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June 1, 1940

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I received your letter relating to Wardlaw's ideas on the Moko problem about a month after you left here, and have held up answering it in the expectancy of having the opportunity of visiting the Urama plantations first. Such an opportunity has not presented itself, nor have I had a single peep out of the general regarding the disease. On the other hand I have had to recommend to the Ministry what sprayer to buy for Sigatoka and I selected the Hardie type you spoke to me about. Apparently, the man Garcia, who should have obtained full information on the subject, was not even consulted.

I have been very busy with trips and work on potato diseases, and an apparently new virus disease seems to have come in this year with the Canadian seed, which plus severe bacterial blight in over-irrigated soils, has cut yields. The semester's work at the ag. college comes to an end this week, so there is no more teaching until August 15th. That leaves me considerable more time for catching up with other things, but after all each week brings new things each labelled "urgente". I am entitled to a two weeks vacation before Aug. 15th, and what may be the most profitable way to spend it, I haven't decided yet.

I received the treatise on Cinchona which you kindly sent me from Jamaica. I have studied it carefully, learning a great many things from it. In Dr. Pitter's library I found more literature on the subject, published by the Bogotá Academy of Sciences.

I got a letter from Mr. Lukens, a copy of which is in your hands. I am wondering if he still plans to be in Guatemala in July, to get up to date on the condition of the plantations. Perhaps he would be agreeable to meeting me there to talk over the possibility of my undertaking the work. I would have to fly, because of the two week's limit of my vacation, and for the moment I can't see my way clear to raise the money for the passage on account of my obligations in regard to paying up my shares in the Sugar company before July 1st. Maybe the company could help me out in order to make the interview possible right there.

The other day your interesting separate, on possibilities of finding good and useful avocados in various localities, came in. Not only I, but several around the station, have appreciated reading it. On a trip to Guarenas, where supposedly Caracac's best avocados come from, I found more than 100 trees over 20 yrs. drying up. I have isolated, from what seemed to be infected tissues, *Diplodia*, a weak parasite. I think that the prolonged drought is the primary cause, altho certain trees with roots practically wet all the time were suffering the same type of die-back.

Thanks for your letter, and the material you have sent me. Hoping to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely

Albert S. Milliey

Nov. 9, 1940

Dear Dr. Popovse,

In both your letters received last month you inquired about the banana disease situation in Yaracuy. Finally I have made a trip there in brief form in view of an order to inspect the "Banamera". Without contact with the General or with his men who were not to be found, I covered also Bella Vista and Urama, but I can't say anything about the other plantations of the region. I want to go again.

The "Banamera" has now 300 Ha. with a slight touch of Sigatoka on the lower leaves. The Sigatoka is very severe in Bella Vista and Urama. At the "Banamera" the Moko is not apparent and Monfils, the agronomo, all year long has eliminated all suspicious cases that appeared. In Urama plantanos are being put in where there were bananas and the cause is Moko. There are some widely separated banana plants still standing badly burned with Sigatoka. About half of Bella Vista along the stream is 100% destroyed by Moko and the dead plants still stand among the tall weeds. The percentage of apparently diseased plants decreases as you go away from the stream towards higher drier land. I have never been asked by the General to come out there since you left. The recommendation I made about purchasing Hardie sprayers in April to the Ministry was rejected and no one has one yet. Thomas Fennell of Haiti visited the Banamera and Bella Vista three weeks ago, and I had a talk with him afterwards. No doubt he has written you. The General is not shipping to New York and he and Reyna are there.

In your first letter I read with interest that the job of Director of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura would be open on the retirement of Dr. Johnston, and from your second letter it seems apparent that this will be soon.

Does your school year close the end of the year or in the middle of the year? I won't finish

this semester's teaching till the middle of February and already I have assigned to teach the following semester which ends in June. I have forgotten if your school has a four or a two year course or both and how many teachers. It would be helpful if Dr. Johnston would send me the curriculum, regulations, and other data available so that I could make a study of the essential aims of the school and how they are carried out.

I realize that there wouldn't be much money for developing the school which isn't the most important point. What has made directors fail here and in Brazil is that the money budgeted for schools is not available to their directors and only a part is spent on the schools while the rest goes for other ministerial expenses without informing the directors until they ask for indispensable material at a time when no money is left. Perhaps an annual report of Dr. Johnston's would reveal the situation in Guatemala.

I stand ready to help in agricultural education in these countries where the subject is new, undeveloped and so sorely needed, especially the practical end, but from my experience I have found that foreign professors are far more successful in their work than foreign directors, who usually have political as well as financial impediments unfair to them from the start. I don't want to have to face the same problem of incompatibility with local politics, and the prospect of quitting, with no prospective openings, during these uncertain times. With that off my chest, I guess I can say that I am interested in the position and that I could get away from here in March, tho I prefer July or August. Hoping to receive more information about the school, and with best regards,

Sincerely yours,
Albert S. Miller

Antigua, Guatemala, 25 November 1940

Dr. Albert S. Muller,
Ministerio de Agricultura y Cria,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant. I have delayed replying u til I could talk with my chief, Mr Turnbull, regarding the agricultural school matter.

We are glad to know that you are interested. We feel that you can handle this job admirably; your previous experience along these same lines is almost a guarantee of that. But we want to make sure that you are going to like the job. That is perhaps even more important. Mr Turnbull has therefore suggested that you might care to fly up here, if you can spare about ten days around Christmas time. I will be here, and we could go over the whole situation together; then, if you are satisfied, you can make plans to take up the work just as soon as possible, which we hope would be in March 1941, since the school year here commences at the end of February, not in September as it does in the States. Mr. Turnbull authorises me to tell you that the United Fruit Company will pay the expenses of your trip, including air transportation from La Guaira to Guatemala City and return to La Guaira.

But before considering the desirability of such a trip, you will want to know more about the school than I told you in my last letter, and more about the nature of the job. I want to say in the first place, that United Fruit is paying the salary of the Director, through the Guatemalan government, and you would therefore be sure of your pay, and sure to get it on time. Further than this, we would give you transportation to and from the States, Puerto Barrios to New York and return, if you wished to go on vacation every year

or two. And we would give you the same privileges of medical service and hospitalization extended to our own employes, in case of need. The salary will be Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars per month, plus living quarters at the school. You would probably want to run a mess of your own, but we doubt that food would cost you more than thirty dollars per month. I think you know that most things are cheaper in Guatemala than in Venezuela, hence we feel that the salary offered is worth a good deal more here than it would be in Caracas.

As I have told you, the school does not have much money with which to work (at present, anyway) and the teaching staff is made of principally of young graduates of the school who have little practical experience and get low salaries. When I can get a chance I will send you a copy of the printed curriculum, from which you will see that it is more or less than of an agricultural high school, not a college.

It is our desire to see the school built up, and to that end we plan to help a little as may seem opportune. It is located on the grounds of an old hacienda and does not yet have adequate buildings but the government is supplying a little money to carry on construction work and we believe will continue to do so. We feel you could make a showing which would encourage them along this line.

We particularly want to see good experimental plantings of fruit trees and other economic plants established, and will cooperate to this end by getting you much of the planting material required. And we want to see a good nursery built up, to supply trees and plants for distribution and experimental planting. In other words, the place could and should be made into an experiment station on a small scale. This would please the President immense-

ly. And it would do the country a lot of good, in time.

In addition to your duties as Director, you would be expected to do a certain amount of teaching - whatever you could conveniently handle and whatever you thought useful. As I think I have told you, the school is situated in the outskirts of the town of Chimaltenango, about an hour and a quarter's drive from Guatemala City over good roads. The altitude is 6000 feet and the climate healthful and very pleasant. The institution is under the Ministerio de Instrucción Pública, and you would deal with the Minister regarding matters of administration, curriculum etc. Doctor Johnston seems to have had no trouble from that angle, except that funds have not been forthcoming as rapidly as he would have liked - and this you can understand.

If there are further questions, drop me a line immediately and I can probably get a reply to you before you have to make up your mind regarding the desirability of a flying trip up here to look things over. You will probably be disappointed at the primitive condition of many features of the school, but I think you will feel as I do that there is here a fine opportunity to do a piece of useful work in a country which we all consider pleasant to live in. And I think you will feel that the boys are a promising lot, - not city boys who are afraid to get their hands dirty, but boys from the country who can be made into good farmers.

Many thanks for the information about the banana situation in the Yacucy. It is all very interesting.

With best regards always,

Sincerely yours,

b/c to Mr W E Turnbull

December 30, 1940.

Dr. Albert S. Muller,
Palace Hotel
Guatemala City.

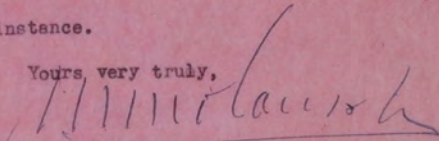
Dear Dr. Muller:

In connection with the Pan American Airways Return Discount Certificate attached hereto, which was sent to this office by Dr. Popenoe, in connection with request for your return transportation to Caracas, for Company account:

We are advised by Pan American Airways that inasmuch as our Company is entitled to special discount on annual volume of transportation furnished, round trip discounts are not accorded to passengers who are furnished transportation, for account of this Company, in accordance with our Contract. It is altogether probable that our annual discount will amount to considerably more than the 10% which the attached Certificate represents on your round trip from Caracas to Guatemala City. It would appear, therefore, that this discount certificate is useless in this instance.

cc Dr. Popenoe

Yours very truly,


M. V. MOLANPHY

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Antigua, Guatemala, 8 December 1940

Dr Albert S Muller,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Bert:

Yesterday I talked with my chief Mr. Turnbull who is at the moment in Guatemala City. He expressed a keen interest in getting action on the agricultural school matter. I told him I had asked you to let me know right away, and that I hoped to hear from you by the end of this week at the latest.

If you havent yet replied to my last letter when you receive this, I wish you would send me a radiogram, for which we will reimburse you, telling me whether or not you are coming up here to look things over; and if not, whether or not you want the job. If you dont want it, I must get busy immediately, looking for someone else.

If you send a radiogram, address it "UNIFRUITCO, GUATEMALA CITY" and then say "Popence- Will arrive Panair December 20th" or whatever message you need to send.

Do let me hear from you just as soon as possible; and I hope that your decision will be to take the job, or at least to come up and look things over. Probably the last-named is the better thing to do. If you can get here by the first of the year we can go over things together, you can see just what you would be up against, and can then make a decision right here on the ground. I hope you can arrange to come.

Best regards always,

Dec. 9, 1940.

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I received your letter of Nov. 25 last Saturday noon. I wanted to sit down and write you immediately that I should like to make the trip to Guatemala during Christmas vacation for the purpose you outlined in your letter. I decided to wait for an answer to an official request for the fortnight vacation period, which is owing me, since I didn't take any time off during the summer. The Minister replied this morning that my vacation has been granted for the holidays and that I am free to go after my last class which is on the 18th. The only impediment arising at the station was the completion of my annual report before leaving, and by working hard on it all this week I am far enough along on it to convince the Director that it will be finished.

Consequently I am reserving passage on the plane leaving here on the morning of the 21st and am scheduled to arrive at Guatemala City in the late afternoon of the 23rd, Monday.

I realize that over the holidays is a pretty bad time to have a visitor like me around, but I am obliged to make my trip fit in the vacation period of our College. Most certainly I shall try to persuade you to give me an opportunity to see banana spraying and the effect of Sigatoka, and I would like to see the Cinchona if time permits. So you see I will be quite a bother, but I trust something useful will come out of it all and I appreciate very much the invitation to come over, which I couldn't do on my own expenses. Best regards 'Bert.

Dec. 12, 1940

Dear Dr. Popovse,

This is to confirm the letter I sent you airmail on the 9th. immediately after receiving permission from the ministry to take the two week vacation due me since summer.

In that letter I wrote that I would take the plane from La Guaira on the morning of the 21st, arriving in Guatemala on the afternoon of the 23rd, which is the first plane I can get after my last class before school vacation begins.

I appreciate very much the opportunity to visit your school and talk over the possibility of taking charge, right there where I can evaluate all the problems better.

In my other letter I warned you that I want to molest you in regard to looking over banana spraying operations and possibly seeing the Cinchona project.

I hope the first letter arrived safely, because you might have questioned the arrival of yours here, due to my delay of a week in answering which was caused by the failure of the ministry to reply to my request for a vacation.

Till I see you
Best regards
Best.

April 8, 1941

Dear Dr. Popovse,

I received your last letter from Cuba and yesterday one from Washington. Three days ago one came from Mr. Turnbull and I have informed him that I am obliged to stay here till the end of the school year in June.

If nothing prevents I expect to sail on June 27 but if I can't get my salary until the first I shall take the next boat which will be July 4.

I think it would be very useful to have Dr. Johnston stay on for a while after my arrival but I can see no reason why he can't be in the States on or before Sept. 15. It is important that I get the details of the organization and of the fiscalization of the activities of the school from him rather than from the Secretary after his departure. I can complete the visits I ought to make in Washington and at Cornell in time to sail for Guatemala the last few days of July if there is a ship then or the first week in August. You can count on me to be in Chimaltenango before August 15.

I went to the Yaracuy recently and Ligatoka is still no problem, due to the continued drought, at the "Banavera", but at the Galvaria plantations it is serious and 75 hectares have been sprayed once with one machine since January. At both places the "moko" is still increasing. I certainly wish you could come over and go over that situation with me before I leave here for good.
Best regards to you both,
Sincerely,
Albert S. Müller

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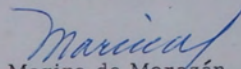
Fecha: 28 de Noviembre/63

A: Dr. Wilson Popenoe:

Le incluyo copia de carta del Dr. Albert Muller que a don Chico se le olvidó ponerse en la última carta que le escribí, por lo que le ruega dispensarlo.

A la vez favor de tomar nota de lo que está subrayado en dicha carta.

Lo saluda atentamente,


Marina de Morazán,
Secretaria.

DE: _____

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

June 16, 1954

Personal

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Recalling that you have been in San Salvador earlier this year, and also that you knew of the prospective offer concerning my coming here months before I did, I am wondering if you know anything about my name having been sent to Washington as the man suggested as Director of the new school being built at San Andres. I have no idea what the salary and perquisites would be, since no offer has been made as yet. That aspect isn't too important.

I believe sincerely that I am doing beneficial work here and that I have carved myself a niche here leading to more important things in the future. My mycological work is building up nicely. In a few years a substitute will be needed for Prof. West to head up that work.

I have no desire to leave. The only basis on which I would go to El Salvador would be that I could do a greater service there than here, and aspire to achieve what you have done in Honduras. I never felt that you knew fully the details of what I accomplished in Guatemala and that you had doubts on my capacity as an administrator was sometimes apparent to me. I think that another man can be found for the job. I would appreciate hearing from you on the subject of this proposed school and your frank opinion on my going there. Regards,

Bert.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

June 7, 1957

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
COUNSELOR FOR
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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The Spring crop of E.A.P. graduates receiving degrees here consisted of seven and this included Hernán Fonseca and Mario Jalil who completed M.S. degree work. Hernán Pinel and Emilio Williams will graduate in August. Ing. Antonio Garcia did not come to see the three Ecuadoran students graduate because of commitments in Washington, but he will spend three days here next week.

E.A.P. graduates Ramon Lovo M. of Nicaragua and Nicolas Fuentes M. of Ecuador are enrolled in the English Language Institute for the summer and will arrive here late this month. Their admission in the Fall depends upon two factors, one, their proficiency in the English course, and second a statement from you indicating your opinion of their chances of being successful and desirable students here.

Since you will be in San Salvador in July, I want to call your attention to a matter which you ought to be forewarned about and which disturbs me. You might, no doubt, be drawn into discussions on the problem. The staff of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura in San Andres are working on setting up a curriculum which will provide the background for admission to American agricultural colleges with two years credit.

Best regards

Burt

Albert S. Muller
Counselor for Latin American
Agricultural Students

ASM/tfm

21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
12 August 1957

Prof. Albert S Muller
College of Agriculture
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Bert:

Your letter of 7 June, for some unknown reason, has just caught up with me here. You ask for an opinion regarding ability of Ramon Lovo and Nicolas Fuentes. Maybe Bob Beasley sent you recommendations based on their records at EAP. In any event, I feel such recommendations should come from the Director of the school, not from myself, unless it might be in an exceptional case where I want to put in an especially good word for a lad I happen to have known well.

The last paragraph of your letter is most interesting. I saw on the Bulletin Board at San Andres your letter regarding requirements for admission at Florida, etc. Tomorrow I am going to start work at the school, having pretty well finished the fruit improvement program which is my main job here, and I am going armed with the list of subjects for which we can get credit at Florida, our outline of courses, and most important of all, an open mind with regard to the teaching at San Andres. I will only back them when it comes to getting credit in the States if I am convinced their academic work warrants it. I hope it does, and I will say this: I think their teachers are allright, and I think their students are allright; they look just like a bunch of Zamoranos. I finish my contract here at the end of this month, and go back to Antigua for a little while at least. You may see me sticking my neck out somewhere - perhaps in Spain - before many months go by. Much as I like the Club Antigueno, right across the street from us, I get tired of playing billar after the first few weeks.

Ever yours,

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 Sept 1957

Prof. Albert S Muller,
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Bert:

Just home after two months in Salvador, last days of which were spent in going over the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura and making some recommendations to the Señor Ministro. Since I lacked quite a bit of being in entire agreement with the two Asesores Técnicos, who have more or less taken charge of the school (because the local staff have little or no experience in agrl education) I thought I would pen you these few lines to set forth a few of the problems.

I gave them the nomenclature of subjects ^{which} you and I worked up for Zamorano and urged them, if and when they submit any transcripts to you, they follow this nomenclature. The classroom program is in fact very much ^{like} that of Zamorano, on which it is largely based, but they have a hard time getting away from such terms as Zootechnia and the like. I dont, however, see any real problem here.

The distribution of time between theory and practice is the tough one. The new program on which are working calls for one classroom period, 7 to 8 a.m. Then "field practice" from 8 to 9.30; then "prácticas especiales" which they say means demonstrations and laboratory work, from 9.30 to 11.30. Sometimes they want to have field work in the afternoons, switching over from the mornings, and throughout they want each boy to spend two days a week in Hort, two days, in Field Crops, and two days in Zootechnia. I strongly disapprove of any such program; there will be no continuity of training anywhere. I dont know how you may feel about it, but they argue that this is the only way to see that a student gets to work in all the different branches at all different times of the year. Our boys get it because they spend a whole year in each branch, wh it seems to me gives him a chance to see all the operations at all times even better than two days a week for three years would do.

All in all, it seemed to me there was too much theory in the program and not enough practical training and I so told the Minister. For example, they have a vegetable garden about one third the size of ours and they have been employing six mozes in it all the time. They have one third the area in field crops we have and they have been employing 10 to 20 mozes all the time. Calvo is in charge of this work and wants to see it done by students. You know that we have almost no paid labor either in horticulture or field crops at Zamorano.

All the above just for your personal information, having in mind that the views are mine and may not be right. But our system has worked well, and the jefes in Salvador want to see the same system used there.

Ever yours,

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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September 20, 1957

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
COUNSELOR FOR
LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I want to acknowledge all at the same time your three letters bringing me up to date on affairs at the new San Andres School of Agriculture. Your last letter came during registration when I have little time to do anything but sign my name as far as writing is concerned.

I am very well impressed with the new scholarship holders from Zamorano, especially Bendaña and Fernández. Maybe Solórzano and Muñoz will do as well as the others. I had a rough time getting Nicolas Fuentes Morla of Ecuador admitted at all, but finally he was able to register on probation with the possibility of becoming a regular student in February. Lovo got in alright.

The new scholarship boys came armed with traveller's checks for the whole semester obtained with funds received right there in Zamorano. I have heard nothing from Zamorano about the funds for Luis González and Ricardo Coronel, nor from Boston, either. I guess I will have to carry them along for a while.

I appreciated your observations, criticisms and other information about San Andrés, and I will keep all this in mind as things develop in my relationships with that school.

We all went to Dr. Reitz home for a despedida for Edith Pitts last Sunday night. She is leaving for Spain very soon. I suspect you will see her over there. Best regards,

Bert
Albert S. Muller
Counselor for Latin American
Agricultural Students

ASM/tfm

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 March 1959

Prof A S Muller,
College of Agr, Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Bätt:

Long time no see no hear. Not directly at least, but I do hear indirectly from time to time, and everything good. I do wish, however, you would sit down and dictate a good letter - if not in Spanish the it can be either in English or Portuguese- telling me how the Zamoranos are coming along. Of course it is not any of my business, but I am interested and shall continue to be so. I have tried to find out who has the Samuel Zemurray Scholarship this year and who has the Wilson Popenoe Scholarship - or havent those two gone into effect as yet? I want to take a personal interest in the boy who holds the scholarships with those two names. All I know is that the UFCo set up these two scholarships on a permanent basis, but I dont know just when they went into effect. Perhaps not until this year.

I have been in touch with John McKelvey about a Rockefeller for José Calvo who is now teaching at the Esc Nal de Agronomia in Salvador. You probably know him as well as I do, and if so, I believe you will agree that he is a good bet. He wants to go north again this year for a Master's. Keep him in mind. Ernest Mortensen of ICA in Salvador was here last week, and told me Daniel Amado Castillo got a grant from the govt to go back for his título. I dont know whether he is there now or goes this yr; what is the story?

I have a letter from Fernando Fernandez de Cordoba. Please tell me how he has panned out. When I was with you a year ago (a little more) you told me he had had a bit of trouble in social adjustment as the psychiatrists like to call it; I believe the boy will come out well in the end. And what about Frank Bendaña? Hugh writes me that Paco Sierra is getting along well and that he expects to go back t Zamorano when he gets his M.Sc. in June. Casseres told me in Mexico last month that Eduardo Jimenez is going to try for a Ph.D. He can make it without any doubt if he can get financial backing. I told Ernesto that Eduardo should try to adjust himself socially a bit, and Ernesto said he had told Eduardo the same thing. All of which means he should try to control his temper; I remember the last time he blew up with me: I had just given him a raise, and he came in and said it wasnt big enough. I said alright, I will cancel the raise and wait until we can give you a bigger one. He took the small raise.

Enclosed please find a note to Clarissa Rolfs. I dont know where she is; probably in Rio Grande do Sul. But I am sure you have her address so I will thank you to send this letter along to her. I wish I could get down to southern Brazil for a few months; maybe I shall. This job in Venezuela must be handled next; I remember so well our stay in Barlovento, and the time I spent around Lake Valencia. All I am going to do now is to help the Fundación Mendoza plan a program and perhaps find a man or two who can help carry it out. If you have any ideas - you probably know all about the Fundación Mendoza - send them along.

Ever yours

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 March 1959

Dear Clarissy:

I assume you are still in O Brasil, but I am not sure just where - and it is a big country. Reminds me of the story I have recently heard, "Texas is still the biggest State in the Union without glaciers". So I am asking our mutual friend Bert to send this on to you, the reasons being several as well as the above. (1) I am back in Guatemala, trying to settle down and write a book on tropical fruit culture in Spanish. If I dont get a coronary thrombosis within the next two years I may finish it. (2) I am working over the literature and I have just been reading Carvalho Barbosa "Do Abacateiro" which Bert brought me some years ago and which is a pretty darn good job, and if you still know where he is I wish you would tell him so. And (3) In this work he presents a fine biography of your father and a good picture, which carries me back to those dear days beyond recall when you and Effie and I used to sit down at dinner up there at your place north of Miami (it is probably almost south of Miami now!) and eat stewed guavas with vanned milk and talk about the future of avocado growing in Florida. Your father will go down in history, as one of the leading pioneers, as regards avocados and mangos both. I only wish I could merit the quotation from Confucius, which Carvalho Barbosa puts ahead of his prefacio: "O homem, inda o mais fraco, pode fazer alguma cousa boa, se não e capaz de sciencia, talvez o seja de virtude."

Not being content to play bridge and golf when I was turned out to pasture on reaching age 65, I have just spent a year over around the Mediterranean, during which time we introduced about 25 good avocado varieties, from California and Florida, into southern Spain, where they ought to do well; and we went over to Israel and tried to help the boys grow more bananas, and down to the Canary Islands, one of the pretties parts of the world so faras I know. Now Helen and I are trying to settle down here in Guatemala, but apperently in vain; for we expect to leave for Venezuela shortly after Semana Santa, for a few weeks only, to help thr Fundación Mendoza organiza a program of fruit improvement. I dont know how much longer I shall be able to keep up this sort of thing. Sometimes I think I would like to sit back here and just read - we have such a good library - but then again I think I will make my life more useful if I keep busy. So that is what I plan to do.

Always affectionately yours,

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
COUNSELOR FOR
LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

June 17, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

In a letter you wrote me before going to Venezuela you inquired about memorial scholarship holders from the EAP. These scholarships were publicized before the four new graduates of 1958 came here, but none of them were designated as holders. In recent news from Zamorano, I have information, which you may know about already, that Carlos Burgos has been awarded the "Wilson Popenoe" scholarship and Tomas Salgado the "Samuel Zemurray" scholarship.

On the enclosed grade report you will note that Bendaña and Fernandez made a fine record, the former graduating with High Honors, the latter with Honors. As a result each has been awarded a University of Florida Fellowship for graduate work, similar to that which Luis Carlos González had, and they have begun already. Luis Carlos, as soon as he got his MS, left for Costa Rica and Coto, where the U.F. Co. will employ him for three months in the Plant Pathology laboratory, following which he will go to Wisconsin for Ph.D. work with an assistantship. Raul Muñoz made three honor societies, and has returned to La Lima to work in the research laboratories of the U.F. Co. I am very pleased with the results this year.

By the way, did you hear that our Registrar, Richard Johnson, has been invited to visit Zamorano this summer to evaluate the program. A similar invitation came to him from the Ag. Ministry through our president's office to visit San Andrés. It seems that 1959 is turning out to be the only year since I came here that I, myself, haven't had an opportunity to make personal contact with Latin American agricultural education projects. It pleases me that others are going.

When you get time I would like to hear about Venezuelan and Costa Rican trips.

Best regards.

Yours truly,

Bert.

Albert S. Muller
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March 16, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

You are quite right about my not writing to you for a long time, but as a result of my almost daily contacts with Hugh, I have kept up on activities and movements of your good self and wife. My last visit to Zamorano was a year ago in April, and on my trip I visited with all four candidates selected for Fall scholarship here. No particular one was indicated as a memorial scholarship holder, nor since coming here has any one of the four been designated as such. I have heard nothing about the Zamorano graduation of this year when such designations probably were made. We should hear about it in the near future.

Of the four new boys, Osegueda and Gandara have done very well, while Kiessner and Cabezas are still handicapped by English. Frank Bendaña is a "High Honors" student, who will go on for a Master's degree, probably with an assistantship. Luis Gonzalez, our plant pathologist, after getting his Master's in June will go to Wisconsin on an assistantship to start Ph.D. work. Both boys need more financial aid, and deserve it, than the \$1500 assistantship, which involves them in 20 hours work a week for the institution concerned. Fernando Fernández is an "Honors" student, deserving of recommendation in every way, who will also go on for a Master's degree, but has not located the necessary financial aid as yet. Of Paco Sierra, no hay que hablar. Raúl Muñoz, with wife and child here, has been outstanding. Enclosed is the current grade report, which covers the largest number of your boys we ever had here, and which ought to make you burst with pride. I forgot to mention how well Simón Malo, with wife and child, also, is doing in his Master's degree work in Horticulture, here. Daniel Castillo, with new wife, registered in February and I expect him to do as well in his studies as he did when he was here before. I believe he is receiving his Salvadorean salary while here, since it seems scholarship programs have been cut to the bone over there for lack of money.

It is very satisfying to know that there are several Foundations in Venezuela engaged in operations aimed towards progreso in that country. Recently the Creole Foundation sent us the Acting-Dean of the Ag. College to see about Florida helping them to improve the college and our Provost will be down there the second week in April to see where we can best help. For this year the program is to be in Horticulture, both vegetables and fruit. The Creole Foundations will pay

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the bill for a pilot program this year, which will be greatly expanded if successful. Ernest Maes, whom you know, I believe, came here also, and I think you should see him in Caracas at the Foundation office, where he is Deputy Director. The Mendoza Foundation program seems to be quite similar to that of the Creole Foundation. Try to see the station at Cagua of the Servicio Shell para el Agricultor, Mauricio Baez, Director.

Clarissa Rolfs terminated a six months stay in Gainesville in February and returned to Brazil but not to Viçosa, where she had been for several years. She will take a Home Economics position in some other institution. I have her Rio Address, only.

This semester I am teaching two courses, one with 22 students which is Citrus Diseases. My counselling functions are continually on the increase; at present there are 70 Latin Americans in the Ag. College, plus others from abroad, which constitutes some 20% of the registered students. I am getting busier as time goes on, and at present see no opportunity for visiting Latin America this year.

Best regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

Bert.

Albert S. Muller
Counselor to Latin-American
Agricultural Students

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GRADUATES OF THE ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
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BENDANA, Frank **	AAABB	AAAAAB	AA	AAAABB ✓		
BU, Abelardo ***				CCCC		
CABEZAS, Marco T. **				ABBCCC		
CASTILLO, Daniel *						
FERNANDEZ, Fernando **	BBBB	AAAABC	AB	AABBB ✓		
FUENTES, Nicolas *	BCCC	BCCCC		BCCCC		
GANDARA, Diego **				ABBCC ✓		
GONZALEZ, Luis ***	AAAAAB	AAAAB	AA	AAA ✓✓✓		
KIESSNER, Rodolfo **				BBCDD		
LOVO, Ramón *	BCCCD	ABBCC	AC	ABBBCC ✓		
MALO, Simón *			ABB	AABCC ✓		
MUÑOZ, Raul **	BBCC	ABBCC	AB	AAABBB ✓✓		
OCHOMOGO, Edmundo *		CCCD		AAABCC ✓		
OSEGUEDA, Lino **				AABCC ✓		
RAMIREZ, Edmundo ***				BCCCC		
RIOS, Miguel *				BCCDD		
SIERRA, Francisco **			ABB	AABBB ✓		
SOLORZANO, Luis **	BCCCC	BBBCC	CC	ABBBC		

Antigua, Guatemala, 11 April 1959

Prof. A S Muller
University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for your letter of 16 March. I certainly do appreciate the fine way you have tabulated the work of the Zamorano boys, including indication of the type of scholarship held. On the whole, I am immensely pleased with the records which are being made by nearly all the boys who hold EAP scholarships. (Incidentally, I am still trying to find out if boys who hold the Popenoe and Zemmurray scholarships are told that they have these; maybe they are not mentioning that they are memorial scholarships. I would like to know because I would send the boy who holds the Popenoe scholarship a book or two now and then, and tell him to work like Hell). Frank Bendaña is sure doing a swell job and I am glad he is going on for a Master's. I thought Abelardo Bú would do a bit better than straight C's. As for Daniel Amado, I shall be interested in seeing his grades. It was pretty hard to tell that boy anything in Salvador; maybe it will be hard for his professors also. I hope not. The Gran Capitan (Fernandez de Cordova) is doing allright. Gandara is going to do even better this term, I predict. He is good. And of course, little Luis Carlos Gonzales will always be the prize example of a Zamorano who went thru in my time. I am delighted that he is going on, still further. Kiessner must buck up; he can do it. Simon Malo can do a little better too. I am rather agreeably surprised by Raul Muñoz; he was good with us, but I did not feel sure he could do quite so well at Gainesville. He just shows what a guy without too much background but native intelligence and a desire to learn can accomplish. Osefueda ought to get into the straight A class and will probably do it. I am glad to see Luis Solorzano doing so well. He comes of a good family here and they have had some hard luck.

I enclose a clipping from El Imparcial which will interest you. As you know, Enrique Garcia Salas resigned as Minister. Clemente Marroquin Rojas was named. Apparently he made a comment to the effect that we do not need two schools of agriculture; the Facultad de Agr. is enough. If they ask my opinion, I shall come out strongly and say that we need two, because their objectives are quite different; but I would not let Barcena drift along; I would build houses for at least five staff members who would live on the campus and I would put much more stress on practical work than is put at present.

Thanks for comments on proposed cooperation with Venezuela. I assume Dr Fifield is going this coming week. I have deferred my visit until early in May. I don't know just what the Mendoza Foundation plans to do but from Jim Kempton (who has pushed me into the picture) it seems to be development of fruits for local consumption, which means varieties, nurseries, and orchards. The hard nut to crack is this: where can we get a man who is a top-flight propagator and horticulturist - someone like Jorge Benitez or Mario Jalil. Do you know? If so tell me quick.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 July 1959

Prof. Albert S Muller,
University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dear Bert:

I have just returned from two weeks in Mexico, helping Ernesto Casseres with the III Curso Internacional de Horticultura, and find your letter of 17 June with the interesting list of grades made by Zamorano boys. And speaking of the latter, it was a pleasure to see among the 25 men from 10 countries at Mexico, four from our group: Azar from the Dominican Republic, Torres and Gaekel from Honduras, and Medina from Salvador.

You ask about the Venezuela job. I wish I could send you a copy of the report I made for the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza but I only have one copy. I made headquarters at Maracay, but spent practically all of the time in the field with Diego Serpa who is professor of horticulture at the Facultad de Agronomía; José Miguel Calabria who is head of the agr'l dept of the Fundación; and Maximiano Figueroa who has charge of fruit culture at the Centro de Inv. Agronómicas in Limon. We worked all around the lake; went south thru San Felipe and Sanare and Boconó and other places to Bailadores; then came back and flew to Margarita, then from Cumaná to Caripe and Maturín and back to Caracas. Our job was to find lands suitable for fruit culture and suggest the proper species and varieties. Don Eugenio Mendoza expressed satisfaction at the results and I believe they are going to publish the report in Spanish.

The Costa Rican ASHS meetings were about the best yet. Doubtless you are a member and will get Ernesto Casseres' News Letter. If you aren't a member, you sure better shell out eight bucks and join. To my mind, the best session was the one devoted to "Climate and Horticulture" at which Damon Boynton presided and Prof Hardy and Prof Wolfe and Egbert Tai talked. The excursion to Claude Hope's two places was fine; also the one to Irazú, and we had a good overnight stay at Turrialba where the work on coffee and cacao looked very good to me. Not much there on other crops; the experiment on radioactivity and its effect on plants well lined up but too new to show anything.

No, I have not heard that your Registrar is going to Zamorano. I get very little news from there. I sure am pleased with the records being made by Zamoranos - such as Frank Bendaña and El Gran Capitán (Fernando Fernandez de Cordoba). That boy almost got himself fired by being so rambunctious at Zamorano, but I like the rambunctious boys (Arce sure was one!); they are usually rambunctious because they are highly intelligent and full of energy; you just have to get them into line and then they really go places.

Bob Allison is urging me to come to Gainesville the end of Dec to take part in the mtgs of the Fla Soil and Crop Science Soc. Maybe I will do it. I would also like to see Bill Cooper over at Orlando. Not to mention the folks at Miami. I learned in CR that the South Campus of the Univ of Miami is being closed down. Latest news here is that the SCIDA is to be liquidated Aug 31st. Something may happen before that time, but I rather think the US technicians will go.

Ever yours,

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BU, Abelardo ³	CCC	CCDHE	
CABEZAS, Marco T. ²	ABBCCC	AAABCC	
CASTILLO, Daniel ¹		BBBCC	
FERNANDEZ, Fernando ⁴	AABBB	AAAB	(graduated June/59)
FUENTES, Nicolas ¹	BCCCC	ABBCCD	
GANDARA, Diego ²	ABBCC	AABBB	
GONZALEZ, Luis ³	AAAA	AAAAA	(graduated M.S. Ag. June/59)
KIESSNER, Rodolfo ²	BBCDDD	ABBB	
LOVO, Ramón ¹	ABBBBC	BBCCCCD	(graduated June/59)
MALO, Simón ¹	AABCC	AABBB	
MUNOZ, Raul ²	AAABBB	AAAAAA	(graduated June/59)
OCHOMOGO, Edmundo ¹	AAABEC	BBBBCC	
OSGUEDA, Lino ³	AABCC	AAAAB	
RAMIREZ, Edmundo ³	BCCCC	ABBCCCD	
RIOS, Miguel ¹	BCCDD	BCCC	
SIERRA, Francisco ²	AABBB	AAAAB	
SOLORZANO, Luis ²	ABBBBC	ABCCCC	(graduated June/59)

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August 3, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I suppose you have more details now on the proposed trip of Mr. Richard Johnson, Registrar, to Central America. From the beginning I suggested that he start with Guatemala and work south. Recently, during an hour discussion in my office, he confirmed that that is exactly what he is going to do. I am not sure if he is writing to you but he did say that B. Paddock is informing you that he will arrive in Guatemala City, Aug. 12, on Panamerican, via Miami. I know that he will want to discuss with you, as he has with me, the question of graduates of technical agricultural schools receiving transfer credits in U.S. universities, so that they can get the B.S. degree in less time than four years. Naturally, I have informed Ricardo Lavagnino, Director at Barcena of his impending visit, at his request.

We heard officially from ICA in Washington, from Mims, that the Agricultural Mission in Guatemala will terminate its activities Aug. 31. No reasons have reached us. I would like some comments, published or otherwise on this decision.

I enjoyed your last letter. It would be great to have you over here in December. I hope you can make it. Dr. and Mrs. Reitz are in Burma. A Ford Foundation grant of \$500,000 to this university has sparked this project. We have three professors over there already, with big things to come when the Reitz' return. Nothing seems to crystallize with regard to a Latin American project with this Foundation or any other.

I expect to drive North after summer school for a two week visit with my folks, my first summer vacation in six years. Best regards,

Sincerely,

Best
Albert S. Muller
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Counselor to Latin-American
Agricultural Students

ASM/mes. -

Antigua, Guatemala, 9 August 1959

Prof Albert S Muller,
University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dear Bert:

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd. Bill Paddock was here a few days ago and asked me to take Registrar Richard Johnson to Barcena and the Facultad de Agronomia when he arrives this week. I shall be glad to do so, though I have had practically no contact with the Facultad; in fact the only man I know there is Hector Murga. I shall try to get hold of Hector so Registrar Johnson can talk with him.

I have not seen Louis Franke for some time but last week was at Chocolá and talked with Don Fiester about the ICA situation. Going on what he said, and what the papers say, it appears that the present Minister, Clemente Marroquin Rojas, is cancelling the convenio with the U S Dept of State but that it seems probable "six" or "eight" of the US técnicos may be kept on as "asesores técnicos". It is my guess that Feister may be one of these, but nothing definite will be announced, I imagine, until about the end of this month, since the convenio is to be terminated at that time. You can readily understand that there have been an innumerable lot of rumors floating around, and I am probably less well informed than a lot of other people. But from what I have gathered, the government has felt in recent months that the work is too expensive. And that results in the last two or three years have not been proportionate. The Smith boys and some others have formed a little group of their own to conduct coffee investigations. I was very favorably impressed, last week, by the work Don is doing on coffee at Chocolá, but I didn't see much else there. Except Jorge's nurseries; I believe he turned out 22,000 grafted fruit trees this year and they have been going like the proverbial hot cakes, mighty few left now. I believe they have been selling them at 40 cents each. No wonder they go like hot cakes. Chocolá has proved a very poor place for fruit culture though good for nursery work. Most of the trees we sent to Bill Cowgill from Lancetilla are in bad condition. It is not a place for mangos or avocados and pretty poor for citrus except limes and man cannot live on limes alone.

We are looking forward to Hugh's arrival this week, and will probably let him drive us up to Coban in the Volkswagen. The Hempstead boys want to see him. Our present plan is to go up to Florida about the end of November to attend the meeting of the Fla Crop and Soil Science Soc, and probably hang around for the Caribbean Conference which follows. Hugh is coming down on Aviateca; seems you can get a round trip from Miami to Guatemala for a hundred bucks. Cheaper than staying at home, with present prices in the supermercados of Guatemala City. Though it won't be cheaper for me with Hugh here, as that soundrel will probably consume about \$1.65 in tenderloin steaks per diem.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua Guatemala, 9 June 1960

Prof. Albert S. Muller, Counselor for
Latin American Agricultural Students,
University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Bert:

Amado Pelén is over here on vacation and Julio Enrique Mérida has just been here to see him in connection with his scholarship. I want to recommend this boy to you because I was at the graduation in March and saw the honors he received there. Unquestionably he was an outstanding student. He is from Chiantla in Huehuetenango and tells me he wants to major in Soils. For this reason I gave him a note to Hugh. The boy impresses me very well and I would like to follow his progress at Gainesville.

Unfortunately I cannot keep very closely in touch, these days, with what our EAP boys are doing at Gainesville. In one of the memoranda from the school I saw that "El Gran Capitán" was coming to replace Paco Sierra but later I heard that he was staying on at Gainesville to work toward a Ph. D. I like this. Times change and we change with them, as the old Romans used to put. I guess maybe the Romans did not change quite fast enough to keep up with the times!

I understand the University of Florida is now going to accept recommended EAP graduates as seniors, which means they will get a B.S.A. in one year. From one angle I think this is fine, from another I am not so enthusiastic about it. Our boys get good practical training which I think is basic and absolutely indispensable. From another angle, I do not think at a school so small as ours, we can ever hope to give thorough academic training in many fields for example: Plant Pathology, Economic Entomology, Agricultural Economics, and many others. I have always liked the idea of two years at Gainesville so as to put our boys in a center where there are excellent courses in all fields.

I have to admit that vocational schools seem to be going out of fashion. San Luis Obispo used to be a vocational school but popular pressure put it on a higher academic level and they now give a B.S. I remember what Dr. Knapp wrote me about the school you know so well on Long Island. I believe they also have been pushed onto the B. S. level. It seems to me the national school of agriculture in Pennsylvania has gone along with the trend.

When I was a kid you could do a pretty good job in horticulture and even get ahead without a B. S. degree. Then times changed and you have to have a B.S. and not many years later we reach the present stage where a Master's is necessary. And we have now come to the point when, as Hugh says, your Union card is a Ph. D. degree. I suppose down here in Latin America we are ten of fifteen years behind the U.S. in developing toward higher academic levels, but the trend is definite and will continue.

As far as Zamorano is concerned I am very much out of the picture. I shall hold out for stressing the practical side and I think several other members of the Board of Trustees will do the same. The danger, as I see it, is that without realizing it, we shall slip too far toward the academic side. All of us, including yourself, are proud of the

records made by our graduates, especially those whom we sent to Florida. My fear is that if we put too much stress on the academic side we might become just another Facultad de Agronomía and not turn out men with the practical outlook which has given our boys such a reputation.

I do not know why I need to write you all this - probably I dont. I am sure you and I agree and I believe President Reitz feels as we do. When you get a chance talk it over with him for there is to be a meeting of our Board of Trustees at New York in November and I have a hunch that an important discussion of the schools' future may come up at that time. This recent meeting, May 12th pretty well boiled down to a discussion of finances between Doris, George Harrar and Dr. Paddock. As you know, three new members have been added to the Board of whom one is Francisco de Sola del Salvador who knows the school well and to my mind also knows well the problems here in Central America. I could wish you were a member of the Board. I think you should be.

I think I shall go up to the meeting of the Board in late November. If I do and if it appears I could be helpful in connection with the Caribbean Conference at Gainesville which I assume will take place about the first of December I might be induced to hang around for that. I am trying to stay away from tropical America as little as possible. I have just come from two weeks in Nicaragua where the Instituto Nacional de Fomento asked me to help plan a program of commercial fruit culture. I have a request to go to Colombia to do a similar job but I am not to tackle it right away as there is so much to do here and President Ydígoras Fuentes has just asked me to give some time to the School at Bárcenas. Jorge Benitez, who was here yesterday, feels that things are going very well there. He says the boys seem to be putting in more time on prácticas although this side might well be given more attention still. My feeling is that what they really need at Bárcenas is about five teachers, all with good agricultural backgrounds, living on the campus 24 hours a day.

Perhaps I am wrong but I feel that EAP is not doing enough to strengthen its contacts with Gainesville. I realize that Bill Paddock has dropped in there rather frequently but I am not aware that anyone else has done so. The University of Florida, to my mind, is still the place for our boys almost without exception. You are there, Archie Carr is there, Prof. Wolfe is there, Prof. Watkins is there, Prof. Crist is there, Hugh is there, not to mention several others; and most important of all President Reitz is not only keenly interested in tropical America but is a member of our Board of Trustees. EAP is stepping out widely. Faculty members have been sent as far afield as Chile and the Dominican Republic to give the examinations and interview aspirantes. I believe some of these men should include Gainesville in their trips and I am going to suggest to Bill Paddock that he make Amado Pelen the first one with a view to having Amado who is familiar with the background of all our boys who are studying or have studied at Gainesville, talk with you and several of the professors who are particularly interested in our boys. I am sure you will agree with me in this idea of building up even closer relations between Gainesville and the EAP. You are the key man there so far as EAP is concerned and I count on you. Always sincerely yours,

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June 16, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I appreciated greatly all the thoughts, consideraciones, and impresiones that made up your recent long letter. There is no doubt that we still see eye to eye on most things. Last week Bill Paddock was here for several days discussing curricula with me, the Registrar, Putman, and with Zamorano boys, whom he entertained for dinner. He worked in our library all day Saturday and was entertained by Dr. Reitz. He was on his way to Atlanta to discuss "Acreditation" with the Southern Association of Colleges, and to Washington to try to get in on a U.S. sponsorship of scholarship programs for schools overseas for study in the U.S. to the tune of several hundred thousand for five years.

As a matter of fact, George Freytag spent four days here at his own expense around Easter, discussing curricula and consulting with agronomists. We would welcome more of the staff, but frankly I can't seem to keep my list of Zamorano staff up to date, the changes are so frequent.

Several years ago I startled Bill by writing that a high percentage of EAP students accepted admission there on the basis of being in line to get a B.S. here in two years after three over there. I have warned him this time that his students should be advised that only exceptional cases will be admitted here at the senior level and not too many at the Junior level (he had asked for money for 15 scholarships once). For the coming year we have three rejections of EAP graduates already, on the basis of mediocre records there. Mérida, Vicente Rodríguez, and Wiland Gunderson will come at the senior level. I doubt very much that any of these will qualify for graduate work here after only one full year, because of lack of background courses.

To date we have five Zamoranos with Master's degrees: Fonseca, González, Jalil, Jiménez, and Simón Malo, who is going to work with your friend Lynch, by the way. The number will be seven when Calvo and El Gran Capitán come up in August for the degree. The latter will go to teach at EAP, after all. Now it begins to look as if most Florida BS holders from the EAP want Master's degrees, and maybe came here with that hope. We can be proud that four who graduated this June have been awarded assistantships for graduate study here, three in the Animal Husbandry Dept. --Cabezas, Gándara, and Osegueda--and Edmundo Ramírez in Dairy. Frank Bendaña is on a fellowship for the Ph.D. Two more are applying for admission to the Graduate

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School, to wit, Guillermo García, who works for Rockefeller in Colombia, and Juan Leiva of San Andrés, neither of whom will qualify, I believe. Daniel Castillo and Rodolfo Kiessner, graduating last week, went home to work; so we have four out six staying on. I think we should accept only the best for advanced work, and at the same time it is not an easy thing to cut off "legítimas aspiraciones."

Bill Paddock has invited me to Zamorano later in the summer and I shall make careful inspection of the morning work program and that of agriculture in general about which progress is said to be rapid these days. The latest report on Morcillo is that he has returned to work at Zamorano in pretty good shape, no serious malady having been diagnosed at Johns Hopkins.

I guess I could write pages more. Registration for Summer School is going on. There will be 14 Zamoranos here this summer, plus two in the English Language Institute. Thanks for getting me up to date on your recent and proposed activities. I see Hugh constantly. Best regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Bert

Albert S. Muller
Counselor for Latin American
Agricultural Students

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Antigua Guatemala, 29 Junio 1960

Prof. Albert S. Muller,
University of Florida,
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for your good letter of the 16th. Of course I am happy to see that you intend to maintain your standards at Florida. I think it would be a great mistake to lower them. Naturally, I want to see our best Zamorano graduates get as many credits as possible when they go to Gainesville, but I am almost equally anxious to see that our graduates do not go up there and make bad records.

You mentioned Mérida, Vicente Rodríguez and Wiland Gundersen who are coming this year and will be on the senior level. I understand that Kiessner has told the latter he should have an automovil when he goes to Florida. This is none of my business, but these Guatemalan students come to see me and ask my advice. I am not telling Gundersen anything, but it seems to me we had a letter or a circular from Florida some years ago, saying that Latin American students who get free tuition would not be expected to spend too much money at Gainesville. It all boils down to this: if the boy has plenty of money and wants to have a car so he can drive down to Miami over the weekend, well and good but in this case he should not expect the State of Florida to give him free tuition. I do not know how the matter may stand at present. I remember I had to put up an argument in favor of Hernán Fonseca, who really could not walk a mile or more to classes several times a day. I also remember we had another case, I do not recall who was concerned, but you folks argued that if that particular student had money to buy a car he did not need free tuition. I guess one trouble is that you can get a car up there for about \$25.

I'm delighted to hear that you plan to visit Zamorano this Summer. I do not need to tell you that I hope and expect you will spend a couple of days with us here in Guatemala. As Hugh has probably told you we are talking about a little trip down to Perú, but this is not very certain. Check up with Hugh as to when we are going to be here because I would like to take a look at Bárcenas with you. I have the feeling that the school in Salvador is doing pretty well. As I think I have told you, the new Director strikes me as a very sound, practical fellow with no ilusiones.

We have heard that Morcillo was booked for an operation at John Hopkins. This does not sound too good. I hope they do not find anything seriously wrong and that he will be out soon.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua Guatemala, 15 Julio 1960

Prof. Albert S. Muller, Counselor for Latin American
Agricultural Students,
University of Florida,
Gainesville, Fla. USA.

Estimado Bert:

Acabo de recibir la Newsletter de Junio de 1960 que me
envió el Dr. William C. Paddock, en la cual vienen los records rea-
lizados por los graduados de la EAP en la Universidad de Florida.

Por medio de Ud. deseo hacer llegar mis sinceras felicitaciones
a todos estos muchachos por su espléndida labor y esfuerzo. Ellos
constituyen un triunfo palpitante de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
en el extranjero.

Especialmente deseo felicitar a todos aquellos que obtuvieron
Fellowships: Frank Bendaña, Fernando Fernández de Córdova; y aquellos
que obtuvieron Assistantships: Jose Rafael Calvâ, Marco Tulio Cabezas,
Diego Gándara, Francisco Lino Osegueda y Edmundo Ramírez.

Por ser amigo personal del coronel e ingeniero Félix de Jesús
Osegueda, le he escrito hoy una carta testimoniándole mi alegría y
felicitándole por el magnífico record de Lino.

Repito que mis felicitaciones van para todo el grupo que hace
honor a su Alma Mater!

Afmo amigo y servidor,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emérito.-

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
COUNSELOR FOR
LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

June 29, 1961

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

When Hugh got back from his rugged field work in Guatemala early this month he told me the good news that you and he would be together here in Gainesville this coming school year. I had hoped that you would be able to come over this spring, and stay a while with the both of us at my house, but Spring has passed, and Hugh has a nice convenient apartment lined up and waiting for your arrival. There are a lot of your friends hoping you will come soon. Of course, I am aware that it probably won't be right away, because of your recent session at the hospital in the city. It was a relief to hear that you were able to be back home in just a few days. Recuperation from your hospital experience might be quicker in some other climate than Gainesville or Antigua at this particular time of year.

I spent a delightful evening with the Ainslees while they were here visiting their two offspring. I suppose they have told you their daughter Glenn and husband are transferring to California where he comes from. They have already sold their house. I have heard that one American family in four makes a job change every year. It begins to look like it around Gainesville. One of the reasons I bought my house was to make myself a little more permanent than in the past. Actually, I have turned down several Fulbright Exchange--Professorships in the past few years. Well, I guess we will have lots of impresiones to cambiar in the not too distant future, so I'll close here.

Sincerely yours,

Bert

Albert S. Muller

ASM:ng

22 August 1962

Dear Bert: I have come over here to help Dr. Pulsifer handle school affairs until the new Director arrives. The situation here is difficult. Livestock Dept, especially, on the rocks.

Dr. Pulsifer told me yesterday that Padlock decided to send our becarios in the future to the Univ. of Arizona, which has offered to receive graduates who have an average of C throughout; give them 96 hours credit; and graduate them in one year. It appears Bill was very sore because we backed his program of 96 hrs credit at Gainesville. I don't believe Univ. of Arizona has officially confirmed the offer as yet - I will find out.

Talk with Hugh about this matter; he has just been here with me 3 days and is familiar with the whole situation.

Looks like I may have to stick around here for a while.

Best regards always.

J. P. Popenoe

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September 10, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thanks for your card and your letter of Aug. 22. My delay in answering has been in part due to my waiting for Hugh to arrive in order to cambiar impresiones as you suggested. We both have been so busy the early part of this week that we could not talk much or often, and he took off for New York Wednesday evening.

Concerning the Arizona deal I have no further information of an official nature. Dr. Reitz sent me a copy of a Paddock letter to Chico. However I do have some concerning the 96 credit project at Florida. As you know, in 1961 (after Merida, Gundersen) and Rodriguez were here) the faculty of agriculture added certain non-agricultural required core subjects to the curriculum (subjects not given at Zamorano either). Consequently, the three new boys who arrived here this week with 96 credit must take a broader and more complicated program than the first three, even when registered in General Agriculture which is a curriculum more liberal in electives and requirements than that of any other major here. At the moment it looks as if it will take them more than three trimesters to graduate.

The facts are plain. A student can not transfer from a school which has a general curriculum for all students to a school organized on a basis of University College and fixed departmental majors without some loss of time. Of Course, I will work on the department heads to try to get these boys through in one year. In the rush of fall registration things are difficult to arrange, but lots can be accomplished con paciencia y saliva.

Best regards to all. Take it easy.

Sincerely,

Bert.
Albert S. Muller

ALBERT S. MULLER

Counselor

ASM:mmg



4 Mayo 1963

Sres Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador,
El Salvador, A. C.

Estimados amigos:

Tengo la pena de manifestarles que nuestro querido don Pablo Standley ha muerto. El domingo 31 de mayo tuvo Amado Pelén una llamada del Dr. Mendoza del Hospital Viera, avisando que don Pablo había fallecido a las 3:45 p.m. de ese mismo día. Inmediatamente don Gustavo Pérez envió la carmelita Internacional con el ataúd para traer el cadáver. El Dr. Mendoza lo entregó junto con la partida de defunción. El cadáver lo tuvimos en Zamorano durante la noche del domingo y lo llevamos a San Antonio de Oriente el día lunes 3 como a las 9:00 a.m. Acompañaron el sepelio algunos viejos amigos y conocidos de don Pablo, entre ellos estábamos: su servidor, el prof. Gustavo Pérez, Amado Pezén, Antonio Molina, Agustín Salinas, doña Guillermina de Valle, el maestro Ramiro Quintanilla y un grupo de obreros que ayudaron a cargar el cadáver del centro de San Antonio hasta el cementerio. Todo el trayecto se llevó en un pick-up Scout.

Todo se hizo con la menor pompa posible de acuerdo con los deseos del fallecido y también de acuerdo con lo humilde que vivió.

Según me explicó Amado el Dr. Popenoe tiene en mente colocarle una placa de bronce que diga su nombre, fecha de nacimiento y fecha de defunción.

Por mi parte estoy enviando a don Vicente Machado Valle una crónica anunciando su muerte y dando a conocer sus obras al público. Esta crónica es muy suscita pero dando honor a quien honor merece.

Como a las 5:15 del día domingo que falleció don Pablo Amado trató de hablar por radio-teléfono con don Francisco en San Salvador para avisarles lo acontecido. Aparentemente Uds estaban fuera de la ciudad y don Víctor de Sola recibió el mensaje aunque la línea estaba bastante mala y con la ayuda de los operadores de la Tropical Radio tratamos de explicarle lo sucedido. Ojalá que lo haya captado correcto y para confirmar lo dicho envió a Uds. este recuento de los hechos.

Que en paz descanse Paul D. Standley!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Albert S. Muller".

Albert S. Muller
Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Antigua Guatemala.

PAUL CARPENTER STANDLEY AMIGO SINCERO DE HONDURAS

*Letras dadas a
Christie Medhurst*

Este insigne naturalista norteamericano nació el 21 de marzo del año 1884 en Avalon, estado de Missouri, siendo sus padres Ingram Calvin y Florence (Carpenter) Standley. Estudió en el Drury College, Springfield, Missouri en 1903-6; obtuvo su B.S en New Mexico State College, en las Cruces en 1907 y su Master en 1908; botánico asistente del New Mexico State College 1907-9; asistente y curador asociado de la división de plantas vasculares del U.S. National Museum Washington, D. C, 1909-28; curador asociado del herbario del Field Museum Natural History of Chicago (Chicago Natural History Museum) 1929-36; curador del herbario Field Museum Natural History of Chicago 1937-50; curador asociado del herbario de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1947-57; botánico emérito de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana desde 1957 hasta el día de su fallecimiento. Autor de las Floras siguientes: Flora de New Mexico 1915; Flora del Distrito de Columbia, 1919; Arboles y Arbusto de México 1920-26; Plantas del Glacier National Park 1927; Flora de la Zona del Canal de Panamá, 1928; Flora de Yucatán 1930; Flora del Valle de Lancetilla, Honduras, 1931; Bosque y Flora de Honduras Británica, 1936; Flora de Costa Rica, 1937; Flora de Guatemala, 1946 de la cual se han publicado varios tomos y otros que todavía están en manuscrito serán publicados por el Chicago Natural History Museum.

En 1960 fué condecorado con la "Orden del Quetzal" en el grado de Gran Comendador por la República de Guatemala en agradecimiento a su obra en varios volúmenes "Flora de Guatemala".

El Dr. Standley contribuyó durante toda su vida con boletines y revistas científicas haciendo descripciones de plantas.

Falleció en el Hospital Viera de Tegucigalpa el día domingo 31 de Mayo a las 3:45 p.m. Está sepultado, según su propio deseo, en el cementerio de San Antonio de Oriente, Departamento de Francisco Morazán.

Antigua G, 5 June 1963

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

I enclose a letter (copy) which I have just written to Dr Ziegler regarding arrangements I made for his stay in Salvador. Tommy Vilanova says they can take care of his transportation during his stay but I am not sure how much time Tommy himself can devote to him, as Tommy is pretty darn busy, especially right now with the problems at the Escuela Nal de Agricultura, where the students have gone back to work after their 3-day strike, pending action by the govt regarding their numerous requests. I have never seen such a "bill of particulars" in all my life. Their demand to have the Inspector changed has been granted and a new Inspector is on the job, but they are also asking that the Director and Subdirector be changed. My guess is that Manuel Chavez Viaud will have to go. I didn't hear much about the prospects of Chele Granada. I went over the school carefully; it is not doing too bad a job, in my opinion, but they say the teaching is poor. I thought the young Davis graduate in charge of Zootechnia a fine chap. Gattoni has just left for Korea, of all places, but I thought the young nacional they have in horticulture was pretty fair. The local joke is that they don't know whether to turn the school into the Facultad de Aeronomia of the Universidad Nacional or into a Cuartel de Infanteria. The serious jefes think it will probably be kept as a vocational school like it was intended to be. It would be so easy to make that a first class school; they don't lack very much, except their budget is only 200,000 colones per annum and they have about 125 students right now. Their main buildings are even better than ours but the dependencias are not up to scratch. They badly need some structures in animal husbandry, avicultura, especially. I believe the student body is alright, about the same caliber as ours was ten years ago. It is a pleasure, incidentally, to see what prestige Zamoranos have in El Salvador. They hold many of the top jobs, except those that are strongly political.

Things are fine over here. The new government is taking a strong hand and cracking down on malefactors. Of course the malefactors don't like this so well.

Thanks for the telegram about the demise of Paul Standley. Chico was much interested; I told him of the arrangements and he was very much interested in seeing that everything possible was done, as I am sure was the case. He talked about funeral arrangements and I assure him that the plans made were just what Paul had wanted. He hoped a goodly number of people went up to San Antonio to the burial.

Hugh is in Alta Verapaz but will pass thru here for an evening and a friend chicken about the 12th. Nixon Smiley and wife come on the first Panam plane in July; I will then have my hands full, but will tie in Dr Ziegler's stay with them quite satisfactorily to all concerned.

Chico said he expected to go over to see you next week. That will be swell. He is going to take an active part, and you and I know it will be along the right lines.

Ever yours,

Antigua C, 15 June 1963

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
EAP, Tecucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for your letter to Don Chico and myself, re the death of Paul Standley. You handled the whole matter very well and I know Chico appreciates this as I do. I had sent Vicente Machado Valle some notes; you did also; they were very much alike, and using this material he wrote up a very dignified and proper news release covering the matter. When I get back there with you, we will see what had best be done about marking his tomb. I know he would want it to be very simple; in my mind the only question is whether a bronze plaque or a marble one. The folks at San Antonio suggested marble, saying that bronze oxidizes so badly in time.

I have just received a letter from Fred Sheehy, saying that Boston does not approve moving the office of EAP to the TRRCo at this time. I am sure they have good reasons, with which we are not familiar, so we will just go ahead on the present basis until the right time comes.

Fred also mentioned to me a letter he had from Doris. I received one also, both referring to the news release about the election of Chico to the presidency. She points out that no mention was made of the fact that she and Ronnie have resigned, and she feels that insufficient mention was made of all she has done for the school throughout the years.

I gave this matter a lot of thought before I prepared some notes for Chente and suggested he get out a news release. The situation was this: The staff of EAP naturally had to be informed of the new set-up in the Board. No other course would have been possible. They had a right to know. Now, on the staff are people every Central American country. Some of these are naturally going to write home about the new officers. Sooner or later this would get into the local press in one or more places - there is no reason why it shouldn't.

I wanted to protect Doris by making it clear thru the press that the change was routine and periodic, as in every large organization. I did not want there to be any basis for thinking that she had broken with the school in any way; this would hurt both Doris and the school, and as far as I know, she and Ronnie have not yet presented formal resignations. John Weeks advised us to that effect. They were on the list of officers and members of committees and until members of the Board are officially informed that they have officially resigned, they remain, to the outside world, members of the Board. All of us hope they will reconsider, as they did before the April meeting, and stay with us.

My sole desire in this matter was to protect Doris, by not having the idea get around that she had broken with the school in any way. She has many friends in Central America. They know of her great devotion to the welfare of EAP and all that she has done to foster this. They do not want to see her drop out of the picture; least of all, with any hard feeling involved. I am writing Doris, trying to get her to stay with the ship, and telling her why the news release was put out in what I believe was the most favorable manner.

How about that Guernsey bull?

Yours,



January 22, 1964

Dr. J. George Harrar - New York, N. Y.
Dr. J. Wayne Reitz - Gainesville, Fla.
Dr. Wilson Popenoe - Antigua, Guatemala
Mr. Thomas D. Cabot - Boston, Mass.
Mr. George E. Putnam - Buenos Aires, Argentina
Dr. Stacy May - New York, N.Y.
Mr. John W. Weeks - Boston, Mass.
Mr. Charles L. Stillman - New York, N.Y.
Mr. John R. Kimberly - Meenah, Wisconsin
Mr. Galo Plaza - Quito, Ecuador
Dr. Henry Allen Moe - New York, N.Y.
Mr. Jorge Mejia - New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

As requested by Mr. Francisco de Sola we are enclosing
copy of the Antigua Corn Project for your information.

Yours truly,

Albert S. Muller
Albert S. Muller
Director *A.M.*

Encl.

cc: Mr. Francisco de Sola



February 5, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The rose material was all budded by Saturday last. All but a few avocado rows have been grafted. I have six kinds of orchids in flower, including *E. parkinsoniana* which Mrs. Cook donated for our collection.

I had dinner Saturday night at Nick Agurcia's together with Ambassador Burrows and wife and Dr. & Mrs. Lazarus. It was interesting and enjoyable.

I am enclosing Mr. Wallace's last letter at his request. My brief stay with you was most agreeable and useful. I had an hour's chat with Jorge at the airport. Have had an overflow of visitors since returning.

Best regards,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

Febrero 14, 1964

Sr. Francisco Ramirez Matheu
c/o SEGUROS UNIVERSALES, S.A.
Edificio "Helvetia" 2o. Piso
5a. Ave. 10-68, Zona 1
Apartado Postal 925
Guatemala, Guatemala.

Estimado Señor:

Siento informarle que no es posible atenderle en esta época en el sentido de arreglar un cursillo práctico intensivo de producción de aguacates. Estamos cortos de personal en la Sección de Horticultura y además todos los trabajos de propagación de aguacates están terminados aquí hasta Abril o Mayo. Estoy seguro que el Dr. Popenoe, personalmente en Antigua, o mediante su colega Don Jorge Benítez, puede supervisar cualesquiera prácticas necesarias que Ud. necesite sin que haga un viaje hasta aquí. Gustosamente podemos proporcionarle materiales de propagación que el Dr. Popenoe le recomendaría.

Atentamente,

Original } Albert S. Muller
Signed }
Albert S. Muller
Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



March 7, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I got back to Zamorano Friday afternoon and started catching up with the week's work right away with Gustavo. Thanks again for your hospitality. Jacobo delivered the plate Friday afternoon.

Thursday night I had a long talk with Leopoldo Sandoval. I am returning what you and I called the "contract" which Sandoval had written and which Mr. Wallace never saw. You can file it you know where, since it is not to be binding in any way. I found Sandoval to be very reasonable to deal with and he and I understand each other fully on what can be done and cant be done. I promised him I would write Mr. Wallace the full details of our conversation and send you a copy. Like you and Mr. Wallace, he wants to see his Indians get some help, and he will go along with all of us to the best of his ability.

I saw the "tablon" this morning and it is a beauty. I did not know that there is a little table involved in the matter, but Paco has it ready, too, if Don Chico wants it. By the way, the same man in San Antonio has an unassembled antique bed, which his father would not sell you some years ago, but now would let me have it, and also an antique "ropero". How about those pieces?

Have a good trip to Florida.

Sincerely,

Bert.

Albert S. Muller
Director

June 27, 1964

Mr. Henry E. Winter
c/o International Petroleum Co. Ltd.
396 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables 34, Florida

Dear Mr. Winter:

I have been instructed by Mr. Francisco de Sola, President of the Board of Trustees of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, (Pan American Agricultural School), to send you pertinent background information on this institution and an exposition of some of its activities which are indispensable to its program, but dependent upon the acquisition of more land.

The EAP, located at Zamorano in the Yeguaré Valley of Honduras, was founded by citizens of the U.S. and became established as a private, non-profit institution, incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, with concessions guaranteed for 50 years by an Act of the Congress of Honduras in 1942 for operating in that country. The EAP has been sponsored ever since then by Americans, and has been operated by American directors responsible to a Board of Trustees. The present Board is composed of both North Americans and Latin Americans who meet once a year in the U.S. and once at the EAP. Operational funds are derived from an endowment fund. The Board is actively engaged in a campaign to increase the size of the fund in order to meet more adequately the steadily increasing costs of operation.

A faculty of approximately 20 professors, employed full time, supervises an intensive "learning by doing" curriculum well balanced between theoretical instruction and practical field work. The curriculum is of three years duration with only two vacations of one month duration

during the course. The student body comes from 15 Latin American countries and is composed of more than 160 young men, high school graduates, who have proved their worth in competitive entrance examinations.

Of our 854 graduates all but a handful are engaged in some kind of agricultural work or services to agriculture in business, government and education. The EAP has produced one Asst. Minister of Agriculture, 5 Directors of Agriculture as well as directors of agricultural schools, agricultural colonization projects, agricultural reform projects and of extension services. Four graduates have received the Ph.D. degree and three others are terminating these studies and 20 have obtained the Master's degree in the U.S. The EAP has more than 100 installations, large and small, which provide for both working and living for its students, professors and staff. Half of its land is a pine forest preserve and the other half is divided between crops and pastures.

The production of crops for both human and animal consumption constitutes an important operation of our Agronomy Department, where students receive thorough training in all the agricultural practices involved. Each year as the amount of grain required for our livestock becomes larger, the problem of land for the cultivation of grains is more serious and there is not enough land available for producing all the food we need. In fact, we find ourselves in the peculiar situation of recommending approved practices of rotation and fallowing, which we can not carry out since we need the land for actual production. We have on hand the agricultural equipment necessary for putting more land into production.

The production of food is just one of the many concerns of our agronomists. Our students receive training in methods of obtaining increased production by the use of chemical fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and by breeding better varieties. Not only do our students take home seed of improved varieties, but local farmers come to us for better seed, as do also governmental agricultural agencies of various countries and agricultural

development banks. Last year the requests of such agencies in Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Belice were ten times the amount of our production of improved seed. We need more land to produce quantities more in line with the demand and to permit plantings to be made at appropriate dates and yet isolated from one another by distances which prevent mixtures by cross-pollinization.

The application of known practices of chemical agriculture is not the only concern of our soil specialists. Each year new materials are tried out on an experimental basis. Some of the results have been presented at international meetings. We publish our own scientific journal "CEIBA" with 1200 copies of each number. Only certain experiments can be performed on our existing land where students participate and learn the methods used. Much of the work requires the use of restricted areas under the sole control of the investigator. What is most needed are areas which can be set aside for the investigation of proper fertilization of land in continuous cropping compared with different systems of rotation and fertilization, including the use of green manures. Bordering our properties there are tracts of land adequate for these purposes and they are available for purchase.

The training of our students in animal science practices involves much more than doing farm chores. It includes management of production activities, under supervision, such as dairy, swine, poultry and beef cattle operations, plus forage, pasture grass and hay production. We would like to reach the goal of producing all the food of animal origin consumed by students and staff. Increased milk supplies are needed to enable us to give better training in butter, cheese, and icecream making. Larger swine herds are needed for training in preparing bacon, ham and other pork products. Our original pasture area is inadequate and parts of it are not even the right type. More pasture land is needed to provide for proper rotation of herds on pasture. We need to expand our program of pasture fertilization on an experimental basis and to study the effects of fertilizers on different kinds of pasture grasses.

-4- Mr. Henry E. Winter

The Escuela Agricola Panamericana is making a determined effort to contribute to the progress of agriculture in the Americas and wants to do so up to the maximum of its potentialities. We are certain that a donation of funds for the purchase of more land will enhance greatly our capability to increase further our contributions to scientific agriculture and to make an impact in agricultural and social development that will return a rich dividend to the funds expended. The amount of the donation was a matter discussed early this month in New Jersey when the President of our Board met with your President.

Yours very truly,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

Encls.



June 24, 1963

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Yours of June 17 received, Don Chico arrived on the 21st, stayed in your room at the big house, and left at noon on the 23rd.

We covered a lot of ground outdoors and indoors and we both wished that his stay could have been longer. He plans to bring his family for a visit in the first week of August, staying at the lake house. To me that indicates that he was pleased with what he found, and willing to put as much of his valuable time as possible in helping the E.A.P.

When I left him at the airport on Sunday I brought back Dr. Harold Enarson, director of the office of AID which approved our grant and responsible for grants to the other eight American sponsored schools. Ours was the last of the nine schools to be visited by him since March, and he said it was the one which impressed him most. I had him out in Horticulture by 6:30 AM. He said that ours was the best written project and the most deserving of approval and that he wanted us to get busy on plans for AID assistance for the next five years. He agreed with me that such plans should be elaborated by the Board. I understand that J. Haver is calling a meeting of the Exec. Com. on this, and that Chico Paz been asked to go.

We have the Carmona bull "Lino" at \$300, in spite of the opinion of a Holstein Assoc. inspector that told Carmona it was worth \$1000. The Banco de Fomento brought our Guernsey from Miami free duty with a Jersey for Tiallos in the plane with some of these bulls. Our bull cost \$500 and is from So. Caroline, sold to us at half its worth and no charge for delivery in Miami. Both are excellent, I too will be happy to see some brown calves here. ~~More to be sent by Citra number.~~ Leira and Torres are in Mexico at the moment. I am going to ask Bob and Alva to come over in August when school closes in the plantation will go to Washington Sept 1. I sure am busy. Regards, Bert.



November 18, 1963

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I received your letter from S.S., and also a telegram from Chico on the same subject, which arrived ahead of your letter. Three copies of the old diploma were sent you right away. We sent you 40 copies of the new brochure, also. Have you received the homage brochure on Standley prepared by Williams? Molina has a half dozen, I believe. Three copies of my report to the Board were sent you last week.

The Tela Railroad Co. advised us this past weekend of the death of Paul Allen. I sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Allen at c/o Mrs. William Dann, 3525 Bell Aire Place, Saint Louis 21, Mo.

Mike Morales left for Florida on Wednesday and Torres went to the hospital on Thursday afternoon for a check-up, complaining of severe stomach pains. He is back at work today after a diagnosis of nervous indigestion. Gundersen helped out in practice along with Tisdell.

With all the excitement last week, I am not sure that I expressed adequately my appreciation for your great help this Fall. Horticulture is sure on the up-grade.

Yesterday morning I made 18 pretty good cigars in a hour and a half. Is that slow? I may try again next Sunday.

Best regards,

Bert

Albert S. Muller
Director



November 25, 1963

Mr. Francisco de Sola
H. de Sola e Hijos, Suc.
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dear Chico:

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In reply to your second note of the past week, I would favor heartily Molina's saying a few words about Dr. Standley at the unveiling of the plaque, but Molina is on his way to join Dr. Williams in Guatemala for a month of exploring for plants. I wish Dr. Popenoe could be persuaded to come over to do it. We could pay his ticket. He could bring the citation and the diploma and would be a great help to me in making the most of the Wallace visit. I will take care of the matter of the photographs of the tomb and of the plaque dedication. I read the "Homage" publication from cover to cover, and I am very well impressed by it.

It took an enormous amount of work to get the rough draft of the graduation program from the printers. I finally had to go myself Saturday to Tegucigalpa to get it. I had understood that the reading of a citation and handing a diploma to Mr. Wallace was to be done by you as a surprise (and therefore not to be mentioned in the printed program) just after you announced that our principal orator is Mr. Wallace. I had understood, also, that another surprise announcement (not to be in the program) which would follow Mr. Wallace's address, would be an invitation to the public by me to listen to the record of Mr. Wallace's talk in 1946. I had assumed that Mr. Wallace would respond to the citation by a few remarks delivered before reading his address. In order to provide the greatest flexibility possible, the graduation committee decided to use Mr. Wallace's name only once in the program, but under the title of "Presentacion" develop all the related activities. Otherwise we would have had to make five or six titles which would unbalance the program. All preparations for graduation are proceeding normally.

Sincerely,

Bert.

Albert S. Müller
Director

Jan. 10, 1964 - Report to Albert Muller, Wilson Popenoe, and Francisco de Sola.

Chico was with us here at Farvue last night and we cleared up certain misunderstandings with regard to the Antigua Corn Project in relation to the Escuela. To make the account short- Wallace Genetic has given the Escuela in addition to the \$1500 given when I was in Zamorano,- the following one check dated Dec. 12 for \$500 and one check dated Dec. 30 for \$1000. In addition H. A. Wallace personally gave \$500 to the Escuela by means of a check dated Dec. 12. The last three checks were sent to Francisco de Sola in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of the Escuela. At first for certain reasons which I will not go into, he thought he could not receive these checks for the purpose for which they had been given- to enable the school to cooperate with Wilson Popenoe on a corn project among the Indians.

Now everything is cleared up. Francisco de Sola has talked to several members of the Board of the School and with Director Albert Muller of the school. Everyone is agreed that the Antigua corn project is a good one and appropriate for the school.

I shall now outline my understanding of the project, which project is, of course subject to change. In broad outline I would conceive the project as follows:

First the objective would be to furnish each of 50 or 100 Indians with perhaps 2 pounds of seed corn of an improved variety or sythetic. Also with an abundant supply of fertilizer for perhaps 1/10 acre. Also with sufficient Aldrin to treat 1/10 of an acre before planting. Third, sufficient aldrin or other insecticide for treating cogollero or other insects (this aldrin should be held in reserve and should be applied a month or so after the corn comes up,- taking George Freytag's advice on insecticide treatment- or IAN's advice).

I vision taking on Indians who have perhaps 2 to 4 manzanas in corn, whose corn is not on too steep a slope, who are not too far from Antigua. I would hope they would be Indians who are to some extent respected by others as men of a certain amount of integrity, especially by their fellow Indians. I would want it to be possible for George Freytag, Wilson Popenoe and others from the Escuela at Zamorano to give a certain amount of supervision. Perhaps for the time of soil preparation and planting in May when the Aldrin must be applied and the corn planted, some recent graduate of the Escuela could be employed to supervise. I would envision that the Proyecto Antigua would typically plant about 7 rows of Proyecto corn and that the rows would be about 22 feet long and that the Indians own corn planted in the traditional way would be along side, planted at the same time and given the same cultural treatment. The important thing is to see that proper stakes are put in at time of planting, that the Proyecto seed is planted in accord with the stakes, that a little map is made, showing where the Proyecto seed, fertilizer, and insecticide was applied. This map would enable Wilson to come along later. It is important that the non Proyecto part of the field be treated just as the Indian would ordinarily treat the corn. A month or so later when insect troubles are likely to begin, there should be an inspection by our man who works under Wilson Popenoe. I would vision the Escuela putting Popenoe in complete charge but with a clear cut understanding between Director Albert Muller and through Muller with George Freytag, whose technical advice is very important. Proyecto Antigua is an Escuela Project but it is also a Wilson Popenoe Project. The idea of this extension project was originally his. I am glad to help and I hope I can help in the future.

In the fall of the year when the corn is weighed up I would hope that there might be appropriate recognition of those Indians who have done outstanding work. By the way I would hope most of the Indians would be living at 5000 to 6500 feet (roughly). The seed corn furnished would be that recognized by proper authorities as appropriate for the altitude. Making the most of the weighing up period is a most important part of the whole project. All extension projects are not merely scientific and carefully performed but also sociological and psychologica, building people as well as maize.

March 9, 1964

Mr. Henry A. Wallace
Farvue Farm
10590
South Salem, New York

Dear Mr. Wallace:

George Freytag and I are back from the very stimulating and worthwhile trip to Antigua. We appreciated very much this second opportunity to discuss problems and projects with you.

The morning after you left I had a long talk with Manlio Castillo about the corn project for the Indians. I am sure he understands now that the primary objective is not to test IAN corns on a strictly scientific basis, at a high cost, on Indian parcels of land. He can continue to do that on his own plots in Quetzaltenango and Chimaltenango, or elsewhere with his assistant, Marcial Barrios. I wanted to get the seed he promised before I left, but his seed stocks were still in Quetzaltenango. That afternoon Dr. Popenoe took us to the Antigua farm of Arturo Falla, 4800 - 7500 ft., and the Eduardo Castillo yellow corn will be planted there for observation and multiplication, I hope at various altitudes, as a possible source of considerable seed for next year.

On Thursday evening I had a long talk with Leopoldo Sandoval, who had taken to Dr. Popenoe's house a two-page write-up of the corn project, which you did not get to see or discuss before you left, and therefore can not be considered as final. Before terminating our discussion of it, he agreed to rewrite it and send it to you shortly. Whereas Castillo, in the beginning, was all for science, and Sandoval all for the Indians, now both are ready to compromise. The question is who is to see that they do, now that Dr. Popenoe will be gone till May 1. Sandoval insists that most of the corn planted by the Indians above 5000 ft., especially 6000-7000 ft. is in the ground by April 15, and the land not planted by then is used for potatoes, onions, cabbage, needing rains. He does not think we should wait till the middle of May before contacting the Indians, but get the seed to them as soon as possible.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace

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Something which I discovered in my talk with Sandoval was that SFEI is a division of the IAN, and you may already have known that. At any rate, that should mean better cooperation, once the Director Herbert Bolaños, with whom I did not get to discuss the project, favors it. Whereas Castillo wants a \$150 monthly salary for Barrios during the project, Sandoval is willing to assign the work to two or three of his own supervisors of potato or other projects with the same Indians without a salary, but with a gratuity or honorarium at the end of the season, which would stimulate them to do even better next year. He would like to propose to the Indians that SFEI buy, with the project money, excess up to one-half the seed of the crop, at a little higher price than for their own corn, in order to have a good stock of seed for next year's program. He did not know that fertilizer and insecticide were to be used in the project, but agreed that once these were available he would see that they were applied at planting time.

Obviously someone has to give the go-ahead sign to someone in Guatemala and Dr. Popenoe will not be there to flash the signal. I felt that Sandoval talks good sense. I am not sure he can get reliable data for Castillo. Sandoval had a corn program in the Atitlan area with Guatica 701 = Guatianchela seed, but he cancelled it last year because the Indians did not increase their yields with it. I am sorry I could not have stayed longer in Guatemala in order to help more, but many pressing school problems need attention this time of year, and I was fortunate to have been able to get away even for a few days.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Wallace.

Sincerely yours,

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Albert S. Muller
Director



Wednesday
June 3.
[1964]

Dear Doc,

I received a letter from Don Chico before he left for New York suggesting that I hire a man from San Salvador, engineer and architect, Mario Valenzuela, to do a master plan for the main campus and to take aerial photographs. I replied to his N.Y. address that I had already written to Harlo von Wald, our original planner, inviting him to come to visit us in order to help us with such a plan and to assist us with building plans, as the Board suggested. Any comments?

Today I received a cable indicating that Don Chico had called an executive board meeting for Monday June 8, so I will leave Saturday to attend it. That involves changing my June 12 meeting in Washington with AID to earlier in the week, but C. Stillman cabled he will take care of that. I had expected to see the N.Y. board members and Don Chico after I got things settled in AID and not before, but I will have to reverse things.

On Thursday noon I am having the Tegucigalpa AID here for lunch and also Mr. Knox from the U.S. Embassy. The latter is taking over again while Mr. Burrows is in Washington. I wonder if Mr. Burrows is going to be transferred. Both will talk to the Peace Corps, that is, Willigoe and Knox. The Peace Corps work is going smoothly.

Enclosed is the receipt for your deposit. We have had no heavy rains yet, but something every afternoon and night, especially in the pasture area and on Uguca.

Lino came back in pretty good shape after all. This week he is very active and in good spirits. Did you contact Dr. Bueso.

Regards Bert,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

I am planning to go to the Venezuela meetings, as I have said, and I feel rather sorry that you think Bob may not go, the main reason being that I fear, at this meeting, Ernest Casseres may vacate the post of Secretary-Treasurer, in which case I think it quite possible that Bob might be suggested for the job. Ernest has handled it for a long time and I think feels he has done about enough. He tried to resign at the Miami meeting in 1961 but we talked him out of it. You mention that every one else in your horticultural section wants to go. I really don't think there is as much to see in Venezuela as there is in many other countries. You know this as well as I do. Ernest felt that it was time we had a meeting in South America, to build up the interest of people down there. Cali was suggested and also Venezuela. The folks in the latter country were quite keen to have the meeting at Maracay and I think we will get quite a bit out of it, but it is going to be an expensive session for those who come from Florida, Mexico and Central America.

Charley Stillman is here for two weeks and I have had two chats with him. He says the drive to increase the endowment fund has not gotten to first base and he doesn't think it will, unless we can get a big grant from the Ford Foundation, regarding which he is hopeful. To carry our maintenance - operations - costs he thinks we should have pushed harder on AID for more of those scholarships. George Gardner wrote me some time ago that the Committee had worked on the endowment program and had delegated me to see if the Coolidge family could be interested. Kitty was here two weeks ago and I brought up the matter in a very preliminary way. She said that her mother doesn't have a lot of ready cash just at this time. Incidentally, it has occurred to me that it might be a good move from other standpoints, to put Kitty on the Board. Jeff Coolidge took such an important part in the development and operation of the school during its first 15 years that it would seem very appropriate to keep the family in the picture. Kitty is a member of the Board of Trustees of Radcliffe College and has always been deeply interested in EAP. I spoke to Charley Stillman about this and he expressed approval.

I have just rec'd Coe's Harrar's 1963 report on the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation, which I think is remarkably good. I am going to write him to this effect and at the same time tell him that several of us feel that Ralph Richardson should be invited to go on the Board. I assume action will be taken, on this matter, at the December mtg.

Dr Solstad and family, including parroquet, dropped in for a call on their way north and he told me all about the work he had done. It sounded good. As for Blandon, I know you agree that he is a very competent man but would give you headaches and cost the school money as long as we had him. I wonder how much he still owes the school, and whatever it is, I bet you will have to write it off in the end - though with a salary of \$900 a month he should be able to pay his bills.

Mrs J Hillis Miller and Edith Pitts are due to arrive tomorrow - I hear Panam is flying again. They will be here until the 3rd or 4th of Sept. I hope I can show them the sights of Guatemala, as far as they want and have time to see them. They are fine people.

See you soon.



June 19, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

My trip was successful in a number of aspects. The Rockefeller Foundation is giving us a grant of \$100,000 for a five year period. Dr. Harrar insisted on the need for his resignation and the Executive Board agreed that Dr. Moseman, Director of Agriculture or Dr. Richardson would receive an invitation to belong to our Board in his place. Our retirement plan was finally approved, as was a special plan for me. Dr. Moe was in a hospital. He is now alright.

During the meeting a letter from Red Moore was read referring to Lancetilla. The United Fruit Co. offers to turn over Lancetilla to the EAP on a sub-lease for \$1.00 per year. Don Chico and George Harrar were so enthusiastic about this acquisition that I was instructed to go to Boston and talk the matter over with Bill Van Diepen and Dr. Dunlap which I did. John Weeks and I discussed financing the project afterwards at his office. He saw a possibility that the money which was spent annually at and by the Atkins Gardens (\$45,000 more or less) could be made available for running Lancetilla. I told Bill Van Diepen that no decision could be made by the EAP until outside sources of financing were found. The only person who is not at all enthusiastic about the project is Bob Armour who has enumerated the headaches and responsibilities that a manager of Lancetilla would

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have. He questions the importance it would have in our student training program, but he does not question the importance of safeguarding Lancetilla materials and the increase in stature in the horticultural its acquisition would bring to the EAP. I would like your comments on this.

As a result of my meeting with two AID ways to straighten out the red tape contained in the 1964 contract were settled. I failed to get favorable action on the matter which Mr. Stillman insisted upon which was to get full expenditure of the \$150,000 for scholarship during 1965. However, I did get authorization to use \$75,000 of it for 1965, and the other \$75,000 for 1966. Peor es nada, verdad? In the 1964 contract there is also \$50,000 for general operational expenses which we can start using in July, which means that much less funds will have to come from Boston than otherwise in 1964. I cant see how we can be dissatisfied with AID help this year.

I am writing to Don Chico on these matters, since I was unable to contact him by telephone in New York after returning Boston.

Sincerely,

Bert

Albert S. Muller
Director



August 6, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just despached two long letters to Don Chico and John Weeks. Most of what I wrote them will appear in the following paragraphs.

I am contacting Mario Valenzuela this week, but I still dont see his ideas will be any more valuable than yours and Don Chico's when you come over this month or next. I suppose Don Chico will let you know when he is coming. No work has been started, of course, but our Ing. Zúñiga has complete plans drawn which are excellent.

About Lancetilla, I, personally, share the enthusiasm of you and Don Chico, but Bob continues to refer to the administrative headaches. Both Shannon and Lindellie have spent successive weekends here and we have discussed the problems. The Ford Foundation, like the Rockefeller Foundation can not support the project. I am curious to learn how Hugh proposes to handle the financing of Lancetilla and I hope he can come over here to work out some of the details of operation. I haven't been able to go down there yet to see what is involved.

If you haven't heard yet you will be satisfied to hear that Blandon has resigned. He says he was persuaded by his President to accept a position on the Planning Board for Economic Development of Nicaragua at \$900 a month, to be increased next year. His Ph.D. work is to postponed two years. All this just two weeks before he was supposed to begin teaching here. Ramirez

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left Sunday for his \$800 monthly job in Nicaragua. How can the Board blame me for not succeeding in holding on to these men? Burgos has left for Florida for his Ph.D. I want him back afterwards.

Red Moore wrote asking us to confirm why we owe Tela \$40,000, indicating that he believed that it was because AID was not keeping up with reimbursements to us fast enough for us to pay off Tela. This is correct. Our next check to Tela is to be \$25,000 and no more large AID equipment importations will be coming in until we start ordering 1964 equipment.

Bob continues to do a tremendous job for us and the physical plant is improving under his supervision. We have the first \$10,000 in the bank from the Rockefeller Foundation for scholarships. Williams sent us \$2420 for Molina's project and will get us a new car for Molina in December. Molina will go to Chicago in October. The new farm shop operations under Solstad are successful beyond expectation. All his equipment arrived in good time.

We are making a new trench silo at the vega alongside the old one, and we are making hay this week. Corn acreage is up from last year and the fields for silage are excellent.

I am sending Julio Pineda for new students in Central America this month and he will go to Panama, Colombia and Ecuador after Sept. 15.

We are very anxious to get work on the hoped-for funds for land purchase. Don Chico writes that the news should arrive soon.

Sincerely, *Pent*

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

Antigua, Guatemala, 13 August 1964

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

Your interesting letter of the 6th arrived a few days ago, but I have been waiting to answer it until Hugh returned from Lake Izabal. He came in last night and leaves for Gainesville tomorrow. Of course the main thing I wanted to discuss with him again (we talked with don Chico de Sola about it a couple of weeks ago) is the possibility of hooking up Lancetilla with the proposed Center for Tropical Agriculture, Food and Forestry at Gainesville.

Apparently this project is not yet definitely on foot, but Hugh says money is available from Foundations and the U.S. government and it now lacks only the approval of certain people at Gainesville. He thinks the matter will be settled definitely, one way or the other, in another one to three months. If this project is approved, then the situation at Lancetilla might easily be as follows:

Fred Sheehy has advised that UFCo has just obtained approval from the government of Honduras to continue all operations for 25 years more. This makes it possible for UFCo to lease Lancetilla to EAP at One Dollar a year. EAP could then lease Lancetilla to the Center for Tropical Agriculture, Food and Forestry for One Dollar a year (let us say), the latter to assume all costs of operation. The idea would be for the Center to utilize Lancetilla as a training center for PG students, not many at a time. In talking with don Chico, we three felt that EAP should not undertake to train its students at Lancetilla; but maybe send one or two once in a while - those students seriously interested in certain tropical crops or ecology or something of that sort - for limited periods. Even this would be subject to your consideration and approval of course.

You mention that Bob Armour is afraid of the administrative headaches. Under such an arrangement as above outlined, these would not fall on EAP but on the Tropical Center of the University of Florida. Unfortunately, Hugh will not be able to come over there at the moment to discuss the matter with you, and as a matter of fact, it would not be worth while to do so unless and until the University of Florida makes up its mind about the Center.

As regarding the construction program at Zamorano, I am completely in accord with your views. I would like to see Mario Valenzuela draw up front elevations of the buildings planned, but I think we

could draw up plans - yourself, Zúñiga and myself - and submit them to don Chico for final approval. This would of course avoid some expense. We can take this up with don Chico at the first opportunity, for as you say there is no hurry.

Of course I am much interested to learn that Blandon has accepted such a fine offer in Nicaragua. Anybody who can get a job at \$900 a month - and I assume you don't mean Cordobas - certain ought to grab it, if it seems to have a good future. I don't see why you need to worry about the Board blaming you for losing men at this price, especially those who don't yet have their Ph.D's. I do hope Carlitos Burgos will come back to us eventually. I think he will if the government of El Salvador doesn't raise the ante.

I am happy to hear that Bob has taken hold so well. I believe he is going to be a tower of strength, and especially valuable when you have to be absent from the school. And that Rockefeller money for scholarships - you know how anxious I have been for us to be able to grant 4 or 5 scholarships - mainly but of course not all - at Gainesville every year.

Chico has talked with me about the resignation of George Herrer and has mentioned that the Rockefeller Foundation is considering recommending either Roberts, Moseman or Ralph Richardson to replace him on the Board. You and I know Ralph pretty well, and know how well informed he is on tropical agriculture and horticulture. I assume the naming of a successor for George will have to come up at the meeting in Zamorano in November. I would be strongly in favor of Ralph - but of course I will go along with the majority, and especially George Herrer's wishes.

Henry Wallace has just sent another check for \$2000, asking that it not be cashed before September 10, so I am going to bring it over with me when I come, which I think will be about that time. I cannot get away from here earlier, as Mrs J Hillis Miller and Edith Pitts are arriving for a week on August 28 and I want to show them all they can see of Guatemala in the time at their disposal. Incidentally, someone has mentioned that you are expecting your mother and sister for a good long visit. I hope this is true, for your sake and theirs. If they come, you will have enough people in your house and I am wondering if you could arrange to give me that room in which Helen and I started life at Zamorano - the end room of the staff house on the side toward San Antonio. I would be perfectly happy in that room and happy to let Arnoldo serve me *lomitos chorreano sangre* in the mess hall. Ernest Casseres is urging me to come to the meeting in Venezuela, ASBE, in October, and the Wugenio Mendoza Foundation has asked me to be their guest. I think I may go, as I could seize the opportunity to see how the program for temperate zone fruits in the Andes is coming along and maybe give it a push.

Ever yours,

cc Don Francisco de Sola

Zamorano, Aug 15, 1964

Dear B. Popenoe,

I was glad to get your views on Sanatilla. If money becomes available for the project and the Company agrees to lease the project, I would go ahead exactly as you outlined on the first page of your recent letter. I am sure we have Don Chico's backing on that.

Regarding construction, I went to see Mario Valenzuela in town and he spent part of last Sunday with me out here. He will start drawing up some preliminary sketches this weekend. By the time you get here he will have some ready for us to go over. I have had several letters from Don Chico about hiring Mario. The expense will be covered by AID.

I am expecting my Mother and sister to arrive on September 11 on PAA. How about you coming over on the same plane out of Aurora. That way, we can all come out here together. I believe my folks want to be back in Gainesville by election day or Thanksgiving Day at the latest. In the big house I am expecting to let my folks have the two rooms with the connecting bath and I will move to the little corner room. Your room will be available till Sept. 18 when I expect Dean Brooker and his wife for a week. They have not confirmed this yet. The Von Wald house is to be kept for visitors until the new house is built, and you can move in there if you like and Petrona, who stays in those quarters, can get your breakfast. The Staff House is completely full, which I don't like, but when Lee left, Dixon moved into his room. He has a real divorce this time. Let's skip the details of how it happened.

I have often thought about inquiring concerning the progress of the Wallace Corn Project in Guatemala, and now that Henry has sent more money, it is a good time for

the erstwhile treasurer, me, to get up to date, I wouldn't tell the Guatemalan boys yet that more money is available. I hope you can get some information from Milton Low before you come over, although Sandoval probably has all the records on what has been done. I discussed plans with these men in April, but no one has advised me on what was carried out.

Maybe you can see them before your guests arrive on Aug 25. I am not sure that Arturo Fella entered the project. I know Castillo and he had a separate project using IAN seed.

I think you should go to the Venezuelan meetings. Bob thinks he had better skip it this year. All the others in the Hort. section want to go. I have Rockefeller money available. I think Ric is mixed up in Bob's decision not to go.

You speak of a November Board meeting, but it was decided to hold the meeting at graduation time here. I will go along with the appointment of Ralph Richardson to the Board.

By the way, Blandon told Perez, that if Bob Armour had offered him \$100 more a month, he would have rejected the Nicaraguan offer. He never mentioned that to Bob, who would not have fallen for squeeze plays that Blandon always attempts. I was away, fortunately. A substitute for Blandon is arriving this week.

As for the rest of what has been going on here, you will see for yourself next month. I am ready to risk a bottle of Scotch that you will find a lot of things that you will like. Regards to the lady visitors.

Sincerely,

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

APARTADO 93

Antigua, 27 August 1964

Dear Bert:

For the first time in three months there is nobody in this house but Maria, Gonzalo the Gardener, and este su servidor. So I can sit down and answer your letter of the 18th, which as a matter of fact only came yesterday. I guess the Dia del Cartero had something to do with it.

Regarding plans for immediate future, Milton Lau wants to go over to Los Andes and I have just written Chico, asking if Milton and I can drive over there on the 12th or 13th of Sept. If this works out, I will continue to Zamorano by the time the somas resulting from the Clorioso Quince have passed into history. Milton was thinking about coming on to Zamorano with me, but says that Don Fiester who is now Jefe de Horticultura in the local AID doesn't think he can be gone long at that time, and suggests a week in October - Milton says George Freytag has asked him to come over and help organize the seed laboratory or something of that sort.

I was not aware that the Board meeting would synchronise with graduation - probably forgot it. I will probably stay in Honduras until time for the Venezuela meeting; then come back, perhaps stopping in Costa Rica where there is some - I fear rather hopeless - interest in temperate zone fruits; then come back to Zamorano and stay until the Board meeting. I am sorry the staff house is full up, for I don't want to move in on any family for a month or two; hence I think your idea of letting me stay in the guest house on the old basis, Petrona giving me un par fritos in the morning and eating at the Comedor General or with friends at other times, is the best set up and will suit me perfectly. There would still be room in the guest house for other short-term visitors and of course the Armours probably want to take some of these anyway.

I will be glad to cooperate with you and Mario Valenzuela on the construction program in any manner which Don Chico wishes. I am sure you know that. The whole thing is really very simple; it is just a matter of following the old lines, adjusting for size of bldg and location.

As for the Wallace Corn Program, Milton and I went over the plots several weeks ago: there are four good ones, one at Tecpan and three in the Quezaltenango area. One manzana each, and designed to produce seed which next year can be put in the hands of numerous small farmers, mostly Indians. For some reason, the Maryknoll fathers at Huehuetenango did not get any seed, and the plot planned for Chimaltenango sort of fizzled out. I will go into details when I see you, and I won't broadcast over here the fact that our Secy-Treasurer, who fortunately lives a long way off, has another \$2000. I work closely with Milton and can give you all the details about the program when I get over there. Mr Wallace has been kept informed and seems to be satisfied with progress to date; not just what we had wanted but you know we had to keep everybody satisfied.

Antigua, Guatemala, 1 January 1965

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

In the care of Amado Pelen I am sending over two checks from the Honorable Henry A Wallace, payable to Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, one in the amount of One Thousand dollars, the other Three Thousand dollars. Please credit these to the account of the Wallace-Popencoe corn program (this is the name Milton Lau says we are going to use) and we will shortly ask you to send us some funds for the purchase of 300 quintales of seed corn which is now being harvested, and will be distributed beginning about March 1st. It is planned to open an account at some bank here in Guatemala, from which the authorized person of persons can draw funds as required.

I further enclose a check payable to EAP in the amount of \$100, which please credit to my personal account. J. Antonio Velasquez will shortly be delivering (I hope) three pictures which friends have asked me to secure for them. This amount together with the balance you still have to my credit should pay for the pictures and the framing which I trust you will permit Paco Arambu to do on his own time.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popencoe

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua Guatemala, 25 January 1965

Dr Albert S Muller, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

Here is a special case I want to bring to your attention. Over at Chichicastenango a Spanish priest, José María Casas, is doing a magnificent job with the Indians. Education along several lines. He wants to prepare an Indian to instruct the people in agriculture; it fits right in to the Wallace corn program. He has a lad named Tomas Mejia, 19 years, who is very intelligent but only has primaria (6 years) because that is all anyone can get in Chichicastenango. Padre Casas would like to send him to Zamorano for training, but I assume you would not take him as a regular student because of his lack of secundaria (I would have taken him in the old days) but I wonder if he could not come over there for training. Padre Casas has money to pay the living expenses of the boy. How about arranging with some employee of EAP, such as Manuel Valle or Domingo Benavides or Paco Arambú, to take the boy for about 30 Lempas a month, board and lodging (if you have no available space for him at EAP) and letting the boy work with the students in the Depto de Agronomía (especially on corn) and eventually in other departments if he shows interest and ability?

I think we have here a real opportunity to make a contribution to Guatemalan agriculture and I believe Don Chico will agree with me. I am sending him a copy of this letter to get his opinion.

Sincerely,

MISIONEROS DEL SAGRADO CORAZON

PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMAS
CHICHICASTENANGO

QUICHE, GUATEMALA, C. A.

Chichicastenango Diciembre 20 de 1964

Mr. Popenó
Antigua Guatemala

Distinguido señor y amigo:

Recordará usted la entrevista que tuvimos en Chichicastenango con relación a enviar, a la escuela de Peritos Agrónomos de Honduras a un estudiante Indio de ésta. Como recordará aquí no tenemos estudiantes de raza Indígena que hayan cursado secundaria. Por esta razón, como excepción y dadas las dotes intelectuales del aspirante coincidimos en enviar con una beca al estudiante acabado el Sexto de Primaria, llamado Tomás Mejía.

Usted quedó conforme en aceptarlo y proponer este caso a la Dirección de la Escuela de Honduras. Estuve esperando sus noticias durante todo este tiempo, y al no tenerlas me apresuro a escribirle. Al mismo tiempo le manifiesto que una entidad Norteamericana le ha concedido los \$300.00, destinados para dicha beca.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para felicitarle las Pascuas y suscribirme de usted como su Affmo. amigo y Ss.

Rev. José María ~~Sanjines~~ Casas

EAP

February 2, 1965

Dear Bert:

I have studied your correspondence with Chico deSola, Mr. Hilliard and your application to AID for Fiscal 1965 dated January 12th.

As indicated by the enclosed, I am sending copies to all Trustees.

In your letter of January 11th to Mr. Hilliard, you give percentages of our operating funds, paragraph 2, page 1, amounted to 6% of our 1963 budget, 25% of 1964 budget and 16% requested for 1965 budget.

Would you please send me, copy to Messrs. deSola and Weeks, a copy of a worksheet showing how these figures were arrived at.

Sincerely,

Prof. Albert Miller
Escuela Agricola Panamerican
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

cc: Messrs. Weeks
deSola
Harrar
Moore



February 4, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

During the past two years we have given special training to five individuals, two in poultry, two in vegetable gardening, and one in the animal department for about one month's duration. It seems to me that the work performed by the trainee pays for the board. Feeding one more at the dining room is no problem. I am convinced that this is a useful program and that we should provide this opportunity whenever there is no interference with our regular operations.

I suggest that you write Padre Casas to send the boy over as soon as he can arrange his visas and his reservations for travel. I suppose he can get a six month's tourist visa even though he is only 19. I could send you a statement for the Honduran Consul saying that he is admitted for a special short course, if that is necessary.

George says that he could give him enough training between now and June to have him ready for the planting season in the Guatemalan highlands.

Let us know the date of his arrival. I suppose he ought to bring a little cash for incidentals, say ten dollars, maybe, but there will be no charges.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 8 February 1965

Dr Albert S Muller
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for your letters of February 1 and 4. Milton Lau has not needed any money as yet, for the Wallace corn program, but will shortly be needing some, when we take over the corn which the government has grown for us. They now tell me it may be about 120 quintales. When we get it, we will arrange to have Marcial Barrios distribute it to small farmers, along with the necessary fertilizer. We may be limited by the amount of fertilizer we can buy. We are hoping that Fertica will give us some as a matter of propaganda. We are talking about putting a little placard on each lot (we hope to have several hundred of them) saying that it is improved corn fertilized by Fertica. This might get Fertica a lot of business in the future.

Manlio Castillo is handling the processing of the corn seed down Retalhuleu way. While they have harvested more than 120 qq, I believe they are selecting only the best for distribution under the Wallace program, and in any event, I doubt that we can handle more than 100 qq just because one man can not get around fast enough to distribute more. The idea is to give each recipient enough for 1/10 of an acre - una cuerda. We have been a bit slow in making final arrangements because of the reorganization of IAN by the Ministerio. Hector Murga has gone over from the Facultad to a fine job, and I believe Herbert Bolaños is going to be the No 1 boy in general. Barcena is on the rocks because of the lack of a Director and personnel; I understand the students are on the ground but no classes, because the teachers are not showing up. The Minister has asked me to help but as yet we can not find a Director. If and when we do, I believe we can get teachers but the salaries will have to be raised. The Director has only been getting \$4800 and good men can make more elsewhere.

I am sorry to learn that Candelario is leaving, and I sure do hope you can get Herman Fonseca to come back. I don't believe we could do better.

Re-reading your letter at this point, I note that I did not tell you that Milton Lau will probably stay on for another year or more. I certainly hope so. You are correct in regard to Sandoval - He has gone over to another agency, I forget just what. We tried to get him to take Barcena but he doesn't want it. I would like to see a military man take the job, because discipline is now the major problem over here; you probably have read of the row the communists in the University have kicked up because they are going to require the Plan Basico. It is only the students in Humanidades, and it isn't a

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 matter of objection to the plan basic so much as it is that this
 matter has given the communistic lads something to kick up a row about.
 The Facultad de Agronomia has not taken part, and the ^{government does} ~~government does~~
 taken a strong stand against the kickers. The papers have been full
 of the arguments on both sides.

APARTADO

You mention the new set-up, the Center for Tropical Agriculture
 at Gainesville. This sounds awfully good to me. The whole thing had
 to await authority from the Board of Regents which was granted on 15
 January. Hugh is going to be in charge, as Assistant to the Provost
 for Agriculture; and the Provost is strong for the project, as is
 President Reitz. Now, then, what interests you and me, as brought
 out in your letter, is how can we get Lancetilla taken over by this
 new project? I believe it can be done, and I think Hugh does also,
 though he hasn't had time yet to go into the matter. He is pretty well
 swamped with the preliminaries. You can realize this. I propose to
 drop in on you toward the end of this month, for a few days before
 I go up to Gainesville (I have promised to lecture at Rollins for
 several days about the middle of March, then go up to N Y to lecture
 at the Botanical Garden on 1 April) and we will talk it over. I want
 your ideas before I see Hugh. My idea is what we talked about some
 time ago, i.e., to get UFCo to lease Lancetilla to EAP for a dollar
 a year, then let EAP lease it to the Univ of Florida as the tropical
 base for some of the agricultural and horticultural reseazafch which
 is definitely going to be part of their program, the University, with
 the Ford money they now have available, to carry all the expense.
 Don't you think this would be pretty swell? Zamorano could probably
 get something out of the program, perhaps by sending an occasional
 student there, especially ones that have gone thru the Univ of Florida.
 Do some thinking about this, so we can formulate a program when I
 come over there and put it up to Dr York and Hugh. And of course the
 UFCo. After New York I may fly up to Boston if it seems I can do any
 good.

Many thanks for approval of the plan to send the young Injun
 from Chichicastenango over for training. I am writing Padre Casas
 about it and I am sure the boy can come over very soon. The Padre
 has \$300 to cover the boy's expenses so there will be no problem on
 this end. I will tell the Padre to look into the matter of entering
 Honduras. I don't think this will be difficult. I will keep you
 advised. Maybe the boy can come over with me at the end of the month.

Thanks also for the news about the Velasquez paintings. This
 business is a lot of work for me but I am willing to do it, because
 it is good for Velasquez and good for Honduras. The sister of Louise
 Willauer has asked me to get two for her, and has given me drawings
 of the ones she wants, I believe based on some she saw at your house
 (which means, I assume, that they have sent back the two you loaned
 at request of Mrs Budenhagen). I will let this stand until I get
 over there and can show the sketches to Velasquez.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popehoe



July 7, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I certainly have owed you a letter for a long time. Your last letter came while I was in the U.S. attending an Executive Board meeting in N.Y. and interviewing AID people in Washington about 1966 and 1967 assistance. I spent a night in Guatemala on the way north, having come in from San Pedro Sula where I met with 24 graduates, interviewed the head of the Tabacalera about becas, and spent a morning in the La Lima plantations of the U.F., and had lunch with Mr. Bostick. I wanted to come over to Antigua the next morning, before my flight left, but I made the mistake of going to La Aurora and was captured by Hector Murga, the new Director, who not only showed me what he was trying to do there, but also took me to the Faculty of Agronomy to see the laboratory he had operated. He seemed very glad to talk to one of the old guard and kept me so long that it was too late to get to Antigua and back.

I am surprised you never got the May 11 Board meeting minutes. I hope you will receive the Exec. Board meeting minutes. Maybe you should write to John Weeks for them. I was glad to hear you met Doris. I would like to have her present address. Whenever I ask if she is C.R. or the U.S. I get no positive information except that she is not in San José.

By the way, while I was in the U.S. Bob let Juan Leiva go to San José, expenses paid by the Min. of Ag., where he was propositioned to head up a fruit growing program for Costa Rica. Juan tells me he asked for a salary which was so high he does not know if the deal is on or off. He is waiting for a letter. Bob left for

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Jamaica Saturday taking Torres along. Lino Osegueda sent in his resignation today for Sept. 20, when he completes four years here, without giving reasons. Pretty soon I will have a completely new department over there. I see improvements already.

I am expecting to meet with EAP graduates in Guatemala City on July 31. I note that Mimi is planning to bring you on a trip to collect more old furniture in Honduras. Do you have any dates set yet? Will you be in Antigua on Aug. 1.?

With regard to the collaboration of Antonio Molina on your Oct. 22 - Nov. 5 gira, I confirm Bob's reply to you that we agree to it, and Molina has agreed to go. Who pays his expenses? We could find the money for his air transportation, if that will not be paid for from another source.

We have four Venezuelan candidates this year, not counting Diego Serpa's boys. About 300 letters have come in from candidates.

Sincerely,

Bent

Albert S. Muller
Director



February 1, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your letter to me of Jan. 1 was answered by Bob right away since it concerned checks. Today Velasquez delivered two paintings and was paid out of your account. He has promised the third for next week. Paco will start on the frames this week.

A month has passed since you informed me that the Wallace-Popenoe Corn Project had reached the stage where 300 qq of seed was being harvested for 1965 distribution. I had understood that this seed was to be bought from the growers. To date I have had no request for funds to make payments. I haven't heard who is handling the seed processing, but my guess is Manlio Castillo at Aurora. I understand that Leopoldo Sandoval left Aurora sometime last year and will not participate this year in the project. I heard once that Milton Lau was expected to leave Guatemala, or at least go on a three months leave. That leaves only you to bring me up to date on your project.

Rios Pacheco's wife's family have persuaded him to go to work in Costa Rica and they have given him a big farm. He will complete the first trimester, but by that time I will need a new teacher on the job. I wish Hernan Fonseca could come.

The new school year is proceeding normally up to the present. Don Chico was here over the weekend of Jan. 16 as you perhaps have heard.

I was pleased to hear of Hugh's promotion. Can you get him to latch onto Lancetilla with all that Ford money he has to spend. I haven't answered the enclosed letter from Forsyth yet. I sent Don Chico a copy. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Bent

Albert S. Muller
Director

Encl.

Antigua, Guatemala, 17 August 1965

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

Immediately upon my arrival at San Salvador I spoke to Don Chico about Jacobo Zelaya's problem in connection with the Alumni Association, giving him, I believe, the information you wished him to have.

I also discussed construction problems with him, along the lines you and Bob and I had in mind. He says we should not put a fireplace in the guest house, nor does he believe we should put a balustrade around the corridor, at least for the present. As you have pointed out, this can easily be added at some later date, if it seems desirable.

I called Don Chico's attention to the walls which have been built along the fronts of the four dormitories, and told him that you and Bob and I thought that these detracted greatly from the beauty of the buildings. I told him that Mario Valenzuela agreed. I also explained that they did not seem to be necessary; ever since the school was opened we have had to use some of the large rooms which are now divided into three, and we never had any problem in connection with the students who were housed in these rooms passing back and forth to the washrooms. The main problem seems to have been caused by opening new doors into the washrooms, only 8 feet from the old ones, which doors open directly onto the shower baths and even the new walls do not cut off the view into the showers from certain angles, one of them being from the club house at the swimming pool. Of course these doors can be closed - that is, wooden doorways can be added, but there seems no need of these doorways, with the old ones only 8 feet distant. I explained that this is a small matter; the thing which is most unsatisfactory are the unnecessary and unattractive walls. I explained that there was a problem in connection with the removal of these walls, which he might be able to solve for you, and he said he would take this up with you the first time he comes over, which he hopes will be very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Don Francisco de Sola

September 23, 1965

Sr. Oscar Rene Hun
Quetzaltenango
Guatemala.

Dear Mr. Hun:

I understand that you have talked to Dr. Popenoe and Prof. Julio Pineda about studying at the University of Florida. I have examined your record at the EAP and it is a good one. However, at the time you graduated, the requirements for admission to Florida were easy to meet, whereas now they are very strict because there are several thousand students competing for a chance to enter. Also, there is a difficult English test, which has to be taken in the country of origin of the applicant. I believe that the test is given only twice a year. The Guatemalan-American Institute of Culture in Guatemala City can inform you about this. If you write to the "Registrar", University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, you will receive complete information concerning admission. To obtain the title of BSA you will be required to study two years. If you decide to apply for admission at the University of Florida after receiving information and instructions from there, please let me know. We are ready to send a good recommendation to the U. of F. to help you enter.

Yours truly,

Albert S. Muller
Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



October 16, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was very tragic news that came with your letter of September 12 and I was extremely sorry about it. Over here the general health situation is better than usual, in spite of a polio threat in the country. There are two new babies and two more to come this year. My Mother and Margaret have been here a month and they will stay until after graduation.

The last month has been very wet here, but we have all the silos filled, nevertheless. The hog program is progressing fine and bacon was made early this month for the first time in many months. Milk production is up, cheese is abundant and the pastures are better than ever. Crops look very promising this year.

I was glad to hear that you were able to observe progress in the Wallace-Popenoe corn project in the highlands. I was sorry about the news of the losing battle that Henry W. is having with health problems.

On my recent trip to Miami and New York I was able to meet with Weeks, Roberts and Stillman several times. The results, mostly concerning AID assistance through 1970, will come to you in the form of a report to AID, Dr. A. Moseman, specifically. Mr. Stillman and I worked over ten hours, last Saturday and Sunday, on the long hand draft. It was impossible to get Chico to meet with us. I sent Chico the diplomas for his signature, and they are already back in Pelen's hands. As you know, 59 will graduate this year. No speaker has been confirmed as yet.

The building program is coming along fine. We doubt that the entire library can be moved to the new building.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

I have just got a letter from Hun saying that he is going to the Horticultural course in Monterrey. We cant send anyone. He says he has decided to give up going to Florida. English is the reason, no doubt.

More news next time. Hope you can be here for graduation and before. Best regards,

Sincerely,

Bert

Albert S. Muller
Director



September 13, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I was very pleased to hear by way of your letter to me of Aug. 17, that Mr. Wallace has agreed to help EAP develop a highland corn program on a small scale in the vicinity of the school, using funds already on hand. I want to thank you for writing to him about this.

I am glad that you were able to talk to Don Chico about the construction problems. I believe that we will have things worked out before you make your next visit here. I counted very much on a visit from Don Chico who had written me that he would come before he left for the U.S., but just two days before the date of his leaving I received a note saying he could not make it. We expected that he would sign the diplomas while here. Some other way will have to be worked out to get his signature, since he won't be here on graduation day.

I have examined Hun's record and I believe he might be accepted in the Univ. of Florida providing he can pass the new English test. His age might be against him as a transfer candidate. It is really hard to get in these days when several thousand foreign students are applying each year for admission. Those English tests, given in the country of origin, are held only once or twice a year, usually at the bi-cultural center. I doubt if the test will be given again this year in Guatemala. Florida opens on Jan. 2, not in February any more. I will write to him.

While in Washington I had a number of interviews at AID. Contrary to previous instructions I had from them, not to ask for scholarship assistance (operations) for 1966, I was able to convince them to assign \$75000 for that purpose in the 1966 Grant.

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At the Interamerican Development Bank in Washington, I was concerned with the overall problem of agricultural education at the "nivel medio", sub-professional. I believe I presented a good case. At the World Bank I found some objection to such a program from a man who wanted all the money available to be put into university programs in agriculture. I made many useful contacts. My trip cost the school only my time. Bob did a fine job while I was away.

More news will have to wait till my next letter.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

Antigua, Guatemala, 28 Sept 1965

Dr Albert S Muller, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

It was good to hear that you survived the stay in Washington, and especially good to hear that AID is sticking with us so handsomely. You surely deserve congratulations. I will have to see that you get a box of good cigars when I come over again.

About the corn program: I have had a couple of letters from Mr. Wallace, and Milton Lau is back and we have talked things over a bit. The sad part is that Mr Wallace is losing ground, physically, and I judge that he just simply feels he cant do much more in this region. He has expressed renewed confidence in George Freytag's work and wants very much to see you carry out the program he approved, which includes as much work as possible among small farmers in your region. Our experience over here seems to be working out somewhat as follows: the small farmers are much more impressed by what fertilizer is doing for them, ~~and~~ by improved seed. I have recently been thru the highlands and you can see the fertilized everywhere - their dark green color stands out everywhere, in contrast to the yellowish green of non-fertilized areas.

I doubt that we can count on Mr Wallace for any further contributions, but I think we can figure on using at your end all of the cash that you had on hand when I was last over there. I want Milton's confirmation on this but dont have much doubt that he will be in favor of it. As far as I can see, the money we have put in the hands of the men here is all they will get, but it will be enough to do a lot, on the basis they are working, which is to advance seed and fertilizer to small farmers, and let them pay for it when they harvest their crops. Incidentally, I think it is mighty fine that Mr Wallace turned over to EAP such a nice sum as that which you had on hand when I was there - in other words, he approved the program you submitted.

Now about other matters: You mention that Chico did not get over there, and that you heard very little from him. I am in the same boat as far as correspondence is concerned. I assumed he had gone North, and a few days ago this was confirmed by a letter from Mrs Coolidge who said that Chico and family had taken a place in Boston for three months. I know you feel that he will have a very interesting time up there. I do. But I regret that it puts him so far away from the school for a time. We need his support and guidance in many ways. As far as diplomas are concerned, you still have plenty of time to send them up to him for signature. This is undoubtedly what he expects.

It is good news that you think you will have those construction matters worked out before I next get over there. I wonder how the new Faculty house is coming on? I am so glad Chico agreed to eliminate the big fireplace in the center of the room. You are going to want that big room for staff parties and many other events. It will be just right and relieve you of a lot of work at your own house. And here is another point: I am willing to bet twenty reales that in the end you will use the new herbarium building for the library and leave the herbarium in the library building. Why? Because of that fine large room in the middle of the herbarium building which would make a splendid reading room, and because of the number and size of the windows, that building is going to have much better lighting than the library building. How I wish we had put more window space in Zemurray Hall, for the classrooms! Von Wald and I had never built a school before and didn't realize how much light would be needed. I notice the modern school buildings which are being put up over here are mostly window space!

Please do all you can about Oscar René Hun's case. I believe it would be a scholarship well placed. And about a new horticulturist: I haven't got any ideas about gringos but think you still may find somebody in Florida. Were it not for the education of his children I am sure Roy Nelson would be interested, but that educational problem for the children is a tough one - at least most gringos think so. It didn't worry some of us - for example Von Wald and Henry Hogaboom and myself. But we were all old tropical hands. If you should decide on a Latin, you might think of Carlos Cuevas in Nicaragua. He has shown by the work he has done at his nursery that he is a good bet. But I don't know that he has had any advanced education. You probably need an M.Sc. Maybe you can scare up a good cracker when you go up at Christmas, and maybe you can find an agricultural engineer - drainage and irrigation. We simply must get someone in that field, before long.

I think I feel as you do, that if we are to get continued and perhaps increased support in the U.S. it will have to be on the basis that we are working toward the University level. Hugh may have told you that he thinks our program there should be towards joining up with the proposed Central American University. This would enable us to stay on the international level. I like this idea. And of course I hope we can always hang onto the practical training which we have been giving. I feel sure we can, because I think everybody is in favor of continuing what is so much needed in tropical America.

Yesterday's paper brought news of big floods in the Tegucigalpa area. In fact, some of the bomberos voluntarios from the City have gone over to help. I shall be interested in hearing if the old Caparrosa tore over the stone wall this time. I hope it didn't wash out our grape collection as it did last time!

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

TELEGRAMA

[Albert Muellex]

Antigua, 15 novbre de 1965

Director, Escuela Agricola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Depto Francisco Morazan
HONDURAS

Para no perder ~~placa~~ universitario Roberto Alvarado Garcia Salas
necesita confirmación boca Zamorano

WILSON POPEHOE

Roberto Alvarado Garcia Salas

17 Noviembre 1965

Sr. Edgard René Valle B,
19 Av. 29-31, Zona 5,
Ciudad de Guatemala,
Guatemala, A. C.

Estimado Sr Valle:

Hago referencia a mi carta dirigida a Ud. el 8 de febrero del presente año en la cual le decía que nos enviara los records de sus estudios secundarios, una copia pequeña de su título de bachiller o su equivalente si lo tiene, dos fotografías pasaporte recientes, y una copia de su partida de nacimiento.

No sabemos si Ud. alguna vez envió estos documentos pero la verdad es que nunca tuvimos aquí ninguna respuesta suya. Ya casi está cerrada la selección de los nuevos alumnos que deben llegar acá en la primera semana de enero de 1966. Sin embargo, nuevamente ruego a Ud. hacer lo posible por enviarnos los documentos necesarios. Las fotografías puede omitirlas pues Mr. Stillman nos envió una que él personalmente tomó a Ud.

Estamos enviando tres formas de exámenes de admisión al Dr. Wilson Popenoe, cuya dirección es Calle de la Nobleza No. 2, Antigua Guatemala, con el ruego que lo haga a Ud. tomar dichos exámenes en su casa de Antigua y nos devuelva los formularios ya llenados por Ud. para ser calificados por nosotros. Cuando hayamos calificado estos exámenes y revisado sus notas de la Escuela secundaria nos comunicaremos nuevamente con Ud. Le repito nuevamente la hoja que contiene información sobre la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana para que tome nota de todo, especialmente la parte que concierne a gastos y requisitos de admisión.

En caso que Ud. saliera favorecido con una beca le escribiremos muy pronto enviándole un formulario médico para que se haga examinar de un médico competente y honorable pues es requisito indispensable venir completamente sano a esta institución.

En espera de sus noticias, quedo de Ud. afmo servidor,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

bc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe - Atentamente le ruego hacer venir este joven a su casa y hacerlo Mr. Charles Stillman llenar estos formularios. Recibí su telegrama respecto al joven Alvarado García Salas. Se le repitió una carta de aceptación a la dirección de su madre (14 Ave. 1-55, Zona 14, Ciudad de Guatemala) pues la primera que se le envió el 1 de noviembre iba mal dirigida. Para el Otis y el test Popenoe es media hora cada uno.

Antigua, 23 November 1965

Dear Bert:

Referring to your letter of the 17th to Edgard René Valle, copy to me, this boy came to me this morning and told me his story. He is 17 years old, His father, David Enrique Valle, is chauffeur for doña Maria de Hodgdon, father-in-law of Mr Stillman. The boy has had six years of primaria, and four of secundaria but he failed in one of these and had to repeat so he has credit for three and says that six are required for the bachillerato.

I told him that I imagined you would not be able to take him without more secundaria, but that this of course is up to you. To get an idea of what he knows, and his intelligence I gave him the "Popenoe" exam and allowed him an hour instead of the 30 minutes you give. I enclose the result. I did not give him the Otis, nor the English test because he says he does not know any English.

I told him I would send the papers to you, and you would advise him promptly as to what you can do for him. The boy is of good appearance, slender but apparently of good physique, and I thought well-bred.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe



Noviembre 18, 1965

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

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Muy atentamente me dirijo a Usted para invitarle a las ceremonias de nuestra XXI Graduación, que se realizarán el día Sábado 4 de Diciembre de 1965.

Teniendo la seguridad de que Usted nos honrará con su distinguida presencia nos permitimos indicarle que, al llegar a la Escuela en la fecha mencionada, se sirva tener la gentileza de estar en la Casa del Director a las 9:30 A.M., para en seguida desfilar hacia el lugar donde tendrán verificativo los actos respectivos. Al terminar las ceremonias nos reuniremos de nuevo en mi casa.

Mucho apreciaremos a Usted se sirva confirmarnos la aceptación de esta invitación.

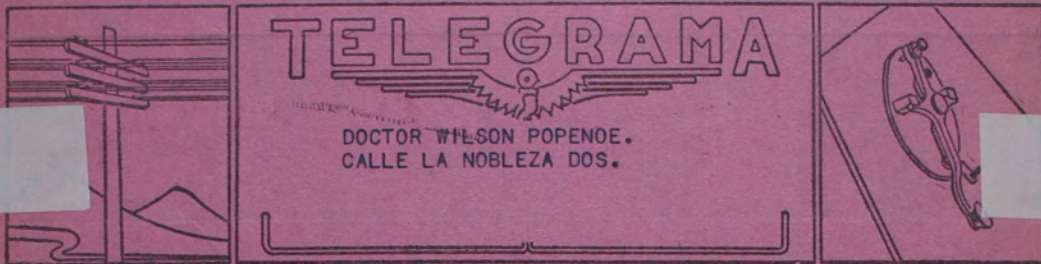
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Director

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ALBERTO MULLER.



December 6, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We telegraphed you today acknowledging receipt of Mr. Wallace's check, the receipt for which I enclose. You will know where to send it. Early in the year I should like to come over to discuss the program with you folks.

Your boy Pedro wants to stay till the end of this year. I fear that he has learned so much that he will not stay long with the padres.

Graduation was held Saturday, 58 graduating, and over a 1000 present. There would have been another but we sent him home to Salvador a week ago without his diploma because of drunkenness on the campus. After 3 demerits in September and promising to behave till graduation and not get drunk again he let us down.

Yesterday 42 graduates from 11 countries, most of them employed in Honduras held a general assembly to establish the Alumni Association.

Last Sunday we had a memorial service for Mr. Wallace with well over 200 present. We mourn his passing.

I am getting everything ready for the Board meeting on December 13. I have heard that Galo Plaza and Mr. Cabot will attend, and if I interpret a letter I received from Katherine C. Sears I think she will be

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there. I wish you would go.

The Awans will leave this week to get a salary of \$15,000 and to work for FAO, stationed in Habana. Bob and I have decided on a man to replace Leiva. He is a Floridian and we are sure he will get some good horticultural work done.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Best.

Albert S. Muller
Director

Encls.

Enero 23, 1967

Dr. Albert S. Muller, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Inc.,
El Zamorano, Honduras, C. A.

Estimado Doctor Muller:

La presente tiene por objeto pedir a Ud. se me reintegro un beneficio que como empleado de la Escuela se me concedió por el primer Director de este centro de estudios superiores.-- Trataré de ser lo mas sucinto posible en mi exposición pues bien sé que su múltiples ocupaciones no le permiten usar mas tiempo del necesario a los asuntos administrativos, pero no obstante, y para ilustrarle mi caso le tengo que hacer un poco de historia.--

Resulta que yo entré a trabajar en el año de 1946 cuando la Escuela estaba bajo la dirección del Dr. Popenoe, para quien solo agradecimientos guardo en mi persona, y en esa fecha no había ley específica que regulara las relaciones entre patrono y empleado, pero el Doctor Popenoe, siguiendo la costumbre a esa fecha y después de asegurarse que mis servicios eran satisfactorios, me concedió el privilegio de las vacaciones anuales con goce de transporte para mi señora y yo, un año a Nueva Orleans y otro a cualquier parte de C.A. es decir viajes intercalados.-- Mientras las circunstancias le permitieron, mi señora y yo aprovechamos ese beneficio concedido por el Doctor Popenoe en su calidad de Director y lo aproveché parcialmente en viajes a Nueva Orleans, a donde fui en varias ocasiones por motivos de salud, no siendo acompañado por mi esposa porque como Ud. comprenderá, cuando se viaja por motivos de salud, existe el problema pecuniario, fundamental en personas de recursos limitados como el mío propio.-- No existe contrato escrito al respecto pero sí suficiente evidencia en mi archivo personal en el Depto. de Contabilidad.-- Esta circunstancia de trabajo marchaba perfectamente mientras el Dr. Popenoe regía los destinos de la Escuela.--

Quando el Dr. Popenoe, por razones de edad, fue separado de su cargo y vino el Dr. Paddock a actuar como Director del Establecimiento, la situación cambió en pro para algunos empleados y en contra para otros y en el específico caso mío, se negó a reconocer lo otorgado por su antecesor y al respecto me envió una carta, copia de la cual se puede ver en sus archivos, bastante lesiva a mi condición de empleado.-- No obstante y contra su gusto, me refiero al Dr. Paddock, viajé a N.C., pues mi salud se encontraba bastante afectada en esa oportunidad, por cuenta de la Escuela pues el Dr. Popenoe le escribió al Dr. Paddock al respecto.-- Como en este negociado la parte feble me tocaba a mí y en consecuencia peligraba mi condición de empleado de la Escuela, preferí olvidar el asunto.--

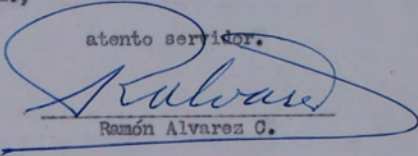
Posteriormente vino Ud. y siempre tuve en mente escribirle al respecto pero circunstancias tales como aumentos a mi sueldo y ayudas educacionales otorgadas por la Junta de Directores de la E.A.P., me obligaron a posponer mi requerimiento hasta esta fecha.--

Quando la descendencia está pequeña y vive con sus padres en los predios del Establecimiento, los gastos son menores, lo que le permite al empleado hacer ahorros considerables pero cuando aquellos realizan estudios secundarios, por razones de ubicación, los ahorros son particularmente imposibles y esta es una valedera razón para solicitarle se sirva tomar muy en cuenta mi solicitud.--

Puedo agregar a esta petición otras razones que dirían mucho en mi favor para obtener el reintegro pedido pero considero que ya bastante desvié su atención a un asunto de carácter administrativo y lo antes expuesto ilustra con suficiencia el reclamo.--

Con las muestras de mi mas sincero aprecio y en espera de sus noticias, aprovecho la oportunidad para rendirle mis agradecimientos anticipados y suscribirme de Ud.,

atento servidor.



Ramón Alvarez C.

cc: ~~Dr.~~ Wilson Popenoe,
archivo personal.

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February 10, 1967

Mr. Ramon Alvarez C.
Presente

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

In answer to your petition, I would like to inform you that the President of the Board of Trustees and I am in agreement that the travel arrangements which were made with you when Dr. Wilson Popenoe was Director of E.A.P. should be reinstated.

These arrangements consists of passages for yourself and wife every other year to New Orleans and return when you take your vacation.

Mr. Dixon, who receives copy of this letter, is therefore, authorized to charge the costs of these tickets to the School traveling expense.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Muller

Albert S. Muller
Director

CC: Mr. Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Mr. Monte C. Dixon



February 10, 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We are looking forward to the visit of Mr. Robert Wallace. Why couldn't you come over here with him and Don Chico? I hope you don't persuade him to spend so much time in Guatemala that he won't be able to see Zamorano. That would be disadvantageous to our future relationship with the Wallace Genetic Foundation.

On a separate sheet we have summarized the state of accounts, as you requested, up to the end of 1966. As you know, ever since the subject of establishing a Henry Wallace Memorial Fund, using as a base, the balance we have on our books, expenditures over here have been reduced to a minimum. For example no charges to this account were made for the operation of the small farmer corn project, which was small compared with the 1964, 1965 Guatemala operation. Also, those engaged in the Guatemala project decided against operating in 1966, because of elections and because the extension service was planning to do similar work. No funds were sent to Guatemala in 1966.

No demonstration plots were put out directly by the EAP in 1966, because we are short-handed and lack transportation to get out of Zamorano to control the project. As mentioned above, we were able to make up samples of selected lines, without charge, using Fertica fertilizer donated to the School and a little

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insecticide and student help. Desarrural received 20 samples the end of May and Peace Corps volunteers received 20 samples at the same time. In November an FAO agent received 5 samples for planting in the La Esperanza hills. No reports have reached us yet. It is obvious that we need a man to handle these plots for us.

The Agricultural Extension Agent in La Esperanza received 30 advanced breeding lines for testing at higher altitudes, as part of our Wallace Breeding program with corn. Dr. William Brown received 29 selected breeding lines to plant in Jamaica by the Pioneer Hybrid Corn Co. and we received breeding lines of corn from that company and sorghum varieties and hybrids for planting here.

Sincerely yours,

Bert.

Albert S. Muller
Director

Encls.

cc: ~~Mr. Robert Muller~~
Mr. Francisco de Sola

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.

WALLACE - POPENOE CORN PROGRAM

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July 11th., 1966

Mr. Leonard Ackerman
c/o. Wenchel, Schulman & Manning
1625 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

This letter will serve to confirm our conversation which I had the pleasure of holding with you on June 20th.

As I mentioned to you, at our meeting of the Board of Trustees of E.A.P. held in Boston, June 14th. it was agreed that the funds which Mr. Henry Wallace had so generously given to the School and which are now held in two accounts namely; Wallace-Popenoe Corn Program Fund and Wallace Genetic Fund be combined into one Fund of a permanent nature to be named "The Wallace Genetic Fund", the income of which would be used for studies on corn and related crops or activities such as; scholarships, travel funds, and investigation costs. It is hoped that the Wallace Genetic Foundation may see its way to contributing annually to this fund so as to raise it to a figure of substantial nature the income of which might be of sufficient size to make a significant contribution to the studies which Mr. Wallace was so interested in developing in the Central American area.

If this were to meet with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Wallace Genetic Foundation I would greatly appreciate a word from you on the subject.

I wish to thank you for receiving me so cordially and will ask you please to present my compliments to the members of the Wallace family.

Sincerely,

Francisco de Sola

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August 9, 1966

Mr. Francisco de Sola
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

Dear Mr. de Sola:

I have discussed with the other directors of the Wallace Genetic Foundation your letter of July 11, 1966 and have also advised them of our meeting on June 20th.

We are all conscious of the fact that Mr. Henry A. Wallace was very much interested in the work being carried on by Dr. Popenoe under the auspices of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana to develop types of corn to be used by the small farmers of Honduras, Guatemala and other neighboring countries, and we believe that he would have wanted this work to continue. In recognition of this (and as I advised you at our June 20th meeting) the directors of the Foundation had already agreed to make a contribution of \$5,000 during 1966 for this purpose. These funds will be forwarded later this year, probably in September or October.

On the other hand, the Foundation has only a limited amount of funds available. Its income is derived entirely from dividends, the amount of which can vary from year to year, and all or a substantial part of such income is expended each year. Moreover, there are several other organizations which carry on work in which Mr. Wallace had an interest, and the Foundation, to the extent of its available income, hopes to be able to continue its contributions to such other groups.

In these circumstances, it was the opinion of the Foundation's directors that it would be necessary for the Foundation to decide anew each year which organizations were to receive contributions and the amount thereof. In

Mr. Francisco de Sola

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other words, they do not feel that any long-term commitments can be made.

Moreover, the members of the Wallace family feel that Mr. Wallace would have wanted the program started by Dr. Popenoe to continue along the same or similar lines as in the past. Can you advise us whether this will be done, and, if available, send us a report or outline of the program for next year similar to that prepared by Dr. Popenoe for 1965-66 and forwarded by him to Mr. Wallace in his letter of July 28, 1965.

Sincerely,

Leonard E. Ackermann



December 7, 1966

Mr. Leonard Ackerman
c/o. Wenzel, Schulman & Manning
1625 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Ackerman:

We have just received from Mrs. H.A. Wallace a check for \$5000.00 corresponding to the donation from the Wallace Genetic Foundation, which you advised me in October, at your home, would be sent to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana this year. I have written to Mrs. Wallace expressing our sincere appreciation, and receipt, of this donation.

At the request of our Board of Directors I would appreciate hearing from you, at your convenience, regarding the following. On July 11, Mr. de Sola, our Board President wrote you concerning the funds on hand at that time, inquiring if your board of Trustees would consider using these funds and future funds as a permanent fund of which only the annual income "would be used for studies on corn and related crops or activities such as scholarships, travel funds and investigation costs". I am advised that he talked to you personally about the plan. On its establishment this fund would be designated as the Wallace Memorial Fund in recognition of all that Mr. Wallace had done for the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

On receiving a reply from you as of August 9, 1966 on this month Mr. de Sola asked me to request you to allow me to meet with you and other members of your board to discuss the plan. It was my great pleasure to be able to do this on October 12 and to become acquainted with Mrs. Douglas and yourself.

I reported verbally to Mr. de Sola on my return, during a visit he made here, on the context of our conversation at your home. Unfortunately, I did not prepare a written report. Since some months have passed and since it would be advantageous to all concerned, I would be very grateful if you could give us a written statement concerning the decision made at that time.

Yours sincerely,

A. S. Muller

cc: Mr. Francisco de Sola

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December 20, 1966

Dr. Albert S. Muller
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

Dear Dr. Muller:

This is in response to your letter of 7 December
1966.

After you met with Mrs. Douglas and me during
October, I wrote a short note for our files, the contents
of which can be summarized as follows: We discussed my ear-
lier meeting with Mr. de Sola, my letter to him dated August 9,
1966, and Mr. de Sola's reply of September 1, 1966, in all of
which it had been indicated that the Wallace Genetic Foundation
was most interested in a continuation of work along the lines
of the Wallace - Popenoe project. You told us that the Wallace -
Popenoe project in Guatemala had been quite successful in its
first year, and that thereafter the Guatemalan Government had
decided that it would carry on the project without outside
help. You then said that a small start had been made along
the same lines in the mountainous regions of Honduras, and
that, with the co-operation of the Peace Corps, it could be
continued at relatively small expense; that if any funds re-
mained, they could be used to help to pay the salary of a
professor of agronomy who would specialize in the development
of corn.

Our response was to the effect that such a program
appeared to be along the lines envisioned by Mr. Wallace; that
the Foundation had already agreed to make a \$5,000 contribution.

Dr. Albert S. Muller
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana

for 1966; but that as to future years, additional contributions would depend upon the amount of funds available to the Foundation and the decision of its Board of Directors as to how such available funds should be used. We did not at that meeting endorse the idea of establishing a permanent fund but neither did we veto it.

I believe the foregoing summarizes what we told you at the meeting and, it is also the present view of the directors of the Foundation. However, Mr. Robert Wallace, one of our directors, expects to be in your neighborhood early in 1967, and if he has not already done so, he will write you in the near future to advise you of his plans. After he returns to the United States, the directors hope to be in a better position to determine the future activities of the Foundation with relation to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I am

Sincerely,

Leonard E. Ackermann

cc - Mrs. Henry A. Wallace
- Mrs. W. Leslie Douglas
- Mr. Robert B. Wallace

Antigua, Guatemala, 5 Feb 1967

Dr Albert S Muller, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bert:

José Luis Moran, clase 1948, has just been to see me about going up to the University of Arkansas for some sort of a short course which he is going to take. He has been helped by Mr McLendon of AIW; I don't know just the set-up is but he needs his record from Zamorano - the usual transcript. Amado Pelán knows this man well; he grew up right here in our neighborhood - his parents have the textile factory here.

Luis has been working well since his graduation - many years with United Fruit, on Sigatoka control at Tiquisate and Bananera. He is now working commercially on control of cotton insects on the Pacific coast. He wants to become a professional entomologist, and might some day be able to go up to the University of Florida and specialise in that field.

Will you please ask Pelán to fix up the usual papers and send them to me, here in Antigua; I will give them to his parents who will deliver them to Luis when he comes up from the coast, as he does every few weeks. He plans to go to the States the first of April, hence would like to have his record as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe



Hotel Principado
Ciudad

José Luis Morán

Plantaciones Cofulata.

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Guatemala.

Telef. 62972

Antigua, Guatemala, 24 April 1967

Dear Bert:

At our recent meeting in Guatemala City I forgot to speak about a little matter. At the Zamorano meeting last autumn you will remember that Chico brought up the possibility of naming a building for Paul Allen. This would probably be the Biology building.

You had not had time to give this matter any thought, and opposed it on what are, in a way, reasonable grounds. Chico, who will never call for a vote unless he thinks it will be unanimous, tabled the suggestion.

It will be brought up again at the Boston meeting, I am sure. I have talked with Charley Stillman (the only one at Zamorano who seemed to feel as you did) and he says when it is brought up again he will not oppose it.

Although you were right in saying that Paul had not been with EAP very long, buildings are not always named on the basis of long association with a particular Institution, and I know you agree that Paul did render long and important service to tropical botany and horticulture. And his untimely death puts the matter in a rather sentimental light, a very important factor.

You have had time to think it over, and I believe you will agree that the thing to do is go ahead and name a building for Paul. If you don't feel that way, drop me a line at once so I won't bring up the matter at the Boston meeting. I am sure Chico will appreciate it greatly if you give your support to it.

Ever yours,



July 20, 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is to acknowledge right away your letter of July 14 concerning the 150 jackets being donated to the EAP by Mrs. Hallowell. We have received several letters about the jackets from various persons involved in getting them to us. Two weeks ago requested the duty free permit and it should be here any day.

This week, from Monday to Friday, we have had Hernan Fonseca and Luis Carlos Gonzalez here together with the Dean of the Faculty of Agronomia in San Jose and two others. Our two graduates had not been here for 9 and 11 years respectively. To say that they were well impressed would be the understatement of the year.

Mr. Adrian Thompson of Georgetown, spent a weekend with me. He was one of the most interesting visitors I have had here.

Bob's trip to Panama was most valuable. He will probably write you about it.

Sincerely,

Bert.

Albert S. Muller
Director

November 9, 1967

Mr. Robert B. Wallace
Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries Inc.
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I have received a copy of your letter of Oct. 31 addressed to Mr. F. de Sola and a copy of the draft proposal for a "Wallace Memorial Fund". My personal views on the proposal are as follows:

I appreciate greatly the proposal to add \$15,000 to the balance in hand and I agree that the Wallace Memorial Fund should be managed by the Board of Trustees of the EAP in such a way that only the income be expended. I am in agreement also that such expenditures be limited to providing awards as suggested in the draft with the following possible alteration. I would suggest that the competition for an award should not be restricted to graduating students of the fourth year only. I do agree that an Awards Committee be established by our Board. I do not think that the income from the Fund will be in excess of the amounts which would be reasonably required for academic awards.

I thank you very much for your continuing interest in our school.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Muller
Director

cc: Mr. F. de Sola
Mr. R. P. Armour
Dr. W. Popenoe



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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[Albert S. Muller]

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Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I received your letter of Oct. 17, and I was so glad to hear from you, particularly about your continued activities in the horticultural field. I am not certain that I ever contacted Genaro Rojas in the fruit section of the ministry in San José. I hope that regions for temperate fruits in Costa Rica will be found which are not so subject to almost daily fogs, drizzle and excessive rainfall most of the year.

Juan Leiva wrote to Rafael Alvaredo for publications on cashew production and Rafael sent him a fine term paper which he had prepared. When Rafael reviewed the literature available here, he could not find any records of successful profitable commercial operations in this part of the world. It seems that every few years one or another of the Central American countries get involved in planning a program for cashew production.

I have not received a request from L.O. Williams asking for a recommendation for Antonio Molina for an honorary degree from a university in the U.S. When such a degree is awarded a rather long list of contributions, quite wide in scope justifying the award, is announced at the presentation. I feel as you do that Antonio's contribution up to the present is too limited. This does not mean that I fail to appreciate the value of what he has accomplished in adding to the knowledge of the flora of C.A. It worries me that he has not tried to train a taxonomist to take his place if anything should happen to him or even to assist him. I think Hugh's opinion of the project would be very helpful.

My health condition, with diabetes under full control, is good. Martha and I have been back to work since a hell day because of age limits. Best regards,
Bert.

[Bert Muller]

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MISION ECONOMICA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN COSTA RICA

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U.S.A.I.D.
UNITED STATES EMBASSY
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I received your Oct. 20 note with a letter from Hugh enclosed. I am expecting a cable from Managua with his flight number on Nov. 2, which will enable me to meet him at the airport.

With regard to your previous letter concerning temperate fruits, I'll have to say that I have not been able to contact anyone yet, engaged in the program. "Juanito" returned from Peru to find that the C.R.P. had eliminated the fruit program and with that his job there and their nursery program. The Ministry of Agriculture has none at present. The Ministry put Juan on a full-time basis and assigned him to extension work in fruit growing in the interior, so I haven't seen him recently. Zaccagnia wants to start a nursery, but he has no backing yet. The best hope for fruit development is thru the university experiment station near Alajuela where Robert Guardian, M.S. from Florida, works. It would be worthwhile contacting him, which I will do soon.

Finally I have become very busy with many details concerning the establishment of the new ag. school. The Board of Trustees has met frequently and I am considered a member, "much voz, nada de voto." The Board named a Director in September. Bids were opened the middle of October and a contractor was selected to build the school. AID has agreed to add \$100,000 to the donation for construction, which now amounts to \$300,000.

Juanito found that there were several dozen or more vocational ag. schools in Peru, none of which had adequate staff, land, equipment or budget. He had no interest in going there to work under such conditions.

Best regards.

Bert.

Antigua, Guatemala 30 October 1970

Dear Bert:

Your letter is extremely interesting and I thank you for it. I thought you were already engaged in building the new ag school but Bob Bates who dropped in a couple of days ago told me that the building which is actually under way is something for the University, in which he is interested.

I assume Hugh, when he arrives on the 2nd, will already have his return ticket in his pocket and wont be able to make any changes in his itinerary, but I sure wish he would step off for a day in his way North for there are several things which I urgently need to discuss with him. Personal matters. If he tells you he is going to stop here, tell him to be sure he sends me a radiogram a day in advance since Alice and I must leave here on Tuesday No3 for Quezaltenango, to join Guillermo Arriaga in looking over the apple work, also pears. If I get word Hugh is coming I will rush back here. If a radiogram comes Gencha will phone me at the Hotel Medele in Quezaltenango.

Sounds to me as though they are putting Juanite Leiva on a job for which he is much better fitted than developing nurseries and introducing new fruit varieties. I was quite interested in what he found in Peru. The more I see of our sort of work here in the tropics, the more I am convinced that it is all a matter of personnel. With the right man on the job you can do a lot without too much money. As you knew, many of the fellows who have had good technical training simply do not get out on the job and get their hands dirty; they make elaborate programs and say they just cant do anything until they get some big appropriations.

Incidentally, someone has told me that Catacamas is pretty nearly on the rocks. Another item, someone else told me this week that UFCe is selling the Guatemala Division to Del Monte. I don't have any idea what it is all about, - if it is true;

Thanks for mentioning that Robert Gurdian may do something on fruit development at Alajuela. I don't believe I knew him personally but I imagine he is one of the same Gurdian family I used to know when I was working with UFCe in Costa Rica before I moved to Zamorano. Good people I believe. Alajuela might be a good place to have a nursery of a few oriental hybrid pears on P. calleryana rootstocks, and some of the newer low-chilling-requirement peaches on Namaguard rootstocks. Arturo Falla has just ordered from the US 7000 of the latter to save time; I get 10,000 seeds from Georgia two years ago. Regarding diversification, I might mention that interest in Macadamias seems to be at a low ebb here. Also cashews. I go along with the low ebb. Apples and pears are riding high wide and handsome.

You will be interested to learn (if you don't know) that the University seems to be getting deeply involved in Barcena. The new Director is an Ing. Agr. from here; Pace Rubio who has been Director for a year or more (after Guillermo Padilla) is being kept on, they say, as Asst. Director. I believe the Facultad de Agronomia is aiming to use Barcena as a sort of prep school for Ingenieros Agronomos - after a couple of yrs at Barcena they will transfer over to the Facultad. Sometime like our program of sending the best Zamoranos for perfeccionamiento at Florida. But this is just my guess, as yet. I plan to go over to Barcena soon; I will probably write you what I learn. Warmest regards always



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

June 11, 1973

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I suppose I could have Armando or Amado type this, but I won't, because over the many years I have written you letters they have always been this way and you never complained. Jacobo met your grandson, Barton, Saturday morning and sent him out in our station-wagon which had to go to the city that morning. He had lunch with me and then I turned him over to Juan Fernandez who gave him some blue jeans and put him in a dormitory room with a recluta from Bolivia. Both boys came over to see me for a chat Sunday afternoon. This morning he went over to work in Cutin's shop. Right now he is changing a battery that went dead over the weekend in one of our jeeps outside the window of the Director's office in the parking space. He is a fine boy and I'm sure he will enjoy himself here this summer, as long as I am here I will keep in contact with him.

The mangos are ripening, but from what Amado tells me I don't imagine you are going to be able to come down to check them over. The crop looks good this year. I haven't seen any fruit fly damage yet. They have traps and have sprayed the trees. I was glad to have the chance to talk to Arturo Falla when he was here. We had good rains the last part of May but none of any significance since then. However, that gave us a chance to get the crops planted and the pastures are coming along fine.

We haven't heard from Bob since he phoned me in March from Tegucigalpa when he came over to get your wife. His personal effects are still here. I expect to be here till about July 10. I believe Kermit Adams will arrive July 5. I guess I could write several pages more, but I have a day's work ahead.

Best regards,
Bert.

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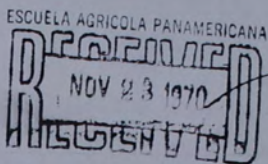
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November 18, 1970

Mr. Robert P. Armour, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
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Dear Bob:

I have just receive your invitation to attend the XXVI Graduation at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana and I thank you. I had been looking forward to being present at that ceremony for many months. Unfortunately the date falls within a ten day period when functions called for under my contract will keep me here.

These do not concern my responsibilities in the establishment of the Technical School of Agriculture, which is now in the building stage, but they do concern my participation in the project for strengthening the Facultad de Agronomía. Part of the AID loan to the GOCR for the development of the Agricultural sector is a donation of \$1,200,000 to the Facultad, which is preparing a contract with the University of Florida for the implementation of the project.

On Dec. 2 we expect the arrival of Dr. H. Popenoe, plus Dean C. Browning and three department heads from Florida, to begin extended work sessions with their counterparts. There are many ways in which I can be useful to them during their stay, and I want to help all I can, even over the weekend of Dec. 5.

With this I send my congratulation to you and your staff for another successful year and to the class which is graduating.

Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Muller
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