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SCRIPPS COLLEGE

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FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Sr. Don Amado Pelón
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Estimado amigo:

Estoy seguro que esta carta habrá de sorprenderle después de tantos años de haber dejado el Zamorano. Pero, no he podido mantenerme en silencio y le envío estas letras para agradecer a la Asociación de Graduados por la magnífica labor de mantener informados a los zamoranos del progreso de nuestra querida escuela.

Luego de salir del Zamorano en el '56 trabajé haciendo investigaciones sobre fibras duras en el Ecuador y posteriormente hice unas plantaciones de banano y cacao así como también establecí un negocio de importación y exportación de productos agrícolas. Al poco tiempo de casado, con una ecuatoriana: Marta Valverde, salí rumbo a los EE.UU. -Enero de 1959- donde estudié y obtuve mi B.S. en Plant Science. Hice también estudios en ingeniería industrial y arquitectura. Trabajé en esto último durante los años 60 al 62. Mientras tanto obtuve mis credenciales para Pedagogía en el Estado de California. En el año 62 acepté un llamado para ser profesor de Biología y Estudios Hispánicos en una Academia privada en California. En el año 64 saqué mi M.A. en Filosofía y Letras Hispánicas. En el 67 acepté un llamado a la Universidad de Loma Linda al Departamento de Lenguas Modernas para enseñar historia y literaturas hispánicas. En el 71 tomé mis exámenes doctorales en Filosofía y Letras españolas y latinoamericanas en la Universidad de California.

Ahora estoy enseñando en Claremont Colleges en el campo de las Letras. Claremont es la Universidad que tiene bajo sí a seis "colleges", entre esos está el Pomona College que es el alma mater del Dr. Popenoe. Nunca imaginé que algún día sería profesor del "college" donde se graduó el querido doctor.

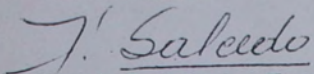
A pesar de que mi profesión actual está en el campo de la filosofía y la literatura no he dejado de mantener contacto con la agricultura. Ahora mismo estoy terminando de revisar un manuscrito de un libro que será muy valioso para la producción de alimentos en nuestros países. El libro se llamará "Alimentos" y su autor es el Sr. Mittleider, quien ha establecido varios centros agrícolas en el Oriente y el Pacífico del Sur y ahora están por mandar unos técnicos a Centro América. Hace unos ~~dos~~ días hablé con el director del proyecto que ha estado en Honduras. Le recomendé que se ponga en contacto con la E.A.P.

Para concentrar las noticias le debo informar que tengo cuatro hijas y en los tiempos "libres" he diseñado algunos edificios institucionales y colaborado para la Ciudad de Riverside en una de sus Comisiones. Acabo de recibir un pergamino

del Alcalde. Se lo cuento con humildad para confirmarle que la educación que recibí de la E.A.P. fue magnífica porque no sólo me enseñó acerca de los valores profesionales, sino que me enseñó, más que nada, los valores humanos y la relación del hombre con su medio. La E.A.P. será para mí la fuente donde aprendí a integrarme con mi "circunstancia", al decir del maestro Ortega y Gasset.

Reiterándole mis saludos que espero los haga extensivos a los de su casa y miembros de la facultad "vieja", me despido con un fuerte abrazo.

Afectuosamente



Fernando F. Salcedo. Clase 56

21 Avenida Roosevelt, 7 July 1957

Dear Amade:

Margot is sure giving us some good grub. There are three new American scho 1 teachers here at the pensión, two women and a young man. Bob Armour has moved to the new house at Altamira.

I have been out to the school and after another week or so on the fruit job will spend some time out there. The big problem is lack of equipment; how are you going to teach 50 boys how to raise pigs when you only have five pigs. And how are you going to teach dairying without a dairy. They do have 14 cows, but no adequate equipment.

What I want from you is this: we are working on their curriculum and it should be lined with Florida somewhat as ours is. Send me that list of subjects accepted at Florida and number of credit hours which can be given for each. I think I brought the other necessary material with me from Antigua. I didn't bring the letter in which you raised a question about make-up exams for boys who have D's, but I think I remember the question and I wrote Mr Beasley about it yesterday. If the idea is to let every boy who gets a B take a make-up exam if he wants to, so he can raise his D to a C, I think it would be entirely out of line with standard practice, would make the teachers a tremendous lot of extra work, and would encourage bright students to take it easy during the semester, on the grounds that if they get any Ds they can study a couple of weeks and clean them up.

Things are allright in Antigua. we were terribly busy there, trying to get the house and garden in order before I came over here. Jorge Benitez came over and helped a lot with the plants we took from Zamerano. I wish I had a better typewriter here; this is the old portable Royal which was in the shack in Antigua. It has been there for more than 15 years - maybe 20, and it acts like it.

Sincerely,

JWP

San Salvador 14 July 1957

Sr don Amade Pelen C
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Amade:

I wrote the other day about the problem of letting boys take make-up exams when they have D's in their records, but I mentioned that I seemed to have your letter about this matter in Antigua. Helen has now sent it over to me and I am returning the LuisMencia Cruz transcript herewith. Except for the D's in mathematics his grades are pretty good, but I still think we are going to let ourselves in for a awful lot of problems if we make it standard practice to let boys with D's make them up to C's. It is not standard practice anywhere else, so far as I know, and all of the arguments you bring up about the matter, in your letter, are good ones. I regret now that we let Villeda make up his D. I don't think his other grades were any better than Mencia's, at least not much, and Mencia now has the argument that we let Villeda make up a D so why can't he do it too? This will never stop. If I were Mr Beasley I would tell Mencia that we would like to help him but if we start letting everybody who has a D take a make-up exam we will discourage studying during the regular months of classroom work, and that we will be instituting a practice that is not accepted in good schools generally. If the boys knew they can not make up D's by taking special exams after the end of a semester they will be more serious about making satisfactory grades in the classroom work month by month. And that is something we want to encourage.

Ever yours,

June examinations of the class 1960. As you can see the boys have not been studying enough. I also enclose a comparative study of the classes 1958 and 1959 when these boys were in first year, and underwent the June examinations. You can see that the old man was not so bad!

S. Gnado



19 July 1957

Dear Doctor:

I have just received your letter of the 14th instant, also copy of the letter you sent to Zeledón on the same date.

Mr Beasley approved to send this boy \$900 (Nine hundred dollars) to finish his second year in Florida. Alfonso says that he got \$600 from the Leo Rowe Foundation and Mr. Beasley figured out that with \$900 more he will accumulate \$1500 which is the standard amount for one year in Florida for a single student. I hastened to write Alfonso and am waiting for his reply. In my letter I told him that the EAP could send him, right away, \$150 which added to his 600 will take care of one semester; and that about January 15 a second check of 750 could be sent to him for his last semester. As soon as he replies we will proceed to send the money. I hope this arrangement will suit the boy.

Carvallo sent me some clippings of your bienvenida fiesta. I see that you still hold your "bríos" and hope you continue "cosechando muchos triunfos!" People here is talking about giving a welcome party to the Paddocks on the 28th. Morcillo has been ill, in bed; he has tooth and Senusitis trouble. The Sanidad Pública sent a group of doctors to give us the BCG shot for TB. They vaccinated about 1640 on the campus. We lost a Colombian, Ricardo Angulo Iatacour, because he said he has a permanent headache which has bothered him since several year s ago. The old telegrafista and his family are hanging around here; he was fired for drunkenness and was sent a substitute; so far they both are leaving in the same police quarters but old man Mazariegos has to place

Explorers Journal

10 West 72nd Street
New York 23, N.Y.
U. S. A.

July 31, 1957

Dear Member:

I have been asked to take over the responsibility of the "Explorer's Log" section of the Journal. I am like many other members--busier than I have been in years and frequently out-of-town on our organization's business. However, I have accepted this opportunity for two reasons.

First--I feel it is a privilege to be a member of the Explorer's Club; I want to be active and try, in some small measure, to help serve and improve our club; so, I have accepted this job on behalf of our magazine. Second--I feel we should improve our Journal. We can do this and, at the same time, become better acquainted with one another by making the "Explorer's Log" a vital and interesting part of the magazine.

In these busy days, many of us lose contact with one another. We cannot seem to find the time to take care of those personal letters. If you will but take a few moments to drop me a postal card or short note on "Whatcha Doin" you can share with your friends and fellow members of the club your trips, your experiences, or your arm chair relaxation thoughts. Let us hear--even if it's a note saying where you are and what you are doing. You may have news which we would consider interesting. Let me judge its worth. But at least send us a post card!

For those on expeditions, vacations, or in the field--take a few moments to let us hear from you. If you can spare a photograph or two, we hope to use a few in each issue of the "Explorer's Log".

I am looking forward to a good response from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Ripley Forbes

John Ripley Forbes
Explorer's Log
Explorer's Journal

JRF/pm

P.S. Send your card or letter to my summer address: Birch Island, Lakeport, New Hampshire. I shall be there until Labor Day. Or, mail addressed to me at the club in New York will be forwarded.

Antigua, 13 Sept 1957

Dear Amado:

On return ng from the City this afternoon I found your letter about the Matamoros property. I enclose a memo covering this. The property is not worth any more than we paid for it; in fact I had originally offered the elder Matamoros 3000 Lempiras for it but he would not sell.

You say that Jalil is moving into the Jimenez house which I assume means that Eduardo is leaving for good. I have written Carvajal and you and Dr Paddock about Carvajal, saying that I wish he could be brought back to Zamorano to help Jalil - if the latter wants him and I believe he will, now that he has to take over the truck crops as well as fruit crops and nurseries. I think Carvajal will come and be helpful, giving the school enough time to get reorganised in the Hort Dept for a year from now. I hope Dr Paddock will bring up Carvajal right away.

Life is pretty good here in Antigua, though Maria continues to complain about the high cost of living; aguacates now 2 to 3 centavos each. There is so much work ahead of me here and in Salvador that we cannot think seriously yet about getting away for Europe. I would like to, but obligations in Central American must come first. I thought last June I was retiring, but it is anything but that!

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

4 Octubre 1957

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Casa Popenoe,
Antigua Guatemala.

Dear Dr Popenoe:

I am enclosing these two letters. The one from Hermann Voerg was given to Mario Jalil for a reply but he said it was better to send it to you for your consideration. The other one from Mr. Wallace D. Bowman, maybe you want to reply. I have asked Toño Molina to send him whatever Annual Report Copies he has available in the Library. He will do so soon.

Pasando a otros temas: We must change the examen de capacidad this year because when Mr. Beasley was here he asked the Company to mimeography the test and be given to many applicants in the North Coast. We have a case here, a boy Sosa, score 98, who is flunking in everything. I believe the Cubiches do the same and the Dominican's also. I think that is the reason why the dominicanos and the cubiches, as a rule, are poor students.

You probably already know that we lost a Dominicano recently, Fernando Battle; and we have another one, Modesto Díaz, who is hopeless. It looks like as though the Manager over there is handling the 350 dollar deposit on the conduct basis; i.e. if the fellows are dropped for poor ~~exam~~ academic grades or for any other reason, other than disciplinary ones, we cannot collect anything. This boy Fernando Battle told Dr. Padcock that before coming here he received a letter from Mr. William Turnbull stating that if he was fired for disciplinary reasons from EAP then he would not get this deposit back.

I hope your roasting toy got there in good shape. In case that I cannot come for Xms. I still would like to come to Antigua when you are still there; middle of January perhaps? I would like to come for Xms anyway but that depends on Dr. Padcock entirely. Before I forget it, who is going to change that Capacity test? Lot of visitors have asked copies that we do not give them as a definite policy.

I have been hearing news about the actual situation of my country. It seems to be all mixed up. Even the wife of the ex is named to be in the thing and mixed up with somebody else. I hope this last version is false. It would be a tremendous disgrace for the reputation of our contry outside.

Hasta la vista,

Arnado

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

11 October 1957

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dr Popenoe:

I just received your letter of October 5th. I give below the information of Octavio Santa Cruz: He is a graduate of 1947 His grades were as follows:

<u>FIRST YEAR</u>	<u>1r. Semester</u>	<u>2nd. Semester</u>
Biology	C	C
English	B	C
Mathematics	C	C
<u>SECOND YEAR</u>		
Elements of Agriculture	C	A
Chemistry	D	B
English	B	C
<u>THIRD YEAR</u>		
Animal Husbandry	D	A (A)
Ingenieria Agricola	D	
Farm Machinery		C
Poultry Production	B	-
Swine Production	-	B
Farm Records	D	-
Farm Management	-	C
Animal Hygiene and Disease	C	-

This boy was B in work. Your recollections of the boy are correct. That amazing memory of yours!

I am very busy and tomorrow is another holiday. The third was also decretado Día de Morazán o del Soldado and with it we have added another holiday in the list of the famous holidays.

Is it true that you both are coming here on November 1st or so? I hope you will to have the pleasure of being with you again. Apparently we will not make the selection of next year students. Otto Gilbert and Mr MacVean of the American School are coming here to test all the boys and the idea is to give them the work of testing everybody everywhere. If this is the case I will postpone my vacations until vacation students' time because I need to collect a little more money. But if you do not come this, then I would like to come to see you.

Sincerely,

Imado

Carvajal has delayed his reply about the work that has been offered here as asistente. We are sending him a cable. El viejo Torres de Ocotepeque is coming to join the staff as asistente also.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

10 Abril 1959

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your letter of Domingo de Ramos crossed with my last. I have remained silent expecting your comments and ideas. I agree with your last letter and have consulted with Dr. Paddock about traslating and typing it for you during my free time. He has agreed.

Now, I would like to explain to you that the only typewriter available for me here now is this, small type (elite), and others around are the same. Would it be allright to use it for the MS? Another question: did you commit to deliver this work in a limited time, and if so, when? Another question: about how many pages this will book will contain? I'm trying to size up the work I'm accepting now and also to estimate if the ~~xxxx~~ time factor is enough. As soon as I receive the first pages from you I will start the job.

What about pictures for the book? Paul and Dorothy Allen are here determining some plants in the herbarium and they told me that Dorothy will help with some drawings, but they feel that time will not permit to do all the illustrations with this type of work. However, Paul has a tremendous amount of negatives on many plants and he told me he would let you use them for illustrations. If so I could copy them here at desired size.

Price will come afterwards. I have no idea of this. By the way, would you want carbon copies of my work, and if so, how many?

I mentioned to Dr. Paddock the tape recorder idea. He says it does not work. That what is needed is a dictaphone machine. This would save your typing so much but would make you talk a little more than usual.

I hope everything goes fine with you. As soon as you send the material I will get busy.

Ever yours,



6 May 1959

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I received your last letter regarding the final comments and instructions on the book. I will be awaiting for the first bunch of papers to start. It is true that we used to have picca typewriters but now it is rare to see them. Most of them are "elite" and I am afraid my job has to be done with one of these.

I have just received an envelope from AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY addressed to you. It contains a letter from Mr. Karl F. Heinzman, Trust Officer and three copies of a contract for your signature. I transcribe part of this letter for your information:

Your list of assets has been reviewed by one of our Custodian Account Supervisors who advises that the service fee, based on the assumptions out-lined in your letter, would be approximately \$128.04 per year. The fee calculation is as follows:

9 issues at \$5.00 each	\$45.00
3252 Shares at 2 cents each	65.04
6 "buy & Sell" transactions at \$3.00 ea.	18.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED FEE. (Annual).....	\$ <u>128.04</u>

Obviously, the basic cost involves the number of issues and number of shares; the number of "buy and Sell" transactions will have little effect on fluctuations of fee from year to year.

Your Custodian Account can be executed and opened immediately upon receipt of the enclosed contract signed by you and properly witnessed together with your securities. Please transmute your securities via registered mail with a prepared list showing the certificate numbers and corresponding number of shares for each certificate.

Such other shares, as you may own and transmit in addition to the total noted on Schedule "A", can be ~~brought~~ brought into your account as additional securities after the account is processed and opened. However, you are requested to insert the number of shares of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey on Schedule "A"; we did not insert the number of shares of this issue ~~as~~ as your list seemed to indicate the possibility of less than 15 total shares.

If this procedure meets with your approval, you are requested to sign and return all three copies. Each copy will be duly executed by a Vice President of the American Security and Trust Company and one such copy will be returned to you for your personal file and as a receipt for the securities therein listed. A separate receipt will be forwarded to you for any additional shares as noted in the above paragraph.

Parenthetically, it is suggested that the transfer of all or part of your securities into joint ownership with your wife may expose the transaction to a Gift Tax Liability. Perhaps, you might be well advised to consult with competent legal and/ or tax counsel.

However, upon proper authority from you our Trust Department can, of course, effect such change in registration as you may wish.

While we anticipate the pleasure of further serving you through a Custodian

Account with our Trust Department, you are again invited to direct such other inquiries as may occur to you.

Sincerely,

Karl F. Heinzman
Trust Officer."

I am holding these papers here and will await your instructions as to how important they are to you and also about the way they ~~to~~ be sent to and where to.

When are you going to Venezuela and when to Costa Rica? ^{should} I know that next graduation ceremonies will be planned around you next year. Graduation will be March 19th. I know that most of the members of the Board of trustees have agreed on this, and I believe (I'm not sure) that the original idea came from Doris. I am just guessing. You will be hearing from Dr. Paddock soon about this, I presume.

I am thinking now that you tell me in your last ~~x~~ letter that you are planning in returning to Europe about April 1960 to see your introductions in Spain. If this is the case you will have time to come and see us here ^{in March}.

Ever yours,

Amad



21 May 1959

Dear doña Helena:

Thank you for your letter of the 12th with the news about Dr. Popenoe. I am not sending the papers of the American Security because Juan Fernández is leaving for Guatemala soon, with the football team to play in Bárcenas. Juan will take these documents to you in person.

If you come to Tegucigalpa I hope to see you and exchange impressions. It has been so long we do not talk. I also would like to see Dr. Popenoe when he passes through, if at all possible. Tell him that I am waiting for the first part of the book as soon as he has it.

Paul Allen is coming here for two or three months to classify some plants at the Herbarium.

Henry Guilbert is still our dentist.

Juan Fernández is going to El Salvador Saturday very early in the morning, he plans to reach Sta Ana and play there one game against San Andrés outfit; then he goes to Guatemala to play Bárcenas. They must be back here about the 29th.

It is a pleasure to hear, (through Roberto García) that you both look very young and happy, especially you Roberto told me.

Ever yours,

Amado

Octavio Pineda was cancelled. The work in yuca is about to be discontinued. We do not make tortillas any more, only bread. Washing machines are working about 1/2 of the women have been fired.

Antigua G., 14 julio de 1959

Dear Amad@:

Just back from Mexico, and find the enclosed order from Lehmann in Costa Rica. This is addressed to EAP, and must refer to the issue of Ceiba which contains my "Fruticultura Centroamericana", so I suggest you turn it over to the man who has charge of the back issues of Ceiba and suggest that he send four copies of Vo. 3 No. 4, together with bill at whatever price they are now charging. If it is not feasible to do this, then the order should be acknowledged at least.

While we are talkig about Ceiba, will you get for me two copies of Vol 4 No 6, which commences with the article "Tribute to Florida" and send them to me by ordinary mail? I need the illustrations of grafting methods which Mrs Allen prepared for that issue.

Thanks for the news about little Rocky Anna. The Lord is blessing you and Crucita, isnt he? Of course it would have been easier in the long run if you had four boys to take care of you when you get old, but el hombre progone, Dios dispone, y la mujer descompone. Not much we can do about it.

I spent two weeks in Mexico giving lectures and demonstrations in the field to the group of 25 young men, III International Course in Horticulture, sponsored by OEA. It made me happy to find in that group of 25 four of our graduates + Torres from Zamorano, Medina from Salvador, Gaekel from Honduras and Azar from the Rep. Dominicana. Incidentally, Azar told me he is half turco and half Spanish. Torres took an active part in the course and did good work; he seems well-organised and capable. I am glad Dr Paddock sent him; he was a credit to EAP.

Now I hope to settle down for a while and continue work on the book. I am going to have to send several chapters to the States before they are put into Spanish, especially Citrus, for Dr Hume to revise. You have probably heard that SCIDA will probably be liquidated 31 July. I saw Jorge in town yesterday; he doesnt know whether or not he will be kept on; I think perhaps he will be because he has done such good work. But the Minister has announced that he is going to cancel the convenio with the US. I also saw Mario Jalil yesterday; he is getting long very well, has a very attractive apartment on Av 2, close to the Reforma. We hear Piloña came over here hoping to get a job with SCIDA; I havent seen him yet. Being a guatemalteco, perhaps he will find something; the talk now is that the work of SCIDA will be turned over to the Asociacion guatemalteca de Agricultores, but nothing definite has come out.

I havent seen your father since we returned two days ago. Maria says los frijoles se han puesto muy caros.

Ever yours,

Antigua, 13 October 1959

Dear Amado:

Many thanks for your good letter of 24 September. I really dont suppose I will do anything about that land up near San Juan del Obispo; I already have as many things to do as I can handle. But if I get a chance I will go up with your father and look at it. If it is in good coffee (which I rather doubt) it would be a mistake to pull out the coffee and plant experimental fruit trees. If I could use the land, I would just as soon rent it as buy it.

Your personal problem sounds like a serious one, and I want to have a long talk about it with you. It is one of those things which can not be discussed very well by letter, and fortunately I shall probably be in Zamorano about the 5th to 7th of November. Helen and I plan to drive, stopping a few days in Salvador to see Chico de Sola's horticultural work and that of the Centro; and to have a visit with Manuel Chavez Viaud and Mario Lewy and a few others. Then we want a few days in Tegucigalpa, as Helen doesnt want to go to any dentist other than Henry Guilbert and she has some work to be done.

Yes, you are right about Bruce Ledin; he came to one of the meetings at Zamorano and was a good horticulturist. As for SCIDA, things seem very uncertain; I talked to Jorge the other day and he thinks they intend to keep him on but doesnt feel sure he will have enough money to do much nursery work. This past year the fruit trees produced more than paid the cost of his work including his salary - they sell the grafted trees at 40 centavos each, really regalado. As you know, the few gringos who are left in the Instituto Agropecuario Nacional (which was SCIDA when the brought in the Point Four fellows) are now asesores.

As for the book: I have by no means given it up, but with so much travelling since the first of the year to California and Venezuela and Costa Rica and Mexico - I havent been able to do any real writing, though I have assembled a lot of material. When I get back from Honduras next month I hope I can settle down here for six months and do the job. It will take just about that long. I will talk with you about the translation; I have not thought of giving the work to anyone else but it plantears some problems in connection with technical terminology. At present it seems to me the best system is for me to write it in English for your translation, but put a lot of technical material which might be tough for you to translate, in Spanish from the start. We will talk about this.

Julio Pineda came to use us after giving the exams - he has probably told you of his visit. He gave us a lot of Zamorano news. As for the Boston office, it looks as though they have finished making changes up there and from all I can learn no important changes are contemplated down here except that Harlo von Wald is to go to the Dominican Republic to replace Bill Turnbull, whose death was a great loss. I have heard, of course, that Dave Cloward is about to retire but I dont believe there has been a definite decision as to who will take his place. If there has been a decision it is not public yet.

Ever yours,

Antigua, 26 Oct 1959

Sr don Amado Pelen G
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Amado:

This is just to say that it now appears we shall not see you as soon as we had hope to. Word came from Dr Paddock last night that the Board meeting of EAP which was scheduled for next week has been cancelled.

Nothing much new over here, except that the papers are carrying on the polemica about the majorettes. I guess you have heard about these; in the parades on the Quince pmo ppdo each school had a group of girls leaving their students, and these girls were dressed in very short skirts and they played drums and were led by one girl with the big baton who did, in every case, a swell job. I dont see this should cause any more comment than the girls coming around in slacks which they all do; but there must have been at least ten columns of discussion in El Imparcial up to now, not counting the other papers; and how many there are these days! I have never been in Guatemala when we had so many daily papers.

As soon as I can get any of the MS for the book ready for translation I will send it over to you and we will see how it works out. I am kept so busy answering consultas that I hardly have time for anything else. It would be very nice if the school would supply me with meceno-taquigráfica to take the hard part of the work off my shoulders.

I have never seen such weather as we had for about ten days. Rain every day, and usually lots of it. The schools closed last Saturday and Vidal's son Julio Cesar who had to repeat the quinto grado finally got by and now goes into the sexto. Toya's little boy Charley is a fine kid; he lives here in the house and gets mad and begins to cry every time we wont give him any work to do.

Since I wrote you last I have not seen anything of your father or mother I suppose I have met three or four dozen half brothers of yours on the street but they do not saludar me. When are you coming over here?

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Antigua G, 22 Novbr 1959

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Sr don Amado Pelen C,
Escuela Agr Panam, Tegucigalpa

Dear Amado:

Armando was awfully good to keep me ~~informed~~ about your illness and operation. He appreciated the fact that I am much interested. I hope by now you are quite well again and back on the job. Let me hear from you.

I spent the better part of a week over in Salvador. Things are going quite satisfactorily. The new Director of the school at San Andres seems to be an excellent man; a santaneco who used to manage one of the Mesa Ayau fincas. I had a fine visit with him, and with Juan Leiva who is doing a well job. The horticultural department is in really fine condition - looks like Zamorano. Calvo is in Florida as you know, and getting along well. I did not see Granada but in every department the school is going ahead.

Bob Armour and I went to see Margot at 21 Doble Via; she seems very happy - she has a new husband as you know, quite a few years younger than herself, if I am any judge. Bob Armour plans to go back to Scotland next April; he wants to go into the cattle business over there but his nice wife says he should stick to horticulture.

Jaime Chacon is hoping to get a beca for next year, to go to the States. I will back him. Daniel Amado Castillo is up there now, as you know, with a beca from the government of Salvador. I dont know just where he has cuello but he must have some. I dont think it is at the Centro Nal. Mr Mortensen has done a good job with the fruit improvement program which I organised, and has three good young men working with him, two of them graduates of the Texas A and M College. Those tejanos usually turn out to be good practical fellows.

Not much new over here. They keep me busy answering letters (how I wish I had a secretary!) and trying to get ahead with that damn book. The main problem is the letters, asking for information of all kinds. Mario comes over to see me every two or three weeks; Jorge also. I havent seen your father for several weeks. When are you coming over here? It now looks as though I will not get back to Zamorano until graduation time in March; I cant afford to run around on trips like I used to do. And anyway, I like it here in Antigua. Fine climate, lots of good grub.

Write me and tell me how everything is going with you.

Ever yours,

JP



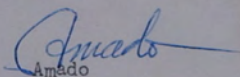
19 Febrero 1960

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

We had a telephone call this morning from Alfonso Zeledón Blandón. It was hard to hear him but in essence this was the conversation: A group of about 20 Nicaraguan graduates want to come on March 19th to present you with a golden medal. Congratulations. They will be wellcome.

It will a great pleasure to salute you and doña Helena again.

Regards,


Amado

Antigua G, 29 Feb 1960

Dear Amado:

Many thanks for your note of 19 de los presentes. I think it is very fine of the pinoleros to bring a medal to present to me at the graduation on 19 March. We are planning to leave here in the Volkswagen about the 12th of March; stop in Salvador a couple of days, and reach Tegucigalpa about the 15th or 16th. Then to the school for the graduation and then spend a few days seeing ~~our~~ friends before we come back to Antigua.

I saw your father a few days ago; he seems to be getting a little older. Then went to see your mother. As you know, the government no longer rents the house for a school. They are renting rooms but have a number still unoccupied. Your father says he has a nixtamal mill at Santa Ana.

Ever yours,

Antigua G, 7 April 1960

Dear Amado:

I must begin to make plans for the next three months because of varios compromisos. For example, they want me to come to Nicaragua for two weeks to help plan a program of fruit development. I dont want to commit myself elsewhere until I know when you will be here and can work with me on the book. So I hope you can let me know about this. It would be fine, from standpoigt, if you could have your two months beginning about the end of Apri, or first of May. I think this was your idea, more or less.

Yesterday I met your father on the street. He seems to be working with his nixtamal at Santa Ana; doesnt seem to spend much time at home; and seemee to me in pretty good physical condition considering his age.

The Cofino boy who will be in his third yr at Zamorano and is now on vacation came in to see me yesterday. We had a long talk. I believe the boy is allright. Says he got into trouble his first yr at Zamorano but has realised his mistakes and is now behaving himself. He is very anxious to study under Perugia this year. He appreciates what Zamorano has done and is doing for him and I think he will turn out very well. He has a lot of good sense, like other Cofinos; but just hadnt grown up when he first went to Zamorano - at least that is the way he impresses me.

Ever yours,

Antigua, 1 May 1960

Dear Amado:

This is just to remind you to get seeds from that macueli tree over beyond Alfonso Gallardo's place; and to add, that I have just received a letter from Mr Moir on Hawaii (who you may recall, spent some days with us at Zamorano perhaps 6 or 7 years ago) and he wants seeds of that handsome macuelizo which is just off to the right side of the carretera in one of our pastures - suppose it must be the lower Colindres) between the school and the Yeguaré. So line up some good student - or Salgado - to collect some seed from that tree. It is right close alongside the road; a large macuelizo, and it was in bloom when we were there last month (or March, now, since this is the first of May!). I can pay anyone a reasonable amount for the seeds.

Paco Sierra left here almost a week ago without my knowing it; I wanted to talk to him about Hugh's program for an Institute of Tropical Research at Gainesville, because I think Paco might be able to have a part in this program down here.

Tell me how your plans are coming along. I expect to fly down to Managua for ten days about May 16, and be back here before June 1st so we can work on that book in June and July if you can get away. And please tell me how Morcillo is coming along - have they been able to diagnose his trouble and how serious is it?

Best regards always,



Junio 12 de 1960

Muy estimado Dr. Pezense:

Adjuntos estoy
enviándole las newsletters que me pide
en su nota del 7 a excepción de
las de Oct. y Nov. de 1959 que no
salieron. - Doña Elena llegó aquí
ayer - y con ella le mando esta feva
economizando esos centavitos a la Escuela;
y, mientras se consigue un "fistio"
detrás del cual anda Dr. Paddock en
Washington (veremos dijo un ciego - ?-).

Se abraza cordialmente,

Armando

Antigua G, 28 Sept 1960

Dear Amado:

Many thanks for the photographs. I am enclosing a check for 15 dollars which I hope will cover the expense of these and the others. If not let me know. I can use the ones we got at Tiquisate in some publication or other; I think probably in La Hacienda.

Last Monday I went up to the Instituto and found Antonio Molina giving the exam to 4 anti-uenos, and I thought he was doing a very good job of it. He told me that Dr Furman definitely is leaving, as he has sold his car to Juan Fernandez. I am glad Fernando Fernandez, El Gran Capitan, has come back to EAP. I am strongly in favor of having as many of our old graduates as possible on the staff; they know what kind of teaching we need. Antonio told me Torres and Salgado are both staying on, and both married. That's fine.

About that Mantequilla label: Tell Memo I am sorry but I cannot remember who it was that offered it to us, and sent the first batch. There really should be something about this in the files but without knowing who was the interested party I don't suppose the letter can be found. The label indicates that it was a German outfit, but I don't believe the labels came direct from Germany. I would talk with one or two of the important German business men in Tegucigalpa, asking them if they know anything about the Aluminumwerke Ar. Rorschach. If Ernst Merz who sells the Volkswagens is still there I feel sure he can help. Go to don Pablo Weiss and ask his advice, or better still that German who has been there for so many years and sells the microscopes and so many other things. I can't remember his name at the moment but he has an office near the plaza.

I wonder if any agricultural books have been ordered from Salvat. Knowing how interested Bill Paddock is in improving our library, I feel that the best thing which can be done is to order almost the whole Coleccion Agricola Salvat. I gave you the catalog, with the best items marked. If no order has been made, please bring this to Dr Paddock's attention. I believe I checked almost 75 items in their catalog. If I had known of the Coleccion Agricola Salvat earlier I would have ordered these books, and not only one copy, but 3 to 5 of several of them. From the standpoint of students who do not read English very well (and few of them do) this collection would be of great value to the school library.

Regarding the house which José Feliciano had at San Antonio: there was no furniture in it which belonged either to us or to the school.

Best regards to all of you.

Sincerely,

Antigua Guatemala, 23 October 1960

Sr don Amado Pelen C.,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Amado:

In a letter which has just come from don Francisco de Sola, he inquires about Pedro Adolfo Rivera, class of 1951 at Zamorano, who is now working for Carlos Lopez y Lopez. I do not remember this boy very well. I wish you would get out his record and write Don Chico just as soon as possible, what was his lado flaco in the classroom work (this is not the important feature) but did he earn any faltas leves or demeritos and if so on what basis? Write Don Chico a note and tell him all you can; the important features to my mind are whether or not the boy was industrious and faithful in his work, and behaved himself generally.

In talking with Mario Jalil a week ago, about the map of the plantings on Uyuca, he thinks probably Paul Allen had this; but he also thinks there were several copies. I doubt that Paul would have taken the map with him, when he left Zamorano; and even if he did, there should be another copy or two somewhere, according to what Mario says.

Always sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Dr Francisco de Sola

27 Octubre 1960

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador, El Salvador, A. C.

Estimado don Francisco:

Hace algunos días nos llegó un telegrama preguntando por un graduado cuyo nombre no aparece en nuestros archivos, y cuyo año de graduación tampoco estaba de acuerdo. La firma era Francisca de Sorto. Aunque hubiéramos querido contestar aquel telegrama fué imposible y ahora comprendo que se trataba de Ud. y que en el telégrafo tergiversaron todo el texto.

Le incluyo a la presente el record que hizo aquí el joven Adolfo Pérez Guerra de la clase 1951. Recuerdo que el padre de este muchacho es de Chalchuapa y vivió en Guatemala donde nacieron algunos de sus hijos. Un hermano de Adolfo se graduó aquí antes que él y se llama José Pérez Guerra y si mal no recuerdo trabaja con el Servicio de Extensión en Sta Tecla. Por el record Ud. podrá ver que Adolfo fué fãojó en Matemáticas y Ciencias afines como Química e Ingeniería Agrícola. Parece que le gustó mas que todo la ganadería.

Respecto al comportamiento y caracter de este muchacho yo tengo mis dudas por las siguientes razones: Recuerdo que ya para graduarse él aquí se perdió una silla de montar la cual apareció algún tiempo después que el muchacho se graduó y el Dr. Popenoe averiguó que él la había vendido en un pueblo que se llama Marocelí. Dr. Popenoe probablemente recuerda este incidente.

Otro asunto que me hace dudar de él es que hace algún tiempo pidió que se le otorgara el nuevo título que la EAP está dando a todos aquellos que se graduán ahora y a los viejos que han laborado con buen record en la carrera agrícola. La Sociedad Agronómica Salvadoreña no quiso responder por este muchacho ni por Humberto Arce ni por un muchacho Bolaños de Santa, según creo por su mal comportamiento. En el caso de Adolfo hubo que pedir muchas referencias particulares y no estoy seguro si el título se le dió o nó. Si Ud. piensa darle algún empleo o recomendarlo para algo especial me permito sugerirle que haga una investigación de los empleos donde ha servido antes desde que se graduó.

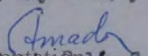
En su record aquí figura un demérito por dejar el gallinero abierto por la noche del 21 de noviembre durante la cual se perdieron 68 gallinas!

Recibí su tarjetita de Europa por la cual le rindo las gracias.

Este marzo que viene se graduarán los siguientes muchachos que desean trabajar y todos son buenas personas:

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| 1 Jose Gustavo Aguilar, Santa Ana, | 2 Francisco Arévalo, San Salvador |
| 3 Mauricio Mora, Santa Ana, | 4 Rafael Rodríguez, San Ramón |
| 5 Carlos Romero, Sta Tecla | 6 Wilfredo Sorto, Ciudad Marrios. |

De Ud. muy atto. y S. S.


Amador Calón C.
Registrador

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
REGISTRO DE CALIFICACIONES OBTENIDAS EN CLASES

Nombre del alumno *Adolfo Perez Guerra*

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3 Biología	<i>D</i>	3 Suelos y Abonos	<i>C</i>	3 Industria Lechera	<i>B</i>
4 Orientación Agronómica	<i>C</i>	4 Tipos y Razas de Animales Domésticos	<i>C</i>	4 Avicultura <i>Cerdos</i>	<i>C</i>
5 Orientación Ganadera	<i>A</i>	5 Cultivos Agronómicos	<i>C</i>	5 Ingeniería Agrícola	<i>F</i>
6 Higiene Tropical		6 Horticultura Tropical	<i>B</i>	6 Veterinaria Práctica	<i>B</i>
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5 Orientación Ganadera	<i>C</i>	5 Cultivos Agronómicos	<i>D</i>	5 Ingeniería Agrícola	<i>C</i>
6 Higiene Tropical		6 Horticultura Tropical	<i>B</i>	6 Veterinaria Práctica	<i>C</i>
7		7 <i>M. Iluminación de Plantas</i>		7 <i>Pat. Vegetales</i>	<i>C</i>



28 October 1960

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Since I know of your very deep interest in the survival of CEIBA it is with great pleasure that I include herewith, a copy of the articles now in press, Issue of coming January and Pending. As I told you in my letter yesterday, Dr. Krochmal has taken over this important magazine and he expects to put one issue every four months.

It is fortunate that Dr. Krochmal knows enough contacts who can cooperate with articles for CEIBA.

You will be interested in knowing that a group headed by de Alba came from Turrialba for a seminar in pastures here at the EAP. That thesis of the south American is not being published in CEIBA and de Alba, rather Turrialba, is supposed to reimburse EAP for the expenses already made as this article was set in type at Imprenta Calderon and at the request of de Alba was cancelled with promises of reimbursement for the expenses involved.

I hope that my letter about Adolfo Pérez is allright.

Sincerely yours,

Schubert

Projected issues of CEIBA

In press now

Resultado de mejoramiento del ganado criollo cruzado....
Hernán Fonseca, Peru (Spanish)

The Scrophulariaceae-Buchneraea of Central America
Thieret, Chicago Museum

The Flora of Mt. Uyuca, Honduras
Pfeiffer, Southern Illinois University

Unfruitfulness of *Mineola tangerin*
Mustard, Miami University

Issue of January

Horticulture in Brazil
G. W. Adriance Texas A&M

Plant Disease Record at El Zamorano II
Muller and Roberts University of Florida

Simple structures for pig production
Ortega, E.A.P.

A new method of propagating pineapple
Gattoni, Escuela Nacional, El Salvador (Spanish)

Pending

- 1 Flora of Honduras A. Molina, EAP.
- 2 Soil Conservation in Haiti Judd, Arizona State U.
- 3 Reproduction of termites in Honduras Benkert, Ambler, Penn.
- 4 Coffee stories, National Research Institute for Coffee studies, El Salvador
- 5 Jalops of Mexico and Brazil Shellard, Chelsea College of Science and Technology,
London, England
- 6 De-greening of Citrus Grierson, Citrus Station, Un. of Florida
- 7 Significance of socio-economic versus agronomic factors in determining the
cultural operations in coffee. Boynton, Connell.
- 8 Some mangos grown at the EAP Krochmal, EAP



7 November 1960

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Sincerely,
Cruz

Tomas Salgado was sent by Dr. Krochmal last Friday to Uyuca with some mules to take up Octavio Pineda to re-construct a planting map. Salgado told me that Octavio remembered a lot of the trees and that there were some tags still on some trees and these helped a lot to finish the map. I have not seen it finished but in case you want a copy of it, please write Dr. Krochmal. I suppose he will have no objection to his giving copies to you. If you prefer I ask for it, or perhaps you want a copy to be sent to Sr. de Sola. By the way, a few days ago we got a telegram with the text all messed up, signed by doña Francisca de Sorto asking by someone we have never known here, of graduation 1951. Few days later I got your letter about Adolfo Perez Guerra and then I understood the message was from don Chico. I hope you agree with what I said to Sr. de Sola about "Sanate".

I enclose a letter from an avocado amateur in the Blue coast. By the way I have taken a photograph of the avocados you grafted for Manuel Rubio behind the ex-police building. One side fruits one season and the other side fruits another. Maestro Quintanilla lives now where the police were before and he is eating those avocados. I took the picture with him showing the fruits (they look like West Indian type) and Quinta sends his best regards to you and Mrs Popenoe. I will send the picture later when ready. Yesterday we went with Toro Garcia and Chele Nayo to close the gate at the water dam in Monte Redondo. You remember that these dams was washed away by the heavy rains; it has been rebuilt and Chele Nayo put some bass fingerlings in it some months ago (from Yojoa); Yesterday I could see some bass big in the drain and Chele put them back in the pond. I believe on time he will have plenty of bass here as I remember in Yojoa they used to have "dormilones" and other species and bass exterminated them all.

Doña Doris is expected here on the 10th. I have heard that the house in San Antonio has ~~gix~~ been given to the Paddock for their private use (I suppose Doris or the Board authorized this. You remember that Paddock wanted to buy it temporarily and then, when he retired he wanted the school to buy it back) They are putting ~~furxx~~ niture in it; a gas refrigerator and have built water tank on top of the house for showers. No final arrangements have been made regarding who is going to keep the house. Paddock wanted to buy for L 80.00 the house Mrs Popenoe gave the Chula; the latter refused to sell it as ~~wh~~ she wants to keep it as a memory from you.

My cuñado, Carlos Castellán and my sister Elvira are here spending a few days in our house. It is nice to have them with us.

Molina counted the Fruticulturas and he tells me there are more than 200 copies left in the room of publications; he also found the book "Naturalists' Guide to the Americas". He says that this book has a little seal that you put to all your books and has your name in it. He also explained to me that you gave some books to the library and that others belong to you. If you want this book Molina will give it to me for further remittance to you. Please advise.



24 May 1962

My dear Doctor Popenoe:

I received your letter of the 14th instant. I am really entitled to a month's vacation, but I thought I could not afford to be out that long. In view of your letter (I thought you would be in Antigua only for the week of meetings) I will try to be with you as long as possible. We have monthly examinations here from Monday 28th May thru June 1st. It will take me a week, at least to calculate and curve all these exams and work the point averages for the whole student body. I have asked Dr. s Pulsifer and Paddock permission to take my vacation right after I finish these calculations which control all the free trips of the students and which are the cause of letter s of warning to their parents when in danger. Both of them have agreed to this. My wife and daughter have cancelled their trip and will come back to Guatemala with me in December if possible.

Now regarding my car! Some months ago the Plymouth I bought from Dr. Zepeda broke down on my way to Tegucigalpa. I took it to René Sempe's Agencia. It required a 500 lempiras overhaul, so I decided to leave it there and get another car from the same Agencia. I got a Land Rover Jeep (I enclose a picture of it). This car ^{can} carry 1,800 pounds weight. It is not as smooth and comfortable as an automobile (it is rather hard when not loaded, like a pick-up) The top is canvass. If most of our roads are paved now this will not make a difference, but if we have to go on rough roads it will be a little hard! If ladies will accompany us, I would probably not recommend it. If only men come, it would be better. It could take 8 people. Please advise me immediately if this car would do; if not I will fly. Of course I would enjoy driving all the "carretera del litoral of Salvador and Guatemala" and I would have a car for taking my mother around when free there if I take the car. I hear that the International highway is in very good condition. I believe for a trip to Coban this car would be nice. I will probably come around the 8th or the 10th to Antigua.

Viejo Torres is going soon as he es becario for a seminar in Antigua. Leiva sent the money required in your circular and he supposes he has his reservation made at some hotel in Antigua. I will bring my camera and plenty of film for pictures. By the way, if you could, please bring me a 100 feet roll of 35 mm. film, Plus-X to Antigua. This is a small "bojotillo" (probably 1/2 pound). This film is very scarce here in Tegucigalpa. Where is your V W?

We have plenty of things to talk about when we meet and sincerely hope that everything will be wonderful there. I hope the "bullas" have quit now because, as you know the students have been causing a lot of trouble in Guatemala.

Ever yours,

Imado

I understand it is not possible for the jeep to charge \$20 per day. I would do for less and this provides ^{me} a nice opportunity to see my country sides again (Long ago I was in Coban looking for logs for ENP, do you remember?)

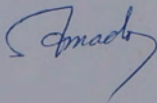
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I am sending this letter from Mr. A J. González of LA HACIENDA, which came for you some time ago.

I take this opportunity to saludarle muy cariñosamente and to tell you that I am taking my family to Antigua for the Semana Mayor. I am planning in leaving here on Saturday March 21st. and leave Antigua on my way back on Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th. I would like to stay longer but due to the schooling of my kids we must hurry back. The rest of my vacation I will probably visit La Ceiba where our mutual friend José Manuel Quirós (alias "El Turco") has invited me to visit the Standard Fruit Company fields and physical plant.

If there is anything I can do for you on my trip to Antigua please let me know. I sincerely hope to be able to get together with you while in Antigua.

Ever yours,



El Zamorano,
28 Febrero 1964

17 Febrero 1967

Sra Ruth Rivas
11125 N. W. 59th Avenue,
Hialeah, Florida 33012,
U. S. A.

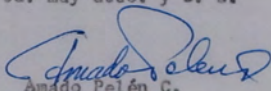
Estimada señora:

Recibimos su carta del 10 del mes en curso y sentimos mucho manifestarle que la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana no cuenta con fondos para hacer préstamos de ninguna naturaleza.

La AGEAP (Asociación de Graduados de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana), cuyo secretario general es el Ing. Julio César Zepeda, es de reciente fundación y por lo tanto su tesorería carece casi en absoluto de fondos.

Por lo manifestado sentimos mucho no poder ayudar a Ricardo y a su familia en la forma solicitada por Ud.

De Ud. muy atto. y S. s.


Amado Pelén C.
Registrador

cc: Ing. Julio César Zepeda.

bc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe - Dear Doc: We thought you might be interested in this case because of what you wrote to me recently regarding Ricardo Cortes and José Oset Rodríguez, who actually wrk under Bari Awan in Cuba.

Enere 10 de 1967

Sr. Amado Pelón C.
El Zamorano
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, A.C.

Estimado Pelón:

Es para mi motivo de gran satisfacción en dirigirme a usted en el día de hoy, y ruego que la misma no sea interpretada como que solamente me acuerdo de mi Alma Mater cuando me encuentro en momentos difíciles.

De la Escuela no tengo información desde Marzo 10 de 1965, por carta del Director a los graduados de la Escuela, carta a la que me ha sido completamente imposible dar cumplimiento por razones ajenas a mi voluntad.

Pelón, ésta carta la considero de vital importancia para la vida de mi familia y la mía, pues, la misma encierra un ruego doloroso, un ruego difícil de definir cuando se toman decisiones tan drásticas como las que me obligan a confiar en nuestros nobles sentimientos. Pero por falta de recursos me dirijo a usted en busca de ayuda por medio de la Escuela y por medio de la Asociación de Graduados para poder abandonar a mi Patria. Mi petición consiste en que me faciliten los recursos necesarios para salir de mi Patria por vía España, ya que por vía Varadero, Cuba - Miami se hace muy difícil para mí.

Demás esta decirle, que me comprometo a responder íntegramente por los gastos que les ocasiono por la ayuda que me presten para poder salir de mi país.

Debo decirle que la persona que se identificará con ustedes es de mi absoluta confianza y la misma les enviara los generales de mi familia y la mía (esposa y dos hijas menores) de ser posible vuestra ayuda, la cual espero confiado en la generosidad de la Escuela y de la Asociación de Graduados.

En espera de vuestra información, les saluda muy afectuosamente y con profundos recuerdos,

Ricardo Cortés L.

Kialesh, October 10/1966

Sr. Amado Peláez C.

O Zamorano,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Muy señas mi

Duego a gusto de desgracia
a usted por petición desesperada del
Sr. Ricardo Cortés Landabé, Cuñado
mío, del que he recibido esta carta que
le incluyo y otra para mí, donde me ruega
encarecidamente haga llegar a sus manos
su solicitud ya que pone sus esperanzas
en usted.

La carta se explica sola,
yo tan solo puedo agregarle que me uno
a ella y que le ruego hagan por Ricar-
do y su familia todo lo que sea posible,
su situación es crítica, agónica, no-
soy posible, nadie puede imaginársela tal
cual es, nadie puede creer la ter-
rible situación del pueblo cubano,
porque hemos llegado, en el dolor y la
agonía, a la escala de lo increíble, no-

de que no la haya vivido, puede ser
imaginosa).

Ricardo es el hermano mayor de mi cu-
ñado, pero es igual para mí.

El costo de sus pasajes Cuba - España, (de él, su
señora y 2 hijos) será aproximadamente \$1,000.⁰⁰
dolares, incluyendo gastos de transacción
bancaria y todo. Si que es una elevada
cantidad, a ella está tratando de llegar pa-
ra poder sacar de Cuba a mi hermano y
cuñado, pero es lo que no puedo prestarle
a Ricardo la ayuda necesaria.

Quizá a usted no conteste a la mayor
brevidad posible y me diga cuáles
son las probabilidades, positivas o no,
en este asunto.

Mis señas: Ruth Cristina Rivas
1125 N.W. 59th Ave.
Hialeah, Florida 33012, USA.

En espera ansiosa de sus noticias,
Queda de usted con un respetuoso sa-
ludo,

Ruth Rivas



29 October 1965

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

Dear Dr Popenoe:

Here is the list of Guatemalans we selected for January
1966:

- 1 Andrés Sobalvarro Conde,
- 2 Rodolfo Cojulún Díaz (Chivo),
- 3 Roberto Enrique Luna,
- 4 Juan Abel Orantes ,
- 5 Gustavo Chacón Paz,
- 6 Alvaro Anfbal Alvarez,
- 7 Roberto Antonio Alvarado García Salas,
- 8 Mario Rolando Díaz Mena.

Esto es lo que el comité decidió aceptar. Todavía no ha sido nadie notificado oficialmente y solamente el Sr. Director puede cambiar la cosa.

I hope you liked the paintings I sent with Toño Molina. As you probably know my mother is now there spending some time with the family. She is possibly coming back with Toño in one week or two.

As you can see your two recommendees are included in the above list, which pleases me very much.

So far we have selected: 1 from Perú; 2 from Bolivia; 5 from Panamá; 12 from Costa Rica; 2 from Nicaragua; 8 from Guatemala; 5 from Salvador; 9 from Colombia; 5 from Ecuador; 15 from Honduras. We expect two Beliceños and 3 Dominicanos. Ecuador and Honduras selections are still open waiting for papers. Costa Rica has 12 because there were too many good candidates; the contrary happened with Nicaragua.

Saludes y buena suerte.

S. Amado
Amado



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

29 December 1970

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

Dear doctor Popenoe:

I take pleasure in enclosing 10 copies of the reproduction of the picture of the "totoloche". I focussed the girl and also I focussed only the grapes as you can see. I am sending five complete pictures and five of a close-up of the bunch of grapes. I hope these will serve the purpose alright. I am returning the original photo for your files.

I am sorry that I am not coming to Antigua yet. My vacation will be in Semana Santa. Now I am busy getting ready to prepare records lists, class-schedules, etc. for next school term which will begin January 11th.

As I said in my last note my two daughters Reina and Lily will probably ^{come} to presentar sus saludos. If they do so, please tell them we are doing alright and hope they are enjoying their trip to Guatemala.

I appreciate your kindness to my parents. Tell Alice how much I enjoyed hearing about the weinnachtskuchen and I am sure my old folks will enjoy them very much. I received a Christmas card from Rie Armour and she says that Bob is enjoying his vacation in Scotland after 23 years of absence in his homeland.

Sincerely,

Amado

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

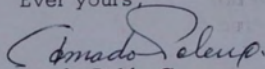
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16 Junio 1972

Dear Doctor:

I have just heard from Jacobo that I have to leave Tegucigalpa on Saturday June 24 and sleep in Guatemala to proceed next day to Mérida. That gives me the opportunity to buy your encargo and take it to Guatemala. My only doubt is that since I do not have a car in this trip it is not easy for me to move about with balijas and without a car. I would like to go to Antigua, deliver your things, see you and my father, who as you know, has been very sick recently. All depends on what Jake tells me about my last schedule. But, in any case I could deliver the encargo in Guatemala city with some friend of yours, in case that time and circumstances do not help to make a short trip to Antigua.

There is plenty of time yet, so figure out what you want and I will try to get it for you.

Ever yours,



Amado Pelén C.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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Junio 8 de 1973

Ing. Hernán Fonseca
Vice-Decano
Facultad de Agronomía
Universidad de Costa Rica
San José, Costa Rica.

Estimado Don Hernán:

Acabo de regresar de vacaciones de Guatemala y me apresuré a abrir toda la correspondencia rezagada y no encontré ninguna que diga para cuando está fijada la Convención de Costa Rica. Solo recuerdo haber recibido un cablegrama de Billy Cruz diciéndome que había sido pospuesta para Octubre y la carta de usted del 5 de Mayo en la que me dice que ha sido pospuesta para los meses de Octubre o Noviembre.

Es una lástima que dicha comunicación me llegó después que ya había enviado mi segunda carta bimensual correspondiente a Marzo-Abril pues allí había yo podido cambiar la fecha de la Convención y avisar a todos los egresados que esta había sido pospuesta. Debido a lo caro que es avisar a todos los egresados de la Escuela de este cambio, estoy avisando unicamente a los Capítulos organizados y a todas aquellas personas interesadas en todos los asuntos de AGEAP en aquellos países donde no hay Capítulos para que estén enterados y esperen futura o definitiva información respecto a esta Convención.

Para ahorrar tiempo estoy enviando copia de esta carta a todos los Capítulos para que estén informados de que la Convención no se llevará a cabo en Junio.

Muy Atentamente,

Amado Pelén C.

Secretario General AGEAP, Interino

cc: Capítulos AGEAP

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS



Julio 24 de 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de La Nobleza # 2
Antigua Guatemala,
Guatemala, C. A.

Mi muy estimado y querido Doctor Popenoe:

Muchas gracias por su carta del 18 de Julio y sus comentarios muy favorables respecto a mi labor relacionada con la carta bimensual de AGEAP.

Como usted notará yo mandé en esta carta un Formulario de Actualización para que todos los egresados me digan qué clase de trabajo están realizando en la actualidad. Ya me están llegando los formularios de regreso y ojalá que todos los devuelvan debidamente llenados porque la información que contiene es muy importante para poder hacer después un estudio por países, del impacto que la Escuela ha tenido a través de estos años en el desarrollo agrícola de los diversos países que representa. Mi idea principal es dedicarle una carta a cada país después, haciendo un sumario de todos los resultados y poniendo por ejemplo la primera carta dedicada a Honduras que es el país que tiene mayor número de representantes graduados en esta Institución. En dicha carta yo quiero decir cuantos muchachos están trabajando en empresa privada, con el gobierno y cuantos están para otros agricultores, también me interesa hacer un sumario de los títulos académicos de los diversos muchachos de cada país. También me gustaría incluir el nombre de las instituciones que en el pasado y en el presente están ayudando a la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana con fondos monetarios. Afortunadamente aquí en Honduras sí hemos tenido bastante ayuda de parte de los bancos y de la empresa privada como la Cervecería Hondureña, La Tabacalera Hondureña, S. A., Fábricas de Concentrados para animales y de instituciones del Gobierno como el Banco Nacional de Fomento, el Banco Central y otros. Creo que esto va a ser muy interesante pues algunos países nunca han ayudado a la Escuela ni siquiera con becas para ayudar a los estudiantes pobres y tal vez leyendo esta carta se les va a picar un poquito el amor propio y los Capítulos de AGEAP se pongan a trabajar para conseguir fondos de las empresas privadas, donde ocupan los muchachos que prepara la Escuela.

Me alegra mucho que Muñoz esté realizando un magnífico trabajo pues recuerdo que siempre él fué muy bueno. Lo único que le pasó aquí en la Escuela fué que le gustaba un poquito la caña pero indudablemente que es un tipo muy brillante.

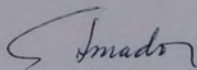
Recuerdo que vino hace algunos años con un grupo de fitopatólogos y tengo una fotografía de este grupo retratada aquí atrás de mi oficina frente al edificio nuevo de biología.

Usted como siempre lleno de visitas pero me alegro mucho porque yo creo que usted es una persona que le gusta tener roce social y con personas distinguidas de la talla del Dr. Zentmyer a quién hace mucho tiempo no lo he vuelto a ver por acá, tal vez debido a que ya su señoría no está por aquí, pues no creo que haya ninguna persona tan altamente interesada en los aguacates como lo está usted. Al Sr. Stewart Dawes de Nueva Zelandia no lo conozco, pero tal vez nos visita uno de estos días y tendré el gusto de saludarlo. Hice venir a mi oficina a Barton con quién he hecho cierta amistad y le mostré su carta. Me prometió que pronto le escribiría a usted; él piensa regresar dentro de un mes más o menos y parar como usted lo desea en Guatemala y llevarlo a Santa Cruz de Quiché y a Quetzaltenango para ver las peras y las manzanas que ahora deben estar en cosecha. El muchacho me recuerda mucho a Nancita su madre, es muy callado y se mira un buen sujeto. Ya lo llevé al Uyuca y a San Antonio donde le mostré la casa Escuela que usted dejó, la casa que fué construída y que ahora está en manos de la municipalidad y el sistema de agua potable que usted instaló para aquellas gentes. El estuvo muy impresionado y me agrada ver que él comprenda que en su familia hay gentes notables y que realmente valen la pena como usted.

Hace poco le compré cien Amables del Mundo más, los cuales le mandaré en primera oportunidad y si acaso no se presenta alguién que los lleve, pues Barton será el mensajero que los llevará.

Le agradezco mucho que siempre averigüe de mi familia. Le cuento que mi padre cumplirá años el 2 de agosto 92 o 93 años, ojalá Dios lo deje llegar al centenario.

Con un cariñoso recuerdo para usted y Doña Alice quién deseo esté muy bien en unión de su merced, me despido por hoy con un fuerte abrazo del amigo de siempre.





Se Construirá una Moderna Escuela Agrícola Panamericana en Honduras

Infinidad de jóvenes Latino-Americanos están interesados en el desarrollo de la agricultura. Unos cultivan plátanos; otros, café, goma, frutas varias y demás productos que tan profusamente se cosechan en los países Panamericanos. Siendo esto así, ¿qué cosa es más importante que la creación de una escuela donde se puedan estudiar los más modernos métodos agrícolas?

En la República de Honduras se va a construir una modernísima escuela agrícola Panamericana cuya administración estará a cargo de una Junta presidida por el Dr. Wilson Popenoe. Los estudiantes se instruirán en distintas materias que en el futuro serán de gran utilidad tanto para ellos como para sus respectivos países.

Los alumnos que se admitan, disfrutarán de enseñanza, manutención y transporte gratuitos, obsequio de la

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

22 march 1974

Dear doctor:

This probably will give you
a little satisfaction and will bring pleasant
memories from the past.
Sincerely,
Smado.

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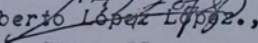
ASOCIACION DE GRADUADOS
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Sr. Secretario don Amado Pelen C.,
Apartado Postal No. 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras C. A.-

Estimado Don Amado:

Revisando unos libros y revistas de mi abuelo, quien murió el pasado 31 de diciembre a la edad de 101 años me encontré con un número de *Selecciones del Reader's Digest* (sin caratulas, de manera que no pude averiguar la fecha) en el cual aparecía el - anuncio que le incluyo.

Me parece que sería una buena idea sacar foto-copias del - mismo y enviarlas con la próxima Carta Mensual, estoy seguro - que sería de mucho interes sentimental para todos los Zamoranos.

Esperando se encuentre bien en unión de su apreciable fami-
lia lo saluda muy atentamente.,


Roberto López López.,

Clase 57.



25 July 1957

Dear Doc:

I enclose herewith the three Reglamentos, three Courses of Study and three Tarjetas. You asked for these Tarjetas just on time because we do not have any more left. I hope they are useful to you.

The barbero sends you regards. He continues to make money. Not long ago I went to see him about a L.100 painting for a fellow in the USA who wanted to present a Velasquez to a famous Cancer Doctor in New York. He made one from the VILLACRUCIS (CALVARIO) and was really good. He is sending about 5 or 6 L.500.00 pictures to an exhibition in Raio Janeiro, sponsored by the Pan American Union; Elizabeth continues to buy pictures from him. And yet, he asked me if it would be possible to get a raise in his profession as a barber!

We have received the Florida documents for Bendaña, Solórzano, and Fernando Fernández de Córdova. We only lack the documents for Raúl Muñoz, which will probably come here in the near future. I have been asking these boys to come here one week before the 14 of September (at which date they must present themselves in the University) to go over their passports and deliver the \$750.00 for the first semester. We are sending Zeledón his first 150 dólares and the 750 restantes will be sent to him some time next January.

There is a great demand for your FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA but the Spanish edition is exhausted here. There are many of the English edition. Right now I am sending one copy to Daule School in Ecuador at Fernando Fernández de Córdova's request.

I just heard from Paul Allen that you are thinking in going around the world in KLM. More power to you! I hope you have a good and rested week-end in Antigua. My best regards to doña Helena. Until the next letter.

Sincerely,

Samuel Selva C



30 July 1957

Dear Dr Popenoe:

Last Saturday I saw Ramón Urbina, father, in town. He has no job and wants very much to come back to "amorano. I told him I would write to you to ask how much of a chance you think he has to get back here. As you probably remember, when the Affair Urbina-Paz took place I was in Guatemala. When I came back from my country they both were out of the job; Urbina in Tegucigalpa and Paz still here. I do not know what developed from this affair and what was the final status of the thing. I understand that Mr Beasley is trying to get the four houses (Salinas, Alvarez, ^{Arades} and Molina) enlarged. The new house has been "estrenada". The Beasleys are there now. Dr Paddock and family live in your house. Memo Herrera moved over to Dr Williams house. The ^{Arades} Russells are where the Herreras used to live, etc. Jaill is moving to the apartment in the clinic.

When you answer about Urbina's case, please do it in Spanish so that I can show the letter to him. My idea is: Could you help him with the new Director? Or the thing was so bad that he must lose all hopes?

Our graduate from Costa Rica, Roberto Chavarría, killed a man and the horse he was riding, near la Villa San ~~Francisco~~ Antonio in Comayagua. Chavarría was riding a STICA jeep without a licence. The boy is in jail and will probably lose his job and will probably have to go back home afterwards.

We are terribly sorry here about the death of Coronel Castillo Armas. Please give me some news after you come back from Antigua.

Few days ago I received a letter from Miguel Villegas Rodas (before the death of Castillo Armas) in which he told me that he has been transferred to the Oficina de Estadística Agrícola for political reasons. That he was sorry because he was too much enthused with his job in the Oficina Central del Café. He will send us a collection of the coffee books in the Oficina Central for the use in our library. I wonder if he knows that his writings have been put in a book form. We have received 50 copies of it for distribution.

Many people is asking for your FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA but the Spanish edition is exhausted. Any objection to the reproduction of part of of the whole thing by others?

I hope you had a good week-end in Antigua.

Saludes,

Arades
P.D. I believe Urbina is the man to run Jicarito as he knows everybody and he has run it since the old days. I don't think this is a good job for a fellow like Roberto Garcia.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

3 September 1957

Cuidense mucho y díganle a mi familia que por favor escriban algo. Estoy viendo si puedo venir a fin del año y operar por segunda vez a Reinita.
Saludes.

REGIDOR CALPA, HONORARIO CENTRO AMERICA

Amado

Dr P. is writing to Jimmy Vil-legas to inquire if he would be interested in working six months of the year giving aptitude tests and interviewing applicants. I am rather pessimistic that he will take this job. La gringa lo tiene muy apersogado. They are fixing one large room in the Science Building for Chapel. The priest will spend the night at old Standley room instead of Staff House. Luis Herlindo Solórzano came last Saturday and left today for Miami. Pendaña was sent his money to go up North and got married. Fernandez de Córdova is coming through here in the near future and Muñoz was sent his money. That takes care of the EAP becas for the present time.

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

My Dear Dr and Mrs. Popenoe:

I hope that everything goes fine with you and that your gardens are perpetually in bloom. After all you are living in "La Tierra de la eterna primavera."

The Beasleys returned to La Lima on August 27th. Now, confidentially: Tio Memo has resigned to return to El Salvador where he now has a wonderful opportunity to work". Resignation has been accepted. Eduardo Jiménez - with his usual violent temperament- has had many difficulties with other members of the staff and now has resigned. He and his whole family are in Costa Rica on account of a brother of Maria Delia being sick. Eduardo is to return and finish his semester, like Tio Meme, but he will probably leave afterwards.

I am sending this letter from the JOHN RIPLEY FORBES, Explorers Journal, which, I believe is a personal matter. I am also including a letter from Porky Carvajal. He says he wrote you from Ecuador to San Salvador. Just in case the letter has not reached you, please read this and do as you please with it. Doris Stone is due here next Thursday. She passed by some days ago and we thought she was coming, but....as usual... she turned and went other way. I believe she is coming from New Orleans.

Best regards from Marina Gallardo, Zalema, and Arce. I went to Danlí with them on Sunday to celebrate birthday of the two boys. I went to Jamastrán with Roberto Romero, where him, Lupiac and Beto Rivera are partners in a cotton field of 150 manzanas! I see Zamoranos everywhere and is nice to meet them. For instance I saw Juan Aguilar, from Sta Bárbara in Danlí, to whom I had not seen in seven years. Before I forget, the carpenters, especially Paco, Julio Alvarez, Jorge and Old man Felix, send their regards to both of you. They will never forget you. Mrs. Martinez told me she was terribly sorry that when you both left she was sick; she had in mind to give you a nice farewell dinner. Our budget, when Beasley left, was almost 40,000 ahead, I mean we are overdrawn. Dr Paddock wants to change the budget system; he wants every member of the staff who runs a department to give his particular budget and specify his needs for the coming term. We will wait and see if this system works. With the students he wants to start something like self-government and self-discipline?

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

11 September 1957

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Doctor:

Roberto García has been asked to render a report on reasons, limits, etc. of the purchase of the last piece you bought in Uyuca from the hermanos Santos e Isidro Cardona Matamoros from Tatumbla.

As you know, Roberto knows nothing about this. They have come to me for information. I have a very slight idea that that piece was the last you bought for the school. That there is a forest reserve from where owners cannot exploit their lumber and that is one of the reasons they sell, probably at low price. They (Roberto and Paddock) claim that there are no boundaries well marked. In the correspondence there is no well defined limits of the property. It reads as follows: DESCRIPCION DE LA PROPIEDAD. Lote No. 25 de la partición del sitio de Uyuca de 71 Hectáreas, 18 centésimas de Hectárea. Limitado así: al norte, lote 12 de Alfonso García y parte del 24 de José M. Colindres; al Sur y al Oeste, los Ejidos de Tatumbla; y al este, lote 24 de José María Colindres."

It was sold to the EAP for L. 5,000.00

Did you have any special idea about this piece of land for the future? Planting anything, etc.

We have to help Roberto for this report and anything you can tell us, will be very appreciated.

I understand that doña Helena is back from California. We appreciate the card she sent us. Hope that Mrs Barsaloux is going strong and beautiful as ever.

We are expecting the fiestas of the 15th and also the elections for diputados to the asamblea from 21 to 22 September.

I hope you are in the best of health. When are you going to Europe? Jimenez is definitely going tomorrow. Jalil is taking over the Hort. Department. The EAP continues to buy vegetables in town. Probably Jalil will move to the house Jimenez had. Chávez is leaving after semester activities. If Carvajal does not work in El Salvador, Jalil would like to have him here; please advise what has been done for him in El Salvador. If nothing, Jalil will talk with Dr. Paddock and I will remind his becs.

Write some news of my old lovely town.

Paddock

Memorandum re the Property purchased from the Matamoros herederos.

This is the last piece of property we purchased on Uyuca. We had long wanted to get it, because (1) it forms part of the watershed which supplies the Zamorano valley; part of it has already been badly deforested and we wanted to make sure it was protected in the future; and (2) we wanted to use it for experiments in reforestation, thus furnishing information and at the same time improving the water-holding capacity of the soils of this tract; and (3) we thought we might eventually use it for experiments with crops requiring high elevations such as potatoes, certain cereals, and such fruit trees as peaches and plums.

We originally offered 3000 Lempiras for the property and finally bought it for 5000 Lempiras. While there are probably no good mojones or monuments showing the boundaries, all of the Uyuca properties are covered by the survey made by government surveyors some years ago, with a view to establishing boundaries of all the small properties on the mountain. These surveys, in accordance with government practice, give compass bearings and measurements between points, and are legal for property descriptions. In our engineering office we have copies of the government map showing the small properties on Uyuca, and in the escrituras covering properties we have purchased I believe the compass bearings and measurements are given.

Wilson Popenoe

14 September 1957

Antigua G., 16 Oct 1957

Dear Amado:

Thanks for your letters of 4th and 11th. When Octavio Sta Cruz comes around I will show him his grades and tell him that I have no hope that Florida would accept him; he has only 2 A's, and 5 B's; 10 C's and 4 D's. And you must remember we were not grading as hard during his time as we have in more recent years. I quite agree with Gainesville that they should require a B average for entrance. But I will see what Octavio is doing and maybe we can find a better chance for him, down in this part of the world.

Cosh, I hope Porky Carvajal comes back to the school. I cannot quite figure out this lad. As I have said previously why didnt he write us about April 1st and say, Que le parece, solamente he podido juntar 20 reales pagar mi pasaje de Guaymíl a Teucucalpa, y esto loco para aprovechar la beca en Florida. Que voy a hacer (con B de burro)?

Sorry I was not t here on the Dia de Morazan to put on my condecoración, grado de Comendador.

I have written Dr Wallace D Bowman a long letter, which now I have to copy as it was a borrador, and Dios Mio, what a job it is to do all this typing. I think I will ask the Rockefeller Foundation to give me a grant so I can employ a good bi-lingual stenographer, about 18 or 19 years old and very good looking. I am not getting away from EAP work altogether by hiding myself in Antigua. More letters to answer than I had expected, and quite a few visitors.

About that examen de capacidad: I have written Dr Paddock that when a boy who has knocked out a 90 or 96 flunks in the school, I think it must be due to one of the following causes: (1) somebody gave him the key in advance, or (2) he is a bright boy and his parents told him "O te mando a la Escuela Militar o te mando al Zamorano" and after he has been with us a while he decides that it would be less work at the Escuela Militar and he better flunk out, deliberately, so he can go home. My suggestion would be to change the examen de capacidad as follows: Shift a lot of the questions so they dont come under the same number, and change the figures in a lot of others, so instead of asking if one quintal of rice costs 14 pesos how much would 21 cost (make it one quintal at 8.50 and 17 or something of that sort. And maybe we should take more care with the exams given in the Rep Dominicana and Ecuador etc. The Manager may do his best to see that the boys do not cheat, but one of the kids may have a friend who is the second cousin of somebody in the Company office. No?

Yes, we got the tostador de cafe in fine shape and will now have better coffee. --Didnt you tell me that there is something in the correspondence with Mr Cloward to the effect that only in case we expel a boy does he lose his deposit for transportation? I wish you would look up that point.-- We are hoping to get over there around the 1st of November but we will have to wait a few days to decide - you know some things might chance. The Embajador de Panama writes that he expects to give me the Orden de Vasco Nuñez de Balboa on 3 November and if this materialises I will try my best to get there. I guess I got the Cuban one last week, but it hasnt arrived yet. I have enough now so that whenever you want to go to a big party on 15 Septiembre I can loan you a couple.

Sincerely,

Palau
12 October 1958

Dear Doctor y doña Helena:

Adan Zepeda, Adilia and daughter have just been here on the campus for the first time. Adan graduated in the Hospital Infantil and now wears a ring with an AZTEC god. He is now working at the Policlinica for a while; later he expects to open his own clinic. You can reach him in care of his mother, Maria Vda. de Zepeda, Barrio Guanacaste, Tegucigalpa.

The creamery building is actually under re-construction. Gus Perez is doing the work. Smith of the Electric Department came and told him what to do. They are tearing the roof to make it "repellado" instead of machimbre. The kitchen in your ex-home is now "repellada" in the ceiling also. They are adding two rooms (cold storage rooms) and the new equipment will be installed by Smith later. Apparently it will cost a lot of money. I believe that money has been transferred from other accounts to continue this work that has been held so long. Many projects; thousands of letters; visits and suggestions from experts; and until now something is really started. How good will it be? Nobody knows. Russell never wanted to touch it. When finished I will send you pictures.

Ceiba is under the direction of Thomas Furman (PH.D.) He is trying to edit a new issue about the month of November. I am translating a report on diseases of Nicaraguan plants from the PLANT DISEASE REPORTER for it. Furman is also undertaking a handbook on the school, something like those catalogs with photographs that the Universities put out in the US. By the way, the Ministro de Educacion has said that Zamorano, according by decret 42, is perfectly entitled to issue titulo de AGRONOMO. One problem has come up: every past graduate wants it and they are swarming like bees. I suppose that regulations must be set for its acquisition. Some bright fellows, like Vladimiro, never worked in agriculture; some other like Roberto Garcia were only "regulares" in class work but very good field workers. Who is more entitled to the titulo the former or the latter?

Professors are coming back from the various countries after giving the entrance examinations. I have a big question in my mind: By getting bachilleres are we really improving the quality of students? You remember that some bachilleres did very poorly in our "old" exam and never existed any correlation between being a "bachiller" and good grades in classroom work here. Candidates have been very little in every country as a result of the raising of the standards and I wonder how many really good bachilleres will be picked up. I hope we get through this innovation successfully. Another uncertainty is how many new students will be able to pay all medical exams, transportation (round), plus semester matriculation fees of \$38.00?

Jorge Benitez was here but I could talk with him only about five minutes before his departure and I did not hear anything about his trip to Hawaii. By the Carlos Cuevas is here today. He came to get some plants for EL RECREO in Nicaragua, Freytag just came back from Costa Rica and Nicaragua and he brought some material from El Recreo. Carlos was in Hawaii. The three graduates still continue in their government jobs.

Alfredo Cheverria did not get another scholarship. He left the government and is now working for the Standard Fruit Company in Coyoles. He never wanted to become a Honduran and that is a handicap. Boys from Zamorano don't like the fact that he never likes to say he is a Zamorano; he always says he is a graduate of Louisiana State. Arce has been sent to Denmark to learn the procedure of the powder milk. I heard that the "ganaderos" of the North Coast sent him with a herd of cattle to the coast as veterinaria and

as specialist in the new plant they want to establish there. Maybe you can contact him. Zulema and the family are in Tegucigalpa.

Freytag (now Ph. D.) is here running the agronomy department with Chele Mayo and Juan Parodi as assistants. He is teaching Cultivos, one English and is also in charge of the Sanitary gang. Alcinea is here. They have two kids and 3/4. Mrs Jalil is also expecting another one (rumors, rumors, you know how it is here). Mrs Roehrs is expecting a baby in two weeks. Mrs. Parodi had a boy about two weeks ago. The Furrmans have three. Dr Harris Raplus is here but he came alone. His wife will come afterwards. Mrs Pineda had another baby not long ago. This place is prolific, don't you think?

I saw Carlos Soto some time ago. He came to discuss with the Minister~~zo~~ about disciplinary problems in Catacamas. Carlos told me that the fact that Catacamas was a copy of Zamorano has become a big problem. Those boys want to have as good job as the Zamoranos; they want a titulo. The budget is not as a good budget now as when President Galvez gave all his support to that school. Let's us hope that it will continue. Graduates of EAP in Honduras want to change the class ring. They don't want the Catacamas boys to have one similar. Rivalry I believe.

I am sorry that I cannot give you news from Guatemala. My family writes me only when they need something. Hope you have a trip to Germany and enjoy the company of your friends.

Marcos is still working with the Director but ADA never was here with her~~g~~ since you left. ADA is growing and is in Jicarito school now. She never comes down here. I have not seen her for a long time. My wife told me that ADA is becoming a señorita.

Tomas is still running Casa Grande. He has no nombramiento now. Toño Ruiz is still in charge of the police but under somebody else. The Martinez have not improved the place. They come every weekend to take the money. An old woman, Tonita runs the place for them.

The lake house is still Guest House. The Furrmans live where you left the Allens. Freytag lives where the Eris used to live. Molina lives where Paco Sierra was. Memo's house is empty (ex Williams') Russell's house is empty but I understand is intended to be given to Dr. Raplus. Dr Raplus works in the Animal Husbandry and also is supposed to be the DEAN's assistant. I was moved into the office in front of the Main Office and all records are kept into the Vault. I moved yesterday. By the way, did you hear that Mr. Beckstrom is transferred at the Boston Office. Nick Eris was transferred from the DOMINICAN Republic to New Orleans. A fellow Shanon took the place of Mr. Beckstrom at the North Coast. Shanon was transferred from Ecuador. The Director will go to Peru, Chile and Bolivia to give the entrance examinations. By the way, two Chileans who were accepted last year left the school voluntarily. We have none now. The EAP continues to look for a horticulturist with a Master or a Ph. D. to replace Mario Jalil.

Roberto Romero came about two or three days ago trying to get a job with Morcillo. He belongs to the Carias party as you remember; his father was the driver of the Old General and now is out of work. He has devoted to agronomy. The situation for those who do not belong to the red party is difficult. Even SCIDE and STICA hesitate to give them jobs. The government has announced that will sign a contract with a French Company for the Electric Project of Rio Lindo.

There are many comments about this. An American Company had already made a study of the project; now suddenly the government changes to another country. This sounds like Arevalo in Guatemala. Maybe I am wrong but socialism, too much socialism is taken place here. Paul Shank is back with the company as an advisor. He was here a while ago on a short visit and it is my understanding that the director has asked him to give our students occasional lectures on forestry.

The house in San Antonio continues to remain vacant. The school continues to give food to Jose Feliciano, but I have heard that he does not take care of the house. Nobody is checking on this. The road to San Antonio now is unpassable. Velasquez resigned on Friday. Another barber from Tegucigalpa is expected to come for two days every week to cut the hair of the students.

The dormitories have been totally retiled with cement tiles. Two or three more lawa mowers with tractor traction have been bought for the campus. Royal palms have been planted in between the office and the staff house and more have been requested from Jorge Moscoso (lançatilla man) through Dr. Thornton. Uyuca remains latent. I do not think there is work of importance going over there. May be with the departure of Jalil this place will be abandoned. There is the idea of establishing a Santa Gertrudis herd (both pure and crossed with criollas). The introduction of pure lines of Duroc Jerseys are again contemplated in the Swine section. Carlos Enrique Estrada spent a day with me in my home. He was coming from Perú where he worked for a number of years with a Sociedad Protectora del algodón. He married a limeña and came here, towards Guatemala, trying to get a job in Central America. I have not heard from him so far. Gerardo Disneros is the presidente of the sociedad agronomica salvadoreña now; Julio Cesar Sepeda is the presidente of the sociedad agronomica in Honduras. The only thing that still looks bad on the campus are those field ditches. They are full of mosquitoes and the water get stagnant; I believe they should be lined with bricks so that when the mozos clean them the water continues to run and the levelling is not lost.

Paco Arambu and his associates (including maestro Felix) asked me to give you their warmest regards. Paco still keeps your portrait in the entrance of his shop. I am very glad to inform you that Mario, doña Ana's grandson is doing a good job here at the school. Leonor is very proud of him. He sings and plays the guitar very well. He plays good futbol; he is a good student. I am figuring the semester examinations. Now it takes a lot of statistical work. I have an electric Monroe calculator. The work without this machine would be impossible. It is the first time that the pruning will be governed by a rigid system of point average. I am afraid that if third boys have to go there might be trouble. They always put a fight at the end, do you remember. Another doubt comes to my mind. Don't you think that by charging that 38 dollars per semester the boys will believe they have a right to strike, complaint about the food, etc. etc. It seems to that to give a boy 3,000 dollars scholarship a year is grand, but try to collect 38 dollars per semester from him spoils the 3,000. What do you think of this?

Before closing this I want to ask this question: Do you think that the EAP is known beyond the United Fruit Company frontiers? I ask you this because with much surprise I know now that the director wrote to Whitman and told him that he thinks the school is not sufficiently well known in Latin America but only in the Company offices and by Company people. More and more propaganda is requested. Results: thousand of letter from everywhere. Poor Juan and Pelen.

I wish you much luck. If you ever write that book in Spain I would like to get a copy. I wish I could help.

[1969?]

COPY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Assistant Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, hereby certifies that, Mr. Van Baldwin Jackson, Honduran citizen, entered this school in April 1947 and was graduated on March 5th. 1950.

He worked for some time with the Banco Nacional de Fomento de Honduras; and in May 1952 joined our staff as professor of agriculture. Mr. Jackson quit in April 1954 to continue his studies in the United States.

During his time with us, Mr. Jackson showed competence, industry and good deportment. We were sorry to lose him.

Robert M. Beasley
Assistant Director

Dr Popenoe: Some time ago we sent VBJ this certificado. He wrote me that instead of returning to the tropics he was going to come to Mexico city to apply in the American consulate for a permanent visa for the USA to stay and work there. He wanted above certificado for this visa. Apparently he got the visa and now he is applying for a job with the STATE VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS in Nashville, Tennessee. I believe that it is better for VBJ that you, personally, write a letter to help him. Above data will probably help you to write the letter. I understand that Dr paddock will be sending occasional information on EAP policy, talks, etc. to the members of the Board of Trustees. Where can we send your copies later? How long will you remain in El Salvador?

Hasta la vista,

Canada
The newest idea here is to establish Self-government and Self-discipline in the Student Body. Some day the boys will take over that a teacher to watch them?!

Antigua, 16 Jan 1959

Dear Amado:

Your letter of 12 October reached me a long time ago, of course. We got back here on 20 December, just in time to see the procesiones - and there were plenty of them. When I was standing up in the big corner window watching one of them your father ran over to talk to me; said he had just received a check for \$20 from you as a Christmas present. Then he went onto a touchy subject; he asked me just much money you are making and I told him honestly I do not know; that I have been away from the school a year and a half and have no definite ideas about salaries over there. Obviously, he wants to know so he can figure out if you are able to provide him more financial assistance; like the Colombian lad who came up to me in the Calle Real in Bogotá and said "Es que yo ando un poquito escaso de recursos".

It was mighty good to get home again. The place looks well though the garden needed some abono, and old Noe has just finished bringing me 12 carretadas. We have spent four days this week getting our new Volkswagen out of the Aduana in Puerto San José and up to Antigua, and if it hadn't been for the ayuda de Enrique Garcia Salaas, actual Ministro, that Volkswagen would still be in San José. We spent two days in Guatemala City and two in San José on the job, firma tras firma, papel sellado suficiente para imprimir en ello las sagradas escrituras, and so on. Then when we finally got the little car here in the Zaguán, resulta que todavía no han llegado las placas para 1959 y el carro no puede salir de la casa sin placas. As Juan Fernandez would say, Problemas, problemas, problemas!

Now, we are planning to fly up to California a week from tomorrow, the 24th, stopping three days in Mexico City en route. We shall only be away from here 30 days as we have special tickets only good for that long, but I don't want any longer time anyway as I want to get back here and start to work on that book. I am wondering if you could not give me some help when you come over here on vacation. I am going to be in real trouble for lack of assistance on the typing. If you and I could sit down together like we did on that Salvador report, we could do the whole job in 3 months.

Speaking of Salvador, they published an article in Diario Latino last Dec 28, of which Jaime Chacon sent me a copy. I have had letters from 3 other people about it also. The article said I have been contracted by the gobierno to take over the Direccion of San Andres in May. This is not true at all, so if anybody asks you about it, just tell them I have written you to this effect. I have no plans whatsoever regarding that school, except to visit it every time I go over there and give the Ministro my comments.

I had a letter from New York that they sent a stock certificate of the State Street Investment Trust to me at Zamorano. It has probably reached there by this time. Send it over to me here, certificado. I tried to prevent them from sending it to Zamorano but was too late. Ask Armando when anything like this comes, to send it over here as mentioned, but always certificado.

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

20 January 1959

Dear doctor:

I just received your letter of the 16th. instant. Many thanks for not telling my father about my salary. I don't think I can do much for my family now anyway. My salary is the same that you left and I have received word from Mr. Redmond not to expect anymore. The same was told to Ramón Alvarez. Now we are expecting the fourth kid and this year I have to pay for two in the school. Celia is going to the fifth grade and Reinita is starting in the first. Lilly is not going yet but will probably go next year. We pay 12 lempiras for each head, but this year it might be higher. The new school building and the professors residence is up. They are behind Julio Pineda's house and we are looking for professors of first class for it. Classes will start next Feb.

Paul Allen was here for the fiesta of the 100 días which was celebrated in the Lake House and he told people here that you were coming to run San Andrés. So, your news were old to me. I am glad that this is not true. I discussed this with Mario Jalil and we disagree completely with this. By the way, Mario will carry for you some magazines I have accumulated here, when he goes to Guatemala, probably at the middle of February. We have not received the letter you mentioned, but if we do we certainly mail it back to you certificada.

Nothing would please me more than helping some in the MS of that book! I cannot tell you anything definite now because I had already decided not to go to Guatemala on vacation this year and had so informed to my family. I cannot afford to take my whole family with me this time. We are broke. However give me some time to decide. I have discussed my vacation time with Dr. Paddock already and he tells me that I cannot be away during March because we expect all new students between the 21 and the 26 of that month. Then, Dean Morcillo has to go to Colombia for two months and I must wait until his return. He, Dr. Paddock, explained to me that the best time for me would be May or June. If this is not to late for you, I will try to make it, but please tell me if this is convenient. I am sorry to tell you that last Sunday, about 5:30 p.m. René Martínez, son of Colonel and Doña Adilia was killed at Picacho by the chief of that Canton: a hit with the butt on the forehead followed by 4 shots. These Hondurans are still have savages, don't you think? My friend Oscar Torres is free and looking for a job. He delivered himself and I was never called to testify anything. Instead Cutin Salinas, Julio Pineda and Doña Ana were called by a judge and were asked a lot of questions about their relations with me and about what kind of a bird I am. I asked lawyer Celeo Borjas of the Tela to revise the situation of the juzgado and tell me what is happened and he informs me that all the papers have dissappeared from the files. We are thinking of putting a formal process again with Peruga, Medina, Cutin and Salinas as witnesses. By the way I was informed that Torres was here at the Police Station last Saturday reporting a truck he is driving now. What is your advice? Ever yours,

Amado (over)

We have just received a letter from Mrs Elizabeth Guy Pettit, 2318 West 40th, Topeka, Kansas, USA. This lady writes agricultural articles and wants something about you to publish in Kansas Farmer, Lappers Farmer and other agricultural publications. She knows your relatives and is asking Paddock to help her to organize a trip through Central American countries accompanied by Mrs. Marjorie Rosen Crosley of Topeka, your cousin. I have a short biography on you and will try to locate it to send it to this lady. I will also try to make some pictures of you to send them along. I tell you this in case you want to get in touch with them.

BARRIE AGRICOLA LANAMARCA
HONDURAS EDUCADORA

20 January 1939

Dear doctor:

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Antigua, 19 March 1959

Dear Amado:

I sure have been slow in answering your letter of 20 Jan, but as you know, we were in California until the first of March. It was the first time I had been "home" in eight years, and I had a fine time talking with Dr Schroeder and Dr Zentmyer and Dean Ryerson and all the rest of the Old Guard. I kept on telling them, remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte, "The Old Guard dies but the Old Guard never retreats".

As you probably learned long ago, that article which appeared in the Diario Latino was wrong. Last year I was invited to come back to Salvador and run San Andres, but for several reasons I decided I could not tackle it. I want to write this book which I think will be of real value in tropical America. And so on. It is not a matter of salary. I am getting pretty old to tackle a new job like that; they said for me to come for only 2 or 3 years but I would either want to spend more time than that or not tackle the job at all.

Mario Jalil came over shortly after we returned from California and we had a fine talk. I think he will do well in the FAO. I didn't like to see him leave Zamorano, he has done such a fine job there, but you always have to think of a man's future and I suspect he can go far in FAO. He will probably get to work in a number of different and interesting countries.

The Allens are coming over here for Los Dias Grandes, next week, primarily so I can discuss with Mrs Allen the possibility of making some of her fine illustrations for my book. I don't know what I am going to do without some help from you. I could dictate just as I did in connection with the Salvador report, and you could transcribe the dictation with a little pulida. Salvat Editores are going to give the final pulida in Barcelona, so as to get it into the genuine idioma del Inmortal Cervantes - which is fine. They use better Spanish, more castizo, than we do over here, they don't say "ya mero llego" and they don't call a pretty girl a chula. I am wondering, since you will not be taking your vacation until May or June - if we could not get some work done together at that time. I am booked for a week in Costa Rica in June, for the meetings of the Caribbean Region, ASHS, but I could load you up before going to CR. Anyway, that is looking ahead and we will simply have to wait and see how things line up for you. I really don't know how I am going to handle the job without your help; if it works out that you can't tackle it, maybe you can suggest someone who could help me in the same way.

I am very sorry to hear that René Martínez was killed. You ask for my advice regarding the Oscar Torres business. It is probably too late to offer any advice - I have delayed primarily because I just think it is useless to do anything anyway. Don't you agree? Tell me if you have tried to get any action, and what the result has been.

Plenty of procesiones now and more next week of course. They are getting bigger and better every year. Lots of Roman Centurions now with steel helmets and shields and long lances.

Donna Elena joins in affectionate regards to all the family.



29 March 1959

Dear Doctor:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th instant. I'm glad you have had a good time at "home". Dr. Zentmyer has been here about two times since you left, and always collecting avocado material. Last graduation was held under the ficus trees, in front of the fountain. We had about 175 boys of your classes, since 1946 up to the present. The group from El Salvador keep very good memories of you; Julio Cesar Zepeda is now President of the Sociedad Agronomica Hondurana and said a few words and mentioned you as their leader and unforgettable professor. They put the tractor "Payaso" on a monument in front of the laundry and it was still running on its own steam.

Mario Jalil was here a few days ago; he came to know his little girl. I told him to tell you that due to several reasons I had to cancel my vacation definitely this year. Next year I expect to have some accumulative vacation (perhaps two months). This knocks down my desire to come and help you there for the month of June. Morcillo is leaving soon for Colombia for two months, plus traveling time, and I must remain here. My only idea for help is this: could you get in the United Fruit Company one tape recorder? These machines use a brown tape, which record sound on upper and lower side (just like typewriter ribbons). You could dictate in the little microphone and send two rolls with certain frequency to me. I would transcribe what you dictate, erase the rolls to be reused again by yourself. The manuscript should be sent to you by, let us say, groups of thirty or forty pages. I could do this work in the afternoons after my office hours. I would devote to this work with energy and enthusiasm. Also, if I could help taking some pictures for your book, I would do this with much pleasure as I am well equipped for this. Pictures would not cost you anything. You helped me in this line in the past, enough as to have gotten an indefinite account open for you. I do not think the substitution of Jalil will last too long. Dr. Curiel is an admirer of yours and made a recent trip to Lancetilla. I believe you could give him a lot of good advice; he is questioning why we do not have here a number of tropical plants. Paddock refered him to Morcillo (who is not too much familiarized with your introductions, and results of the past) He was sent to Lancetilla from where he returned yesterday with Chele Nayo. I walked up to San Antonio Jueves Santos at 3 p.m. Spent the night at the house in some "descansadoras". There are no beds. Only a few books, four descansadoras and two kerosene lamps and stoves. The yard is completely dried; the gardens are finished; the drinking water is still installed but Velasquez told me that they want to cut it; I do not believe the caretaker is given now any salary or food to maintain the house in good shape. Monseñor Turcios y Barahona came to "oficiar".

I am sorry that I have been away from my country so long that I could make any suggestions to you now.

Torres had the nerve to ask Paddock by letter to be refunded with the Retirement fund. Exactly what his mother verbally with you. Paddock asks me about this and I told him the story of his mother coming here

to ask for the same money long ago. Paddock called the accountant, Mr. Dixon, and quoted the Policlinica bill to Torres, plus three months of my salary, and during which time I didn't work for the school. This adds up to something like L. 5,700 lempiras. Torres was explained by letter that this amount was charged to his personal account by the school because he has injured an employee during working hours on the date of his escape. Paddock also told him that he had not terminated his work with the school normally, but after this criminal event he had robbed a pick up and escape. Copy of this letter went to Lawyer Borjas who is trying to bring this case to a trial in court.

Apparently what has happened is this. Torres presented himself when ChiloColindres, our neighbor here in Zamorano, was appointed Juez. Chilo fixed things for him, called Pineda, Paredes, Cutin and Doña Ana to declare on my conduct, etc., left Torres free "bajo fianza" and they put in the papers that Torres had been put free during "indulto" de la Junta Militar de Gobierno (which is only for reos politicos).

I talked with Borjas and gave him all the proofs I could get; told him that Medina, Peruga and Toño Ruiz are my principal witnesses and Cutin. That if necessary he can bring the new judge to Zamorano to reconstruct the crime; the shots ~~xxx~~ marks are still in the varandas; etc. etc., but apparently things go very slowly in the Juzgados. In the meantime Torres married the girl from Chagüite, with whom he was about to marry when he shot me. The lawyer has copies of Paddock's correspondence with Torres; I made photographic copy of his letter to complete files. Borjas said he would wait Torres' reply to Paddock about the payment of the 5,700 lempiras before his retirement fund is given back to him, but you and I know that he will never answer this letter. So, all we I am doing is waiting. If someday this case goes to court all I will ask is that he be penalized for what he did, according with the law; that he pays back to the school the money; for my personal injuries and sufferings ~~and~~ I will never ask for anything. I believe this is fair enough But I do not believe Torres and his family think so.

Well dear doctor I must close by now. Pardon the mistakes that the typewriter makes every other line. I sincerely hope that we will find some way to push that book together. If you have other suggestions and ideas please give them to me.

Saludes a todos. Our respects and love to you and doña Helena.

Ever yours,

Amado

P.D. I had forgotten to tell you that we have now, on the campus, 66 reclusas from the usual countries, (but the D. Republic), including Bolivia, Peru and Chile. All are paying their transportation and 38 dollars for semester matriculation fees. We have to see how this experiment keeps going in the near future. One Panameño has already decided to go home. Also one Honduran from Ocotepeque. English classes will begin for them tomorrow Monday.

Antigua, 12 April 1959

Dear Amadeo:

Many thanks for your letter of 29 March. I wrote you my new idea about the book - that I should draft it in English and send it over to you so that you could put it into Spanish. I believe is about the only way we can work it. I don't like the tape-recording idea very well because there are so many technical terms involved which would really have to be spelled out. I will not be able to start, I am afraid, until June, for I have several papers to write first - finish the report on Spain for the California Avocado Society and write a paper for the Costa Rica meeting of the Am Soc Hort Science, and so on. And in two or three weeks I must fly down to Venezuela. I had planned to go today but had to postpone it.

Dña Elena and myself were both very glad to have news of San Antonio de Oriente. We will never forget that place. We think it is one of the loveliest spots in Honduras, and the little house the most attractive we built during all the years we were at Zamorano. I hope sooner or later someone will want to use the place and put the garden in shape again, but I realize that on that terribly rocky soil a garden which is left without much attention for a year is gone. When I come over there again I would like to talk with Dr Paddock about the future of the place. As you probably remember, Rafaelito asked that it be given to the town as a sort of Casa Cural and Guest House. This would be allright, but perhaps sooner or later some local fellow with a little cuello would move in and just take possession of it. Maybe it could be turned over to Monseñor Turcios, for the Church. But the whole thing will depend on what Dr Paddock wants to do, and I imagine the matter will just stand in the present form indefinitely. Yesterday we had a very fine letter from Alfonso Maradiaga - no doubt you saw him when you were up there. He wrote very warmly about all we did for the pueblo and how much they missed our frequent visits. You mention Velasquez, from which we naturally assume he is still living there. We heard that he intended to move into Tegucigalpa. I don't suppose he sells many pictures these days. Incidentally, we brought a lot of them over here, as you know. We had been buying one at a time for some years and had accumulated a good many more than we have room for here, so we sold ten of them to Mr Redmond, the President of UFCo. He will not have a real collection of these pictures, the only one in existence. If you see Velasquez at any time, tell him about this; it will please him.

I don't see your father very often; met him on the street the other day and he said he is not living here in town any more - up at his finca near - what is it? San Miguel or something like that. There are lots of houses being rebuilt in Antigua - I suppose 25 or so. Don Benes Estrada has been grave for some days; they say he is slightly better but at his age, 93, I feel pretty doubtful that he can really get well. There have been lots of tourists during March but since Semana Santa fewer are coming. We went to Panajachel with Paul and Dorothy Allen; I could hardly recognize the place, it has developed into a really big resort.

Always yours,



11 April 1960

Dear Dr Popenoe:

I have been wishing to write you and explain about my vacation, but always something comes up and I have gotten behind. I received your last letter in which you say you have a job to do in Nicaragua.

I discussed my vacation with Dr. Paddock and the accountant. They told me that according with the new regulations, I have the right to leave for two months starting the first of June. That means I will be there June and July complete. The reason is that two years ago I took my vacation from the first to the end of May, and the accountant said we are entitled to vacation every twelve months and not every eleven. Do you see this? This means next year I will be able to take my vacation starting the first of August. As you know, I can't argue this point and will act accordingly. I hope this will not interfere too much with your plans, but there is nothing I can do. Confidentially, the Código del Trabajo says that the patron can call any employee on vacation in case of need and pay the rest of the vacation later; it also reads that no employee on vacation is supposed to do any work for anybody else. This Código es a master piece. When it was made effective every said here: HONDURAS HAS A LABOR CODE BUT THERE IS NO WORK!

I have not forgotten about the seeds. I will go by and find them around the 20th of this month. What happened with the apple cuttings from Guinope. Do you want any more?

Morcillo is intered in the ~~Policlínica~~ Viera Hospital. He was found spots in his lung and is now under a checkup. I hope it will not turn to be TB or Cancer. This would be a tremendous blow to his family. I drove Mrs. M yesterday to the Viera and while there I saw Pablo Standley. He looks very well in spite of his 76 years of age. He wants to move into a cheaper place down in the city but I did not recommend any place. I think Viera (if he can afford it) is the best for him, quite, clean, nice people, etc. He is paying there \$100.00 (dollars). He told me that don Chico offered him to move to Salvador if he cares to do so. He did not tell me anything definite about this. I do not believe Standley really want to go to any other place. He mentioned to me that when the end would come he would go to Miami. Has he anybody there?????

Best regards. Please tell my mama that I am not coming yet, because she is waiting for us about the middle of May.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amado". Below the signature, the name "Amado" is printed in a small, simple font.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

26 November 1959

Dear doctor Popenoe:

Please forgive me for my tardiness in replying to your two letters. I got one right after I got back from the Policlinica, about four weeks ago. They cut my appendix and my Goldbladder which was very infected with a big rock. I've been working but until now I feel strong again. I haven't advised my people in Antigua because I did not think it was necessary and would worry them. While I was operated in the Policlinica I knew that Carlitos Aguilar Woods, that thin fellow that you accepted in Zamorano, recommended by Lic. Sikaffy, and who was my yardero for some time was receiving serum transfusions there. He wrote me from Cal Poly asking for the titulo which we sent; right after he told me that he had felt sick and that he was found to be suffering of Leucemia. The boy was in Cal Poly sent by the Banco Nacional de Fomento. He had to come back. They are keeping him in his job but the poor kid is hopeless. He knows this and of course is very unhappy.

I am very glad you tell about your trip to El Salvador. I miss our trips there to examine boys; all that group there was always very cooperative and full of enthusiasm. Alvaro Mencia of the 46 class is now on loan (ENF) teaching here Agricultural Economics for one year. Roehrs was sent to New York to study this for teaching the coming year. Paco Matamoros is back in Tegucigalpa and he is "dog doctor"; he got his Veterinary doctorate in Mexico. Arce is here also. They have only boys with Zulema.

Last year I spoke to Paddock about getting my travelling money (plane fare) to go over land; he said this was not right and refused to give this to me. Later they allowed Manuel Valle this plane fare equivalent and he and his wife went to Guatemala by jeep, via Sta Rosa de Copán. This year I doubt very much I can go because the school loaned me 800 lempiras which I must start paying in January (this was for the operation) and if they do not let me go in my car to take my family again as I always used to do, I don't think I can make it. Last year a fellow Corley had no money to go to the States but he was allowed to spend this money which was in the budget and he took his whole family (wife and three kids) to New Orleans for a week-end! (Just to spend the money). I am no longer an executive like I used to be; now I'm what people in Latin America call a "pelele". I do things like a cook follows his cook-book, or else. I mentioned your problem of secretary to Paddock but he seems not to understand it; Morcillo suggested that you refer any correspondence regarding the EAP to here for replying. I understand that you, personally, must have a lot of "consultas" which must be answered. Too bad but that is the price of being famous. I got a recent letter from Johnny Popenoe. He is at Homestead, Florida, where he will hybridize tropical fruits.

Yesterday I was at Güinope. People is worried because their orange and lemon trees are dying fast. They dry at the top of the branches and you can see deep scars like "Kanker" in the trunks. There is nobody here who could help them. What do you suggest? The EAP is no longer a place where people can get seeds, materials of propagation, free. We sell now and cash! ~~Exs~~This year corn was sold to Satica. I believe it was seed for planting crossed by Freytag. Since you left we have not collected a good rice crop. All of them have been "vanas". People say that is the

Planting time what is wrong. I told the Dean to do something about some failures Freytag was having, but he did nothing. I believe he does not want to have any trouble with a "gringo" and that he is very happy the way he is know. Spends all his time in my ex-office, next to your ex-office.

My salary is the same you left to me, i. et. exactly 880 lempiras per month. This is good enough for me. The only trouble is that living expenses have gone much higher now, we pay higher taxes now, and kids consume too much money. I think and understand that the best thing for me is to hang to this job until they get tired of me and fire me. This is another problem that I wanted to discuss with you during your cancelled trip this month. It looks like now that if I resign all I get is a month salary and probably EAP would send my things to Guatemala; now, if I am fired because not wanted (not fired for offenses to anyone) then I get something like five or six months' salary, according with the new Labor Code. This situation makes me think that they would like that I resign to make things very cheap for the school, but that would be very bad for my economy after sixteen years of service. What do you think?

Dr. Ortega is now head of the Animal Husbandry Department. Julio Pineda is in charge of the chickens and of the English language. Dr. Curiel has resigned and will go to some other job at the end of this semester. I heard rumors that one or two Ph. D's also want to go but this is not official. Dr. Raplus left. He didn't even finish one year here! But we continue interested in Ph. D's only! Our budget was finished about half year this 1959. Now we cannot buy anything even for the office. I'm short of carbon paper! Mr. Cabot came here while I was in hospital; Paddock asked him money to enlarge the endowment fund and Cabot said not to expect any money from him, personally but that he would help to find it. Cabot was on his way to open Oil wells in Patagonia I heard! Doris Stone came also while I was in bed but I don't think any improvement was made to the endowment fund! Paddock has the idea that Mr. Zamurray will leave more money to the EAP in his will. What do you know about this? We had a meeting at which Paddock said that everybody should continue working very hard; not to worry about the news that FCo. is pulling out; but that we must convince wealthy people and institutions for getting some millions for the endowment fund. The idea was to reach to 8 million or 10, which, according to Paddock would produce something like \$500,000 dollars yearly to keep the EAP going full blast. I believe that Paddock "no tiene los pies sobre el suelo". He told me at the Policlinica: "Amado, just wait that get that money I am looking for and will improve Zamorano so much that you will not recognize your own office". I felt like telling him I don't want a better office, all I want is more confidence and good will. Not long ago a Korean wrote to the UF Co. in Boston asking for a beca. The letter was transferred here for reply. This reply was that the EAP had been established only for Latin Americans with Latin American parents, or at least one of them should be born in Latin America. This is absolutely false as you know that we have here a Chilean Enrique Gentsch whose both parents are Germans; this coming year we are accepting a Spaniard, born in France, and who expect to nationalize a Guatemalteco to fill the requirements. Things go like this everywhere. We never know what to believe and what to trust. Juan Fernandez and I were talking yesterday in my office (Paddock installed these speaking machine everywhere when he came to hear conversations) about the good will you always showed to everybody here. For example, Juan commented on the trip you sent him to Spain when his father was very ill. This trip has made his father live, Juan comments, and how I can forget this? After I was shot you sent me to Guatemala so that my people could take a look to me, I told Juan, how can I forget this? We both are convinced that we have lost too much without you here. We work hard as usual, but with a very different attitude that we used to do it before. I don't boycott anything as I love the school; but as I have mentioned before I just exist here, and work like a machine.

I'll be waiting for the MS of the book to tackle the job as soon as possible. Regards to don't know. I accept my gratitude for everything.

Amado

Antigua, 20 April 1960

Dear Amado:

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th, which came rather late because you know we have a lot of things to do in Antigua during Semana Santa. Entre parentesis, the procesiones are getting better every year! And we sometimes have as many as three a day.

I am writing Nicaragua that I will come there for ten days in May. I am not asking them for any money; I will ask them to pay my expenses and nothing more. I want to help, as you well know, but I don't want to pay my bill at the Hotel Lido. I shall go alone.

You are absolutely in the clear about working with me during your vacation. You are not getting any salary and you don't have a job in violation of the labor code. If when you get through with your vacation over here, and if I want to give you a little present because of what you have done for me during these past 30 years, there is no violation of the labor code.

I am sorry to hear about Morcillo. Paco Sierra who is here now, has told me the same story you tell me. I hope his trouble will prove to be something not at all serious. I know he worked very hard when he went up to Michigan. He couldn't get through in one year. I urged the Rockefeller Foundation to give him another year. They did it. He worked very hard for another year. Please keep me informed about what seems to be wrong. I would like to see Morcillo stay in the field of Latin American agriculture and be useful. He is still young.

I talked with Pablo Standley twice in Tegucigalpa and with Chico de Sola about him. We could have fixed up in San Salvador or here in Antigua. We realized that he gets tired of staying at Viera. But on fixing the matter mature thought, we doubt that we can find a better place for him than Viera. What I would like to do is this: keep him occupied! That is all he needs. Maybe we can do it. You ask about Paul's connections at Miami. I don't think he has any. He has a sister at Fort Myers, Florida, whom he asked me to write in case of his death. I have suggested to him that he go up there and live with his sister's family; he has said No, I do not want to bother them, they took care of our mother and that is enough. I have talked to Antonio Molina fully about Paul Standley's situation. He might live another year, he might live ten years more. Antonio knows that he would like to be buried in San Antonio de Oriente. To my mind the situation is this: let him stay at Viera but do try to give him something to do. I think he should go out to Zamorano every week and work in the herbarium. I would encourage botanists to come and consult him at Viera.

I will step around the corner and tell your mother that you will not be coming as soon as you had expected,

Ever yours,

enclosed Few seeds of white machulizo



9 de Mayo de 1960

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I received your last letter. Thank you for the news about my family. I knew that my brother had done something that bad, but did not know he was locked up in jail. As my father says, it might good for him to remain there a while to learn a lesson; some people prefer the hard ways!

I have been collecting seeds of white and red machulizo. Do you want me to give don Chico both kinds; and do you want some of them too? I am not clear if you are asking the seeds all for don Chico. I will do as you please.

On either May 15 or 16 is my mother's birthday. If you can, will you please give her \$15.00 and tell her that is my birthday present? I will pay you as soon as I get there. If you and doña Helena have to get away for that time, will you please have María do that for me? It is hard to buy checks in town and since we are seeing each other soon I prefer to abuse your kindness in this respect.

Amado Paz just died few days ago. When you were here I did not know anything about his whereabouts. Later, Torito Garcia told me that Adán Zepeda, his cuñado, told him, that Paz had undergone an operation (an ulcer torn) and that Paz walked out of the room too soon and got neumonia. The case got complicated and Paz died in the Policlinica and was taken back to Danlí for his family. Adán Zepeda is now the baby doctor of the policlinica and also Assistant Director of the General Charity hospital San Felipe. He has a new home, two cars, telephone at his home, etc. etc. Adán has brilliant future ahead of him. Toño Acosta, our driver got a few drinks during the wholly week, decided to take a ride in a bicycle and fell. Consequence: Tibia and peroné broke. He has been at the Policlinica since then and he does not get any help because he was not on duty.

Dr. Paddock is away. He will return until I am gone. So far we are pending ^{on} whether the school will operate in trimester or semester basis. Paddock is supposed to advise by radio when he meets the board of directors, I understand. I understand also that he is hunting for money in the States. He asked Moncho Urbina to make a budget for a new dormitory to join the two near the messhall, leaving an arch to pass for the messhall, an arch something similar to the one in the staff house. We do not know what is going to happen but we all hope that if money is what we need, he gets it.

Morcillo apparently has a rare disease in his lung: Fungi. The 25 X-rays and some other kind of samples were sent to the hospital at La Lima; Rosa Margarita said to us that he got fungi; some difficult terminology that he did not understand but that she heard that only a few cases have occurred in Tegucigalpa. So far we do not know for sure if he can get well with pills and rest and shots; or if he has to take an operation. We do not know either if he is going to do it here or go to the States. His wife wants to take him to the States. However, she says that Luis looks allright and that he has gained a few pounds recently. Luis is on indefinite leave of absence for illness; Pineda right after the boy was born. Hasta aquí mis noticias. Afmo.

Amado

Fernando, Fernando etc Cardona (now at Florida) has been employed to substitute Pans Sierra. Suspect to be in Ontigua on June 2nd. It is raining very hard here. I collected the seeds on time. Saludes.

Antigua, 13 May 1960

Dear Amado:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th which has just come. I am giving your mother \$15 on Sunday and telling her it is a birthday present from you. The following day, Monday the 16th, I am flying to Managua for 10 days to work for the Instituto de Fomento Nacional - to discuss the organization of a fruit development program. I shall be back here by the end of the month and I hope you will do everything possible to have two months in Antigua and help me on the book as we have planned.

Thanks for the macuelizo seeds. I am sending them to Don Chico but he will want some more. He needs only the white ones, from that tree over on the road to San Francisco. By the time you come there should be a lot more of them ready. Get all you can just before you come over here and bring them with you; if there are plenty I will give Don Chico all he wants and send some to Hawaii and some to Florida. As for the pink tree down on the road toward the Yeguaré, get all the seeds you can from that one, bring them over here, and I will divide them between Florida and Hawaii. Keep the seeds from these two trees separate so we will know which is which. I can get you a few \$\$ out of this job.

Almost a year ago I asked Paul Allen to bring me some bejuocos from the camote we have been growing at Zamorano for so many years. It is color de café outside and very yellow inside and quite sweet. He brought some bejuocos but they were not of that variety; they are of a variety we got from Louisiana which is only fair in quality; and it is morado outside. When you come over, ask the fellow who has charge of camotes to give you 50 to 100 bejuocos, each 1 foot long (the right size for planting) of the Puerto Rico variety which is the one we have grown for use of the houses and mess hall; the purple one from Louisiana is good for chanchos. Tell the man to give you a sample camote if possible, of the kind you bring the bejuocos; I want to get this variety established at Pintado and San Sebastián. If you come by airplane, they will probably take the bejuocos from you at the airport; just let them do it (bring them wrapped up in a piece of plastic) and Mario Jalil will get them the next day; he has cuello.

Mighty sorry to hear about Morcillo; I wish we knew ^{you} something more about his trouble. I have thought it must be TB but ~~say~~ it is some rare disease. Hugh wrote me that El Gran Capitan is going to take the place of Paco Sierra. I am really sorry to see Paco leave the school; I think he had a good future there, but I am afraid Paco will never be quite satisfied anywhere.

Don Benedicto Estrada died quietly in his sleep two nights ago and we went to his funeral day before yesterday. The mother of our yard boy Gonzalo died yesterday morning. ~~Amado~~ Santis the maestro albañil is in the hospital very sick; they say he has tifoidea. I hope he will get well but I am not sure; he looks very badly; has been in bed almost two weeks now.

Remember I am counting on you about June 2nd. We will work hard in June and July.

Ever yours,



24 Agosto 1960

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I forgot to ask you when you were coming back from Peru, but Leonor Ordoñez told me who had passed through Tegucigalpa with Kitty Coolidge already. That is why I am writing you now. I enclose the photographs I took in Guatemala with you. In case you want any duplicates, just say so and I will make and send them from here.

Memo Herrera brought this mantequilla tag. He says that about four or five years a visitor who passed by here gave, as a present, a good lot of them to the school. Now they are about exhausted and Memo would like to order more but he does not remember the name of the visitor who gave them to the school and since this was a "regalo" there are no records in the M&S about them. Can you help by remembering the story of the way they came and who was the person??

I just talked to the Chulita en San Antonio. She sends best regards to all of you and thanks for the Medallón you sent her through me. I talked to her because Dr. Paddock wants her to hold the key of the house up above. She would like to do this but we will start in November. Jose Feliciano will continue for only two more months. La Chulita was offered L 5.00 to keep the key; the BAP will furnish the house again later and when more visitors come she will offered pay in accordance of the visits made to the house (this includes cleaning of the house and helping visitors around). The gardens will be maintained by men paid by the BAP and who live up in San Antonio (probably one fellow who is in the BAP payroll will be asked to garden and cut the grass one day or two weekly when necessary and the Chula is supposed to supervise him for that time). La Chulita told me that no furnishings of any kind were given here by Jose Feliciano and that the house was delivered to her on the 18 instand in a very poor shape and damaged on purpose in some respects (probably Jose Feliciano did it as he was very mad about the deal).

Dr. Paddock made a trip up with Prof. Albert S. Muller yesterday. He has decided to put the house back on its feet and he expects to use it more frequently himself. Undoubtedly other will follow him. You know how we are!

Fick has been fighting with Dr. P for the servant allowance as this will probably be cut off his salary. The main ~~any~~ argument is that Paddock has insisted that the Ficks use the house fully and not partially as they have been doing always. I talk took place about this some months ago, but apparently Fick never brought his wife to life here; now it appears that they never used fully; she spends most of her time in the farm and the house is half-abandoned and Pineda told me that now the Ficks are raising chickens in the servant quarters. They do not keep servants at all. I inform this to you because I believe Paddock is right in some respects to ask for the money allowance back since it was established to keep the houses in good shape and make full use of them. Another problem is that Fick insists in having Wednesdays off and this disturbs in part the teaching program. Paddock has never agreed on this exception and I think he has written you about this.

I will wait for any work you have for me on the book. Best regards to all of you.
Affectionately yours,

Guadalupe Pineda

Swerman has resigned as off the end of this semester. Chel Wang and Miguel Elm are the traveling professors for this year. Thank you for all the help you gave me on the car.

10 October 1960

Dear ^{Dr.} Popenoe:

Many thanks for the \$15.00 check which so kindly sent me. It was not requested but badly needed. Thanks again. Antonio Molina has arrived but I have had no chance to talk with him; I heard, though, through his wife that he had not much suerte in Guatemala with a heavy rain of applicants. We always seem to have trouble to find good Guatemalans. Now two of this country are in danger of losing their becas for poor grades. By the way I received already two letters from Wiland Gundersen who is now at Florida. He tells me that the one year arrangement has not allowed him to come to an agreement with Bert Muller as regards what he wanted to study over there. Now social sciences are compulsory to get the B.S. in one year and this curtails time for other subjects of importance. For instance this boy wanted to study agricultural engineering ("Drainage and Irrigation" and the government of Guatemala was interested in his services after graduation and had promised a help of \$1500 to finish his education. Wiland has written them that he cannot take courses in this field and the government has withdrawn its help. Wiland tells me he is repentant to have accepted this beca. I have not commented anything with Dr. Paddock yet on this; I merely ~~xxx~~ mentioned this to Julio Pineda. I hope the other scholarship holders do not feel the same way. The money allowed to each of them is \$2,050.

Yesterday I received your letter about Uyuca. Please forgive me for not having done anything about it yet. I went immediately to see Morcillo and gave him a copy of your letter and he promised he will take a look in the Engineering office. I have similar copies to Salgado and Torres. Now, regarding Octavio Pineda: he was shut on his knee-cap by mistake and I understand he still lives in the empalme of Tatumbula but cannot walk very well. I will go up and see him (if the map is now found around here) and will see what can be done about re-constructing nne. Morcillo told me he remembers one map of the whole Uyuca property, but not one of the plantings. We will see and I will report to you as soon as I know something about it.

I enclose a letter which came from Mr. S. D. Markman for you.

The director wants now to buy the house of San Antonio for its book value. He has bought furnishings for it (personally) and wants me to help to find a family who would have enough children as to take care of the yard and garden (one boy); and a girl who would haul firewood, cook, be a laundry, clean the house, etc. when they or the visitors come to the village. You know my people better than me but I doubt that the "Chula" would like to become a maid. In your case it was different because those people were treated as personal friends. Anyway I will try. How much salary do you think could be offered to each one of the permanent employees for this sort of thing? Mr. P mentioned that he would pay the maid on per visits price, let us say, 3 lemps for everytime people came to the house. What do you think of this system? Jose Feliciano already evacuated the house. TIME INSURANCE COMPANY (Paddock's family Company) has offered to insure the staff of the EAP in a group, for health and medical expenses. For a man like me they want a premium of \$9.75 and they expects the school will pay the 50% of this for every employee making L 300 up per month. This is one of things to bring up to the November meetings of our Board of Trustees. He will also come back with his quarter, or trimester system for approval. The \$ 124,000 (dollars) from the U.S. government have not gotten yet. The propaganda program for new students and the travelling of professors continues to be an expensive one. I never agreed with this because although it is possible it has brought better students to the school, it has not kept all of them. For instance the actual number of the 1962 class is 46 and it started with something like 75 or 78. And the worst of all is that these boys have left voluntarily rather than for academical reasons. The latter are the fewer.

I must quit now because mid-year exams start today and I have lots of work. Regards to doña Helena and you receive all my esteem as always.

Amado

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

27 October 1960

Dear doctor Popenoe,

It has been impossible for me to locate the planting maps of Uyuca. Luis Morello could not find them at the engineering office. Dr. Paddock referred me to Sr. Gustavo Pérez who does not have any. Assistants Salgado and Torres of Horticulture do not know anything about the whereabouts of these maps. I finally went to see Octavio Pineda at the empalme of Tatumbala and he is invalid; some fellows had an argument in his home while he was visiting his family (Octavio was cancelled by the EAP and got a job in Progreso) and by misfortune one of these guys pulled out his gun and hit Octavio's knee cap and tibia. I found him with a cast from knee down and cannot walk. However he told me that he remembered the names of the trees and could help to re-make another map to Dr. Krochmal or assistants if they give him a horse to climb Uyuca. I have explained this to Dr. Krochmal.

I do not know anything about Paul Allen having these maps, however this is a slight hope, but I really doubt that Paul at this time remembers or has these maps in his possession.

At Furman departure Dr. Krochmal is in charge of editing GEIBA so I asked him about how many copies of FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA are left. He told me that there are a few in case you want some copies. I gather that Dr. Krochmal want to use the FRUTICULTURA as a textbook here with the boys.

I have passed your request about "Naturalists' Guide to the Americas" to Antonio Molina and as soon as I hear from him I will let you know.

You have a wonderful memory, it is true that Mercer Russell graduates at Williams. I am very happy to hear that don Chico de Sola got his Doctorate in Law there as a tribute to him for all the useful work he has done in Central America. More power to him!

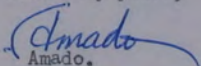
I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Wayne H. Fisher.

Are you still writing the book? I hope so, and don't forget that I am willing to help in any way possible.

You probably heard that Coronel Lemus was put out of the Presidency of El Salvador. I don't know if this any good or not. Here we continue to have problems with labor..... just to much Código de Trabajo. Jacobo Zelaya is our agent in town and as soon as he can find a telephone he will move into an office in the second or third floor of Banco Atlantida. Luis Sandoval divorced from the gal he married in Guatemala, went to Rivas to continue studying, and we have just heard that married again! I thought that the Blue Beards did not exists nowadays.

Best wishes for you and doña Helena.

Sincerely yours,


Amado.

cc: Dr. Krochmal.

Antigua, 2 November 1960

Dear Amado:

Thanks for your letter of 27 October and copy of the one you wrote Chico about Adolfo Perez Guerra. I thought I was right in recalling that Adolfo was the chap who stole the McClellan saddle but I did not want to saything to Chico because I was not quite sure. That boy's grades at EAP certainly were not too good. I would never hire a bot with a record like that. I wonder how he got along with Carlos Lopez y Leche. I am sure he did not do too well or Carlos would not be letting him go. If my memory is not faulty, Adolfo had a half-brother at the school who was better.

Thanks for the letter from Wayne Fisher. He married the girl I was supposed to marry - she and I grew up together in California, and her mother and my mother had been girlhood friends. I got a copy of Wayne's letter and wrote him that I do not advise their coming in a station wagen with the idea of camping along the way and sleeping in the car. You can plan your trip so that every night you will reach a decent place to sleep - you know that. From Oaxaca to San Cristobal las Casas to Huehuetenango to Quezaltenango to Panajachel to Antigua and so on. No trouble at all.

It seems we shall have to forget about the map of Uyuca, but I appreciate the trouble you have taken, trying to find a copy. I do not believe Paul Allen took one with him to North Borneo; when he comes home will find out, but I think the best plan now is for someone to send Octavio a horse; go up there with him, and up good labels on the trees Octavio can identify. Talk to Dr Krochmal about this. The important feature is that there is a rapidly growing interest in these temperate zone fruits here in the tropics - Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Colombia and Venezuela. There is propagating material of great value on Uyuca and there will be a demand for it during the next few years. I have written Dr Paddock about this.

About Fruticultura Centroamericana: I do not suppose there are enough copies to serve as text books for even one class. In Salvador they asked me at the Esc Nal de Agr if they could buy copies to use as text books and I told them I was sure there not enough left; and I recommend that they multigraph or copy the thing some way or other - you have such good equipment these days, you can copy even the pictures very well. I would do the same at Zamorano, for I do not believe it will be easy to get an inexpensive and simple text as good as this.

Yes, I am still working on the book but in English. I think I will publish it first in that language, then get someone to translate it - someone like Luis Sarasola in Spain or Mario Jalil, someone who is quite familiar with the subject and the terminology.

Always sincerely,



8 September 1960

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your last letter and mine probably crossed on their way! I am sorry for not having replied sooner about Morcillo, but I have been compiling information to be sure.

Apparently he was operated in the States (a piece removed in his left lung base). The doctors over there wanted to tell him all about his case but Mrs. M asked them to keep it quiet. Now the situation is that apparently he has hopes to get well. I don't know if he really believes he will get well or not. I doubt it very much. Luis has not come back to the office. He has walked two or three times over here, very slowly, just to look around really. He has been doing some work at home, class schedules for next semester, answering some letters occasionally. He went to town last Sunday to see the football between Costa Rica and Honduras and he is going to see the same teams playing in Costa Rica next Sunday. His brother, Pedro Pablo, the youngest, came to see him and spent a few days here. I believe Rosa Margarita told him the whole truth. Pedro Pablo left very nervous and he had left his money, his passport and all his papers here and I had to run and reach him on the highway. He told me it never happened to him but it was so difficult to say good-bye to his brother that he lost his control.

As far, as I know, the EAP is paying his trip and treatment in the States. No thanks. And he will continue to receive his salary until the end. I believe this is false enough. Now, I have heard comments that her brother, Carlos the lawyer in Tegucigalpa wants the EAP to pay for the education of Morcillo's kids! This is just a rumor I do not know how much is true. One thing I know it is true, no matter what good the EAP does or behaves well toward Morcillo, her family will never be satisfied. Don't you think so?

I have heard that Luis is planning in teaching one class this coming semester. I asked about this to Julio and he said he has heard this is true. However, he commented that the Mrs. said he will teach if he wants to but that this is not compulsory.

Fick has resigned at the end of this semester. Furman has resigned for the second time and now I heard he has withdrawn his resignation after an argument with Dr. Paddock and two lawyers (one on each side of the case in Tegucigalpa). We believe Furman wants to be fired because this way he gets more money; we believe so because he is still talking about leaving and packing. Paddock is away for two weeks. Fernando Fernandez de Cordova has arrived and will take charge of the Chemistry Lab. Chele Nayo has took off to South America for entrance examinations. He and Miguel Elvir will take care of the examining this year.

I am awfully sorry about the Cass Salvat. I was very enthusiastic about having your book in Spanish for Latin America. I am also sorry that you incurred in expenses in a useless manner. Perhaps if the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza wants it I could be of some help. In any case, if you have more work to translate or copy just send it along. Good luck and my regards to doña Helena.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amador Pelaez", written in a cursive style.

Antigua, 14 Dec 1960

Dear Amado:

I guess the last news I had from you was the letter from the guy who wanted to get puas of the Fuerte avocado, for a farm he has at Atlixco about 5 miles from the original Fuerte tree and three miles from the biggest orchard of Fuertes in Mexico. I told him to see Enrique Gilly who has the orchard at Xahuentla and also to get in touch with Frank Magdahl who has an avocado nursery not more than 20 miles from Atlixco.

I had a letter from Dr Krochmal which I have answered three days ago. I am happy to see his interest in CEIBA. I greatly hope he can get this excellent journal back on its feet. He asked me to write a short paper about the history of the plantings of Uyuca. I know the story and can write it for him in one morning's work, but I am not quite sure about the dates. Can you find out when we bought that property where the fruit trees are planted. We bought it from a guy in Tatumbula - I think it was 16 manzanas or something like that. Or maybe it is that I offered him 16 Lemps for it and he asked two thousand and I gave it to him. But the date of the purchase must be in the files. Then, when did we begin planting in that little piece of land which was an old crater? I think Don Fiester started the work. The records will show what years Don was at the school. Please check the records and let me know. After Don's time I think Octavio carried it on, and I went up there every once in a while, and then Mario took over until he left. Is that right?

Tell Maestro Quintanilla to take good care of that avocado tree which I grafted behind the house he now has; I believe there are two very good varieties on it and it might provide some valuable information (tell him I only want the information, I don't want the aguacates!) I am sorry I did not label the two branches, but I did not think we would ever have any interest in the trees. I have the feeling that one is Simmonds and the other is Both 8. Pero solo Dios sabe, y Dios es muy dallado.

As for "Naturalists Guide to the Americas", Molina is right in that I put a lot of my books in the library, some as gifts, others on loan. When I left there, I noticed that Dr Williams had marked quite a few as gifts, when I had intended them to be on loan. Tell Antonio I will leave the Naturalists Guide until I come over again, but I would like to get ten more copies of Fruticultura Centroamericana to have bound here by Azmitia and give away when desirable. I assume this is a matter for Dr Krochmal and I can write him about it later if necessary. Every month or two I get a request for a copy of the Fruticultura and since Azmitia binds them so well and so cheaply I would like to give away bound (encuadernado) copies when I can. I am very glad that there are a good many copies of Fruticultura still at Zamorano. I wish we had 500. The school at San Andres in Salvador would like to get enough copies for textbooks but we cannot supply.

Aqui todo muy tranquilo, con excepcion de los cohetes desde el 5.00 a m en adelante y las procesiones desde las 4.00 p m en adelante y los cohetes desde las 9.00 pm en adelante. Hago van venir la semana entrante para unos dias. Ever yours



26 Diciembre 1960

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Here is what I could get from the Accountant's office about Uyuca land:

<u>Location and Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>
		<u>Acquired</u>	
Lot No. 12, Uyuca	76	1948	L 2,050.00
Lot No. 24 "	211	1948	L10,020.50
Lot No. 13 "	17	1949	372.90
Lot No. 14 "	5	1949	136.10
Lot No. 15 "	5	1949	133.35
Lot No. 23 "	56	1949	4,014.50
Lot No. 25 "	<u>176</u>	1953	<u>5,074.45</u>
	<u>546</u>		<u>L 21,801.80</u>

Mr. Donald Fiester Jr, was employed on Sept. 3, 1947 and resigned on June 30th. 1951. This information was supplied by Mr. Monte Dixon.

I enclose a picture of maestro Quintanilla caressing his avocados. Octavio Pineda made the trip with Tomas Salgado, horticulturist ayudante and graduate of ours, and they both re-constructed a map of the Uyuca plantings. Saldado told me that they found a number of tags still in the trees and Octavio supplied the rest of the information. In talking with Dr. K. about re-employing Octavio he tells me that the idea now is to invite someone doing post-graduate work from U.S. universities to come and do thesis work in horticulture in Uyuca supplying the house and possibly food. I have not heard of any candidates yet.

As I recall Quintanilla tells me that when one branch of the tree is full bearing the other is completely out of season and vice-versa. When the other branch fruits I will send you a picture and perhaps looking at them you will classify the varieties easily.

I am asking Dr. Krochmal if he can mail you ten copies of Fruticultura Centroamericana as he is now in charge of our publications room.

Our news: I have heard that Bernardo Roehrs will leave (on probably indefinite leave of absence) after our graduation. He is trying to get a \$900 a month job with a lumber company. He, as you know, did not do very well in Agricultural Economics in Cornell and did not get título. Dr. Paddock is trying to hire Dr. Frank Bendaña for Biology and on a temporary basis for visiting professor to the various countries to give entrance examinations. He has not written back accepting. Mr. Fick left the school and he is now in his farm; he has a magnificent electric plant which provides him with good light and also with plenty of cold for his chickens, and meats. This was a second plant ~~which~~ bought from Casa Soto and installed by our new electrician Mr. Rollins Miller. A new school is being finished in Jicarito, total cost 8,200 lempiras. It was built with the Ladies Club money, Scide and government of Honduras, and a very modest contribution from the people in the village. It will be inaugurated next February. I hope everything is going well with you both and wish you much prosperity.

Ever yours,

Amado Selva

I have received Xmas cards for you from: Eve Lynn and Clyde, Mary & Nelson Rockefeller, Mr & Mrs Harlan Brewster



20 Jan. 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I enclose, herewith, a photo I took from an open avocado from Quintanilla's yard. This might help you in the final identification. When the other branch bears fruit I will take the same.

A few days ago I received a note from our M&S man, Victor Narvaez from La Ceiba, saying this: "1 caja de Cedro - 66 lbs 7" x 27" x 31", conteniendo fotografías, propiedad del Dr. Popenoe se encuentra en M&S desde hace más de tres meses. Qué se puede hacer con ella? I do not have any idea what these photos could be. Do you know? In case they are photos of yourself or of the school, what do you want us to do with them?"

A few days ago a chap from the auditoría del impuesto sent you a note saying that you have not paid taxes on a Volkswagen since three or four years ago. I wrote him the story that you do not have that car any more and that you drove in the former to Guatemala for good. I hope they do not bother you any more.

I spent a week-end in San Salvador, christening a baby girl of "Machinery" Cisneros, January 7, 8 and 9. I visited don Chico de Sola in his office for about 45 minutes. He told me that he wants to establish a Zamoranos Club or Sociedad. I told him the story on the Sociedades Agronomicas and told him also that we never agreed on having "Sociedades Agronómicas" just formed of Zamoranos to avoid peleas and constant friction. I also told him to get in touch with "Machinery" who is now, again, President of the Sociedad. This Society meets on third floor of Edificio Rubén Darío, every week. It takes graduates of Rivas, San Andres, Zamorano, and the States. I hope I oriented him well so that he does not create something which might cause hard feelings among agronomists from various institutions. I told don Chico also that Casa Salvat cancelled its agricultural branch of books; don Chico shows much interest in your book and he told me to ask you if you want him to do anything to have it published in El Salvador. By the way, do not forget my offer of helping you with any typing work. If you have any MS that you want me to copy with several copies, please send it along and it will cost you nothing. I have time to do it.

Dr. Paddock is leaving for the States this Saturday. Dr. Gordon Sweet is here. He is hard-boiled; he does not like our curve systems, etc. etc. Furman wrote him probably nasty letters about this system, etc. and he seems to have come here prepared to hammer us hard.

Morcillo is getting worse. He takes narcotics now at a rate of one every three hours. At the beginning he took two in the morning and had enough for the day. It is very noticeable his difficulty in breathing is getting more apparent. The man is worried (as he thinks he can recover because he was never told what he has) and takes continually X-Rays of his lungs in town, but the doctor (who is indoctrinated by wife) tells him constantly that results are perfectly normal. By the way I told don Chico that Rosa Margarit gave doña Doris in her last visit, a letter, in a very confidential way asking her to help them with the education of María the oldest daughter. Don Chico told me that that something very possible. When I passed this information to Dr. Paddock he told me to keep quiet because if something could be done in this line it should be done in such a way that this would not be a precedent for the rest of the members of the staff.

Regards to dona Eleon and hope you are fine - Oswald

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Antigua, 7 March 1961

APARTADO Bear Amado:

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

So many people have been on my hands that I have been slow in replying to your recent letters, and it has simply been impossible for me to complete the article on Uyuca, though I have sufficient data in hand to do it. I am glad Dr Krogh~~mal~~ with up there with Octavio. When I went with Don Chico de Sola a year ago we found quite a few of the labels still there, but others had fallen off and been lost, or were cut off when they pruned the trees and thrown away. I think Octavio knew most of the trees by name, and with his information we should know pretty well what we have.

Thanks for the picture of the avocado from the house which used to be Manuel Rubio's, if I recall correctly and is now Maestro Quintanillas. I am afraid I cannot identify this accurately; it most probably is Booth 7 or 8, or Choquette. Quintanilla is right; one branch of the tree I budded with this variety and the other with Simmonds which matures at a very different time of year.

Yes, I think I know about the box of pictures which is in the M&S. Talk to Armando about it. When I left, I did not take many pictures from my office, because I wanted Bill Paddock to keep as many of them as he desired - most of them are of people who had had some part in the origin or development of BAP. Armando later wrote me that the ones Bill did not want had been boxed and would be held for the first time someone is coming over here by car and can bring them, fine; I may be able to bring them myself on my next trip, but I do not know when that will be. In the meantime, I am sure they do not take up so much space in the M&S as to be a nuisance and will appreciate it if the box can be held until I get a chance to get it over here.

Mrs Coolidge (the widow of our old jefe "Jeff" Coolidge, arrives here day after tomorrow with a niece of hers and husband. They will stay a week. They are now planning to fly down to Costa Rica for a couple of days and come back to Zamorano with Doris for the graduation, since Dr Paddock has invited Mrs Coolidge to be present when the plaque is dedicated in memory of Mr Coolidge. I have planned to come over for the graduation, but they shifted the dates for the meeting of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc for Hort Science, and I have to fly to Miami on the 17th. After those meetings I am to take part in an important meeting of the Fairchild Tropical Garden near Miami (which Paul Allen ran for a year or more) and then I expect to go up to Gainesville and give a couple of seminars. Probably I will be away from here about three weeks. I hope to see Chico de Sola at Miami, also a lot of other friends.

I talked to the Extensionistas of the IAN in Guatemala City a week or so ago; then to the estudiantes in the Facultad de Agronomia at the new Ciudad Universitaria. Hector Murga is one of the big shots there - I believe they call him Jefe del Departamento de Agricultura. I have never received the copies of CEIBA with my Fruticultura Centroamericana which I asked for. Were they sent? If not, could they be sent so I can get them encuadrado by Azmitia and have them to give them; there is still quite a demand for them.

Ever yours,



25 April 1961

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Just to remind you to find out in Antigua if it is now time to renew the permit to continue my mother-in-law in that nicho at the Cemetery. She is buried on the wall around the corner of the right side of entrance; my mother could send a kid to show the location.

Her grave has a plate which reads her name MARIA DEL ROSARIO SIERRA Nacida en Sabanagrande, Honduras, (date) and the date of defunction. (I believe five years ago). If there is anything to be paid, please pay for me and I will re-imburse you. We do not want her to be taken away from that grave yet.

I hope to receive your news de cuando en cuando. My regards to Hugh and your daughters when you see them. I will never forget them all.

I wish ^{you} a good trip.

Ever yours,

Doctor: Don Chico sent you a wire Amado on 2 May which read as follows: Ruégole telegrafiar cuando regresar y cuantos días podrá pasar con nosotros. I wrote a brief note saying that you had to rush to Guatemala because Hugh was there and you had to meet with him. I hope I did right. Saludes.

Nicho # 726

24 May 1961

Mr. B. de Vries,
Fort Qu'Appelle,
Saskatchewan, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 10 for Dr. Wilson Popence has arrived here. I am forwarding it to Dr. Popence.

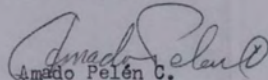
Dr. Popence has retired from the Escuela Agricola Panamericana three years ago and his permanent residence is:

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

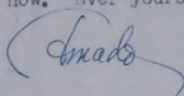
I know Dr. Popence travels a lot and might take some time before he answers to your letter.

I had the privilege to work for him for 19 years two and a half of which I spent in Guatemala and the rest here at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Sincerely yours,


Amado Pelén C.
Registrar

Dr. Popence: Many thanks for your nice letter. If I owe you some money for the payment of my suegra's nicho, please let me know. Mr. Cloward is writing you about the piece of land in San Antonio Cemetery. A work order has been made to fence the lot. Morcillo is coming back this Thursday and he wrote that the pain continues to bother him. Pulsifer and daughter are here. Pineda will get here shortly. Ortega's was fired. Krochmal is traveling thru Central America with some friends. I hope you share the room with Hugh at Florida. I believe this will do a lot of good to you. Seguro Social is becoming compulsory in Honduras (EAP is in now as we belong ~~the~~ to the D.C.) This is an experiment only with Distrito Central. Employer has to pay 50% and employee the other 50%. Honduras is not prepared yet to take care of sickness but they want the money now. Ever yours,



B. de Vries,
Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask. Canada,
May 10, 1961.

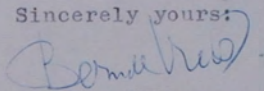
Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Not knowing if you are still director of
Escuela Agricola, I send this letter on to you in the
hope that it will reach you.

I often wonder if the grafting method on Papayas,
which I gave you in 1952, worked out successfully and I
would very much appreciate if you could give me any in-
formation on it.

Sincerely yours:



Bern. de Vries.



13 July 1961

My Dear Old Friend:

I have heard you are ill. No wonder I, and others have not heard from you in the last days! Needless to say these news upset us very very much. Standley has asked about you; Chico de Sola was here last weekend and also asked me because he has not heard from you for some time. I hope it is nothing too serious. I am remembering that one year ago I had the pleasure of accompanying you; I wish I could be there now and accompany you again, but everything indicates that I probably will be coming to Antigua until December.

The Paddocks are leaving for a 4-month vacation. Morcillo will run the school with Pérez. In absence of them, Pulsifer and Dixon will take over respectively.

I will never forget how nice you have been to me, to my family of Honduras, and to my family in Guatemala; and also to too many young men that now are men with wives, children and probably grand children. I am sure that everyone of us have a very special place for you in our hearts.

I hope you recover from this and that our Lord permits me to meet with you again.

Yours ever,

Amado

Gattoni is visiting with us

Antigua. 4 August 1961

Dear Amado:

Hugh and I are lined up to fly Aviateca to Miami next Monday the 7th. I am not sure I have given you our address in Gainesville. It is 1722-A, NW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida. Hugh has taken an apartment for us which he says is going to be very comfortable. We will probably get our own desayuno and cena and have almuerzo at the school cafeteria or one of the restaurants. I don't know how long I shall stay, but probably until Christmas at least; and I hope to fly up to the meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP at New York in November. I think it is going to be an interesting meeting.

I have sent you the papers covering the plot in the cemetery at San Antonio de Oriente, in a separate envelop, by correo certificado. I hope they reach you all right and are adequate. Let me know if there is anything else to be done.

I am gaining ground slowly, and can make the trip all right, but I am not in really good health by any means. I shall have to take it easy in Gainesville for a while.

Ever yours,

[Wilson]

16 Julio 1962

Agronomo Vinicio Paez,
Morales # 730,
Quito, Ecuador, S. A.

Estimado Vinicio:

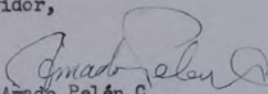
Acuso recibo de su atta carta del 9 de Julio. Respecto a sus preguntas he averiguado y le contesto como sigue:

- 1) Ahora la EAP no contribuye con ningún dinero para pasajes de los becados. Solamente dá el dinero que la beca estipula (en su caso son \$1,900 dolares).
- 2) Dice Mr. Dixon que al pasar Ud. por acá se le dará suficiente para su viaje e iniciar sus estudios y el resto se le dará cuando ya esté en los estudios.

Hace poco estuve con el Dr. Wilson Popenoe en Antigua Guatemala y le expliqué que las becas Samuel Zemurray y la Wilson Popenoe (que este año la disfrutará el cubano Luis Tergas, quien está aquí con nosotros) han quedado reducidas a un total de \$1,900 dolares, lo cual nó alcanza para que Uds. se graduén en Florida. Me dijo el Dr. Popenoe que este asunto sería tratado con doña Doris Stone a su debido tiempo para hacer un ajuste razonable de dichas becas. Me parece que Ud. debe irse a Florida y cuando ya esté allá y el Prof. Muller le haya hecho un presupuesto de los gastos necesarios para graduarse, etnonces se podrá discutir este asunto en mejor forma. Sobre todo es necesario saber en cuantos trimestres se podrán Uds. graduar ahora pues aquella Universidad ha pasado a este sistema, lo cual encarece un poco la educación. El asunto de los pasajes es otra cosa que hay que aclarar pues la beca no dice nada al respecto. Naturalmente el dinero está en el First National Bank of Gainesville, pero se dá únicamente cuando las notas justifican que el becado va pasando bien sus cursos.

Las becas Samuel Zemurray y Wilson Popenoe fueron establecidas por la United Fruit Company para dos años, de dos semestres cada uno, arazón de 1900 dólares por año, solicitándose al premiado free tuition en cada caso. Con los cambios habidos en todo el sistema, tanto aquí como en Florida, estas becas necesitan una revisión completa.

Siempre su afmo amigo y servidor,


Amado Pelón C.
Registrar

bc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe- Calle de la nobleza # 2, Antigua Guatemala.
Luis Teggas is in the boat. Can you bring this problem to Mrs Stone's attention?
Dr. Pulsifer will be interino until God knows when. Please send me the papers on
Urueca which I left in your desk. I enclose a contrato con el gobierno, which you
asked for. Hope you are doing allright. I gave your message to Mr. Shaw. I am
fine. Thanks for all you did for me in Antigua.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

29 August 1962

Sr. Amado Pelón,
EAP.

Dear Amado:

Referring to the request of Oscar Coello, President of the Student Council, I would like to state my situation so there will be no misunderstanding in the future:

The Board of Trustees of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, at its annual meetings, outlines the policies of the school, discusses and approves the program and authorizes the expenditures for betterments and operation. It communicates its decision on all these matters to the Director of the school, whose duty it is to see that these decisions are put into effect.

The Board does not deal directly with students. The Director himself and those members of his staff whom he calls upon in this connection, are responsible for supervising the day-to-day activities of students and employees.

I have been sent here by the President of the Board of Trustees to assist the Interim Director, Dr. Pulsifer, as long as may be desirable. I am a member of the Board of Trustees, not of the local administration, and therefore cannot deal directly with students except at such times and in such manner as Dr. Pulsifer may see fit to indicate. It would not be proper, therefore to receive an official delegation of the student council unless requested to do so by Dr. Pulsifer, and it is my feeling that if any such official meeting were to take place, Dr. Pulsifer should also be present in person.

Wilson Popenoe

cc: Dr. Herbert G. Pulsifer
Prof. Julio Pineda,
Sr. Juan Fernandez,
Mr. Monte Dixon.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

13 March 1963

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
1722 NW 2nd Ave,
Gainesville, Florida,
U.S. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I apologize for ^{not} writing you sooner. I was hesitating regarding my vacation. Now I know for sure we will spend 15-day vacation in El Salvador with my compadre "Machinery". I will go in my Jeep with my family (wife and three daughters) on the first of Abril and will be back on the campus as Dr Muller told me there will be a Directors' meeting here on the campus on the 20th of same month. I do not expect to go to Guatemala as I cause too much inconvenience to my family with this big group. Perhaps, if everything looks fine, I will make a short visit to my parents and hurry back to El Salvador. Machinery now lives in Kilometro 10 and 1/2 Carretera del Norte; I believe he owns his own home now. I will join him in his daily work and go everywhere he goes. When free we will take the girls to swimming places and things like that. I am entitled to 25 days vacation but will take the rest when Celia Comes from the States in June to entertain her and some gringuitas who will come to visit Zamorano.

Prof. Muller is not here now. He left for Guatemala and then he proceeded for the States. I believe he is looking for some money for EAP.

One thing is pending is the way of selecting new students for 1964. I am telling everybody that we will inform definitely of our plans (date of entrance examinations, and place for same) about the end of June or July. We must begin early as when we accept only bachilleres and they must pay matriculas it is not easy to get as many students as we wish. I hope that during the meeting this point is fully covered as we must work fast and look for our contacts with our graduates, or whoever is going to cooperate. Apparently Dr Muller wants to work through the Sociedades Agronómicas. We are sending a leaflet like the one I enclose, and that is all we give at the present time. We are not sure if we will use the OTIS test or not. If not, what?

The whole curve system is stopped. Every teacher is grading his own way. As a matter of custom I am calculating every month point averages to know who's at the top of the class and who is at the bottom. It is doubtful if field work will be included in these calculations or not. I am doing both ways now. Alvaro Aguirre has come back from Costa Rica where he went to buy sementales. Some time ago the EAP bought some hogs from José Perez (Alias el Búfalo). Julio raised the egg production to the point that now the EAP is selling L 800 monthly in town! We finished "zafra" about a month ago. Students are liming the soils of Monte Redondo. Freytag is attending some conferences in El Salvador. Pulsifer is in Washington looking his friend Paddock and looking about his new job.

We do not seem to be going full blast yet. I believe after the Board meeting we will know where we stand. How do you plan to come to Honduras? Flying, overland? Please let me know. If you need me in Guatemala I might go alone for a few days and be with you. My family can wait in Salvador.



4 Febrero 1965

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of Jan. 30th. The pictures (two of them) have been already received by myself. One is the "procesión" and the other is a panoramic view of the Village of San Antonio. I spoke with the maestro over the phone this morning and he will bring the third one on the 11th. The frames are already made in the carpenter shop. When I delivered the two pictures to Paco I announced a third one coming and so he worked on three frames instead of two.

I suppose that you are coming this way when you say that you will explain to Antonio the paintings for Mrs Gregg personally! We hope you show up any day. By the way, Mr. & Mrs. David Cloward were here two days ago. They drove from New Hampshire down here in the VW. From here they went to the coast to visit Tela and La Lima. I believe they will sell the car and fly back to the States. Apparently Mr. Cloward gave up the idea of teaching.

We have now 181 students on the campus. 71 in first year; 51 in Second year; and 59 in third year. All the so-called hospitals are full. Canelario "Cios Pacheco told me he is leaving the school next March. Apparently he was offered a good job at IICA where there is scarcity of zootecnistas. On top of that her wife's mother gave him a piece of land in Turrialba town to cultivate and explore. As you know Judith, Candelario's wife comes from Turrialba.

I have not been able to see La Chulita anywhere. She lives definitely in Tegucigalpa and that is why I don't see much of her anymore.

I have not been able to go to Danli yet. But I will do this in the first opportunity. As far as I recall that old lady in front of the plazuela San Sebastian offered you two things: one butterfly and one gold chain with the emeralds. She ask 60 lempiras for the chain with the emeralds or both things? I do not remember this part very well.

My mother is happy here and, as you say, enjoying the good grub and the quietness of this lovely place. Thank you for helping me in bringing her over. I do not believe she wants to go back now. She probably realizes this is the best place for her. I will have vacation during Semana Santa. I will probably go one week to El Salvador and the rest to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. I have never seen Nicaragua. I flew to Costa Rica in 1945.

Toño Molina came here on January 7th. but the Williams came down to Central America and took him to Nicaragua and Costa Rica to work. If you want to write to him in San José, his address is Pensión Canada. His family told me that he will come back here at the end of February or beginning of March.

I hope you enjoyed the party at the Palace Hotel. I agree that it is not pleasant to drive alone at night, especially after a party and in foggy lonesome road.

Your news are always welcome. Miss Pérez is due here this Saturday. She is working on a new bulletin for EAP. She will also work on a campaign to get monetary help from our alumni.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Smach", written over a large, light-colored scribble or flourish.



17 May 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

First of all I want to thank you for the spy glasses. I have used them a lot here and will continue enjoying them in the future. I could not spend the week (holy week) in Antigua as our Nissan Patrol broke down in the outskirts of San Salvador and consequently we had to stay in San Salvador. However I made a fast trip to Antigua with my compadre Gerardo Cisneros to deliver your Velasquez to María and bring back the Crocker's to the Armour's. I also tried to get some yellow corn for Dr. Freytag from Sr. Falla's farm in the slopes of Acatenango volcano but they had planted everything. Apparently this yellow corn does very well in the highlands as well as in the lowlands and Freytag was very interested in planting some here and make a trial in Uyuca. This corn was distributed by Mr. Henry Wallace the name sounds like French. I cannot remember the name but when I checked with the man in charge of the records at Falla's farm I could see that he is not keeping good records. Freytag is sure they have this corn and the man told it must be the one he calls "grueso". Sr. Falla had reserved some seed of this corn to distribute among the mozos but they never came to get it and all had been planted a week before.

I enclose herewith some papers I have received for you. I am glad to see this letter from Ligio Tavarez. Now with that much confusion in the Dominican Republic I wonder if he is still there. Mr. Krome had told me that Angel Valiente had been killed by Castro but some weeks ago I received one of my questionnaire back from Cuba and Valiente is now Administrador del Jardín Botánico de las Villas. I suppose this is the same Atkins Gardens but with a different name. This questionnaire is signed by Valiente on April 5, 1965. The matter of the class rings has not been settled yet. The major problem we have if we order them is that the government told Dr. Paddock definitely that we must pay taxes on the introduction of these rings as they are indispensable for the operations of the EAP. This tax is heavy. The students, I believe, have been smuggling these rings through various Embassies in the past. EAP I do not believe can do this very easily. As you remember in the past these rings were dispatched from New Orleans to Tela in Company boats and then to La Lima and then to Tegucigalpa. Now this system would not work. Another matter I do not know yet is if the ring will continue as Paddock left it or if we will return to the original ring. I hear from Bob that the students this year want to change the color of the stone from blue to green! We have to wait the return of Dr. Muller to know where we stand regarding this. The construction of the Chemistry Lab is going full blast here beside by office. Yesterday I had the pleasure of talking with ~~Rickax~~ Mr. Thomas Burton (or Burck). I believe he will be the head of Animal Husbandry Department. His wife is Mr. Cogwill's sister! They have two girls and one boy and are staying at von Wald's. Now that I am back on the job I found a real mountain of letters to answer so I am closing for now. I wish you are in good shape and thinking of coming this way soon. Ever yours,

Amado

my mother looks excellent! She has gained about 12 pounds. you were dead right about the good grub of Tamarano.



7 July 1965

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

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

This is to thank you for your letter of June 12. Pardon me for answering so late, but there is plenty of work these days with solicitudes coming everyday; we must have received up to to now, for the present year, some 250 solicitudes from various countries.

My warmest regards to your daughters. It is been a long time since I do not see them. I hope their stay with their children make your home happy. Though I do not think Maria is very happy about this!

I am going to send all cuban graduates the cuestionario, just to see if all of them are still alive. Valiente's answer gives me this idea. Total of Cuban graduates is 20.

I would like to chat with you when you come over at the end of this month and hope you can sneak away. I heard you will come with doña Mimi Guirola again. Did you ever buy those emeralds in Danlí?

With warmest regards for yourself and the Popenoe family I say hasta luego for now.

Amado

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

31 Agosto 1965

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

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

Dear Dr Popenoe:

I take the opportunity that Julio Pineda is going up North to give the entrance examinations and interviews to the aspirantes for 1966, to send you your Velasquez. Yesterday I paid for the second one that the Maestro calls EL PUENTE which he will deliver as soon as he can. He tells me that he has a third picture to paint for you still. I hope this one ~~looks~~ suits you allright. Maestro has been very ill. He spends most of his time in town and his boy Julio told me he was in Bogotá some days ago invited by some friends but that he has a bad case of amibiasis. Maybe he is getting too old!

Yesterday the Garden Club ladies were here. I took some pictures of the group at Bob's home. Among the ladies was Mrs Pondexter (I believe that is the way her name is spelled). She is the wife of the Esso Standard Oil Company manager to whom we drove to San Antonio with Mrs Agurcia once. She asked to send you her best regards.

Dr Muller has been away for quite some time now. I do not when he is coming back. Bob is very busy with visitors, professors' problems, discipline, teaching Horticulture II, etc.

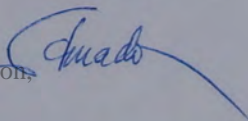
The Leivas are leaving for Costa Rica today. The Oseguedas will be leaving at any time now. Terry Knenvold, the boy in charge of the Machine Shop and Farm Machinery went back to Minnesota some weeks ago. El Gran Capitán is here. Carlitos Burgos is working under Hugh's program here in soils.

In spite of so much going back and forth everything here seems to be going fine under Bob's direction.

If you see my folks please tell them everybody here is fine and that I am taking my mother to the dentist for plates. This will take several months yet as several extractions have to take place first.

Hope everything is going fine with you.

Ever yours,





19 Octubre 1965

Estimado doctor Popenoe:

Bob Armour me mostró su carta donde dice el terrible accidente que quitó la vida del esposo de Nancita. Yo solamente recuerdo que el difunto era graduado en Geología y que estuvo trabajando en Puerto Rico. Esta información creo que la obtuvo Ud. hace algunos años. No sé exactamente cuantos niños tienen ahora. Ojalá que la Nancita no quede con mucho problema económico, aunque la falta del esposo es en sí una pérdida irreparable. Ojalá que Dios le dé resignación y conformidad en todo.

Entiendo que este desastre trastornó a algunos programas en Guatemala. Por ejemplo Toño Molina está pendiente de su aviso para irse y ahora, con 24 horas de anticipación me dice que tiene que salir pronto para Guatemala para unas conferencias o colecciones de plantas. Aprovecho para enviarle las dos pinturas de Velasquez que me pidió de último. Ojalá que le gusten y que todo saliera a satisfacción. Le incluyo unas cartas que le envían el Maestro Velasquez y el Sr. José Alfonso Maradiaga.

Aprovechando de este viaje también se vá mi madre para quedarse en Guatemala unas tres semanas (mientras dure el trabajo de Toño Molina) y regresará nuevamente con él a Zamorano.

Nuestras plantas electricas han molestado. Parece que de las tres ninguna está realmente buena y ninguna tiene la capacidad para soportar la carga que se le pone que ahora es cada día más fuerte. Don Chico ya firmó los títulos y los tenemos aquí listos para llenarlos. Parece que no vendrá para la graduación. Todavía no tenemos el orador de fondo y el director me dijo ayer que le está escribiendo a don Chico para buscar uno. El edificio de Química está terminado en la parte de albañilería y fontanería, solo faltan los muebles. Están construyendo la nueva Casa de Huéspedes. Del 20 en adelante comenzaremos en la selección de nuevos alumnos para el proximo año. En cuanto tenga los favorecidos de Guatemala le enviaré la lista. La Dominicana solicitó ayuda y se le están dando tres becas a través de la Asociación para el Desarrollo, establecida en la Escuela Superior de Santiago.

Aprovecho esta ocasión para saludarlo y desearle buena salud. Ojalá que pronto tenga el gusto de verlo.

Siempre afectísimo amigo,

Snob

P.D. Todavía no se cuanto costarán los cuadros que hizo Paco (mercaderías) pero le avisare. En su depósito quedan como \$100.00

Snob



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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16 March 1967

Dear Doc Popenoe:

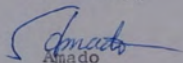
I am leaving Zamorano tomorrow for Guatemala, via El Salvador. I am taking the Rhubarb roots that Bob Armour gave me for your home in Antigua. I will take care of them and see that they are planted as soon as possible. I want to stay a few days in Antigua and, if possible, a few days with Chele Nayo in Retalhuleu, where he has invited us for some time now. We have never come there yet. It is a pity that I will not see you in Antigua as it is always a great pleasure to chat with you and go around places when we meet in our old home town.

Last Friday maestro Velasquez showed up here. He came in a brand new FIAT! His son was driving the car. After a hundred complaints about his unfinishable sickness, and the sickness of various members of his family, he told me that he had come to San Antonio to paint Archie Carr's picture. He promised he will paint "The Procession" (or La Fiesta as you call it) for you for L 150.00 (\$75.00) I do not believe you have enough money here to pay for it; your balance right now is L 42.47. I told the maestro I would try to collect the money from you and that I will advise him later.

Re EAP paintings for the Messhall. He wants L 250.00 each. I mentioned this to Bob and he thinks the price is reasonable. Now, the next problem is that, as you know, our friend always wants some money in advance and we do not know how to get this from Mrs Sears. I told him that I will phone him to Tegucigalpa (his private telephone is 2-2619)!! and give him instructions regarding your and the EAP pictures, later.

I must close by now. Hope you are doing fine as usual. Regards
to Hugh.

Sincerely,


Amado

ORADORES DE FONDO EN LAS GRADUACIONES
DE LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

[Oct. 1970?]

1946. USA Ambassador, Hon. Edwin J. Kyle
1947. Ing. Pompilio Ortega, Director Grl. de Agricultura de Honduras
1948. Ing. Medardo Zúñiga, Ministro de Fomento, Honduras
1949. Dr. Ciro Molina Garcés, Ministro de Agricultura del Valle del Cauca, Col.
1950. Dr. Juan Manuel Galvez, Presidente de Honduras.
1951. Dr. Jesús Aguilar Paz, Decano de la Facultad de Farmacia de Honduras.
1952. Don Roberto Quiñónez, Ministro de Agricultura de El Salvador.
1953. Don Gerónimo Ramírez Brown, de Nicaragua.
1954. Don Galo Plaza, Presidente de Ecuador.
1955. Don Julio Lozano, Presidente de Honduras. En esta misma graduación nos visitó Mr. Richard Nixon, Vice-Presidente de los Estados Unidos y habló en la graduación.
1956. Ing. Angel Sevilla, Ministro de recursos naturales de Honduras.
También habló el famoso político colombiano, Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel.
1957. Don Francisco de Sola, El Salvador.
1958. Dr. Ramón Villeda Morales, Presidente de Honduras.
1959. Don Teodoro Quirós de Costa Rica.
1960. Dr. Wilson Popenoe.
1961. Dr. George Harrar.
1962. Don Rafael Huezo Selva del Banco Interamericano de Integración Económica.
1963. Mr. Henry Wallace.
1964. Dr. Gustavo Balcázar Monzón, Ministro de Agricultura de Colombia.
1965. Ing. Jorge Manuel Dengo, Vice-Presidente Ejecutivo del Bco. Centroamericano de Desarrollo.
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1969.
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Nota: Mr. Henry Wallace, en su calidad de Vice-Presidente de los Estados Unidos inauguró la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana con un discurso que envió grabado el día de la raza, 12 de Octubre de 1943.

Grabado

Dr Popenoe:

Thank you for your letter of Sept 15th. I appreciate the fact that you always find the time to write to me. As pronto as I could I worked out this list of prominent men who have made the "discursos de fondo" at our various graduations. I hope this helps you. If there is anything else I can do for you estoy a sus apreciables órdenes. I am pushing Velasquez for the work. He is supposed to come here next Tuesday to pick up a check of L 200.00 which I have for him and then I will remachar el trabajo again.

Sincerely yours,

Amado
Amado



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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13 June 1967

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

Dear doctor Popenoe:

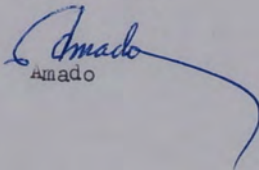
Yesterday I had the opportunity to see Maestro Velasquez in my office. He collected L 150.00 for the "Procesion" which Bob ~~xxx~~ took to you in his last trip. This payment leaves a balance of L 117.97 in your favor. Since maestro promised that he will start right away in another two landscape paintings of his vildage for you, at L 100.00 each, it will be necessary that you send L 200.00 or enough to cover this bill when he delivers your pictures, this will be probably in a month.

Velasquez also came to collect L 250.00, 50% of the total cost of the two paintings that Dr. Sears is paying to replace the two Velasquez that were removed from the students Messhall onto the new Guest House. Maestro has promised these two paintings finished by 20th of July and we must provide for the other 50% at that time, when the works will be received.

I enclose herewith a receipt that J. Antonio signed for the money of the "Procesion". I am giving Bob the receipt for the L 250.00 which he signed for the Dining hall paintings.

I hope everything is going fine with you. I am allright and as usual willing to work. No hay mula buena sin mañas.

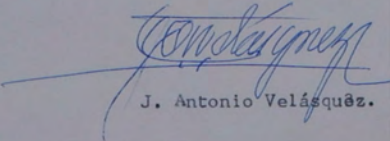
Ever yours,


Amado

cc: Mr. R.P. Armour.

Por L. 150.00

Recibí del Dr. Wilson Popenoe la cantidad de Ciento cincuenta lempiras
por valor de una pintura "La Procesión".



J. Antonio Velásquez.

El Zamorano, 12 Junio 1967



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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19 October 1970

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I hasten to send the other dozen of pictures of yourself and Alice. I hope I did the right thing this time. Por aquello de las dudas I made 6 of one negative; and 6 of another. Anyway I hope they serve the purpose.

We are now completing the selection of students for 1971. We still have to select Honduras and Guatemala, probably today. In spite of the \$100 per trimester, most of the candidates have signed the Forma de Recursos Económicos in which they accept to pay. Let's hope that they really pay!

Bob is not feeling good. He had gripe but now he feels chest sore and he believes he might have pneumonia. I hope this is not true. Rie went to the States and isn't here now. We just heard of the death of Dr. Marinus Bijkman and Thomas Furman. Both good people and to whom I remember with sympathy.

I hope everything is going fine with you.

Siempre afmo.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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15 March 1973

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

Dear Doctor:

Yesterday I received from Jake Zelaya in town, 100 puros which Nick Agurcia dispatched for you. They are four boxes marked Carl Upmann # 4, Selección # 4, C.U. I hope these are the ones you want. If you do not think they are the correct ones, please let me know for returning them and ask for the right ones. They cost L 48.62.

I saw Jorge Mejía about 10 days ago and asked him for the 100 puros you want from him. He promised he will try to get them and as soon as I receive them I will let you know. I am not coming for Semana Santa because the final examinations will end on Miercoles Santo and I have to stay calculating these grades. I will be coming probably one week or 10 days after semana Santa, when I hope to see you and your wife in Antigua. It will be very interesting to talk about the future of EAP. So far all I have heard is that Simon has gotten already about 75 candidates and he will probably be receiving a whole lot more after the boys receive my last AGEAP letter which you probably have already received. I also have heard that it is possible that Kermit Adams will be our next Academic director. I know him as he has been here several times studying our curriculum. I know he is a Cal Poly man and that sounds good as they are vocational people. We have heard also that Hugh is planning to resign from the Presidency of the Board; these news are not too good for anyone around here as Hugh has been very much liked by most of our professors who know him; he also has a very strong position where from he could help EAP a lot. We all hope that he will not lose his interest in EAP in the future. It looks like as a lot of new people will be coming into the picture. As you know, as per my AGEAP last letter, IV International AGEAP Convention will be held in San José de Costa Rica during the days 28, 29 and 30 of June. During that convention I will know if I will continue as Secretary-Treasurer of AGEAP international or not. If I am nominated, I will do my best to keep the graduates together as much as possible. I notice that budget for AGEAP has dissappeared from EAP budgets. It looks like as AGEAP Internacional tends to dissappear and we will end probably with one office here in Zamorano to maintain contact with our graduates, which I consider very necessary. The AGEAP letter is a very good instrument to do this job and I like to write it. I wonder if I am doing a fair job on this, what do you think Doc?

Many boys will be going to Guatemala for Semana Santa and If you want I could ask Marcel Roehrs (Bernardo's son) to carry the puros for you or if you prefer I will take them personally when I come. Hoping to hear news from you and with best regards and best wishes for you and Mrs Popenoe, I remain,

Ever yours,

My best regards to Doc. I will be writing to her soon.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

10 February 1967

Dear Dr Popenoe:

I got your nice letter of Jan the 30th yesterday. I called maestro Velasquez by phone immediately. His telephone in Tegucigalpa is 2-2619. He was invited to Nicaragua for the Ruben Dario Anniversary. Archie Carr called some months ago (beginning of December, I believe) from Florida by radiotelephone to ask me to contact Velasquez for a picture. Archie sent a \$75.00 (dollar check) and he wants a view of the village from the "portillo" with plenty of details on the roofs, wall fences and streets! I phoned Velasquez soon about this but he told me he was going to Nicaragua and that he is too much tied up with other work. Since that time I had not heard from him. Finally, your letter made me called him again, and he answered the telephone. He is back from Nicaragua where he travelled with a diplomatic passport. When I asked him if the tirotée did not get him; he said not with this diplomatic passport! Apparently he is painting in town for some embassies; I recalled he told me that he has to paint some pictures to be sent to Mexico for some special occasion.

There is another man who wants a couple of pictures from Velasquez; that is Dr. Carrillo of the Banco Interamericano. I told Velasquez I am interested specially in handling thru him your pictures and Archie's. He told me he will be coming to San Antonio on the 20th of this month and on his way up he will pass by my office to discuss these pictures. I hope we can make him start the job and finish it. I check your deposit book and your Saldo now is L 42.47

We have 192 students this year. One tico will arrive next April, so, we have 191 boys actually in the campus. The distribution by countries is as follows: British Honduras 2; Bolivia 4; Colombia 17; Cuba 1; Costa Rica 30; Ecuador 13; Guatemala 19; Honduras 54; Nicaragua 7; Panamá 9; Perú 2; Mexico 1; Dominicans 14; Salvadoreneans 19.

I hope don Hugo comes out of this trip at Viet Nam safe and sound. As you probably know we have a baby boy, Gerardo Amado. He is now two and a half months old. He is doing fine and we are very happy with him.

Your news about the Cubans are wonderful. The numbers mean the year they graduated. Ricardo Cortes belongs to the 1950 class and José Oset Rodríguez to the 1952 class.

I passed your letter to Bob Armour and he told that he will be Antigua on the 13th. So I take this nice opportunity to ask him please carry this letter to you.

Thank you for looking over my family de vez en cuando. It is very nice of you. I do not recall if my mother-in-law is due in her grave; perhaps I must pay fees again to avoid her extraction and cremation. I do not know whether I am coming to Guatemala for Semana Santa or not; my people has no facilities now to accomodate me and my big circus; that is why I have not come now for several years. Chele Nayo has invited me and my whole crew at Finca Las Delicias in Retalhuleu, at la Hulera, where he workd now.

ORISE, as you know, taught a cursillo this last December here, same as last year. I was surprised to meet old gordo Carranza, ex-director of Bárcenas. He came to give a lecture.

Muchos cariños y recuerdos
Amado

21 junio, 1967

GRADUADOS DE LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA QUE HAN FALLECIDO, SEGUN MI CONOCIMIENTO PERSONAL HASTA LA PRESENTE FECHA:

<u>Clase</u>	<u>País</u>	<u>Nombre</u>
1946	Honduras	Manuel Cruz
"	"	Alfredo Escamilla
1947	El Salvador	Alejandro Rodríguez Abrego <i>(died in car accident here in Choluteca. He was with Oscar Abman in the car.)</i>
1948	El Salvador	Daniel Amado Castillo <i>(horticulturist)</i>
1949	Honduras	Arturo Fortín h. <i>(your old acquaintance)</i>
1950	Guatemala	Otto Roberto Herman <i>(his half brother and 1/2 Guatemalan came to us from Malcata. He owned a good finca "EL NIK" in Colomba Abitz.)</i>
1951	Honduras	Alfredo Nini
"	Panamá	Aquiles Guardia
"	El Salvador	Baltazar Lizama <i>(you taught him in classroom here)</i>
1952	Costa Rica	Carlos Huete
"	" "	Alvaro Sáenz
"	Honduras	Carlos Aguilar Woods <i>(Lic. Saffery's recommendee) (Leubsdorfer)</i>
1953	Honduras	Crisanto Alcántara <i>(Bulldog)</i>
"	El Salvador	David Arrazate
1958	Ecuador	Walter Ney Concha
"	Honduras	Mario de Jesús Chávez
1961	México	José Raúl Rodríguez

Se rumora que algunos cubanos han sido eliminados pero no tenemos pruebas terminantes al respecto.

Amado Pelón C.
Amado Pelón C.
Registrador

El Zamorano, 21 Junio 1967

cc: Ing. Julio César Zepeda
Dr. Albert S. Muller,
Mr. Robert P. Armour,
Dr. Wilson Popenoe. ✓

I hope you are in fine shape. Ever yours.
[Signature]



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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14 June 1972

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

Dear doctor:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your nice letters regarding my piece of land in Port Charlotte. It is very kind of you to go into all this work to help me once more.

Mr. Armour is not going to give admissions examinations either to Mérida or Belmopán in British and I have been asked to that. So I am booked for Mérida via Guatemala on June 24 or 25. Exams are programmed in Mérida June 26, then I will probably have to go to Chetumal and finally to Belmopán where examinations will take place on June 29th. I have heard that Belize is a good place to buy good whisky at low prices. If this is the case I will try to get you some and I will see some way to send it to you. Jake is fixing my passport in town and I do not know yet my real schedule for this trip. I don't know if it would be possible for me to buy some fine whisky here when leaving and drop it in Guatemala on my way to Mérida. I believe all depends on the schedule that Jake Zelaya gets for me.

Julio Pineda is leaving to give exams in the Dominican Republic. These will take place on June 27 in Santo Domingo and June 29 in Santiago.

I sold my last red bus to my brother Americo who came from Antigua to take it. He is now probably taking passengers around Antigua. With this I have closed my transportation business which left me a deficit of about \$1,500.

I have heard from Mrs Freytag that they will be leaving Zamorano as George has accepted a new job in Brasil. That leaves our Agronomy department beheaded and we still do not have anybody expert in soils. Walter Fick was liquidated about 4 days ago and Guillermo Torres Yufra has taken over the job in the rastro. Arturo Rubio, an old timer from San Antonio, blacksmith, was also liquidated at the same time with Fick.

I have taken over my job as secretario general de AGEAP and right now I am preparing for sending out my first monthly newsletter. I like this job although it takes a lot of time to keep up with it besides my students records. We have just lost two tico students for disciplinary reasons and one Nica for academic reasons. Juan Fernandez went to Spain about a week ago and Cornejo is running the inspectoría.

Again excuse me for my tardiness in replying to your letters and thank you for continued interest in myself.

Ever yours,

14 June 1972

Mr. Benjamin Birdsall:
Apt. 609, Harbor South,
1766 Capte Coral Parkway,
Cape Coral, Fla. 33904,

Dear Mr. Birdsall:

This is to thank you very much for all the trouble you took to go and see my piece of land in Port Charlotte. I received all the information through our mutual friend, Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

Due to the circumstances we have decided to keep the land for five more years and see then what happens. I hope the area becomes better developed and its value goes a little higher to make a little profit. In the meantime I would like to know what I can do about paying the proper taxes on this land. Can you give me some advice on this? I would avoid that some years from now I received an official statement from the U.S.A. government saying that I have accumulated taxes, plus multas on the land.

With best regards and my sincere thanks for your kind help, I am

Sincerely,

Amado Pelen C.
Registrar

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

(ver atrás)

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Cable: A. G. E. A. P.

CARTA MENSUAL - Junio 1972

El secretario general visitó México y Belice para dar los exámenes de admisión en ambos países para los integrantes de la clase 1975.- En México se le agradece al grupo AGEAP sus atenciones especialmente al Agrónomo Guillermo Vales y Castro. Se trató de la formación del capítulo AGEAP en México y tan pronto lo formen se dará a conocer en la próxima carta mensual. Es muy loable la labor desempeñada por los graduados de la EAP en México.- Están dispuestos a financiar medias becas para pagar las matriculas de los que resulten escogidos este año; y ya están ayudando a otros mexicanos que estudian actualmente en su Alma Mater.

En Belice se logró conseguir también varios buenos candidatos. El Gobierno de aquel país financiará los gastos de dos de los mejores seleccionados.- En Belice tuve reunión con algunos de los egresados, habiendo entrevistado a Ernesto Chano-na, quien está dedicado a la crianza de pollos para engorde; a José Angel Teck Pin-tado, quien es Agricultural Extension Officer en Boom; también conversé en reunión conjunta con los siguientes: Agripino Cawich, clase 1966; Armando Kemé, clase 1965; Rudolph Perera, clase 1963; y Pedro Quetzal, clase 1971. Ellos tratarán de formar un capítulo Beliceño y se les agradece sus atenciones durante este viaje, especial-mente a Agripino Cawich.

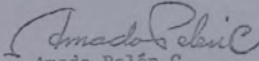
Es interesante notar que actualmente se encuentran estudiando en su Alma Mater, tres primogénitos de miembros de la clase 1947, que en septiembre celebrarán sus Bodas de Plata y son ellos: Ruperto Morera, clase 1972; Ricardo Molestina A., cla-se 1972 y Edgard Cabrera Guillen, clase 1973. Son sus padres los agrónomos Ruperto Morera Murillo de Costa Rica, Ernesto Molestina del Ecuador y Vidal Cabrera Urizar de Guatemala.

El Agrónomo Hernán Endara del Ecuador, clase 1969, sacó su Master en Administración de Empresas en INCAE, Nicaragua, en junio de 1972 y al mismo tiempo contrajo matri-monio con la señorita Mayra de Lourdes Anguello. Felicitaciones!

El Agrónomo hondureño, Arturo Galo Galo, clase 1968, con beca LASPAU sacó su B. S. en la Universidad de Vermont en Mayo de 1970 y su Master en Educación Agrícola el 7 de junio en la Universidad de Illinois. Su minor lo sacó en Producción Porcina. El joven Galo forma ahora parte del personal del departamento de Industria Animal de la EAP.

Los trabajos de la III Convención Internacional en Panamá siguen viento en popa y el Presidente de AGEAP Internacional Ing. Hernán Fonseca Z., el señor Director de la EAP, el secretario general interino viajarán a Costa Rica y Panamá para pre-parar la Agenda de la Convención.

Cordialmente,


Amado Pelén C.
Secretario Interino

[July 1970]

Dear doctor,

I received your letter of 3 July, and thanks for finding out about my father's health. My trip to Mexico and Belice was a fine one and some information about it is contained in this letter. In Mexico I found that our boys want a titulo very badly, and they wonder if EAP could not give them a B.S. in general Agriculture, under the laws of the State of Delaware under which EAP was established. They believe that this would eliminate the necessity of the UNAH (University of Honduras) to interfere with the work at EAP. They believe that the training and good agricultural education that EAP provides justifies such a titulo, lacking only a few subjects they could take in another university for further degree if necessary. I don't know if such a thing would be possible. I know that not only the Mexicans have this feeling but a lot of other zamoranos in other countries; they claim they are good, but due to the lack of degree they feel discriminated as far as social and economical position is concerned. I just pass this to you for your information and perhaps something could be done as the fourth year is frozen for at least another five years.

Some months ago Mrs Arnold visited the EAP and she visited the old timers. So, I had the pleasure to see and talke to her. I believe she told me she was working in the Foregin Service of the USA. with headquarters in Mexico city. She looked very healthy and not so thin as she used to be here in Zamorano. Mr. Armour and myself will be travelling to Panamá on the 21st of this month to work on the III International AGEAP kConvention program. Ths Convention will take plade 8,9, and 10 th of September. Our good friend Raúl René Valle Duarte, class 1950, died while in conferences July 5th at 2:20 p.m. He was director general de DESARRURAL. 43 years old, he left his wife Georgina and three sons. We used to call him "Bochinghe@" as he was a lgood talker with a charming personality. You will see these news in my next news letter for AGEAP. I mention this because I think you remember him well.

If Ann wants to take some whisky for you I can give her the money here.

Saludes a doña Alicia and best wishes for you two.

Ever yours,

Edmundo



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

23 March 1973

Dear doctor:

Thanks for your letter of 18 March. It looks like when you wrote this letter you had not received mine of 15 March.

I called doña Alice at Pedro's home and had the pleasure to chat a little with her. I am sending your 200 cigars in tomorrow's buss. They will be delivered to Edificio Cantero, room No. 604 and she will take them to you. I hope you are satisfied with them. The total cost of the 200 cigars was L 120.72. Your personal deposit here at the EAP was only L 98.67, so you owe Monte L 22.05. The cigars that Mejía gave me he bought them in Danli. They cost L 0.70 each plus the 3% tax. They are AMABLES DEL MUNDO. They look very elegant and I hope they are the kind you wanted.

If you go to Costa Rica, please talk to Hernán Fonseca. He will preside the next alumni Convention, which will be held in San José during three days, 28, 29 and 30 of June. Perhaps this will be my last trip as Secretario General of AGEAP since apparently the boys want to name as General Secretary to some distinguished graduate. If they accept me I will continue to work toward the unification of the alumni group. I believe I am in a position to do a job of this situation. Depending on how Hernán runs the show in San José, I will continue or be kicked out.

I thank you for your continued interest in keeping me inform about my parfents. I am coming to Antigua probably a week after Semana Santa. Final examinations of this trimester will end on Miércoles Santo, and I have to calculate all the averages for the student body.

News are bad about Lancetilla. I am including a paper clip for your infomation. Perhaps nobody will never understand how much work and effort you put to have this fine collection of economic plants from the world tropics in Lancetilla and now los invasores de tierras chop down the collection! Que Dios los perdone porque nó saben lo que hacen!

Here everything runs the same. The only department which seems to be lacking good personnel is Agronomy. We have a new doctor, Edgardo Dávila, Honduran from La Labor, a neighboring place in the Salvadorenean border. As a matter of fact some of the fights took place there. Cojulúm still is allergic to the barbers. Dr Muller said he has nothing against whiskers and some of the students are growing them now. Some others, just to carry y the contaria, have cut their hair "a la rapa". When you write to Mr. Armour, please give him my regards, the same to Rose Marie. They treated me nice at all times.

It will be a great pleasure to see you again in Antigua after Semana Santa.

Ever yours,

P.D. If you have a chance talk to my cuñado, Paco Vasquez at the Empresa Electrica in front of the parque central, and tell him that Crucita, myself and our son Gerardo, will be his guests for a week, after Semana Santa.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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8 June 1973

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

Dear doctor Popenoe:

I had a nice trip back to Zamorano. I visited Efraín Alcantara in Puerto Cortes where he is in charge of Compañía Hondureña de Vapores. He will retire in two years; he said he is going to live in Guatemala.

I am including herewith the itinerary of Prof. Julio Pineda. He has been taking a short vacation and has been in his farm in Minas de Oro. He came here for a short visit and told me he is retiring soon. He said that Mr. Weeks informed him that the 30% of the retirement money of the old employees will not be deducted in the United States. That a group of lawyers worked the thing in the States and arranged that this discom is not done from our retirement money. That is good news. Now, this morning, Dr. Müller told me that Rodolfo Cojulin has decided to resign and that Alvarado is not coming to work for the school. So is Juan Medrano from Guatemala. These three men went to study under Laspau and Laspau is disgusted because the three of them are not staying to live up with their obligation to teach here at the school. Apparently Laspau is not going to continue helping us with their original program because of these failures.

Hugh has written me saying that Simon Malo showed him my Monthly news letters for AGEAP. He thinks I am doing a good job and wants to receive these letters regularly. I will write him very soon.

Yesterday I heard that your grandson is coming next Monday to work in the Mechanical shop. I will try to make a good friendship with him. It will be a great pleasure to get acquainted with him.

Lic. Roberto Ramirez apparently is connected with the company which makes the AMABLES DEL MUNDO. I believe Dr. Müller told me this. Lic. Ramirez is, I believe, a member of our Board of Directors. He used to be President of the Banco Central. He is now Magistrado de la Corte Suprema de Justicia.

I visited doña Alice's place. It was nice to greet Sr. Gonzalez and a lady who works there and who was a good friend of Morcillo. We all are waiting for the arrival of Mr. Kermit Adams the first of July.

I hope you are fine. My best regards to doña Alice and Sally and my best wishes for your good health.

Ever yours,

Quado

*Our request for educational help
for a second child was turned down!*

Dear Doctor: I heard you have been sick. I hope you recover and give us the pleasure to see you again soon in Zamorano. I was in San Salvador 2 weeks ago and sat with don Chico, ex-President Fidel Sanchez and a lot of Salvadorian graduates at the Gran Hotel Intercontinental. We missed you there and also at our last graduation. Kindest regards to Sally and dona Alice. I always think of you as the closest person to my heart.

Ever yours
Amado

tar de estar solventes en este aspecto. Debido a que la Secretaría está sin ayuda secretarial en la actualidad ruego a todos los miembros tratar de enviarme su membresía pues necesitamos alquilar los servicios de una secretaria, también fondos para papelería y estampillas de correo, y fondos para poder enviar delegados a las Convenciones, etc.

Han contraído matrimonio los siguientes miembros a quienes deseamos una eterna luna de miel: Osmar Enrique Jácome con la Señorita Martha Rosario Carranza, hondureño Clase '71. Marco Antonio Lagos, hondureño Clase '70. Ramón Alvarez Lazzaroni, hondureño Clase '69 con la Señorita Elssy Cerrato. Cosme I. Zurriaga, ecuatoriano, Clase '67 con la Señorita Sonia Isabel Guaricela Benavides. Rodolfo Cajulán de Guatemala, Clase '68 con la Señorita Miriam Clementina Muñoz. Isidro Sabio Cacho, hondureño Clase '70 con la Señorita Elsa Ayo-nie Martínez. Fernando Gómez y Gómez de Colombia, Clase '62 con la Señorita María Helena Mejía M.

Están terminando su Master en la Universidad Federal de Vicosa, Minas Gerais, Brasil: Eduardo Esquivel, panameño de la Clase '70 y el hondureño José A. Gaitán de la Clase '71.

Lamentamos que la República Dominicana y Nicaragua todavía siguen sin capítulos organizados. Tenemos el gusto de anunciar la reciente formación del capítulo de la Costa Norte de Colombia, cuyo Presidente es el Agr. Miguel Díaz Granados Illidge, Clase '52. Deseamos patentizar nuestro agradecimiento sincero al Agr. Eduardo Calderón Mata de Costa Rica, Clase '51, por su donación en efectivo a su Alma Mater y al Agr. Xavier Quirós Oreamuno (Palillo) de Costa Rica, por sus múltiples atenciones para todos durante la Convención de San José.

La Junta de Directores de la EAP dejó con el Señor Director de la EAP, Mr. Kermit H. Adams, la sugerencia que cada capítulo designe un miembro versado e interesado sobre programa de estudios de la EAP y que lo envíe a la próxima Convención de San Salvador para sesionar un día sobre cambios, mejoras, etc. sobre los programas de estudio de su Alma Mater. Esto incluye no solamente clases de aula sino también trabajos de campo. Nadie mejor que ustedes que viven la realidad pueden opinar sobre este punto tan importante.

Como Secretario-Tesorero de la Organización siento la necesidad de insistir en que todos paguen sus membresías a principios de 1974. Ya son 1,392 graduados y si todos cooperan la Organización estará próspera con su colaboración. La EAP también acepta de ustedes cualquier tipo de donación, ya sea en efectivo o cualquier cosa que represente una ayuda para ella, como potrillos de sangre árabe o peruana o terneros con buena sangre de carne o de leche, etc.

Se sugiere a los capítulos la conveniencia de formar comités femeninos, integrados por las esposas de los egresados, para realizar labores de recolección de fondos para los mismos. Como ejemplo podemos citar a El Salvador, donde ya tienen un comité de este tipo y dichas señoras están realizando barbacoas, y actos similares para reunir fondos para ayudar a sufragar los gastos de la próxima Convención. Como término medio podemos decir que el país sede de una convención realiza un gasto que fluctúa entre los 5,000 y 6,000 dólares en un evento de esta naturaleza.

Deseo sinceramente que el año 1974 sea muy próspero para todos y que sigamos siempre unidos para hacer de nuestra organización una que sea próspera y fuerte.

Amado Pelén C.
Amado Pelén C.

Secretario-Tesorero AGEAP Internacional



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Cable: A. G. E. A. P.

CARTA BIMENSUAL - NOVIEMBRE - DICIEMBRE, 1973

La VIII Asamblea General Ordinaria de la AGEAP Internacional se celebró en el V piso del Gran Hotel Costa Rica el día 12 de Octubre de este año. Debemos felicitar muy calurosamente al ex-Presidente de la Internacional, Ing. Hernán Fonseca y a su grupo de AGEAP de Costa Rica, presidido por el Agr. Cristián Coronas, por la espléndida labor desarrollada y la precisión y lo bien planificado que estuvo todo. Hubo 6 países representados, siendo la delegación salvadoreña la mayor después de la delegación costarricense. Copia del acta ha sido enviada ya a todos los capítulos donde los miembros pueden obtener toda la información que deseen. Entre los puntos sobresalientes están los siguientes: 1) Se acordó usar el anillo de oro macizo con el emblema de la EAP en el futuro y la Dirección de la Escuela está dispuesta a hacer cumplir este deseo de la Asociación. 2) Se declaró al Dr. Wilson Popenoe "Agricultor del Trópico Mundial". 3) Todos los ex-presidentes de la Internacional llevarán el título de Presidentes Honorarios. 4) El Salvador presentó un directorio de sus miembros. 5) Se aprobó la ponencia de Costa Rica de que todos los capítulos de Centro América y Sur América se dediquen a conseguir de sus gobiernos la suma de US\$ 20,000.00 para ayudar en 1974 a su Alma Mater con sus problemas económicos. 6) El Salvador ganó la próxima sede para la V Convención Internacional, la cual está siendo planificada para el mes de Noviembre de 1974 y coincidirá con la Feria Nacional de aquel país. 7) Se aprobó la ponencia salvadoreña de estudiar la forma de reforzar los fondos de AGEAP Internacional y que se aumente su Secretaría para que se mantenga a todos los miembros debidamente informados de lo que sucede en la AGEAP y sus capítulos. 8) Se acordó insistir en que todos los capítulos preparen sus directorios de miembros siguiendo el ejemplo y el mismo formato que estableció ya el capítulo guatemalteco. 9) Se aprobaron los siguientes cambios en los Estatutos de la Organización: Artículo 13) 5 naciones representadas serán suficientes para formar quorum. Artículo 29) el Secretario General no será necesariamente un graduado de la EAP nombrado por la misma y siendo seleccionado de una nómina de candidatos presentados a la EAP por la Junta Directiva de la AGEAP y que éste a su vez ocupe el cargo de Secretario-Tesorero de la AGEAP Internacional. Por esta razón el puesto de Tesorero desaparece de los Estatutos. 10) Se aprobó la ponencia panameña de establecer allí en su capítulo un premio anual que consistirá en un diploma y medalla de honor con la portada de la EAP y grabación del nombre del ganador, fecha y lugar donde se otorga, a un 'Zamorano' que presente en la Convención Anual de AGEAP, un informe detallado y por escrito, de un trabajo realizado por él, dentro y fuera del país y que sea de interés en el desarrollo de actividades agropecuarias. Estos informes se presentarán en punto especial de agenda, señalados por la Directiva de AGEAP. 11) La nueva Junta Directiva de AGEAP Internacional para 1974 quedó integrada como sigue: Presidente: Agr. Saíd Díaz Arauz de Panamá. Vice-Presidente: Alvaro Miranda de Panamá. Secretario: Luis A. Taylor de Panamá. Vocales: Justo Abelardo Santos de Panamá; Jicmat Alf de Panamá; Alcides Montemayor de Panamá. Tribunal de Honor: Camilo Arauz de Panamá; Manuel Mauricio Martínez de El Salvador; Rafael Castillo de Panamá; Cayetano Bettaglio de El Salvador; Roberto González de Panamá; Viterbo Hidrogo de Panamá. Suplentes: Porfirio Saldaña de Panamá; Frank Bendaña de Nicaragua; Campo Elías Herrera de Panamá; Carlos Cabrera de Panamá; Rafael Arrocha de Panamá; Manuel de Jesús Quintero de Panamá. Fiscal: Arístides Díaz Arrivillaga de Honduras. Secretario-Tesorero, Amado Pelén C. de Honduras.

Como es obvio que en pasado muy pocos miembros han cumplido con el pago de US\$ 12.00 (dólares) de membresía, se aprobó la moción salvadoreña en el sentido que el Secretario-Tesorero haga mucha fuerza en este punto a partir de 1974 llevando un registro estricto al respecto y que antes de iniciar una Convención todos debemos pagar.



25 March 1974

Dear doctor:

I meant to write you a few lines on your birthday, March 9th. but as usual, I belong to that type of people que "siempre corren y llegan tarde." Pero como dicen: "mas vale tarde que nunca" I think of you very often, especially when we have problems here at the EAP, I like to quote you, the opportunities present themselves. You used many good expressions that I like; Dr. Paddock used to say "El dinero se hizo para gastarlo"... I believe he forgot to add "para gastarlo bien gastado." Mr. Adams, when he arrived here as director ^{and} found out how people is, one day exclaimed: "Here everybody wants to go heavens; but nobody likes to die". Don't you think this is a very good one for the teachers here!

As you know EAP is passing through a critical economical time. I estimate that we have lost about 30 workers between the second part of February and this month of March. Apparently the ~~the~~ reduction of workers is going to continue. Looking at the donation list that Monty prepares monthly I noticed that no money has come this year from the U. S. A. Very little from Honduras also. Despite the fact that I have been asking the graduates to pay their membership to AGEAP only 6 have paid ~~thems~~ theirs and Tano Bettaglio gave us a donation of L 21.57. This a bank balance he left in Choluteca before the mini war with Honduras. About 900 graduates receive my newsletter and only 0.666 % have paid their memberships! Some time ago we had a group of the Quindío University of Armenia, Colombia; the head of the group was Camilo Hadad Salame, ex-student of EAP who was fired for drinking and who finished his studies in the U.S.A. Now is rector of the Quindío University and he is very strong in favor of our education system and has worked an articulation program with the idea that Colombian government accept our students with transfer of credits so that they can finish the Ingeniero Agronomo over there with a maximum of two years of extra study. Camilo has worked very hard and hopes this is accepted before May when the President of Colombia will be changed. I hope it works.

Here is a surprise for you. I have a little present (birthday present) for you. It is a very old Velasquez painting. It is painted on a piece of board with Velasquez signature. It represents a scene of the south of this country. I found it in Santa Inés, that little caserío behind the Yeguaré River. They tell me that when Velasquez was a poor man and newly arrived in San Antonio he used to paint little pictures and sold them cheap to help himself a little bit. As far as I know one of these pictures was at Rafaelito's home in San Antonio and Mariana Duron bought it. The second one I got and have it here in my office. I will send it or will take it to you when I come to Antigua in middle May. I am entitled to vacation until then and will try to be at home for my mothers' birthday, May 15th.

Some times I do not have my pies sobre el suelo but then I remember you and try to put them back in its place.

My best wishes for you and doña Alice,

Ever yours,



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10 abril 1974

Muy estimado señor Presidente:

Por el interés que puedan tener sus afiliados del Capítulo de AGEAP de su país, y debido a que mi próxima carta bi-mensual saldrá hasta fines de Abril, me permito transcribirle la carta que acabo de recibir del Agrónomo Mariano R. Palacios, Presidente del capítulo de Guatemala:

GUATEMALA,
26 de Marzo de 1974

Señor Amado Pelén
Secretario AGEAP Internacional
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Apreciable Pelén:

Te comunico que al fin parece que vamos a cumplir con un viejo deseo de los Agrónomos Zamoranos Guatemaltecos, de rendir un merecido homenaje al Dr. Wilson Popenoe, el cual se llevará a cabo en la Antigua Guatemala el día sábado 20 de abril del presente año, de las 17 horas en adelante.

Durante este evento aprovecharemos para entregar los diplomas de la EAP y AGEAP Internacional a los agrónomos que cumplen 25 años de egresados de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, y al respecto te agradecería me informaras sobre los diplomas de Octavio Orellana, ya que deseamos conocer si le fueron entregados con anterioridad. Te agradeceré que en tu próxima carta hagas mención a los demás capítulos de esta actividad, invitándolos para que asistán, si en caso desean reservaciones de hotel, por favor que nos lo hagan saber al apartado No. 413.

Para el Homenaje al Dr. Popenoe, el Consejo Municipal de Antigua quiere entregarle la Orden RAFAEL LANDIVAR, para lo cual necesitamos con urgencia el curriculum vitae del Doctor el cual te agradeceré lo envíes a vuelta de correo.

Especialmente te esperamos, por ser uno de los más viejos amigos y colaboradores del Dr. Popenoe. Hasta pronto.

Tu afmo. servidor,

Mariano R. Palacios,
Presidente AGEAP, Guatemala, A. C.

Dear -doctor: Congratulations on this very well deserved homenaje to you. I regret I cannot be with you at this occasion, but will see you in early May. I received your last letter and will carry the cigars to you when I come. Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

15 July 1974

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am sorry I could not say good-bye to you during your last visit to our school. Right after you left Mrs Bernardo Roehrs visited us to see his son, Marcel, who is studying actually at EAP. I sent with her three photos of the new variety of mangos, but in case she forgets to deliver them to you, I take pleasure in sending another set of three copies of the ones I took at the Popenoe House in Zamorano.

I believe the mangos are specially impressive, but, as you know, most of the times these fruits, which are exagerately big do not become very profitable commercially. Time will say about these mangos.

I understand you arranged for Roberto Salas to come to Falla's place to learn more about commercial fruit and flowers nurseries. I am sure he will take advantage of the opportunity. Salas is a good teacher. I know because the students talk highly about him. When the two canarios left I asked them about him and they told me he is good and that they considered the time they spent here in the garden Salas made a good contribution towards their education. Lastima que no tiene mas preparaci6n para poder ir a los Estados Unidos a sacar un grado en fruticultura?

Hope you and your family are all well. EAP is expecting a group of students and professors from the United States today. I hope you are receiving my last AGEAP Newsletter soon and that I am doing what the Board expected me to do.

In my next letter I will try to publish the final program of the V convention of San Salvador and I hope we can meet there again. Prof. Alfonso Torres left yesterday for the Dominican Republic where they will have a horticultural meeting, I believe. Too bad Mr. Ernest Casseres is no longer working with this group. I always recall with pleasure the time when you took me to Guatemala to drive some men of this group through the country. Bruce Ledin (who is dead), Bob Armour, Mostacita, Peter Lynch and many others are in my pictures.

Miguel Cotero sent me a good set of photos of you at the Municipalidad de Antigua. As you know Miguel was granted the titulo after many years he left the EAP for disciplinary reasons. But he has done such a good job at the tabacalera that you decided to give the titulo which I believe he deserves because he loves his EAP and has always been very active and keen about anything that relates to the school.

Hoping to hear from you when you can write I remain always,

Su afmo amigo,

Amado

I was 51 years old last 8 of July !! 1974



27 September 1974

Dear Doctor:

I reply to your nice letter of 18 September. I am very glad you met the Carrs. They are wonderful people and they left here very good impression which has not faded through these many years. (1) It is true that that the Agri. scholars like Paddock, Greenan, etc. have the tendency to increase course in our program sacrificing the field prácticas. As the professors take higher degrees they have the same tendency. (2) Paddock, by limiting the entrance to only bachilleres raised the standards (academic) of EAP but it is barrier to many others who could have take advantage of EAP preparation. Of course, some people like Paddock objected when Doris opposed to this and said that she was "enemiga del progreso"!!! (3) The discipline seems to be in first place with the graduates, who after leaving our campus recognized how it was for them. They never admit this while inside of the school. I like hotel Aurora because I used to carry the tourists' balijas when I was a kid there and made some money, and also learned there my first English words. I keep good memories of this place. I hope the same Asturias girls are keeping the place in good shape. By the way, Chucho cuto, my school mate, Victor Manuel Asturias was alcalde of Antigua in the past. I am glad you met don Chico. He seems to be involved in everything! I am sure he keeps for you an special cariño. I sincerely hope you can make the trip to El Salvador where your ex-students keep great respect and love for you. They will be, I am sure, much delighted having you and doña Alice with them for the V Convention.

I am including a directory of addresses of the Salvadoreños which was prepared by the Salvador AGEAP Chapter. Also a list of all the graduates of El Salvador prepared by myself noting some apodos and some boys who are death now. There is also a list of graduates of El Salvador by years. You will be surprised but Octavio Orellana considers himself as Salvadoreño. He entered here as Guatemalan when his father, a military man of Guatemala used to work at Anguiatú frontera. He stayed in El Salvador since he graduated, married a salvadoreña, and I believe his mother is salvadoreña. He has done very well there, landscaping buildings like CAMINO REAL, and he even builds houses, fishing boats, etc. etc. Talking about Venancio Botrán, Julio Pineda told me he needs a zamorano to plant something like 40 caballerias of sugar cane!!!! That means more good rum for Guatemala! It is amazing to realise that the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura of El Salvador was born at your veranda after Roberto Quiñones gave the graduation speech.

About the AGRICULTOR DE AMERICA. This is something created specially for you. The only thing is that the boys at Panamá that the name would probably be EL AGRICULTOR DE LA AMERICA LATINA. Anyway the idea is to give a recognition to you for your many contributions to Latin America. Perhaps we must find an appropriated name for this. Spanish language is reach and I do not think there will be much problem finding the proper title for it. Any suggestions? Don't forget I need a good picture of Mr. Armour for our collection of Directors here. By the way did you know that the man who killed the Chinese Ambassador here was yardboy of the Armours and they paid for his high school education in town. Papers say that he was captured in Jamastran when he was ready to go into Nicaragua. This has not been yet confirmed by the police here.

Best regards to you, Alice, Sally, etc.

Ever yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Quiñones", is written over the typed name "Ever yours,".



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

7 March 1975

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Pardon me for delaying so long in replying to your letters. Eric Hoepker Alvarado (a cousin of Willy Hoepker) is here. He is doing average work in his first year. I talked with him about Willy's case. He told me that Willy has always been very sorry for having been dropped from EAP. He told me that in one occasion they both visited the EAP and Willy refused to go to the messhall, saying that in that place he had problems that originated in part his firing from here. I didn't know about this part. It was my understanding that the only reason of his loosing his beca was to accompany Harry Gordon in his trips with EAP car. Willy, as you say, is doing fine selling Mercedes Benz in Costa Rica, but according with Eric, he shows sadness for not having completed his studies in Zamorano.

About Velazquez: Some weeks ago I talked with him by telephone from Mr. Jacobo Zelaya's office. I explained exactly what you wanted. A small, unframed painting of about 18 inches long, with a common San Antonio motive, but painted by himself. He promised to do his best and treat you with "consideración". Yesterday Mr. Zelaya called me to say that Antonio's wife had called his office saying that the picture is ready, it is about a meter big and she asked L 800.00 for it! I told Mr. Zelaya that something must be wrong because you do not want a mural but a small common size painting that in the old days Velasquez used to sell for L 40.00. I believe the best thing now is not to accept the painting as I think it is too big, and very expensive. I believe that this picture Velasquez had in stock someplace and now he wants to sell it to you. Another thing that I am not sure is that Velasquez painted it himself, as you want, since I have not seen it yet.

I asked Mr. Zelaya to find out specifications on this painting: size, motive, etc. etc. before taking action on this affair. I and Mr. Zelaya will await for your reaction on this matter before going any further.

Dr. Hugh Popenoe was here not long ago. I had the pleasure to talk with him for a few minutes when EAP inaugurated the cursillo of the 30 new, one-year Venezuelan students. Venezuela Ambassador was here with his secretario and military attaché. The cursillistas are doing allright. Now we have 243 regular students (one Honduran died in Danlí recently, he was first year. He suffered a severe case of bronchites I believe). Besides these students we have the 30 Venezuelans who now live at la 15, near the Horticultural Department.

I have been very busy taking pictures of all activities of the EAP with the idea of making film strips in Spanish. I take the slides, professors will help with explanations, and final film strips will be printed in the U.S.A. Catacamas is being helped by UNESCO, I believe. Director now is Carlos Cortes, Hondurasn, class 67 with a Master in Hawaii on Fisiología de la Reproducción Animal. My son-in-law, Luis Carlos Gallego is helping him in Lechería and Dairy Products. He had other two Zamoranos with degrees but they left too soon. They have problems with discipline, students there are affiliated to some "sindicato" and they write letters to the Minister to throw teachers they don not like out of the school. Julio Cesar Zepeda is now head of agricultural education in the country and he is asking Masters for teaching there. Carlos Cortes was here looking my records to find Masters for Catacamas but he could not find anyone available. In Catacamas they pay only 1,000 lempiras and masters are getting much more by other institutions for Botanical Documentation.

Amado

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