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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1963

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

Dr. and Mrs. Reitz invited me over the other night to view the pictures they took on their recent Central and South American trip, and delivered the very beautiful Toledo linen-piece you so graciously sent me. I have been displaying it since then on my dining-room table so everyone who comes in may admire it.

I greatly enjoyed seeing pictures of your beautiful home and having first hand information concerning your good health and activities. I hope you will come up for the Conference this fall. Meantime, thanks so very much for your lovely gift, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Dr. Wilson Poponoe,  
Antigua, Guatemala

*Edwin P. Pitts*

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

July 28, 1964

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

Since writing you early last week, Mrs. Miller and I have chatted more about our prospective trip to Mexico and Guatemala, and we thought possibly we should have suggested alternative dates with respect to our visit at Antigua. We realize that you have many and frequent guests and the original dates suggested may not suit you.

We are prepared to leave home a week earlier which means we would leave for Mexico on August 15, remain there until August 21, reach Guatemala on Friday, August 21, and join you for a visit beginning Sunday, August 23. We would leave on Thursday, August 27 for home.

We could, if preferable, adjust this schedule till a week later than originally planned, which would mean that we would depart Miami on August 29, and visit with you September 6-10. The middle schedule above, namely leaving August 15 and returning August 27 appeals to Mrs. Miller somewhat more than the first schedule suggested, but we shall conform to your own convenience in the matter; and, if not any of the dates suggested are convenient, then we would most assuredly ~~understand~~ understand, and could very easily be on our own, except we would wish to see you while in your neck of the woods.

With warmest personal regards, soy de Vd.

Muy atentamente, etc.etc.

*Edwin P. Pitts*  
1617 NW 7th Place

*The Reitzes are back from Mexico with glowing accounts of their visit. They came by for a pop call last week and we re all the more excited about our own voyage.*

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

July 20, 1964

1617 NW 7th Ave  
Gainesville Fla.

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

With very warmest personal regards from both of us, I am  
Sincerely,  
A/B

Relying on the warmth of your invitation, Mrs. Miller and I have done some deep thinking in recent weeks and have come up with the thought that we would like to pay you and Guatemala a visit towards the latter part of August. The Reitzes have been nudging us on by insisting that you were absolutely sincere in wanting us, and that we have a rich treat in store if we do in fact get down to Guatemala. I am writing now on behalf of Mrs. Miller and myself to inquire whether we might include a visit to Guatemala and with you in the following general itinerary.

We should like to visit Mexico on the proposed trip and inquiries in regard to schedules leaving and returning to Miami tend to show that we might plan as follows:

1. Leave Miami Saturday, August 22 via PAN-AMERICAN at 5:15 p.m., arriving about three hours later in Mexico City. Remain in Mexico until Friday, August 28, and depart in early morning for Guatemala City.
2. Arrive about Noon (definite time to be checked with PAA) and go to Hotel Pan Americana, recommended by your son, Hugh. Spend remainder of Friday and Saturday in Guatemala City. Hugh says that Antigua is about 25 miles distance from Guatemala City and is reached by bus, departing several times daily. We would advise you of time of departure for Antigua. We would follow any itinerary you may suggest after arriving in Antigua, but would wish to avail ourselves of TOUR services rather than inconvenience you or cause you to serve as guide on the many attractions in and around Antigua which, I am sure, you have witnessed many times. In other words, we would not to put you to any inconvenience at all, but we would love to see your lovely colonial home about which we have heard so much over the years, and we would like to have you suggest places of interest. Most of all we would enjoy seeing you.
3. Apparently PAA has flights out of Guatemala City every day except Friday, so we would have to plan on returning around Thursday. We want to get back home before the Labor Day traffic, since we will make the trip to Miami by car. If our proposed visit at the indicated time suits you, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please be frank, for if not entirely convenient, we would certainly understand.

Antigua, Guatemala, 25 July 1964

Dear Miss Pitts:

**Estupendo!** Nothing could please me more. And the end of August will fit in with my plans perfectly, - there will be nobody else here.

This is what I recommend: You say you may plan to arrive in Guatemala City via Pan Am on Friday August 28th. It seems you want to stop in the City; allright, but I am not sure it wouldnt be better for you to come right over to Antigua. I would meet you at the plane on arrival, and take you over to the City any day you wished. But if you do want to stop in the City first, then I suggest you let me pick you up on Saturday afternoon and bring you over here.

You will break my heart if you take any of the commercial tours. I can tell just as many lies and make just as many misstatements as any of the commercial guides, and I insist on having the privilege of taking you and Mrs Miller around the valley of Antigua and over through the highlands - type A, B, or C tour. Anywhere you want to go - if the road is open. Of course the main ones - all you will probably need to think about - are now paved and excellent the year around.

Write me by air mail a week or more in advance of your arrival - better make it ten days, and write twice a day or two apart. Just tell me whether you want me to meet you at the airport or call for you at the Pan Americano the day after your arrival. I advise coming

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

August 6, 1964

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

Encantadas las dos -- Mrs. Miller y yo -- con todos sus planes!

We have received and read avidly your two letters and are quite carried away with your preparations for us. We are firming up details today as follows:

Leave Miami, August 22 PANAM 5:15 p.m. Arrive Mexico City 8:30 p.m

Leave Mexico, August 28 9:30 a.m. Arrive Guatemala 11 a.m.

From, Friday, August 28 on arrival until Thursday, September 3, we shall put ourselves in your hospitable hands.

Leave Guatemala City, Thursday, September 3, 5:05 p.m.

Arrive Miami 9:10 p.m.

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We hesitated to impose on you, since we know you have so many guests coming and going, for such an extended visit, and more for that reason than any other we had thought it would be nice to spend a couple of days in Guatemala City, but you are so generous in wanting us to come direct to Antigua that we will not make you twist our arms, even by correspondence, any longer. We will go with you all the way. The prospect of having such a distinguished personal guide for our tours overwhelms us. Quite frankly, neither Mrs. Miller nor I are completely sold on directed commercial tours.

We plan to stop at the Maria Cristina Hotel in Mexico City. It is located at Lerma No. 31, Mexico 5 D.F., should you need to contact us. And, if anything unforeseen happens, I will wire you from Mexico City, but we anticipate no problemas.

Mrs. Miller asks to be joined in our fondest regards and hopes of seeing you at the airport in Guatemala on August 28th.

Sincerely,

*Edith P. Pitt*

Dr. Wilson Poponoe,  
Antigua, Guatemala

## ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS  
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 11 August 1964.

De toda mi consideración:

Me doy por entendido. Barrine Acts of God and the Queen's Enemies I shall be at the Guatemala City airport at 11 a m on 28 August to welcome you nice people to the Land of Eterna Primavera. And I am mighty happy that did not let the travel bureau hook you for a Package Tour. From the moment you were parked at the Guatemala Biltmore you would have met nothing but gringos who once met your aunt in Kalamazoo, Michigan and who are so sorry for our poor Indians because their clothes are so dirty, and why cant the Point Four program give each of the women a nice Sears Roebuck mother hubbard rather than these gaudy things they wear?

I feel sure there will be no need for me to get in touch with you at Mexico City, but thank you for the address in case of an emergency. Should you need to radio me, be sure to mark it "Via Tropical Radio" no extra charge, as All America Cables does not give me as good service out here in Antigua as Tropical Radio which as you may know is a subsidiary of my old crowd, United Fruit.

Dios, Libertad y Sufradio Efectivo.



Dec. 18/65

Dear Dr. Peppone:

It was so good to  
have you in Gainesville  
even-though briefly. I  
am sending this  
tiny note to wish  
for you and all of  
your household in  
delightful Antigua  
my very best wishes  
for a happy Yuletide  
Season.

Sincerely,  
Edith P.