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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.

5200 MANNING PLACE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Feb 4, 1947.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Popenau

We arrived here yesterday morning still talking of our thrilling trip through Honduras and particularly of the school, and I believe the first cold weather is setting in here. They predict 15° tonight which seems too soon - because last week it was 70° here.

Of course 70° is peak weather for  
January in Washington.

Dr. Dunslop was a marvellous  
guide and the arborvitae at  
the end of the day was something  
to dream of always.

Mrs. Popenau, I dug out today  
the piece of brocade I spoke of.  
I had not as much as I thought  
but I am mailing it on to you in  
the hope it may be useful. And  
I am happy to think that I could  
give a tiny contribution to that  
beautiful Spanish home you  
have brought together there.

Mr. De Murray enjoyed his  
trip I think. He looked well and  
in fine spirit when we docked.

The Swinkells had a dinner  
for a large group at La Lima and  
Mr. De Murray and I and everyone  
had fun dancing the rumba to the  
Marimba. It was all very gay  
and stimulating. I am afraid  
I will bore everyone forever talking  
of the crowds of Hondurans especially.

Bob joins me in sending special  
greetings to you and to all your  
big family at the school. I envy  
your pupils and only wish my  
two sons could have the privilege  
of going there.

With all good wishes and  
many thanks for your hospitality

Sincerely yours

Rachel La Follette

5200 MANNING PLACE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 2, 1953

Dear Wilson and Helen Pope -  
Your <sup>letter and</sup> message to me and  
the boys is deeply appreciated.

Bob loved his work with  
limited fruit, and a large  
part of the pleasure was his  
friendship with you. You  
were so cordial to us and  
the boys on our visits. It  
was a happy time for us.

My mail is over-  
whelming, but as soon  
as I was able I did give  
a list spotted about  
limited fruit operation to be

sent to Record of the Memorial  
Services in the Senate. These  
were the first I sent out.

I have been working  
around the clock on the  
mail and I know you  
understand this long de-  
layed response.

I have no plans yet,  
but the pressure will ease  
and first things will be  
cleared. Then I can see  
what the outlook may be.

I send our love. We  
have much together.

Devotedly  
Rachel La Follette

[Jan. 1954]

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Helen and  
Wilson Pope noe:

Thank you dears for  
holiday greetings. May  
1954 hold all happiness  
for you and yours.

My older sister died  
the middle of December  
and I could not get  
even Christ mas cards  
off this year. The mail  
is unusually heavy and  
I wonder if I shall ever get  
abreast of it. However we  
have been well and the  
boys have had a good

Semester in school. I shall  
be here for the rest of the  
School year with Bronson  
who graduates from prep  
school this June. He is going  
to University of his cousin  
Joe is now a junior at Cornell.  
He has made good marks  
this year and for the first  
time is really enthusiastic  
about his work there, so that  
is gratifying indeed. They  
are good boys and I am for-  
tunate.

I am a little weary but back  
in the routine and some extra  
sleep will see me fine again.

All wishes to you dear  
friends.

Devotedly  
Rachel F. Tollette



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 14. [C1954]

Dear Helen Popenoe:

How good to have a letter from you on my return from Madison. I have been there for a couple of weeks on various matters.

Fola, Bob's older sister 'cut the ribbon' at the presentation of some of the papers of her father to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. You may have noted that the biography of her father which her mother had started and which Fola finished was published last December and the papers are now available to students of the period. A large part of

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the material is in the Library of Congress but this portion had been given to Wisconsin.

It is good to have news of your family. This trip to Wisconsin has made me specially conscious of the years rushing in that almost all our friends have grand children.

I have thought so often of you these last months and realize unless one lives there we have small conception of the tremendous anxiety and physical suffering there must be. You are dear to write and to give me the word that you are safe. The Bursleys were dear people.

Brouson my baby, is to be a freshman at the University of Wisconsin this fall and will live in the Men's Dormitory.

I think I shall stay on here. I<sup>3</sup>  
shall go to Madison again in  
the fall to see Bronson settled.  
The house there is leased to  
some young teachers in the  
University and I have a  
room there whenever I want  
to come, which is a nice  
arrangement.

Joe will be a senior at Cornell  
next year, and to the boys  
are away now on summer  
jobs. You are fortunate that  
Hugh is through his service.  
Both mine have that to face  
and the picture seems noisening.  
You down there have been through or  
know of the earlier uprisings but I  
have been so disturbed at news reports  
here because one never really knows the  
'news behind the news'. The suit against  
U7 brought up just now is most puz-  
zling. I have known of course about  
this but to bring it up just now, -  
what gives? Haven't talked to anyone

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Who is in on the whole picture but shall dig at the first opportunity.

Helen dear, your last visit here was pretty scrappy because you were involved with relatives. The next time you are this way I hope you can plan to stay here. I won't have the boys too much now and I should so love to have you for a real visit.

I loved your letter and the fact that you feel you and Wilson may after all retire to Antigua is a happy note to me in that it sounds as though you feel things may smooth out in that troubled area.

My dear wishes to you and Wilson always and here is hoping our paths may cross before too long.

Devotedly

Rachel Fox Hollette