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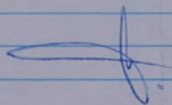
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Dear Mr. Adams.

With reference to the cost of
2000 copies of Dr. Popov's Book, the
quotation is as follows.

Paper Band 16 — £424.00

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Mr. Kermit H. Adams

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Ing. Guillermo Padilla, Director
Instituto Técnico de Agricultura

August 19, 1968

Kermit H. Adams - Asesor en Educación Agrícola
Chief of Party

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Mr. Al Chable
File

Sub-Curriculum Studies

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, having made over 6 curriculum studies was asked some questions pertinent to the curriculum we are studying. With the view of taking advantage of his experience in such matters, I am presenting you with his opinions.

Q. How much mathematics should be taught at Bárcena?

A. Certainly through Algebra and Plane Geometry.

Q. How about Calculus?

A. Forget it. It is not usable.

Q. And Statistics?

A. Cut it! It is not needed.

Q. Which courses in plant science do you consider necessary?

A. Plant Physiology, Plant Pathology, Plant Anatomy.

Q. And entomology?

A. Certainly a course in Economics Entomology.

Q. What courses on Agricultural Economy?

A. Go easy on this. Not too much.

His recommendations further brought the fact that Bárcena should strive to keep a practical training program and not be overloaded with higher math, advanced science etc. Should the Institute go in for such courses it will lose its function as a practical learn-by-doing school.

K.H.ADAMS

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

February 16, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Casa de Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alice:

Have been trying to answer your letter, but always have students and teachers dropping by. Hope you can come by our place at the earliest, as I would like to discuss with you the possibilities of becas for Barcena graduates at Zamorano. In a proposed ag sector and human resources loan (which it appears it will pass) are mentioned many kinds of becas totaling in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. I can think of no better place to send these boys for a practical higher education. I have been assigned the study of the matter of becas by Al Chable and I need all of the information available and also your suggestions and advice.

Also am planning to have an ag teachers skill week and conference during August. Last I heard the money was practically guaranteed to transport the teachers and to put on the skills classes. Would like to talk to you regarding this matter as well.

Don't know when I have had as interesting challenging, and frustrating work to do. It's no wonder Don Fiester and Al Chable and all of you others down here so many years are so deeply dedicated to the development of agriculture.

Sin otro particular, me suscribo de usted muy atentamente,

Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party

P. S. We brought a bottle of Scotch with us when my wife and I came by a couple of weeks ago. No one answered the door so we brought it back. Guess it will sit back getting older and better while it's waiting for you.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

February 24, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Amazing as it is, I was on the point of writing you when I received your letter on your return from Honduras. Am concerned, as you are, about the fate of Catacamas, Olancho. All these countries direly need middle level agricultural training and should be expanding the concept of practical agriculture instead of doing as they are. Sometimes I wonder at man's incalculable capacity for folly.

Will put my questions by numbers, the better to keep them to the point.

- 1) Would like to talk with you about possible becas to Zamorano (proposed under an AID loan) for agricultural college - and specifically the costs and requirements, and anything else I need to know regarding sending Guatemalans for four years of training. Also would it be possible to send some there for short courses?
- 2) Would you be amenable to my having printed up 500 more of your Fruticultura Centro America book at San Carlos and selling them at the school for cost plus a small amount to cover losses? Your book is very popular and we have frequent requests from students and agriculturists who want to obtain one. Too, our library suffers a steady attrition from those who "forget" to return them. Please inform me as to your specific wishes in regard to your book and I shall see that your wishes are complied with.
- 3) Many thanks for your offer of dolichos lab-lab seed. I was on the point of writing you to ascertain your interest in obtaining new varieties of crops, fruit and ornamentals for the school at Barcena. Of many projects which I am sure I have not put all the energy and sweat necessary to bring to a success at I.T.A., the outstanding deficit is in this area. We can do a lot better than we have. On your visit, (any A.M. from 6:30 to 12:30, 3 P.M.'s per week) we'll be there and can plan with you about acquisitions of seed, stolons, cuttings, scions, etc. which you may be able to tell us about.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
February 24, 1970

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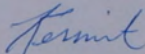
Incidentally we just planted some pejibaye, knowing well from your book that the altitude is somewhat high for it, but with the idea that students will learn about it and we can also send some home with students in lower altitudes for introduction there if they do not have this valuable nutritious fruit.

Cal Poly has Jim Merson, for 30 years head of the Ag Engineering department, and Ray Houston, Ornamental Horticulturist here for 3 months. Both have been here before and they hit the job with their wheels a-spinning.

Jim is working on tractor maintenance, ram-rod-ding the re-wiring of several buildings with safe electricity, working on re-fencing the livestock area (correct corner posts, cattle guards, loading chutes, etc.) and on student projects. Ray is concentrating on greenhouse techniques, flowers, vegetable propagation flats, etc.

Am busy myself with trying to obtain more equipment, especially for Soil Conservation, and more supplies we need to teach with, such as the acquisition of 25,000 vegetable and flower seed packets, also am on the trail of more dairy equipment, a dentists chair for a dental clinic, and have obtained several cwt. of medicines, vitamins, iron pills, etc, as well as trying to get the architects on the ball to get the new school built. Hope to show you some of our progress on your visit.

Sin otro particular, me suscribo de usted muy atentamente,



Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party

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P.S.: That Scotch is getting more aged all the time!



AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA
AMERICAN EMBASSY
GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

May 15, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popence
Casa del Oidor
Antigua, Guatemala

Estimado Dr. Popence:

Hope by now you have returned. Would like to get together with you sometime which is convenient. Whenever you are in the City, bring your bride by to see us.

We have one small greenhouse about finished, and two others in construction - both plastic one for tomatoes and the other for flowers. Vegetables are doing rather well, with asparagus really excellent. Can't say much for the fruit program. The livestock situation is much better and the ag mechanics good as usual.

We have Dia del Arbol on about the ³⁰29th - if you can come, would like to see you.

Sincerely,

Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party

AGR/KHA/mmg

Antigua, 22 May 1970

Mr Kermit H. Adams
USAID Mission
Guatemala City.

Dear Kermit:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th and the various and mimeographed leaflets you have been getting out for use at Barcena. I am sorry I have not been able to see you and finish the revision of "Fruticultura" but as you may perhaps know I had to go up to Florida for nearly a month and more recently have had to go to Costa Rica where Alice and I stayed with the Mailton Laus, and I want to tell you what a fine job he is doing down there. Apparently the political climate is just right and they are developing some fine programs.

Now we are about to leave for Europe, to be gone, I suspect, all summer. I have delayed our departure a week because of a request I have had from the Organization of American States, about which I must tell you, if you haven't already heard of the impending visit of Armando Hildebrand of OAS and a group of four Peruvians who are interested in developing a "Centro Piloto de Educación Agrícola" in the Cañete valley south of Lima.

Apparently these people have in mind something on the order of Zamorano. I wrote them that they didn't need to see me; they should go right to Zamorano where they can get all the information they need, but they replied that only I know the problems which had to be faced when Zamorano was founded and they must talk with me personally. The last word is that they will be in Guatemala from 31 May to 5 June, and they have asked me, in addition to receiving them here in Antigua, to put them in touch with "escuelas o centros

agrícolas" in Guatemala. I do not feel that I should personally take them to Barcena or other "centros agrícolas"; they should do all this through the local authorities. Furthermore, I do not know of anything here which will really interest them except Barcena.

Last week-end Alice and I spent on a tour of the highlands, mainly to see how the material brought down by Prof. Hough of New Jersey is coming along, but also to see the nurseries at Aposentos and Salcajá. It looks to me as tho Guillermo Arriaga is doing a good job and I am writing him to that effect. Something happened to the peaches and plums in the highlands; there are practically no plums this year - they say the flowers were hit by frost - but there is going to be a good crop of apples.

Looks like Guatemala is really going to town with Asparagus, just as it has done with strawberries.

I hope I may have a chance to see you before I get away for Europe, but I dont feel too hopeful. With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,



[1971]
Dear Alice and Mr. Popov,
We want to thank
you again for the
super Sunday dinner
and a very enjoyable
afternoon visit. Thanks
also for including
Emily and Joe Walker.
They've spoken of the
visit several times -
you really had a
great time talking
over mutual friends,
places and experiences.
You know how
we look forward to
visits with both
of you!
Pleasant journey
Alice -- good luck

with the mangos.
Doctor! Will look forward
to seeing you
when we all return
to Guatemala.

Sincerely,

Ermit & Dorothy

P.S.

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that chubark & Thany
again.

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Remarks:

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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 keep you informed of our subv's
 activities —
Hermit

Routed by:
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HOWARD M. GABBERT
301 DODD ST. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

August 9, 1971

Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of California
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

First, I shall introduce myself. Born in Ventura, California... Stanford graduate...retired after 35 years of U.S. Government service, mainly in Latin America...now living in Washington, D. C.

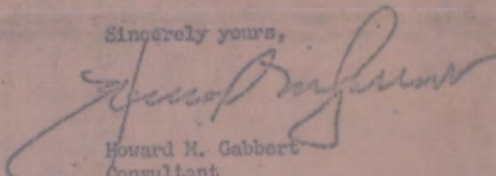
I have been a consultant to the USAID Mission in Guatemala on Food for Peace and related matters for the past several months. I have seen many University Technical Assistance Contracts abroad, but never one as effective as the current Cal-Poly Contract in Guatemala. It is small but its achievements are outstanding.

Kermit Adams and Bob McColaugh comprise the Cal-Poly mission. They are doing a great job. Dedicated...their feet squarely on the ground...teaching Guatemalans who, in turn, teach their own people how to increase farm production through down-to-earth common sense practices and hard work...self help at its best!

As a former Californian, I am especially proud of the significant contribution they are making to the agricultural development among the Indian farmers, who comprise about 50 percent of Guatemala's population. This, in turn, contributes significantly to the overall economic and political stability of that country.

I thought you would like to know about this.

Sincerely yours,



Howard M. Gabbert
Consultant
Food for Peace

cc: Mr. Irwin R. Hedges, Coordinator, FFP
Mr. Frank R. Ellis, Deputy Coordinator, FFP
Hon. Burt Talcott, U.S. House of Representatives
Hon. Charles M. Teague, U.S. House of Representatives
Dr. Robert Kennedy, President California Polytechnical Institute
Mr. Robert E. Culbertson, Director, USAID/Guatemala
Mr. Kermit Adams, USAID/Guatemala
Mr. Robert McColaugh, USAID/Guatemala
Mr. James Lockhart, ARA/LA/CEN



AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

August 18, 1971

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Many thanks again for the fine dinner at your house last Sunday.

Your publication on Fruit Production continues to be in great use here at the Instituto.

P. A. Marco Flores has expressed the desire to have you come here and talk with his students about problems in fruit growing. I said that I would inform you of his wishes. Also he would like to obtain propagating materials for apples and pears from you.

Incidentally, Chuck Atlee brought back from Quiché from August De León's finca some of the best apples I have seen grown here in Guatemala.

It appears that Bob Armour will help publish Dr. Harry Finch's excellent manual on fungi of importance in Central America. The manual is practical and useful. It will be a real break through for students all over Central America. Bob also expressed interest in one of our student interns from Cal Poly who is a dairy specialist. Just wish we could provide more assistance to Zamorano, for it certainly deserves all the support possible. Hope to see you over here sometime soon.

Faithfully,

Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party
Cal Poly/AID Project

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c.c.: Col. Manuel Aparicio, P.A. Marco Flores, José Ramírez Bermúdez

*Franzisco Moncada sends his regards
and thanks for your hospitality -
KHA*

Antigua, Guatemala, 23 August 1971

Mr Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party, Cal Poly/AID Project
Guatemala.

Dear Kermit:

Replying to your letter of the 18th, I will be glad to talk with Marco Flores' students some time in September, and help him get propagating material of apples and pears.

I would be interested in knowing what variety of apples Chuck brought from DeLeon's finca in Sta Cruz Quiché. I know this finca and suspect the variety is one which I saw there, two seasons ago, and which we could not name.

Dr John Greenman of the University of Florida, head of the committee which is now finishing a month reviewing the situation at Zamorano, is coming over here on Saturday the 28th to spend the week-end seeing something of Guatemala. He leaves on Tuesday the 31st at noon. It occurs to me that he might be interested in having a hasty look at Barcena. We might drive from here that morning via Palin, run up to Barcena for half an hour, and then get to the airport by 2 1/2 o'clock. It would be strictly unofficial and I am not at all sure he will feel that he has time for it. It would not be necessary for anyone to be on hand for the occasion - it would be best if he could drive over the plantel and see what normally goes on between nine and ten o'clock.

Siempre su muy afmo y SS

Wilson Popenoe

August 24, 1971

Dr. Robert Armour
Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado Postal 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Bob:

Greetings from Guatemala. Chuck Atlee and Dr. Harry Finch will be leaving us at the end of the week. Don't know who learns more from them, me or the guatemaltecos. Always a surprising amount of information to be learned from these two.

Hope "Common Plant Disease Fungi of Cultivated Plants in Latin America - Illustrated" comes out in print so we can use these new microscopes were getting to good purpose.

Still have our problems at I.T.A. Director is never here and I maintain someone should be here with a strong hand all of the time - from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. at least.

Harry tells me you have some black bean varieties at Zamorano. If you find the idea acceptable, we would like to obtain as many varieties as possible for use here at Bárcena. Could you send us some seed?

The transparencies from Cal Poly on "cuts of meat" and "morphology of grasses" are particularly good. Also the filmstrips on Ornamental Horticulture, Judging Livestock, Farm Fencing, Vegetable Judging, etc. are excellent. If you wish to purchase any of these materials, write for the list of visual aids, Vocational Education Productions, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo 93401 and you can order them by mail.

We're looking for some way to get about 7 E.A.P. graduates into Cal Poly. Maybe Harry can find a "farm-work scholarship" for them. Costs have risen enormously, it's getting so a student can't work their way through school.

Faithfully,

Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party

c.c.: Wilson Popenoe



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UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

31 August 1971

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Delighted to hear from you. Had hoped to see Dr. Greenman, but imagine he was bastante ocupado.

Things are in a flux here. Director in trouble and suspended. Have been working more with Escuelas Moviles and 4-S, having visited Chiquimula, Barbarena, Quesada and Jutiapa recently to inaugurate schools and Concilio of 4-S. Anyway, work continues ahead, in spite of the problem. Have always worked a lot with individual teachers who can put the ideas and new information into practice. We now have absolutely the best plant pathology training they have ever given, with a great number of slides as well. Also a new well going in, and some improvements in educational materials, organization, etc. elsewhere. Will probably expand the contract for next year and will be more in the field than ever. I feel Cal Poly can do a lot of good in working to help the Dirección de Servicios Agrícolas to back up the Rural Development Loan.

The good apples from Santa Cruz Quiché are believed to be Red Astrakhan by Chuck Atlee. Will sure miss the work and presence of Chuck and Dr. Harry Finch. I want to give you a copy of their reports when they are done. They put on many short courses on vegetable production and diseases of fruit trees and vegetables. We are now getting a much better picture of what diseases are where in Guatemala. Also Harry's excellent illustrated teaching manual on plant fungus diseases of Latin America will be published at Zamorano. We think it fulfills a real need.

My allied Supreme Commander, la Jefa, returned Saturday and we haven't caught up yet with all the news from the family.

Well, am still pitching away. Sometimes it gets frustrating, but something like the bulldog, I am tenacious. Still have plenty of good ideas I want to see put into practice, plus some I have been working on for years and haven't succeeded in getting yet. One hopeful plan is to get Texaco and many others to help out 4-S. Am taking the head of 4-S Mariano Palacios with me to see Mr. Penny, the General Manager of Texaco to interest him in putting his efforts behind 4-S.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
August 31, 1971
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We see him this week. If h-S is ever going to make it they require the massive support of the private sector. Government will never do it. Don was always of the opinion that private enterprise could do more and so is, my boss Al Chable.

En espera de sus prontas noticias, quedo de usted muy cordialmente,

Kermit

Kermit H. Adams
Chief of Party
CAL POLY-AID Project

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cc: Donald R. Fiester

*P.S. Marco Flores is looking forward
to your coming to Barsem. Also,
he's looking for bud-wood.
KHA*

Antigua, Guatemala 13 Sept 1971

Mr Kermit H. Adams, Chief of Party
Cal Poly-Aid Project, US Embassy
Guatemala.

Dear Kermit:

Thanks for yours of 31 August. I had things all lined up for Dr Greenman to see you and Barcena, but at the last minute he found out that his US Passport had expired about 1936 or something like that and the salvadoreños would not give him a tourist card. So we spent the morning I had dedicated to Cal Poly getting things straightened out and he flew off in the afternoon to San Salvador where he was going to spend some time at the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura. He did a wonderful job at Zamorano, where he encountered a lack of statistics on costs. Thank God he didnt come when I was there. In his last Newsletter Bob Ar our was able to say that the students had turned over to the Mess Hall 6,098 mangos and 2500 Pollock avocados, but he couldnt show how many of each were stolen and how much it cost to pay the two watchmen which probably got away with more. You would have enjoyed talking with that chap Greenman. He is wonderful.

I have been up to my ears on this Zamorano business, but I would like to get over to Barcena soon, primarily to see how I can help Marco Flores. He wont need to graft his Temperate Zone fruit patrones until November or December, I suppose, and I would like to know how much budwood he will need - scions, that is, for we are all using the veneer graft these days. I can give him some 30 or 40 scions of the Wealthy apple, one of the best, and some of the so-called Key West apple right from my own patio. But if he needs a few hundred, I will wangle them for him elsewhere. The important thing is to get material that is true to name.

About that apple from the De Leon's place at Santa Cruz quiché.

I saw it a couple of years ago. It might be Red Astrachan but I am not sure primarily because the people out near Quezaltenango have been clamoring for a long time that Winter Banan is Red Astrakhan. Incidentally, the De Leons claim they were the first to have Wealthy, which got into the hands of Juarez at Chichicastenango and Tomasaa Cabrera in Santa Cruz Quiché. This is one of our best apples; rather low chilling requirement and good eating quality as I proved to my own satisfaction when I bought some at Chichicastenango a week ago.

You mention working with Mariano Palacios, head of the 4-8 boys. Seems to me he is a Zamorano, verdad? I have always thought well of him, as of practically all Zamoranos. I am glad that you have been getting into the 4-8 field. They represent what you term "private enterprise" which is pretty close to the grass roots. That is where Henry Wallace and I tried to help the little fellows grow more corn per manzana. It means fertilizer, and the right soils, and I think a lot of progress has been made - tho not much by Henry Wallace and myself. The big Foundations have gone in for big agriculture, and the little fellows have been overlooked too much. They called us agricultural missionaries, and I don't resent it. The little fellows are the backbone of Guatemalan society.

I hope I can get you and Dorothy over here again soon. Alice came over with the Greenmans but had to go back to Tegucigalpa to see if she can rent her house. I think she will be back in ten days or so. I am holding a fat pullet in the "dip friz" bit if Alice doesn't come back soon we will break it out for you and Dorothy; but I hope Alice will be here to see that you each get a good piece of psequa.

Warmest regards to you both, and as Commodore Perry said on Lake Erie, "Don't give up the ship!"

Ever yours

Wilson Popence

[1972.7]

Mr. Donald F. Rodrigues
Agricultural Advisor
Cal Poly Project/Thailand
USOM Education Division
APO San Francisco 96346

Dear Don:

Am very grateful to Howard West for taking the opportunity to talk with you in regard to possibilities of grapes growing in Guatemala.

There are many altitudes, amounts of rainfall, climates, soils etc. here in this country. Many varieties of grapes have been tried out to no avail. Probably grape growing will never be a heavily produced crop in this country, it might be an income producer for the small farmer if a variety suitable for growing conditions could be obtained. Certainly the country could not compete with other grape production areas of the world.

Anything I can give you on soils, etc. is very general. Much of the soil is volcanic, the rainfall is highly variable from a few inches to many feet and topography is generally steep.

Yes, we would be very interested in obtaining some cuttings. If you could tell us the rainfall, soil, etc. where the varieties are grown, we'll try to match regions. As the latitude is the same, perhaps there might be a possibility. Am going to consult with Dr. Wilson Popenoe after the information and varieties come from you to Guatemala.

Bob is busy with a program covering the Republic with 4 units and working in a total of 37 localities and also with 2 Centros de Capacitación.

I'm with the Instituto and have started in a program with 4 Normal Schools and 10 Secondary Schools. Besides all this were helping the 4-H program and will be in other areas as well.

Bob Tomasevich, my brother-in-law, will be down here this summer.

Sin otro particular, quedo de usted como su atento servidor,

Kermit H. Adams, Chief of Party

c.c.: Messrs. Wilson Popenoe, Bob McCorkle, Howard West, Dean Gibson
Warren T. Smith



AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UNITED STATES A. I. D. MISSION TO GUATEMALA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

February 16, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alice:

Dorothy and I certainly enjoyed ourselves at your place Saturday A.M. We do every time. Am going to write some of your stories down or tape them (with su permiso) for they are priceless in their value. The spaghetti dinner was muy sabroso.

Wrote Hugh and sent a copy to you of my letter. Hope he doesn't think me too presumptuous.

D.S. Leigh, Principal Tropical Fruit Officer from Sydney Australia will arrive in Guatemala for one day, Thursday March 2. He is here to study Avocados. He wrote our director and he is lining up someone (but not M.G.) to talk with Leigh. Director Spiegeler would like to have you talk to Leigh also. Since Leigh will be here until 5:30 p.m. of that day only, he could talk with you if you were in town.

Hope to get the El Tablón area fenced (we're putting together a Food for Work Plan) to keep out the stock so that we can grow better fruit trees up there.

Sin más por el momento, quede de usted como su atento servidor,

Kermit H. Adams
Program Director and
Chief of Party/CAL POLY
Institutional Devl. Agreement

KHA:mja

February 15, 1972

Dr. Hugh Popenoe
Head, Tropical Agricultural Department
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hugh:

In answer to your recent letter in which you mentioned looking for a suitable man for the position of associate or sub-director, I submit the following suggestions:

- 1) If you are looking for a Latin American, then probably you would want a young one who can be trained and who has the Zamorano philosophy and who would be able to fill the director's position in his absence or in the event there is a retirement, etc. of a director.

These people have these attributes.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jorge Wellman Paz Guatemalteco Age 35+	12 years in Extension 2 years at I.T.A., Head of Spec. Program in Livestock.	Top Choice Ambitious, hard working. Would represent E.A.P. very well. Ing. from Monterrey.
Guillermo Padilla V. Guatemalteco Age 35+	10 years in Extension. Established h-S in Guatemala. Director at Bárceña - 3 years.	M.S. at University of Florida. Very practical. Did more in 3 years than all the rest of the directors combined.
Oscar La Fuente Guatemalteco Age 37+	10 years with U.S. Agricultural Attaché.	Handles people well. Personality that would be top drawer representative for E.A.P. anywhere.

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- 2) If you are looking for a young man who is not a graduate of E.A.P., but who possess the requisite ability:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Miguel Angel Gutierrez Age 27+ (Guatemalteco)	2 years at I. T. A.	Brilliant and handles people well. A young man with a future. Has Ing. degree from Monterrey. Graduate of I. T. A.
Romeo Solane Age 27+ (Guatemalteco)	1 year at I. T. A.	Another brilliant young man, able, ambitious. Graduate of I.T.A. and Monterrey.

- 3) If you are looking for a more mature individual, and U.S. Citizen:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Ray Stadelman	More than 35 years in tropical agriculture. Also worked with curricula in Argentina.	Gets along with everyone. A brilliant and able individual.

In this case and forgive me for being so frank, but I suggest that if he were appointed it should be explicitly understood that running a school is hard work, and not a sinecure. Therefore, as in all the above cases, you may wish a probationary contract. Ray has much to offer and education sorely needs to harvest the experience of the older individuals.

Another graduate of E.A.P. who impressed me very favorably is Ing. Fonseca at University of Costa Rica. You know him well, and I do not, but he certainly has the requisite experience both in education and in agriculture and the kind of personality that seems to last in schools.

Hope I haven't overstepped the bounds of propriety in sending you these suggestions. If so, please consider it a reflection of my great interest in, respect for and enthusiasm for Zamorano.

Our present director, P.A. Jorge Spiegeler, is destined to be the best this school has ever had. This is not only my assessment of him but many others as well (including his enemies - and what director does not have enemies?).

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Director Spiegeler has asked me to ask you if copies of some of your slides of tropical soil profiles could be made, paid for by the Institute, and sent here to be used in teaching? If you wish to do this, it would certainly be a useful teaching aid.

Speaking of visual aids, our college, Cal Poly has a Visual Aids Production Unit. They plan to have materials available for Latin American use in the years ahead. This production center actually makes enough profit to have an excess amount of money over and above production costs. I wonder why this kind of thing has not been done for Latin America by AID or by the Latin Americans a long time ago?

Sin otro particular, me suscribo de usted muy atentamente,

Kermit H. Adams
Program Director and
Chief of Party
CAL POLY/G.O.G.
Institutional Devl. Agreement

KHA:mja

c.c.: Wilson Popenoe ✓

Antigua, Guatemala 21 Feb 1972

Mr Kermit H Adams
USAID-CALPOLY Project
Guatemala.

Dear Kermit:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th, and the information you sent Hugh about personnel, which will be of much interest to him. I thank you for going to all that trouble.

About the forthcoming visit of D.S. Leigh from Sydney, N.S.W. I assume he is on his way to Florida, which is the best place for him to learn about avocados for Australia; I hope, however, that he is going to California as well.

But what a mistake, to spend only one day in Guatemala, the native home of the Guatemalan race, from which have come many of our major commercial varieties. I assume he is planning to spend his one day at Barcena, and that he will talk with talk there with Velasquez. You say that Dr Spiegeler would like me to talk with him also. I think I ought to do this, but talking isn't enough. I am suggesting for consideration the following program: As early in the morning as possible, bring Dr Leigh (and any of the local men Dr Spiegeler thinks he should meet) over to Antigua; pick me up and we all go to Arturo Fallás's grove at Tempisque. The day is to be a Thursday and Arturo will be there on that day - at least it can be arranged. Go from there over the hill to Palín and up to Barcena, then back to Guatemala City.

I believe a program like this would give a man the opportunity to learn as much about avocados in Guatemala as can be learned in one day, but it is just a suggestion and may not be the sort of program Dr Leigh has in mind, at all. Talk it over and let me know that you want me to do.

Faithfully yours,



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AMERICAN EMBASSY

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, C. A.

March 3, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Pop:

Drewe Leigh was to be met at the airport by Godínez, Velásquez, a reporter and myself. We looked all over for him, to no avail and finally left the airport at 10:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. I received a phone call saying he is at Bárcena.

It seems that he had left late from San Pedro Sula on Aviateca (we were looking for him on PAA), had never gone through migration, and called the school. Had to start back early with him at 3:00 p.m. So not really much of a visit. However, the school did what they could for him.

He really felt badly -he arrived so late and could not see you. He uses your book on tropical fruit all the time and referred to you one of the "Old Masters". I told him you would like to meet him as well. He is the Principal Tropical Fruit Officer of NSW Department of Agriculture in Australia and knows many people you know.

He had to get on to Trinidad later to Puerto Rico and Jamaica and on back to Australia. He had already been in Hawaii and California.

He offered to exchange information with Guatemala on avocados. They are doing a lot of macadamia planting in Australia now, as well as planting passion fruit, bananas, etc.

We learned that production of avocados is almost 200 lbs/tree, with 50 trees to the acre (seems small number of trees to me) and that the price on them is high in the markets, being \$22 (Australia) for a flat of 20 at times. An Aussie dollar = 84¢ U.S. if I am not mistaken.

Also he told me of a new method of early grafting they are using for avocados and macadamia. In the latter they are removing the radicle as it comes out of the seed and placing the graft in at that time. Their macadamia trees come into production at 4 years, am told.

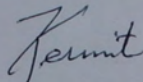
Well, sir, I am down right sorry we could not get him out to Antigua, and he was really wanting to see you. One of those unfortunate things that happen.

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When Dorothy and I come again to Antigua, would you be interested in hearing a 30 minute tape of Nobel Prize Winner Borlang who made a talk at Cal Poly? It contains a lot of good thoughts on developing agriculture.

At the same time, I'd like to tape up some of your experiences here in Guatemala and elsewhere in the world for our Cal Poly tape library. That is if you were amenable to the idea. It would be a great thing for the students and teachers to have you there.

Sin otro particular me suscribo de usted muy atentamente,



Kermit H. Adams
Program Director
CAL POLY PROJECT

KHA:mja

P.S.: I would like your thoughts on the obtaining of plants from the same latitude elsewhere in the world. As an example, Cal Poly people in Thailand say there is a grape that produces fairly well there.

Antigua, 16 October 1972

Mr Kermit Adams
Chief of Party
US AID Mission, Guatemala

Dear Kermit:

I sent you a copy of the letter I wrote to Milton Lau about the trip of Jenare Rojas to Guatemala, which USAID in Costa Rica is going to finance. The letter to Milton was carried down to San José by my daughter Sally and when she arrived she found Milton had left the day before, to be with his brother who is very sick in Milwaukee. He was due to return yesterday but in the meantime I learn that my letter to him was forwarded to Milwaukee and I don't suppose it may get back to Costa Rica for some days.

What to do? Should Mr Courand send a radiogram to Milton, giving him the gist of what was in my letter, or should he send a copy of the letter? The substance of the matter is this: You and I agreed that \$500 would be enough for a two weeks trip here (Costa Rica pays the transportation). The AID Mission will receive him here, and make appropriate plans for his tour of the Temperate Zone fruit regions. I will be glad to fit into this program, because I don't think USAID has any one here who knows the people and places Jenare Rojas must visit - you know better than any one else but you can hardly give it the necessary time. We talked about a car; you thought AID might arrange this. I had suggested Rojas rent a Driv it Urself volkswagen for two weeks. I can go with him part of the time, and can line him up with people who will help him in in the highlands, but we know these folks are busy and are not going to give him too much time. I have already talked with Arturo Falla and he says he is mighty busy.

Ever yours,

Friday [1973]

Hello again,
Wish we could take
a "short-cut" through
Antigua and see you
again before leaving
for Honduras but you
know Kermit! If he can
finish up his business
in time, well be on our
way today.

The good night's rest
and relaxation revived

us both - thanks so
much for your hos-
pitality. We'll be looking
forward to your
return visit to us at
3. (Our household goods
are already there, great,
hub?)

Regards to Sally -

Love

Kenneth + Dorothy

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Sanford Adams

Dear Alice -

[1973]

Finally have those 300 envelopes!

Will enclose Kermit's letter.

Thanks again, Alice, for taking me shopping. Can ride now & getting more bruises. The boots are perfect.

Thanks for lunch, also and for introducing us to the Borzales'.

Missed you W.P.!

Love, Dorothy

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More. nite [1973]

Dear Alce and Dr. Popenau,

Thank you again
for a lovely day!

Mama and Dr. Montzomey
enjoyed meeting you
and visiting your home.
(They'll be writing, too - I'm
sure - and will send
you copies of the pics)

Please tell Rena and
Bob we were sorry to
miss seeing them this
a.m. We went to the
airport to check their
(Montz's) reservations and
he placed a call to his
office (I'm. are like that!)
and by the time he
finished it was after
11 a.m. and we figured
it was too late.

Will we see you soon?

P.S.

Love,
Dorothy

Sue is lonesome here!

Friday, 5:30 AM

[1973]

Alma Alice & WP!

You bet your boots it will be convenient (I guess our letters crossed in the mail, WP - ~~22~~ just wrote another fussing at you two to hurry one here) just tell us when to pick you up and if Alice finds a date sooner than the end of next week, well then, just come sooner. Well so anxious to see you both. In fact, I'm then wanting you here, Alice going to lose "face" if you don't come pretty soon. And you don't want your new director to lose "face" so early in the game. Everyone keeps asking us when you're coming. You have many many friends here who miss you, too.

It's 5:30 AM & I'm a bit blurry eyed but want to take this to the office @ 6:30 so it will go out today.

Jim Murphy is still here (POCAP - agri-bus type, former high teacher & a good head) he & Kermit talked shop late last night after the other teachers went home. Had a group of faculty teachers & the de & his wife for dinner. Has now had the entire faculty & ad. staff

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Langford Adams

And we enjoyed everyone
of them.

Can't think of anything we
need unless you'd like
to bring some instant
coffee. My Scotch blood
won't let me pay \$3.50
for a jar of instant & it
is convenient for when
just one or two people stop by.
But don't make a special
trip for it. we can manage
it quite easily.
See you soon for a long,
long wait.

Much love,
Dorothy



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[1973]

Monday

Dear Alice and Dr. Popenoe,

Guess where Kermit stayed while he was in Costa Rica?

We've decided we'll either have to stop coming for dinner at your home so often or else learn some new ways of saying "thank you".

It was a lovely dinner, Alice -- as usual -- and as usual, we enjoyed visiting with you, also.

Sorry we weren't able to see you on your anniversary but you know you had our thoughts and best wishes.

Love,

Kermit and
Dorothy



GUATEMALA BILTMORE

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Sunday aft [1973]

Hello again!

Nope, didn't get away yesterday or today.

Couldn't even get up to Antigua today tho - had hoped to but the last time they "fixed" the brakes on our car they really goofed. So we spent most of the forenoon and part of the afternoon trying to get them taken care of. Should be able to pick up the car tomorrow and if all the papers suit the Hon. Consul perhaps will start tomorrow afternoon. Omas a ver.

We've enjoyed our lunches and visits with you the last couple of weeks and appreciate your coming in early so we could get together.

See you the end of June or first week in July - will write before we start back from Calif -

Love -

Hermit & Dorothy

Regards to Sally & take care of yourselves!

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GUATEMALA, C.A.

Guatemala, January 29, 1973
Ref. CP-082-73

Dr. Hugh Popence
Head, Tropical Agricultural Department
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida
U. S. A.

SUBJECT: CANDIDACY FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF ESCUELA
AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, ZAMORANO, HON-
DURAS

Please consider my candidacy for Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Zamorano, Honduras.

The philosophy of agricultural education at Zamorano is the same as mine.

I believe, I am as well qualified as any Northamerican for this important position and in the event I am chosen, I will do my best to serve. With the help of God and some damned good men, the school will continue being the best vocational agricultural school in Latin America.

Should there be further inquiry as to my qualifications for the Directorship, I shall provide you with the information you need.

Faithfully,

Kermit H. Adams
Program Director

KHA/mmg

c.c.: Dr. Wilson Popence ✓

P.S. Am leaving Sunday for Panamá to give a talk to the Directors of Central America Secondary School. of Agriculture regarding "El Sistema Inverso" (practical training and use of projects) will return to Guatemala about the 10th of February.

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Guatemala, February 28, 1973
Ref. CP-116-73

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza
Casa del Oidor
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. and Alice:

We have been waiting to get back over and see you folks. Dorothy has been lowly due no doubt to a sinus problem from the volcanic dust. However, she has been recoving rapidly and this week-end we plan to take the Río Dulce trip to Livingstone. Dorothy has never seen that most beautiful part of Guatemala.

We are still hanging on here. Today is the last day of our contract. The Guatemalans say, fine go ahead, but AID has to indicate their willingness to continue as we are. AID on the other hand, says the same thing, but that the Min Ag of Guatemala must indicate their willingness to continue. It seems as if there is a "Mexican stand-off". Meanwhile, Bob and I will continue here until we are told to do otherwise. What Dorothy and I would like to do is to take that trip to Europe. There are about 3 technical agricultural schools I want to visit while over there. Did you know there are 5 ag schools in Switzerland alone which have departments for tropical agriculture? This includes ones at Zürich and at Berne. Would like to get over there before the annual stampede of turistas, for if there is anything I can't abide are tourists and the high cost of living accompanying their arrival on the scene.

Any time you wish to see Bárcena, give me a ring or telegram or letter and I'll drive over to Antigua and pick you up and take you there.

It appears that at least a portion of the school equipment we have fought to obtain will be forthcoming shortly.

Hope Bob Armour obtains what he deserves and wants in tropical agriculture. He is fine man and can render valuable assistance wherever he goes. It is a pity that AID and FAO are such political entities, for it is difficult to work with all the bureacracy.

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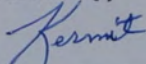
I have never discussed with Bob the possibility that I may go to Zamorano. It always seems to me somewhat indelicate to the other person's feelings. However, I do think that there is much valuable advice an ex-director can give to the next director, whoever he may be. It seems to me that a school of the calibre and reputation of Zamorano, must have many strong policies (traditions, discipline, "learn by doing", etc.) which should be carried on in spite of hell or high water.

As to Hondureños taking over E.A.P., I reject this as a probability. It is owned by a U.S. Corporation and directed and financed by U.S. money. Of course, some U.S. copper smelters said the same thing about Chile, petroleum refineries said the same thing about Mexico. and I remember, as a young Lt. (j.g.) in the U.S. Navy addressing a meeting of leaders of all the Northern Provinces of China (through an interpreter) and saying that the Communists would never take over- the Americans wouldn't let them! And just a few years later I gave a talk to a California Lion's Club and I flat stated that China would not go communist - you can imagine my consternation when the next morning's headlines indicated that all of Nationalist China had fallen.

As you always have said, Dr. Popenoe, the future ahead of us in tropical America is a rough road. But then, we Americans have a rugged bunch of ancestors and it wasn't the easiest job in the world to fight off foreign powers, the Indians, to establish farms and factories and to form this great country of ours all at the same time. As the old Marine Corps saying expresses it: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going".

Dorothy and I would like to get over to see you on the 9th or 10th God willing and we are still here - or if it does not inconvenience you. So long.

Faithfully,



Kermit H. Adams
Program Director

KHA/mmg



Fresno Calif
June 17, 1973

Vagabond

MOTOR HOTEL

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Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alice:
Pues bien - We had a long
trip through Mexico... and a broken
water hose on the car heater. Was
able to make emergency repairs, and
with a handy can of full of water,
re-fill the radiator and make
it back to Los Mochis to find a
little Indian who obtained new
repair parts.

Ever since arriving here
have gone through the usual
decompression chamber of meetings
at the University and seeing the
family. We had a reunion of
Adams in one of California's most ~~best~~
beautiful areas, above Porterville,
at a brother's home. More than 50

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were able to attend and I saw nieces,
and nephews I've never seen before!

Toothy is in very good health
and spirits (tho anxious to get
~~back~~ to Honduras, as I am) and
sends you both a cheery salute.

We're here in Fresno to attend
the wedding of one of our nephews,
and of course another round of
visiting relatives. I must say that
Americans have beautiful homes, new
cars, etc. and they well deserve
them, for they work hard. However,
I wonder if they are any happier
than an Oriental, for example, who
has very little? The young people
of the country are amazing. They
are well educated, work hard, and
are pretty well adjusted, considering

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all the pressures of modern life.

Re Zamorano:

1) Rural Development Officers
AID ~~wrote~~ (or decided) to request
Directors of AID (C.A.) to ask that
AID grant be returned to E.A.P. I
expect it will be, but you can
never tell about bureaucrats.

2) Have contacted two faculty
prospects in Chile and one in
Colombia for future interviews. Will
miss Bruce Kutler, but expect to contact
him in early August. I know you are
right when you emphasized the continuing
need for a strong faculty. Since
good people are available and funds

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to hire them with are available,
they will be hired.

3) There is interest at Cal Poly
in placing some of their ag students
(who will be in the new Peace
Corps program there) in a situation
such as instructor (or more likely
instructor's assistant) at E.A.P. Also
there is real interest on the part of
the Administration and Professors in
assisting in other ways. As long
as it doesn't require expenses
for the school or only minimum cost,
there may be valuable services available
here. However, this is an area
I will want to have your advice

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(Over)

and that of Hugh's before making
commitments. Am trying to
contact Dr. Mc Gillivray in Berkeley
to become acquainted with him.

The dentist says he cannot
fix my tooth (which is already
pulled, but the bridge causes the
pain) So, will try another dentist,
I guess.

Have been able to pick up much
new teaching material which will be
or should be of value to Zamorano.
Especially in Farm Management
instruction.

Learned (to my consternation)
that Vachies will be back in Guatemala.
Now I must find out who requested
him! Gott in Himmel, I'll
never understand AID!

Saludos a Sally. Hope to be on
the road by June 25.

Faithfully,
Kermit

Esmeralda Aguilar
Panamericana,
El Zamorano,

Dear Dr. Popenoe and
Alice; Greetings!
with light upon Amado
del Mundo and tell you

7/12/73

of our adventures (and so far, no
misadventures) Dorothy's getting things
unpacked gradually, and we had 6 people
by the house ^{of yesterday} and 3 today - visitors and
business - Also the fortnightly plums a
bienvenida for Friday 5-7.P.M.

Bert's up in Florida and will see
Hugh and will be back in 2 weeks.

Meanwhile, my first official act, ³⁰
min. after taking over, was to expel a
student (girl in dorm) and of course boozing
Don Juan in the case of the 9 boys drinking
on campus. Juan is over in Guatemala to
bring his wife here for vacation -
the mutilated boy ^{well to do} appeared but I
told him (Zogail, ^{well to do} son of a Nicaraguan laborer
family) that it was the best thing that
ever happened to him and told him how
many other similar cases in history had
gone on to higher education and becoming doctors
etc. and that he should get into Pinar. You
should have seen that kid after that ---
- he actually thanked me! I also wrote

Fray Martin Rojas, my friend who is the director at Pinos, and asked him to do what he could for the lad.

Have had two meetings of heads of Dept. in getting the new accounting system going, and Dixon & Abellano are working with them to assist getting it started - Plan to have only 1 meeting a ~~month~~ month for Dept heads as this is enough.

Byras case, hopefully, ^{will} be finished up soon. I go with Jacobo to a Conciliator meeting (labor group) on Sat and he will brief me tomorrow.

Byras is cutting back on pigs soon due to feed situation.

San Nicolas promises to be a whole of a piece of land. Some people say a school should not obtain land, but it will act as a good buffer zone, plus produce well.

Am happy to find (or at least it's apparently that way) that there is a strong sentiment in favor of the traditional "learning by doing" method among the teachers. Part of ~~that~~ ^{the} reason is that the strong core of veteran teachers are

way in the majority ^{in regards to power}. Expect well have
to have at least one or two scientists
around, but you can bet they will know
that the emphasis here will be on
"learn by doing" as long as I am here!

Am interviewing Dr Federico Koerber
this Sat. He'll bring his family and
we'll get mutually acquainted.

Among the problems is the long
hair - I don't want to back me on requiring
they get it cut off to a respectable degree.

Have decided to counsel students in
what spare time I have, and not take the
Dorothy course this coming quarter as there
is just more to do than I can find time for.
Will be plenty ready next year when we no
longer have the Sp. peace corpsmen
We have quite a few students low in grades
and it will give me an excellent opportunity to
get to know them.

Started the ball rolling on Peace
Corps Volunteers to teach here next year. It
takes almost a year of pre-selection and
~~then~~ training etc to get them. They will be BS
or M.S. in Ag & know Spanish. Hope to get a couple,
anyway.

We have ~~the~~ what Dorothy and Conchita call
the "Popover Room" (front bedroom) ready for
you and wish you could be over while the
fruyoes are still good.

Miss you!
Come soon
Love, Mother

Faithfully,
Kenneth

July 26, 1973
Zamorano, H.

Estimados Popenos:

Things going along as well as anyone could hope. We can cut down on costs a lot more than in the past. Will be down to 154 workers and 21 teachers soon.

The son of Bernardo Roehrs (class of '48) talked with me. He said he wished you could come over here and visit the the students so they could get a chance to see and talk to you. I told him you ARE coming.

Bert is back until the end of the month. The Kellog Foundation grant has been reapplied for. Simon Malo wrote that United Brands gave \$25,000--- AID grant has been sought again, may get it--Quien sabe?

We go to Tegucigalpa--have heard the German Ambassador wants to give five complete becas. Will visit him; also Jose Montengro, Aid and others.

Had Dr. Gilbert for lunch today, will see him in his office at 10:30. He thinks he may have found my trouble-- the bridge ~~is~~ cut in half.

Have been going about three weeks without a day off-- Stimulating work, but you sure have to have a rest at nite.

Have possibilities of getting the Uyuca forest property inventoried so we possibly can build some fire protection roads by logging mature trees off--- the board must decide what to be done here, but if a tree is mature it must be used or it is lost.

Dr. Conrad will be in from U. of Florida tomorrow pm. He and Bert will have supper with us and Bertrem Byers will take care of him Saturday and Sunday.

Have next trimester's schedule made out (Julio Pineda made it up) and we're going to be able to get in entomology and Agronomy II, Too many teachers want to be Chiefs and not Indians.

Trouble stirring up again with neighbors (El Salvador).

Best Regards,

Faithfully,

Kermit

Dear Alice,

Have a little room left on the bottom of Kermit's letter so will add a note. (Judging from the many mistakes in this letter, suspect Kermit is wondering if he got his money's worth on my three months of typing lessons). Do want to add another invitation for you to come soon and visit us. Have been to Tegucigalpa twice, continue to get lost each time I wander in the city-- badly need a guide! And a friend, miss you.

Love,

Dorothy

El Zamorano

NO LO DIGA - Escribalo

Honduras C.A.

FECHA:

August 2, 1973

Dear Dr. Papenwe and Alice;

Kind of feel like things are getting under control from my end - at least I'm learning an awful lot!

Hope you all are well. Am sorry to hear of Alice's back-ache. They can really make life miserable.

Barton is back - sunburned and ready to go to work. At 6:15 mañana he and I will fork a horse and I'll take him to the grass plot and legume plot area and then try to see Bertum Byers (I'm impressed with this young man's ability and over to Antonio Molinas to have him learn how to make a collection of specimens for me - I think a Director should be able to recognize all the main forages on the school farm and then for I have not had an opportunity to learn them. Anyway, Barton is a fine young man and most enjoyable to have around, tho' he's generally busy somewhere -

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Will show him your letter so that
he can plan accordingly with you. He
has an air ticket. Also have lined up
several other small jobs. If he were to
come down again, I'd have this planned
even better.

Dorothy has Coa Pozner under
good control. She says she has a Roques
gallery of fotos left here upon the wall
and she would like a picture of you up
there, too! I have reference to the W. front
Co people's pictures.

Barton wants to find some good
mangoes to take to you. They're about
gone here. Yes, they swirled the ones in
our back yard! Must have eaten them
green with salt. Here thus far cannot

The avocados eaten
match the Guatemalan ones.

Am riding a Peruvian X Morgan
gelding each day to get out to the
furtherest areas. He has an amazing
pace - Wish we had two good animals
to sell. It costs as much to feed a
poor one as it does a good one.

Wish we could have had some
of those good lobsters, thermides and
better sea food with you.

Had Hiway Engineer Marco Raudales
over last nite and his wife. She

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FECHA: _____

* brought a savory pecan pie.
 Being a native of Louisiana, it is
 incumbent upon those persons to know
 how to make a pecan pie. He is a
 Honduran working for a U.S. road
 building company. The bids open in
 a month or less and it will take 2 years
 to put the road through to Tegucigalpa.
 It will be 17 meters wide and $1\frac{1}{2}$ m high.
 It may pass Km 36 at the school. It may
 bring benefits, but I would just as
 soon we remain isolated. Had 8 buses
~~struck~~ out here two weeks ago! Most
 never asked permission. Have a bulletin
 letter to all schools who normally
 visit to come out during the week. They
 say they come to learn more about the
 school. So I had the letter to explain
 that this would help them.
 We'll have Jacobs Zelaya y Sra,
 Julio Pineda y Sra, Monte Dixon, Bart,
 and Antonio Molina y Sra over Friday
 night. By year's end we'll have
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had the entire faculty and others
over. Sat the Colombian Ambassador come
out with son sra, and ^{2 children} the Consul y son Sra, y
Fernando Fernandez - Amado will assign
a good photographer - student and well
take some publicity pictures of the Ambass-
ador for Colombia, Honduras & other purposes.
His president ordered him to come
and visit, he told me at the Colombian
Embassy function

Airport here closed. Are
rumors of trouble. Would rather however,
Boston flew out instead of taking a bus
through potentially dangerous areas.
Semester exams about over - Will keep
behind those who have not paid caja,
have demerits, or owe the school term.
Somehow the kids piled up 1400 student
days of missed labs because of "sickness"
in ^{the previous} semester.
Wrote the bulletin today to require
them to cut of hair & patillas and to
return to normal A.A.P. standards.
You can bet some won't comply - and
you can bet he will have to. Next
Chore - shirt-tails out all over the
Campus. Bueno, rest easy and be of
good cheer, Have worked 25 days
straight (counting Sunday's steady hunters)
and haven't tired yet. Will light up a
petit cetro, and ~~attach~~ the personal pie & coffee.
Dorothy and ^{regards} We are enjoying
Fratally, See you tonight

P.S. Amado sent over several boxes of Cigarette you use a G. student.

Agosto 3 de 1973

Agr. Jorge Gómez Jácome
Secretario General APAGRO
Apartado Aéreo No. 13684
Bogotá, Colombia, S. A.

Muy estimado Señor Secretario:

Tengo el agrado de referirme a su atenta carta del día 2 de Julio la cual fué enviada en nombre de la Asociación Panamericana de Agrónomos APAGRO de la cual usted es digno Secretario.

Le agradezco mucho sus palabras de elogio dirigidas a mi persona en mi nuevo puesto como Director de esta famosa Institución.

Refiriéndome a las inquietudes de APAGRO que enumera en su carta tengo el gusto de referirme a ellas como sigue:

Referente a los incisos (a), (b) y (c) nosotros estamos de acuerdo con ustedes y trataremos de mejorar la calidad académica de los programas de enseñanza y de la calidad de sus instructores.

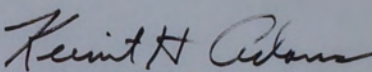
Respecto al inciso (b) es algo que tengo que pensar y estudiar detenidamente para ver en que forma puedo ayudar, como ustedes dicen, que la valorización del título corresponda a la misma calidad de la enseñanza.

Respecto al inciso (d) yo estoy de acuerdo en que la AGEAP puede tener fuerza suficiente para subsistir por sí misma y de acuerdo con las metas y objetivos definidos. Este punto creo que es muy importante y en realidad creo que la subsistencia de AGEAP depende en gran parte del tesón y del esfuerzo que pongan sus miembros en los diferentes capítulos para mantenerla siempre activa y promoviendo toda clase de adelantos para que sea como dice usted una AGEAP fuerte para llenar sus metas y objetivos definidos para los cuales fué creada.

Respecto al inciso (c) tengo entendido que tanto el Señor ex-director de esta Institución Dr. Albert S. Muller como el Secretario General de AGEAP Internacional, Interino, Profesor Amado Pelén, ya se han dirigido a ustedes en carta anterior, según consta en el archivo. También en la carta última bimensual de AGEAP correspondiente a Mayo-Junio se explica, los motivos por los cuales ha sido necesario congelar indefinidamente el Convenio con la Universidad de Honduras y lo cual se debe primordialmente a la escasez de fondos en esta Institución y lo cual no le permitirá en un futuro inmediato agregar un programa de expansión que costaría considerables sumas de dinero.

Agradeciendo a usted la atención de haberme enviado esta carta me despido de usted, con sentimientos de alta consideración y aprecio.

Muy atentamente,


KERMIT H. ADAMS
Director

cc: Dr. Simón Malo
Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Sr. Amado Pelén
Agr. Francisco Gómez Cano

KHA/omb

Thursday
August 9

[1973]

Dear WP 9 that's the letter signature

Thursday Aug. nine

Dear WP (that is the way that letter was signed, you know?)

Anyway, we are always happy to see a letter postmarked "Antigua" and Dr. Popenoe, Kermit took your letter just the way you knew he would, with a hearty laugh that sorta choked him since his mouth was full of Z. type chile beans at the time he read it. Sure wish you would come on down, not a day goes by that Kermit doesn't say he wishes he could talk to you about this or that. But if Alice says you have to both wait until after Hugh comes, how are we going to get him to come right away so we can see you! But if she (Alice, that is) says that is the way it has to be then we love her the way she is and will go along with her but I for one am going on written record that I think it is a crummy deal for the Adamses! Will tell her so at lunch tomorrow, we are so anxious to see her, but you'll leave a big hole at the Party Mr. WP.-- but we will think of you and hope you will be here to make a "fourth" the next time.

Believe we know the tall blond long-hair you wrote about. When the Ambassador from Colombia was out last Sat. we had all the Colombian boys in for cokes and a visit. He was among them. And yes, the ultimatum has been given-- CUT YOUR HAIR and SHAVE--- now we wait and see. Rather expect to get our car soaped and wrapped in toilet paper, or whatever these Latin type boys do to show their displeasure. But vamos a ver. Suspect they really admire a director that's a bit tough and will grumble awhile, then go off to town and brag about what a strict director they have. Wouldn't it be fun to get a peek at some of the letters to their friends and girl friends?

Later:

Kermit came home from the office and although we had been hearing some thunder we took a chance on it not raining, walked over and picked up our horses and went riding. Can't tell you just where we went but it was out where they had been cutting some hay that Kermit wanted to check. We have come home soaked more times than we have come home dry--- but today we were lucky. Have finished dinner (with only one interruption this time, a delegation of the students from Ecuador came by to wangle permission to stay out a bit late tomorrow night.) and are relaxing for awhile before calling it a day. We will be going into T. tomorrow, as I mentioned before. Kermit has several appointments with Ambassador-type people and other jefes. I'll shop etc. until we meet Alice for lunch, then hope she will help me find a place to buy some riding boots. If she isn't too busy with her house. We will be going to the reception at the Residence of the Ecuador Ambass. (will check on those students, you can bet! Kermit hasn't taught school for all these years and reared three sons himself without learning almost all the angles.)

Will go pack a bag for tomorrow--nice to hear from you. Do it again!

Love,
Dorothy

Antigua, 20 August 1973

Dear Kermit:

Your interesting letter of the 11th came several days ago; I took it along on a three day trip to the highlands which we made for the benefit of Barton, expecting to write you from Quetzaltenango, with the usual result - I didn't get around to writing a line.

I am delighted that you and Dorothy are getting "in" with the Ambassadorial group in Tegucigalpa. Helen and I always enjoyed our close contacts with that crowd, except on the one occasion when we had our good friend the Ambassador and his family of 4 at luncheon. We had passed the sour courses and were getting down to the T-bones when good old Paula says there is a caballero at the back door. I went, and he introduced himself; the Peruvian Ambassador. I explained that we were already eating and it was too late to invite him for lunch, but he would be welcome to go to the Mes Hall and Burgos would fix up something special, but he refused; and from that time on to the folks in town that the Guatemalan Ambassador was good enough to dine at the Director's house but the Peruvian wasn't. I think he got even with us thought months later somebody ate a fine ham at the Peruvian's house and asked him where he got such delicious ham; and he replied, Oh they give these to me out at Zamorano. First I had heard of it. I should add that Burgos was not involved.

I was never able to keep the Livestock department within its budget. They always averran on feedstuffs. I hope you are more successful than I was. You mention Bertram Byers. As he knows, I always believe in him because he did such a good job while he in the school on taking the meteorological data faithfully and I thought also, that he was of good intelligence. I never checked on his record at Cornell but I

believe it was good. Last year I heard there was some dissatisfaction with his drinking habits. I believe in the case of young men who begin to drink so much that they are endangering their jobs, a few frank and sympathetic talks with the boss would often save a good man and I wish more companies would practice it. It is a mistake not to do it.

I shall be interested to hear if the haircutting brings up any organized protest. Tell the boys to watch the students from the Military school - any military school - on parade some day, and would like to make the impression they make on the public. I have just seen the boys from the Politecnica here in Guatemala on parade in Antigua, on the day of Santiago. Just about as stunning as Wespoiners. I would like to see our boys on Graduation Day look like that. Incidentally, I hear that a few boys have taken to wearing their shirt tails hanging down their backsides. I suspect by this time they are all stuck back in their trousers.

You probably know Ambassador Bowdler is leaving and the President has conferred on him the Order of the Quetzal, Grand Cross. He has obviously done a good job here.

I hope to get over there next month some time, and will be happy to discuss with you "ways of improving the "lab" four hour work period. I think one way is to hold down the time devoted to "chopping grass" or other work which is ordinarily done by mozos. This is where the Peruvian agronomos I mean ingenieros used to take pot shots at us. I think a certain amount is necessary; I used to tell the boys, if you don't know by experience how much machete work a laborer can properly be expected to do in an hour, how are you going to know when you manage a finca whether or not you are getting the right and fair amount of work out of a man. And another thing is to have the "professor" with the boys more of the time, showing them how to swing

machete or an ax (I do not find) not many of our professors have

known) and another thing is, not too much mozo work. Just enough so the University students acknowledge students "you are paying a pretty good tuition for the privilege of growing food for the staff to eat." I don't want to boast, but when I taught horticulture and took the boys into the field two afternoons a week, two hours each time, I never had any kicks that I was making them do mozo work when I was training them to prune bananas. There must be a technical aspect to the job they do. Some of our teachers have realized that, others have not. ---You know all the above and what I have written is needless repetition.

Both Hugh and I know Ter Keyl pretty well, and he was for a while with the Research Dept at La Lima. When Henry Wallace was down here Ter Keyl tried to impress him, and good old Henry asked him for some figures. He never got them.

We must get a really good horticulturist to give that Department strength to be on a level with Live-stock, and we must get strong again in agrl engineering as we were in Morcillo's time - and I mean soils, drainage and irrigation. I used to tell my boys that is the field in which there are the greatest opportunities in tropical America - that and beef cattle, and you know that you've got to know soils, drainage and irrigation if you are going to be a good livestock man.

I have just had a nice letter from Juan Fernandez who is pleased with the backing he is getting now. As usual, he has a worry; his children may get sick over there in Spain. I never forget how Juan used to come into my office, time and again, and wiping his brow "Doctor, problemas, problemas, problemas" I am delighted that he is now planning to stay on, probably until he can get his full pension. Barton goes home next week. He has done a lot of work on our Volkswagen; he is a real mechanic and reminds me of Ol Man River - he don't say nuthin, he just keeps rolling along.

Time for the mail to go. I shall be writing again before long.

Antigua, 21 August 1973

Dear Zamoranos:

WP (alias Pop) wishes to advise that if they make the Honduras that if they make the Honduras postage stamps any larger he will have to shift over to the 11-1/2 inch envelop. He also wants to go on record re this nomenclature business. I have never been too strong on this Doctorate idea, though my oldest living friend, Ed Menninger of Florida (the Flowering Tree man) who didnt have any more degrees than I had 25 yrs ago, finally got an honorary D.Sc. from the Florida State University at Tallahassee (Not the Univ of Fla) and ever since then has put on his letterhead Edwin Menninger D.Sc. and when I kidded him about it, as I felt I could because I have known him since he was seven yrs old. He said he had waited 65 yrs to get that degree and by Gosh, he was going to make the most of it now, for it would undoubtedly help him in his business. I sometimes kid my brother Paul because all his articles are headed "by Paul Popenoe Sc.D." but he rightly says that in his business, which is in effect, trying to tell husbands they dont treat their wives right and vice versa, he simply has to use an impressive title. In the UFCo I was almost always called Doc, or by intimate friends Pop; I didnt care as long as they didnt call me late for breakfast.

But to get down to brass tacks: Dorothy's note of the 18th (seen postmark) just recd. Addressed to Alice but since she is over in the big City getting Barton lined up to go home by bus instead of Pan Am I am going ahead to acknowledge it and add some other comments since I am going to have to eat in about 1/2 hr and I understand it is going to be spaghetti and cauliflower and if there is another I dont like it is a second helping of spaghetti. But Baron and I have built up a protective wall, by stocking up with 2 U.S. gallons of good ice cream and some T-bone steaks which Concha insists on over-cooking,

so Barton settles for a pint of strawberry ice cream and some of Alice's good cake. Thank God Alice likes to make cake and cookies. Otherwise I would die an Italian death.

Item. Alice told me last night your passport fotos, Dorothy, are to be delivered today. Probably I will hold this letter and put them in it and then send it Entrega Inmediata which saves five or six days. And now to commenting on Kermit's of the 14th, which came along with yours. I hope the students wont see those big blue postage stamps with the well-mustachioed Juan Ramon Molina. I am delighted that Kermit says the Whiskers War has ended, and the only thing now left is get the boys to tuck their shirts inside their pants. Oh, how I hope to see our graduating class march down the aisle looking like they did way back yonder. And dont you forget it, they were just as proud of themselves as I was of them.

Both Alice and I are glad to hear that the Germans seem interested in giving the school a lot of help. I would like to see some more Europeans like Mittak on our staff. They are intelligent, serious, hard workers and dont forget that those guys who were taught to goose-step arent much interested in sloppy appearance of any kind. I really think we built a sense of pride in most of our students, which has carried on, and it will come back under your wise guidance and the good old mano de hierro en guante de seda, as Juan Fernandez always called it.

I wish we could be at the subasta next week, but we cant get over there as soon as that. I think the production of fine livestock - beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs and riding horses (you know I dont get any acking on this branch) is more than justifiable on the angle that is developing the livestock industry in Honduras (and Central America in general) and we are training our students to be experts in those branches. And I believe the students will take pride in

their work in this field. I believe Bob Armour make a fine start with the cattle. The boys just love to have a pet animal which perhaps they have known since birth, a d named, and petted a bit and put in shape to get the high bids at the subasta. I just wish we could offer every year about 4 or 5 riding animals, Peruvian blood and a touch of Arab and anything that will make a show type of animal. Honduran farmers are going to take pride in riding thru San Pedro Sula or any other town on an animal like Caballero, the first 3/4 Peruvian, and I dont think many of them would take particulat pride in riding thru San Pedro Sula on a Clydesdale - or even a Morgan. Maybe we should go in for the Quarter-Horse, if we are ever allowed to go in for horses at all.. But I am all for the Perwian or Andaluz, in other words, Arab blood.

You speak about some folks thinging the school has lots of money. We will never outgrow that, any more than people will believe that UFCo is practically on the rocks, I do hope that we can get enough scholarships and financial help from the outside so that we wont have to boost the annual tuition any more. I wish it could have been held at \$300. The higher it goes, the more city boys we are going to get who will never be more than bureaucrats or agriculturists who spent their week ends at the finca.

I sure want to talk with you about devoting some attention to horticultural crops like macadamia. There are several on which we could make good contributions but we must have a good horticulturist to handle them. Turrialba is trying to di but really ha-nt done much of a bob, so far. Oh, Zamorano has such magnificent potentialities; Everyone down here appreciates what we have done. There is so much left to do. You are right in feeling you will never get bored.

Ever yours

Antigua, Guatemala 22 August 1973

Mr Kermit Adams, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Kermit:

Every year a number of boys come to me and ask for my help in getting a beca at Zamorano. If I think a case is meritorious, I tell the boy I will write the Director and tell him what I know, but I never use any "influence" I might have as former Director of EAP. All I ever do is say what I know, if I think the boy is a good prospect and his case deserves careful consideration.

Herewith two cases. Both these boys have taken the exam here and talked with Julio Pineda. I have not known either of the boys personally, but I always used to give special attention of anyone recommended by the Hempsteads of Coban and I think all the boys they recommended have turned out well. The boy Federico Timeus called on me yesterday. He is strong, good looking young fellow who impressed me very favorably indeed. And I have known the Finca La Suiza ever since I first came to Guatemala; it has a fine reputation here as a excellent, well-run property. He talks straight from the shoulder, has a livestock background and will probably stay in that field; and if ^{he} goes thru Zamorano I think he would almost certainly go on to Gainesville to study tropical beef cattle under Tony Cunha.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Dear Dr. Popovna & Alice:

Sunday out
El Zamorano
Honduras, CA
26 August, 1975

We had quite a busy weekend - worked the whole time with visitors, etc. yesterday - and the subasta today - I'd permit a quite successful sale - preliminary figures, mine, indicate a 30,000 langira sales - probably a record, I don't know. Anyway, everyone seemed highly pleased, but over here people don't express themselves as openly as the quabuntesos at Baracuan - maybe they're not like Americans here - Enjoyed meeting the ganaderos, and talking with them. They even came around to buy the 2 torets that weren't sold, and then and then Jay, Cambelario Rio had orders for at least 3 lots of cattle - just about the only way the small farmer can buy his livestock of genetically improved types. Dorothy was with us thru the entire ~~bar~~ sale and when I came to the barbecue I told her she could go home if she wanted to, for I'd told the livestock crew that we're not giving anymore barbecues for the multitudes, but to sell tickets. Well, Hondureños must be a lot more courteous than we are in Calif. Nobody uttered a complaint! Anyway, Dorothy &

I enjoyed the barbecue, and after signing about a hundred copies of *Bulls* of sale, we came on home - I did meet Sr. Mejia, and he invited me to come over and see his tobacco farm, nearby and I said I would. Also we have the Capitan de Fuerzas Aereas who started the Honduran Airforce living nearby and she promised him we'd come over and ride up to his ranch and have dinner (us folks from the Midwest have dinner at noon at times) and he said he'd fix us some re-fried beans, of which there is nothing I like better in this world unless it's fried shrimp or Chinese food!

Ol' Barton was carrying some magazines around at the airport. ~~Instead of being~~ ^{like} "Playboy", like most kids ^{like} here, it was a Radio-ham magazine and a Flying mag. I'd bet he'll become an engineer. He is lucky to have grandparents like you both to come and see. I hope he can come back down here sometime.

Haircut battle apparently won, but you can never tell.

Had Ing Isli (class of 58?) from Guatemala give a talk to the students last week - "No obligatorios", but almost

(3) 70 students showed up and he talked an hour and a half, with questions, on Cattle raising and pastures of Central America. Now there is a good young speaker and what he said made good sense. I feel the students got a lot out of it.

We're having the "Die de Elote" within one day of the "100 Días" this year because the students had to buy elotes last year and they did want to have a sort of despedida for Juan Steer who returns to Bolivia Sept 1. Too bad they are so close. Anyway, these two classes are enthusiastically working on the two traditional fiestas and working on their new director to see how much they can get out of him! I had to tell them if there are to be any extra expenses incurred they would have to pay for them, not E. A. P.

Will talk with B. B. on the drinking issue. I believe like you do, it can wreck a man's career. We want to build up the other depts here and hold on to what we have in livestock.

Sure are looking forward to your visit. So are lots of others. Had Dr Henry Culbert and Maria his wife over all day last Thursday - I was able to see them at noon and before they left. I asked him if he ever saw "Lee Christmas" and he said he had a book about him - I am reading of Harry Francis tramping through Mexico and Guatemala and Honduras in 1916. Must say he was a caustic writer but what he had to say about some things must have been true, for they haven't changed in 57 years! Fouch tells of meeting Christmas when he found the ^{four} political of Tiquisajalpa - splendid with new German uniforms and a 6 gun.

Looking forward to your stay here. An enclosing copy of my maiden speech to the student published in El Día -

Faithfully,
Kearnt.

August 27, 1973

Dr. Imrich Fischmann
Gerente General
Extrudoplast
Calle Real Villa de Guadalupe 14-53, Zona 10
Guatemala, C.A.

Estimado Dr. Fischmann:

Greetings from Honduras. Am enjoying this fine school and good Honduran people very much. The motto of Escuela Agricola Panamericana is "Labor Omnia Vincit". The students are from 13 countries of Latin America. The method of learning is "learning by doing" and I know you appreciate that philosophy for it is what the world needs, especially in these days.

Am enclosing this 1971 bulletin describing the school. The 1972 one is coming out soon.

I would like to ask you if you are interested in a project we have in mind for the milk products course. No one in this country, nor in many other countries from whence the students come, knows of your plastic milk bags. In order to introduce the idea and to promote sanitary, low cost milk containers, we were thinking about a project of marketing the milk produced by student labor and sold to employees in your bags. We do not wish to purchase plastic bags nor a sealer until we can ascertain the acceptance of the method. Do you suppose that you could donate for this pilot project about 5000 of your strongest one liter bags and the use of a sealer for about 5 weeks? Your company mark on the bag would serve as a reminder of where the one could buy more bags if the students "sold" the idea to their compatriots.

If you are amenable to the idea, you could send the bags and sealer to:
Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Box 93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

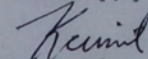
-2- Dr. Imrich Fischmann

Also, we are interested in how you fill the bags, so any suggestions you may have would be of profitable to this project.

In any event, whether you can or cannot join forces in this project with us, I want to invite you and your wife to come here for a visit. You set the date and let me know and I shall see that you have transport from the airport to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. You will both find it to be a stimulating experience and the Campus is one of the most beautiful in the world. We would be happy to have you visit some of the country's dairy plants during your stay, as well.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Faithfully, your friend,


Kermit Adams
Director

KA/aml

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Prof. Gary Magelssen

El Zamorano, Honduras
Sept 4, 1973

Dear Dr Popenoe and Alice -

As busy as ever here - Students celebrated
100 Dias y Dia Elotado without a hitch. In fact,
they really had an enthusiastic and well organized
program - Had many visitors - INCAP, INCOE,
FU PAC, etc -

Looks like hancabilla will be turned over to
H. govt. - Am contacting Roberts Turnbull to ask
for OK to have Antonio Molina obtain seeds & plants
from there - If so, will send him over to obtain
what he can - Don't want to create more costs for
E.A.P. in up-keep - May invite instructors to
plant specimens in their yards - upkeeps then becomes
their cost and not school. In any event, we can
save some specimens for future generations. also
it might be possible to get assistance from plant
lovers to assist in establishing a grove here - That
is of the plants that would survive the 6 months
dry season, unless we can locate some where there
is irrigation -

Best ever livestock sale \$31, 125, and
charged 229 people 2 lempiras for their meals. Had
to turn the rest of the people away - My distaste
for being a tightwad is only exceeded by my

(2) Regret for free-loaders - more and more will have to require people to pay their own way - such as movies, special programs, etc.

Well survivors, no matter what comes, but it will require sacrifice on everyone's part -

Dorothy and I ride every opportunity we have - rains every afternoon and corn is growing, but don't ride in rain for horses slip - I generally make it around by foot in A.M. & by horse in P.M.

Kids no problem - They come up with some weird ideas once in awhile, but boys are boys -

As A. Henry said they are "the raisins in the tasteless dough of existence". They are having a heck of a time between 2nd & 3rd year boys - Angonna have to put a curb bit on those 3rd year young men, else they'll get out of hand.

Had a Marxist School come out today - no invitation whatsoever - Gustav, et al kept them on the move and the students had P.E. classes with Jim late, so they didn't have a chance to discuss 'Geopolitics'.

Sometimes I wish I were Director back in the days of Caries. Could just order them off the place, with a machine gun to back you up. Maybe it will come to that again one day.

Silage operation in full swing - Tomatoes coming in again -

Looking forward to your arrival with great pleasure -
Dorothy sends regards - Faithfully,
Kermit

day yesterday. To start at the beginning -- last week during a strong wind storm following several days & nights of rain the trees, shrubs & whole "kit & kaboodle" in the patio corner fell with a crash onto the corridor. What a mess anyway guan gase (yard boy) starting hacking away w/ his machete and hauling out numerous wheel barrow loads to the garbage. By then he was getting to the ferns & smaller damaged plants -- when out squirmed a red snake. So, molina came by to verify that they (by that time guan had caught 3) were coral snakes. By the time sent over to two men Gustavo they had help were through they had 14 corals of various sizes & ages. Real scary, I don't even

Thurs - Sep 6
[1973]

Dear Alice,

Alice, you are a wonderful friend & superb hostess. Besides just fun to be with but you really are a crummy correspondent! Never, but please get a letter from you.

It wasn't half as nice being in Tegucigalpa without you there last week. Just sorta rattled about in the rain dodging buses and shaking my head at the tooting taxi drivers.

Godob took us to finish up the forms for our residency permits - now that Hondurans really know how to finger print a person, don't they?

We had an interesting (that's the understatement of the year)

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Stanford Adams

like friendly snakes and these
corals give me nightmares.
Meanwhile, we have some kind
of powdered poison spread in
front of every doorway, the
patio is cleared of any low
plants and I keep little Andy
with me every minute. Will
have to wait awhile before
replanting, but hope to have
it putty again by the time
you come.

Have a man with us now
that we probably know.
Van (something) Jackson, Grad.
from Zambrano in 1950. He
is English but grew up in
Honduras. Plant pathology is
his thing. He's staying in your
room - I will be going in to
see Kermit in the a.m. Don't
guess I'll go, having 12 for

dinner tomorrow night and need to stay here and supervise. Concha is working out pretty well but I still have to be firm (like keeping one foot on her neck) about a few things. On more Friday mite dinner and we will have had all the faculty and staff for a dinner. Great group of people - we're enjoyed them all, usually try to have just 3 or 4 couples but some how it got stretched for tomorrow.

The dining room found out about Kermit's fondness for Chinese food (rather suspect he told them, don't you?) so now whenever they have chop suey they call me and say don't look anything and please send over two plates. They really are a thoughtful group, aren't they?

It's about 3:10 now and I'm looking out the work room window watching the clouds beyond the palm trees. And damn it, they seem to be closing in and getting darker - one patch of bright blue to the north-east. Hope Kermit looks at that part of the sky at 3:45 and calls to have our horses saddled! If it rains we'll miss riding again today. Those boots have really made riding more comfortable. Thanks again for your help in them.

We keep meeting people that ask when you are coming - and we say "soon, we hope" Will all anxious to see you both.

Did we tell you about the first soccer game we watched? (W.P. will appreciate this) Anyway, we were trying to figure out which color shorts our boys were wearing, at a distance we couldn't recognize any of them. Then it dawned on us ours were the boys' haircuts! (This was the first Sun. after the mandate went out) We beat the socks off those city boys, too.

Must scoot over to the kitchen and stir up a quick lemon parfait for desert tonite - want to have things prepared in case we go riding.

Did Kermit tell you Father Bug & Sister Sandra from San Lucas Tolman flew down to spend a couple of days in us? Great to see them. We hope to "trade" a couple of boys in them during vacation time. It will be a treat for two boys who can't afford to fly home for the holiday - Bug said they'd bring them & pick up the San Lucas boys. Will make return plans when F. Bug & S. Sandra come in Oct.

See you soon ??? Love's hugs,

Estimado Dr. Popens y Alicia; El Tambores Honduras, CA

Sept 11, 1973

Expect yours terribly busy with guests, etc this time of year - We're making all right here - Students under control (but one never knows), teachers reasonably happy - By attrition, the numbers of laborers down to 159, teachers (actually as full time - not including wives) is down to 19. If we can recuperate the AID money for next year, well make it just fine - Juan Fernandez seems pretty happy (except on his return in Dec.) He's getting all the backing possible from me. Plan on going ahead with hiring De Kooler, if Board can meet his salary or he can meet Board's offer - Also Bruce Krutba is flying in on Thursday for 3 days - Will have him look over E.A.P., and will look him over - We're going to have to combine jobs for some of these people as well as teach, for all Chiefs and no Indians will not work.

Have permission from Robert Turnbull to send Antonio Molino to Lanestilla to obtain cuttings, seeds, etc of various plants. Coincidentally, my idea and your original idea to place these plants in yards so they would call for extra cyskeys are the same (is the same?) ideas) - - - - - Would hate for the world to lose these plants, or at least this part of the world.

Pedro Torres tells me he wanted to change the groundsman up at Uruca to the older man who formerly worked there, so we did it. Nothing was being taken care of. Some of the trees will have to be eradicated, Todd affirms you were bringing over some propagation material for us there, and he was happy - You can't believe how your "boys" (the teachers whom you hired years ago) are looking forward to seeing you - They want to have a fiesta con música for they know you like it.

② Lots of rain - finally - so corn is growing better. Have an AID man flying in to Wilson Papenoe Field at 8:15 Thursday AM. Maybe we can convince him of our needs here - But I'll dally him easy, for the "hard sell" won't work with these fellows. This place kind of sells itself, anyway!

Am reading O. Henry's "Cabbages and Kings" - Was "Isabel Guillbert" (heroine) relative of Henry's?

Am holding first budget conference tomorrow and want all in line to make budget by Oct to have ready by Nov + Annual Board meeting -

We had the Lion's Paw (monstrous *deberosa*?) fall down from heavy rain. I shudder to think I walked outside barefoot on several occasions, for there appeared a whole tribe of Coral snakes - abuelos, padres y metos - identified by A. Molina to be "Corales" - yard boy and Dorothy armed with machetes killed 14 in all, plus eggs of more - some got away - We poured kerosene over the area and had the whole thing cleared out - then 3 days of Chloradon, and had the whole by one (after Dorothy told her to put on boots if she were going to stand there) but luckily for her she was not bit.

Am planting palms and flowers back in the bare spot.

Had successful "Dia del Elote" this year - Every bit as successful and well done as the "100 Dias" -

Do you know Van Baldwin Jackson? Was he a good teacher?

One of the "old boys" as our British cousins would term an alumnus, Max Ventura Salgado, sent me a copy of his doctoral thesis on Feroces and chemical composition in Diet of Sheep - will place it in library and send him a good letter of congratulations for attaining his goal.

③ He'll be teaching at Facultad de Agronomía en la Universidad del Zulia en Maracaibo - just one of the many hundreds who have gone through here and who appreciate their alma mater -

We were turned down on the Kellogg Grant - When the going gets tough, the tough get going¹¹ - and I was saying that long before Watergate -

Dorothy getting along fine - She says "hi" -

We heard from Al Choble in Brazil and Don Fieber in Guatemala - two of your old teachers - I'd better not call them old, for Don is younger than I. They are about as wrapped up in their work as I am here -

Also heard from Bob McClaugh over in Costa Rica - He worked with me for 6 years - I sent word over that I needed a choper!

Have quite a few hard working teachers - Not enough out with boys working, but goodly percent - I think a school like EAP needs a judicious mixture of many kinds, is that?

Sure hope you both come over soon - Will only be out 11-14 October to CIAT inauguración (they're paying the ticket) in Colombia. I must get around and see where these youngsters come from in the due course of events.

Best regards to Sally and any Guatemaltecos who beat a path to your door -

Faithfully,

Will light up an "Keenit Amado del Mundo" and rest awhile -

RADIOGRAMA

Antigua G, 16 sept 1973

KERMIT ADAMS DIRECTOR

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

ZAMORANO, FCO MORAZAN HONDURAS

José Angel Pelen murió hoy madrugada AMADO debe venir primer avion
mañana lunes

POPEAOE

El Zamorano,
Honduras, CA
22 September 1973

Dear Dr. Sorenson and Alice;
Dorothy, accompanied
by Prof. Condelario Rios and
wife, Judith, and I just came back from
all day at La Lima & San Pedro Sula -
We were dined by United Fruit Co. - looked
at head of Pur bred Bealmes with view of
ascertaining some if Board gives approval for
World Bank loan to go ahead with project of
providing good sound breeding stock - which
have to sell off an equal number before the Board
would approve. Houston & Teresa La Combe were in
Europe, so we missed the opportunity to see
them. Also Robert Turnbull was in
is doing a magnificent job of Public Relations.
Did meet Bill Newlon second generation
United Fruit Co. man who is Livertah jefe. He
promised us 15 if & when we get a bank loan -
tho he did not wish to sell any
Took the opportunity to visit the Ceregracia and
Tabacalera to express my gratitude for their
assistance in bees.

Have met with nothing but 100% cooperation
on the part of instructors and others (Morris, Amado,
Amado, Julia, et al.) and I took the opportunity to
tell them so at our 1st teachers meeting.

Also met with all the students & faculty
and while 2/3 of my short talk was about how good
they are, I explicitly informed them
that there is too much lack of regard for discipline,

eking drinking on campus, demonstrators in Capital,
use of marijuana (1 student expelled), problems in
chow line, problem at swimming pool, damage to
a dormitory door, use of vile language on bus trips,
same at movies, etc. and that this school would
not put up with this conduct and could not
afford such attitude or lack of proper conduct.
We'll have our more general meeting next week
and hear the students' complaints, and a series of
meetings between student and members of Discipline
Committee. If we cannot improve conditions, can
always fall back on Board recommendation of
1958 (Students are guests and should conduct
themselves as guests, and if not expell them or
shut down the school, etc.) However, I feel in
a solid position and expect we can overcome the
problems built up here. Bob Aronson said a
month full when he said "Pity the new director
who comes after Bert Muller, for we are harvesting
the result. No discipline, no regard for Juan
Fernandez's problems, long hair, anything
~~good~~ ^{good} attitudes. -- The Garbergs shown as
movies, etc, etc. I believe you mentioned
these problems. Have had to expell 3 students
(girl in room & drinking, possession of marijuana, stealing
on exam & lying to teacher) for discipline, 2 on
extreme probation, and 4 for grades. Many more
should be expelled, and, as the discipline committee
said, this should have been done long ago.
(over)

Well, I feel the problems will all be solved, eventually. Meantime we can only be just and stern.

Actually, the students are a good bunch and I feel I have their respect. And they have a few good grips (teacher's failing to show up for laboratories, lack of preparation, etc.) but no excuse for misconduct. We have a good school and it will remain so, I am sure.

Visitor rate remains high - Kind of feel ROCAP may help us. After all, Dr. Traeger didn't just visit to tell us hello. The faculty continues to amaze me with their dedication to teaching. We are lucky, for in many schools it is not the case.

Received box of 6000 lampbrush from Jorge Coello of Standard Fruit Co - Pictures of artichoke el Daini + Cronista

Prof. Molina goes to Lanetilla on Oct 8, Prof. Torres will see to it that propagation material is used and are planning on plants going to Casa Pajonera and to private yards to avoid monstrous costs. Tom Cabot wrote a nice letter - will continue his support.

Can't help but agree with you on your comments regarding Kitty & Hugh. Kitty holds you in highest regard; anybody should be so lucky to have a son like Hugh. He thinks just like you do and would do anything in the world for his Dad. Whatever moves there were, were more than legal due to the tight situation Bob was in and he was not to blame for that! Faithfully, Kermit.

Thurs - 2 Oct

[1973]

How did it go?

Sue was lonesome around here after you left! Thanks again for your visit. Your note came the day you left Honduras, etc.

Started a letter to you at the Hotel Sues, but can't find it now - but no real news to report.

Kenmit had a busy 2 days of meetings in the city. The ag sch. directors. Not sure they're all convinced yet that Zamorano doesn't really need philosophy classes & stuff like that - but he's still in there pitching.

Picked up Jim Walker & the Walter (forgot his last name) at the airport on our way home yesterday. They're talking "soils" (naturally) and showing some slides. Kenmit will write you more about it if he can ever catch up to the office mail. (He came home Tues a.m., before we went into Tegucigalpa, & asked if a person could actually drown in paper.) I'll be so happy when those other two men come & can relieve him of some of the time-gobbling office

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Langford Adams

work.

Must get to packing
now, we leave for
Wash. early tomorrow a.m.
Am looking forward to it.

Take care of yourselves
and each other for us -

Love's hugs
Dorothy

Monday No. 12 [1973]

Dear Alice and WP,

Just a short note to let you know we are back from Wash. DC and thinking of you. Kermit has said almost everyday he is going to write you about the trip and meetings, WP, but has been up to his eyeballs every since we returned. A man, Fred Reece, has been here from the Ball Co. seeing about the canning operation here at Z., as a class for the students, I believe and hopefully for wives and others. He will want to write you all about it himself. Fred came Friday and will be leaving this morning.

The visit in Wash. went well for Kermit (he will tell you about his meetings etc.) and was fun for me. We arrived on a Friday and spent Saturday on a regular tour that gave us the highspots, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Wash. Monument, Arlington Cemetery etc. Then on Sunday we took off on foot to see things on our own. Really enjoyed Sunday more than the tour. Monday Kermit worked all day and I called a friend from Guate. Believe you know Glen Coombs, don't you? He was in Ag in ROCAP-- the position Don Fiesler has now. Anyway Barbara and Glen live in Alexandria Va. now so I phoned her and hopped on a city bus to go out to visit her. Also saw Barbara Ebersoll. Her husband was the Cultural Attache in Guat. and Barbara was my teacher in the painting classes. It was great seeing them both. Went back out to Virginia on Tues. to do some shopping with Barbara C.; Kermit was busy with State-Dept. types all day, then we met at the Smithsonian Institute at 5pm. Would have liked to spend one more day in Wash. but Kermit was anxious to get back here.

Talked to all the children several times by phone. They all seem busy and as content^{off} as any young person can be these days. Mike is taking a quarter to work but is rather disillusioned with the life and salary of an unskilled worker. He has one job interviewing Mexicans in the Modesto^{area} for some survey the Dept. of Ag. is doing. Then also works in a nut factory. Almonds, I believe, whatever he is doing there is hard, dirty work done in a noisy room-- he is ready to go back to the University and get on with his education. He has two years to go.

Andy was sick with an upset stomach when we got home but is OK now. Still have Concha-- she seems to be coming around. The day before we left I got a phone call from the tel. operator here at Z. saying she had a message that there were two girls ready to come for an interview (from Banli). Couldn't go off and leave the house with someone new so told them to come in two weeks. Guess Concha got the word from the operator (another Venegas, natch) because now she is quite willing and cheerful about staying any evening we have guests for dinner at night. Still have to stamp my foot and shout at her periodically to keep her off balance but maybe it will work out. Will give it until the first of the year since we have several trips and graduation between now and then and no time to check out and train another right now.

Kermit should have time to write tonight, but at least you know we are thinking of you!

*Love in hugs
Dorothy*

Tuesday Nov 20th [1973]

Dear Alice and WP,

Seems like ages since we have heard from you--busy??

Kermit said he sent a letter bringing you up to date on happenings here. Gustavo came by yesterday to check things out for graduation and casually dropped the bomb that altho about 60 invitations would go out for lunch here at Casa Popenoe, we should expect about 400-- at least they will send food for that many. Not to worry tho, Gilberts and Concha (she has really straightened out) will mind the VIP's in the library and I told him you^{Alice,} had agreed to more or less receive the others as they turned over their tickets to someone at the dining room door and start them down one of the four line-ups of food that we will set up from which they proceed to the kitchen hall for their drink and on to the chairs outside to eat. You, friend WP are the first on the list (don't know who made up the list, but Gus sends me a copy of everything) to take care of Diplomáticos, esta bien? Everything is so well organized that instead of dreading the day we look forward to it-- alot of my contentment is in knowing someone will be at the door to guide the multitudes through graciously so that I am free to circulate and keep an eye on the kitchen, food supplies on the tables, even checking the bathrooms for cleanliness.

We are expecting some of the children for the holidays, Cal Poly term ends about Dec. 4th-- in which case, if they bring friends, we may be bulging at the seams at Casa Popenoe-- Kermit wants to know your preference of rooms-- Lake House, Guest House or whatever, infact, knowing our boys- if you prefer your usual room here (we call it "Alice's and WP's room" now) it wouldn't bother them to stay in a dorm or wherever there is a bed. So name your preference, your slightest wish is our command!

Maybe while you are here you can help me find a new typewriter ribbon
this is getting pretty gray, isn't it?

Kermit just called to say a board member is coming tomorrow with
someone from Florida, don't know their names yet (I mean I don't know,
Kermit does) so we are having them, Rios' (how do you make that name
plural?) and Bertram Byers for dinner.

Met your friends the Williams--- they came in last week, they were here
for dinner last night with the Molinas and Pinedas and Armano Medina.
Nice group, we enjoy the Williams'.

Thursday we leave for Costa Rica, Kermit has to see some people there
and we will have Thanksgiving dinner with the Mc Colaugh's. It will
be good to see them.

The people in Danli have called twice about the two girls that are
available, but guess Concha heard about it because she has been as
good a maid as one could ask for, even insisted on coming back on her
day off tomorrow to help with the guests, can you believe that?

Father Mc Clair, Juan and Jean Forster drove down last week for several
days, they brought the old Mercedes Benz--- Tim will probably drive it
back to Calif. after Christmas. Believe Tim will get that orchid house
in order, that is his cup of tea. Also want him to landscape the patio.
They will move in potted plants for the graduation.

Had a good time at the Yucca festival last Sat. I had the honor
of cutting the ribbon on the new Hort. Bldg. after the priest blessed
it.

Anxious to see you!

*Lou
Anathy*

Antigua, 27 Nov 1973

Dear Kermit and Dorothy:

Sunday we had just come down from the open air market up at San Lucas on the Oca to the Cuty, and found the Swiss Ambassador here with a party of six. Two minutes later Concha came in with a note to the effect that you wanted me to call you in Cos a Rica, and she gave me the number. I got back in the Volkswagen and rushed down to the telephone office and the call went thru promptly, but your colleague McCylogh (spelling?) who answered said that you had already left for Tegucigalpa, and he gave me the message about planting avocados on the north coast of Nicaragua. I gave him the information which I would have given you, but told him I thought they had better get in touch with Simon Malo before they went ahead, and by all means have him see the area they have in mind. I told him they would have to study the drainage problem and by all means go over the area with a soil auger before they did anything else. If Malo can't get into the picture for any reason, and is a matter of importance I would fly down there myself and see what's what, provided it didn't involve a lot of walking in rough country. I imagine one could get around in a jeep; you would not have to see every acre of the area, which I imagine is very much like some of the north coast of Honduras over beyond Trujillo which I came to know pretty well in the old banana days, and I will say offhand that it wasn't avocado country. The soils were heavy and wet and have been sure to go out with Phytophthora root disease, so far as avocados are concerned.

We had a letter from Dorothy, dated the 29th, which I have not answered yet but was nothing new that required an answer. I have already written that Alice feels sure we should not go over to Honduras

any details but I feel quite sure Hugh would agree with Alice. The matter of housing wouldn't be any problem, in any event.

I was glad to hear that the Willaims were there when Dorothy wrote, and delighted to know that some of your own gang are coming down from California. Re-reading Dorothy's letter I noted that you would be having Thanksgiving dinner with the McColaughs. They did not make much of Thanksgiving Day here in Guatemala, and we decided to go over to the City and have our usual lunch at the Camino Real. When we got there and had had a cocktail in the bar and went into the dining room we found they had withheld the usual list of good and inexpensive grub and had nothing but a series of Thanksgiving dinners American style and one couldn't get off for less than six bucks, so we went back to the bar, where they have recently started serving buffet luncheons on Sundays, at \$1.50 had a good meal there. I wanted to go to the new Spanish restaurant across the street from the Camino Real, where I went one day with the Armours and liked very much but Alice isn't as fond of Spanish food as I am. This new restaurant is a very high class place and with high class prices; I believe the Chateau-briand which Ric had was \$6.50 and I had a real treat for only \$4.50 - brook trout from northern Spain, with almonds.

Two days ago we have seven tenths of an inch of rain - quite unusual and they say not too good for the maize corn which had not been doubled - ears turned down so the rain could not get into them. I am wondering if you hired any new men in Costa Rica - I believe you had someone down there in mind.

Siempre su afmo

Monday eve. Dec 10th

[1973]

Dear Alice and WP,

Kermit brought your letter home this afternoon, and altho we are tired and worn to a nubbin, want to at least say hello and let you know the Graduation went off very well. Will let Kermit tell you about the actual service since I never did make it over there. The fact that we were doing things differently this year sent the barmen and maids into a panic and each time I got ready to leave a problem came up so I stayed here at the house to keep things "cool". The reception started a little earlier than we anticipated, the grad. ceremony moved right along at a good clip apparently. But Jocoba phoned me when the last speech started and by the time the mob arrived the boys had over 200 drinks ready to pass and the boys behind the bar had another 200 ready to go when the men with the empty trays returned-- nice timing and work on their part. Lunch was ready (altho Henry kept wanting to delay and let them drink longer) some were hungry so we started at about 12:15-- Concha and Maria Guilbert served ~~the~~ ^{x BOARD members} Pres and his Cabinet in the library (I had the Pans of food for them put in there earlier so it only took about five mins to fix their plates) ^{sp?} and Belinda Mindensy-Soto helped me in the dining room by guiding all the other diplomats through the 4 lines for their buffet. Anyone that waited more than 15 mins, it was their own fault for not coming when we invited them to start. The food was delicious and if there were any complaints we haven't heard them-- unless there are some noses out of

joint because they weren't on the guest list. And we didn't make up the guest list. But from what we have heard alot of the free loaders that never take any interest in the school except to come out to a couple of free meals a year, were eliminated.

We enjoyed having the board here, they ate several meals with us and had cocktails a few times. I will let Kermit tell you about the meetings. Mainly wanted to let you know we missed you and so did many others.

Almost have the house back in order-- had to clear out both our little sitting room (put the bar here with a table across the doorway) and the library (for the board and the Pres diningroom) Have worked all day trying to get things ready since two men from Cal Poly are coming tomorrow and especially since Tim (our eldest) will be coming in on the 1:15 flight. We are so anxious to see him-- he will be here until after Christmas and we hope to take several short trips to combine sightseeing for him and some business contacts for Kermit. Then Tim and I will drive back to California in the old Mercedes right after Christmas. Probably won't be time to stop in Guate on the way^{CLASSES START early this year} but on my way back to Honduras later I will look to see if the welcome mat is out in Antigua at the Casa Popenoe.

So sorry to hear you have been ill, WP-- take care of him, Alice (stupid thing to say, huh-- you always do!) Saw Delores and Pedro in Teguc. the other day-- just a short visit. Will go by the office and say hello while we are in tomorrow to get Tim-- have a wait between the plane with our Poly People and Tim's flight.

Sure missed you Saturday'--.

Love in hugs
Dorothy

December 10, 1973

Mr. John R. Kimberly
Trustee
Board of Directors
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Kimberly Clark Corporation
Neenah, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Kimberly:

This letter is in confirmation of our conversation which we had at the board meeting here in Honduras on Sunday, December 9, 1973.

We discussed the great value of our practical "learn by doing" agricultural educational program for Latin America. For 32 years the Escuela Agricola Panamericana has trained young men from 16 Latin American countries in a three year program in the areas of field crops, vegetables, tropical fruit, livestock, agricultural mechanics and related subjects. During this time there have been 1300 students who graduated and who are now employed in key positions in the private and public sector of the agricultural economy of their countries.

The graduates are in such demand that most of them have employment offered before graduating. The demand for these young men trained in production practices in agriculture is so intense and the yield for their employers is so high that in many countries of Latin America they receive more salary than a university graduate in agriculture.

We also discussed the changes of program which have been made to ensure a more efficient agricultural educational training and the new objectives which we have established.

The following is an outline of our discussion:

- 1) Improved field training has been inaugurated and emphasis placed on commercial production and learning of costs of production through the use of student projects.

-2- Mr. John R. Kimberly

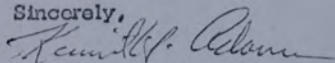
- 2) A plan introduced to provide agricultural short courses to small farmers, extensionists, rural teachers and others whereby they can gain more practical experience. These short courses will come from the countries where the regular EAP students originate.
- 3) Courses started on soil and water conservation, food preservation, seed production, and marketing of farm products. All of these courses are aimed toward increasing agricultural production through a better vocational training program.
- 4) For the foreseeable future we think that there is an opportunity to gradually increase the student body without any major building program. We plan on concentrating on rehabilitating the older buildings so that the physical plant may be kept up in good shape.
- 5) We have reduced the number of paid laborers by 37% and the number of instructors by 23%.
- 6) We have sold or have butchered surplus animals. With improved pasture practices and less use of concentrates our dairy and beef cattle programs are now being operated at less cost.
- 7) We have initiated the practice of paying students to perform routine agricultural chores, thus giving them an opportunity to earn funds for themselves and at the same time expand their knowledge and lowering educational costs.

As you know, this school is unique in two respects: 1) It is the only school offering vocational agricultural training to such a large number of Latin American countries. Thus it is truly "panamerican". 2) It is the best vocational agricultural school at the post secondary level, we are told, in Latin America.

We have requested \$200,000 from the American Hospitals and Schools Abroad program for fiscal year 1975. We have no knowledge of what we might expect, but we hope that this relatively small amount of money will be made available to E.A.P.

In closing, please indicate to those interested in supporting Latin American agricultural education that they are most welcome to visit here, the Escuela Agricola Panamericana and to see for themselves the truly valuable training offered to Latin America at this great school.

Sincerely,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

Dec 31, 1973
en el Zamorano, D.

Estimados y queridos Amigos,

Have had a hectic few weeks here and came down with a cold, but am practically recovered. Dorothy and Tim should be the other side of Vera Cruz by now. They are driving the old Mercedes Benz all the way to California. Tim had to be back to register by the 3rd so they did not stop anywhere. She is planning to see you on the way back. Will be glad when I hear they are both safely ^{there}. Those Germans sure know how to make good cars, but after all, it is 20 years old.

You wrote that Dr. Popov was feeling ill. Please keep me informed as to his progress.

Board authorized me to go ahead on a few projects, such as getting the school cleared away on its labor regulations, working on renovating a building, selling off old vehicles (with the gasoline shortage, I'll be better off walking or riding horses), maintaining the school forest (I have asked the German Ambassador to help find the best forester around, and maybe they can pay $\frac{1}{2}$ his salary). We have an estimated \$50,000 of mature timber that needs cutting and I am frustrated in the school having a model forest and not have all the trees cut down and be robbed. Also were going to acquire a pure bred herd of Brahma chickens and continue helping the small farmer as well as teaching the studs. about pure bred herds.

The agronomy department remains our no. 1 problem. An determined will strengthen it and make it the best department possible.

We came within \$12,000 of the estimated budget expenditures. Considering \$30,000 was paid out in Sessentia, & 3 directors on the payroll, that is not too bad. I still see much room for savings. It hurts my Scotch soul to see money wasted.

Graduation come off OK - Next year I think I would rather be with the graduates when their parents come. As it was I had to be with el general.

Bad news just received - 4 new cabinet officers, ^{replaced} and one of them is Edgardo Egaslo. Fernando Hardizabal will take this place. Have heard he will be OK, but hate to see Edgardo go.

Am enclosing this letter from a Japanese gentleman who founded an Ag school in Taiwan. Also wrote him a letter to tell us more about his school and also that I would like to hear about their teaching methods, etc. Also gave him your address, and sent him an annual report.

Dr. Popenoe, I am writing a brief (about 5-10 pages) booklet on "leadership" - to include some pointers on guiding these young latinian philosophy. Will start out with "Favor Omnia Sincere" and some other mottoes. Would you kindly send me any ideas for the little booklet? Some of the outlook you have had over the years about how the students should comport themselves and how they can exert a leadership role in life - Am going on the theory that students, like everyone else, have to be told, brainwashed, and led into adopting a good constructive attitude toward life. The booklet will not be anything great, perhaps, but it could lead to something valuable.

Coucha has been doing real good - ever since I told her that I was going to fire her if she got ~~out~~ out of line again. For about 2-3 months now you could not ask for a better maid. Am sure her problem is or was her emotions.

This place is sure abandoned this time of year. The new studs. will live it up!

Best Regards, and Happy New Year

- Alvin

[1974] El Zamorano, F.A.P.

Estimados Dr. Popeno y Alicia. Honduras, CA

Weekend came and has gone - Had 20 Embassy use Casa Hueyobal and Rose Popeno on return for coffee (Jacobo 2^o purchased 10 lbs of Dulce Clara just in time for the visit - Then Ed Marasialis and our old friends Alan Combes from AID-Washington and Bill Bradford AID-Quetzal and 2 others from AID-H. came by and as they were leaving we had by Excelesis Bolschepter Gottfried Poggendorf and 3 Inspectors from W. Germany came by for lunch. Should have had Appel strudel mit Sauerkraut, etc. but we had we had Chops juicy! from the kitchen - took them all over the ~~total~~ farm. They seemed to enjoy it. Sr. Excelesis sent us a bottle of Weingut Broel Blosser - Riesling 1969er and a bottle of Affentaler Spätburgunder Rotwein in appreciation. Of course, I did give him a copy of the life of William Wather, which he was happy to receive. Also we were among the guests of Herr Bolschepter on the occasion of the visit of the president of the German Senate, the Bürgermeister of Bremen last Mon. mite.

Will send in 10 lbs of Soybeans, with recipes, this week and next week some Zamorano honey.

Hugh sent a telegram saying he could not make it due to scheduling difficulties. Young man is working himself to an early grave. Sometimes better to be a mule than a Thoroughbred!

Everyone says the school is quieter and smaller than in years - Now that is something, for after laying off 40 more people - were down below 110 workers (from 200 3 yrs ago) you can expect some folks to be put out. But it's like my Volkswagen - I brag on its good engineering, qualities, road ability, efficiency, economy, etc. - Then when it won't start or the door's stuck, I complain about the "Verdammt German"!! Same way with the "ginger Director" - Great guy until I cross them by laying off people and requiring more efficiency. Well, we

have a long way to go - still too much fat. And as you said, its like taking your hand out of a bucket of water - no one would ever recognize the hand was there - You cant tell the difference!

Dorothy is giving classes in English to the faculty wives - They really have a time learning English 3-4 times per week.

As to your booklets - for 2000 copies with Bond Paper #16 is 424.00 limpings and " " #20 is 482.00 - Will

go ahead and order 2000 of Bond #20. Paper has gone up 10 fold in recent years, so I reckon you will want the best available, which is #16 more than you paid before. Hope to have them

back for taking to Antigua on Thursday 20. We will rent a car and if OK will stay overnight with you all before going to a meeting with Cul Poly on Friday 21st-Sun.

Dorothy will be with me.

Before I forget it, would like a statement from the founder (or co founder if you please) on the aims and purposes of

why Zamoranos was founded - "learning by doing", production agricultural training to serve Latin American youth - whatever you decide on. Would like to have it to use in our 1973 Annual Report - I think it would serve a good cause -

Dr Jim Walker, Zamoranos Jorge Diaz Zelaya and Napoleon Reyes, and Dr & Mrs Damon Baylton from Cornell over for supper last night. Jim will bring Franklin, Monica and children here for Semana Santa - Regards to all
Kermit

In 1940 there was no school in tropical America which could provide good vocational training in modern agriculture. Satisfactory training must combine lots of "learning by doing" with sufficient technical background to explain why things are done in a certain way.

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana was established in 1941 to meet the need for this sort of training in tropical America. Obviously, one small school in a region as vast as Tropical America could be nothing more than a beginning, but it was hoped that it could point the way, that it could establish a new pattern in tropical agricultural education.

Sufficient time has now passed to show whether or not Sam Zemurray's philosophy was sound. The demand for Zamorano graduates leaves no doubt about that. And the fact that half a dozen countries have built schools like Zamorano, or altered their curricula to place more emphasis on "learning by doing" is a source of great satisfaction to those who have labored to make Escuela Agrícola Panamericana a success.

[1974]

Dear Dr Popenov and Alice:

Just a line at the end of a
hot long day. Have just returned
from Nicaragua visiting Carlos Pineda.
He has been jefe of the Cotton Experimental
Station for 7 years near Chinandega and
has had close to 15 years experience in
agronomy including basic grains. His
operation is good there. The Nicaraguans
are putting a lot into cotton production.

Will wait until Hugh arrives (hopefully
this week) and talk over the hiring of Carlos
with him. But if Hugh doesn't come will have
to go ahead (by letter) and finalize the
situation.

Roberts made a good report on his
studies with Arturo. I wrote the latter a
thank you letter. Will see after exams are
over what we can do with R. Cojchin.

Much appreciated your long letter. Keep
up the good work.

Upon my return from N. have discovered
some of the students are not behaving - Will
get all the facts and bounce them all the way
back to where they came from. Will let you
know the details after this weekend - 4 more
days.

Edgardo Escote & Staff due out tomorrow
and maybe we can obtain some assistance
from them for E.A.P.

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Still no answer from Charles Stillman's Office.

Hope Alice is feeling better. Dorothy has arthritis in her hand. Knuckles swollen. But she is still planning a tea for Dr Koober's wife, Rachel tomorrow. Teaching English classes, house keeping, and going horseback riding.

You should see the two large cow projects - Bays are doing a great job!

Both Joe and Fedema are beavers for work and I feel that the Rockefeller funds are well spent in hiring them.

Jim Miller came last week, but he told me yesterday he was suffering a despondency, so I told him it would be best if he did return to his family. Too bad, for one only goes this way once and I know he liked the school a great deal. Regrettable he could not stay.

We'll get the Captain situation, the cost problem, the equipment problem and the morning lab. practicals improved one of these days. Meanwhile as Farragut said "Don't give up the ship!" - or did he say "Blam the torpedoes full speed ahead!"? Anyway, life is interesting and never lacks for problems -

Edgar Barn will be vice tomorrow also!

Faithfully,
Kermit

January 3, 1974

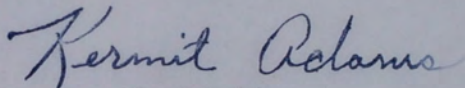
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Stuart Florida 3394.

Estimado Edwin:

Please forgive my taidiness in responding to gour letter of Dec. 14.
Have been twice out of the country.

We have 550 copies of Symposium of Plant Introduction. As I do
not have any idea as to what they cost, please make us an offer for the books
and let me know to ship them. We will be very happy to send them to you for
distribution after Jan. 15 when we have the librarian back on the job.

Sincerely,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓

KHA/omb

El Zamorano, H

9 Enero 1974

7:30 AM.

Dear Dr Popenoe and Alice:

Thank you for kind words. Not entirely merited by me - I'll tell you why, for ~~the~~ we were apparently getting many things moving, I'll believe we are getting there when they become facts. Too, a school is no better than its teachers and studs.

Of the studs, I have no reservation. We'll see the results of the selection we made with you here this week - Am looking forward to the kid that tried bull-fighting for a year and the one gored by the steer! Of the faculty, we simply have to have the ~~the~~ talent. No question about that.

Sec. Freitag is on the campus with his wife. I believe he is looking for a job. I shall do everything I can to get him to work here in the Agronomy Dept. Federico Kocher talked to me from San Jose Costa Rica yesterday - He's going to be here toward the end of Feb. He has had plenty of experience in "Deanship" and research and publications and handling people. Bruce Krotha must wind up his Peace Corps job in Washington D.C. He has been one of the outstanding farm managers of S. Calif (Riverside City) knows training programs, and can handle agri business farm mgt instruction as well as oversee much of the farm operations - and the project system. Bruce will bring his wife by in Feb. also -

Julio Peraza just brought his daughter Elia, an attractive young lady, by to meet me.

She is a nurse in Tucson, which reminds me. I attended graduation at the elementary school. Alison, Bixby Stone and Fabronio Galo gave the grad. talk and he gave a run down on where all the grads had gone later. He is to give me a copy. I kind of thought it would be of interest to you and Doug Stone, for those kids have done real well in life. He Zanonos not only sets forth on the world agronomos who have changed the course of L.A. agriculture, but a whole series of things - good elementary school, assisted in scholarships, etc. I reckon one of the most important thing is many of the faculty have met wives here. I have the feeling that custodians who many here may stay on here. Above all we must have excellence, but what is this with stability?

Will leave at 6:30 tomorrow for Tegucigalpa.

Have appts with: A. Mendez Soto of USIS, German Ambassador, Feil. Nao de Aguiy Bandeira (Francis haryabal) Peace Corps, & UNAH (they want a lunch here Sat for 35 physias instructors from all over CA).

Will have to some of it by phone. Hate to leave here, so usually put all the resumés on one day to get it over with. Sent American Ambassador, German Ambassador

Ed Mansueto & Bob Mansuettone each a turkey for P.R. work. After all, it would take some figuring to find out exactly what they are providing the school in a monetary way during 1974!

P.S. Still no letter from Dorothy
Today the 11th Day

Best regards
Kermit

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of proceedings
of 75 for 750

Estimados Dr Popovici y Alice :

El Zamorano, H.

20 January 1974

It is a beautiful Sunday here at E.A.P. - sunny but chilly, yet. Took a 3 hr horseback ride up to San Antonio Oriente yesterday. Fiquit I'd bet stiff as I have been walking rather than horseback to observe and be observed observing the praticians - see much good - and some things that need improving - Do believe shifting Henny Navarro (ag mech) over from Hort Dept to Agronomy will be good. He is a go getter - I know putting Denis Ramirez (plant path & pathology - a Zamorano) from where she was - in limbo - neither in one dept or other, and into Agronomy will help tremendously, as he's a good worker & teacher -

Love his wife, Dorothy, teaching chemistry & genetics (what we can get a plant geneticist) - she has had more genetics than most PhD's & in her first year of teaching, last year, she did quite well. This quarter she is straightening out the Seed Bank. Will keep on trying to get a plant geneticist - or better Leo Foytack back. And I'd bet 50-50 we can.

The way we think ~~at~~ is uncanny. - Your statement about PhD's and leadership. Most PhD's, God bless 'em, have been stunted by their own education - too many years being spoon fed education and not enough years thinking, working, planning, fighting, etc. Also, believe it or not, it occurred to me to get the "Watch Officers Guide" and other excellent leadership manuals the Navy has published. I have a former classmate (not friend - he went to Annapolis in my place for he had "Civello") who is an Admiral. If I can find his address, I'll write him. I see they are, at last, getting rid of that middle age hippie, Admiral Zumwalt (afon. Tulsa Gate, by the way) Anyway, who knows the Latin American young men better than you? I hope you can send

some ideas, no matter how brief.

I suspect that the youth here today are much more sophisticated than what you had but at the same time more immature. "Sophisticated" for they have had much more travel, more formal education and the dubious benefits of TV, etc.

But immatures - they have never struggled in their life, many of them - they lack a sense of leadership and responsibility and feeling for the rights of others. It is paradoxical that students with more education and ^{who} probably pass higher on Otis exams etc. than those of your day are not better leaders in situ than the less favored boys were. Perhaps they can be developed. But it is a fact that most "community leaders" in the U.S. are not college graduates. This is according to my statistical information and to my critical experience. The school would have been, I sometimes think, better off to remain as it was. Less cost, fewer problems, and fulfilling the aims of the principal donor, Mr. Zimmernan.

Dorothy is still looking for a place in California to invest our money. - But she is having a great time with children grand children, and relatives. She is very close to her sister Betty - who is also a nurse and who married an ag teacher. I "arranged" the marriage - the trouble with "arranging" marriages, you always wonder how it will turn out. In this case I had 100% success.

I am gaining a keener appreciation of these great hardy durians and of the faculty - Good people, all.

Buenos, will see if Corcha has prepared breakfast. She is doing OK.

Wish you could join me in a Daily hand made Margarita - the first one in the AM is always the best. A teacher's wife gave me a box of ~~patet~~ Daily Lunches - When are you folks coming over for a visit?

Faithfully,
Kernit

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After breakfast: eggs, hamburger, toast, coffee
 & graham cracker and ~~and~~ strawberry preserves!
 Tomorrow will have USIS & VOA tape records
 in Sp. & English to reach 32,000,000 people in
 the English version. Mostly interviews with instructors
 and students - afterward at 4:30, we have a
 cocktail for all teachers & administrative staff
 & wives, to welcome them back & start the new school
 year -

30 Jan 1974



Hotel Bolivar

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS, C. A.

Estimado Dr Poppeno y Alicia,
Am over here in S.P.S. on a money raising tour - So
for, today, Wed. - Jacobo & I have been promised \$7000. (Tobacco
y Cerveza) and tomorrow will hit 4 new ones - plus a
Coffee Co. - Last week, ^{we} raised \$5,000 - Still a chance of
\$4,000 from Banco Fomento - but won't see them until Feb. sometime -

We are staying at the hotel Jacobo's brother is
manager of - he ~~is~~ (Luis) made a special trip up to see me
and in the wonderful Honduran style, promised me all the
attention possible - but am finding that as devotees of E.D.P., people
just knock themselves out all over Honduras - could spoil a person -

Had letter from Hugh - he said to go ahead and
accept Ed Munnings offer - Perhaps he can move the
books into active use, which is after all, the mission of
a book - Will have the books packed on my return to Jamaica

Went to La Lima to see Houston La Combe - he
had taken an United Brands V.P. over to Belize - seems
they are planning on phasing out in Jamaica & will start
up in Belize - Houston took 2 planes off with a farkins
in both - Don't know how they finally got them - Anyway
Roberto Turnbull took care of us - Did you not say you
wanted a bldg dedicated to his Dad? Please give me the
particulars and I'll do what I can - Will see you
(over)

when I come over to Guatemala rumbo a San
Salvador on the 14th of Feb (Your wedding anniversary)
which is a Thursday - But will not see you
until Sat 16th - Have written Dorothy that I
must go to El Salvador via Guate & will meet here
there (hope she gets the letter) want to spend Thurs 14th
& Fri 15th in visiting AGEAP in Guate & also trying
to raise some money - Have already written Eximil
General Mgr, & A. Fallis & AGEAP - I will also
visit AGEAP in San Salvador - Doubt if I can
raise ~~to~~ money there - IICA will be paying for
my trip in any event -

Will write Dorothy and the kids
before this pen gives out -

Faithfully,

Kenneth

El Zamorano, Honduras
2 Feb 1974



Hotel Bolivar

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS, C. A.

Estimados Esposos Wilson Popenoe: It is simply a beautiful Saturday morning here in El Zamorano. Arrived back from San Pedro Sula yesterday A.M. - Visited 4 more potential donors ^(in SPS) and I have to say it, they pushed themselves out - while all said they would talk the matter up with their Board, I felt they were sincere as could be and I am optimistic - Ed Marascuolo and Katherine stopped by to stay at the Casa de Húngaros - We have their room all fixed up, flowers & all - and Concha is knocking herself out to fix a "típico" meal - yuca, frijol, carne, tortillas. They will be back this way in an hour (1 P.M.) and stay thru till Monday A.M. Have promised myself I will not "bug" them for money - But, between you and me, Dr. Culbert says Ed told him we'll get more support from them - AID - than in the previous 8 yrs. Now what this means, I don't know, but I expect it redounds to the fact we're going ahead with the renovation of a place for short courses for Ministerio de Educación & Min. de Recursos Naturales - a project AID has long been seeking - Our E.A.P. ^{Board} is for it as long as we are not "out of pocket" and do a good job of having short courses for extensionists, farmers, teachers, etc - I am insisting that whatever courses are given, they must be intensive and reflect the quality which has been the hallmark of the school - No second rate teaching = no second rate students.

(over)

P. S. Will meet Dorothy in Cuzco, and will be up to see you for weekend before going to S. Salcedo. Do want to give you some of the specimens I obtained in Cuzco. These are Friday.

Dr Poyano, we simply have more prospects of donations of fertilizers, animals, etc. than we can take care of - Is there something in the Latin notes that will not permit him to go ahead and take advantage of donations? I wonder sometimes - If we don't get moving on the 20 tons of fertilizers, 11 head of Brahms, 70 pictures (movies), 3 garvinis sementals, use of Brahm bulls & other offers, then by next week I am rocking the boat & either we cut bait or fish - I cannot see losing these offers of help because the professors must be around putting it off until "next time" - Have seen this happen over & over again at Barceua -

As to your report on Dr Malo's kind words about me - I recall what the cow said to the farm boy on a cold winter's morning - "Thank you for the warm hand!" Have had reservations about don Juan, but it all boils down to his great desire to help the school which has done so much for him, so I reckon any excesses of conduct he may have displayed can be overlooked. Be certain he is for keeping this school great - despite, sometimes, a detestable frigid attitude on his part. Also an extremely able & intelligent person -

Have heard from Hugh - I expect the lad is slowly working himself to death - Too busy. But I reckon he is more valuable than 3 other guys, and with the Poyanoa penchant for long life, who knows, he may live to a hoary old age, despite working too hard. I admire him, tremendously. And I say this as you know, without even a hint of being a false informant - Having reached that divine stage in life of not giving a damn! School goes OK! Have 3 people not satisfied with salary out of 21, but reckon that they don't wish for green postures or accept what was offered or they can't. Spanish instructors still trying to "gouge" us. Faithfully: Kermit.

El Zamora,
Honduras
7 Feb 1974

Dear Dr Popescu and Alice,

Expect you can tell by my handwriting that I am much better - still taking "downstol" for the Colon or whatever it is, but gained back 3 lbs. (which I didn't even need)

Dorothy returns the 17th to Guatemala and we hope to visit you then. Have just returned from Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia and was one day in Guatemala - all in 8 days. While in Venezuela I signed a contract to train 30 reservists with a 6th grade education who plan to return to farms for a 10 month short course of Latin by Doris and "saber hacer saber mandar" They will have practical work all day and teachers talking to them and hopefully teaching them at night. We will, if they get here later this month, receive \$78,000 for our efforts. Out of this we will pay a "gratification" to teachers (to avoid resentment) feed, house and clothe them. I am hopeful of the success of this project.

While in Ecuador I saw many of your old boys - including Melastina and Marcel Laniade de Wind. The latter is the manager of Banco Pacifico which is 3rd largest in the country and the most efficient I have ever seen. They treated me mighty well and I went with 15 of them for a dinner and told them we are emphasizing practical work and production training. Saw Carlos Jabil and had dinner with his folks. Also Humberto Chan and Cecilio Herrera.

P.S. I will bring you some photos of R. A. P. ranch to see

I was quite proud of all these boys and they treated me better than a prince. Also saw Jaime Castellanos and Francisco Coney in Colombia and talked with José Mejía of Banco Ponderos who substituted for his brother Jorge who was in the U.S. Promises of 4 beds in C., 2 in Ecuador and the aforementioned \$2000 in Colombia.

If my sensor receptors are working right, I would say we have high morale among the students and teacher also. The latter object to making out lesson plans for their morning practicals, but almost all are doing it OK. Now that they have to be with the students all morning to instruct them, some object to working, but, after all, that is what they are paid to do.

Talked with Hugh on phone about donation by Rafael Aguilar Paz. It has some reservations that various Board members had. We are attempting to answer him. I did tell him that whatever the Board decides is law as far as I am concerned. He is asking Dr. Rutz, who will be here ^{this} Sunday, to look over the place. Adolfo Midence Soto, Main Nufis, and Jack Roberts are all in favor of the place. It does bring in another cost, but it should pay a profit. More important it should instruct the student in agronomy (sorghum, pasture, soy, silage, corn) as well as livestock in a situation very similar to what they will go back to - Not a well developed farm. You could come over. Fairly fully, Kent



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How alive and W.P.,

We were hoping we'd be able to slip out of the city one of these afternoons or evenings for a fast buzz to Antigua. No luck. Permit has had conferences all day, every day - meanwhile I've stopped and visited etc. Am waiting now for Helen & Pelayo Maurena to pick me up, will have lunch with them & spend the afternoon. Then tonight, when the men are through, Margant & Don are having everyone over for dinner. Including wives!

It's a good thing we still have friends here, none of the other wives came and I make it a point to be completely inconspicuous at lunch & dinner time - and the most efficient method of remaining inconspicuous is to just not be here - so I accept all invitations & have really had a great time visiting people, especially those we missed seeing in Feb.

Thanks again for having us - see you soon - Love n hugs - Dorothy!

March 12, 1974

How Alice + WP,

A letter from Alice! Nice surprise, think of you when we walk by your office in the city. Only trouble is Kermit is always so rushed there's never time to pop in + visit Melores + Pedro, maybe next time.

We went to the inauguration of the new fair grounds Sat. Large crowd to watch the impressive flag raising ceremony. Wish you both could've been there. Guests have been in and around for the last two weeks. Jim Walker was here for a few days, had a meeting + a couple of the sail people from Legue. They all stayed (+ worked) in the guest house.

Have had numerous people out from Florida - judges for the show, + their wives. Also a commissioner from Colombia Kermit is working with. They left a couple of hours ago. There's a reception at the Colombian

② Consul's home tonight for their
Ambassador. (He's going home to
get into politics before their
elections which are coming up.)
Kermit was sick last night
and felt rotten today (altho he
went to work) so we're passing
up the reception this time.
Right now he & Bill Verdugo
(an old friend from Calif & friend
& neighbor of my brother in
Clavis, Calif.) are out "riding the
range" Bill's here as a livestock
judge. A lawyer James Stewart
"something" (can't remember his last
name) is coming out this
aft. also. His from Florida, believes
his is a tough group, all lawyers.
Suspect the rest of the week
will be treated lively in visitors &
me in a kitchen being treated
for cockroaches! Even fixing
coffee is a hassle. Everything
from the kitchen has been
stacked in the dining room for
12 days now. We serve our
guest-meals in the library &
Kermit & I eat in our work room.
But hope we get rid of the
little beasts for good this time.

(3) Friday night the U.S. Ambassador is having a reception for the Ganaderos. Hope we can find a hotel room for the night.

Can't give you any definite word on our Guate visit but if things are settled then we expect to come up ~~to~~ March 21st (Thursday, I believe) would like to stay in you that nite, then K. will be up to his eyeballs in meetings the rest of the weekend. Know we all have lots to talk about & Kermit always likes to pick your brains, W.P.

Must change now before the messengers arrive.

Love & hugs,
Kermit

P.S.

Kermit just called & he said to tell you not to try to meet us on the 21st. He has to see a man about some scholarships & have lunch with him, then will rent a car & go on to Antigua as soon as we can. His schedule is rather jammed-up. He still has to fly to Colombia & stop in C. Rica before going to Guate. His started sleeping a bagged packed in the closet, always ready to go!

Queridos Amigos De Wilsey
Alicia:

El Zamorano, Honduras
29 Mayo, 1974

Just a note to tell you all goes well with us here. Had to inform the bachelors that the school isn't going to buy their toilet paper, soap, etc. - They were receiving 6 rolls a month each! Also student store must help on our sports program a bit - We are in a real program of sports now, with Don Fernando in his glory - about 100 kids actively engaged in league competition, and all studs. in some 14 extracurricular sports. Also tightening up on use of cars, tractors in the afternoon. We shall see what we shall see! Tonight there is a party at the Club for Barry Magellan - He is to be married in the school chapel on April 6 - His folks are here - I will meet them - Am curious about them. If all goes well with his Honduran bride we can expect Sir Gary to stay around a few years at EAP. He needs some rough edges taken off - Maybe to Honduras to hard!

Had a letter from Hugh. He tried to come here when the rest of the profs of Gainesville came, but the airlines changed his schedule so he could not, nor visit Guatemala, Compost.

Am to be in Boston on April 19 at noon for a meeting of Executive Committee. Would love to visit this historic place and go over to the Berkshire Hills to see our family home (now "Stagecoach Inn" at Sheffield a British Colonial pub! My grandfather many generations removed, Major Andrews, a good patriot, would whip over in his grave if he but knew) Anyway, I won't have time for I am concerned about being away from EAP too long as in the week prior to this have obligated myself to go to New York City to work with RTAC the AID book production department to develop a plan for Latin American textbooks.

Someone recommended me for this. Although I was offered pay by AID to advise on this, I told them by phone that AID has done so much for EAP I would not accept pay, but per diem and ticket, I feel that we have AID (in general) on our side and we must cooperate. Also have an ulterior motive, I want EAP to be involved in a new text book program for Latin America - I feel this school would make a good center for such a project. Vamo a ver.

Will talk with authorities involved as to Alicia's center this Monday. I hate to go into town but the German Embassy sub official Axel Pawlovsky, called me and wants me to confer with him about the 1974 contributions and the 1975 as well. I feel good about this as I am derived near sare that I can perhaps recuperate what my salary costs EAP. from the Germans alone - much less other assistance may be able to secure. By the way, Banco Central gave us a check for for 24,000 lempiras today. We still have the Banco Fonto to visit, as well as many others.

Teachers and employees are all cooperating 200% to lower costs here, I feel if we can economize 50,000 and raise an extra 50,000 we will come out OK, even if the American schools and Hospitals abroad does not come through this year. Jack Kimberly has had a serious operation for cancer. Cal Paly, pledged support for EAP, - Denis Ramirez is looking forward to Dr Harry Finch coming here - We'll have the best fitopatologia program in Latin America, your 2000 booklets are here in Casa Popenoe. Will send them via Joe Courand who will be here next week - they come to 484 lempiras.

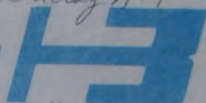
Best Regards from all

Faithfully, Kenneth

Francisco Montenegro from Guatemala (ex ministro de Agric) flies in to see me Monday -

HOTEL BRISTOL

Mexico City
Sunday AM



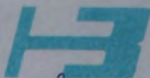
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14 April 1974
Dear Doctor Popov and Alice, It is
a peaceful Sunday A.M. here in Mexico City -
Arrived yesterday from Tegucigalpa and met by
Richard Berg. They had me over for dinner
and I met the man I am to work with - Herman
Mayer, who will actually write the PROP for
the text book program by RTAC, his wife
a doctora from Mexico City - I would have
enjoyed the matzoh balls and pork chops
(kosher?) a lot more but was hit
by amoebas or something like I never experienced
since my China days - Came here to the
Hotel (a new one off Reforma that AIO found
near the Embassy where I'll be working) started
taking "Lomtil" and "enters sediv" - Feel
good now - Health is sure better than
having pesos, verdad? On Tuesday we
are due to fly to Monterrey - I'll have the
opportunity to meet Doctor Leon Robles
again - met him briefly in 1968. Have about
150 pages of background material to read
before 9:00 AM mañana - Already have instructions
that RTAC will want to involve E.A. Prustman
in some way - Vamos a ver -

Am also reading for the Boston
executive committee meeting. Thus for



HOTEL BRISTOL

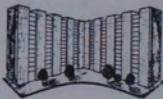


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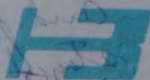
I can only say that the Board members I have met have been exceptionally able men, of good will and darned practical people - Bought a box of Daily Cetas - really a fine cigar. If I keep smoking them up, there won't be any left for Hugh!

Ex - minister of Agriculture Francisco Montenegro Jiron jumped at the chance to fly back your books - He said he would deliver them personally. He was ^{at EAP} ~~was~~ with the mgr. owner of "El Ganadero" - want to his 6 grade interested in livestock. A Hugh wrote that he could not make plans connections to get to Honduras during time of livestock show.

What do you think if EAP instructors (up to 2 or 3, perhaps) were to provide asesoria for an agriculture project financed by the Central American Bank - The latter institution would pay for this, and the work would be done on the instructor's time? The CABEI (Central American Bank) have a large project in Tomatoes at Comayagua -



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They want to see the production of
processors doubled. They would like to
have a team made up of a plant pathologist,
an agronomist, perhaps, from E.A.P. coupled
with an expert in plant genetics with
experience in processing tomatoes (for
catsup, etc). Such as Dr. William Lewis
of the Univ. of Calif. at Davis - To give you
an idea of where their thinking comes from,
they say that asesoria from just any plant
specialist is not palatable to those who
pay the bills i.e. the barrowers of ag
credit. Burgos of El Salvador suggested
this idea of a 'team' approach to Gladstone
Solomon of the Bank (Both, as you know
are graduates of E.A.P.) I would like to
know what you think. On the positive
side we would have our instructors learn
a great deal more about the actual problems
Also they could earn more money (as opposed
to the fact that we cannot afford much of a
salary increase in 1975.) Buenos, will
light up a Petit Cetro and will
my kids. Dorothy and I look forward to
your visit in the mango season (over)



El Zamora, Harlan

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alicia - 24 April 1979

Am going to garden development for my tardiness in working, but did want to tell you of what's been taking place after all the travelling about - first to Colombia, then to Mexico City, to Monterrey, to New York and Boston and finally back home.

Believe we are winning back the Colombianos - actually we had never lost them - they are a great bunch of peasants, but basically good people. While at R T A C - A I D, the people who translate my books into Spanish and then publish them, I was a consultant on their \$600,000 project to provide new text books for grades high schools in Latin America. It appears that Monterrey Tec will get the contract. I persuaded both sides (A I D - Monterrey Tec) that there should be fewer chiefs and more Indians - i.e. more people writing up text book material. I believe E H P will get a part of the action. Not much, but at least something to pay the teachers for participating - then, hopefully, will obtain a future contract with R T A C. At least Richard Berg, the director, opened we would be in line for a contract - *Vamos a ver*.

The meeting at Boston went very well. Hugh as always was most helpful, and things went smoothly. As always, I was loaded for bear with papers - but there is more time to discuss everything - they were happy we've cut costs to 1/10 workers. Good thing, too, for the minimum wage law is effective May 1 - \$6.75 per hour. Took a touristy tour of Boston and saw the old North Church, U.S.S. constitution (could kick myself for not staying active in the Navy) and came on back via N. Y. & Mexico City.

Road construction knocked out the pipe lines for water and so we only have 50% of our water until we get the other pipe in. No forest fires yet and only 3-4 weeks till rain. Looks like a good rainy crop. Hope you folks will

be over and being your friends -

Dorothy had a new dress for the Queens
Birthday Ball at British Embassy, but I got
back too late. Monday night tho, will be at
the Empress's Birthday party at the Japanese
Ambassador's home - then Thursday we go
by Adolfo Videna's place and visit, until the
plane is ready to go to the Board Meeting at
Miami. Will travel with Adolfo and Belinda (if she
goes). Will give the rest of the Board members
a copy of the "School Regulations" that the
Teachers Assoc. wrote up - a real landmark
for the school, for all the rules as laid down
by different directors from Payne to Adams
are all written up in a book form - Very
helpful to new teachers, and to guide us all.

Don Juan Fernandez seems satisfied
with discipline, etc. Kids are O.K. Does
not seem possible we arrive the 2^d quarter next
week already!

We may still get support from American
Schools & Hospitals Abroad (which A.I.O.
has handled in past years) program. Even
with inflation and lack of income we will ride
out the year O.K. for we have reduced
costs - Also I think there will be more
help from other sources as we go along. Keep
eyes fingers crossed, but the Germans told
me that they are looking for more beans
for us. Somewhere out there in the world
is plenty of help for Zanones. It's just
getting to it. So long for now -

Faithfully,

P.S. Were expecting my Kermit
ordered brother down in May - ah fin!

El Zamorano, Honduras
6 May 1974.

Dear Dr Papense and Alice,

Rec'd your letter of 30 April as we came back from Miami today (Monday AM) Dorothy arranged me to the Board Meeting - to Miami that is, not the meeting itself. Meeting went well. Tom Cabat looks younger to me than a year ago. I came in line for some undeserved praise - of course I accepted it, for one day I might be in the line of fire of some undeserved criticism - or even some warranted criticism, ~~criticism~~ ^{criticism} sake? The situation is that the Board feels we are making some progress toward financial stability and faculty strength. The reason for the former is that we have cut down on staff - people mostly, & other, we have saved money where possible and we have made a few gains on donations. Mostly this is due to everyone cooperating - As to faculty strength, we have Kocher on Board - Believe ~~we~~ will work out O.K., and Courand will come into the Ag Administration this month or next, and am on the trail of a hot prospect for Agronomy. Anyway they seemed pleased. They all want to come down for graduation day on Dec. 7. Had 6 Latinos present at the meeting - Jorge Mejia, Simón Molo, Adolfo Indusa Soto, Mario Nafio, Ernest Cruz, and Chico de Sola - and they all took an active part.

Hugh says he plans on coming down in May. Also said he wrote you a long letter which probably gave you a ~~big~~ shock since he

hadn't heard from you since!

Took some *Coccoloba* palm seeds up to O.H. Extensionist De Armond Hull of Dade County. Since I could not reach him by phone, I left them with the plant inspector at the Airport. We stayed at the Airport Hotel - Let me tell you, prices are high in Miami! Also one feels like a prisoner - you have to wait an hour for a bus or take a \$8 taxi - no grocery stores anywhere. Better off out here on the farm. I feel sorry for the old people who live in Miami - they either live under air conditioning or suffer the heat, in ~~an~~ too expensive apartment or a shovel, spend all their money for medical care or suffer, eat expensive food or go without - And all they have to look back on is a life of humdrum work - No future in living in Miami.

It is a good thing we have been drawing in our belt here, otherwise inflation and the new minimum wage law would eat us alive.

Dowdy sends her regards to all.

Faithfully,

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May 8, 1974

Mr. Don McE. Alexander
Division of Horticultural Research
Private Bag, P.O. Merbein, Vic. 3505

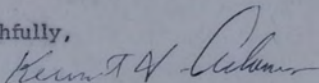
Dear Don:

Received your 22 April letter on May 4. Probably the best means of transport out here to the school will be for you to hire a taxi (between \$15 and \$20) and once you are here further transport can be arranged. This will make it easier for everyone involved and no one under pressure to be met with a car, etc. We have excellent guest housing here at the school where guests pay a modest amount for board and room. While our tropical crops man does not speak English, we have students or instructors who can interpret. Through our fruit production instructor we will organize further places for you to visit. You will probably be interested in the United Brands and Standard Fruit operations on the coast in bananas, pineapples and other tropical crops.

While in Guatemala you should visit Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Casa Popenoe, Antigua. All taxi drivers, guides, etc., can show you where he is. Dr. Popenoe is the outstanding agricultural scientist in avocados and other fruit crops in Latin America. As you are visiting Guatemala after leaving Honduras, we can discuss your itinerary there during your study trip here.

Kindest regards to you and your wife. You will love this beautiful country.

Faithfully,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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El Zamorano, H
17 Mayo, 1974

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Greetings from El Zamorano.
Just rec'd for EAP \$13,000 in
back funds (171-72) not paid by
D.R. matriculation credit, \$3,000 from
Banco Atlantida, and \$9,000 more to
come in from Banco Fomento this week.

My eldest brother, Ales, reached
here yesterday - Will take him riding
around the school today - Tomorrow
will take him & Candelario Ríos to
Rio Dulce Ranch to pick out 5 head of
Reg. Brahmas to be given to school.

Heard from Joe Courand in
Guatemala - He'll be coming to work
here June 17. Must get over to Nicaragua
to see candidate for Agronomy Department.

Am due to be in Colombia on
June 8 to start campaign for
raising more money for the school.
Inflation is terrible here - It is a
good thing we cut back on employees,
as we would be in some trouble now.
Things going smoothly now -

② Showed slides on project system to students last night. Expected 5 and about 50 showed up. Plans for those interested in projects - mangoes are coming along toward ripening soon now. Hope you all can come over soon to visit us and to enjoy them. Don't know when Hugh will make it down, but should be soon.

Had 5 Canadian Aquaculturists in here yesterday - they came down for a "study" of marketing - speak no Sp., will stay 2 weeks to several months, sounds like A.I.D. all over again!

Just read Doubleday's "The Mosquito" War of Nicaragua - written in 1886 about the times of Wm. Walker in 1855. By the way Fritz Rosenzarten is writing a book on W. Walker -

It's 5:50 - must have another cup of coffee and get going.

Best regards,
Hermit
Dorothy les Saluda -

San Pedro Sula, H.
22 May 1974
1730



Hotel Bolivar

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS, C. A.

Dear Dr Popowe and Alice: Am
over here in hot country - in Km 322 under the
air conditioning - my oldest brother is with me
and he has been taking pictures while I have been
seeking funds for beans. Worked all day at about
50% efficiency, that is could not locate gerentes of
Empresarios ALUS, CORSA, nor Jaime Rosenthal (out
of town) and Eloy Page Bansa Asistente - However, did
contact Fecochal (Coffee Cooperatives), Texaco, Cruzaria
Nacional (for next bean) and the Tabacalera Hondureña. There
are good possibilities with all 4 of these. In this game,
there is nothing like bulldog tenacity - Will leave for
Tiquisgalpa in the AM to be with A. Mubare Sate to work
on Student Credit for matriculation fee.

Last night I was very proud of the E.A.P. teachers
and the set up in general. We inaugurated a short course
class of 40 students - all instructors, sub-director and
director of Rural Elementary Schools. Seven instructors are
to teach them basics of vegetables, fruit, small animals,
poultry & bees. We have a nice classroom fixed up for
them and they will have classes in the Horticulture
Bldg in the AM & practices and now classes 'til the
~~4 PM~~ 6 P.M. - a really full schedule - just what I wanted
to see. Julio Pineda gave a nice speech on the founding

of the school by Sam Zemurray and how you had
the development of the school to be the great institution
it is today. Afterward the students all applauded
the speech. I am moved to opine that EAP
has probably done more good for U.F.C. than
anything else to make for good public relations.
Will sign off now for a shower and
a good night's sleep.

Best Regards,

Kermit

Hope you can make it over soon. Am no
judge, but expect those mangoes to begin to
be ripe by next week. You might as well
see Hugh here as there. Cognition needs
a brush up on plant propagation. Will
have lots to talk about over a glass of brandy
and a Daulté.

KKA



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[May 23, 1972]

Thursday the 23rd

Dear Alice & WP -

Have been trying to call the Club Antigua to leave a message for you but no luck. Would be buzz out to see you but lack this sort of transportation.

Your letter came the day before I left for Cuate and wanted to tell you to please come to Zamorano as soon as you can for as long as you can. And as far as the room in the guest house goes, you know any room (or house!) is yours for the asking. If Alice prefers to cook for you, WP - will be glad to stock it & what ever you want. Know you keep an eagle eye on his diet, Alice!

Kermit & his brother Miles left for San Pedro Sula on the plane 5 mins. before I left for Cuate. He's going there to beat the bushes for #'s. He just got a bunch more bees for "your boys" a week ago.

Joe Courand & Marina met me @ the airport and then we started looking for the plastic pitchers for the milk bottles. Made a good contact for the school @ La Pradera. They sold us 24 pitchers & gave us 6 extra - also a huge box of cheese for Kermit. Joe did the talking & the owner - manager & the result is an offer for



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help for our cheese maker. He offered to share Pradera's technology in the school. Joe is going to be a real asset for the school and so is Marina. They'll be coming June 15th as soon as their 3 children are out of school.

I flew over to meet Mena Montgomery who is coming from Calif to visit us. It's the first time she has flown alone & we decided I should meet her here & spend the night & take the Sasha back to Legue. Tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. Will not playing match makers but wouldn't it be nice if she & Arles were compatible?? Arles' wife died a year and a half ago after 40 happy years and Mena & Dr. Montgomery were just divorced after 37 not too happy years. It really is just coincidence that they decided to come at the same time.

Have seen several friends here in Quate already & must call a few more now.

Looking forward to your visit as is everyone! Miss you very much.

Love,
Dorothy

Antigua, Guatemala 27 June 1974

Mr Kermit H Adams, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Kermit:

We went to Finca San Sebastian + in morning and talked with Arturo Falla regarding the possibility of taking Roberto Salas for a month to get practice in nursery management. He will be glad to cooperate in this matter.

I have therefore dispatched a radiogram to you, as per enclosed copy. Arturo is going to let Roberto work with his best nurserymen and give him a wide range of training. I asked him if he would like the school to pay for board and lodging and he was not very definite in his reply. If he makes any charge I am sure it will be quite moderate and I will make any necessary settlement with him when Roberto is ready to return to Honduras.

I believe this arrangement is going to be a fine thing for Roberto and for EAP.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

El Zamorano,

27 junio 1974

Estimados Dr. Papenoe and Alice:
Didn't seem like I got to talk
with you much this time, having been gone so
much. We have both pretty well recovered, tho
I must have amoebas. Been horseback riding
twice since I ~~last~~ have been back. Not enough,
but better than nothing -

We have a meeting tonight with students.
A "Symposium" on a meeting Denis Rowley attended
to give the students an idea of what the Agric.
planning is for various countries.

Have just put a map of my palmar-
- 17 varieties - and a list of the boys who worked
on it - inside a picture frame and hung it
in the patio -

Federico and Joe are going to be a
big help to square away the ships. American
Schools & Hospitals Abroad finally came through
with \$50,000 - we had almost figured they would
not provide us with anything, but it is money we
did not expect, plus Monzoite is sending a rep
down with a check for \$10,000 - Then there is other
money to come in besides.

Had a Colombian boy fly home - His
father asesinado by a bullet. He was the one who fought
bulls for a year in Colombia. Hope he makes it
back.

Have installed the coffee grinder and B. Byers
ground me 5 lbs of corn Doullby makes corn

bread tomorrow mite - It will be great to
have all our ~~count~~^{plans} made right here any time
we want to make it!

On July 4 we journey in to the Ambassador's
residence for the gala occasion of Independence Day
and on July 7 we have the Americans out - A year
ago to the day we arrived -

Had 8 boys qualify for swimming
today - Juan Fernandez does a good job
coaching the boys.

Hope the University leaves us alone.
Best regards to all there.

Faithfully,
Kearns

June 28, 1974

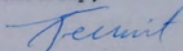
Julia F. Morton, D. Sc., Director
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P.O. Box 248204
Coral Gables, Florida 33124

Dear Julia:

Your June 13th letter arrived June 17 and I returned June 19, so am late in answering you. Dr. Wilson Popenoe was here when I returned and I discussed your letter with him. He and I concur that the book is a "Symposium of Plant Introduction". The intention of the publication was to bring together information about plant introductions and your review would reflect the content rather than any new title which may be given to the book. I think that the world needs to know what has been done in plant exploration and, regardless of title given by a book seller, the book should be reviewed with the original title and should you desire to mention the new title, it should be explained what happened. The valid title of the book is "Proceedings of the International Symposium on Plant Introduction". It is now being sold under another name. The material in the book is valuable to mankind and should be reviewed, exactly as it was originally published.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe

Junio 27 de 1974

Sr. Arturo Falla C.
Finca "San Sebastián"
Dueñas
Antigua, Guatemala

Estimado don Arturo:

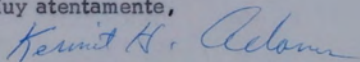
Reciba Usted mis más cordiales saludos.

Quisiera informarle que las 8 peras Tenesí, los 5 manzanales Anna y los 5 duraznos llegaron a la escuela ayer. Estamos cuidándolos aquí en la escuela para unas 2 semanas antes de sembrarlos allá en el Uyuca. Muchas gracias por la generosa contribución a la E.A.P., don Arturo.

Además de esta contribución, hace poco sembramos una colección de 5 arboles de las variedades cítricas: Arangpur lima, Citro-mello, Smooth Seville, Carrizo Citrango, King Sour orange, Naranja Agria (de Honduras), mandarina y Cidra. Como con todas las plantas y variedades, queremos cooperar con Usted en proporcionarle lo que tenemos disponible para patrones o semilla de patrón.

Deseándole un continuo éxito en todas sus actividades, me suscribo de Usted,

Muy atentamente,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Prof. Alfonso Torres

El Zambon.

July 9, 1974

Dear Dr. Popenoe;

Received your good letter of July 1 and the letter ^{or copy} (copy) you sent to Julie Norton. By now you will have received the copy of my letter to Dr Norton which said, though not as well, essentially the same things you did. Will contact Chas. Stillman and see if we can regenerate the Symposium books plus the various brochures. Also received your telegram regarding Salas for master nurse and trust that you know he is there by now. We had gone ahead assuming he was to be there last master. Hope we did not cause you any inconvenience! We are all so pleased Roberto could get this help. Alfonso Torres even announced it at the teachers meeting. Do not know of any better way to make for better instruction than having Roberto and hopefully Ruedo Cojulin, work over there a month.

Incidentally, I thought the info you sent Dr Norton very good. It would serve as a book review itself!

We meet with 5 (!) of the ~~board~~ ^{opposition} this morning. Our strategy after talking with Milena Soto, Federico and Joe Conrad, is to tell them of our many plans, of our Board's plans, etc. Ol' Federico can talk anybody down and he is a smart hombre. Joe is also, and they both have a keen awareness of the dangers of dealing with these people, having lived in Chile. Milena Soto believes we should shoot them down from here, not let them get a foot in the door. I told him that

A gringo director is plenty vulnerable. So
we'll overwhelm them with our plans, ideas, problems
etc. Vamos a ver.

We have definite promise of 20 pure bred
reg. dairy heifers, 2 Jersey, 8 B. Swiss, 10 Holstein
from Heifer Project in November. Also a definite
gift of 12 reg. pure bred ~~to~~ Brahma heifers
from Florida (due to Dr. Wayne Reitz's great
assistance) in November. Maybe they can all
come on the plane together? Perhaps we can have
a welcome at the airport for the new "citizens" of
Honduras - "Emigrantes"!

Also Wayne said will receive
\$50,000 from American Schools and Hospital
Abroad (through #10) ~~this~~ for FY 1974 - A
smaller amount but since we figured on nothing
at all, it will be a big help. Received a
\$10,000 check from Deval Co. reg. who
came here, Mr. Bob Bullock. Semans still
don't have the check here in Honduras but it has
been sent. Good chance they'll provide even more
beans for 1975.

We talked with Eduardo Esquivel yesterday
and we can obtain some help through FAO,
and other agencies as well as Honduran Govt. Vamos
a ver. Palm trees all doing well, save
one which died. I suspect that an oil base mistle
killed it. Oil is dynamite for palms. Verboten. The
donated coffee grinder makes the best corn meal
for corn bread you ever saw ate. You'll have to

Julio 12, 1974

Sr. Roberto Salas P.
R/do don Arturo Falla C.
Finca "San Sebastián"
Dueñas
Antigua, Guatemala

Después de saludarlo muy cordialmente deseo manifestarle que en vista de que don Alfonso Torres saldrá a la República Dominicana el domingo y que el nuevo Cursillo aquí debe empezar el martes 16 de Julio, soy de la opinión que, de ser factible, Usted regrese el 20 o 21 de este mes. Favor de discutir el asunto con don Arturo y Dr. Popenoe para averiguar que es lo que les conviene a ellos también.

Estoy seguro que la experiencia de aprender en un lugar tan diversificado y de tan buena calidad como es la finca de don Arturo resultará en beneficio de la labor suya y de la E.A.P. Es una magnífica oportunidad de la vida. Estoy envidioso de su experiencia!

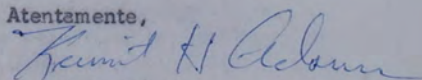
Como Usted mencionó en su carta, don Arturo ha sido muy generoso y me alegro de esta colaboración.

Le informo que recibimos una donación de la Fundación Tinker de \$25,000 al año, para 3 años, para mejorar el departamento de Administración Rural y empezar con el curso de Comunicaciones Agrícolas. Lo primero implica para su sección la oportunidad de mejor estudios de costos y la comercialización de producción de frutales y de árboles. Lo segundo implica la oportunidad de conseguir visuales (slides y otro material didáctico) también para su sección.

Favor de mandarnos un telegrama avisándonos cuando regresará si Usted quiere un carro para venir a El Zamorano.

En espera de su amable respuesta me suscribo de Usted,

Atentamente,


Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/AML

cc: Don Arturo Falla C.
Dr. Wilson Popenoe

July 18, 1974

Mr. Fred Reeve, Director
Food Preservation Program
Ball Corporation
Muncie, Indiana 47302

Dear Fred:

Just a note to inform you that we are very grateful to you for helping us obtain the A & P Grocery coffee mill which is now in use. We are using it to make up small quantities of feed for experimental purposes and also we now have on sale in the school commissary corn meal.

Corn bread making is very popular and the commissary ordered 40 more packages of meal in 1 1/2 lb. bags. We could sell much more. Corn meal costs in town one lempira and 95 centavos and is "degerminated" which means it is tasteless and not as healthful as what we can sell for 35 centavos. I gave out recipes for corn bread and now there are persons who would like tamale pie and corn mush recipes. I'll get these Central Americans back to eating corn yet. And I do believe they like corn bread better than wheat flour bread.

We are still very interested in the Ball small canning plant. Dr. Bates from Florida was by here and he recommended your unit which is ideal for teaching on a small scale. Several board members are interested in having canning introduced to the curriculum. Using jars has a great advantage over tin cans. We are still looking for a donor to sponsor the program.

Please send latest price quotations for a single complete unit.

Hope you can visit us again soon.

Best regards,

Kermit
Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

*Thought you might be interested
in the "Corn Bread Campaign"!*
KHA

EG Zambrano
5 August 1974

Estimado Dr. Popover and Alice -

Hugh has not arrived as yet, but hope he can make it here anytime. Know he is busy. Pascual and Eduardo Apodaca (of Cal Poly) came in yesterday along with Edgar Ibarra, Decano de Agronomía de Univ. de San Carlos - Both Pascual & Eduardo were former directors of ~~mine~~ at Barro Colorado.

We have this timber grant for Agric. Admin. and Agric. Commissions. Totals \$25,000 per year, but I am not certain as to the breakdown on how much we can use annually for each -

Had Min Recursion Not and 11 of his directors general out yesterday to visit and to talk with us about possibilities of obtaining funds for labs, investigación, etc - as I told them, I will not sign anything that ties the school up, nor will I sign any agreement without Board approval (unless it is a minor item like seed growing, seed cleaning, treating program, etc for a one time shot).

Received a nice letter today from Ambassador Sanchez - he will come out for a leisurely visit one day and also he thanked me for the plants I sent him. Now to find a nice ham for the Embassy. ^{He invited us} for dinner, seg.

Had a beautiful, smart, well behaved, 7 week old German Shepherd pup flown in from Guatemala. I am much taken with him and know he will prove to be a fine dog.

He is from "Tupamaro" (?), but

I changed it to "George." (George Peabody)

Today our youngest son receives his commission as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve and I am proud of him. Also our grand daughter's 3rd birthday.

We hope you both can come back over as soon as possible. Place is running smooth. Will draw the net closed on at two thirds one later than Saturday. And get rid of them without publicity. Hopefully. Look for trouble to break out at Amir in Guatemala. But that wouldn't be anything unusual. Buenos - must get to work.

Faithfully,

Kenneth

El Zamorano, #
7 agosto 1929

Dear Dr. Popenoe & Alice

Thought you might be interested in the clipping of San José, C.R. Francisco Libre -

We are receiving good letters from the graduates and also they know that we are providing courses in zoology, dredges, adm. mar., nurseries, fitoquímica, etc. all of which they have asked about over the year. Our main business is teaching and we should not have to worry all the time what the graduates, the Board, the AID people, the directors, the students, the teachers, the parents and Juan Tulano's daughter's maid's husband think about the school. Sure, there are areas to be improved on and we must do our best. I must say, though, that E.A.P. has much fewer problems of this kind than any school I know of. People have been mighty good.

We have a strong Board, fairly strong faculty (show me a perfect one!) good students and as to parents, I am keeping a file of all the nice letters, which in one year ^{of this} of expenses are 99% favorable.

The parents are concerned about their son's education and commitment. With all the news writers - "izquierdistas" saying that "the family" is going out of style, I just wish they could read some of the letters I receive. The parents ~~per se~~ ^{per se} ~~also~~ ^{also} to their children and are interested

in what they are doing. Every one in a
while get a letter from a worked parent that
they have heard from their son - I let the
kid know he'd better write his folks. Wish
someone would do the same to my kids!

Hugh wrote that Albert Brown was
evidently pleased with what he saw on his
visit here and he (Hugh) is going ahead and
ask for \$200,000 for FY 1975 - we
just now got \$5,000 to renovate dorms for
FY 1973!

Dr Leslie Holdridge is in the country
and came to see me but I was in the
fields. He left a note that the *Mrs. de
Hacienda de Venezuela* (who evidently knows
the school) is interested in helping us. So
I am writing Caracas today - Surely they
have a lot of oil money and are anxious
to help Latin American agriculture.

Sin mas gratulaciones.

Faithfully,
Hermit

El Zamorano, Honduras
August 15, 1974

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alice:

Received your nice letter yesterday. Also Hugh wrote that he probably could not make it here until the end of August. He told me to go ahead and to hire Carlos Pineda of Nicaragua. Always in hiring someone you are taking a risk. About the only way one can do it is to hire the best prospect and help them to work out to be good teachers. If they cannot work out then they must go and somebody else come to take their place. When one sees the problems in governments and private business, it is no wonder that schools have all the same problems.

Joe Courand is working out real well. If Kocher has had to be back in C.R. to complete his contract there for a number of times, so he really has not had the opportunity to do his job as he would like to do. He seems able and his teaching ability is a great boost - especially in the areas we are weak in.

Still no word from the forest corporations in regard to marketing timber almost overdue to C.R., from Min. Acosta Borrillo in regard to success tax liability for Hondurans who donate to the school, from the lawyers who are working on the social security ^{and pension} problems, the ex-covoh, from the lawyer working on the labor code for the schools. Vamos a ver.

Received word yesterday afternoon that Jim Walker says "The (ROCAP) can purchase the equipment for your new soils program - It will be a Soil Fertility Laboratory and should

August 16, 1974

Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Center for Tropical Agriculture
2001 McCarty Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Hugh:

Am going ahead with hiring Carlos Pineda. Hope he accepts.

A recent note from Dr. Jim Walker of N.C. State University and ROCAP mentions there are now funds for Soils Fertility Laboratory equipment through AID. Will attempt to get him over here and Dr. Kocher and Jim can assist us in making the purchases necessary, arranging for a technician, proper training of the technician, etc.

We had three students reportedly growing unauthorized smoking materials. I sent them home. I hope the problem is cleared up, though there may be others. The reputation of the school must not suffer because of a few.

The third trimester starts next Monday. With the funds we will receive from the Tinker Foundation, we have gone ahead and are starting the Agricultural Communications course this trimester during the last 6 weeks. I hired Paco Rubio of Guatemala and Eduardo Apodaca of Cal Poly (on Guate-AID Contract) to write a course outline. Possibly we can obtain the services of both of them for the 6 weeks. Also we have begun ordering equipment and supplies.

The new road coming through will require the 30 year old African tulip trees to have to be removed. They are at present extremely dangerous to safety. The road is already built up 1 1/2 meters from the approach part the air strip toward Danf. We can either plant new trees back a

-2- Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe

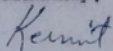
way or leave the school view unobstructed as to buildings, mango trees and cultivated crops.

Dr. Torres Yufra is back from his Meat Cutting and processing class in New Mexico State University. We start Monday on a Cursillo for livestock slaughtering plants (paid for by AID), 20 students including 2 nicaraguenses who paid their own way.

Last night we had graduation of a months intensive short course (10 - 12 hours practica and theory each day in agriculture). It was for 38 elementary school teachers and cooperativistas.

Am enclosing the 3rd trimester schedule for your use.

Faithfully,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

El Zamora, H
23 agosto [1974]

Dear Dr. Paperno and Alice:

Another week flown by. Have taught English III all week as well. We have the Subasta this Sunday. All in readiness but livestock in Honduras is down to 25 pesos per lb, $\frac{1}{2}$ of last year.

Plamirez's have had their baby boy Casarem, and Monte Dixois wife another boy - He is having trouble breathing - Hope the little type makes it O.K.

I have been thru quite a spell with amoebas - Think I may have them about whipped - I just quit eating for 2 days and starved them out.

The corn projects the students have is rendering a good deal of teaching. These boys know the cost of each product used, the hours of work they have put in with each kind of equipment, troubles encountered and have really done well.

Antonio Molina and wife Tina are up in Chicago and will bring back a new car. Amador Peltch is being groomed to learn as much as he can about Agricultural Communications, for he is the best we have in photography and will be around after the money runs out from the Timber Fund grant.

We have a good lot of beef and dairy cattle this year. The students worked awfully hard to bring them in the shape they are in now.

Am still not pleased with the tree nursery set up, nor with the roses. We have got to have something better than that.

I fly to S. P. Sulu on Wed to pick up a Check and have photos taken with graduates there, at the Tabaculera Gate to see that new road coming in. It brings more trouble than good. Cars already are a danger, the road equipment tore up the tree roots, the pruning crews butchered the tops parts, and the problem of marijuana will never end, I fear, as worse problem. However, we have withstood exploitation, up to now, and there is much more we can do.

One of the things the Board wants, and Hugh mentioned to me, was improved leadership training - We must bring out these good qualities. I think a leader is not necessarily an all A College student. The best ones are practical people.

Best regards,
Kermit



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August 16, 1974

Mr. Kermit H. Adams
Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

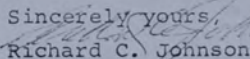
Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of July 30th and your invitation to visit the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Indeed, I have intended to make such a visit for some time, but on each occasion that I have traveled to Honduras, my time has always been completely taken up with business at our Company operations in San Pedro Sula. However, it would be a sincere pleasure for me to visit your fine school, since I have heard excellent reports on the progress you have achieved. Here in Costa Rica, I have had the opportunity to meet a number of your graduates and, without exception, they all speak highly of the school's academic program as well as the practical training that is included. As such, I have developed a keen interest in your school even though I have not yet had the occasion to visit it.

While I was living in Boston, Mr. George Gardner spoke to me about the urgent need to raise more funds to help defray the constantly increasing costs of maintaining the institution. As you wrote, inflation is a difficult problem to combat in the administration of a school, for there is a limit as to how much can be achieved through merely reducing expenses and services. The only alternative is to search for more sponsors among the business community, both here in Central America and in the U.S. I told Mr. Gardner that if it were at all possible I would be glad to try and contact some of the local firms for this purpose. Naturally, it would be to my advantage to visit the school and to become more intimately acquainted with its program and the work your students are accomplishing.

Although I cannot definitely fix a date at this writing, I shall make every effort to either write or cable a tentative date for a visit on one of my forthcoming trips to Honduras and if this results convenient with your schedule, I shall enjoy very much the opportunity to visit your school. No doubt, it would be with our Company plane, but I shall advise you in any event.

Meanwhile, thank you again and my very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Richard C. Johnson

August 22, 1974

Padre Niles Kauffman
Mision Catolica
Rosita - Via Siuna
Nicaragua

Estimado Padre Kauffman:

In response to your good letter of August 10, have gathered seed of the Burmese Rosewood (*pterocarpus indicus*) and am sending it via separate package. Incidentally, in an article in the Miami Herald about the black walnut trees in the U. S. being worth \$5,000 on the average, and some being made into plywood for furniture yielding up to \$30,000 as a finished product, it also mentioned that there are only two trees in the world worth more: the Brazilian teak and the Burmese Rosewood.

Thank you for the *Pinus caribea* seed. I don't know how it will do here, but we'll find out. As to a fast growing tree suitable for lumber, the only eucalyptus I am told fit for lumber, you might write or visit Turrialba, C.R. and obtain *Eucalyptus diglobata* (I hope I have the name right).

There is a company in New Jersey which specializes in bamboo from all over the world and sells propagating material for timber, livestock forage, furniture and human food types as well as ornamental bamboo. I gave my oldest son the catalog, so I do not have the address now, unfortunately. Will look for it and for further information. Hope to visit you one day and please come to see us.

Regards,

Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Dr. Popenoe - the pads would like to grow valuable hard woods in his area - also palms & bamboos - Regards to all Kermit.

P.S. Just had a nice coffee visit with some of "old boys" - Annuals etc. - some of the things you did!

KHA

Aug 27 - [1974]

Dear Alice & WP -

What fun to get the picture letters! Wish we were in that room at the end of the Corridor. We miss both of you so much! Don't you think it's about time to come check the corn & avocados, WP???

Went by your office yesterday, Alice - persuaded Helores to come have coffee - me so we could tell each other how great you are! We decided we're going to flip over & see you someday, now what do you think of that?

It's rained, rained in rained since Sun - thank goodness & it's about time. We needed it on the farm.

Have both drains on the patio open & the H₂O is pouring through. Was up to my eyeballs in plumbers & pruners (for the day) for 5 days. The plumbing in our bathroom had roots practically growing up into the tank. Tub needed new pipes, too. so now we're all fixed up. Great feeling.

Do you mind sending this Thank you note to Salvador? Have never heard from Nora so suspect my other letter never arrived. She & her husband (Manuel Manise Martin) were so hospitable when we were there I'd hate to have her think we didn't appreciate their kindness.

Kermit leaves for S.P. Sula early tomorrow (4:30 AM ugh) to collect a nice fat check & hopefully line up more \$'s for Z. He'll write you about his trip soon sure.

Guess we'd better fold early tonight, think of you two often - when are you coming - can we start thinking of a definite date?

Love & hugs,
Dorothy

El Zamorano, Honduras

31 August 1974

Dear Dr. Pogsenow and Alice

We are waiting to go over to the Kacher's place for dinner - all the faculty wanted to go they don't eat late.

Richard Johnson met me in S. Pedro Sula and I flew back with him in the United Brooms Co. plane - a Beechcraft King. He thought the school beautiful from the air and the ground as well. Took him all over the place and gave him data - A real fine gentleman, ^{with} whom I shall remain in contact. Candelario Pios gave him a lot of Estrella Africana - Zamorano #1. A variety with much less stem size and larger and apparently more palatable leaves. They apparently have a cattle operation as well.

Got back \$3000 from Tabacalera and had my picture taken with 3 old boys including Johnny Priego. Then yesterday picked up the long lost \$5,000 check from the German Embassy and their representative comes out 12 Sept. for more pictures. While in town had complete blood work done, found out I will be OK - hope the amovelas don't bother me any more - still think the best is the Coco nut water every morning before breakfast.

Phoned Hugh's office but he was out until next Tuesday. Sorry Labor Day weekend. Talked to his secretary and gave the information

③ That I wanted Hugh to know. Want to keep him informed of our thinking in regard to our talks with the Ministry of Resources Natural, (they will change their name to Min. of Agriculture in Jan 75) The points were as follows: 1) Short courses for Ministry ~~course~~ people, paid for by their loan fund. 2) A tax situation for foreign teachers the same as AID, FAO, IICA, CATIE etc have. This was suggested by Edwards Escoto and would help relieve the pressure toward cost of living, salaries, etc. 3) A grant by Min. of Ag to provide beans to Honduras. We receive beans from 3 countries now, so this would be nothing new. 4) Some research projects, personnel and materials, equipment etc to be provided by the school, but costs provided by the Min. of Resources Nat. 5) Sale of seed. We are growing a lot of corn for feed. With the great seed growing capability and seed processing facilities we have we should grow seed and receive a better price for it. We can market this through international banks so the payment should not be a problem.

I feel that since some of these are a departure from former policy I had better have the Board's views before we go any further into the matter. It will involve possible income of between \$10,000 to \$200,000 a year as low as we collaborated, which is one way to beat inflation. These are things I could easily go ahead and do, but

③ it is only circumspet to have the Board behind you. Would appreciate your views on the subject.

Also, talked to Don Fiestar about the \$19,000 worth of Soils Fertility Lab equipment ROCAP is to help us obtain. They, or local ~~and~~, will pay for it. Jim Walker is down with the spine, so will send someone over there to finalize (a good word) this project. Anyway, in the course of the conversation by telephone (Finally our line is working) Don asked me about ~~the~~ Lancetilla. I said I thought it would go to the Honduran Government. However, it is difficult for a government to manage a place like that. He said that maybe Jacks Roberts would be interested, now that he is to be in Guatemala, in Rockefeller Foundation - E.A.P. management of Lancetilla. That is the school administrator the maintenance and use of the place with Rockefeller funds. Now, I am sure the Hondurans will have a say as to who takes over, but I reckon they would be glad to be relieved of the cost, responsibility, etc. - I don't know if we should go after this or not. What do you think? The place should be saved, somehow. If you could come over here, we would go there together and eyeball it and find out from United Fruit people what it cost and come to a decision and if need be present the idea to the Board in November. However, on the other hand, you may figure it's not worth the effort. On these sort of things the first requirement is adequate finances and then get the right man and the project goes pretty good, usually. - So long for now!
Faithfully, Kermit

El Zamorano, H
15 Oct 1974

Dear Dr Popov:

Things going along same as usual - Crisis every day - short on gas and oil (despite rationing), inflation etc. - but still we are training boys to produce food. No particular problems with stud. morale, except we had to rusticate a gentleman within 2 months of graduating. He was missing classes, even missed his make up exam for entomology. Now, he doesn't want to leave. how he loves this school, etc. Damned fool should of thought of that before.

Our staff members I had to sit on is coming through real well. Almost as if he knew he had to shape up in the first place.

We're helping with the food situation yuca, corn, citrus - I don't know how much ever reaches the hungry and starving.

Am due to be in Washington, DC on Nov 7 at the Cosmos Club to meet Hergel for Nov 8 meeting of Exec. Committee of Board.

2 days later - Had a check up at Policlínica - Found no ulcers (I give other docs), no tumors, but did find a strong infection of mucous membrane of bowel due to one of the Coli - a dangerous one, so the Dr (Haddad) started me on an antibiotic specific for this and Dorothy will give me 2 shots a day for 5 days. He said it should clear up quickly. Sure hope so. Came back in the night (Thursday) and am here on the job today.

Never missed but 2 days in 10 years at Delano, but since we've been down here we missed 4 days in Oct. and 2 here - all within 2 years!

All the cabinet members asked to resign, but we are hoping there will be a swing to the right in order to get loans, Honduras will almost have to get rid of the Communists. However, these banks have so many liberals, I wouldn't say that is the reason or exactly what will take place. I don't know about Talvez Oswald.

Tony Clarke, Rep. of Panamerican Seed Co. was by. We will collaborate with them in producing about 100-200 m² of bulbs of sweet onions to grow for seed later. Also he surveyed the "damage" of the hurricane - As he saw, I was very slight here. A good chance the seed co. will locate here.

Adolfo Medina Soto arrived back from 23 days in Korea (he's also consul for Korea here) and the owner. Wonder what happened to his cattle over at Trujillo? Will write to him and find if he is interested in renting us an office at the Banco ~~Atlántida~~ Ed. Medina Soto as the Banco Atlántida needs our present space for an office of their own at the end of December 74.

Came back from the hospital and found Dowling had fallen and hurt her neck. Awfully stiff, but no broken neck.

Studs. all busy - The busier they are, the fewer problems. Same goes for teachers.

Faithfully,
Kermit



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

October 26, 1974

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Am scheduled to leave for Washington, D.C., on November 6 (my 39th birthday) and will meet Hugh at the Cosmos Club November 7 and go to the Board Meeting. Am happy to say that even without massive help from AID, we'll be floating next year (but we expect \$175,000 from them) The budget I will submit is 8% larger than this year despite inflation of 18.2% inflation (or more) in Honduras in 1974. This has come about by many fortuitous circumstances. Elimination of much overtime, reduction of personnel, tight fuel control, not having to buy corn, use of 2 Peace Corps instructors, selling off of old equipment, students paying more of the costs of transport to town of fiestas, etc., somewhat tighter control of the Messhall, increased income of sale of excess school products, being completely self sufficient in meat consumption, cutting back on abuse of housing, not paying part of salary of teacher on a beca, using \$5000 less fertilizer (which could be anti economical, but we could not buy more fertilizer), better inventory control, the new accounting system, cutting back on concentrates for livestock from an average of 100,000 lbs. consumed per month to 60,000 lbs., more classes than before for teachers, more use of student labor, sale of mangos, holding of short courses, which brings in a little money, more funds from the Germans and from local sources, and many more small but significant economies.

If one takes into account, in comparing past years budgets with the proposed budget for 1974, i.e., reducing the budget by the amount budgeted for 1974 for internally produced materials and goods, for the previous budgets did not contain this live item as a cost, we find that we should, barring unforeseen disasters, be able to operate the school at about \$800,000. This figure is actually below many of the budgets of the school for the past 5 years. Further we should have an average of 20 more students being trained. When one considers that cost of fuel inflated this year's budget by \$30,000 and costs to meet the minimum salary law were another \$20,000, and that these costs will re-occur in 1975, the budget we propose is quite healthy. We have really done all right.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

I am sure that we could not have done this without everyone beginning to become cost conscious and pulling together. The morale here is extremely good. Being a realist, I will not say that on Monday I wouldn't meet some new crisis — whether economical, morale of teachers or some other crisis. But at this moment, on a beautiful Saturday morning in October the situation is excellent. This in spite of turmoil in the country or world wide problems, of the fact that running any school is about like being in the situation of a dictator in a small country that is supposed to be democratic.

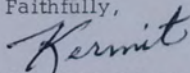
It is not false modesty on my part that I say that I had very little to do with bringing about the relatively sound situation. It was the work of many. All I did was allow it to happen. It has been highly exciting, enjoyable even. We should finish up this year without major problems and prepare for another good year.

In closing, it is of interest to you to note that the fame of this school has reached Russia. They wanted a copy of La Ceiba and I am sending them one. Only charged them double the price. Also Mexico sent the director of the Colegio Superior de Agricultura Tropical at Tabasco to study E.A.P. This was probably due to Bob's suggestion to them.

We are all O.K. here. I don't know if my intestines will clear up or not, but still hope so. Would hate to have some cut out. Never did like losing anything, especially a part of my body.

Had a cheery note from Alice. Am still trying to find an Agronomist. We badly need one.

Faithfully,



Kermit H. Adams
Director

KHA/aml

Tuesday Dec. 3rd [1974]

Dear Alice and WP,

Great to hear from you even if we didn't enjoy ALL of your letter. We are so sad that you aren't coming for graduation--may not have as many people as was anticipated with the gas rationed to one gal. a day per car. However we will be prepared for 400 here at Casa Popenoe (that's an awful lot of left-overs if many don't come) Will send you a note afterwards and tell you all about it.

Kermit has some important meetings in town tomorrow so we will go in right after lunch, stay the night, finish up his business as early as possible and come back and have a dinner for two men from Florida that are here to talk about seeds. Then Fri- we are having a cocktail party to celebrate the grad. of the students taking a short course-- INFOP. Since Kermit said to expect about 30 people I assume the teachers are all coming too. Then of course, Sat. is the big day---we'll miss you!

Had dinner with Don Julio Fineda Sat. night-- it was the Mayan All Saint's Day, he said- they had the house decorated with Mayan things. Very nice tamale dinner and we met all their children, except the two daughters that are in the States. A marvelous family! Torres' had a dinner for the younger set on Friday, it was enjoyable, too--and a delicious chicken dinner.

Have enjoyed having Mrs. Williams here. She stops by on her walks several times a week. Tina brought her mother to tea yesterday. Besides being a teacher, she is an herbist, very interesting woman.

We still don't have any definite word from Tim and Mike as to whether they are coming for the holidays. Hope so. We put our Christmas tree up Saturday- very colorful, will light it for the reception and lunch after graduation. Make things bright- in the sala and more cheery looking.

Am in the process of moving things out of our work room. It will be used as the bar. Don Fiester came up with the idea of mixing up the drinks a bottle at a time with 30 bottles of soda and then the bar tenders can just dip out the drinks with a pitcher filling a whole row of glasses at a time. Will have one big tub of Scotch and soda, one of scotch and water and another of rum and cocacola. How about that? Should be able to get them out fast enough to even suit the Ambassador of Peru! Will have several trays ready to pass as they all come in the door, keep 'em happy until lunch is ready. That too is organized for efficiency, Gus is sending over four tables from the dining hall and we will send them through four at a time to pick up their drink at the kitchen door and so on out to the lawn. Should all go smoothly, don't you think?

Wish you were going to be here, Alice to help with your gracious manner. Will call Belinda tomorrow and see if she will hand out the plates and explain to the guests to go four at a time. Did we tell you she and Mindensy- Soto were here for dinner a couple of weeks ago and Belinda wants to build a house like Casa Popenoe at their finca in Trujillo?

*Outa room in outa time. Love 'n hugs
Altogether*

*We came into Managua, Nic on one engine
know how you felt. Except our hostesses
were pushing big slugs of cognac to keep
everyone tranquil!*

El Zamorano, H.
Dec 4, 1974

Dr. Pozner and Alice:

Had a shower of rain yesterday. Help keeps the dust down. Am having 3 highway inspectors and Don Oustavo over for lunch at the house today. We want them to make sure that our water supply isn't damaged, that we reexamine the trees cut on the right of way, that the school itself does not suffer too much damage, etc. I believe we can do this alright.

Hope you are feeling better, Dr. Pozner. Still looking for an instructor in Field Crops. We want the best we can get - Kutka, who can do a great deal for 2 H.P. just wrote that he cannot begin until May (!) Haven't heard from Koerber and Avacillo will be studying in Costa Rica (without salary; he can maybe teach for his masters with one more quarter after this one - not bad, for he can do a great deal for the school one. He gets masters, etc.) Anyway, we need help, and we're going to get it.

Took Jacobo and Justino by. to see the head of AHD Ed Marasomb - we came away with \$5,000 promised to renovate one dormitory and purchase some furniture. Also they'd give us a bus. But since we have one old one, one surplus one came unexpectedly, and another one was on order new here. I don't know what we'd do with it.

Am trying to burn more shoe leather and

Anyway, the AID picture looks like
it could become better - maybe not a whole
lot, but maybe so. Dan Parker is the new
head of AID and Jack Kimberly is his friend.

I sure feel like a lot of the
loose ends are getting wound up. There
- due in no great work on my part but due
to a lot of concerned and dedicated old hands
here who want to see the school do well.

Fortunately, in bringing the total number
of workers down from about 225 to 139
a good many, if not all, of the malcontents
we've gotten rid of. Often a good pruning
makes the tree healthier.

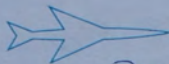
Am sending the U.S. Ambassador 5 trees
of 5 varieties of citrus. We want to continue
this public relations work as much as possible.
It's important when you depend on outside help
to make a school run. Also sending in 3 ~~new~~ turkeys
to AID, Amusement Bureau, Ambassador.

On the 21st of Jan we'll have the new
Cultural Attaché, Srta de Zegle, & USIS people out
to Zamorano. We have prospects of one 40:15 minute
taping on "What's new in Agnauclara", and a 20 minute
one in Spanish and another in English. The U.S.A.
coverage will be about 30 million people for the English one
and I'd guess much more for the Spanish language tape.

I'm going to tell them how you founded this school
and a little of what it's done over the years and the students
and teachers will be interviewed. Hope it comes off.

By the way, the Dec 28 report that Edgardo will no
longer be in the States was false. Sort of a Honduran
April Fool's publication - I trust the newspaper even less now!
Best Regards

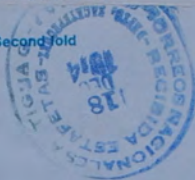
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Additional message area

P.S. Dorothy and I will visit the kids
in Bakerfield and San Luis Obispo before
I get that operation -

KHA

Kermit Adams

Nimhattan Beach, Calif

Dear Dr. Pope and Alice; 13 Dec. 1974

We made it through graduation and Board Meeting in good fashion. Board was pleased, graduation was a time of good feeling, of quiet, simple and impressive ceremony.

Your letter came in the days this was going on and I had a chance to read only part of it before it got adrift somewhere - So I did not get a chance to take any action on your request for cigars, but did go ahead and gave a package of 50 ~~Danlos~~ ^{Danlos} cigars to Ted Munn. To Hugh, which is all I could find in the time I had before leaving on the plane yesterday - Phoned Hugh today on a call regarding our proposed electrical system, but he had come down with flu - However, I did talk to his secretary.

Am going to try to raise some money here in California for E.A.P. Also the movie projector you obtained are about ready to go anytime - They're 35 years old and still operating - but barely - So will look for donation -

Am up and down on this gusto-entente - have cut out eggs, milk and wheat products - Really feel better. We raised \$22,000 in Honduras in 1974 - Want to do it again next year, but the economy will never allow it.

The new heifers (worth \$20,000) arrived and are outstanding dairy animals. Also 6 goats (gen der!) 3 verreauxs, 16 rabbits & 30 boxes of seed - Will write again before heading back. Faithfully, Kermit

COSMOS CLUB

El Zamorano
Honduras

22 Jan 1975

Dear Dr. Popenoe - Had begun to get worried about you - No letter in a long time - Am getting better - Am ready to leave to Venezuela tomorrow, then on to Colombia and Ecuador for possibly 6 weeks - and of course to meet graduates and to make new contacts.

Cattle ranch deal looks O.K. How put out feelers via Jacobs, Henry, Julius and others - No bad reports thus far as to the move - Adolfo Hernandez only believes we should go ahead and get it. It only belonged to the father of Francisco Morazan. It lies near Masculon on the road to Cantaromas & Villa SF. It is close to 22 km ^{long} one counts the horse ranch above Rio Grande Choluteca - Has 13 leagues, 1 big lake, Cross fences, at least 200-300+ head that is practically flat for irrigation, etc.

We received \$15,000 from ~~Bermain~~ ^{Bermain} \$15,000 for 1974 from U.B., 3000 tons from ESSO and expect \$72,000 from Venezuela for 20 studs, we selected and the Hondurans say we'll get \$10,000 from them but I expect it will have strings tied to it in regard to "Investigacion" ^{investigation} "rural" not, though. Anyway ⁷⁸³ ^{2121 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC 20008 telephone (202) DC} be as making a determined fight to increase income as best we can.

Thank you for your information on Venezuela
agreed.

Looks like Capetan Hoze, et al, will
buy her all right and looks like we can
collaborate with them in many ways.

Am reading up on the C.A. heroes
as well as other old books in the library -
Found a book by Paul Popenoe on Date
Palms - Written in 1912 & 1913

Amadeo came by with 100 of the best Amados
del Mundo I think I have ever bought
I will take them on the trip to S.A.

Have 238 studs now. Got Boards OK to
go ahead with dormitory wing for 50

~~more~~ students so if there are funds for
increasing the student body we can. If there
are not, we don't.

Dorothy writes every day. Reckon
she misses the Farm. We bought a home
so we would not be homeless - Also our
youngest son wants to take some agri business
courses at Fresno. My good friend Vince
Petrucci, head of Viticulture Dept (he helped
developed the Colombian grapes) will help him
to get courses, he wants in agriculture - to round out
his agri-business major at Cal Poly. Out of Paper Faithfully
Herbert

P.S. Best regards to all, Ambassador. Remembered to tell you and Albee - Hello & thanks.

El Zamorano, Honduras
21 Feb 1975

Dear Dr. Popenov and Alice:

Just a note to thank you both for the nice dinner and visit. We expect Hugh to arrive Thursday 27 Feb for a visit. Believe he will want to look over the Rafael Aguilar Paz land and be more informed as to the possibilities extent.

Wish we had brought you the wine & Scotch, but never thought about it. Cándido brought some EAP honey and ground cornmeal as well. Just sent a big basket of vegetables and sweet tangerines to the British Ambassador. Also told him if he would like to bring HR+1 Prince Philips out for a ride to San Antonio (by horseback) he was most welcome.

Things move at a swift pace. More to tell you than I have time to write, or even talk. You must come over as soon as you can so we can have more time. Just received word from Celso Midence Soto that he has a legal O.K. for EAP to receive from Honduran businesses donations deductible from income tax, so will start in March to make the rounds.

Dorothy is glad to be home and ^{she} has been most busy upon her return.

The students after being confined to the base for 1 month (2^o & 3^o years for malleating 1^o year studs) put up a sign "We want the 'Bambuco Room' to be opened again!" Saw a good bunch of boys here, in spite of some ~~embarrassment~~ ^{for long}, Kermit for now

El Zamorano, Honduras

6 March 1975

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Alice:

We're enjoying a beautiful Sunday A.M. today - no inspection as we have to process 118 students with pictures, 10 cards, etc. so every hour counts. Poor old Juan is in another crisis - seems the land that his apartment is on in Spain was not owned by the builder and he is afraid the apartment may be torn down - I told him that that would be the worst that could happen, but now likely there would be an agreement reached before this was to happen, and there are many options - that there is the devaluation of the dollar, and I told him that maybe by next year's end the dollar might go the other way. Then there is a daughter who doesn't want to study, etc. and I told him all young people pass through a stage, some easier than others, and to consider himself lucky if he has even one that is no problem - etc. Poor guy. I told him we need him very much here and that I consider him one of the most valued employees. After I talked with him, he seemed ~~some~~ better. Still and all, he has never had any real trouble, like many folks have had, so he is lucky.

Felt good when Leonaldo Lopez, head of the Veraguas program sent a telegram telling us how to bill the "Scholarship Program Gran Nacional de Ayacucho" for the \$1,500,000 we'll receive in tri-monthly allotments. This indicates responsibility and seriousness. This money, along with the \$1,000,000 the Hondurans say we are to get this month, plus the Rafael Aguilar Paz donation - worth approx \$300,000 brings the donations to \$5,000,000 and I feel we'll bring in about \$1,000,000 more.

from L.A. this year. Wrote Hugh yesterday about
the \$3,000 Texas beans and told him there are 33 more
L.A. Corporations based in Coral Gables, Florida and I
would like to interest them in E.A.P. and asked him to
advise me on this as I would rather avoid conflicts
with Board Committees already working on U.S. Crops on

Talked with Hughon phone last week, he said
that Dr. Koger ^{of Gainesville} would be arriving here today (Sunday)
and will help us on deciding which cows to move over
to other ranch (still have not officially received it,
however) Will have Koger & Courands for supper
tonite.

I have a feeling we're going to not get the
seed Co. help we wanted - Vamos a ver, I sure
want to see our nursery practices course built
up and this is one way to do it.

Had a phone call from the mess hall - seems
they know I like Chinese food and they're sending
over Chow mein for me and Dorothy. Am not
publicizing the fact, but we believe the mess hall costs
have been cut down from 64¢/meal to 43¢ per meal
as far as food costs - making a saving of \$2,500 per
month - We will need the new ranch to feed the
additional studs (240 vs 190) in the regular course
and 30 in the (short course 10 month Venezuelan program)

These Venezuelan young men are setting a
good example. Several teachers have told me how
hard they work & how much they want to learn
and that is my observation as well. It is likely
we find many young men of the type you
had when you were here who made the
school's reputation - hard workers and smart
as whips. Biggest mistake made here was to

B-ranch on acreage nearby

D.S. That Chew main was good, and Dorothy is bringing Billy Tex, me a cup of

the graduates & Ministry people in Ecuador, and Jorge & Jose Mejia tell me there are 2 becas waiting in Bogota. I'm like the Sautman who lost a nickel and he was golfing out west, and he dug the Grand Canyon with his golf club. If there is money I have a nose for where it is and some knowledge of how to extract it. Perhaps this talent makes up for my lack of ability in other spheres of "Directorship", perhaps not. But now is a time for to have someone shaking the nuts out of the trees.

Next year might be financially hazardous - Dorothy and I met H.R.H. Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh and also presented the 5 Belin students to him and we were favorably impressed with H.R.H. He asked about the school and I invited him out to ride horses, which, while he had not the time, he would undoubtedly rather do than be at cocktail parties.

Ambassador Sanchez and wife fronts, invited us for a weekend at the Ambassador's Residence. They will be out here soon. He appreciated the T-Bone steaks, ham, chess, honey, baskets of fruit and honey.

Our little maid is working out OK. No trouble with boys - yet. Vamos a ver.

Saw your Peruvian visitor who wants you to come over and advise them. Hope you can make this place your headquarters - just let us know when you're coming, we'll have a car waiting and Amables del Mundo and we'll strike a blow for liberty (as John Wayne Garner used to say) with some essence. Regards to all. Faithfully, Kermil

make it into a Univ. level, I sometimes think, for the students you had and the kind that are in this short course are the ones who'll produce more food and be the managers -

Hardly a day passes that some wife is not over with a small gift for Dorothy? Last week she received a gold watch from Columbia, a nice leather bill fold from Costa Rica, a delicious preserve from fruit made here, a cake (and I ate most of it) and guinea sabe mas. As you know Dorothy works in a low key manner and I reckon it is what the faculty wives want, for she has never had 5 minutes of problems. Well, I haven't had any either, tho there have been a few cases where my patience has been stretched.

Will be up to the Executive Board meeting in April. Huger said I should be there tho it seems costly to me, and April 21-24 to Kingston, Jamaica and for an Educredits meeting so the Board can find out about matriculation credit, the indications are with the income this year from Venez. & Honduras, we should be able to continue ~~the~~ receiving the extra income, tho matriculation may not have to be increased, After Kingston over Dominican Republic to see 72 graduates and receive the Wilson Popenoe scholarship fund then & back via Belize to see more graduates and up to Miami Airport Hotel ~~April~~ May 6 for Board meeting. Sometime in April or May ~~Michael Tomiada~~ & Wend wants me to address

El Zamorano, Houchman
CA
21 March, 1975

Dear Dr. Popovoe & Alice:

Today being the vernal equinox, the nights and days are equal in all parts of the world - But there are few places equal to this valley for beauty - even with the sequia upon us.

Have heard you are not feeling so well, Dr Popovoe. Hope you recover your strength soon so as to come over to E.A.P. - even before the mango season.

If I get an OK. from Hugh, after he's talked with a few more Board members, this weekend, I can sign ^{on Monday} the receiving of 5000 more acres of land. It will be run as a commercial beef ranch and no big investment of capital. Things have a way of getting too costly here. We have lowered food costs by \$2,500/month - at least for several months.

Tom Cabot donated \$5000 and Mrs Charles Atlee donated \$600 recently, as well as Texas with h. 6000.

Have hopes of a good sized donation of Brahman heifers from United Fruit and also Hoops Project.

I believe we're going to find a way of giving impulse to the growing of nursery fruit trees to sell. I think perhaps projects by students is a good way to bring this about. We can sell all we produce, and I see no reason at all why the students do not get more practice in grafting and growing out trees to sell. Doesn't make sense to me that if citrus and avocados trees were once sold by hundreds each year why this cannot be done again and successfully. Also roses and

ornamentals and many more plants.

When you come over maybe you can advise us
where to plant the macadamias. I may not be
a fruit tree specialist, but I've got enough
common sense to get the best advice.

It begins to look like the Ministry would
let Francisco Lyriar free to come here. They need
him as there is a scarcity of good men in the
Ministry, therefore the Minister reversed his O.K.
Well, we don't want to get cross-wise with the
Ministry.

Just had a letter from George Freytag. He
will visit us here April 3.

Dorothy's Correspondence course arrived
today also - "World History" - from Univ
of California.

Buenos Aires -
Momento -

Faithfully
Kenneth