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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.

Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

1952

EAST POINT  
SEAL HARBOR, MAINE

Dear Mrs. Popenoe,

Your nice letter took  
ages to reach us, as we  
went to England in May  
and, unfortunately, the letter  
was not forwarded. Our  
second son is the Managing  
Director of the International  
Harvester Co. of Great Britain,  
and we want to see him & his  
wife & their four children.

We then returned here & are staying until the end of September. How I wish that we might have been in London while you & Dr. Popenoe are there.

You may be returning to Honduras via Chicago & if so, we are hoping you will let us know.

The idea of your museum is a fascinating one. It would be such fun to see your lovely things & talk over



Museum plans with you,  
so please do not be surprised  
if we actually do go to  
Honduras this winter. However,  
I am the very poorest visitor  
in the world, as I have to  
take life rather easily. Is  
there any hotel near by,  
where we could stay?

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley and  
we two, went to South Africa  
a year ago last February.  
They are always wondering

what to do in the winter time + I wonder  
if they would not like the idea of going  
with us. You see I am already getting  
excited at the thought of a trip.

I do hope you had a wonderful  
time in Portugal + Spain + wherever else  
you have been.

Channey joins me in sending our  
best regards to you both.

P.S. My permanent  
address is  
410 No. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, 14

Very sincerely yours,  
Maurice D. Mc Cormick

2450 LAKE VIEW AVENUE  
CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

Nov. 8\*  
[1952?]

Dear Mrs. Pofense,

How nice than kind of you  
to suggest that the Bradleys and  
Chauncey and I visit you, or that you  
let us have one of your staff  
cottages! I showed your letter to  
Mary, who has only recently returned



from Wisconsin.

The trouble with all of us is that we have all been so absorbed in the election that I have not had a moment in which to think, or decide anything. Now that the election has turned out the way we, and evidently most of the country, had hoped it would, we must begin to decide. If you want to give the staff house to any other friends, please do not keep it for us, as I do not know when I could let you know if we are coming or not. Some quite important matters are arisen here at home for Chauncey to attend to and until they are finished, I cannot be will not consider any future plans.

I do not <sup>4</sup> suppose that you will  
be here soon, on account of having  
had a Spanish vacation. If you shall  
come, do let us know in advance.

With many thanks for your kind  
letter and best regards from us  
both,

Cordially, yours,  
Marion D. McCormick



2450 LAKE VIEW AVENUE  
CHICAGO 14

January 16, 1953

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

Please forgive a typewritten letter, but Chauncey and I are leaving for Miami on business day after tomorrow and I must write you before I go.

Unfortunately we find that we cannot leave Chicago this winter as business makes it imperative for Chauncey to remain here most of the winter. He will have to return to Miami as we have turned over my Uncle's place, Vizcaya, to the County and are helping them open it to the public as a museum. You know how much work that entails, but it is interesting and what we want to do.

You have been so kind in inviting us to stay with you and it is a real disappointment not to be able to accept your lovely invitation.

Last night we had dinner with Herbert and Mary Bradley and had such fun as we christened their new elevator. It is named after me and I have never been so uplifted by any namesake before.

With best wishes to you and Mr. Popenoe from us both, *+ affectionate regards,*

Very sincerely yours,

*Marion D. McComick*

EAST POINT  
SEAL HARBOR  
MAINE

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
[1953]

Dear Mrs. Pofense,

Your letter was delayed in reaching us, as it was forwarded from the apartment to the office then on here to our summer home, where we have been since the first of July.

The museum in Margel, my father's old home in Sitges, is under lease to the Spanish government & is open to the public. I shall ask my business head in Chicago, to please write the man in Barcelona, who has our properties in Spain under his charge. Then, if you like, you can see the old house, which has little in it, or which is on the sea opposite the museum.

The ruined old castle, Tamarit, which is not far from Tarragona, is occupied this summer by my nephew, Deely, Dandelton, &

his family. It is on a wretched road & quite out of the way, but if you are passing by, you might like to see it. I shall write & tell him you may come to call some day.

. Hoping you will have a wonderful trip, one even better than that of last year, & with kindest regards to you & Mr. Pofense from Chauncey and me,

Very Sincerely yours,  
Maurice D. McCormick



[Chicago, Ill.]

[NOV. 17, 1934]

Mrs. Chauncey McCormick  
acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
your kind expression of sympathy

Dear Mrs. Pofense,  
Ym note me

such a lovely, understanding letter of sympathy and I deeply appreciate you and Mr. Poffenoe's kind messages.

If you ever come to Chicago, please let me know.

Affectionately yours,  
Maurice D. Mc Cormick