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Antigua, Guatemala, 21 June 1959

Dear Mr. Moir:

Some time ago I heard that you had "retired". As you know, I have too; but I'm mighty busy, and only get sore when folks take the attitude (as they often do) "Let's be nice to that old guy, you know he used to be a good horticulturist".

Helen and I spent 1958 in Spain, Israel and the Canaries. Then back here for a short time. I have just returned from a job in Venezuela, trying to help the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza make two mangos grow where none grew before; then to Costa Rica for the annual meeting of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci (they were very nice to me; he used to be a good man way back yonder) and now I am going up to Mexico City to give a series of lectures at the Short Course sponsored by the Organization of American States (He used to be a good man once, maybe he can still tell us something, but it's doubtful).

I am working on a manual of tropical fruit culture, to be published in Spanish by Salvat Editores of Barcelona. Best publishing house in Spain, so far as agricultural books are concerned. I had thought of getting out a new manual in English, but we don't need it, what with Chandler's new edition of "Evergreen Orchards" and the bulletins from California and Florida and elsewhere.

Being more or less settled down in Antigua, I am getting back into orchids. Brought with me from Venezuela a nice batch of what I call Labiata forms, other folks call Mossiae and Speciosissima and Gaskelliana and so on. What I need is a dozen of those swell strap-leaved Vanda hybrids you have in Hawaii. I have two here which I got from Florida and they do handsomely in this climate. Will you tell me what it would cost me to get a dozen good strong cuttings, which could be sent over hereby air express?

There seems to be no demand for Brassavola digbyana these days. Just as well, as we're a long way from Talanga where you picked up a batch. Plenty of Oncidium splendidum at Tegucigalpa, but we haven't been over there for 18 months. When I was in Costa Rica last week I went to see Lankester's place; he has about 3 acres in orchids, I would say, with Dendrobium nobile by the thousand. Lank was in England, making a speech at the 111th centenary of Kew, and in the presence of Her Majesty, and if he doesn't come back with an OBE there is no God in Heaven.

Helen joins in old time regards to you both, and we don't see what keeps you from visiting us here; we have an empty bedroom, rather small, only 22 x 44 feet, but you would be very welcome if you squeeze your respective persons into it.

Always sincerely yrs,

W. W. G. MOIR  
P. O. BOX 2298  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

July 8. [1959]

Dear Mr. Papenoe,  
Excuse my delay in answering  
your letter. I have been busy  
wrangling up the affairs of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Congress of the International  
Society of Sugar Cane Technologists  
of which I was General Secretary -  
Treasurer.

I have found out I can  
get 10 strap leaved *Vauca*  
plants of near flowering size  
for roasting and all it will  
cost is the transportation  
costs. I got this from Waukerich  
Ltd who said that since it  
was for you it would only  
cost the transportation fee.

Please let me know immediately  
how to address it and whether  
you need any permit of entry  
and what are the requirements  
to Guatemala for entering  
such items. Some Latin countries  
it is like signing your life away.  
Please let me know soon and  
then they will be on their way.

It would be wise to have  
this go by P.O. air freight but  
you should check with the office

in Guatemala City as to the require-  
ments and whether you can pay  
on that end when they arrive.

It sure was good to hear from  
you and know you had returned.  
Being retired is far too busy to  
suit me. I do twice as much  
as ever before because I do not  
have to wait on a dozen other  
people making up their mind  
on what I might not do.

We too stopped off in Costa Rica  
last year June to see Lankester  
and to spend a day with him  
on our way back from Ecuador.

He is such a grand old man.

Thanks for the invitation to  
stay. Well one of these days we  
might take you up.

How is your old friend in San  
Salvador and all his plumbeas?

Best wishes to Helen and yourself  
from us both here.

Aloha

Goodall

Mario Galil. (FAO Agricultural  
UNICEF. Officer.  
Apdo. 525  
Guatemala.

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 July 1959

Mr W W G Moir,  
P O Box 2298  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Mr Moir:

What delightful news, that of your letter dated 8th of this month! I think I have things lined up for those strap-leaved Vandas and here is the program:

One of my old students, Mario Jalil, is now with the FAO here and those folks have diplomatic privileges and he will be glad to receive the plants and turn them over to me immediately on arrival. Pan American Airways is, as you suggest, the proper thing. They may require an inspection certificate at our end before receiving the shipment. I assume you folks are used to inspection certificates. It will be well to attach one but Jalil could get the shipment out of customs here even without one. I am enclosing my check for \$15 which I assume will cover the shipping cost. If not quite enough, let me know and I will send another check. It will be simpler if the Vandas come prepaid air express, or air freight, or whatever you call it over there. I believe it is air express here - probably the same thing. Please address the shipment as follows:

Ing. Mario Jalil, Agricultural Officer  
Food and Agriculture Organization, Naciones Unidas  
UNICEF, Apartado 525  
Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America.

I shall be most grateful for these cuttings. It is practically impossible to get the strap-leaved Vandas over here, and the two which I have are doing so well and are so beautiful I simply must have a few more. And do give my cordial thanks to the Wm Kirch people who you say are going to let me have them.

Of the plumerias you sent me, seven are alive and growing in my garden here. The ones you sent to Francisco de Sola in Salvador have grown faster because of the warmer climate over there. I think he has ten varieties. In Venezuela last month I saw a beautiful form, in a small garden back in the interior; something like Tricolor but with something like flame scarlet in it. I brought home some cuttings and hope they will grow; I left two with Claude Hope in Costa Rica, the best horticulturist in Central America. I am going to work hard to get more frangipanis growing in Central America; they are such beautiful things.

I hope now to spend the rest of this year at home, working on my manual of tropical fruit culture in Spanish. But like yourself, I am really more busy than I was when at EAP, and in addition, find less problems to face. Problems being people, of course.

Helen joins me in cordial regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Antigua, Guatemala, 18 Sept 1959

Mr W W G Moir  
Box 2298, Honolulu, Hawaii:

Dear Mr Moir:

Before I go any further, this is the first note I have not had to write Honolulu, T.H., and it gives me a great deal of pleasure! I guess the flag is now filled and there won't be any more stars to add, because I don't think the Puerto Ricans don't want to become gringos, although they are already carrying American passports.

Now to business: those Vandas arrived and what a fine lot they are! I'll bet they are very choice hybrids, and I shall be impatient to see them come into bloom - but it will be some time before they do so, because of our cool climate. I am most thankful and grateful for them. Of course they came through in beautiful condition and my friend in the FAO didn't have the slightest trouble getting them out of customs.

Paul Allen has gone back to United Fruit and has been placed in charge of Lancetilla, to my infinite satisfaction. I hear he is to be sent to the Philippines and adjacent areas in a month or so, to pick up banana breeding material - trip of not more than 3 months I believe. Not much horticultural work left at Zamorano.

Helen joins me in best regards to you both. With renewed thanks,

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

[19/XI/57]



The Maie did not go traveling this year except for a short visit to Kauai. It has been a very busy and interesting year and one that will go down in history in many ways.

The 10th World Sugar Congress was held here this past spring and was attended by representatives of all the sugar growing countries of the world. It was wonderful to see so many old friends from other parts of the world and also to meet many new interesting people.

The Hawaiian Botanical Gardens Foundation Inc. was finally brought to being this past June. Goodale was prevailed upon to be its first president.

The Friends of Foster Garden was organized and should be of considerable help to the Gardens as soon as it recovers from the new high way which are under construction.

Honolulu was a very busy place after it was proclaimed the 50th state. The elections were very hectic but we feel that the outcome was representative of the new state.

May continues to paint and had her second one-man show at the Library.

Daughter Fay and three children are enjoying Washington D.C. where Capt. Cornfield is stationed.

Goodale continues his hybridizing of orchids and many of his bigeneric hybrids have now bloomed to the delight of the orchid growers. He has been asked to give a paper "Orchid Hybridizing" and show slides at the 3rd World Orchid Congress in London in May 1960. So if all goes well we should be trying out the new jets next spring.

Aloha and best wishes for a  
Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

May and Goodale



W. W. G. MOIR  
P. O. Box 2298  
Honolulu, Hawaii



Dr & Mrs. Wilson Pope  
Antigua  
Guatemala  
Central America



Antigua, Guatemala, 23 Decbr 1959

Dear Moirs:

How pleasant to have your Christmas letter! I had not heard about that Hawaiian Botanical Gardens business. Mighty fine idea. You have have a girgeous garden in that fine climate. The Atkins garden in Cuba could have been gorgeous but as Robert Gray told me many years ago, they only gave us land for the garden which was not good enough to grow sugar cane.

Horticulturally, we are coming along over here. The frangipani varieties you sent are established in Guatemala and Salvador. Those vandas are coming along well - I had to farm them out with Hugh Craggs as a starter, because they/better<sup>do</sup> at 3000 feet than here at our 5000, and I wanted to push them ahead as rapidly as possible. The world seems to have lost interest in *B. digbyana*; no takers.

Paul Allen is over in the Philippines with some other guys from United Fruit, looking for banana breeding material. I believe his wife who was in St Louis has gone out to Hong Kong to be with him for a short time. When Paul comes back they plan to stay in Tela and run *Lancetilla* for which I am grateful; I think we have there the best collection of tropical *Amondia*s presently extant in Latin America.

If you go to Londnin May why not stop off here on your way home - unless you go the other way round? We have lots of room and will take a run around the highlands in our Volkswagen. *Laelia superbians* now in bloom. Pretty darn handsome but will p sh the roof offn your greenhouse. Helen joins me in warmest regards to you both.

Faithfully yrs

Antigua, Guatemala, 1 May 1960

Mr W W G Moir  
Box 2298 Honolulu USA

Dear Goodale:

Your welcome letter of 10 April came some days ago. I believe Hugh Craggs is back but I haven't seen him yet. As he told you, he is caring for the Vandas you so kindly sent me. They grow just about twice as fast at his place as they do here, but they do flower well here, so I turned them over to him so I can get them back here into flower before I die. Incidentally, he cannot flower Cymbidiums at his place (almost 3000 feet); he gave me a dozen which had never flowered with him and we had a fine show here a few months ago.

You ask for Paul Allen's address. For some time it has been care of the Agricultural Attaché, Embassy of the USA, at Manila, and I am still using that address. Paul is one of the world's worst correspondents and we have to depend on Dorothy, but I think they are planning to go on vacation this summer - I don't know where/ Perhaps, St Louis Mo., but I can imagine there are better places. For example, I would go to Japan. But I think if you write Paul at Manila it will reach him eventually.

About this Tebebuta business: I know just what you mean. What I don't know is this, Can we depend on seeds from a beautiful deep pink Tebebuta producing trees which will produce those same beautiful deep pink flowers? For years I have been wanting to carry out an experiment, one hundred trees from seeds of the same parent, to see what would happen. Like many other things I have left undone. A month ago we were over in Zamorano with Chico de Sola of San Salvador and we found the most gorgeous very pale pink tree you ever seed, and I have arranged (I hope) to get some seed. I shall also ask for some seed from that handsome tree on the road down below the school at Zamorano, and if I get them I shall send them to you. But I do not feel at all sure that seeds from any tree will produce flowers of the same color. Maybe if I can send you some seeds next month you can arrange to have 100 trees grown and see what happens. If possible I want to send you some seeds of that beautiful pale pink which Chico de Sola and I spotted.

Hombre, if I knew of anyone who had spare millions I would turn him loose on Escuela Agricola Panamericana before I recommended your botanic garden, much as I favor the latter. EAP is up against a real problem. The budget has jumped to the top of the thermometer and United Fruit Co doesn't want to shell out any more spondulicks. We are now trying desperately to get some big money into our endowment fund to protect the future.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to you both.

Always yours faithfully,

HAWAIIAN BOTANICAL GARDENS FOUNDATION, INC.

c/o EXPERIMENT STATION, H.S.P.A.

1527 KEEAUMOKU STREET

HONOLULU 14, HAWAII

May 14, 1960

Mr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Wilson,

Thanks ever so much for your fine letter. The reason I wrote about the deep pink *Tabebuia* was because the trees that have grown and flowered from your seed are like the trees in the plaza in Guatemala City and not like those in Zamorano. The growth of the two trees is very different. The Guatemalan one was sprawly while that at Zamorano was very erect.

In the State of Hawaii we have a lot of *Tabebuia* from Puerto Rico but I have a couple of trees from the Virgin Islands that are very dark pink like the Zamorano ones but entirely a different species and different from the *T. pallida* of Puerto Rico. We are growing seed to see if all the plants turn out dark pink.

I read about the United Fruit in Time and realized Zamorano must have its problems. If you have any friends at the top in United why not suggest to them to bring in American Factors Associates to grow cane on their abandoned or run down banana lands or even on banana lands they cannot grow banana properly. A.F. Ass. in in international

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farming of all kinds all over the world. They are the same group I worked for for 35 years. Recently we took over 1,500,000 acres in the rough in Australia to develop it into farms and pastures in a five year program. Maybe United could use us very profitably with all the latest know how of Hawaiian Research in Sugar Cane and other things.

We really enjoyed Hugh Cragg while he was here and I'm sure he went home with lots of ideas and things.

We leave this next week for London and will be back at the end of June.

We both send our very best wishes to you both and hope you are both in the finest of health.

Aloha  
Goodale

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Antigua Guatemala, 10 June 1960

Mr. W. W. G. Moir,  
Box 2298,  
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Dear Goodale:

In response to your request of May 14th., Amado Pelén has just come here from Zamorano, brought seed from the deep pink Tabebuia tree which is on the road side between the school and the Yeguaré river. I think this is the finest Tebebuia I have ever seen so far as color is concerned. Pelén also brought seeds from a rare form which we found three months ago in the Zamorano valley. This at a distance of a hundred yards appears to be white. On close examination there is a touch of pink in the throat of each flower. It is worth mentioning that the flower clusters are unusually large. I send you herewith seeds of both these forms. I do not feel at all sure that the trees which grow from these seeds are going to show exactly the same color as the parents.

Yes, Zamorano is having rather a tough time. The Fruit Company has lost interest in the school, for some reasons I do not understand and has announced that it will gradually withdraw its financial support. The new Director is hoping to get funds from one of the foundations in the States which will bring our endowment up to the point where annual earnings will meet our needs.

I hope you folks enjoyed your stay in London. When you get home, which you say will be at the end of this month, please let me know if the seeds reached allright. I still have a few on hand.

Best regards always,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

W. W. G. MOIR  
P. O. BOX 2238  
HONOLULU, T. H.

7/9/60

Dear Wilson

We got home a week or so ago  
and found your letter and  
seed. Thank you ever so much  
for getting the seed in Honduras.  
All Hawaii will appreciate these  
even though the colors might  
not come just the same.

We are disturbed about  
Zamora's future. We really  
feel that it is a wonderful  
undertaking to make all

Latin Americans acquainted  
with each other as well as  
get a wonderful education.

We had a grand time in Europe.  
London was super and the  
Congress was fine but the  
Chelsea Flower show was superb.  
We were not impressed by Kew  
but enjoyed Wisley and Savill  
Gardens much more. We loved

Munich Bot. Gardens, not to much of  
Edinburgh but found Montreal  
really tops as a growing  
place. Henry Tausche is doing  
a magnificent job but retires soon.  
We are getting started on our garden  
but it will be difficult to get  
the millions needed to complete  
it.

Please give our regards to  
your good wife and to all  
our other friends there.  
If at any time you wish  
things from here please write  
for them and we'll see what  
can be done.

Aloha  
Goodale