte is perhaps the most promising avocado for commercial purposes in your region. If you have a chance to read my paper in the 1960 Year-book of the California Avocado Society you will see that it has been successful as far north as Barcelona in Spain, though it is occasionally injured by frost - just as so many varieties are in Florida and California! We have to take our chances in that connection.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
March 27, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua Guatemala

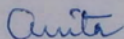
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

News of Mrs. Popenoe's passing away was a great shock to all of us. When you were both here last, aside from her sprained ankle, she looked fine - in fact, better than ever. However, that's life, here today and gone tomorrow, sometimes without the least warning. Her memory will remain in our hearts forever.

We can well understand your grief and sadness, but know God will find a way to comfort you and help you through the long and lonely days ahead. He is our one and only help in all our trials and tribulations! Trust in Him, humbly accepting His will, and peace will come to you gradually, thus being able to carry through your useful good work.

My deepest sympathy goes to you and yours, with all my best regards.

Very sincerely yours,



Anita Lee

British Colonial Hotel, (STAFF)  
Nassau, Bahamas.

July 9, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Poponoe,  
Village of Zamorano  
c/o Escuela Agricola Panamerica,  
Honduras,  
America Central.

Dear Sir:

I have had more than a fleeting interest over the years in tropical agriculture, its by product namely tropical fruits, their chemical composition and specific beneficial aspects from the point of human nutrition.

I am told sir, that you are in possession of this information, and have recorded your lifelong experiments and observations on paper.

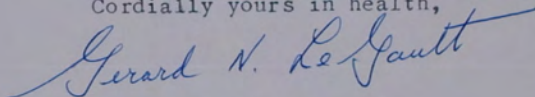
My interest lies in obtaining the chemical composition and other salient points regarding tropical fruits in relation ~~the~~<sup>to</sup> human nutrition.

If these observations and analyses could be made available to me, I would be eternally grateful.

Any costs shall be gratefully borne by me.

I remain,

Cordially yours in health,



Gerard N. LeGault.

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 October 1960

Dr Gerard N. LeGault  
British Colonial Hotel  
Nassau, Bahamas.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of 9 July sent to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (of which I was director for 16 years) reached here while I was in Peru.

The information you need is that which we accumulated during five years work, throughout Central America, under the aegis of what we called the Central American Nutrition Foundation. We collected material from Guatemala to Panama and sent it to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, where under the direction of Prof. Robert S. Harris, it was studied biochemically and I believe a total of five papers were published. I do not have them here. I suggest you write Professor Harris, who is still at MIT.

Much of our material was later used, in connection with other material collected here, by the INCAP (Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama). Dr Nevin S. Scrimshaw is head of this organization which is based in Guatemala City and I am sure he could supply you with a number of interesting publications.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

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Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Oct 1960

THE RASSIN HOSPITAL  
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

M. RASSIN, F.R.C.S.

DUANE BEAME, M.D.,  
OPHTHALMOLOGIST

A. S. COOPER, M.D., M.R.C.P.,  
PHYSICIAN

November 19th, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Antigua, Guatemala.  
Central, America.

Dear Sir.

It was a privilege hearing from you; your name is a by-word in agricultural Honduras, according to my very good friend Alan Pringle of the Universidad National in Tegucigalpa.

He like myself is a Canadian, trying to foster goodwill for our native country, wherever we happen to be.

I am appreciative, believe me, of the information contained in your letter. I have written to Prof. Robert Harris at M.I.T. and to Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw in Guatemala City.

I sincerely hope to have the pleasure of meeting you someday, life has a funny way of trusting people of like interests together.

With my most Cordial wishes for your continued good health.

I remain,  
Yours truly,

*Gerard N. Le Gault*  
Gerard N. Le Gault. Ph.T.

ROLLINS COLLEGE  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA 32789

November 15, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
1722 N.W. 2nd Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Mrs. Davis has told us of her conversation with you regarding a new gate or door for Casa Iberia, and of your very generous offer to have the door made in Guatemala.

This message has been relayed to Dr. Hanna who, as you know, is convalescing from eye surgery. He is delighted that you will have the door made in Guatemala under your supervision for then we know it will be just right. He is most grateful to you for your wish to do this as a contribution to Casa Iberia.

Dr. Hanna believes the decision for the design of the gate should be entirely up to you for you know better than anyone else what it should be.

We shall wish to have a brass plate made for the gate for which the college will pay and we shall be glad to take care of the transportation.

We are glad to report that Dr. Hanna is making good progress and we confidently believe he will regain at least partial sight in his right eye.

Sincerely,

*Katharine Lehman*  
(Mrs.) Katharine Lehman  
Associate of A. J. Hanna

KL dc

Antigua, Guatemala  
3 February 1967

Mrs. Katherine Lehman  
Rollins College  
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Dear Mrs Lehman:

Your letter of last November 15 failed to reach me before I left Gainesville and has only now caught up with me here. I hope you did not think I was trying to forget my promise to provide a suitable door for that lovely little Casa Iberia.

Before I go ahead - I plan to be down here most of this year and can attend to it - I think we had better verify a few measurements. I wish you would have the man who handles such details at Rollins check my figure, and see if the door size is three feet wide by six and a half high I think this is more or less standard in the States). Then I had best know the size of the brass plate you will put on the door. Since I plan to use geometric panels in the door (cf. some of the doors shown in "The House in Antigua") we must leave an appropriate space for the brass plate. I have planned to use rectangular panels, rather than the linen-fold type, because they are more typical of outside doors.

I sincerely hope by this time Dr Hanna is in good health again. Please give him my very best wishes.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe



# COLEGIO LEHNSEN

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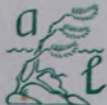
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Adelaide Leitch

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OTTAWA, CANADA

July 23, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Antigua,  
Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your letter about the background of Escuela Agricola Panamericana---even had I not been interested in it from the standpoint of a writer, I would have found it stimulating reading! Of course it adds a great deal of valuable material to the article I am preparing.

One point I might pursue farther at the present moment concerns the actual physical problems of selecting the site in Honduras. This is rugged country, as I saw for myself. I have heard (although from unconfirmed reports) that you and your associates literally tramped much of it on foot to choose a site that was ideal for the school? Is this correct? However it was done, it sounds like a formidable task, and I should like to hear more about it, at your leisure!

The anecdote I was checking re Mr. Zemurray's salary and the original endowment, I had heard 'off the cuff', as it were, in Honduras. I am happy to have the authentic account of how the endowment was established. (The more famous a project becomes, it seems, the more legend seems to grow up about it!)

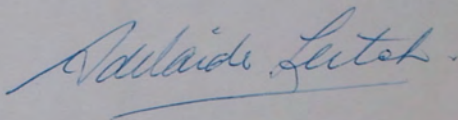
I intended to write to you very shortly asking some questions about the School, but you seem to have answered most of these already, most thoroughly and interestingly! In the meantime, I have been in touch with the Readers Digest re the possibility of their using a story on the School. They had a preliminary draft of it and they did consider it quite seriously for a while. However, I have just now had a letter from one of the editors with a regretful "no." As she says, La Escuela has to compete with every other story from the whole of Latin America--and the competition just proved too great at the present time.

However, I do feel that the Escuela Agricola Panamericana is a story that should be told. I know at least one Canadian magazine would be interested, but first I want to talk to a couple of other editors in the States. Unfortunately, commitments here are going to keep me busy for the next three or four months, and I

must postpone further work on the Escuela story until fall. But I shall certainly let you know what develops then. And, in all probability, there will be other points I will want to check with you, if I may.

In the meantime, thank you very much indeed, Dr. Popenoe, for your very thorough and generous account of the founding of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I do appreciate the time and effort you have put into preparing this for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adelaide Leitch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name below it.

Adelaide Leitch.



INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO DE  
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TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA

September 30, 1957

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Allee has been referred to me for reply.

We are happy to inform you that on September 26, 1957 we sent to Dr. Mario Levy van Severen 100 ratoons of the best pineapples grown around this area. As requested these were shipped by air express collect under Airwaybill 133-009241. There will be no charges for the ratoons.

We hope Dr. Levy will be successful in his new program "Mas Fruta y Mejor Fruta" and if we can be of further assistance in this connection, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Jorge León, Head  
Plant Industry Dept.

Antigua, Guatemala, 21 Oct 1957

Prof. Jorge Leon  
Instituto Interamericano  
Turrialba, Costa Rica.

Dear Jorge:

While I have not heard from Salvador regarding receipt of the 100 ratoons of the Turrialba pineapple mentioned in your letter to me of 30 September, I have no doubt the shipment arrived duly. I expect to be in Salvador next week and will check up. It was very good of you to supply the material without cost.

Many thanks, y muchos recuerdos.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus

cc Dr Mario Lewy van Severen



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Señor William Popenoe  
Antigua Guatemala  
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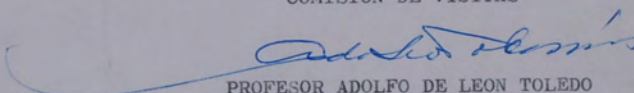
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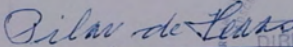
El día 3 de julio por la tarde un grupo de 60 personas aproximadamente visitarán a la ciudad de Antigua Guatemala.

Por ser su casa de un valioso contenido histórico y de gran importancia para ser visitada por los maestros que vienen de Costa Rica, le agradeceremos muy especialmente, nos permita el ingreso a la misma.

Agradeciendo de antemano su atención y en espera de su respuesta, me suscribo sin otro particular atento y seguro servidor,

COMISION DE VISITAS

  
PROFESOR ADOLFO DE LEON TOLEDO  
Orientador.

  
Vo. Bo. LICENCIADA PILAR B. DE HAAS  
Directora Interina.



6/19/57

Dr. Popenoe:

I find that you received a copy of the form letter sent to all Trustees, although the attached is the letter I had originally dictated.

E.N.L.

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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EMERY N. LEONARD  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

June 18, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2  
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

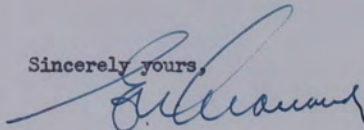
I have been away from Boston for a couple of weeks and upon my return I have been given your letter of May 29th returning your proxy and commenting on the functions of the Board of Regents. In my absence your letter was referred to Mr. Coolidge for his information.

We had the Meeting today of the members of the Escuela Agricola pursuant to notice sent to you some weeks ago. Included in the agenda for the Meeting under "Other Business" was a proposal to disband the Board of Regents and this was duly authorized. The other scheduled business was also attended to as stated in the Notice of Special Meeting; that is, the amendment of the by-laws so that Directors shall be called Trustees, the increase in the number of Trustees, and the election of Mrs. Stone and Dr. Paddock as Members and Trustees.

There have been so many changes in the organization of the School that we have drawn up a new roster sheet, a copy of which I am enclosing for your guidance.

With my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure



6-18-57

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# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

EMERY N. LEONARD  
SECRETARY AND TREASURER

June 18, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2  
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

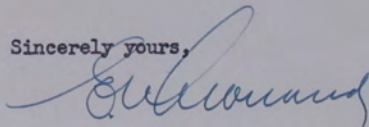
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wish to advise you that at a special meeting of the Members of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc. held in Boston today, the following action was taken:

1. Amended bylaws so that the word "director" shall read "trustee."
2. Elected Dr. William C. Paddock, the new Director of the School, as a Member of the corporation.
3. Elected Mrs. Doris Stone and Dr. Paddock Trustees of the corporation.
4. Disbanded the Board of Regents originally appointed in December 1951 because the Regents have not been a functioning body.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the latest roster sheet.

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Depto de Ganaderos

La Lima, Honduras C.A.  
3 de Enero de 1,958.

Dr.  
Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua Guatemala.- Guatemala C.C.

Recordado Doctor:

Sirve esta para presentarle mi saludo respetuoso al iniciarse este nuevo año 1,958.

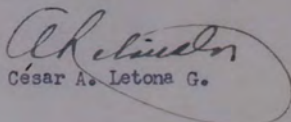
Incluyo una copia de carta que enviara al Dr. W. C. Paddock en solisitud de que se me favorezca con alguna Beca para salir al exterior a continuar estudios sobre la labor en la cual he demostrado alguna capacidad: Medicina Veterinaria.- No sé si sera alguna indiscreción de mi parte, el recordar que Ud. tenía la buena intención de hacerme tal favor al graduarme y que por intervención del Prof. Villegas no se llegara a otorgarme; digo esto porque el Prof. Villegas hizo alarde de esto ante estudiantes egresados posteriormente; lo que demuestra que no lo movía otra cosa que la antipatía personal, corroborado aún más por el hecho de que aún él me favorecía con las mejores notas en clases.

Había olvidado todo esto; pero algunas personas cerca de mí y que conocen mi labor, me han preguntado tanto por la razón por la cual no se me haya, hasta la fecha, favorecido con una Beca; que opté por solicitarla, alentado por Mr. Beasley.- Me atrevo a solicitar de Ud. sus buenos oficios en mi favor, en la confianza de que aún tenga para mí el mismo buen concepto como observé en la Escuela; o si como creo, despues, por la labor desempeñada fuera de la Escuela a contribuído en algo a mejorar ese concepto.

Actualmente, y despues de tres anos, trabajo en calidad de Veterinario de esta empresa; donde mi labor es la de atender en ganado Equino y Bovino ( unos 24 mil animales ) que ésta posee.- Es en esto: Sanidad Animal en lo cual me sería de gran utilidad el incrementar en mucho los conocimientos adquiridos en forma autodidacta.

Estoy plenamente convencido que aunque sólo se me concediera un año de estudios, yo me haría acreedor a la prolongación de tal favor.

Lo saludo de nuevo muy atentamente, suscrábiendome de Ud.

  
César A. Letona G.

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William C. Paddock,  
Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,  
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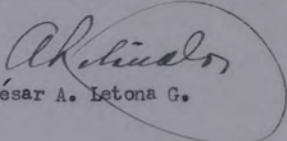
Distinguido señor:

Vengo a Ud. con esta, que lleva, además de mi saludo respetuoso el objeto siguiente:

Soy egresado de esa Escuela, de la Clase de 1,951.- Durante mi permanencia en ella, se me tuvo conceptuado como uno de los mejores estudiantes, al menos de mi Clase- y por esto en cierta ocasión el Dr. Popenoe me dió a conocer su propósito de otorgarme una Beca para continuar estudios de especialización en el exterior; pero al discutirse esto, al graduarme, se opuso a que se me concediera tal favor uno de los Profesores, sin haberlo movido más razón que el haber tenido hacia mí cierta antipatía o antagonismo.- El Profesor Ing. Luis E. Morcillo D., que siempre me tuvo en buena estima creo le informara sobre lo anterior.

Actualmente presto mis servicios a esta Empresa en calidad de Veterinario, y antes fui Veterinario de Campo de la Dirección General de Ganadería.- Como en varias oportunidades se ha insinuado en que sólo se otorgaría Becas a egresados de esa Escuela, únicamente hasta después que estos hubieran demostrado su capacidad en la labor que salieran a desempeñar ya fuera de la Escuela; creo que tengo algunos méritos para aspirar a un favor tal.- Tengo interés en tomar algún curso de especialización en Sanidad Animal ya sea en México o los Estados Unidos por un término de tiempo favorable.- Incluyo unas certificaciones y mi "record" de clases obtenido en esa.- Respecto a mi labor para la Tela Railroad Co., creo que Mr. Robert M. Beasley le enviará alguna nota.

Agradeciendo de ya la atención que esta merezca, me suscribo de Ud., con muestras de mi más alta consideración.

  
César A. Letona G.

cc: Mr. Robert M. Beasley  
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Ing. Luis E. Morcillo D.

Antigua Guatemala, 11 January 1958

Sr don Cesar A. Letona G.  
Depto de Ganaderia  
Tela Railroad Co., La Lima, Honduras.

Dear Cesar:

Your letter of 3 enero has reached me, and I hasten to tell you that I have written to Dr Paddock about the matter, suggesting that he look up your record at the school, in addition perhaps to the grades you have sent him, and that he invite recommendations from the jefes with whom you have worked in the Tela RR Co.

I do not know, of course, how many becas may be avialable this year for study in the United States. We have never sent a student to Mexico unless he went in connection with a Rockefeller grant of some sort, and I think you know that in any case we have not been able to send students with becas which would enable them to get degrees in Veterinary Medicine.

Doctor Paddock will inform you regarding the possibilities, after he has looked into the matter thoroughly.

Sincerely

Wilson Popenoe

cc Dr Wm C Paddock

Dear Mr - Mrs Popenc:

I thank Jimmy Virginia, Bell & their little daughter were with us. Little Margaret about a year & a half is a ball of fire - I believe she can make a hundred niter on a glass of orange juice.

Am still teaching here at Purdue or doing a few other odd jobs. Was in San Francisco in November to a UNESCO conference

Saw Beump when he brought his by out to enter Purdue this fall.

The other day in a market I saw some avocados about the size of walnuts. They made me think of yours and the job you were doing in Salvador. Also thought of those beautiful blue green avocados from San Juan & San Miguel.

I see Horn Volk every week - We have a university bowling league & both of us belong

The family joins me in wishing you & yours the best of everything

B  
B B Lewis

2946 Magnolia St.  
Berkeley, Cal, 94705  
July 20, 1972

Dear Cousin Wilson,

I am writing you as Ellie's mother to thank you so much for your gracious hospitality while she visits Guatemala. She has expressed in letters home how happy she felt and how kindly received.

Although you probably haven't heard of me, I have known your brother, Paul, all my life and have always felt close to Paul and Betty and practically grew up with their four boys. We still correspond every Christmas.



Anyway I was delighted with the reaffirmation of how small a globe we live on when I realized that Ellie's new college friend, Marion, was in fact a cousin. Marion is a lovely girl and I'm so pleased that they discovered one another early in their college careers.

I believe you knew my father, John Burleson, who died when I was eight years old. I was trying to figure out who our common ancestor was but somewhere I've left someone out - it must be your mother who could have been my father's first cousin - but

my memory for what they told me as  
a little girl is quite hazy.

Ellie and Marion will be returning  
next week sometime, I believe. Thank  
you again for all you've done, and  
please thank your wife also.

Sincerely,

Mary Burleson Lewis

P.S. - Just located an old family  
genealogy. It seems your grandmother,  
Mary Emma Burleson, was my

grandfather's sister. - Solomon Barleson,  
so you and I are the same generation  
in the family tree. My father didn't  
marry till he was fifty-five years  
old so his children are in  
essence a generation late.

Feb 17 1965

MRS. WILLIAM H. LEWIS, JR. • 165 EAST 66TH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

Dear Dr. Popovse:

While recuperating in a plaster cast from torn knee ligaments I got in a skiing fall, I have been reading your wonderful book (written some years ago, "manual of Tropical + Sub-Tropical Fruits". I wonder if you have written a similar book or can suggest one, which might be more recent??

We are crazy about the tropics (I wish we could afford the Botanical Garden trip to Guatemala that you are involved in!)

We are seriously thinking of returning to Puerto Rico in a few years.

My husband is a New York executive, our two daughters are both married + my husband wants to find something to do outdoors. He says all our money is spent getting to, be somewhere outdoors away from the city.

2) He has thoughts of going into the raising of bees + honey + has hives all ready to try in our summer place on Long Island, to see if he likes it.

But I am longing to have tropical fruits to grow for our own use + perhaps have three or four acres of something such as papaya + perhaps vegetables, we hope to buy some land in Porto Rico, perhaps a bit ahead of actually moving there. <sup>at Rio Piedras</sup>

The agricultural Experiment station, frowns on amateurs, + its activities seem to me very diffuse. The Florida station have bulletins on mangoes, limes etc but for the limestone - rock base of South Florida, + I'm sure they wouldn't do for Puerto Rican conditions. We do have some income from trust funds but hope to supplement it from our agricultural activities! I enclose a check for \$1.00 to pay for postage if you have time to answer. If not give it to some horticultural cause that interests you! Sincerely V.P. Lewis (ms W.H. Lewis)

Thursday

MRS. WILLIAM H. LEWIS, JR. • 165 EAST 66TH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

June 24 1965

Dear Dr. Popovse:

After getting back from Puerto Rico we found your answer to my letter waiting! Thank you so much for answering it.

After I wrote I was given the name of a man who call himself "The flowering tree man" in Stuart Florida + got some books from him. We also heard the lecture on Guatemala at Essex House - but you were so surrounded with people we didn't get a chance to come up + talk to you after it!! We have just bought (subject to title search etc) a small

2) farm in Puerto Rico. It is in the hilly area near a small town called Florida in the municipality of Ciales. We have 2 springs, are partly between 2 roads & go down to the river Yunez below the second road.

We had help from a young English couple <sup>in Puerto Rico</sup>. He sells honey wholesale to the bakeries in Newark, N.J. and my husband plans to do bees for & market honey through our English friend.

His wife is an American girl, & there is another young couple from Syracuse (he is German by birth) who have bought a large farm nearby. Our Spanish is very poor but Bill did have 2 years of classical Spanish in college.

3.

etc

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but the language of poetry is  
not of much practical help!

But we have been studying  
it via records which are  
very helpful & you soon improve.

Our place already has some  
oranges & avocados, and is  
newly planted to plantains  
which I gather can always be  
sold locally; I think they are  
a much over-rated vegetable!

A classmate of my husband  
manages some of the financial  
affairs for the Rockefeller hotels  
& having stayed at the Sorada  
Beach, I met the chef, we  
found that any vegetables we



could grow, we could sell to the hotel, as almost all vegetables are imported!

We also went to the agricultural Experiment Station & got many bulletins - a good many in Spanish. The men at the Agricultural Extension office in Aguayo were most helpful. They have a hard time getting the country people to change their ways <sup>to be more modern</sup>.

But the people near where we hope to be are supposed to be very nice, simple kind people & our young friends like them. Puerto Rico is booming now & I think most of the people are happy with things now. Someday we hope to visit Guatemala. <sup>very anciently</sup> <sub>V.P. Sims</sub>

Lexington, Kentucky  
July 21, 1963.

My dear Dr. Popenoe -

For many years I have been hoping to visit Guatemala and finally I am making the trip this August. I have read many articles and books over the years and just now, rather late to be sure Louis Adam's "A House in Antigua" which has stimulated my imagination for the house is the kind of thing I want to see in Guatemala.

I notice that there is a suggestion from you in the supplement to

The book, that anyone desiring  
to know more of the Colonial period  
ask you for a card of admission.

If this can be done I would  
greatly appreciate your courtesy in  
sending me one to the following  
address.

Miss Austin Page Lilly  
407 North Broadway  
Lexington, Kentucky U.S.

Besides being interested in Latin America  
I am interested in gardening and  
know I shall enjoy seeing the  
Tropical plants of Guatemala.

Sincerely yours,

Austin Lilly

Tejutla, San Marcos  
January 27, 1965

Dr. Wilson Peponoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Guatemala, C.A.

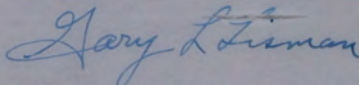
Dr. Peponoe:

I am living and working here in Tejutla, San Marcos on a two years assignment in the Voluntary International Service Assignments program of the American Friends Service Committee. I am greatly interested in the possibility of introducing high quality deciduous fruits in this area. In discussing these possibilities with a number of men here I have encountered considerable interest. One man has expressed a desire to plant 300 apple trees this Spring. Before I make any promises to the people here and before I go any further in searching for nursery stock, I would like to talk to you. I have been told by several persons, including Donald Fiester of the U.S. AID Mission, that you are the man to talk to concerning horticultural matters. In view of your many years of experience in this work, I believe that your advice would be some of the most valuable I could possibly secure.

I will be in the Capital the 31st of January through the 4th or 5th of February. If you will have some time free during one of these days, I would like to come out and talk with you, preferably in the afternoon. If my visiting you on one of the aforementioned days will be convenient, please drop me a note or give me a call at my address in the Capital: 5<sup>a</sup> Avenida 11-35, Zona 9, Tel. 62516.

I will greatly appreciate any help and advice you can give me. I hope that I will have the opportunity to talk with you.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Lisman



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO | ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87106

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
TELEPHONE 505 277-4524

September 26, 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your name has been suggested to me as a person who probably knows something about the colonial ceramics of Guatemala. Hence I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter.

For several years my wife and I have been engaged in a research project on maiolica pottery, the wheel-made tin glazed ware that was introduced into the New World by Europeans shortly after the Conquest. Several centers of manufacture of this pottery were established in Mexico by the 17th century and it has been made in some of them up to the present time. We have investigated the European and North African sources of maiolica and have examined numerous collections of vessels and potsherds from post-Contact archeological sites in Mexico and the United States.

We now wish to expand our investigations to Central and South America as maiolica also was manufactured in Panama, and it is likely that it was traded elsewhere in Central America and into western South America from that source. It also may have been made in some South American localities and perhaps in Guatemala.

We plan to come to Guatemala this Fall to try to answer some of the questions about the local situation in the colonial period and to find out whether the tradition persists today. Do you have any information about these matters or can you suggest names of others to whom we might write? We are interested in contacting knowledgeable historians, archeologists, or collectors and in viewing specimens of either complete vessels or potsherds.

Our tentative schedule calls for us to be in Guatemala from November 28 to December 5, and we expect to be at the Pan American Hotel in Guatemala City. We can also be reached at the above address until November 2. Any aid you may be able to offer will be gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Lister  
Professor of Anthropology  
Chief Archeologist, U.S. National Park Service

Antigua, Guatemala 4 October 1973

Prof. Robert H. Lister  
University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque New Mexico.

Dear Professor Lister:

Replying to your interesting letter of September 26 I know very little by colonial maiolica, but we may have a few pieces in our house here in Antigua which has really become a small private museum but is visited by about 5000 people each year. We have gone in mainly for Spanish colonial furniture, paintings, and silverware (a large part of which has been stolen).

I enclose a letter from Dorothy Monsanto, which you need not return. I do not know her personally but the IGA recently has been very active and I am sure she would know where to send you for information. Luis Lujan of the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology, closed for the moment, would be one man I am sure you should meet. And the people at the Sociedad Guatemalteca de Historia y Geografía should be helpful.

I am going over to Honduras tomorrow for a couple of weeks, to visit the school I founded with United Fruit Company money in 1940, but expect to be at home, here in Antigua, in November and December and will look forward to a visit from you.

Cordially

Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus



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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
TELEPHONE 505 277-4524

October 26, 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was so very nice of you to take time to respond promptly to my request for information about colonial ceramics in Guatemala. The tiles and pottery you mentioned is exactly the sort of material in which we are interested. We will be in Guatemala the last week of November, and look forward to meeting you and seeing your famous home at that time.

Thanks again. Hasta la vista.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Lister

NAPLES, JUNE 28, 1957

DEAR HELEN AND WILSON:

MY SON-IN-LAW, KENNETH CROSBY, SENT ME AN ARTICLE  
TELLING OF YOUR COMING RETIREMENT AND TRAVELS.

YOUR JOURNEY TO SPAIN ESPECIALLY INTERESTED ME,  
AS I HAVE JUST TAKEN IT. I FLEW TO BARCELONA. MY DAUGHTER,  
LORNA RANK, CAME BY SHIP FROM NAPLES WITH HER CAR AND MET ME.  
WE TOURED ALL DOWN THE EASTERN COAST TO GRANADA, THEN TO SEVILLA,  
CORDOBA, ARANJUEZ, TOLEDO, MADRID, BURGOS, SAN SEBASTIAN; THEN  
ACROSS FRANCE, LOURDES, CARCASSONNE, CANNES, THE RIVIERA TO  
NAPLES. WE THOUGHT THE FOUR GREAT THINGS IN SPAIN WERE THE  
ALHAMBRA, TOLEDO, THE PRADO AND THE BURGOS CATHEDRAL.

BUT WE HAD A BOOK WE CALLED OUR BIBLE, AND IF  
YOU HAVE NOT HEARD OF IT, DO MANAGE TO HAVE ONE WITH YOU IN  
SPAIN. IT IS "A STRANGER IN SPAIN" BY H. V. MORTON. IT IS  
CHARMING AND GIVES MORE INTERESTING BITS OF INFORMATION THAN  
ANY OTHER I KNOW. IT CONNECTS THINGS WE ALL KNOW IN ENGLISH  
HISTORY WITH RELATED EVENTS IN SPAIN.

I HOPE SOME DAY YOUR ROUTE TO AND FROM ANTIGUA  
WILL INCLUDE MEXICO CITY.

BEST TO YOU BOTH, AND BON VOYAGE IN MANY LANGUAGES.

A S ALWAYS,

*Josephine Keizer Littlejohn*



[July 1963]

Dr. Popov:

Dear Dr. Popov:

Don Chico de Tola suggested that I might come and see you and talk with you about the management development program in which we are both engaged. I shall be in Guatemala at the Hotel Pickmore until Thursday.

Then I must return to Harvard. I will be back in August and will call you then. My wife and I enjoyed greatly seeing your beautiful house. Looking forward to meeting you someday soon.

Sincerely,  
George Lodge



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c/o Instituto Interamericano de  
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Apartado 4359  
San José, Costa Rica  
Cable: AGROEA - San José

2 de Noviembre, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Apartado No. 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Deseo por este medio expresarle, en nombre del Dr. Cásseres y en el mío propio, nuestro más vivo agradecimiento por su gentileza al recibirnos durante nuestra reciente visita a Honduras.

Sus atinadas observaciones y comentarios fueron de mucha utilidad para los propósitos de nuestra misión. Abrigamos la esperanza de que, en el futuro, podremos contribuir en forma más efectiva a los esfuerzos de desarrollo agrícola que se realizan en ese país.

Aprovecho la ocasión para testimoniarle las más altas muestras de nuestro particular aprecio y consideración.

Atentamente,

Dr. Heraclio A. Lombardo  
Economista Agrícola Adjunto  
Oficina de Planeamiento

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Office of the Secretary - Treasurer, Londres 40, IICA, México 6, D. F., México.

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May 30, 1973.

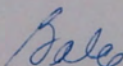
Dr. Willson Popenoe  
Domicilio Conocido  
Antigua, Guatemala

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Por medio de la presente me complace informarle que el día 23 de los corrientes le hemos enviados por impreso certificado No. 7119 una copia del volumen 15 de las memorias de la Región Tropical ASHS.

Le agradezco mucho el envío de sa cheque.

Atentamente.

  
Adriana Lomelín,  
Secretaria

#7. Loomis  
5355 S.W. 92 St  
Miami

Antigua Guatemala, 25 April 1959

Dear Harold:

The purpose of this letter, is specifically and solely to wish you all kinds of good health, in union with your very attractive señora - which reminds me of the story I picked up in Spain last year. Two gallegos meet, and one says to the other, "Ola, Manola, I havent seen you in a long time; how goes the health of yours? And Manolo answers, "As far as mralth is concerned, I have never had it better, but this damned liver of mine continues to give me Hell night and day".

So, as is costumbre, let us get to the leche en el coco. And it will not be like the occasion in Bogotá when up walks a well-dressed guy, and says "Your Excellency will pardon the mplestation, but the fact is - ~~and~~ I am ashamed, terribly ashamed to have to confess it, I am a trifle short of material resources".

But let us return - altho we havent commenced - to our muttons. I am still interested in avocados. The boys in Egypt are after me now, and I am being a trifle stand-offish because of treatment my boy Hugh recd when he had to change plants at Cairo a year or so ago. But politics is pilitics, and hort culture is horticulture. The boys out there want me to send them budwood of the best varieties to grow in that region. Now that energetic o d guy in Israel, Chanan Oppenheimer, has them all, but it would be simpler for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a good man to get material (assuming the good man is an Egyptian) out of Israel. When we thru stones across the Jordan last year, from our base at the Kibutz Kemmeret on the right bank of the Jordan just where it takes offn the sea of Galilea, I thought, How silly are we all; if I crossed the river I could not come back. So I lim ted myself to telling the lads on the Hebrew side of the river, stop turning the sea of Galilea onto your banana farms. Give them just half of it at a time:

Here is the point: back in 1920 or thereabouts I sent a lot of avocado budwood from the Chota Valle of Ecuador to Washn. As I intimated at that time (thank goodness) I suspected these varieties might be WI x Mex hybrids. They were swell avocados, except for the thin skins; but you and I have thin skins too, and we have survived. Now, somewhere I have read that you had that collection from the Chota valley at Chpaman Field? Did you and is it sill there? The boys from Texas have made two excursions down to Tamaulipas to get Mex x WI hybrids. They talk a lot about the village of Thomas and Charley, literatim Tamazunchale, and they got some budwood. Now those Chota valley hybrids of mine were not too bad; and if there is still budwood available at Chapman Field will you tell me whom to write, and perhaps you may know what SPI Numbers (Gosh, how I used to love to hear Ed Simmonds say, SPI 7304, Magnifica (sic) indica.) If budwood is avaiable I believe it would be worth while to send some to Israel as well as Wgypt, 'cause if those boys in Israel cant make three bananas grow where one grew before - or six avocados - it is eventually going to cause the heads of those New York bankers heads to swim. Frakly, I just cant see how Israel can become self supporting. unless they grow more of those grapes that the two chaps brought to Moses from the Promised Land, two men being requited to carry one bunch on poles between them. That picture by the way, s the trafe mark of the Rothschild wineries in Israel, and I told all my friends, trying keep my face straight, that I had come to get some cuttings of that particular variety of Vitis vinifera.

Our best to you both

*Pelayo Rodríguez López*

*Perito Agrícola*

MORALES. NUM. 1  
LA LAGUNA-TENERIFE  
ESPAÑA

La Laguna, 8 de Junio de 1.964

Dr. William Popenoe  
ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA  
H O N D U R A S.

Muy Sr. mío:

Me he tomado la libertad de dirigirme a Ud. para rogarle tenga la amabilidad de informarme sobre algunos asuntos de cultivos tropicales en los que estoy muy interesado:

En primer lugar desearía conocer si existen aún a la venta algún ejemplar de alguna de sus obras de sobre fruticultura tropical en español o en su defecto en inglés, y dirección de la firma a donde pueda dirigirme para adquirirlas.

En segundo lugar desearía conocer de donde podría adquirir semillas de *Lucuma mammosa* o *mamey colorado*.

También desearía saber el nombre científico de un árbol que aquí denominan canitel, palabra que imagino de origen sudamericano.

Por último desearía conocer una manera eficaz de germinar semillas de *Cocus nucifera* pues ofrece bastantes dificultades para hacerlo.

Y nada más. Únicamente indicarle que aunque estos asuntos son extraordinariamente interesantes para mí, si existiese la menor dificultad, en cualquier sentido, para atender mi petición, puede Ud. dar por no recibida mi carta, pues cuanto de antemano las muchas ocupaciones suyas que a lo mejor le impedirán atenderme.

De todos modos, muy agradecido, y reciba un saludo respetuoso.

*Pelayo Rodríguez López*

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Antigua 15 marzo 1970

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February 14, 1969

Mr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

We are enclosing membership brochures of the American Society for Horticultural Science. I am asking that you transmit these on to individuals who might be encouraged to join the Society. If you need more brochures, please contact me or Cecil Blackwell, our Executive Director.

I wish to call your particular attention to the new category of Associate Membership as we think that classification offers great possibility for attracting prospective members.

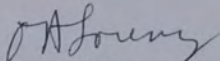
Based on personal experience, I know that the most likely members are fellow staff who have not joined, graduate students, and members of the Agricultural Extension Service. It is my suggestion that we hit these hard and I think that the results will really pay off. You are more familiar with the prospective contacts in your state or country than I, yet below are suggested the types of individuals who should be contacted.

1. Colleagues
2. Graduate Students
3. Farm Advisors, County Agents, and Vocational Agriculture Teachers associated with vegetables, fruits, flowers, and landscape horticulture
4. Vegetable and fruit growers, nurserymen and florists
5. Food processors
6. Equipment manufacturers
7. Fertilizer and insecticide suppliers

I further suggest that whenever possible you write a personal letter to your contacts and I think you will have much better success than merely enclosing a brochure. You might also ask some of your colleagues to write personal letters whenever possible.

Let's set a goal of increasing our membership by 50% or 100% and all give it a try. My personal thanks for your assistance in this task.

Very truly yours,



O. A. Lorenz, Chairman  
ASHS Active Membership Committee

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6a. Av. 7-31, Z-9  
Guatemala, Ciudad.  
Julio 19, 1962.-

Dr.  
Wilson Popano,  
ANTIGUA, GUATE.-

Dear Doctor:

Mr. Frasier has told me that you might be interested  
in buying an old painting of mine (OLEO).

I believe the subject is "OGLETHORP"?.-

If you will be coming to the city soon, please drop by;  
If not, would it be convenient to visit you in Antigua?.

I could take the Old Boy (Oglethorp) along, and you  
and I could renew our friendship.

You have always been one of my favorite people.-

Saludos,

*Violet Lowenthal*

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Violeta v. de Lowenthal.

P.D.  
My home address is: 6a. Av. 7-31, Z-9; Telephone number: 61308  
PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU!.-

VL/.-