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U. S. Agricultural Attaché
AMERICAN EMBASSY
Panamá, R.P.
July 30, 1941.

Mr. William K. Jackson,
United Fruit Company,
One Federal Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of July 1st, enclosing a press release containing Mr. Pollan's message to the Stockholders at the Annual Meeting held in Jersey City on March 19, 1941.

This is a very interesting statement, particularly in so far as it relates to the cooperation between the United Fruit Company and the United States Department of Agriculture. However, it does not contain a single word about the area devoted to agricultural production in the various countries in which the Fruit Company is doing business, and to which reference was made in my letter of June 5, 1941.

Since the publication of the article to which I referred in my letter of June 5th, the Star & Herald on June 9th, published certain data showing the investment of the United Fruit Company in the various Latin American countries, giving among other things the areas devoted to the different crops, etc., in the various countries. This information, according to the article in question was taken from the 41st annual report of the United Fruit Company for the fiscal year 1940.

This is precisely the information which I want. I hope that you will not think that I am trying to pry into the private affairs of the United Fruit Company, but as an economist, I am like you as a lawyer, I want my information first hand and not from secondary sources. However, I do not want to bother you personally about these matters so that if you will just refer this letter to your secretary and tell her (or him) to send me a copy of the annual report in question; then my request may be considered

as closed.

In this connection I wish to thank you for asking Mr. Chittenden to send me a copy of the map of Costa Rica which I desired to obtain. A copy of this map has just come to hand and I shall thank Mr. Chittenden personally when I go to Costa Rica in the near future. I note your observation that crops are not grown on maps. This is true, but you know very well that anybody who tries to study the economics of crop production without maps and statistics showing area and distribution of such production in their relation to other factors hasn't even gone to first base. The fact that the United Fruit Company has such maps is to me self evident that they recognize their need and usefulness. After all, I am in the same boat, and I want to assure you again, that these maps and information will not be used for any other purpose than that for which they are used and intended to be used by the United Fruit Company.

I have just been notified that I am to proceed to Honduras to assist two members of the United States Department of Agriculture in making a survey of the possibilities for certain agricultural products in that country; and I am planning to leave Panamá by plane on July 31st. This survey is to be made, I understand at the request of the government of Honduras. You will readily appreciate that in order to make a proper appraisal of the economic set-up of the agricultural industry of the country I am interested in all agricultural activities within the country, including those of the United Fruit Company. Obviously, the government of Honduras can hardly be interested in those products now being grown by the United Fruit Company but rather in supplementary products, not now being produced, and perhaps particularly those which can be grown by the smaller producers in other parts of the country.

I hope that you will pardon the length of this letter but I merely wanted to make it clear that insofar as my interests and activities affected those of the United Fruit Company there should not be the slightest question about the use which I make of any information which I may obtain, directly, or indirectly, from the United Fruit Company. Thanking you again for your valuable cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles L. Luedtke

Charles L. Luedtke
U. S. Agricultural Attaché

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, ONE FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM K. JACKSON
VICE PRESIDENT

15th August 1941

Mr. Charles L. Luedtke
U.S. Agricultural Attaché
American Embassy
Panamá, R.P.

My dear Luedtke:

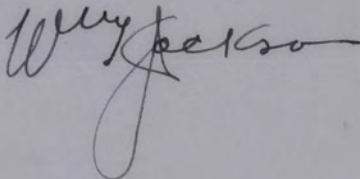
Thanks very much for your letter of July 30th. It is always a surprise to get a nice friendly letter out of a formidable-looking franked envelope.

I am very glad to enclose a copy of the last printed Annual Report of the United Fruit Company. I presume that the data you are interested in appears on page 16 of this Report. At least I hope it will be of some value to you.

I note you are going to Honduras to make an agricultural survey at the request of the Government of Honduras. I agree with you that they must have in mind the development of new agricultural crops. You undoubtedly know Dr. Wilson Popence, who was formerly with the Department of Agriculture and who is now connected with us. He has his headquarters in La Lima, Honduras. He carried on experimental work at Lancetilla near Tela, Honduras, for several years. I know that he and other officials of our Company will be very glad to cooperate with you in every possible way.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure.



(Copy of this letter
sent to Mr. Luedtke
Care American Embassy
Tegucigalpa, Honduras)

B/c copy to Dr. Popence ✓



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U. S. Agricultural Attaché,
Panamá, R. P.,
November 27, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Popence:

When I was in Guatemala, I got a glimpse of an article which you had written on cinchona in Guatemala.

If I am not mistaken, it was a reprint from the Journal of Tropical Agriculture, published in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

I wonder if by any chance you have an extra copy of this reprint, or can suggest where I may obtain a copy?

Hoping that you are settled down to the peace and quiet of Antigua, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Luedtke
Charles L. Luedtke,
U. S. Agricultural Attaché.

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Antigua, Guatemala, 1 Dec 1941

Mr Charles L Luedtke,
Embassy of the U S A
Panama.

Dear Mr. Luedtke:

Yours of Nov 27th has just come. I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover, por correo certificado, several copies of the reprint from "Tropical Agriculture" on Cinchona in Guatemala; and have thrown in for good measure a few others, one or two of which I hope may prove of interest to you.

I have just sent to the Office of Foreign Agr'l Relations in Washington an article entitled "The Story of Quinine" which I hope may appear in "Agriculture in the Americas" one of these days.

I am leaving Antigua this week for Tegucigalpa, where I expect to remain until Christmas working on our school project. If you pass that way, be sure to look me up I still regret having missed you here in Guatemala - or to put it more accurately, having seen you for just about two minutes when it should have been two days,

Always sincerely yours,