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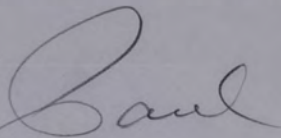
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Jan.2, 1961

Dear sir & Bro.:

The great Rose Parade is under way down town; we've been ignoring it in recent years and don't care tuppence who wins the Rose Bowl game.--It's natural to cast a few backward looks. The subtitle of Sir Walter Scott's first great novel, Waverly, was "'Tis sixty years since." I'm reminded that, ~~most~~ precisely, 'tis sixty years since the Popenoe family steamed out of SF harbor on SS Peru, rumbo Costa Rica. A lot has happened in the succeeding 60 yrs but I won't take time to enumerate it all.--We hope Helen's leg is improving steadily--those episodes are very trying.--In this country a joke that is off-color is often described as blue (and in night clubs and most other parts of our so-called called most of the jokes are very blue indeed.) I read recently that the corresponding epithet in Spanish is verde, derived from the idea that they are immature, unripe. I wonder if you or Helen can confirm this? I could make use of the fact in some of my writings,--if it is a fact.

Betty joins me in much love and the warmest of good wishes for the new year.



Antigua, 10 Jan 1961

Dear Pablo:

Diccionario de la Lengua Española of the Real Academia Española (the ultima palabra of course) says among the definitions of the word verde: "Libre, obsceno, indecente. Aplícase a cuentos, (a dirty joke, *italics mine*), comedias, poesias, etc." I rarely have heard verde used in connection with stories or comedy or poetry except in Cuba, where in my time it was so popular that we had a little weekly journal called "Verde, y con punto".-- Incidentally, I thought I had sent you a copy of the Diccionario; I intended to do so when I was in Spain primarily because they give all the words of arabic origin, e.g. alfalfa, algebra, in arabic characters. A wonderful work. Those old Spaniards arent so dumb as some folks think. At Granada they have a fine bldg devoted to arabic studies.

Well, we survived the holiday season; I wish I knew how many pounds of gunpowder were burned up by the churches shooting off bombs ad maiorem gloriam Dei. I dont think I have written you since New Yrs, one reason being that I was laid up for a few days with an acute bronchitis of a new type, which only lasts a few days and is distinguishable from the old and standard type by sibilant instead of subcrepitanant râles. Kitty Coolidge came down from the hospital where she works in Nashville and spent a week here, three days of which were devoted to climbing Acatenango and Fuego - mainly because Hugh had told her what a tough job it was. Just like I was told by my medico here, Dr Struce of the Rockefeller Foundation, back in 1917 that I had a mitral stenosis and should never go above 6000 ft so when I got to Ecuador I climbed Tunurahua, 16,300 feet, just to show the doctor he was wrong.

Going back to yrs of 20 Decbr, I hope it is true that Ed had a vasectomy and believe it is, since Ed's father told Karl about it. We get almost no news from Sal. I believe it was Knowles who wrote that Ed has accepted a position with the Highway Maintenance Dept. As Karl says, Ed can always get a job, but will he keep it? I am still sending Sally \$100 a month; she says she must have it. I believe Ed had to borrow some money on the house he has built, in order to finish it. I assume there will be some interest to pay on the loans, for loans usually work that way as Shamel always put it.

Interesting to hear of Charley Hill; how well I remember him at the Model Grocery in Altadena, and the other chap who used to drive up to our door in a buggy every morning and take the order from mother, including fr cots and dr cots. (*Prunus armeniaca L.*)

We were terribly/Hugh couldnt come down for Xmas, but he says he is coming in Feb. Sorry

How much cash shall I send you to take care of Peter's exp during 1961?

Much love from us to youall

Tell me: Could you deduct from your taxable income the money you spent on alterations to your house?

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CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 13 Jan 1961

Dear Pablo:

I hasten to reply to your pertinent or impertinent question, did I see Arbutus canariensis (since you do not cite author there might be an error in the nomenclature) in or on Tenerife and the answer is No; but that aint half. I couldnt even find a wild Phoenix canariensis though I looked for one wherever we went, and we went plenty. What I did see, and what was most thrilling, was that famous Dracaena draco which is truly gigantic and probably very old. And while we are on the subject, I want to say that I think the Canaries are delightful and that Botanic Garden at Orotava really unique.

I mentioned in my last that I thought I had sent you a copy of the Diccionario de la Real Academia; and Helen now tells me she thinks I did. Do you have a copy? If I did not send you, two or three years ago, a copy either from Spain or from here, tell me, and I will send one of the two copies I have here. It is a book you ought to have in your library; beautifully bound and as I told you, alfalfa is in Arabic and the words with greek roots are in greek (as well as Spanish of course). All in all, a very scholarly job and it sells for \$30 US cy.

We have quite a few prospects in re visitors for the coming mo. Knowles just writes that he expects to spend a couple of days here early in Feb. Hugh is due about Feb 1st. Martha Sussmann of the Am-embassy in San Salvador is bringing a couple of friends for a few days. And I am wondering about the Wayne Fishers. I wrote them a long letter, telling them how to get here by car from Mexico City, but have had no acknowledgment. If you hear anything about their plans, pass the word. On our own side, I am beginning to think we will check out of here about 15 April for the Costa del Sol (Rancho California at Almuñecar) and spend the summer in Spain. Not definite as yet, but highly probable. I dont think we will take in any other country this year; we have seen them all, and most of them (except England) at least a couple of times. But we both enjoy Spain so much, and we can move around there at such small expense, relatively, that I think we will take advantage of this coming summer, for it may be the last time we can go.

Herewith a check for \$1500, which I imagine will take care of Peter's expense this year if he doesnt run into a serious illness of some sort. Of course if and when you run out of money you will let me know. Tell Betty that I may send her a few more Guatemalan weavings when Hugh goes back north in February. She can always give them to deserving friends, and I have been making a killing on them here. When last year's corn crop runs out and the beans are all eaten, my Indian friends from San Antonio Aguas Calientes bring around the used huipiles (these are better than the new ones, tho the tourists dont think so) and I get them at just about one third the price the tourists pay.

I have too much horseradish in the garden and will have to dig and throw out some next week. How much can I send you.

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Much love to all and sundry

Jan.1, 1961

WP in account with PP

Paid out:

Seeman school	\$1800.
MD and drugs	123.66
Clothing	72.19

	\$1995.85

Received:

From you, Feb.13	\$2000.
From social security	696.

	\$2696

Total receipts	\$2696.
Account overdrawn at beginning of year	10.08

Net on hand during year	2685.92
Pd out during year	1995.85

Balance on hand as of Jan.1, 1961	\$690.07

Princeton, N. J.
Thurs. Jan 23, '64

Dear Wilson -

We had such a good visit with Hugh. He met us at the plane and took us to the home of the Reitz, where we had dinner and spent the night - most enjoyable. Bob Armour, his wife and Hugh were also there for dinner. Paul spoke that night at the Univ. to an enthusiastic audience - next morning we moved over to your bedroom at 1722-A - in accordance with Hugh's insistence. We had planned to go on to Jacksville that day and lay over at a hotel for the flight out early next morning - but Hugh persuaded us to let him drive us there next morning. Our only regret was that you weren't there also.

When we reached here our luck changed - I had some virus, which Paul quickly got - so he has been in bed this week - having to cancel two days of speaking. We changed our flight reservations, and will go home Saturday from Newark.

Your letter about gifts for the "gals"

Came too late for Christmas, and I
thought they would appreciate money more
than anything else. So I gave them
each \$10 for a New Year's gift from
you - your letter to them, arrived the
same time. They were delighted! That
closes out the \$150 you sent for Vivian.
All our deepest love to you,

T Betts

California 91002

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Antigua G 25 Jan 1961

*or was J
B.F.S.N.*

Dear Pablo:

Two errors in your last letter, item (1) we do not see the N Y Times regularly, too expensive for my retired blood, and item (2) without fear of successful contradiction (as J Arthur Harris used to say) it was not the SS Dwarka on which you and I went from Bombay via Karachia to Basra, it was the SS LINGAH of the P and O. I trust you are not confusing the SS Dwarka with the SS Mokta out of Swansea, Captain Irvans commanding, who probably still has your Blikensderfer typewriter; it would serve him right for having threatened to jettison our date palms in the Red Sea.

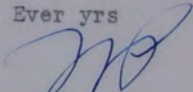
About your Sputnik in indigenous medicine, alias Casimiroa edulis, do you think they could bring together enough kilograms of fruit to make 1 libbit of powder? As far as I know, C. edulis et id genus omne are scarcely known in India. I'll stick to the pulverised alfalfa, which I can make right here in Antigua.

Two generals, one colonel and one Captain from the USA in Panama came in this morning with their respective wives, accompanied by a doctor no sé cuantos, whom I do not believe had anything to do with the army. When *he* went thru our library and saw the fine letter I received from Pres Eisenhower on the occasion of my retirement, he told Helen "You must take that down immediately". Made me a bit sore. If I had been instrumental in winning a world war and then had served my country as President for two terms, I would feel I was entitled to at least a little respect. Republican or otherwise.

Interested to hear about Maurice Dunlap. I hope I pass out much more quickly. -- I have been wondering if the Paul Scherer who has gone up so well is not the one I met at a dinner party given by Amelia Barton in Altadena; I recall he was a son of (I think it was) J A B Scherer, head of Throop Poly at that time, and there was a daughter, good friend of Amelia, whose name was Elizabeth.

News via John's grapevine (Dr John Popenoe) says that he hears Hugh is headed toward matrimony. May be true but sometimes it is a long road. We are hoping to see him down here in a week or so. I keep on hearing good reports of John's work in Florida. I believe he has hit just the right spot and as I think I have told you, I believe he should probably stay there about 10 yrs or so. I dont like this thing of moving around too fast, which is so common these days. Maybe I dont like it because you and I havent done it. But I believe I am right in saying you achieve more in the long run by sticking to the job for a while. I dont like the ICA program of sending these technical advisors to a country for just two years.

Ever yrs





YOU!

are in our thoughts this holiday season. Nothing in this mixed-up old world provides as much satisfaction as family and friends, who give us our greatest hope for the future.

Our year has been as busy as usual. We marked our fortieth wedding anniversary with the building of an addition to our house, to provide a new study for Paul, and a garage—we had sold the rear half of our property, which contained those necessities. Our only tour of the year was one in October and November, when during three weeks across country Paul delivered 23 lectures and addresses together with seven TV broadcasts and six radio broadcasts.

Our oldest grandchild, Janina, flew out to spend five weeks with us this summer, giving us a glorious time, and a little later David and Kate surprised us with a grand visit. During our trip east we had a couple of days with them in Princeton, N.J., and a few more days in Washington, D.C., with Oliver and Laura and their children,—Janina, Joshua, and Jonathan. A trip to San Francisco in December to take part in the general assembly of the National Council of Churches gave us the opportunity to visit Paul jr. and Norma and to enjoy their two-year old Ellen. We had to postpone a planned visit to Florida to be with John and Jerry and their three girls,—Deborah, Natalie, and Juanita. Our four sons and their families are widely scattered and we are disappointed if we can't look in on them once a year.

Our warmest wishes to you for happiness now and through the new year.

PAUL and BETTY POPENOE

2503 North Marengo avenue

Altadena, California

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Ahuacatlan, Feb.2, 1961

Querido mano:

Yrs of 25 ppdo well recd, incl. the stamps; my clients are dissatisfied when yr letters arrive with merely a stencil put on by government.--And thanx for chk, wh should be more than sufficient for the yr.--Betty and I returned yesterday from a week-end in Sta Barbara and Bakersfield-- objective was to lecture in the latter metropolis but we thought it a good chance to go via the Channel City and see Nancy and family. They have a very pleasant and attract-house with a good yard; it was somewhat neglected and Bob has been cutting out old bushes, doing some planting, and freshening it up; they'll soon have a mighty fine place.--Nancy had heard that Sal now has 3 children with her, only Ann remaining in Stockton. That's all she knew. We dropped down to Ojai then through the mountains to Bakersfield, a route I have never seen before; before interesting and picturesque.--Called on the Hatches. They say Dick is now slated for 8, not 6, mos. in the Mediterranean.--Nancy and Marion had both heard that Hugh and a partner have bought thousands of acres of land in ga- and are starting to put 600 a. in cotton. I suppose it will turn out that they have 10 a. wh they are going to plant to okra! I don't know why anyone wants to plant cotton in this world mkt, unless govt. is going to buy it--I hasten to say that you didn't send me that copy of the dictionary, tho you once spoke of it. If you want me to take care of one of your copies while you are in the peninsula, I'll be glad to do so.--No I can't deduct improvements to the house from my income tax; that's capital investment; but I understand that I can deduct it if I sell the house.--Yr memory of Scherer's dau. as Elizabeth simply shows you've been talking too much Spanish. Her name is Isabel. We used to see her around herein a folk dance group 20 yrs ago; then she moved to Berkeley. She was married and divorced.--Don't believe I have any real news, and I'm sleepy anyhow.--Your trip to Spain sounds might attractive.--Betty joins me in a great deal of love to both of you.

Paul

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Tu casa, con todo y hipoteca, 10 Feb 61

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 2nd instant. About that stamp business. I like the postal meter for reasons which I do not need to mention, but if you really would like some stamps for friends, por el amor de Dios, just say so, because I accumulate a lot and give them away to all inquirers. I stop only when it comes to coins: guy wrote me from Minnesota that he is collecting coins and would I send him some from Guatemala, and I replied that I too am collecting coins and would he send me some from Minnesota.

We are glad to hear that you saw Nancy and family. Hugh, who reached Guatemala last week and has been with us for a day - now back again on his project in the Alta Verapaz - says Bob doesn't get any more salary than he had in Washn. I rather doubt that Hugh is correct in this connection. Anyway, maybe there is a better future; and anyway I think it is fine for the family to be in Sta Barbara instead of 10148 Dallas Ave, Silver Spring. I never was very fond of that Silver Spring environment. As to those thousands of acres of land and 10 a p~~era~~era, the situation is this: Hugh's pal Chris Hempstead, son of my old compadre Bob H, has bought a big chunk of land on the shore of Lake Izabal, and it is on this property that Hugh is conducting his study of tropical land management. Chris wants to develop the property - he has done nothing yet - and he would like Hugh to chip in a few thousand bucks which Hugh ain't got. Hugh is pretty keen about the matter but he will have to wait a bit. He says Edith Popenoe wants to invest 5 to 10 thousand in the project, and I tell Hugh "Remember Bella Vista". They are not planting 600 acres of cotton or anything else as yet. I keep on telling everybody the cotton business is fine except for two minor problems: first, it will only last as long as the U S govt maintains an artificial price on it, and second, as long as the bugs don't get ahead of you. Nicaragua was going strong until two yrs ago when the bugs caught up with them and now they have had to declare a moratorium on the 80,000,000 córdobas the former cotton growers owe the national bank. I reckon I can keep Hugh under control because the only money he could invest would be my money and I am not putting it in cotton tho this crop has paid handsomely in Guatemala these past few yrs. But the bugs are moving northward from Nicaragua, as they get hungry. The Guatemalan cotton growers are getting 28 cents a pound this year. A sound price would be about 15.

Hugh and I had some interesting talks about family matters when he was here overnight - he left yesterday morning to fly back to the A V P with Chris in his Cessna, and if there is any way I am not really interested in travelling it is in one of those Cessnas - I know they are allright but when I think of only one propeller; two yrs ago I lost one of my best friends in a Cessna here in Guatemala. It wasn't the fault of the plane, however; the pilot didn't know the country and flew too low. Couldn't see where he was. Main topic of family matters was Sal. Hugh thinks I don't understand Ed and am too hard on him. Says Ed's trouble is a terrible inferiority complex and I am making it worse. Says Ed doesn't like his parents; they have spoiled him terribly

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and this always results in an inferiority complex. Now I have made it worse by telling Ed in no uncertain terms that he ought to go to work and support his family - and I think Sal has perhaps commented along these same lines. Hugh says Ed's father made the great mistake of Ed's life by trying to make a medico out of him, when Ed really wanted to be an architect and has talent in that field. He says my policy should be to say "Ed, you are a smart hombre. When you find work in the field you like and a job really big enough for you, everything will be swell". In the meantime (and it seems to me it may be a long meantime) I am having shell out a hundred bucks every month to help keep things going until Ed finds that big opportunity for which he is waiting. Hugh thinks I should taper off on the financial contribution poco a poco. I have been trying to get news out of Sal but nothing is forthcoming. Knowles arrives here tomorrow for three days and will tell me what he can; he has talked with Sal over the phone and says she seems quite cheerful.

As for the dictionary, I shall get it to you as soon as I can with safety, and you dont need to send it back; I have two. They are different editions but as close together as the present editions of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and I dont think the Spanish language has changed much in five years. Probably Hugh will take it up with him when he goes back about the 1st of March. It wont affect his excess baggage very much as he will have 350 lbs, consisting of a boxed marimba which I have bought for one of his colleagues at the University. I imagine it will be the only really professional marimba in the state of Florida; it has a nice label on one side, as is customary "LA ESTERLINA".

Looks like as if I may have to fly up to Florida on 17 March to take part in the annual mtg of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci; I had not intended to go because of the expense but now I get a letter from the Fla Fruit and Vegetable Growers Assn saying I am to be their guest and I hate to disappoint them. I rather suspect I see Johnny's fine hand in this matter.

Forgive me for having anglicized the name of Doc Sherer's daughter; and incidentally, I notice that Paul Sherer is up for President of the Cosmos Club. Just another example of the way our contemporaries have outdistanced us. I note that Bob Hodgson has a temporary appointment with the Rockefeller Fdn over in India. I bet he was glad to get that for Knowles said he didnt like the retirement business any more than the rest of us do.

What sort of gente are the Hatches? We missed them the last time we were in California, you may recall. Both Helen and I have the feeling that Dick doesnt care for us very much.

La niña Elena joins in much love to both of you (she has just become a niña again. In Guatemala a girl is a niña until she reaches puberty, then she becomes a señorita, and on passing the menopause becomes a niña again).

Will

Feb.17, 1961

Dear Wilson:

This is our mother's 99th birthday, if my genealogical records are correct.---Yes, I can make good use of any foreign stamps-- foreign monies, too, but I won't go into that.---I believe Bob doesn't get any more salary than he had in Washington, because this is actually the same job. He works for a company; it formerly had a contract with the Geol. Survey in Washn., but now has a contract to do exactly the same work under auspices of the AEC instead, and the base of operations has therefore been changed.-- Glad to get straightened out as to Hugh's operations.--The senior Hatches are mighty fine people-- the kind you'd enjoy. They have a fine home in one of the residential suburbs of the metropolis; large and modern but not modernistic, and in excellent taste. Incidentally, Bakersfield is booming mightily, on account of like the cotton growers are subsidized here, too. Mr. Hatch is sales mgr for a relatively small privately-owned (family) corporation, the 'aramont Petroleum Co., wh has an oil field near Bakersfield; I think he told me their sales amount to about \$30,000,000 a year, wh is peanuts compared with the balance sheet of Standard, or the EAP, but big compared with the operations of the General Sapote Corporation. He is traveling around the country a good deal; and Mrs. Hatch works in an office somewhere down town. They have a dau., as you know; she was married for about a yr to a flier in the "arines; he was killed in a crash; she then married a local boy who owns or controls six cotton mills in the southern end of Kern Co.; they are very wealthy and she put up the money to bring Marion and the offspring out there a couple of months ago; I believe "arion may come out there again for a while, when Dick goes to sea. Marion's visit wasn't too satisfactory for the kids all had the measles or something of the sort; better luck next time.--I had to have an abscessed molar taken out a few days ago, wh meant laying it out, in bed, for 24 hrs., and I put in the time reading "Commitment to Freedom", the story of the U.S. Monitor, by the editor, Erwin D. Canham; Emily gave it me. He gives a find send-off to my old Washburn classmate, Reuben Markham, who was the paper's Balkan correspondent for a quarter of a century. Also tells of one of the Monitor staff who went into a restaurant where every seat at the counter was taken. He stood behind a woman and gave an order to the waiter. She glared up at him: "I was here before you were."

"But I'm ordering this for you, madam", he replied.

"I don't want it", she snapped.

"In that case I'll take it myself", he responded courteously.

But that in your father's magazine and believe me,
dear, your most humble and obedient servant,

Paul

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Antigua, 20 Feb 1961

Dear Pablo:

Guess I havent told you that we had three days here with Knowles. Got lots of news. He seems to have plenty to do in spite of retirement. That is as it should be. He had gone to Mexico on some assignment or other, and took advantage of proximity to fly on down here, then flew back by jet to California. How they are cutting down the time in the air these days - only some five hours from here to San Francisco. Knowles says he will go up to see Sally as soon as the snow is off the ground. He talked with Ed briefly and with Sal over phone. Also with Dr Halley, who told him he didnt think Ed's present job is permanent. I cant seem to get any news out of Sal; Hugh thinks I made a mistake in asking her about Ed's job and salary. I dont know what to do. I dont feel that I should continue indefinitely contributing to the financial support of Ed and his family. He is an intelligent and physically fit young man, and my financial load is rather heavy, now that I am no longer on salary and have to pay a pretty stiff income tax on my pension - something I had not expected.

Had a pleasant surprise yesterday. Went in to the Supermercado in the City (there are about six of them now) and saw on the bargain counter California dates. Formerly 55 cents for the 7-1/4 oz pkg, marked down to 19 cents (also Roedings Calimyrna figs, marked down from 40 to 19 cents - guess our gente arent strong for California dates and figs). The dates were apparently Khadrawi - maybe Halawi. And were they good! Helen says you better eat them promptly, they are getting too dry; I suppose this is what other folks think, and therefore buy Dromedary dates which are always on sale here at about 45 or 50 cents the half libbit pkg. The California dates are just right for me; not too dry at all, and fine flavor. Both these and the Bromedary dates only come pitted these days, which I regret; I like them better with the seeds in them. Tho I cant say just why. Probably costumbre.

I have laid out the big Spanish dictionary and will get it up to you at the first convenient opportunity. I think you will enjoy having it. Hugh is up in the Alta Verapaz still; will be in the country for another two or three weeks, working on his experiments in tropical land management. Looks like as if I shall really have to fly up to Florida on 17 March, for a couple of weeks, to take part in the Am Soc Hort Sci jamboree. Helen wants her mother and Vivian to come down for a time, about the middle of March. Catherine Coolidge and two relatives will arrive 9 March for five days. Wayne Fisher and she that might have been Mrs Wilson Popenoe if she had waited a few yrs have written from Mexico; are in a Ford pickup "camper" and will be here in March, I am afraid after I have gone to Florida. We shall not be able to put them up here if Maude and Vivian are on Helen's hands but they can stay close by in an inexpensive little hotel which we like and have some meals in our house.

Does Betty want some more huipiles, free to you my brother? If so, Maude can bring them back with her. I still have half a dozen or so on hand. I cant resist buying one every now and then; used ones which are really the only ones that should be bought - they are more interesting and the colors not too bright.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

26 Feb 1961

Dear Pablo:

Since writing the enclosed, which I didnt mail promptly because PanAm was not flying mail to Calif for some days, I have recd yours of the 17th, saying that our mother would have been 99 years old on that day. I never forget her birthday but I had not realised that next year will be the 100th anniversary.

As for the foreign stamps, I will save some for you, from now on; gave away a big batch just the other day. And now Sally writes that little Hugh has gone into the business and I will have to send some to him also. And speaking of Sal, I had a nice letter from her in the same mail with yours of the 17th. I was beginning to get worried, because of what Hugh had told me - that I had probably offended her (via Ed) by asking about his job and salary. She says he is making about \$350 a month in the Highway Mtee Dept, having to drive some 20 minutes to the job. That's very decent pay and now they no longer have a trailer at \$50 per mensem, they shduld be able to get by - tho I believe they have borrowed some money on the house they have built. As I think I told you, Hugh feels that Ed would have a fine future in the construction business, probably making more money than he Hugh is at present - 6000 a yr. I will keep on helping Sal as long as necessary but I am telling her that I cannot keep it up indefinitely. De ducks are getting me.

We are waiting to hear about Marion's plans. She said in her last (and they do not come very often) that they were hoping to sublet their house while Dick is away and in that case she would like to come down here with the babies for some months. I have wanted to go back to Europe for the summer but if they sublet and Marion wants to come down here I guess we will call off the European trip. I think I told you Dick Bowman asked if he and family could not come down for his sabbatical and take care of our house. And he didnt know we are or were planning on Europe, so far as I can see. But Dick cant live here cheaply (unless I supply the grub) and there is no school for his kids nearer than Guatemalay City, and when he said he does nt want to go to Spain because of "totalitarianism, catholosism and poverty" it sorter made me feel Dick is a little bit too lacking in tolerance of other people's ways of thinking.

I remember your classmate Reuben Markham. I am glad you think so well of the Hatch family. Helen and I both have the feeling that Dick does not like us, and of course we know Ed Halley does not. Nothing very abnormal in all this.

Too bad about that molar of yours. I got so fed up with abcessed teeth that I have them all out, some 7 or 8 yrs ago as you know, and have been rather sorry ever since. Some people prefer artificial dentures, as our sister-in-law calls them (false teeth to you and me - and others find them an unmitigated nuisance. I belong in the segunda categoria. Like Arthur K Wyatt, I wish I had back dat job in de livery stable.

Just had word that Daisy Bell had a fall, several ribs perhaps cracked and other injuries which have been painful but not serious. She has been confined to bed. I shall go to see her as soon as I get up there on the 17th - and I may hang around Fla for a week after our mtgs are over, the 25th.

Ahuacatlan hoy the 5th of Mar.

[1960]

Dear sir & bro.:

I hasten to reply to your pertinent or impertinent question, how much horseradish can you send me? Since you do not cite author, there may be an error in the nomenclature; I have no way of knowing whether this is the genuine Raphanus equo-caballus of the botanists, or some garden herb to which horticulturists have given a pretentious name. Unless it is the former, I do not care for any a-tall, as I can get all I want (which is none) at the market here.--Newspaper story sent me from testigo fidedigno in Washington tells of the departure of Chuck Popenoe et ux, with four bachelors (sic-- actually 2 are divorced men) on the ketch Thane. Pete backed out. They have signed a contract for only 6 mos.; can renew after that if desired; my guess like your is that it won't be desired. Their first stop is Charleston, S.C?, where they will lay by for a fortnight to finish outfitting the boat.---Guess I told you that Parkie et ux are planning to go to Europe next year, for 6 mos. They plan to put Willis IV in school in Scotland so he can learn to say Hoot, mon; they will travel and study.---Knowles gave Betty a call a few days ago; I was not here; provided a satisfactory account of conditions in Antigua but 'cept he says you are eating too much.--Newspaper accounts, and eyewitness reports wh you have undoubtedly had from him and others, indicate that Davis is pretty much losing its old character; it is being made into a liberal arts college. Sic transit gloria mundi, or words to that effect.--Betty joins me in love unlimited to both of you.

Paul

Ahuacatlan, Mar. 7, 1961.

Dear Comrade Popenoe:

Correction: Hold everything! Don't send me any postage stamps; send 'em to Hugh instead. He wrote me that he and Pete have started a collection; I am going to try to send them a few every week. We must do everything possible for those boys. I hope they have some neighbors who are also collecting; half the fun is in trading.--The Queen B says she'll be dee-lighted to get any hippies; they have unlimited uses.-- Oliver has bought an English Ford, I believe its called the Thames; sort of like the Volkswagen microbus; takes the whole family with unlimited baggage; he got it for \$1600 on account of rats in the dealr,s seller; got \$300 trade-in on his old Willys; net price to you, \$1300.---Glad you are getting some Coachella Valley dates; but I too dislike the pitted ones on ide@logical grounds.--Guess I told you that I asked Roy Nixon, in chg of the govt. date garden, Indio, if anybody had made money out of dates in the long run; he said Nol---If Dick Bowman objects to living in any country under a Roman Catholic (or in our language, ultra-montane) regime, what's he going to do with the Kennedy regime? I inquire to know.--- Sorry to hear that Daisy Bell hit rock bottom; I suppose it,s an easy thing to do at her age and the results are always likely to be unpleasant.--I remember the last time I saw Ed Curry, and I don't suppose he was any older then than I am now, that he said, "At my age you don't ever expect to wake up in the morning without an ache or pain; all that you can hope for is that it will be an ache or pain in a different place." He took life too seriously because he didn't have anything to live for. That Curry outfit was made up of mighty fine people, but really much too self-centered.

Yrs til dethm

Paul

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Antigua C, 12 marzo de 1961, año de
Hegira no sé cuantos.

Dear Pablo:

Like Herb's monkey skin purse that he was going to buy at the auction sale in the tienda Mikadoo (as he called it) on Colo street, your letter of 7th de los corrientes has arrived too late, TOO LATE! I have already sent little Hughie all the stamps I had on hand and now assembling new arrivals with the same objective. Sal told me Hugh has gone into the stamp collecting business. I think I can render material service in this connection and shall try to do so. I probably get about as many good foreign issues as you do, though this may be bragging. But just how many do you get from Sarawak?

You can tell Betty that I am leaving here on Friday the 17th, D.v., with several of the finest huipiles from San Antonio Aguas Calientes which appeared in recent years, and I will ship them to you from somewhere in the State of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers. These are used huipiles; I will not buy any other kind - because they are made for tourists - and these have been washed on the stone washboards like the ones in our back patio and will not fade any more. They are museum pieces. I just wish Betty could be here when these Indian girls from San Antonio de Oriente come to the door with a baby tied securely on the back and two more trotting along behind. They are really good people. I would not buy so many huipiles were it not for the fact that I am so fond of those Indians and cannot resist.

Interested in the fact that Oliver has at last come around to being a Volkswagoner. You say he got his microbus for \$1600. Fair enough. They sell here for about \$2500. And he only got \$360 on the trade-in for his Willys. When we switched from an old to a new Volkswagen, we turned in our old one, wh cost us \$1700 and got a credit of \$1350 toward the new one we bought in Stuttgart. You cant do that with many Willys or Chevrolets or others. And by the way, what do you think of your Dauphine by this time?

I ate another 19 cent, 7-1/2^{oz} pkt of California dates last night as I was reading El Imparcial which reports that the volcano Pacaya is in eruption - 25 miles from us; my kids have climbed it two or three times. Those dates are good; I think this batch were Halawis, for they were very sweet but didnt have a great deal of date flavor.

Always I have given Pete Popenoe credit for sentido comun. I now give Chuck time to return to Washn from Charleston S C. You say Knowles informed Betty that I am eating too much. That is not an accurate statement. He eats twice as much as I do; I am simply coming into my inheritance, Gma Popenee and Aunt Lucy didnt have sylph-like figures in their later years, did they? -- We have with us for a week Catherine Coolidge, widow of my beloved old boss Thos Jefferson C. great great grandson of Thos Jefferson author of the Declaration of Independence. Much love to all

Wilt

Dear Wilson:

As we are eating supper last night the doorbell rang with a telegram from Hugh, giving us the shocking news of Helen's death. We supposed that Maud and Vivian had the news, too, so went down to express our sympathy and see if we could help in any way. They had not heard, however, and we had to break the news to them, which they took very hard indeed, as was to be expected. Vivian phoned "Neva" to come over and they also called in a neighbor, Catherine ---; the latter stayed all night with them. I wired Sal-- I suppose the telegram will be her in postbox this morning; we have no other way to reach her; also notified Herbert. This morning Nancy phoned and gave us a few further details. Lucile also phoned and said she would go to 986 this morning. Betty went down again and spent an hour or more with them this morning. In addition to all other griefs, Maud was ~~worrying~~ worrying over the thought that she would not longer have any financial support but would have to go on the county charities; which Betty took the liberty of telling her would not be the case, she was sure. Maud got out a lot of Helen's letters and had them read aloud, which gave her some comfort; She had had a letter day before yesterday, the 24th, from Helen, written on the 14th-- 10 days delay. Fortunately she had another letter from Helen this morning, the 26th, written on the 22d; doubtless the last. This told of your departure and mentioned because of Holy Week she didn't know when any other mail would get through; so this letter of mine may not reach you for 10 days or so. Eglind came and Betty then left; she will go down again this afternoon. Maud and Vivian kept repeating, over and over again, "She is all we had". But you don't need to be told that the event would hit them a tremendous blow. We will try to keep in close touch with them and help in any way possible.--We don't know what your plans are, and probably you don't either, just now, but if you felt that you would like to get away from Antigua for a while, after you get things straightened out, we hope you will come up here. We have two vacant bedrooms with a bath. You could make your headquarters here, spend some time with your other families, and be perfectly free. Maybe Marion would want to go down and stay with you in Antigua later; she would give you great comfort and companionship and has two fine little girls.--I wish there were some way in which we could be of help, Wilson. You are having more than your share of tragedy. Anyhow and all the time, we love you.

Paul

We surely do -- and how we wish we were nearer to give you some comfort.

Betty

Ahuacatlan, March 27, 1961

Dear Wilson:

Since we might at any time have to face the question of Peter's death I have been thinking that we ought to be prepared to act, since I really have no legal authority in the matter and there might be some delay in getting any signatures from you, all this involving embalming and other extra expenses. I had always figured (and my recollection is that you wanted it done that way) that cremation would be followed by scattering the ashes. The legislature a couple of years ago passed a law prohibiting this (undertakers' racket!), so it occurred to me that we make use of the plot where father and mother are buried; there is still one vacant grave there, but even this need not be used; the box can be buried at the head of a grave, unmarked. I stopped at Mountain View this afternoon to get the necessary information and I enclose three papers on wh I have marked a place for your signature. The plot belongs jointly to you and Herbert and me so we should all sign one of them. The total cost, everything included, will be around \$350; that seemed to be the minimum I could figure out. Costs have gone up enormously; for example, opening a grave cost \$10 when mother died; it now costs \$70. Opening a grave sufficiently to inter a box containing ashes, however, costs now only \$22.28-- don't ask me how they arrive at that figure! The main expense, \$250, is "mortuary services", which includes a coffin-- required though certainly not necessary. There will be no publicity in the papers. If anything about this is not the way you would wish it, let me

know.

and be sure to sign the male
yours ever,

Paul

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Antigua, 28 March 1961

Dear Pablo:

Last Friday evening, when I got back to Miami from an excursion with the horticulturists, I found there was an urgent call from Antigua on the telephone. A few minutes later the call came through again, and Mildred Palmer told me that Helen had died that afternoon.

I finally got hold of Hugh on the phone at Gainesville, and asked him to advise other members of the family. He must have done so by phone in some instances, for about 9.30 I had a phone call from Nancy asking if I wanted her to come down and stay with me for a while. I wish I could have said yes, but I do not feel she ought to leave her little family for long at a time. Marion also has said by telegram that she would come, but again I have said I will work things out some way or other. If Marion wants to come down here while Dick is away, it would be allright, since our proposed summer in Spain is now out of the picture.

What I have suggested to the children in a "round robin" I am mailing along with this, is lo siguiente: That Nancy come down at the time Hugh was already planning to come, about the end of April. She would not need to stay more than a week or so, but there are a number of matters which must be handled, and Hugh and Nancy are the principal ones concerned.

I asked Nancy when I talked to her over the phone Friday evening to call Maude the next morning and break the news to her. I have been afraid that the shock might be too much for Maude, but the lack of any unfavorable news from your end seems to indicate that she has been able to bear up. Or maybe it is like my own case: when the shock hits you, it just leaves you numb for a time, but later it soaks in.

Helen's sudden going was in this manner: She got up Friday morning, early apparently, and put on her slippers and was headed for the bathroom, when she fell to the floor and was found there later by Toya, Maria's daughter, who became alarmed when Helen did not come out as usual and the cat was scratching the door of the bedroom to get out. Toya got Helen into bed; she was unconscious but still alive. She called the doctor, who did what he could, which of course was really nothing. Helen never regained consciousness; she died about two in the afternoon. The doctor is certain that it was a cerebral hemorrhage. He said he found her heart working satisfactorily until it faded out in the early afternoon. He thinks it was a very heavy hemorrhage on the right side of the brain and I have no doubt he is right.

I was able to get a plane from Miami Saturday morning and was here at one o'clock, in time for the funeral at five. We put Helen in a crypt of a friend's family here in the Antigua cemetery, temporarily. I am buying a little piece of ground and will build a "mauseleo" as they call them here, a tomb, for our family, leaving room for myself and one or two others if there should be occasion.

Always devotedly yours,

Wilson

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Antigua, 4 April 1961

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 26 pxmo ppdo would have been answered sooner but it would have been useless. Holy Week is out, so far as any public services a re concerned. And it will now take 3 or 4 days for los mismos to catch up.

I have just written Maude and sent her a check for \$100. There was absolutely no reason for her to feel that she would be thrown on charity, by Helen's death. In the first place, she should know I would continue to take care of her as I have been doing, and in the second place, Helen's will, which I have just pulled out of the strong box and read, leaves everything to me (which is simply the little house she and I built on the lot adjoining the old house) with the statement that I am to care for Maude as long as she lives. So I have told Maude that her care is legally protected; if I should die tomorrow she would be cared for out of my estate. When we were last up there she had quite a bit of money in the bank, a joint account with Vivian I believe; some \$3000 which may have shrunk, I dont know. I think she was holding this for funeral expenses, which is allright. If necessary to keep the two alive I will raise the \$100 per mensem wh I have been sending her; Helen usually sent the checks but sometimes I signed them so Maude is well aware that I approved. So dont let Maude worry; there is no reason for it.

Melville Bell Grosfenor, actual Pres of the National Geog Soc (as you know) and wife, plus Barbara Muller nee Fairchild and husband Lilo blew in here two days ago; I met them at the airport and brought them over here where are staying while in Guatemala for a week; today they are at Chichicastenango and I went into town yesterday and made reservations for them to go to Tikal on Wednesday; I may go with them. They fly on Thursday to Costa Rica, thence to Panama. I am planning to fly on Saturday to Honduras. I simply must get away from here for a time, even a short time. I think I told you Nancy phoned me at Miami that she would come down and stay with me for a while. I dont feel that she ought to leave her family for long; but I am telling her that when Hugh comes down toward the end of this month I am going to ask her to come, so we can have a week or so here together and line up family plans. I have to change the beneficiary of my life ins policies; I must decide what to do with Helen's house; and so on. I dont want to put the house in my name because my days are numbered. I dont like to put it in the name of all four children because it complicates things if one of them dies; I am thinking of putting it in Nancy's name but nous allons voir.

If necessary you can reach me at Escuela Agricola Panamericana, after the 8th instant. I will keep you advised of my plans; I will probably stop in Salvador two or three days on my way back here. I do not feel that I want to come up to California at this time, much as I appreciate the invitation of yourself and Betty. I am telling Marion if she wants to come down here for the summer with her children she will be welcome, for I will not go away on any long trip for at least some months.

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Day's

I dont think I have told you that after attending the jamboree of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci, I think I will take the Silver Meteor up to Gainesville and spend three or four with Hugh; he threatens to line me up for a couple of seminars or something like that. Then I have a little job to do, down below Tampa; and so on. I think I shall be away from here three weeks or so. Helen will keep the home fires burning (the nights are pretty cool right now) and be here to receive Lucille and Wayne Fisher, as well as others. -- Just had a letter from Marion; apparently the poor mail service has upset our contact with her. She compliments you on keeping her informed of family affairs. Of course I should do this, but I think it is just recently that she has felt the lack of contact, and this because she doesnt know what to do while Dick is away. She suggested coming down here if they can sublet their house, and hasnt told us (or the mails havent) whether they have succeeded in doing this. In this letter wh arrived two days ago she says she plans now to go to Bakersfield for a couple of months when Dick leaves. I get the feeling that she wants to come down here for a long stay; we had decided to give up our summer in Spain and have her here, but were waiting to know whether they had sublet the house or not. She could not come here alone with two babies; we would have to be here to take care of matters. She asked me to phone her from Florida next week which I shall do and see how things stand.

We sent a Christmas card to Milton Reitz. I enclose the note we got in return. I think Milton was about 76 or 77.

Altadena, Thurs., Apl. 20, '61

Queridísimo hermano:

You should be getting back to Antigua ab out now, and I hope that no fueron demasiado exaltadas todas las animas de las varias poblaciones which you have encountered.-- We spent the week end at Loma Linda as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore-- he the son of her that was Dorcas Holcomb. He is a fine fellow, very able; vice-pres. of the Collge of Medical Evangelists (7th day adventist); they are making this into Loma Linda Univ., as of Sept/1, with several different campuses (or campi as we Latinists would have said at Washburn Acad.); the se ction of their medical school in L.A.; La Sierra College near Riverside, and Pacific Union College near St. Helena, up north. It is his job to raise 25 million endowment, among other chores.---I gave 3 lectures there. The adventists believe in hard work and plain living, which suits me, and while I'm not awaiting the 2d coming of Christ as expectantly as they are, I found them very pleasant to deal with, as did Betty.---They are carrying on a great deal of basic experimental biology there. In one project they are testing for possible use in fighting cancer, the juices of 1,000 plants from all parts of the world. This has already been going on for five years. They use a strain of highly inbred mice, inoculating them with cancer, and they know by experience that the mous will die 21 days after ~~xxxxxxx~~ that they then incoluate him or inject him immediatelywith the plant product, and see whether it prolongs his life. They have several promising leads.---They are also doing a great deal of nutritional work, and tell us they find cashew nuts have the best protein in the vegetable kingdom, for human use; not quite so good as eggs and milk, but considerably better than meat. Soy beans come next.---Joe Crick had a heart attachk last week; has been in the hospital ever since but will go home Sunday in all probability.---Winifred Barton has bought a home in Montecito and will move up there to get away from smog. Betty took Maude and Vivian down to lunch at Lucile's today so picked up a little news.---You'll remember that zinnias (*Z. elegans* of the botanists) used to be geat favorites here; they have largely disappeared; can't stand the combination of smog and chlorine with which the Colo. River water which we use for irrigation as well as drinking, is more and more heavily impregnated.---After one of my lectures at Loma Linda a couple named Miller came up and asked if I had ever hear of Perryton; I dibbed as how I had not only heard of Perryton but even of Levis and they allowed as how they used to live between Perryton and Levis and knew the Pope-noes and everybody else there; asked after Hayden Waters, Norah Taylor, and other old timers. I didn't remember their name but you might-- you have a better memory than I for such things.-- Betty joins me, as always, in very much love to you.

Paul



Tegucigalpa 21 Apr 1961

Dear Pablo - Here we are again, as the man says in the Circus, and still alive, that's about all. - Yrs of 27 March is quite in order. I am only sorry that you may have to take care of these matters. I don't object to the cost, we can't get away from these rackets. My desire has been, and still would be, cremation and scattering the ashes. So if it happens in your time, do as you have planned; and if it happens later, I would think Bob and Nancy, as being closest, would be the ones. Incidentally, they have been very good to Maudie though of course they could not be as good as you and Betty have been.

I am going back to Guatemala next week, (expecting to find Hugh in the country) and shortly afterward I plan to bring Nancy down for a week or so. There are numerous things to

be straightened out; our bank account in Wash'n (A S and T) is a joint one and it ~~has~~ has more than \$16,000 in it; Helen was beneficiary of my life ins policies (about \$27,000) and I think I should make a new will, with Hugh as beneficiary, the money to be divided by him among my children, my stocks and bonds probably in the same manner. I do not know much about U.S. Law and I would welcome your advice. I feel that Hugh is the ~~one~~ one to handle my estate, and that Nancy, as the eldest of my daughters, should be given some responsibility. Write me your advice to Antigua; I need your help because I am not able to think very clearly these days.

Wilson

Maudie wrote a very thankful letter on getting mine saying that not only would I take care of her, but Helen had provided for her care in her will, which of course, would be good in case I should die before Maudie

Ahuacatlan, Apl.29, 1961

Dear Wilson:

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Sat. evg May 13, 1961

Dear Wilson:

We just had a little family part here, which lacked only your presence to make it complete. Nancy and Bob drove down this morning, with the three children, to get from the customs the things that Nancy had had sent up; which they did; then came over and picked up Maude & Vivian and brought them up here for a little al fresco lunch, as they used to call it back in Kansas; we sat in the patio and had a really good time. Little Katie, as they seem to call her, is a darling-- you'd love her.

Nancy says you may go up with Hugh next month and spend a spell at Gainesville with Hugh. I do hope that you will do this, Wilson. It would mean everything to him to have you there for a few months. You have a lot to give to his associates, too; and you'd have a pleasant place and good library facilities to do some more work on your magnum opus.

Last night I addressed a meeting of family relations people at Charlotte, N.C. They had me on the telephone; so I could talk and they had no chance to talk back.

Lois Castle has been in the hospital for some weeks; she was badly injured in an automobile collision.

I'm sure I told you that Joe Crick had been there for a couple of weeks with a little heart trouble; but he's getting along well at home now.

Well this all sounds as if the world was full of trouble. To switch to a little sweet talk, John took 150 libbits of honey from his beehives. They'll be bathing in the stuff all summer!

We're looking forward to a very quiet summer here at home, ourselves. Plenty to do here, of course. We are gradually getting our garden into pretty fair shape, and the house looks fine. I'll hardly be able to get away from here for more than a few days, until we get a new administrator at the AIFR and we're making no visible progress in this. We are collecting a lot of names of possibilities but probabilities is something else already; and even when we find a man whom we want and who wants us, we might likely find that he couldn't leave his present job for six months or a year. So I'm resigned to holding on tightly here for the present.

Just had a long letter from Sewall Wright, who has just retired for the 2d time. Chicago retired him at age 65; then Wisconsin took him for a 5-year spell, wh he has just completed. He had just returned from a 6500 miles auto tour through the southern and eastern states. He must like auto driving better than I do!

Betty joins me in deepest love.

Paul

[May 16, 1961]

Wilson dearest -

Gone so much in our thoughts, and hearts, these difficult days. How we wished you could have been with us Saturday. Nancy and Bob, with the children, brought Helen's things to Maude & Virian - and they all came up here for lunch with us in the patio. These precious lovely grand children of yours were so darling, quiet, and well behaved - You would have been mighty proud of them. We had a good visit. Maude & Virian especially enjoyed the diversion. Nancy had three knapiles you sent - and Maude insisted I make the first choice - which wasn't hard at all - the beautiful red square with stripes was different from any I had - and I love it! Many thanks to you, the donor.

May is the month in Calif. in spite of no rain this year, gardens are filled with bloom - Ahucattlan is no exception. Brilliant gone granite flowers - roses iris - and the perjeas along the drive always attract a flock of bright yellow - orange red, Western tanagers. They not only feed on these petals - but the ripe loquats. John and Jerry phoned from Florida yesterday - a big treat - we talked to Debbie and Natalie too. The special news is John is going to Venezuela on a part. counseling job - the month of July - We think that is great. Jerry will take the children to

Maryland to visit his ~~mother~~ mother.

After you have had a fine long visit with Hugh in Florida, Hermano Dear, wont you come out here - you'll love Paul's new study and he needs a visit with you so much. It has been 5 years, or more, since we were together. Just for old times sake come to Ahuacatlan, wont you? Around about here - there are many ^{new} things of interest to you. How we wish Hugh could come too - havint seen him in ages either.

A big hug - and so much love!
from us ^{the}

T. Bates

May 16, '61



Antigua, 31 May 1961

Dear Pablo:

It is consoling to hear that I am still in American Men of Science, even if at the bottom of the now considerable list of Popenoes. I can do as one of my colleagues did when he was transferred from Tela to Boston. On the routing stamp of the Research Dept they just added his name at the bottom. He went in to Mr Rowe and said, If this represents my status in the Dept, then I resign as of yesterday. And Mr Rowe replied, why you poor damn fool, just turn that stamp the other way up and you are on top.

Pretty hard sledding these days, but next Tuesday Barbara Fairchild's daughter and husband arrive for a few days, then on the 22nd Nixon Smiley of the Miami Herald (my public relations man!) come for a week. And by that time Hugh will be coming back for a few days. Hugh, by the way, has almost convinced me that I should join him in renting a nice little apartment in Gainesville and spend part of my time up there. I think I may do it, provided Wayne Reitz names me Visiting Professor of Tropical Horticulture, ad honorem.

I had to have some serious talks with Nancy and Hugh about the family's future. I had figured on Helen outliving me by 10 to 20 years. Both Nancy and Hugh are keen to have this house kept in the family; I am too. We all seem to feel that it is really home to us. So I have suggested that we set aside my life insurance, after my death, for the maintenance of the old house; it ought to keep it going for 15 or 20 years, by which time the children would be able to carry on. As you know, I am going to make Hugh beneficiary of my insurance policies, and we will simply have an understanding he is to use as much of the money as necessary to keep the house going. Right now it does not require more than \$100 a month, if we are not living here.

I am afraid I overlooked going into the matter of Peter's expense. I doubt that he will outlive you, but if he should, then I would make Hugh responsible for his maintenance. And anent our recent correspondence about cremation and burial, I wish you would talk this over with Nancy the next time you see her. If Peter should die and Hugh should be in Thailand or somewhere, then I suppose Bob and Nancy would have to see to cremation and burial of the ashes as you told me is now legally required. I imagine Bob and Nancy may be in Santa Barbara for several years (I hope so; I don't know any better place to live in the USA) but you never can tell.

I guess you know Ed Halley was released due to curtailment of staff and Sally says he is now studying to get a license as a real estate agent. I have had a nice letter from Al Boyce of Riverside inviting me to come there and give a series of seminars; I might do it after I get established with Hugh in Gainesville.

Much love to all of you,

Wilson

1961

Guatemala City 21 June

Dear Pablo - Several of yours unanswered, reason being that I am in the hospital - about 10 days already and probably good for 10 days more. The MD's don't know all the things, as yet, which are the matter with me but it seems to trouble in the gastro-hepatic tract plus tendencies towards a nervous breakdown. I seem definitely to be getting better.

Al Boye (you and I met him at Riverside) has written me a nice letter, asking me to come there and give some lectures. I may do it eventually but Hugh and I had rented an apartment together in Guemesville and if my health permits I plan to go up there in Sept and spend several months. I think I shall ask Wayne Rutz to name me "Visiting Professor of Tropical Agriculture". They have no Prof. of that subject. - I'm glad you heard Wayne Fisher talk. Lucille made a fine choice. I guess the only one of the family who has come into any real money. - Toya comes over from Antigua 3 times a week to bring clean pajamas and mail. She is very faithful. Tell Maude not to worry. One of my checks was a week late and she got

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a bit upset because F. glin comes promptly on the first of the month and has to have her rent money.

June 15
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when she gets the \$300 I sent her yesterday.

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Ahuacatlan, June 24, 1961

Dear Hugh:

Maude has just read us over the phone a letter which she received this morning from your father, stating that he is in the Presbyterian hospital in Guatemala. Maybe you put him there before you left. At any rate, it's where he ought to be for the moment and I'm devoutly glad that he is there. He sent her a check for \$300 to care for her next 3 months rent, so he wouldn't have to give it further attention for a while. She said his handwriting told a story. He thought he might be able to go home this coming week-- I hope he won't try.

But the next thing, of course, is the future. Naturally, the trip to CR is off, and I don't know of anything he has in sight that would hold him in Antigua. Will you make a supreme effort to get him to join you in Gainesville now? Of course we'd be happy to have him here, but he would evidently prefer not to come at present. This is a critical time, however; if necessary you'd be justified in flying back down there and bringing him up practically "by main strength and awkwardness." I feel, and I'm sure you do, that it's almost a question of life and death. Our own helplessness at this distance is very great and I know you are handicapped, too; but if there is anything in the world we can do, you have only to let us know. I'm sure, however, that he ought to get out of Guatemala as quickly as he is able to travel, and I sincerely trust that this experience will convince him of that fact.

Yours ever,

Ahuacatlan de Todos Santos, hoy 26 junio.

Dear Wilson:

I greatly appreciated the letter which you made the effort to send me from the hospital. One thing is certain-- being alone in Central America isn't the best program for you in the proximo futuro; and I'm very much mistaken if you don't know it. We want you to come up here as quickly as you are in shape to travel. Have them put you on the plane and we'll meet you at the International airport; or I'll come down there in a couple of weeks or so, as soon as the medico says the time is right, and give you a personal escort. We have just fixed up the spare bedroom-- one of them, to be exact, as we also have the back bedroom empty; it's very comfortable, with a fine new bed and private bath; it's very quiet around here, and you can come and go as you please, do what you please, go to bed when you feel like it and get up ditto. You still have a lot of friends in So. Calif., and a vastly larger number who would like to be your friends! We'll turn the Dauphine over to you and you can move around as the spirit moves you. We can't supply you with a nigger man shoffoneer, like the Duhams and other socialites would have, but can give you a lady driver-- perfect lady and pretty nearly perfect driver. Betty is always ready to go anywhere. She'd run you up to Santa Barbara as often as you liked. Or if you feel like driving alone you could go there or San Diego or Riverside or anywhere else, look around, put up at a motel, follow your own ideas. If you felt like a longer trip and don't care much about a long drive alone, she'll drive you up to Tahoe-- she's extremely keen to see Sally and the children. You could project around with Knowles while she grandmothered in SF, then drive back by way of the Hearst estate, Cal Poly, and way stations. That would all suit her perfectly. We'll take you down to San Diego before the summer is over, to see one of Shakespeare's plays at Balboa Park, in the replica of the Globe The-ayter, with folk dancing on the village green. Wayne Fisher told me he was eager for you to come down to their ranch near Blythe and stay as long as possible-- you'll enjoy that life thoroughly. Meanwhile, here, you can "live on fruit the rest of the summer" (Peterson, August: oral communication to the author's father, 1871) and we'll take you to a cafeteria when you feel the Call of the Wild. In a few months of taking it easy around here you'll be a new man; you could then give some lectures at Riverside shortly after the fall semester opens and, in October, when the Florida winter arrives (ha! ha! they don't have any winter), go over to Gainesville and settle down with Hugh for some work there. Of course he's eager to have you there as soon as possible, but I really think we can take better care of you for a while, and keep you pleasantly and profitably occupied-- among other things, I need a little horticultural advice from you myself! Our patio is really very attractive; you'll like it and our new wing with my study; the place is really very much improved. It looks as if the old loquat tree is dying and I'll have to replace it unless a miracle occurs. Maybe 41 yrs is about its normal length of life; I have no idea whether it's a long-lived or short-lived species.--I'll send one copy of this letter to the hospital and another to Antigua as I don't know just where it will catch you and it's something that deserves top priority. You must, absolutely, plan to come up here and rest and build yourself up to concert pitch, just as soon as you can move comfortably, Wilson. Anything else is completely out of the question!

Yours ever,

The Glorious 4th 1961

Dear Pablo; That's mighty good of you, to offer
all those attractions in that dear California.
I'll get there sooner or later. I am planning to go
up to Gainesville with Hugh in early Sept taking furniture
and bedding and cut lery from Antigua to fix up an
apartment. My medicos say I must not think of
leaving here pos at least two months yet. I am
getting stronger slowly; it is going to be an up hill
climb. — Sooner or later I want to give some lec-
tures at Riverside. I am already committed to
give some seminars at Gainesville. Everything
depends on when I get my strength back. — I
am glad about Knowles' doctorate but don't see
why it could not have been a D. Sc. instead of an
L.D. Maybe they figured he has not done much
work in science, which is true. — I expect to
get out of the hospital toward the end of next
week. Tried to go home - did for a few hours,
but didn't have the strength to stick it out, nor
could I get what to me is satisfactory medical
attention in Antigua. Better stay by the two
doctors here who are thoroughly familiar with
my case. With

Ahuacatlan, July 8, 1961

Dear Hugh:

We have just had a letter from your father, who probably sent you the information at the same time; that he left the hospital and went back to Antigua but stayed there only a few hours; found his strength was lacking, and returned to the hospital. The medics tell him it will be two months before he is in shape to leave; but if I understood his statement, he thought ~~he~~ might leave the hospital in another week and live nearby, where he could see the medics frequently. I hope they will keep him right in the hospital, instead-- he'll have better care. When he is in shape to leave he plans to go direct to Gainesville with you.

Yours ever,

Ahucatlan, hoy 10the of July

[1961]

Dear Wilson:

It was good to get your letter and to know that things are going well with you. Take it easy; but also remember we are counting on you to come north via LA and esta tu case.--Last night I had a phone call from Ruth Holcomb Blackstock, who was passing through L.A. She says Ansel Wysong died a few months ago. R.I.P. He probably drank too much from the Fountain of Life that he was trying to exploit.--Betty has just gone over to see Kathryn, who is really quite ill.--Marion writes that Dick is coming home next week and that in Sept. they are all going to England for 8 mos., after which he will be assigned as an instructor at Quantico for an indefinite term. That will suit all of them.--Maude's birthday is the end of this week, Vivian's next week, I believe, so we are having a picnic supper up here day after tomorrow; H & L are coming up, too.--We are having lots of fun with Debbie. As you wrote us some time ago, she is an intelligent and mannerable little girl, neat and wants to be helpful. She had another riding lesson this morning. If she goes home feeling that she knows how to swim and ride a horse, it will give herself-confidence-- though she does not lack it conspicuously.--Ruuth saw Myron Holcomb in Sant Rosa; he is 75. quite deaf, and showing considerable signs of wear, she reports. I haven't seen him for 50 years.--Maude went to the oculist for a thorough exam.; he says there is nothing the matter with her eyes; she doesn't even need to have her glasses changed.-- We're trying to get Nancy to come down here for at least overnight, with her youngsters, while Bob is away; failing that, Betty is going up there for a day next week with Debbie, Maude, and Vivian.--
Cuidate bien; and much love from all of us.

Paul

Ahuacatlan, hoy 21 de julio [1961]

Dear Wilson:

If memory serves me, this is the birthday of W.P. Popenoe, in Xenia, Greene co., Ohio, 135 yrs ago. Tempus fugit.--Assuming that you have time to kill, I am sending you by surface mail a long "Christmas letter" of a couple of years ago from a Mrs. Davidson who was once connected with the AIFR. She inherited some wealth and she and her husband spend their time just traveling around the world with their adopted dau. Cherie-- whom we believe actually to be the illegitimate dau. of their son, and therefore actually their granddaughter. You may find it interesting to see what she says about some of the parts of the country that you and I visited 48 yrs ago; if not, just file it in the circular file.--Yesterday we went to Tuttle Bros. to get a few shrubs; bought some *Moorea dicolor*, and Bro. Tuttle remarked, "Your father had a lot of good *Mooreas* of the colored vars. around his new home." Seems he had worked for WIG at that time-- apparently almost all the great horticulturists got their start that way. We got a large espaliered *Magnolia grandiflora* wh the Queen B wanted to break the monotonous expanse of wall of our new garage.--It seems that a missionary walking along a jungle path met a lion who was about to spring on him, whereupon the M. prayed, "Oh Lord, let a miracle occur. O Lord, fill this ~~land~~ with Christian morality!", whereupon the L. reared on his hind legs, brought his paws together piously and exclaimed, "O Lord, bless to my use this food that I am about to consume!" That's all.

Paul

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

July 22, 1961

Dear Paul,

You folks have certainly been good to the old ladies. Maude wrote very enthusiastically about that fine trip to Santa Barbara. Please note enclosed copy of letter to Maude. This was inspired by Nancy's statement after the party at Santa Barbara that Maude asked her about Helen's money. I hope you will approve of one of the two plans which I have suggested in the enclosed copy. I shall be happy to turn the money over to Maude but I would like to make sure if possible that she uses it to relieve me for awhile of the hundred dollars a month I have been sending her. She may want to spend a little more than that which would be all right, but my situation right now is such that it would help me a great deal to cut down my California expense which is about three hundred dollars a month until Ed gets a job.

Hugh is with me here for several days between trips to his experiments on Lake Izabal. We are planning to go up to Florida about the tenth of August but my ability to get away at that time depends on my problem with the cementary here. If I cannot get away in early August I shall have to wait until Hugh comes down in early September and go up with him then. We are packing a lot of furniture for shipment to Gainesville and if it gets there alive we are going to have a mighty handsome apartment. I am gaining ground physically day by day but it is slow work and may continue so. I cannot use the typewriter yet and am finding it a great help to have Hugh operating it.

Much love to all, *Wilt*

b/c Nancy Popenoe
✓ Paul Popenoe

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

July 22, 1961

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dearest Maude,

I am terribly sorry to be so long in writing to you again but I really have been sick and I cannot yet use the typewriter. Fortunately, Hugh is here and is helping me out with some of my most important letters. I have a tremendous stack of unanswered mail and don't know when I will catch up if ever. I have been and still am very weak and cannot do very much.

I was happy to hear from you and from Nancy also regarding your nice birthday party at Santa Barbara. I do hope Nancy and Bob will be able to spend a number of years there but I suppose this is rather doubtful.

I have been wanting to write you about the money Helen left in her savings account. She transferred it from New York and at my suggestion made it a joint account with Nancy which now has become a wise move. I do not know when I shall probate Helen's will because all she left was this money and the small house here in Antigua. For reasons I won't take time to explain I think it may be wise to leave the house in her name but the money is a different matter.

There are if I recall correctly about two thousand dollars in the account. I have two suggestions and you can take your choice as to which one you prefer. Nancy can draw the money and transfer it all to you and you can open a checking account in Pasadena if you do not already have one and use the money as required in place of the hundred dollars per month which I have been sending you. If you prefer I will have Nancy send me the money and I will hold it to cover your monthly one hundred dollars as long as it lasts.

Please give me your ideas on the whole matter. I am sure Helen would have liked to see you have the money but I believe it should be used as required to help cover your expenses. Do you agree with this? I might add that either of the plans mentioned will be of considerable help to me because in addition to my expenses in California I have of course been hit pretty hard recently by the cost of Helen's funeral and the tomb we have had to build for her, in addition to my month in the hospital and pretty heavy doctor's bills.

As soon as I can get everything straightened out here, I plan to go up to Gainesville where Hugh and I will share an apartment and I may do some lecturing at the College of Agriculture during the first semester. I would rather like to spend about half the year at the college from now on and the other half here in Antigua or in one of the neighboring countries where I may have work to do. I can have all the work I want when I am able once more to tackle it.

Very much love to you both,
Always devotedly,

Wilson

Ahuacatlan, July 27, 1961

Dear Wilson:

We were relieved to get your letters of the 22d this morning; fine stenographic job, too; wish I could afford a secy. with a Ph.D., such as you have.--I hope you can come up on Aug. 10; you ought not to stay alone down there.--Maude's money is none of my business so I'll express my opinion, as usual; that it might be quite inconvenient to turn the money over to her to start an account here, unless there were more than one signature on the account; she may be disabled at any time and unable to draw out money or handle her own affairs, just at the time when the money would be most needed. It might be much more efficient to let you handle the money for her. What say?--Betty took the two "gals" and Kathryn Popenoe to lch at the Huntington Hotel yesterday and they all seemed to enjoy it.--Hotel Green has reinstated its Sunday night smorgasbord, wh was discontinued for quite a while; better come up and sample it.--Betty and I went to see "Gone with the wind" Sunday; I hadn't seen it previously; I like to let a picture be tested by age before I spend my money on it.--My latest book, "Can this marriage be saved?", is coming out in a Dutch edition.--- Betty joins me, as ever, in heaps of love.

Paul

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

Antigua, Guatemala
July 31, 1961

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Dear Paul,

Thanks for yours of 27 July. Hugh and I expect to leave here on August 7, reaching Miami that evening. We will go on up to Gainesville in Hugh's car.

Hugh and I think you are pretty sound about Helen's money which is now in Nancy's hands. There should be a second person involved so we think we should do what we have just done in connection with the joint account Helen and I had at A.S. & T. We are asking them to put on Hugh as the other member of this joint account. We think we could add my name to replace Helen's or perhaps better still, having Nancy transfer the money to the joint account Hugh and I will have. Then I could draw on it to pay Maude her monthly hundred dollars. We should hear from Maude in a few days and will see what she has in mind. If she took over the money it would have to be in a joint account with Vivian; but all in all Hugh's idea of having the money put into the joint account he and I will have lined up in a very short time is the best way to handle the matter.

We have things pretty well lined up here to carry on while I am away. Hugh thinks we are going to have a swell apartment at Gainesville since we have sent up quite a few Guatemalan things to decorate it.

Ever yours,

Wilt

Gainesville 30 Sept 1961

Dear Pablo - I find I have \$4300 in the bank I would like to invest in Ansel's newest venture. How shall I go about it? - Haven't written much recently. You know why. Wish you could have saw Hugh step out to the academic procession yesterday in his academic robes, complete with gold bullion tassels (\$8⁰⁰ extra) on his mortar board. I think he got quite a kick out of the affair - Hugh does most of the cooking here in the apt, I am the male scullery maid. That job and reading the clipping you send keeps me fairly busy. I have to go to the hospital every Friday to see my medics and get 3 new prescriptions. - Now, but they are keeping me full of dope. Hugh is working awfully hard, too hard, after leaves the apt by 6 am, comes in at 12 for 20 minutes lunch; is gone again until about 5; then we may drive down to the mkt to get some low-sodium grub; he eats in 20 minutes flat; off again, then home about 10.30 and so to bed. While I just sit here all day and read. I usually average a visitor or two a day and thus runs the wheels away.

Much love to all

Wick

Oct 5 1961

Pablo - I have eating a lot of California
dates lately - marked "grown in California" but
they are packed here in Fla. The first pkg
(they are 10 oz and cost 25¢ U.S. Cy) was
marked "Halawi" and if they were not
packed originally at Beit Chalk then I don't
know a thing about dates (all of the dates
I get are pitted, and marked "Good as gold")
The Halawis were a perfect mess. Then I
got a pkg of what I am sure was Deglet
Nur and they were pretty damn good. And
Today I am working on a pkg which I
am sure is Lahwi. Not very sweet, not
very soft, and they have kept their shape
perfectly. The Deglets have been the best
so far. I found the Halawis from Beit
Chalk sweet but all mashed up. You could
just see the Arab babies playing on the
pile. I watch them in the Public market
here to see when any new varieties show up.
Seems to me a 10 oz packet for 25¢ is
pretty reasonable. I'm afraid you and I
could not grow them at that price.

W.

Gainesville 8 Oct 1961

Dear Pablo: Hugh and I were saying yesterday that you have never told us how the Dauphine turned out. Would you buy another one in preference to a Volkswagen or a Fiat or an Austin or some other small low priced car? I notice in the Miami Herald that the 2-handed Dauphines are going pretty cheap in the 2-handed market.

Hugh went off at 6 this morning - had a class at 7.30. Then he is going to see a medico. He was pretty sick in Guatemala this last trip - stomach upset of some sort and a mean one. Now for 3 weeks he has been suffering from what is probably sinus trouble. He is working far too hard. Don't mention his health when writing us. Maude writes that her weight has dropped to 115. Her usual weight is 130. That doesn't sound too good. - Hugh and I are now sharing a strong box in the bank here, so if anything happens to me he can get at my papers - though of course H & T at Washington has my securities. Things have happened so fast this year I hardly know what to expect.

Ever yrs
M.R.

Gainesville, 24 Oct. 1961

Dear Pablo:

Many thanks for yours of 19th. It is queer about these Feijoa. F. Sellowiana Berg is a common ornamental shrub in backyards here but it seems the plants never bear any fruit.

I am terribly pained to learn that my last letter upset Maude. I thought it would have just the contrary effect. I shall be more careful in the future, and try to carry out your suggestion. I only hope I can make up for the damage already done. I shall not again mention the fact that Helen had been a sick woman for several months (not years) before she had the final, fatal "stroke".

Hugh and I drove to Jax yesterday to get a fresh stock of soy bean powder. I cannot have leche de vaca, but I almost like soy bean milk. Only it is no good on shredded wheat.

I must renege the dishes (rhymes with Rheims, Marie Stone used to say) and then go over to Hugh's lab, a nice half mile walk.

Hugh is working far too hard - I rarely see him here at the apt, except when he comes in to rush through a meal now and then. I think he will probably fly to Guatemala at Ymas time, to review his field experiments. I am able to help him a bit, now and then, on his writing. He hasn't yet acquired the facility you possess, but then, as I keep on telling him, he has not been writing as long as you have.

Lovely autumn weather here now I wish I could get out in the wide open spaces more often.

Much love to all,

Wilt

1723 NW 2nd Av

Gainesville, 30 Oct 1961

Dear Pabb:

Our lawyer in Guatemala, writes that if he doesn't get the birth and marriage certificates, with consular attestations, we are going to be stuck with a fine. They are good at that sort of thing in Guatemala. If you think it would save time to send these papers direct, use registered mail, and address them to Lic. George F. Sanchez, 12 Calle oriente (he doesn't give me any street number) Guatemala, Guatemala. But you had better tell him her father was a Roman Catholic and they gave her the nombre de pila (baptismal name) of Elaine which I believe to be a French equivalent of Helen, and she used that form even before she grew up and that is the name on her passport.

Sorry to bother you so much. Tomorrow I am going to a lawyer here, recommended by a friend of Hugh's to see if he can make me a new will, in which I would like to name Hugh as executor, with Nancy to take over if Hugh should die before I do.

Had a letter from Sally today. The poor kid is simply working herself to death. Ed passed the Realtors exam and became associated with some outfit in Tahoe - On commission only. He made two or three sales in the summer (if he is telling a straight story) but they didn't pay his commission to date and Sal says there won't be any more business until next summer. I suppose Ed will just lie around the house with coffee and cigars, I suppose - I hope - his father will continue to give them enough money to live on.

Agreed; cold soy milk is not at all hard to take. Only trouble is that it is high in protein and very low in carbohydrates - and I need the latter. I have lost between 15 and 20 pounds and my gums are so shrunken that my artificial dentures (false teeth incolant vocantur) will hardly stay in my mouth which makes eating difficult in the extreme. I have tried 3 or 4 of the preparations which are supposed to remedy this situation - no good. - Why don't you have your dental work done in Antigua? Maria got a complete set for \$30 and look just as good as mine. Or you \$499.60 job.

Much love to all

Walt

1722 N.W. 2nd Ave, 1 Nov 1961

Dear Pablo -

I trust you rec'd my letter saying we must get the birth and marriage certificates to Guatemala ^{soon} to avoid paying a fine.

Hugh and I are working with a lawyer making up a new will for me. Hugh is to be named Executor of my estate and if he should die before I do, Nancy takes over. The lawyer has raised a point about Peter. Were you ever appointed his legal guardian? If so, I don't remember it. And when I die, will he continue to get Social Security money - this just for my own information.

I am not in favor of dividing the estate on my death. It is made up principally of good securities - five investment trusts - all of which are earning good money and I would prefer to leave these alone for the time being, dividing the proceeds annually among the heirs. And I am terribly afraid to put much cash in Sally's which means Ed's hands. I don't trust him to use it wisely. I can do any thing I want to about this, the lawyer says.

The new will is to subject to probate anywhere in the U.S. if I claim residence here

which I propose to do. Too many complications in such matters in Guatemala as we are now discovering, and some of the local authorities would be certain to find some way of taking a big cut. I propose to transfer my residence from Guatemala to Gainesville. I think the Florida laws are more favorable than those of California, which would be the alternative.

I think I have a good lawyer here - old friend of an old friend of ours. But any way you look at it, all this legal business is a headache.

Ever yrs

Witt

Gainesville, 4 Nov. 1961

Dear Pablo:

Documenta on Helen just rec'd and
been mailed to Lic Sanchez including a letter
of which I enclose a rough draft. I send this
in case Maude should be called upon by
Sanchez for further data, but I don't think he
has Maude's address anyway.

I owe you many thanks for the work you
have done on this job. I hope this is the end
of this particular matter.

Since Helen in her will left everything to
me - in really nothing but the little house we
built in Antigua adjoining the big one which
by law had to go to the children - the next
thing (I hope) will be for me to get that
property transferred to Dorothy's children.
I am now working on a new will for my-
self, which is quite a job. I think I wrote you
that I have become a resident of Gainesville
in this connection. I shall vote the straight
Democratic ticket.

I'm sorry we can't eat any of your Harmonia
and Feca-hoyas. Expert here tells me Feijoas
do bear fruit here, sometimes, but small and
inferior stuff and no one eats them.

Just had a session with my medico who tells

me I can fly to N. Y. on the 19th to attend annual
meeting of EAP Board of Trustees. I am not keen to
go but shall do so unless I have some sort of
set-back in my innards. I am going to have a hard
time getting the right food in N. Y., and I tire very
easily.

Ever thine

Walt

Gainesville 9 Nov 1961

Dear Pablo,

Your of the 7th, when you had one foot in the stirrup, has just come, and pretty quick at that.

I got my will yesterday, signed, sealed and delivered. I have named Hugh as my Executor, Nancy to take over in case of his death. He also is Trustee for Peter's part of the estate, as well as to supervise Sally's part, especially if she should die at a rather early age (which reminds me, we shall be most interested in getting a report on your visit to Sal, especially to learn if you think she is going to be able to carry on indefinitely under her terribly heavy load, and is E. d. depending entirely on his father for the support of his family, and do you think E. d. will ever settle down to work).

The will says Peter is in your custody which I think is right. I do not see how a "court of competent jurisdiction" could name you as his legal guardian, as long as I am alive and especially now that I am legally a resident of Alachua County, Florida - in the same country with

Peter - though perhaps it could be done. I see no need of it.

I don't see that we should change the very satisfactory arrangement you now have with the Social Security people, do you? The will does not say that Hugh will become his legal guardian when you and I are gone, but as Executor, and Trustee of Peter's Fifth of the Estate, I think this could logically follow. Hugh, by the Will, is charged (when we are gone) with supplying out of the Estate necessary funds for Peter's maintenance. When Peter dies, if there is any money left in his share of the Estate it is to be divided equally among the surviving siblings.

All in all, I think the Lawyer has done a good job on the Will, which can be probated anywhere in the U.S. Thank goodness we shall not have to go through the Guatemalan courts as we are now doing in Helene's case; and the only property she had was the little house (worth about \$5,000) which we built adjoining the big house in Antigua. This she left to me, and I will see if I can not sell it to Nancy, Hugh, Marion and Pauline for a dollar or so, and get the title transferred to them. This should not be as difficult, even in Guatemala, as getting Helene's papers in order.

All this business has been a real head-ache - of which you have had more than your share, and I cannot thank you enough for it.

I have opened a small account in the First National Bank of Gainesville. The lawyer said it would be a good thing to do, and I am sharing a safe deposit box with Hugh, in which I shall leave all important papers and some valuable emeralds jewelry which Hugh can eventually divide among the 3 girls. (I have left a memo about it, of which Nancy has a copy). I would prefer that the girls wait a little while before getting those things, and I have already sent them a number of pieces. Nancy is keeping Helen's beautiful engagement ring, an emerald I bought her in Colombia and worth about \$1000 (at least) here in the States. I also gave her the lovely Persian lamb coat we had made for Helen in Madrid. Marion got her share of nice things too (Nancy took them up with her). I have withheld some good things for Sally when her life becomes better stabilized. I believe Betty has the oil painting of

Dorothy, which Dally took from Antigua without saying anything to me and which I believe was not being properly cared for at Dally's place. Is that right?

So let's don't bring up the question of Peter's Social Security as long as the present arrangement is working satisfactorily.

I am getting a bit worried about Hugh. He is working so hard, under so much pressure, he can't sleep well at nights. He plans to fly down to Lake Izabal at Christmas time, to see what Nattie did to his experimental plantings. He thrives on those trips - they are life savers.

I hope you and Betty enjoyed your trip to Reno; as long as you went with the right purpose I am sure you did. I assume Karl and Ann have gone to the South Seas or somewhere. I am trying to get Hugh to drive me over to Orlando this week end - I have two professional friends there and Hugh profits greatly by getting away from his job, even for a day. We went to St. Augustine last Sunday - a very interesting place I have always thought

Much love to both of you.

Just

Nov. 23, 1961

Dear Wilson:

Maude read us your letter from NYC, wh she recd this morning and we were delighted to learn that you were getting around as you did, and taking part in some important moves for the future of the EAP wh you created. It's good, also, that you can meet with Doris Stone; comments that you can make in passing, to her, may have far-reaching influence.

We got back Saturday afternoon from our 10-day swing around the circle, including a brief visit with Nancy-- everything going well there-- and a longer one with Sal. We reached Al Tahoe at noon and went out there immediately after lch; stayed all afternoon and took them to dnr at a restaurant "down town"; then went out again in the morning, taking along the makings of a picnic sandwich lch wh we had at the house; after wh we headed off to Reno.

They have an attractive house, designed and largely built by Ed; they have an acre of ground in a tract wh his company is putting on the market, all covered with tall pines. The house is unfinished in places, inside, especially upstairs, but comfortable; they are badly in need of furniture, however, having mostly a few things given or lent to them by friends.

The company with wh Ed is associated has an office near the state line; it deals largely in acreage but of course will sell the earth or any fraction thereof. He was not with us at supper because the co. had asked him to drive to the Reno airport to pick up a supposed big shot cash buyer who was flying over from SF to look over the situation. He came home the next day to have lch with us at the house, however.

Sal looks well,-- better than in many years; has taken on a bit more weight; has none of the wild or haunted look in her eyes that she had in SF. She is a wonderful mother and keeps the children in good shape; they were very ragged around the house but when they started to school she had dressed them in neat and clean clothes that she evidently holds back for that purpose. They are really remarkable children, not merely in behavior but in ability; all have real talent and personality and character and will give a

good account of themselves in the future. They are all artistically inclined and incessantly drawing little pictures of everything in sight. I don't know where you would find four finer children.

Of course they are living on a very narrow margin financially. Betty reported that the kitchen cupboard shelves were virtually bare; that's why we took out six or eight dollars worth of provisions when we went back for lunch-- just the way FOP used to do! Ed of course didn't volunteer any information about his financial situation, but the real estate business is bound to be slow up there in midwinter; I hope he can, and will, get back on a snow plow. They had their first real snow just as we were leaving.

Ed has some traits of character and personality that I don't particularly admire-- nor do you, certainly; but he has some good ones, too. He is devoted to the children and they to him; he's a good father, within his limitations. He is cultured in his tastes; he and Sal have joined a Great Books group up there. He's the victim of his own mother's mismanagement; but the older brother, who seems to have gone through the same process, finally pulled out of it; and for the sake of Sally and those four children we're going to do everything we can to help. One of Sal's problems is being unable to get away from the children occasionally, as every mother must do; no one to leave them with. She has had difficulty in getting a woman to help with the work, partly because they're a mile out of town; finally found a good one, and could leave the children with her for an hour or so, but is having to let the woman go now, which made her feel rather sad.

Hughie came home from school with his report card; a very detailed analysis of personality, cooperation, citizenship, etc., etc., as well as scholastically attainments; he was marked absolutely perfect in everything,-- no exceptions; naturally felt very proud. He does better than I used to do in Highland Park school; George Dean didn't like to give me grades of 100-- Mom and I perfectisa noldtrue saying-- so he used to give me grades of 99½ and 99¼. A propos de rien, Betty remarked a number of times I much Hughie seemed to her to look like your childhood pictures.

You asked about the painting of Dorothy which Hugh and Sal brought up; Sal asked us to keep it until she had a place for it, but as we are trying to lighten our load here we took it up to Nancy on this trip and asked her to store it until it is called for. Betty had it very securely wrapped.

Fine rain yesterday; the first one since last January.

Betty joins me in heaps of love to the two of you down



Harry give
it to me!

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Gainesville Nov 25

Dear Pablo - I don't have to swipe paper from my hotel, like you do, Shamel and Dorsett and I stayed at the Seville in Oct 1913 on our way to Brazil. Of course prices have gone up: I now have to pay \$5⁰⁰ (five dollars) per room with bath; it was \$3⁵⁰ in 1913. I remember they told us that the Seville was the last important job of Stanford White before the unfortunate incident with Harry Shaw. The lobby is panelled in marble and very lovely.

I cannot thank you enough for the news about Sally and what you did and are doing for her. I can get nothing out of her at long range. Ever since she left Langley Porter I have been sending her 100 a month with the understanding it was to be used to hire domestic help. She

has never told me that she had any such help - on the contrary has said it is practically impossible to get any help at Tahse. Ed has only written me once since they were married and that was to ask me to let him bring the family and have the small house, and for me to get him a job in Guatemala (another practical impossibility for a man who can not speak Spanish and has no qualifications in any particular field).

Not knowing what use was being made of the \$100 per month I have recently told Sally I am going to have to discontinue the allowance.

What do you suppose she (he?) does with the money? You say the kids are practically in rags at home, and almost no food in the larder.

If we could only know what is going on we might reach an understanding. My monthly income is hard hit, what with income tax, Yandis \$100 a month and expense for Peter

also I have to
send 100 a month
to keep the
antenna house
going



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To continue to help Sally I would have to cut into my capital, which I would willingly do if I could know more about the situation. I have had close to \$2000 medical expense this year and may not be seeing the end as yet.

I thought - I hoped - that after your recent visit you might have a definite idea as to how things stand, but obviously Ed would not let you get it. And you know better than I that Dr. Halley has never wanted the cooperation of Sally's people.

I am so glad the kids all seem so promising. Later I might help educate the boys, by disposing of a few of my investments. Do you want to tell me what you think I ought to do in the meantime? I would welcome your recommendations.

I am glad the portrait of Dorothy's
in Nancy's hands. She will take good
care of it. I only hope it is still in
good condition.

I enclose a sad letter from Polly
Crosby. You need not return this. I
would like to write to her but do not
have her address - Do you? I hope she
gets some training and a job. I
think she has gone in too much for bridge
and golf; I don't know anything about
the drinking. I doubt that she can
accurately be called an alcoholic.
At times I drank too much myself, but
I never had any trouble in laying off;
for example I have not had a drink
since last April and do not really
miss it. In New York last week I sat
and watched my old U.F. Co pals downing
ball after highball, while I stuck
to ginger ale without an effort.
I may go down to Guatemala with
Hugh at Christmas time. Not certain yet.
Devotedly and gratefully yours,
Wilt

Gainesville 30 Nov. 1961

Dear Pablo:

Looks like as if Hugh and I might fly to Guatemala Decr 21, for a week, coming back here 2 Jan 1962. Hugh seems to be lining up a group of 3 or 4 sabios, all of whom will make their G.H.Q. at our house, look around the country a bit, and plan some research work in Guatemala for the future. Guess we won't feel certain of going until about 10 December.

Next week is the Caribbean Conference here. Hugh presides at one day's sessions. I am not down for a speech but I hear that on Friday I am to receive the Medalla Agricola Interamericana wh. will call for a few brief, well-chosen words on my part.

I have lost so much weight that my artificial dentures won't stick, so Hugh's dentist is making me a new set. Can I deduct them, tooth by tooth, from my 1961 Income Tax? With my medical expense, it would almost leave me tax free this year.

Maudie wrote that she had to go back to bed again. How is she coming along?

Ever thine

Wilt

Gainesville, 7 Dec 1961

Dear Pablo:

I have been cogitating your letter about Saleya situation. She has no domestic help, almost no furniture, and the kids go about the house in rags. I must do something.

I could dig up \$200 or \$250 to buy the most essential articles of furniture, provided I could be sure she would buy solid, substantial things and not the trash with chromium-plated legs of which the stores are full nowadays. Or she could use part of the money to buy some decent clothing for the kids. And I would even assist her in as domestic help. As I think I told you, she always told me she can't get any at Takoe. And I remember when I mentioned the matter once, she said Ed didn't think she needed any help with the house work.

How could I be assured that the money would not be diverted by Ed to other purposes? That is what worries me. I wrote Sal recently that I wished she would be more frank with me - would tell me what she most needs, but I doubt that Ed will let her say any thing.

If there were someone near her whom I could trust to get things for her my mind would be at ease. Maybe if I made her send me the bills, showing me where the money has gone? And maybe I could send a monthly check, say for \$50, to the woman who works for her.

All of which would of course hurt Ed's pride probably to the point where he would tell her she cannot accept anything more from me - though he has never kicked about the \$100 a month I have been sending her for a long time. The poor kid does not admit that the going is tough; she is determined to stick it out. Ed hates my guts, and makes Sal suffer before he will come clean, via Sal. I asked the latter if she could not learn to confide in me, to tell me what I ought to know about the situation. If she replies at all, I am almost sure she will tell me nothing.

Tell me what I can and should do. I hate to think of my grandchildren in ragged clothes. Might you and Betz order some decent togs from Sears Roebuck's catalog? But who could buy furniture? The situation seems to me really tragic. Probably they are not even getting decent food. What do you think they have been doing with the \$100 a month I have been sending. Paying instalments on the cost of the house?

Ever yours J.P.

1722 N. W. 2nd Ave

4 Dec 1961

Dear Pablo:

Wish I had rec'd yours of the 1st a few days earlier, with details of Sal's situation. I would not have written as I did. But perhaps it won't do any harm to have ^{Ed} think, for a week or two, that he can't count on perpetual financial help from me. I told Sal if she would only confide in me, and tell me what she needs, I could probably continue to help her. I agree with you that the most important thing is domestic help. I guess I am like Ed's father; I am trying to force Ed to go to work; but I am afraid little can be achieved. If we push him very much, he will get his claws in the carpet, for sure.

As for Maude's finances, I am sure she has a tidy sum in the bank. By mutual consent, the \$2000 which Helen left is being doled out to her, \$100 a month, thus relieving me to that extent. Maude knows - or knew - this but I'll bet she has forgotten about it. Anyway the money - or what is left of it - is in my hands and I will use it to provide the \$100 a month as long as it lasts.

Then I shall have to go back to supplying the \$100 monthly myself, as have done for quite some years.

We have obtained reservations to fly to Guatemala on the 21st. Hugh doesn't have permission, yet from his wife here, but doubtless will obtain it. As Helen used to put it, Hugh always lands on his feet. He will have to come back 1 Jan, as I have written you, but I hope to get a number of things terminated in Guatemala, including probate of Helen's will.

Polly Crosby has certainly been having a tough time of it - according to what you write.

John has sent us up 8 fine avocados from Homestead. We'll have some guacamole. We hope to see John on our way South: will drive to Miami, spend the night in the unoccupied director's house at the Fairchild Tropical Garden and take the plane at 7.30 the morning of the 21st. When we pass the Kampong on our way down to the FTG we will drop in on Daisy Bell for a few minutes. She wrote recently that she has to spend much of her time in bed. We hear in a roundabout way that Mrs Grosvenor (Elsie) is in bad shape.

Muchas saludos

Wilt

1722 N. W. 2nd AV

9 Dec 1961

Dear Pablo:

You of 6th inst wrote that some days ago saying she must have domestic help, and asking how much it would cost per month, thus indicating I would back her on that. At your suggestion I will continue the \$100 per month and let her do what she pleases after paying for the help. I mentioned nothing else but I know she will be delighted to have the monthly remittance. As for heavy clothing, I suspect there may be a coat of Helens in Antigua; if so I will bring it up for her. If not, I will tell her to buy one and will probably send her \$100 for heavy clothing in general.

As for furniture, we had to leave some things at Zamorano but there is enough in Antigua, BUT shipping up the West Coast is now so difficult, and there are so many other problems as well, I simply can not tackle the job, at least until I get back to Guatemala to spend several months. I guess, as you suggest, we will let this matter ride for a time. Ditto the matter of clothing for the kids.

Your comments on Ed are of course rather encouraging - that is about all I would want to say until we see how things develop.

My medico thinks I am in for the removal of a lot of skin cancers. ¿Que hace la vejiga, verded? I go to see the Univ. dermatologist next Wednesday. The medico is much pleased with my progress in other respects - so am I. Hugh and I plan to leave here by car for Miami on the 20th, stop half an hour to see Daisy Bell, and fly 21st to Guatemala City. I shall have a hard time keeping to 500 milligrams of sodium per diem, while travelling about, but deers will be opened. Three or four of Hugh's colleagues go with us - our house will be full - but Hugh hopes to form a little group to do research in Guatemala - along bus lines. We plan to come back Jan 1 or 2.

At the "banquet" in connection with the Caribbean Conference, a couple of nights ago, I received the Medalla Agricola Interamericana, sponsored by the Organization of American States (OAS). It is a new and annual affair - I received the third one which has been awarded. This probably marks the end of my career as a receiver of decorations. But I have sufficient. Hugh presided at a session of the Conference yesterday and did a nice job. I am proud of him.

Hoping you are the same, W.D.

Ahuacatlan, hoy 6 dic. [1963]

Dear Wilson:

As you say, it is certainly very hard to lay out any plan for helping Sal that has all the advantages and no possible drawbacks. But your letter of the 2 del que corre supplemented by that of the 4th inst. suggests separable topics, verbi gracia:

1. Furniture. This is of course a little less urgent than food and clothing in any home. Is there by chance any serviceable furniture in the Casa, which could be sent up? It would be expensive to send it, but much less so than buying new furniture of good quality up here. Some years ago, when the other girls were getting some furnishings sent up from Honduras, I recall that Sal mentioned that some was being held for her until she became permanently settled. Maybe that furniture was left behind when you moved away from Zamorano. Anyhow, I mention this as a possibility. Otherwise I'd be inclined to let the matter of house furnishings go for the present. But substantial pieces from g-a would fit perfectly into her present environment wh, we judge, is likely to be reasonably permanent.

2. Clothing for the children. As I said, the youngsters were pretty ragged-- but clean; Sal will always see to that! -- around the house, but when they got ready to leave for school they were wearing very satisfactory clothing. It is merely good sense to let them wear out the old stuff around home; all of us would follow the same plan. In any case I think the clothing of the children might be left to their grandmother in Stockton. She likes to buy such things for them and I'm sure she can be counted on to continue to do so.

3. Clothing for Sal. She appeared to be pretty short, and to have mostly light clothing-- only a light coat, apparently, in a climate that is pretty rigorous during the winter, by our standards. We had to buy anti-freeze for our radiator to meet the demands of just a single night in it; a slight extravagance but cheaper than having the engine frozen and cracked and replaced for \$350, U.S.c. If you wanted to send her an Xmas chequecito for say \$100 and tell her this is strictly for herself, to get a coat and other warm things and will she please send you a list of what she got and what she still needs, so you can act wisely, it might succeed.

40. General expenses. If you could manage to continue the \$100 per mensem for a while, it would surely be a Christian act. Tell her that you are sending it particularly so she can get some help; but it seems to me scarcely practicable to attach any strings to it farther than that. If we try to tie her down too tightly it will hurt her even more than it will hurt Ed, I'm afraid. She has a very difficult problem on her hands, and the only thing the rest of us can do is to help as we can, but to recognize frankly that she'll have to work it out largely by herself; that she won't always do just what we think she ought to do, but that we are gambling for high stakes, namely the future of herself and the four fine children. I don't want to represent Ed as a Captain of Industry or a Giant of the Modern Business World, and I don't think he will ever be president of the U.S. Camara de Comercio; but it does appear that he is a little farther ahead than he was a few years ago, when you last saw him. He designed and built a good house, largely with his own hands; it's well made. He studied for the examination as real estate broker, and this is no mere formality; it requires real work; he qualified and is associated with a good firm; he is certainly trykg harder than he has before, and if his tries don't have behind them the booster force of a Thor, an Ajax, or a Redstone Rocket, it seems to me they at least show more evidence of good intentions than he has shown in most of his past career.

I would there, if I had the decision to make, be inclined to let them have the \$100 per month without any more strings attached to it than the request that Sal get some help; and I'd figure that she,-- and Ed,-- will have to handle it, in any case, in the way that seems to meet their most urgent necessities. It's not easy for Sal to write for any purpose; we never hear from her; she intends to do so but has her hands full, and if we expect to get an itemized account from her, puede que si, puede que no, per lo mas probable es que no es probable. At best they are in for plain living and high thinking, but the country could well stand a little more of that all around; and I judge that the Stockton folks won't let them actually starve.

It's one of the most difficult situations, taken all around, that I have ever encountered; but I feel sure that you are on the right track and beyond that you'll just have to sit back with all the rest of us and watch and pray, as Scripture hath it.

Yours ever,

Ahuacatlan hoy the first of Dec. de 61.

Dear Wilson:

Evidently Sally has been using the money you sent her, to live on, mainly. She told us that she had finally succeeded in getting a woman to come out there and give her some help; a very reliable person with whom she felt comfortable in leaving the children, and they got along well with said woman; and it is certainly necessary for Sal, as for all young mothers, to be able to get away from the children for at least a few hours a week. With the \$100 you sent her, she had a little money of which she could more or less dispose as she thought necessary, whereas Ed handles any money that he has, according to what he thinks necessary. She told us that if Ed's folks are putting up any money for them now, she had no knowledge of it. I judge that the Dr. is trying as well as he can to force Ed to earn his own way, which is quite an undertaking; but no doubt the Dr. comes through whenever the situation is sufficiently serious; no hay otro remedio. Ed, Sal, and family were going to Stockton for Thanksgiving; doubtless the Dr would give Ed some money at that time; and the Stockton folks were coming to Tahoe for Christmas, when there would doubtless be another disbursement. I hope Ed will take a snowplow job as winter descends to provide the occasion for it.

Sally looks well, and if given a chance now I think she can hold her own and pull ahead. She's not the type to complain; she'll give everything she has. On the other hand, if the pressure became too great, it is to be expected that she would again break under it. This is a mighty critical period. Since you ask for my opinion, based on a first-hand survey of the situation, I'd certainly say that if you could continue the \$100 for a while and tell Sal that you expect her to get some housecleaning help out of it, the result might be decisive. After all, the cost of raising a family of four children is considerable, as you and I can freely testify; and the strain on a mother is also considerable, as you and I know only from observation, not experience!

Maude is getting along well; she is paid up (by you) until March; has a little nest egg in the bank or somewhere; and also the money that Helen left, for eventualities. We are keeping an eye on them; their situation runs along without much change. Considering age, they are doing remarkably well.

I have sent today to Hugh and Pete some little stamps albums, plus 1,000 hinges and a packet of world-wide, all different, 500 stamps as a starter; latter packet was imported from Germany; cost here \$1.10m which is about one-fifth of one cent, U.S. Cy., per stamps; union labor in this country can't turn 'em out at that figure. I think this will be helpful in keeping the boys occupied in bad weather, as well as providing generous lessons in geography, history, fauna and flora. Hugh brought out and showed me with pride a handful (large handful) of stamps which you and others had sent him and which he was keeping in a coffee can; Pete also had a few and I think they are getting old enough to profit by this hobby as long as it doesn't involve any cash outlay. There ought to be other boys at school with whom they can trade.

Betty is also looking for some little things that she can send up to help keep Ann and Mary occupied. A great-grand-mother (I believe) has made some provision, perhaps in her will, for a fund to take care of Ann Margaret's college education in the not very proximo futuro; but the big job now is to get her to that futuro and be sure she has a mother to guide her.

I'm glad to know that Hotel Seville still does things in the grand manner, such as passing out stationery free to you, my brother. Only hotel I ever struck that made you pay for it was in Naples, where I had to ladle out a few centesimi for each sheet. Italian graft paper, I call it.

Helen Cornelia wrote me about Polly's situation (she always calls her Marge or Margery). She said the old st dau. Polly, now the mother of four and living in Wichita, took the stand to perjure herself in testifying against her own mother. "I am sure Polly thought she had to do that because Tom had financed a construction program for Al-- Polly's husband. Al built a neighborhood full of tri-level houses in Wichita just at the time that the government was giving up B-52 bombers and therefore cutting the ground out from under the Boeing plant. Wichita lost 50,000 population as a result, so the houses have not sold. Polly and Al are responsible for thousands of dollars of Tom's money and can't get it out. All finally went to work selling houses for another real estate dealer, but Polly occasionally reports that nothing is selling; and the kids are deeply obligated to Tom., It's a mess, and now that the divorce is final Marge remembers the good days of their early married years, and sinks to the depths-- and drinks too much." You and I don't have all the difficulties with our children! Helen Cornelia must be at least 60 now; still working at the Menninger clinic as public relations woman-- shows visitors around, etc. Maybe Marge-Polly can do something of the same sort; she has a great deal to offer if she could get into gear, so to speak. She doesn't need money so is in a position to furnish her services to some philanthropic agency (like the AIFR, e.g., if she were out here!) where she could accomplish something worth while.

You may feel that it was not necessary to have had your hands radiated, but I'm certainly keeping after my face, after having had four actual cancers removed. Story about Rep. Judd of Minn. told of how he was battling the same problems and had had more than 100 potential cancers taken off his face; I've had more than 200 in the past 15 yrs; and still going strong.

Hoping U R the same, I am, sir,

Yours til deth,

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Dear Wilson:

Maude had another blow up last night or, more exactly, yesterday; summoned the medico in haste; Vivian phoned us. These things happen every time Maude gets to sympathizing with herself and thinks she isn't getting enough attention. Since she or Vivian may write you, I thought it a good idea to talk with Dr. Benjamin myself, just after he had seen her. He says flatly there is nothing the matter with her organically-- that is, nothing more than would be expected of anyone of her age. Her blood pressure is a little high, but not alarmingly so-- no more than in a large proportion of octagenarians; there is nothing physically that is any cause for alarm. He had also talked with her oculist, since Maude is complaining continually about her eyes-- says she is becoming blind. The oculist told him her eyes are organically OK; nothing at all wrong. Dr. Benjamin says bluntly the whole trouble with her is emotional. That doesn't mean that she is not uncomfortable, but it does mean that it isn't going to kill her. Betty is going down this morning to try to reassure her a little more and to see if they need anything, as it is difficult for Vivian to get out and go shopping.

We were mighty glad to hear from you that John is coming down for 10 days; I hope the Univ. is paying his expenses, but if not, it's a good investment of his own money. He can, with your help, become an authority on Central American horticulture.

Betty joins me in loads of love.

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1722 NW 2nd Ave

4 Jan'y 1962

Dear Pablo -

Hugh and I are just back from Guatemala Feb'y, and once more hearing the chimes in the Univ. Tower 2 blocks away, playing "Ubi sunt que ante nos" and "Tree where poor me gets no milk in hot tea when that cute little stranger arrives". Nothing like higher education.

Ya Papene! Received Robin of 1 Jan to hand. Sorry the \$17,000 I invested in a Coachella farm is coming to no good end. I am still eating Calif dates purchased locally at 29¢ per 8 oz pkg. Sometimes one variety (Deslet Nur) and sometimes a mixture. I got one pkg of bees dates (Zahidi?) wh I enjoyed no end. I also buy Daomedaries, same price, "Grown in Iraq" wh are loose packed, not stomped into the box by Abu bin Yussuf. Probably Khadrawi and Halawi. Seem a little better than the Calif article.

We had a successful photo fixing trip (for both of us) to the land wh produces the best coffee in the world - or so the placard says in the Palace Hotel, and the cliente asked "Why don't they serve some of it?" Had 7 people in our house for a week, including Hugh and este en humilde servidor.

Prof Crist and wife of the Univ. - he a good economic geographer, Ray Noggle, head of the Dept of Botany here, Archie Carr, research biologist, and Ed Shook of the Philadelphia Museum, in chg of restoring the ruins of Tikal and probably the best archeologist now in that field. While the men folk were off in the Volkswagen investigating problems of tropical soil management (Hugh is organizing a project) I stayed at home with Mrs Crist and kept Maria busy. Mrs Crist was a great help in going over Helen's dresses wh molts and mold would have destroyed in another year or so. We brought up and despatched from Miami three shipments - Nancy, Marion and Sally; to the last-named I sent two fine warm coats and a number of dresses. To the others mainly dresses, most of them expensive things, still in fine condition. If they are not sentimentally opposed to wearing these things, and will do some cutting down to make them fit, they will get a lot of use out of them. Helen was great on assembling nice things, many of which she almost never wore. Rich friends had given her a lot of things, in addition to what I had bought for her.

If Sally will do the needful she will be supplied with nice things for a year or two at least

Helen had a beautiful \$35.00 electric blanket which had hardly been used. I sent it to Nancy and asked her to send it to Maude. There was a fine hand bag or two for each of the girls - expensive ones, mainly presents, and I sent Marion some San Antonio hempiles and silver mugs for which she had asked. Most of the dresses now left at Antigua are mainly cotton and linen ones which will keep and the girls can have later if they are interested. At least 15. No use trying to sell these things - you know how it is.

Hugh will probably fly to Guatemala again in Feb to look after his experiments. I may spend the time in South Florida if I feel up to it. After this rapid and hard trip to Guatemala we are both pretty tired for the moment.

On our way down we stopped for supper at the Kampong. Daisy Bell's condition is rather pitiful. Her memory very vague. Barbara and Lilo live with her in the big house. B's daughter and husband Tom Pancoast and daughter about 2, in what is called Tom Barbour's house, a neat little place 100 ft from the big house.

Lelo has grown a beard and looks very French. Barbara's sons Hugh and David also with beards and don't look so French.

I have decided that a full beard on a young man is a sure sign of a bad complex de inferioridad. Probably you won't agree. The real beatniks all seem to go in for them.

I shall be pleasantly surprised if Daisy Bell lives two years more. I suppose when she goes they will subdivide the Kampong property and make a subdivision, and DF's beloved collection of rare trees will disappear. Right now it is in pretty good condition.

I brought up some heavy clothes and have dug in here for the winter.

No word in Guatemala about Helen's will and the "Elaine Barcaloni"; the matter is in the hands of the jiggado and may drag on for a year or more. But I think we are protected against any fines. Our lawyer says before the estate can be settled a comision will have to make a new evaluation of the property, on which to base the inheritance tax.

Much love to all

Wilt

1722 NW 2nd Ave

16 January 1962

Dear Pablo:

Wow! What perfectly gorgeous dates arrived yesterday. First time I have eaten a good sedjil, I believe, and the Barber took me right back to Basra. I sure do thank you and Mr Lapiro. Hugh tried them and raved about them, too, tho he isn't much given to eating fruit. He prefers beefsteak, potatoes and an occasional budo egg (what is an occasional bird, anyway?) You couldn't have sent me a finer present.

I am getting worried about Hugh. He works so hard, under so much nervous tension, he oftentimes cannot sleep o' nights. He is getting in the same condition I was in, back in Washn, when I was running around with Anna Cooper.

Yesterday I gave my first lecture - and to Hugh's class. It must have ^{gone} over fairly well, for during the day (the lecture was at 7.30 to 8.30 a.m.) Hugh had 3 or 4 requests from faculty colleagues, for lectures next semester (we are now ending the first semester here). I shall be glad to accept, all of them.

Better send me Peter's a/c pretty soon so I can pay it and forget about it.

I am still shocked by the number of things we pay for in this country and then throw away - bottles, tin cans, pasteboard, cellophane (curse on it), beautiful paper bags, et ed genus ovine. It would give Maria a coronary thrombosis to go to a supermarket here just once.

I don't have skin cancers after all - the only thing I haven't got, apparently. Except loss of appetite.

Hugh and I spent the week-end in Orlando. Hugh found a perfectly lovely little motel, snugling among palms and avocados and lots of other things, right on the shore of Lake Det. \$8⁰⁰ per day for the two of us, and worth it. I try to get Hugh away from the job whenever I can; he invariably comes back refreshed. He may fly down to Guatemala in two or three weeks to care for his experiments. I plan to spend the time, ten days or so, in the avocado-mango region of So. Fla, cambiando impresiones with your Juanito.

Much love to all,

Wilt

1722 NW 2nd Ave.,

19 January 1962

Dear Pablo:

Yours of 15th just to hand. Of course the important thing is that we can expect a visit from Beta and your good self about Easter time. We can, and will, put you up in our apartment and I will prepare you some honest vegetarian grub, salt-free.

Don't think you are the only Popenc who ever inherited any good clothes. I still remember the handsome \$90 blue serge suit which came to me when that Chap who rented Greenacre died of T.B. I have sent my 3 girls a lot of really fine things which have scarcely been worn; they were sent to Helen by a wealthy friend in Wash. D.C. and are the best you can buy. Fortunately this friend, like most women who could afford the luxury, wore things a few times and then got tired of them. Helen had far too many clothes and hardly ever wore anything but the dresses I had bought for her. I think I wrote you that I sent Sally two warm coats, one of which was made in Quilts of heavy native woolen material. My kids did not like Helen, with possible exception of Nancy - a pure stepmother

complex, - and I have been fearful that they would not wear his clothes. Helen was very good to my children, but she was more of a disciplinarian than Edith - as I am also, - and I suppose the kids resented being required to make their own beds, etc. There was an occasional rebellious act of wh Pally was almost invariably the instigator.

I doubt that I have written you that I gave my first lecture here, last Monday. As a result I am already booked for several seminars this coming semester. I greatly enjoy getting back in the teaching business once more. I think I did tell you that I have rec'd a nice note from Karl.

Since you also are interested, I will buy the new book on Alexander Graham Bell. Like yourself, I was quite satisfied with the job Catherine Mackenzie did, but Daisy Bell was not.

I derive a certain amount of pleasure here, by being able to say, honestly, that my active interest in tropical fruits covers half a century!

Ever yr devoted bro,

Wilt

1722 NW 2nd Ave

24 Jan 1962

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for sending Peter's account. Hugh will enclose a check for \$1000⁰⁰. If you run out, let us know.

Deglet Nuts and chips to hand. The Deglets are indeed fine; the chips, as Charley Stearns whose father worked for Mr West across the road from Greenace, used to say, aren't quite what I am used to. But if I don't run out of saliva I'll dissolve them all in time. Many thanks for this shipment. We are indeed making good progress in this date business.

Hugh now hopes to fly to Guatemala Feb 3. I plan to take the Silver Meteor down to Miami about the 9th; Letter from John today says he will meet me and take me right down to the Fairchild's Garden to give a talk to the Rare Fruit Council. Then I want Jerry to make me a Key lime pie, with low-sodium Crisco shortening. I plan to Headquarter 2 or 3 Saps with Mrs Kawne, 2 or 3 with the Nixon Smuleya, then we'll see who will take me in.

Ever yrs

Walt.

1722 NW 2nd Ave

7 Feb 1962

Dear Pablo:

Hugh is in Guatemala. I am off tomorrow morning to Miami. Will not come back here until about the end of the month, if I have no trouble with my diet. It is almost impossible to dodge the sodium when you have to "eat around" and any excess of sodium sure gets me down.

I attended commencement exercises last Sat eve, all dressed up in Hugh's academic robes and the most gorgeous doctoral hood in the auditorium.

If you should need to get hold of me in case of emergency, I imagine John is the best bet. I'll keep him informed as to my whereabouts - I may stay over on the West coast for a few days.

Rather lonely here without Hugo, even though I rarely saw him for more than two hours out of 24.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir,
Your devoted servt.
Wilt

Feb 26 1962

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 20th. We are delighted that you and Betty are coming. I have just advise from N.Y. - our mtg will be on Tuesday 24 April but I will have to be there evening of 23rd to see Doris. I can leave here by train (wh I prefer) afternoon of the 22nd at latest, so your arrival Jax the 18 will be fine. We will try to meet you at airport Jax and bring you here. (The air service is not frequent and bus too much trouble). If Hugh should be away at the time I will meet you Jax and get you over here some way or another.

We have an extra double bed and would be delighted to put you up. If you prefer more privacy, I have stayed at the White House since 1914 and wont go any where else but they only serve one meal a day there - supper, (lunch on Sundays) and you would probably prefer Hotel Thomas, owned by the same man as the White House and they serve all meals. Not expensive. The Holiday Inn, nearer the campus (anything here is near enough) is more modern, but I would take the Thomas.

We can get you back and forth, to our apt very easily - only about 1.5 miles.

From what you say about Dave's wife I would assume she is not expecting, but convinced, glad to have news of Dave and Ollie; the latter is getting rich pretty fast.

Rugh has a fine offer from Koso to head their agril research program in foreign coun-
try. I doubt that he takes it - we will know in a couple of weeks. - Mauda writes that she is very unhappy - greatly appreciated visit from Betty on Helen's birthday. That was good of Betty, but you both are always good to those two old ladies. - I'm sorry to hear Ernie Chamberlain has been laid up. Most of my generation, with exception of yourself, is feeling the weight of years. - I probably remember Danny Gilbert better than you do. He was nearer my age.

We sure have a lot of impressions to cambiar when you come!

Devotedly
Wiet

1722 NW 2nd Ave
10 March 1962

Dear Pablo -

Thanks for your birthday card and Betty for her nice letter. I tried to forget that I was completing 70 but it wasn't any use. I am glad to say nobody remarks, "Why, you don't look your age!" I could easily pass for 75 if I could gain the emmerite anywhere but I already have Cosmes and Exposers and I'm afraid there are no more annual dues to be eliminated.

I gave a talk yesterday to the Hort Seminar. Looks as though the Botany Dept may get me an official appointment as "Lecturer in Tropical Botany" ad honorem. Hugh talks of flying to Guatemala on the 23 in which case he won't be here when you come but he would plan to see you in Miami; he is to attend some meetings. I will arrange to meet you in Jax, some way or other. As for seeing you at Camp Lejeune, it may work out. Our Board mtg in N. Y. is now set for Apr 25; I could take a train on the A.C.L. on the 26th and be in Wilmington N.C. about 8.30 a.m. on the 27th. I would plan to spend a couple of days there - most probably

in a motel - I think it would worry May-
an to have me stay with her. She takes life very
seriously and would be bothered ~~on~~ every time one
of the kids cries a little bit. But we'll see. She
will probably pick me up at Wilmington in her car;
there is no train, any line, to Jacksonville.

That's interesting about Edmunds Ruth. Poor Edwin,
the sufferings of the Christian martyrs were nothing,
compared to the cross he has borne for so many years.

Ever yrs
J.B.

Gainesville 24 Mar 1962

Dear Pablo - Last call! Truly hope this reaches you before you leave. - Thanks for the info re that poor girl Polly Rosen. I was very fond of her. Enclosures returned herewith. - Your friend in La Perla de las Antillas sabe de pocas ciudades. - Hugh rolled out of here yesterday noon, bound for el pais de la eterna primavera. He hopes to find you with John when he comes back but conditions in Guatemala are such that his return may be delayed. - He finally turned down the Exso offer and I am glad. I would like to see him have 5 to 10 yrs more in research and teaching before getting tied up with Big Business. That job would be largely administrative I am sure and he has not the necessary experience; besides which he would have to be thinking, when he wanted to start a research project, Is this going to earn money for the shareholders, and promptly? Maudie writes that she is worried about her condition; Betty was taking her to see an eye doctor. I'm afraid Maudie will have to learn, as I have already, that you can't beat the game, i.e. old age.

Cuete lo que creste, I expect to meet you and
Bets at the Jop airport 2.23 pm 18 about from
future. I wont have to leave here for N.Y. until
21st, by train. - I plan to come South on the
26th to spend 2 days with Marion who will meet me
in Wilmington NC at 8 a.m. - I hope to see you and
Bets at Camp Lejeune. - I came back Two days
ago from 5 days with old friends in the region South
of Tampa Bay. Got too much NaCl in my food wh
has rather knocked me out momentarily, but I'll
be OK to get back to lecturing next week. I am
now officially "Visiting Lecturer in Tropical Botany"
(without remuneration, black face figures). Hugh
says rumore in the corridor of Mc Carthy Hall in-
dicate that my lectures are popular.

Sorry to hear about Ernie Chamberlain, but us
lovers of the flesh pots have to expect something
will happen to us at three score and ten, if not
earlier.

Havent had a word out of Sally since last yr,
in spite of the good clothes I sent her Jan 2nd
and the monthly check.

Hasta la vista

Wilt

Gainesville, 29 Apr 1962

Dear Pablo,

Just back from NYC, pretty sore because the Hotel Seville has raised the rate from \$5 to \$6 per day. We had a rather hectic session of the Board of Trustees, but Bill Paddock's resignation was accepted without a single dissenting vote. But he stays on until 31 July and the Board delayed naming a successor. George Harter is going to send one of his Rockefeller Foundation men to pinch hit until the Board names the new incumbent which I figure will mean a year or more.

Hugh was here when I got back. Tells me he didn't see John in south Florida and was told you and Betty had already left. I didn't stop off to see Marion - it is a mean job getting out of Camp Lejeune for the South and I wasn't feeling too hot - the NY trip was tiring and you know I had only been out of the hospital 2 days when you were here.

I have been worrying a bit about what I told you regarding provision for Sally in my will. It is not so bad. As you know, Hugh is Executor; Nancy takes over if Hugh passes out of the picture. I stipulate that

I would like to see my investments remain as they are (no time limit on this; Hugh divides the proceeds annually or more often into 5 parts, one of which is paid to each child, except Peter's fifth which ^{Hugh} handles as trustee for Peter. If Hugh decides it is best, at any time after my death, to liquidate the estate, then he gives each child one fifth, holding Peter's share and managing it for him, and only giving Sally her share, assuming distribution is made within 10 years of my death, if he is satisfied that it is the right move otherwise, he can hold her share until I have been dead ten years, but at any intervening time, as I have said, if the others get their shares of the proceeds of the liquidation of the estate, Sally, to get hers at the same time, has only to convince Hugh that the money will be put to a use or uses he considers satisfactory.

Found a fine letter from Edith here, all about her visit at Tahoe. She says the kids need clothes badly and I am sending Sal today an extra \$100 with the suggestion, nothing more, that she use it for children's clothing. Hugh says we must be very careful not to hurt Sal's feelings. I am distressed to learn from Edith that Sal requires constant medication to keep her in good shape - but this may not be so serious as my fears suggest.

Ever devotedly
Wilt

1722 NW 2nd Ave

6 May 1962

Dear Pablo:

I assume you and Beta have about now hopped in your door, tired of your freedom, back once more.

I enclose a letter from Maude which I think you O 2 see. You needn't send it back but maybe you better keep it for possible future reference. I guess my next step - and I don't know just how to take it - is to find out where she wants to be buried, etc, though I begin to wonder if either you or I will be here to take chg of arrangements. In wh case Hugh, as my executor, will have to dig into my estate - sell some stocks - to pay the bills. If I can arrange to die in Antigua instead of up here it will save \$3000 or so.

Hugh, by the way, goes off to N. Y. today to talk with the Rockefeller Foundation re a project in tropical America they want to finance and which the folks here at the Univ. want Hugh to handle. The head of his Dept here wants to unload a lot more teaching work on Hugh and he is

up against a tough situation - grants from 3 sources to carry on 3 projects, and teaching 5 courses here. He just can't carry the load and is trying hard to get his jefe to reduce the amount of teaching.

Can you give me any leads as to where I might get a copy of the French translation of Ibn-al-Awwam, and do think there is enough horticulture in it to make it really interesting to me and my colleagues here. We are looking especially for the earliest accounts of Citrus in Spain. I believe you told me there is much about dates in the work. In that case, the old Ay-nab might tell us about Citrus; we do not think the sweet orange got to Spain until about 1100 A.D. The Seville orange was brought there first. Is the book devoted principally to horticulture?

Sec'y of the Am Pomological Soc writes that John is doing a good job as Chairman of the Committee on tropical fruits, an entity which was moribund for many years. I was Chairman back about 1915.

Ever yrs

Wilt

Garnesville 19 May 1962

Dear Pablo:

I take my pen (incolunt vocantur, lapis) in hand to advise that I am the satisfied possessor of a ticket on AVIATECA, Miami to Guatemala, good only for the 29th del mes que corre - and per Dios, how fast the meses seems to career these days. I plan to take the Seaboard Air Line to Miami on the 24th. John and I will there assemble some choice tropical fruit-bearing plants which I propose to take with me - Johnny Appleseed on a glorified scale. I plan to spend June in Antigua (work to do there much of the time); apres cela, nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

Thanks for the invitation to spend a month at the Cosmos Club at your expense. I only hope you did not make a down payment.

Really, I prefer to be in Guatemala Feliz.

Not much news out of K. Augustus these days. One pretty p.c. from somewhere on the Monterey peninsula. I hope he isn't feeling his years to the degree I am. Two days ago I had a session with my medico; first in almost two months. He expressed satis-

fraction at my condition. Pointed out that I can't expect ever again to be the boy humber I was at aetas 50. Cut down my protein intake for the time being, a situation which for me would really be unpleasant to contemplate were I not heading for Guatemala where the meat is pretty hard on a guy with artificial dentures, as our sister-in-law terms them.

About the furniture for Sally. When I sent the other girls theirs, chipping was a cinch, and at that time Sal had no permanent abode anyway. I have a colonial table for her but do not have six court them six matched dining room chairs - and never had except for the six we had made years ago for our own dining room. But as soon as I get to Antigua I shall cause inquiries to be made, and shall indent for six and while in Guatemala try to find some way to send them by steamer. I will add an old cabinet and perhaps a bench and a few other things.

I gave two lectures in Spanish this week. I think perhaps $33\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the students understood what I was saying, but in any case it was fine training for the auditory senses, and that after all was what the lectures were for, I suppose.

Much love to both of you

Will



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Ahuacatlan, May 22, 1962

Dear Wilson:

Pablo was born 40 yrs ago this afternoon; you were present and I'm sure you recall the memorable occasion!

I haven't acknowledged receipt of the pamphlet concerning the award of the medal to you; a valued addition to the family archives. as to Ibn al-Awwam, I do think it ought to be available in the U. of Fla. library or elsewhere, but don't know just now where to look for it. In the olden days when I was getting catalogs of book-dellers et id genus omne, it used to be adv. once in a while and wasn't extremely expensive. Lowdermilk in Washn., Quaritch in London, or anyone of that sort could certainly pick up a copy, I should think.

Betty has just gone down to help Vivian get out for some shopping. Maude is feeling or at least acting much better.

I didn't communicate with Daisy Bell when I was down there. Give her my love, but you don't^{need to}/mention that I was in Homestead.

Betty joins me in much love to all Popenoes.

Paul



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Wed. 23d. [1962]

Querido mano:

Maude & Vivian opened up on Betty yesterday afternoon in re burial. Neither one will tolerate the idea of cremation. Maude says Jim bought a cemetery tract (not lot!) in Chicago with room for 15 burials and there are only three in it. Cemetery won't allow her to sell the surplus. She doesn't think it is worth while to be shipped back there, and is going to make inquiries about a lot in Mountain View cemetery. I'll try to make a few myself on her behalf.

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Friday the 25th [1962]

Dear sir & bro.:

Es que acabo de recibir su grata del 29 May (that's what the man say, wh is good proof that he is still as forward-looking as ever); and in reply would say:

Item: As previously noted, you needn't worry a bit about Maude's eyes. When she is too full of pills her vision is probably a bit blurred; but otherwise she gets along perfectly well unless she wants a subject for conversation.

Item: Remember we're depending on you to come back from g-a via L.A. and spend at least a few weeks here before you go back to the land of alligators.

Item: When you do get back to Gainesville, you must certainly have a woman come in for a while every day, to clean up and cook up, so you will get some well prepared meals that you can enjoy, and so Hugh won't have to put too much time in to such occupations.

Item: I should think you could easily write Sal that it's out of the question for Ed to think of getting a job in g-a for at least some years to come, because of the unsettled political conditions, uncertainty as to what measures may be taken against giving jobs to furriners (vide Mexico) and so on ad infinitum.

Item: Maude has given us to understand that she hasn't touched the \$3,000 or so that she has in the bank; and Vivian confirmed this to me in principle, as the diplomats say. Of course she may have taken a few dollars out of it at one time or another.--She frequently does not think straight or remember correctly, but will always do what you want her to do, I believe.

Item: No more at presehh from yours truly always on the level (as the late John L. Sullivan, master of the manly art of self defense, used to say)

Gainesville 29 May 1962

Dear Pable - your Monthly News Letter plus personal communication to the writer, dated 19th instant, came yesterday. You deserve hearty congratulations for the amount of work you accomplished on your recent trip.

And now, in the words of Juan Fernandez, the Spaniard from Granada whom we brought to Zamorano as Inspector (and who has turned out to be invaluable), *Problemas, problemas, problemas!* I enclose a letter from Sally which you need not return. For years she and Ed have dreamed of moving to Antigua and occupying our house. Ed you now see will master the language of the immortal Cervantes and then qualify for a job. It is a hopeless proposition and will just saddle us with the support of the family indefinitely, less what financial assistance Ed's father will supply. I suspect he is concerned by now that he will have to contribute to the support of that family for the rest of their natural lives.

I have a hunch that Gertrude would love to retire to Antigua and take over the care of the house. She has written me at

length about her desire to retire in a pleasant climate. She simply cannot tolerate hot, humid weather and doesn't want to go back to England as she has learned that she does not care much for English people.

And now we come to our major and most urgent problem, Maudie. I am terribly sorry that you are so involved in this. Undoubtedly it is going to get worse, and last for a long time. In her letters to me, which do not come as often as they used to, she takes up much space worrying about her eyes. That is her only complaint, to me, but I realize that Vivian is up against many real and imaginary problems day and night. I like your idea of giving poor Vivian something of a break by having a woman come in a couple of afternoons a week so Vivian can get out for a little fresh, peaceful air. If Maudie can not handle the expense it is of course up to me to do so. I don't know ^{how} much Maudie has left in her savings account - she wrote that she has dipped into it heavily to pay the doctor. I know she will continue to call him in much more often than is necessary.

She has not yet written anything to me about

In your note of the 21st, you ask how long I plan to stay in Antigua. If every thing goes well I plan to come back about Sept 1st, just before classes begin.

her will. I think she is mistaken about the oil shares. Helen and I had something to do with getting them put in her name, in place of Jones, and it seems to me - I hope I am wrong - that the \$16 to \$22 is an annual dividend. I know Helen and I feel the income was not sufficient to be of any consequence. Incidentally, I think she made the will because I suggested it. She seems to respect my advice and want to abide by it, but of course her mental condition will be what dominates her actions. As you suggest, I will be careful not to trust everything she writes to me. I believe I have already learned that she does not always think straight. I am off for Miami tomorrow - a few days - then I fly to Guatemala on the 29th. Hugh will of course handle my affairs here; as a matter of fact, he has a better head for business than I do, though I watch expenditures much more closely than he. If he sees something he wants, he buys it, extortives without even asking the price!

Hasta luego

Will

Antigua 1 June 1962

Dear Pablo: Your letter sent in care of John duly recd. I had a couple of good lunches with them; Jerry puts out good low-sodium grub. - I look fwd to having John with me here June 15 to 25; sorry Jerry cant come too. - I didnt see Daisy Bell; Barbara said she had just suffered a set-back and I better stay away. - Thanks for info re Maudie's affairs. Recd a letter from her last night. Mostly Helen and eyes. - See stand off Sally re FD. He is not going to bring his family here and live off of me the rest of his life. I can understand why the prospect attracts him greatly. I have ordered six dining room chairs made for Sel, to go with a good Table seating six which I can send from the house. - I hope we are right in believing Maudie has about \$3000 in the bank. If left alone it will be a great help when the end comes - which I shall probably not be here personally to see and pay for.

Much love to all
Wilt

Sat. evg.---Radio has just announced the death in Blythe of Wayne Fisher, aet.70. Very suddenly-- heart attack. I don't know whether it had anything to do with his accident-- or vice versa. You will doubtless want to write Lucile and you have the address of the ranch, I'm sure; Route 2, Box 302, Blythe.

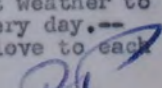
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Ahuacatlan, Wed. evg. July 25, 1962

Dear Popenoes:

We attended the funeral of Kathryn Popenoe at 11 o'clock this morning at Mountain View. Cremation was to follow. The services were simple and of a kind that K. would have liked, I am sure; they were conducted by the pastor of her church over in the Valley. Parkison & Willis held up well; Edwin, who had been through the same thing him self so recently, was more shaken; he still looks badly. Nancy & Bob were down from Santa Barbara, and most of the other relatives around here were present, with some of K's own relatives and numerous friends from the Valley. She died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning; Parkie said the last few days were particularly rough. We all feel indignant that the physicians, who had apparently bungled things so badly in their previous diagnosis and treatment, insisted on prolonging a vegetative existence by methods that caused pain and did no good to anybody.--We don't want that kind of an end ourselves!--After the services, 14 of us Popenoes (K's sister Helen the only non-Popenoe) went down for lunch at Crown cafeteria. Willis & the IVth are coming over here for supper day after tomorrow-- Helen too since she will be here for a couple of weeks, I believe. She says she is going to spend the time teaching Willis how to cook. Our boys all knew how before they were 17!--Parky says he and Willis may go to Europe next year; we think it would be a good thing for them to get away, and go right now.---Forrest Cousins, who married Edwin's dau. Ethelyn, has had a complete nervous breakdown; is in a sanitarium of some kind and we are told he will probably have a long time there; he worked for Convair and Ethelyn has taken a job with them; her youngest child is only a year old.---Letter from Wilson tells of a trip into the Highlands, with Jorge Benitez, to study the fruits; next week he will go to Honduras, probably to spend most of the month of August; evidently he is feeling much better. We'll be greatly disappointed if he doesn't come to L.A. on his return stateside.---Last night we went to Occidental for an open-air production of The Pirates of Penzance-- the only one of the better-known B & S operettas that we hadn't seen-- and Debbie's first experience with that sort of thing. It was of course an amateur production put on by the speech dept.; by that standard pretty well done and we were glad to see it.--Debbie is doing well with swimming and horseback riding-- will feel very comfortable in either medium by the time she leaves.--John writes that they expect to leave Homestead at noon Thurs., Aug. 2; will probably arrive here late on the evg of the 11th.--We ourselves are lvg on the 23d, our 42d wedding anniversary; will fly to Santa Fe, N.M.; I put in Sat., Mon., and Tuesday at Glorieta, 18 miles east therefrom, at the Southern Baptist Camp Ground, a big conference of some 2,000 of their youth leaders.-- Last Saturday p.m. Harry & Em took us to Knott's Berry Farm-- sort of a poor man's Disneyland, on a much reduced scale, and as a matter of fact it is possible to spend as much money there as in an ordinary sojourn in Disneyland. As it was our first visit to the Farm, we were happy to have the chance to see what it is like.--Laura writes that Oliver phoned her from Colombo, Ceylon. "All right so far."--Our summer workshop begins at the AIFR next Monday; it's the big event of the year; about 90 registered; we had 103 last year. We'll be kept busy, anyhow.--And then on Friday night Aug. 3d we have the customary reception here at Ahuacatlan, inviting them all to bring their wives, children, relatives, and friends; we're likely to have 150.--The place is looking well; with lots of rain and, at 1 st, some hot weather to make things grow, it is taking on a better appearance every day.-- The Queen B joins me, as invariably her custom, in much love to each and every one of you.



Aug 7, 1963

Wilson dear -

Your special letter to me was a joy! How happy we are that you are getting back your health, can travel to Honduras and around about - taking an active part again in affairs of horticulture - You'll always tho, be most careful, won't you, and not undo.

The jewelry came and all the pieces are unique and interesting. It certainly will give us pleasure to divide them among our girls - we will add gold chains, and of course give them in yours + Helen's names, as well as ours. Are two of the pendants a type of cross or just ornaments? The cross, we

² already have earmarked for
Doris' Kate who is High Episcop-
alian - by the way, Virian just
gave me a cross like it, which
Helen had given her. I feel
honored that you want me to keep
the amethyst & pearl ring - it
is beautiful, and actually the only
one which fits me - Jewelry has
never played an important part
in my life, but it is very pleasant
to have some really fine pieces.
Virian wears the diamond you
gave back to her. I don't know
whether they still have the Bishop's
rings - If either one of them offer
again to give one to me I'll take
it for posterity.

Virian and Maude still keeps
going some how - with their eyes &
downs - but one of these days they
are not going to be able to climb

3.

The stairs to their cosy apt, and will need help. On impulse one day Vivian had a duplicate key ^{made} to their apartment and gave it to me - It worries me - I don't know why she did it.

We have been thru a sad time while Kathryn lay six weeks in the hospital - and her loss has hit us all hard - of course especially Parkie, Willis, and her sister Helen.

Friday night we had the Big Workshops & SFR party here - over 100 people - We are glad that's over!

We are enjoying Debbie - she is a lovely child - and John & family are arriving this weekend - Debbie is having her riding lesson this morning.

4. you'll love Nancy's new home!
You just must come in October,
that lovely month in Calif.
and visit all of us - please!

Meanwhile many thanks
for Helen's lovely jewelry - I don't
know whether to tell Maude
about the ring you gave me,
or not? I think it is pro-
bably better not.

Much love.

T. Selley

Aug. 7th 1962

Ahuacatlan, Aug. 22, 1962

Dear Popenoes:

Today I complete 42 years of conjugal life with the Queen B; the 43d begins tomorrow. It has been a rich and rare experience. Her love of beauty in every form, her hatred of injustice in all forms anywhere in the world, her devotion to her family, her complete honesty, her unselfishness-- carried almost to a fault, her eager mind and creative imagination, all have taken me into a new world that I did not know in my far-off bachelor days.---John & family are in SF today visiting Pablo, Norma and Ellen,-- more exactly they were visiting yesterday and are coming down today on the SP daylight; I'll meet 'em at Glendale. Betty and I will get away very early tomorrow morning for New Mexico, and they will pull out for points east and south as soon as they can get packed up; there is a chance that they can be in Santa Fe on Sunday and we can visit together there again.-- Last Sunday we had a little family get-together, 40 present including the ones already in the house! It was a fine opportunity to catch up with the news on all sides. Frank Popenoe has an appointment to the faculty of the new (junior) College of the Desert, that is going up near Palm Springs, and he expected to start there next month, teaching geology and other things.-- Before that, we and the Homesteaders took in Disneyland; well satisfied. Prior thereto we went up to the top of Mt. Wilson for a picnic supper-- too much smog to have a good view. We had been there a couple of weeks earlier with Debbie so were prepared for the horde of mosquitos and gnats. David had left here an apparently unused bottle of L.L.Bean's North Woods Fly Dope. I took that along and we all used it frequently and think we know now why he didn't take it with him. However, it did keep the varmints away pretty well.--Last Saturday Tia had us for dnr at their home in Westwood; put up a fine meal, as usual.--Sunday morning I preached the sermon at the two services of the ~~Wesley~~ Wilshire Blvd Methodist Church; hadn't been in it before; it is really a beautiful bldg. Like many of the larger churches, they have more people than they can handle at one service on Sunday morning, so have two duplicate services, one at 9:30, the other at 11. Since a sermon is much shorter than the ordinary lecture, it's not a very heavy assignment.---Letter from David tells of their vacation in New Hampshire; on the way north they drove through Oxford, Mass., and encountered a monument commemorating the Huguenot settlement there, which was abandoned in 1704 as a result of Indian attacks. This is the first known location of the Papineau family in North America, the first mention being in 1697, if my memory is correct. The monument is to Andre Segourney and Gabrielle Bernon. The latter was one of the leading Huguenot emigrants, an "enterpriser" who came over with a boatload of refugees from La Rochelle and landed in Providence. We don't know whether Jean Papineau came in that ship or was here previously or later; anyhow Bernon took him to New Oxford and set him up in partnership in the business of manufacturing "wash leather", something like chamois skin, which was widely used at that time in the manufacture of hats and other articles of clothing. After they were driven out of New Oxford, the Papineaus and other settled near New Rochelle just above New York City; the next record of them is in 1704 when they had their son Pierre baptised in the Huguenot church in New York city. He is our ancestor-- the original record still exists.-- We'll be back here on Wednesday evg. Aug. 29.--The Queen B send much love all of you, as always.

PB

Zamorano 7 Sept 1962

Dear Pablo:

I was all set to proceed by easy stages - Antigua, Miami and Gainesville - to N.Y.C. to attend the mtg of our Board of Trustees on 14 Nov, when I get a radio-gram from Doris last night saying the date has been advanced to 8 Oct. I shall have to leave here earlier than planned and cut short - or out - my calls at way stations, with exception of Antigua, where I must pick up some heavier clothes (one suit, to be exact), and must change planes to use the ticket I have on Amateca, Guatemala to Miami.

I am really enjoying the opportunity to be again at E.A.P. and try to help the Acting Director as best I can. Things are indeed messed up and there was a 100% turnover in the staff during the past 3 yrs. Poco a poquito we are getting the place cleaned up but it will take several yrs to get the livestock Dept, especially, back on its four feet.

I enclose a photo of yr sbt. suit making an address at the inauguration of the hort mtg in Antigua, with a lady and gent in the background who ran out of leaves of *Ficus carica*. The gent appears, consequently, to be hiding his face in shame, as well he might.

Hoping you would do the same, and with love to all

Wilt

Yr note of 1st instant. Sorry, but you
are still weak on your African dialects.
Senegambian No. 1, when asked by Simon
Leger "who he?" replied "who hu?"
Just getting off for Lancelotta where I
have quite a few encargos from Johnny
to carry out. Fraid it will be raining a
lot down thataway.

Gainesville 11 Oct 1962

Dear Pablo:

When I came up from Miami, Hugh met me at the train. We hadn't reached home when we stopped at a red light. Unfortunately, the guy who was coming from the opposite direction did not. He hit a car which was going thru on the greens, knocked it out of the way, and smashed into us, head on. Hugh was saved by the steering wheel - quite unharmed. My face went into the windshield which it cracked. I began to bleed like a struck pig. Broken nose and badly bruised face. In the hospital a week, then to our apartment. Two days ago violent bleeding began again and I was rushed over to the emergency room. Am now at home once more and believe the worst is over. The driver of the car that hit us was fined \$200 for drunken driving and no license.

I didn't have a chance to go to New York of course and guess now I will plan to hang around Gainesville for a while. As soon as I am strong enough - probably next month - they plan to cut me open to sew up an inguinal hernia.

Happy days are here again!

Wilt

Pasaño mañana you pass another milestone. May your shadow
never grow less.

Gainesville 14 Oct 1962

Dear Pablo:

Like yourself, I have been expecting that the Deeman School would raise the ante on us. No hay mas remedio.

I enclose my most recent letter from my precious Marion, wh I want you and Betty to read because it is just the sort of letter her mother would have written. It gives her address, wh I have put in my book. You need not return the letter.

I am beginning to feel like working again, wh means I have practically recovered from the late unpleasantness.

The New York mtg commenced by letting every one voice his grievances and recriminations. Result will be some rather drastic changes in the set up of the Board and Bert Muller goes down tomorrow to serve as Acting Director for some months. He was my Asst Director for 2 yrs about 10 yrs ago, now Counselor for Latin Am Students in Agriculture here at the Univ. I dont think he will go off on any tangents, as Paddock did. I am rather glad I missed the N. Y. mtg.

Hoping you are the same

W.D.

Gainesville 20 Oct '62

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 15th; I got the inguinal hernia in Antigua last July. Never knew just how. I think the cause is weak muscles, due to senile decay. I they will stitch me up about 15 Nov. My nose bones have not fully knitted together yet, and bother me some.

Thanks for news of the latest arrow in the Popenoe quiver. I have put the matter squarely up to Hugh; it's about time we had a couple more Popenoe boys.

I sure don't see much of Hugh these days. Only way I can get him home for a meal is to buy a 3 lb beefsteak 2 inches thick and dangle it in front of his nose. Cherchez la femme.

Thanks for the Sat. Review. I am going to order D. R. Rabler's book because I know him well and don't think he can write a good one. He was a sort of publicity man for the Research Dept at La Lema for about 18 months.

Sempre tu afmo
Wilt

1722 N.W. 2nd Ave
Gainesville 3 Jan 1963

Dear Pablo:

Many thanks for your informative letter of 30 p.p.m.o. Sorry I included Nancy's Marion in my general use of the word tots, but she must know it comes about in this wise: Every girl is a *niña* until she reaches 15 yrs; then she becomes a *señorita*, which title she holds if unmarried until she reaches 60, when she again is *niña*. E.g. our old Maria is always referred to in Antigua as "la *niña* Maria".

Hugh joins in thanking you and Beta for the Christmas parcel which as of today will cease to occupy any space in the ice box, for reasons best known to Hugh. Mighty good eating, better even than the plum duff we used to get Sunday noon on the A.S. *Mokta*, out of Swansea, except for those occasions when Frank the steward had to tell the Captain "the cook is very bad this morning, Sir".

But let us return to our (ersatz) mittens. Your folks are certainly mighty good to Maude and Vivian and I deeply appreciate it - as I know they do also.

This am I went to J. Hellis Miller Medical Center and Dr. G. J. Miller could take a look at

what he did to my barriga some 12 days ago.
Everything satisfactory and I don't to go back
again for a month. I am not really com-
fortable yet, aber das macht nicht aus.

Let us turn to a more pleasant subject:
you say you two will probably arrive Miami
on 19 March. I am booked to deliver the
first Faurchot Memorial Lecture at the FTG
on 23 March. Ergo, I will plan to go
down to Dade Co about the time you arrive
and will await a call from you at the Hotel
Seminole in Homestead, which was good
enough for me in 1914 and has improved
with age just like Cheddar or Chateau La
Tour Blanche 1952. It will be a great treat
to be there with you and Bets and Johnny,
of whom I am really fond. But I must
say South Florida will never be quite the
same, now that the Kampong has passed
out of the picture. I plan to fly to Quate
after my lecture on the 23rd, then I want
to be at Zamorano on 20 April for the
mtg of our Board of Trustees which is to be
held there, for the first time.

I asked you a question you did not an-
swer in this letter: do you think I can
gradually pare down my cash contribu-
tion to Dal (FD) and if so, how rapidly?
Since asking this the situation has
changed radically. The day after Xmas

Karl Bowman called me from San Fco and ~~take~~ talked at length about Sally's condition. She and Ed had just been in to consult him. Two weeks previously Sal had stopped her medication - at her own volition - and was hearing voices again, and having converse with the Almighty in person. Karl says she is fully aware of her condition which is of course a favorable feature. She had been to Langley Porter and made arrangements to report there every two weeks (I believe it is). Obviously the situation is serious, but Karl is optimistic, as doctors usually are and always should be. He suggested, by the way, that we do not give this situation any publicity so I am not going to mention it, except this note to you, though Hugh was in the room when Karl called and overheard the conversation; but I would want him to know anyway. As you know, I am grooming him to take over my problems and responsibilities when I am called up to receive my Great Reward.

Having my financial assistance reduced might have a bad effect on ~~me~~^{Sal} mentally, so I will carry on for the time being, but when I think of my other obligations and expenses, which are heavier than you probably imagine, I feel that something ought to

be some to force Ed to go to work - and if his father will not agree to this, then let his father assume the entire burden.

Hugh will probably head for Guatemala by early Feb - he will try to ship Ed and Sal's furniture, in spite of the fact that Ed has not deigned to reply to my request re documentation required at his end. Too busy, probably.

Your innuendo (Hugh's favorite word) re J. Kempton, reminds me to make a comparison with C. H. Papenele. I don't think you or I have known many men ~~with~~ of greater native intelligence than Charles, nor with a stronger aversion to physical effort. I wish to god I had been born with Jim's brains and my own nervous energy.

Un Feliz y Próspero Año Nuevo a todos Uds.

Walt

Gainesville 4 Jan 1963

Dear Pablo -

Mailed a letter to you this noon; then rec'd yrs from Mission Inn Garden Hotel, dated 31 Dec, with the sad news - i.e. Peter's account. I enclose my check in the amt of \$2000 which will keep the wolf from Peter's door for a while. Let me know when you need more.

You aint got nothing on me: I slept thru Xmas eve and New Year's Sittin, to boot. Hugh didnt seem to be interested in any fiestas either - somewhat to my surprise. At his age I was raising quite a bit of Hell on those occasions, if my memory serves me. But Hugh is simply wrapped up in his work. Apropos d'une autre chose, he was pleased at your verdict of not guilty, in re my smashed face.

I would swap you some of my soy bean milk for your yaourt; but I must say my diet is really not strictly limited, except for dairy products, pickles and the like. A single Dill pickle contains as many milligrams of NaCl as I am allowed in four entire days. Aint that sumpin? And one Schweitzer on Rye exhausts my allotment for 36 hours.

Nice letter from Marion. She is her mother's own daughter - she adores the English villages and countryside. - I have just written John that I'd like to see you all in H'stad. Much love always, WP



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March 18, 1963, at 4 p.m.

Dear Wilson:

We got home an hour or two ago, in due and ancient form; hard to believe that earlier in the day we were having bkfst with you and John! We had a wonderful visit in Homestead.

We phoned Sal immediately. She said the plans were not entirely settled and that Ed didn't talk much about plans until they were finally decided; but that he now felt he had given the real estate business a fair trial, found it not profitable in that location or for him, and felt that it was time to try something else. His general idea was to finish the house now and have it in good shape to sell or rent (she hoped it would be the latter, as she said she had become very fond of the place and the general area); then go to Stockton, probably to start the second session of the summer school at the University of the Pacific, July 1 or thereabouts. That is the institution that has his previous records and he felt that it offered the best prospects, and that he could graduate in one year; then be ready to strike out in a new direction.

She said they would like very much to have the furniture now; even if they moved July 1 it would be a great help to them to have it in the meantime and they would take care of getting it down to Stockton if that were necessary. She said Ed had assembled all the details of how it should be shipped, and had them all written down. I urged her strongly to have him get them off to you tonight by air mail, c/o Nixon Smiley, so you could get the shipment started immediately on your return to Antigua.

She seemed to be in good spirits; said the small fry had all had the flux but were over it now.

We found everything in apparently good shape here; there has been a heavy rain within the last few days. Quite a bit of snow on the mts.

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I'll send a ~~xxxxx~~ of this to John to pass along to you in case he sees you before Smiley does at the Garden. Betty joins me in much love to everybody!

Yours ever,

Paul



19 April 1963

Dear Pablo and Bets:

Yrs of Domingo de Ramos rec'd on my arrival here two days ago. I am installed in the room Helen and I shared for 15 yrs and Marcos, our old cook, is in the kitchen which means I shall eat well; lots of fine garden sass available. Easter week a big show in Antigua; I got my belly full of processionies. The turnover in govt was painless and all of us old-timers are pleased with the new set-up. Things at the Casa del Oidor in statu quo ante, but Maria getting pretty feeble - can't walk to the market any more. I had lots of callers as is to be expected every Semana Santa.

I shall be greatly interested in David's reaction to the Tallahassee offer. I can't quite visualize him as a pork-chopper. John is sure lined up beautifully and I'll do my best to see that he keeps his shirt-tail tucked inside his trousers and Jeri doesn't appear at the front door in pedal-pushers with 3½ inch yellow and magenta checks. I strongly suspect we are unduly apprehensive in re both fox passes. I must say again how really lovely Jeri looked at the Listerine luncheon with all her emeralds. But Muller is doing a really good job here. He flies up to NY tomorrow for the Board mtg so I shall be alone in the big house for a week or so.

With much love Wilt

Ahuacatlan, hoy 7 de mayo de 63

Dear Wilson:

First you must know that we spent 24 hours at Al Tahoe last week. Sal seems to be in good health both physically and mentally, and holding up under adverse conditions with a combination of resignation, determination, and cheerfulness. Ed had gone to Monterey on a business trip. His real estate firm evaporated some months ago, as the two women who formed it, both married and moved away. Since then he has had a few odd jobs of various kinds; just now is working with a cement contractor, and had gone to Monterey with him. They are on mighty slim pickings; no heat in the house, for instance, because they depend on tank gas and haven't been able to afford to replenish the tank. The children are always clean but their clothes are much the worse for wear. The girls' shoes, the best they had, were out at the toes. Betty bought them each a pair. Hugh had entered a contest run by the local weekly, and had submitted a slogan for a campaign to keep Tahoe clean; he won a \$10 merchandise certificate offered by the local department store, so we took everybody down there and he bought various necessities to wear; we also got a few things for Pete. Sal says Ed hopes to take summer session courses which are being offered in Tahoe as a branch of Sacramento state college, and if he can make up some back work he will then enter Univ. of the Pacific at Stockton in Sept., and plan to go ahead and become a math. teacher. This looks pretty problematical. She says he is awfully good with the children, and they all worship him. The whole household reflects a fine spirit and the children are really wonderful kids in every way. We took them all out to a couple of good meals. Ed's father had a setback of some sort and had to lay off work for a month but is back in the harness again now.---Oliver and Laura write glowing reports from Kuala Lumpur; it's hot but their first letters are enthusiastic about the new life.--Coming back from Sacto we spent a day in SF; I'm sure I wrote you that Pablo and Norma are expecting another baby, mid-July.---Finest loquat crop here that we have ever had.---Maude & Vivian are just as usual; no special difficulties.---I phoned Carl; he had returned only a few hours previously from Japan. In addition to a week in Tokyo at the psychiatrists' mtg he and Ann had gone also to Taipei and to South Korea.---No more at present from yrs truly,

Paul

Wilson dear -

Your grandchildren are adorable - and Hugh Hallee so much like you.

I have given Vivian \$20 so far - will slip her another \$10 soon - She keeps saying she hasn't written you yet - but will soon - They were both up here for the afternoon + dinner two weeks ago - Vivian showed me how to cook mushrooms - Do praise her cooking sometime when you write - She leads a hard life! I feel she is doing very well. I am sure she is. We are on our way to Occidental - much, much love! T. Bats

Zamorano 16 May 1963

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 9th from Norman Oklahoma, yeceived yesterday and I hasten to reply, in order to catch you before you head NNW by N and get in touch with Sally et ux. But first you must know that I am getting worried about Marion as you also seem to be. It is several months since Hugh or myself have had any direct word from her. The last news came thru Bob Gullou when he was in Gainesville - must have been back in Feb if I recall correctly. He said Marion had written Nancy that the winter had been veary heavy on her, due to the inconveniences of the house in wh they live. Inefficient heating, and absence of those mehanical contraptions which make life possible for the American housewife. Had to heat water onthe stove I believe and wash the kids' clothes in a tub, for example. Bob said Dick was to be sent for six mos to the Singapore area wh Marion had told me in her last letter; and Marion was thinking of moving back to Washington before he was transferred back there. That's as far as my information goes, and the reason I am slightly worried is that Marion had been a pretty good correspondent since going to England.

Now as to Sally's furniture. She did not get information to me before I left Fla as we had asked her to do; when Hugh and I were in Guate early last month a letter came saying Ed had talked over the phone with Grace Line in San Francisco and had been informed that the shipment would cost something like \$75 from Guatemala to SF. This was markedly different from the figure given me by Grace line in Guate, wh was not less than \$500. Hugh and I had been figuring on his taking it up to Miami by air and shipping from there to Calif either by truck or train; but on getting Ed's information we decided to check again with Grace before taking action; then Hugh and I both left Guate and nothing was done. We left it in this manner: when I go back to Guatemala early in June Hugh will be there; we will check with Grace locally and if Ed is wrong and they are right about \$500, Hugh will try to take the shipment (about 1000 lbs) up to Miami with him by air, about June 10. If Ed is right, I will go ahead with plans to get necessary papers and take the stuff down to the port of San José. It would be much easier for Hugh to take the shpmt to Miami as excess baggage, wnd would cost - that far - only about \$100.

Now as to my own plans, and so to bed: I expect to leave here on the 27th for Salvador, spend a week there, and then fly home to Antigua. Nixon Smiley and wife are coming down the 1st week in June, he to write Das Buch, and I shall have to spend most of my time in July with him. Two ~~xxxx~~ Profs are coming from the Univ of Fla; one probably in late June or July, one in Aug. I shall have my hands full. I may come back over here in August, but may wait until Octpber as it is now planned to have a mtg of the Board of Trustees EAP here on Nov 2nd. I am not sure this will eventuate. If my health remains as good as it has been for the past 2 mos I have no plans to return to Fla; a sudden change might require me to return to the hospital there but I sincerely hope it does not. My arthritis has moved from my finger joints to the articulations of my pedal digits, which is much more convenient as long as I am still able to walk with out inconvenience wh is presently the case.

Hoping you are the same,

Ahuacatlan, Tues. evg May 21, 1963

Dear Popenoes:

The Univ. of Pennsylvania held its 207th commencement yesterday and our David walked in the academic procession in his (rented) cap and gown, to have the tassel of the mortar board pulled from one side (I forget which) to the other, which made him a full-blown Ph.D. Hurrah for our side! The Fla State Univ. at Tallahassee pushed him hard to join them; had him down for a second tour of inspection and gave him the red carpet treatment, promised him everything, as man sometimes does a girl he wants to marry (all I ever promised the Queen B was a trip to Calif., and she got that); but he finally turned them down. Many of his associates are coming to the Pacific Coast and told him there would be good opportunities out here, and I guess that prospect looked better; it does to us. He has no definite planned; is well fixed where he is; but will be on the lookout, I judge, for a chance to come to the Pacific coast.--- Marion and Dick are having a two-week quickie in Europe; Dick was called back (with the other Marines) from Singapore earlier than intended; if I understand correctly it was at least partly because there was some fear of hostilities in the Indonesian area and the U.S. didn't want to have any men too near; they will then come to Calif. for a month or so in Bakersfield-- that is, Marion will; Dick will be out here only a week or so then go back to Quantico to prepare a home for their 2-yr tour of duty there.---Parkie and the IVth were here for supper Sunday; they leave on June 3 for a summer in Europe.--- Millie and Bill Cawfield and family arrive June 14; Bill has a 2-wk workshop to teach in one of the colleges.---Wilson writes that he will probably lv Zamorano on May 27 for a week in Salvador, then back to Antigua, and stay there indefinitely with an occasional run down to Honduras. He seems to be feeling well.---Betty and I go to Sacto. for a 2-day conference at the end of next week; will give Pablo, Norma, and Ellen a brief call on the way home.---Hugh is back in Gainesville.---Bob and Nancy are going to spend a 2-wk vacation this summer at Al Tahoe.---I am invited tomorrow evg to a party of some kind to celebrate the 100th birthday of E. Alfred Schmidt. He and FOP were roommates at Washburn College in the late 70's sometime; he is undoubtedly the oldest living ex-student of Washburn. Later he was a merchant at Aguas Calientes, Mex.; on the way back from Costa Rica in 1902 FOP came through Mexico and gave them a visit; very likely picked up there the typhoid fever wh laid him low and came very close to finishing him, when he reached Denver. Mother went out to be with him there for many weeks while I stayed with Uncle Homer Bowman and family, near Washburn; Wilson stayed with the Rosen family in Highland Park.---A few weeks ago I spoke to an annual conference of the deaf; last Saturday to the blind. It's a very interesting situation. I had lunch with their officers; 8 of us at the table; six totally blind, the seventh partly blind; myself with good sight physically though perhaps not spiritually. There are a lot of promising subjects for research, e.g., marriage. Is it better for a blind person to marry another blind person or to marry a sighted person? this is one of the vital topics and you'd be surprised how many angles there are to it-- if a topic can have angles.---Two more payments and the mortgage on the ALFR bldg will be paid off. We have a property worth something like \$200,000; not too bad an achievements for us who have had to lift ourselves by our bootstraps.---First letter from Oliver in Kuala Lumpur; very enthusiastic.---Much love from the Home Guard here.



5 June 1963 - esta tu casa, Antigua C.

Dear Pablo:

Birdie hopping in his door, tired of his freedom (sic), back once more. Arrived in a drenching rain evening before last, after five weeks of really hard work at Zamorano, and a week in El Salvador; now I am hoping to stay in Guatemala, Feliz until some time in August. Dr Hugh Llywelyn Popenoe Ph.D. is up in the Alta Verapaz, but will show up here about the 12th instant for two hours and a fried chicken; then I assume he will fly back to the irritating round of petty concerns and duties at Gainesville.

From your news letter I glean the interesting fact that Dr David Popenoe, Ph D, turned down the offer of a chance to become a bona-fide pork chopper, which I think in the long run will prove to be all to the good. Not that I have anything against the pork shoppers, being one myself, but I dont think Dave would have been too happy in north Florida. Hugh is not too happy in North Central idem, but the way things are going he doesnt spend all his time there by any means.

Bets: when you get Vivian off to one side, as for example on the way down to the supermercado, tell her I received with many thanks her appreciative letter, which she mentioned I had best not mention in one to Maude. I have not done as much for Vivian as I should have done and would like to do, so I wish you would tell me (1) if you have reason to believe that the little sums you have doled out to her for my account have been of any help, and (2) if you are about out of \$\$, and (3) if you think any more would help. I am feeling sorter flush because the UFCO retirement and death benefit fund has prospered to the extent that they have raised my monthly stipend by about \$75. Now when they raise the Social Security equally, you and I will be in clover - ask Paul the botanical name, I forget it for the moment.

With the \$300,000 grant Zamorano has just received from A I D that institution does not have many worries, from the financial angle; and more especially since George Gardner, Chm of the UFCO Board, told Bert a few weeks ago that the Co will stand back of the school financially from now on. Our job now is to buck up the teaching staff, which has always been the problem; so if you know any promising lads who dont want to come down just for the ride, pass the word.

I wasnt aware that K. Augustus Ryerson had joined the immortals until I saw the item somewhere and now he has sent me documentary evidence that he is a bona fide Doctor of Laws. Knowles seems to be keeping fairly fit and Emma was in sufficiently good physical condition recently to accompany him on a trip to Washn. Knowles wrote that he had talked to Sal recently.

I shall have busy Julys and Augusts here; the Nixon Smileys coming for a month, on the first plane in July, and so on. The house looks well, the garden beautiful after the rains of the past two weeks, and us old timers happy that the new govt is running things with the conventional mano de hierro en guante de seda.

Antigua G, 15 June 1963

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of the 7th came a few days ago. I thank you for all the information in re Sal's situation, and I am happy that you and Betty went to see her and the children. Poor Sal is certainly putting up a brave struggle, and I certainly want to help her in every way I can. The point is, as Hugh remarked yesterday just before he left here, the more I give her the less Ed may be inclined to work, and vice versa. As you know, I am only giving her \$50 a month at present, which I will continue as long as necessary; and I would even be inclined to increase the amount if Ed got any sort of a serious job and stuck to it.

Yesterday at long last, we sent the three crates of furniture for Sal into the City and billed them via Aviateca (Guatemalan Airlines) as unaccompanied baggage, Hugh having left yesterday at noon for Miami on that line as usual. Before Hugh came down from the Lake las Tuesday I had gone to W R Grace and Co to get definite information re shipping by sea to San Francisco. Ed wrote that he had talked to the agt in SF and was told that the rate is \$73 per ton. This is true, but they reserve the right to charge by ton or by cubic foot, whichever is most favorable to them. Rate per cubic foot is \$1.45, plus a lot of handling charges at this end. I had the measurements of the 3 crates with me and the agt figured out the total cost, not including trucking from here to the seaport, San José, would be about \$300. Hugh figured out that he can arrange with John to have the shpmt sent by truck from Miami to Tahoe, at a considerable saving, so it has started via that route.

I had three interesting days with Hugh. During that time we drove over to Santa Ana in El Salvador so Hugh could have a look at his fruit orchards at 5500 to 6500 feet wh arent doing at all well. I feel the trip was very successful, but we started just when a temporal (long drawn out spell of weat weather) set in and travelling was not too good, tho we both really enjoyed riding the mountainside on horseback all morning in a drizzle. Hugh seems to be getting ahead at the Univ of Fla. As you know, he has met with some opposition there, because the old timers just dont want to do anything, and prefer to see Hugh teach classes and thus relieve them of work. He said recently our friend Wayne Reitz went up North to one of the big Foundations and asked for a grant of some sort, connected with Latin American activities I assume, and was told that they would consider his application if Hugh Openoe approved of it. Of course that warmed the cockles of Hugh's heart. Naturally the old timers at Univ of Fla look upon Hugh as a young upstart. The Univ of Texas is fishing for him; Hugh says they have approached him somewhat definitely but he is not thinking of a change. I advise him to stick it out at Gainesville, because is the logical place for centering research in the Caribbean Region and already has several lines of activity in this field.

Glade you have a fine crop of loquats. You eat loquats for me, and I'll eat pineapples for you. I think I wrote Bets that I had a sweet letter from Vivian, wh she told me not to mention when writing Maude. Poor soul, she is certainly having to bear her cross.

Ever thine

Wilt

Antigua C, 19 June 1963

Dear Pablo:

Your note about furnishing John's new house at Coconut Grove. Verdaderamente, Ud ha planteado un problema. We can break down this problem into two phases, (1) John is not going to want to spend nearly as much money on furniture as you suggest, and (2) unless somebody takes a strong hand, we are going to have another Anne Arundel county farmhouse on our hands, with plastic tablecloth complete. It would almost be worth while to have Betty fly over to Miami and take a hand in the matter, when the time comes. However, if Evelyn Smiley will tackle the job and Jerry will agree to letting her do most of the selecting, maybe we will get by. But Evelyn was telling me the last time I was at their home, how extremely expensive any sort of good furniture is in Miami.

This recent shipment to Sally, 650 lbs, only cost \$53 to Miami, as unaccompanied baggage. I hate to think of tackling the job, but we could probably get much better-looking furniture made down here in Antigua than they will buy in Miami, and at half the price, including the freight. We could not of course get overstuffed sofas and things like that; nor could we get a dining room table onto the plane. But the Smileys themselves have quite a number of handsome items which I had made for them in Honduras some years ago. Spanish cedar can't be beat for fine furniture.

You know Johnny likes to kid me about such things, including the clothing he proposes to wear at the FTC, but I think it is mostly kidding; and he will probably find that Sears and Sawbuck have some really elegant dining room sets, best mahogany plywood, at \$549.99.

Nixon and Evelyn will be here on the 28th instant and I will take the matter up with them seriously. I consider that their own house is dignified and attractively furnished, due in no small part, they themselves will tell you, to the things they have taken up from C. A. Considering their background, I consider they both have shown remarkably good taste. If I were Nixon, I would be rather proud to take the Director of Kew Gardens home for the night, and of course you and Betty and I are determined that John shall be in a similar position. And they simply must remember that the children must not be allowed to run all over the living room when guests are there, more particularly if they are Europeans or other foreign gentry. I am not sure you agree on this point but I speak from a good deal of experience in a number of countries. I think they should include in the new house, sort of a play room for the children, by all means.

Ud va perdonar la franqueza; yo soy muy franco, así es mi carácter (usual introduction to a very tall story of almost any sort, such as asking for a small loan).

We need a man like James G. Blaine, to speak right out and say it plain, to old John Bull and little Spain -----

Your devoted but perhaps ultra-conservative bro,

Wick

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua C, 27 June 1963

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 24th recd today. Also the enclosure from Sal. I recd one from her myself, a couple of days ago. She sent me three lovely little color photos of the 3 oldest tots; they are a fine looking lot indeed and I am proud of them. Sal also says that Ed is working and that she doesnt have enuf money to continue the domestic help once a week. I dont that this means father Halley has cut down on his allowance or what; but the big thing to me is that Ed is working. I have not the slightest objection whatever to helping out financially is Ed works but doesnt make enuf to meet all needs. In fact I shall always be glad to do so. It was the fact that Ed just didnt seem to want to work which got me down.

I am delighted that Nancy goes up to visit Sal (I sent a check for \$100 today to help feed the visitors and help Sal go down to see you). I cant express my satisfaction at seeing Sal have more contact with the Popenoes; and I suspect you are right that she needs a change, and that a visit with youall will do her lots of good.

Tomorrow morning I go in to meet Nixon and Evelyn, and I will bring up the question of setting up John's menage so folks will think they are walking in on the Director of the Arnold Arboretum. And I agree that it should not be necessary for Bets to incur the expense of going clear down to Fla. It is fortunate that Nixon and Evelyn are coming just now, for I feel sure I can get Evelyn really interested in helping out; and if necessary I will be glad to chip in \$500 myself instead of having you do it. I would consider it to be in a good cause. I feel sorry that you had to buy shoes for Sal's little ones; this should have been up to me.

Hugh writes that he has written John to dispatch the furniture to Sal just as promptly as possible. Sal expresses a keen desire to have it before Nancy arrives. They probably need it.

Jorge Benitez and I have just finished a hard five days tour of the fruit-producing regions in the highlands, preliminary to getting out a final paper on suitable locations and suitable varieties of apples, peaches, pears and plums. Mighty interesting work and I need it for the previous week I was here alone and most unconscionably lonely. I plan to go back to Honduras about 15 August to stay a couple of months - after I get thru with the summer crop of professional visitors here in Guatemala.

I shall try to write to Maufe just as often as I can. I wish her letters werent limited almost wholly to complaints about her health but I suppose it gives her a necessary outlet.

Next time you and Bets go to visit the Director of the FIC I wish you would hop on Aviateca and fly over here for a week with me. I'd be glad to send you a couple of tickets - they are dirt cheap. I suppose it is almost wholly a matter of sufficient available time, nicht var?

Ever yr devoted bro,



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7 July 1963

Dear Pablo:

Your note of 2 de las corrientes rec'd and I am happy to have news of my beloved Marion. Thanks for copy of letter of presentation you sent to Ricardo Johnson Filho. I shall be glad to see him; but what is the LDS mission; I can't keep up with all these lettered entities and at all refer to the ICA, OFAR, and AID técnicos as the Punto Cuatro boys; it avoids so many changes from month to month.

mention this possibility to John until it materializes, if it eventually does.

We leave at 6.30 a.m. for another 3 or 4 day trip via Volkswagen, to the famous shrine of the Black Christ, ~~the~~ Boguipulda. We have a lot of work scheduled for the next few weeks. Dr Ziegler of the Univ. of Florida comes on the 20th for 5 days, to see Curtis in person and on the 27th Wayne Rety and wife come for a week before going on to Tamara. Thus is the busy season here. I have

I have had several good talks with Evelyn and Nixon in re furnishings for John's house. Evelyn says she will be happy to do anything they ask her to do. Nixon said Nell Montgomery knows (and they know) a fine interior decorator whom Nell might call in to help on the job. Knowing Nell's generous nature I suspect this may mean that she might take over a lot of the expense. Nixon says this decorator, a lady, is not the kind who will want to do an ultra-modernistic job, which to me is highly encouraging. If I were you, I wouldn't

frequent interesting callers, and up I live
through August I shall feel sure I can
take anything in my stride.

I have no word yet re Sally's furniture,
which I hope has left Miami en route
at Tahoe.

Con muestras de mi mas alta consideracion,
Say de Ud. mi querido Doctor,

Siempre su apmo servidor

Wilt

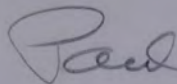
Many thanks for

Sex, Love & Marriage. This is your obra maestra.

Executive mansion, July 25, 1963

Dear Wilson:

The j1 of the FTG is just to hand-- you'll probably get yours a little later. You did a fine job in the enlargement of the reminiscences of DF. It brings back a whole series of vivid pictures; and you did everybody justice.--Have you any idea what has become of Nathan Menderson?-- I was surprised to see the picture which Nixon took of you and me, in his garden; it's extremely good, but I didn't expect to be included in the book! John is pretty nearly overshadowed by other Popenoe's in this issue; but he'll have all the rest of his life-- we trust-- to make up the deficit. I can see that he has a heavy load of work; we had a brief note from him today to the same effect.---Isabel (Hubert's dau.) phoned today of the death of her husband, Kenneth Raison; coronary occlusion. He had always been much too heavy; you and I (mostly you) don't have too much to fear on that score. I don't think their marriage was ever a very satisfactory one; but they have three fine daughters. Isabel has been a social worker with the Bureau of Public Assistance, at Pomona, for 20 yrs or maybe 25-- which is about the length of their marriage as I calculate it.--Letter from Oliver and Laura today; they are going to spend a couple of weeks in Penang, where someone has lent them a house; you'll remember that city! I ran across a letter I wrote home to the folks, in wh I said it was a beautiful and interesting city but the English there were very offensive. I guess some of them didn't speak politely enough to us/me. Oliver is delighted with the country and with his job; he had just returned from a 10 day tour through the nothern part; by the time he quits he'll know more about Malaya than most natives.--Betty joins me in unlimited love.



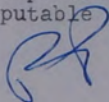
Altadena, July 27, 1963

Dear Wilson:

I have just recd. information about a new educational center en ese, as shown by the attached piece of envelope. Do you recognize the part of the city in which it is located-- a respectable area? My correspondent is Sra Consuelo de Barrios Pena (don't know whether she is a descendant of old Pres. Barrios of sainted or scented memory-- could be; apparently a social worker and also apparently the wife of Dr. Jaime Barrios Pena. They seem to have brought together a number of scientific people-- professors at the Univ., et id genus omne; are offering all kinds of psychological testing and marriage counseling and also courses of lectures, of which they have sent some account. It sounds like a good program all around and something that O2b encouraged.

Of course the Sra informs me that they need both technical and financial assistance; can we help? Yes as to No.1; No as to No.2; but I wonder if you know of any foundation or organization that is interested enough in this sort of thing to make them a small allowance? It's not in the field of the Alianza or other big enterprises, but it's possible that there is some Yanqui outfit that would not think it too small an affair to encourage; I imagine that a thousand dollars a year for 3 or 5 years would mean a great deal to them (as it would, incidentally, to me!) They started last May, began with a monthly boletin, Familia; but have already run out of money, naturally. Would AID or the Rockefeller Bros. or any such agency be interested in a basically important work of this kind?-- assuming that its backers are as reputable as they appear to be.

Yours ever,



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Antigua 31 July 1963

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for yours of 25 instant, with complimentary remarks about my "David Fairchild, Plantsman". I haven't saw it yet, because my copy has not come, but I am asking John to send me down one by air. Nixon promised to give me 200 copies of the bulletin, since I refused to accept the \$100 honorarium wh was due me for the Fairchild Lecture on 23 March.

All I have to say about that paper is that I do not believe anyone will ever write a more intimate account of DF's life and work. At least, not covering as long a period as mine.

Prof Ziegler of Citriculture, Univ of Fla, left here last week after five days with me - maybe I have told you this already. Prexy Reitz and wife have been here four days and leave day after tomorrow. This noon we go to Panajachel to see the lake and sleep and tomorrow to Chichicastenango for the market. I can understand why Wayne is just the right man for the presidency of the Univ of Fla. High hats and frock coats are not in order, as they might be at Harvard or Yale. I have been greatly encouraged by what he has said - and what Hugh has already intimated - regarding development of the Latin Am program at Gainesville. I have kept telling Hugh for two years to keep his shirt on; you cant hurry things very much at that place but I feel sure Wayne is for a good Latin Am program and there will be some real progress in the very near future, all of which Hugh will see and part of which he will be, to paraphrase Aeneas, nec non St Paul the Apostle (fide P.Popenoe).

I'm sure you are right: John is pretty darn busy at the FTC wh is all to the good. I feel sure he will not make the sort of mistake wh Bill Padlock made at Zamorano, i.e., trying to change everything overnight, without any backeround of experience. En passant, and apropos de rien, Nixon and Evelyn and I were walking down the street one day, here in C City, looking n the windows, when we came right up against a sport shirt with 1-1/2 inch vertical stripes of blue and purplish red. "That's just the shirt John was wearing when I was last with him in Homestead", I dib. "He better not wear a shirt like that around the FTC or Nell Montgomery will put him in his place" dibs Nixon. I really think John will adopt and cling to the kind of costume Bets and you and I recommend, tho I also think he will insist that blue and purplish red stripes are just the thing - what you call pulling ze leg, I believe. And with an occasional reminder I feel sure Jerry will step out of the ppeal pushers into nice Guatemalan skirts or something of that sort. Fortunately, they both have six months yet at Homestead to wear out the Cracker outfits.

Nixon gave me a copy of the picture of yo rself and myself, wh appeared in the bulletin. I thot it an excellent one, as you do. And I am glad you got in on the deal. After all, you too were pretty

Monday Aug.19, 1963

Dear Papa Doc:

Sal et al arrived last night per San Joaquin Daylight; the children greatly enjoyed the train trip. They are wonderful children, Wilson my boy; I wish you could see them. Meanwhile we are clearing out from the hullabaloo of our 16th annual summer workshop at the AIFR; it's the big event of the year and keeps us going night and day. We had 90 registrants, including 57 clergymen of whom 15 were chaplains from the various armed forces, who were sent out here at the expense of the taxpayers, a recognition wh gives us status. One of the highlights is the annual "at home" wh the Reina de las Abejas y este tu hunilde servidor annual have for them-- it keeps Betty on her toes for a long period ahead of time, getting the house and yard in apple pie order. Many of the registrants come out with their families and combine our workshop with a summer vacation, and they bring their wives and children out here-- the only chance they have to get acquainted with each other on that broad basis, so they all seem to appreciate it and give every evidence of enjoying themselves. We had about 150 here Friday evg. This requires considerable quantities of refreshments; all this is small time stuff compared with what you did contunuously at Zamorano, but a big deal for Bets.--Your last or more specifically your latest letter with the account of your high altitude fruit investigations, was most satisfactory. I'm sure you'll make a big contribution at EAP now. We're thinking of you a great deal and all send much love.

Paul

Antigua, 13 August 1963

Dear Pablo:

Tomorrow John Watkins and I leave for Tecucicalpa and way stations, so please address me at Escuela Agrícola Panamericana until further notice.

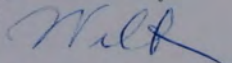
This has been a useful but pretty darn heavy summer at Antigua; even in our palmiest days we never had so many visitors. Both important visitors and just plain tourists whose only reason for coming to the House is to be able to check off No 6 on the list of "sights of Antigua" and to take snapshots or kodachromes to prove to Uncle Oscar and Aunt Harriet that have been in the House in Antigua and know just what Louis Adamic wrote about. You would be surprised to see how many people have read that book, now long out of print. But it seems to be thisaway, as Shamel would say: They go down to the Waupaca Public Library and tell the Librarian, I am going to Guatemala and I want to read up on it" and they go home with Louis Adamic and maybe one other book. Too bad the Adamic book is no longer available, and even too badder that Dorothy's lovely little Santiago de los Caballeros is out of print. I am think of trying to get someone to reissue the latter.

While speaking of books, I want to remark ^{again} that your Sex, Love and Marriage is tops. Of course you need the sensational title to catch the folks waiting for the Local to Times Square but then book is as full of meat as a dog is of fleas. I gave it to Evelyn Smiley to read, and believe me when I say that Evelyn is no slouch. And she thought it was as sound as a pre-Roosevelt dollar, and easy reading to boot.

Two days ago Jorge Benitez and I returned from our last tour of the temperate zone fruit producing regions, three days, with a load of specimens on which to base a new paper which we shall get out toward the end of the year. John Watkins went along. This made my fourth trip thru the highlands in the last two months; something like Km 2000 on the Volkswagen dial. I really dont know how I have been able to stand up to this summer's work without feeling completely exhausted all the time, but I have. Maybe plenty of good T-boneys and fried chicken have helped, though you would question this without fear of successful contradiction.

I have been wondering if Betty has not exhausted that \$50 I sent to be issued to Vivian as required. I am sending another \$50 herewith, which she can either issue in 10 dollar dribbles or use to buy things for poor devoted Vivian. Last month I did not get the rent check to Maude on time and was reminded by her of the fact. Incidentally, she says Lucille is being very attentive wh is all to the good. Herb wrote recently that he is shortly to be retired wh he naturally finds as hard to swallow as I did. I am thinking of writing a short note on the Psychology of Retirement. Why does the world think that just because a man has reached 65 and is "retired" he no longer knows anything worth a damn? I awsk you in all sincerity.

Ever yr devoted bro



If you can give me Marion's address in the East will you do so?



4 September 1963

Dear Pablo:

From your round robin I learn that the furniture finally reached Tahoe in good order. This is probably the last I will ever hear about it. I know it will be useful, however, and that is sufficient. I am sorry it took so unconscionably long to get it up there but shipment was really a major operation - if I was to avoid spending at least \$500 on it. We finally got by for about \$150.

After spending three days at Tahoe Hugh wrote me a long and very intelligent letter about Sal's situation. Yesterday I read a final note from him, before he left for the Dark Continent (in sensu strictu) in which he said he had talked with Edith over the phone and that she agreed with his ideas in toto. He also suggested that I ask you to give me your advice, since you have had a fine opportunity to talk with Sal and probably draw some conclusions. Please do the needful.

My attitude has been, right along, that I did not want to let Sal suffer for lack of necessary financial support, but at the same time I did not want to let Ed avoid honest labor by figuring his dad and Sal's dad would support him in idleness. Hugh says this has indeed been one of Ed's objectives.

According to Hugh's opinion - and apparently Edith's - things have reached a stage where we should consider the possibility of an ultimate - probably not immediate - separation. Hugh said Ed made numerous wise cracks about his lack of interest in married life, and he also says he thinks C_2H_5OH is an important factor in the situation. This neither he nor I had suspected, and Hugh says Edith hadn't either; in fact, he thinks it just possible that he is wrong, but doubts it. My argument is, that if the problem is only one of alcohol, this might be corrected if Ed is willing to cooperate. But this would not solve his aversion to honest labor.

To me there is a more difficult side of the picture. Poor little Sal's mental condition. Edith says whenever her psychiatrist suggests a separation she becomes angry and will not discuss it. To me a separation, unless and until she is herself conditioned for it, might be disastrous.

What I really want to say is this: + have the feeling that sooner or later she and Ed will separate. If and when they do, I would be fully prepared to cut into my savings to take care of her and the children for such time as might be necessary. Her siblings would have to agree to this - which I am quite sure they would - because when I die my savings would naturally be divided among them, and they would have to understand that what Sal used might be more than her share and they would have to contribute part of theirs. Without cutting into savings I can probably continue to give Sal \$100 a month - I am presently only sending \$75 in an attempt to make Ed realize he can't depend on me forever, which Hugh says he begins to realize.

You may already have written me fully on this matter; if not, I hope you will so do.

Ever yr devoted bro,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name "Wick", written in a cursive style.

Ahuacatlan, Tues. Sep 10

Laura darling, et al:

The good letter from Jono and yourself, dated Sept. or at least postmarked thereon, has just arrived; you should have read, before that, my letter saying that the next bulletin from Sis. Magdalen Mary won't be out until well after the first of the year.-- All the details you give sound as if you were all enjoying life as well as being useful; and so it should be.-- Betty has been going to write you for the past several days, saying that she would like to send a few things for Christmas for the children, and asking what might be appropriate and sendable. We can't offer a Shetland pony, but you'll probably have in mind something they can't get in Malaya, which would keep them occupied and instructed; and we'll get a little pkg off early.-- We haven't yet been able to have a photo made of Bets' plaque of me but hope to do so next week; just too many things going on. At the end of this week we are going to San Francisco to see your children's new little cousin Darwin, who is highly recommended by his parents-- we'll give you the facts, allee samee Consumers Union.-- We're still working hard at the AIFR, and getting in a few side trips; Betty and I are going to Portland and Tacoma in November for lectures, and still planning an Eastern trip around or after Christmas.-- I have a letter from a Hindu correspondent say that every big bookstore in Bombay is displaying my little paperback book prominently. Making allowance for what used to be called "Oriental hyperbole", I suppose that means one store has a few copies. But, there is a rapidly growing interest in family life, in counseling, and of course in "family planning", all over the Orient; and if you run across the names and addresses of any agencies or persons who are interested. I'd be happy to send them some material. We have a rather remarkable world-wide correspondence.-- Tell Jono I particularly enjoyed his letter.-- Betty has some friends here this afternoon-- Dorothy MacFadden & her husband; she and Dotty were together at Wohelo, long, long ago! But Janina will be able to visualize it. The McFaddens are on the way to Japan-- largely a business trip for him; they came by a freighter, the Pres. Coolidge, from NY; took a week longer than expected or more exactly they got here a week later than they planned; I believe the ship was in drydock somewhere.

Betty would want to join me in much love to everyone,

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Antigua, 1 Dec 1963

Dear Pablo:

Hugh and I have just been through 20 days count them twenty of running around with the white folks chillun, first the Board meeting at Zamorano which didnt develop anything very new but gave Hugh a rather poor opinion of certain Board members, I hope not including his Dad, then we had a week with Chico de Sola in San Salvador, while Hugh took part in a mte of the Committee on Economic Development from NY, down our way to study problems of these underdeveloped countries which present challenges to key men who are geared to high goals. Then we came over here and had with us for a week Bob Heussler of Ford Foundation, a magnificent sujeto, and finally Dr Ovington of Inglaterra who Hugh had met in Nairobi. All of wh mounts up to just one thing, as far as I am concerned: that boy Hugh is sure getting into things and taking an active part.

I am writing primarily to thanks you for Sally's letter and to say that I have had a fine one from her myself. I get the feeling that Ed's having a job has bolstered up her sperrits, as John Brown said at Harper's Ferry, and I sincerely hope the job wont play out for a while. It has one good angle at least; Ed apparently was willing to accept a position, even tho it was not a challenge nor one in which he could extend his abilities, as the Jamicans say. I am today sending Sally a check and writing her two pp close spaced.

Hugh and I discussed family plans at some length. Not at his urging, but because my hopping off time for Spain was growing close - I planned to go right after Xmas - I had to give some thought to that project and decided I just would not have any fun wandering around Madrid all by myself, nor spending a couple of weeks in that lovely little house at Almuñecar, all by myself. So I have switched. Nixon Smiley expects to have the first draft of his book on Guate ready shortly after the first of the year, so I plan to fly up there to go over with him, and either before or after, spend maybe a few weeks at Gainesville. Hugh will be tea hing from Jan to April so I will see him every morning from 6 to 7 and perhaps some evenings from 5 to 7.

Day after tomorrow I am to meet Henry A Wallace and wife who are on their way to Zamprano, where he will give the Commencement address on 7 Decbr. I join them on the plane here; we stop two days in Salvador with Chico de Sola; then three days at Zamorano; then back here for two days; and thence to point of departure, for them. I havent see Mr Wallace since he was Vice-Pres. I didnt want to tackle this job - it is going to be heavy - but Chico has simply unloaded it on me, y donde manda capitan no manda marinerero.

I have been much interested in the coins-on out in Malaya including Calcutta. I trust Oliver and Laura visited Ram Chunchunder Bhoose's cshop in Rudder Bazar.

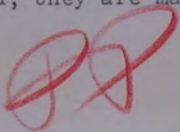
Much love always

Dec.2, 1963

Dear Mahatma:

First you must know that, with customary good intentions, I have been intending for some time to look further into the funeral industry, and action has been stimulated by appearance of a best-seller book, "The American Way of Death", describing the racket. Saturday, I went with my buxom, young, and frisky wife to Edwards Brothers Colonial Mortuaries, 1000 Venice blvd., and made all arrangements! As a preliminary, we joined the L.A. Funeral Assn., for \$5 per each, which gives us right to special rates. For \$135, this agency takes charge of the body at death, provides cremation, and disposes of the ashes; and ya se acabo. Herbert has belonged to this for some years and I have been meaning to join up, as it's in line with my principles and, I believe, yours. Our membership also takes care of parents so we included Betty's mother, nearly 92 and blind and bedridden in a sanitarium; it looks as if she would not be here many weeks longer. It does not cover Peter but, with your approval, I propose to take out an individual \$5 membership for him and make the same arrangements. For this purpose I ought to have a brief letter from you to the effect that "In case of the death of my son Peter Popenoe I hereby authorize you to make all arrangements for funeral services and cremation." I'll file this with the mortuary and there will then be no question-- I talked this over with them.

Jerry writes that the walls of the new house are up and the terrazo floors poured; they are making speed. Hoping you are the same,





ALL GOOD WISHES FOR 1964!

With some of the world's tensions diminishing, we can all take stock of the past twelve months and look forward into the future. In our own family, much of the progress that is meaningful to us is now being accomplished by our sons.

Paul jr. and his wife Norma have a son born last July, Darwin David Popenoe, their second child and our ninth grandchild. Paul jr. is Senior Utilities Engineer in the Telephone Division of the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco.

Oliver and his wife Laura, with their three children, are in Kuala Lumpur, capital of the new Federation of Malaysia; he is deputy representative of the Peace Corps, which has 200 volunteers at work in that country.

John and his wife Jerry, with their three girls, are moving to Miami, Florida. He has been on the faculty of the University of Florida, but was appointed director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Coconut Grove.

David received his Ph.D. in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania last summer. He and his wife Katharine, with their little girl, are still living

in Princeton but his work is in New Brunswick, where he is on the faculty of Rutgers, the state university of New Jersey, and is assistant director of research in the Urban Studies Center, set up there by the Ford Foundation.

Back in Altadena, Betty found time among her many activities to make a plaque of her husband, which was cast in bronze and is reproduced herewith.

Paul is busier than ever as administrator of the American Institute of Family Relations, which he organized 34 years ago. We made a short lecture tour early in the year, to reach the Atlantic coast, and will make a similar tour in the coming January. Many short trips for the same purpose have taken us away from home for a few days at a time, in the intervening months.

Paul's paperback book, "Sex, Love, and Marriage," came out in April. An unexpected feature is the wide sale in Asia. This is the thirteenth book of which he is the author or co-author, together with 25 more to which he has contributed chapters or introductions. A surprise of the year was the publication in Amsterdam of a Dutch translation of "Can this marriage be saved?," co-authored by Dorothy Cameron Disney.

PAUL and BETTY POPENOE
2503 N. Marengo avenue, Altadena, California - 91002

Ahuacatlan Feb. 7, 1964

Dear Wilson:

This afternoon I was finally able to take up the question of a tutor, conservator, or guardian for Peter, with Lic. E.A. Fraser, who has handled my few affairs-- nearly all of them radio or TV contracts-- for 10 or 12 yrs. He is also a trustee of the AIFR, and a superior man. He says there is not much you can do. A guardian (wh is what the Calif. law calls it) can of course be appointed, but it would be a waste of time and money, as the guardianship terminates automatically on the subject's death, and would there be of no help in handling the estate. It would cost at least a couple of hundred dollars to get one appointed, and the guarian then has to post a bond, which is usually 1% of the estimated amount of the estate involved. If the Casa is valued at no more than \$25,000, and Peter's share therefore \$5,000, this would mean a fee of \$50 each year-- with nothing to show for it at the end.

The only one who could be of any help in the matter of the estate would be an administrator. If you had a guardian, his function would cease on Peter's death, as I say, and an administrator would then have to be appointed for the estate. It might be the same person, I suppose; but it would mean a new set of documents and fees. You may have to have this anyhow; but at the best he says the administrator, and the Calif. courts, can't be of any help in the disposition of the Antigua property, since that is in Guatemala and the Calif. courts have no jurisdiction over anything outside the state.

He thinks that, in case of Peter's death, the other heirs will have to take the matter up with the Guatemala authorities, perhaps getting a guardian appointed who will then handle the papers that can be sent down from here-- namely, I suppose, death certificate and evidence (easily provided) of incompetence. Of course that is just what you are trying to avoid, if I understand you correctly; you don't want to let the Guatemalans get into the picture. But since it is Guatemala property that is involved, he thinks there is no alternative.

Maybe you'll get other information when you come North next month. But Fraser's idea is that anything you do here now will be money completely wasted and you'd better save that money to deal with the G-a crowd.

I'm sending a copy of this to Hugh merely as a matter of information.

Had a call this morning (by phone from Pam Springs) from a Mrs. Chatterton who has been working on G-a wild fls, with your assistance, and seems much pkeased with the prospect.

I've been very busy preparing for the annual mtg of the AIFR on Monday; we're installing a new prexy, pedigree enc. I hope it will mean a real forward movement.

Feb. 23, 1964

Dear Wilson:

Hugh phoned me last Sunday pointing out that I had not understand Peter's problem; that I had believed it involved the inheritance, whereas what was contemplated was that the 4 sibs should buy him out now, so there would not be any inheritance. I therefore conferred again this afternoon with atty. E.L. Fraser, 611 S. Catalina ave., Los Angeles, Calif., w reliable lawyer and long-time friend of mine, and he agreed that it is highly desirable to do this, and as soon as possible. The following steps are involved:

1. Get an atty. or lic. in g-a-- preferably one who writes English; have him write to Fraser. Since the land is in g-a, it will have to be transferred in that country.
2. Have some sort of appraisal of the value of the land, and send it up. This will be needed to establish the amount of Peter's estate.
3. Ask your atty. whether g-a will recognize a guardian for Peter appointed in Calif. He thinks probably so but it is conceivable that g-a would hold that, since the estate is in g-a, the guardian must also be in g-a. In that case you will have to have a 2d guardian, i.e., one down there, in addition to the one up here (since the Calif. laws will require that there be a guardian here, because Peter himself is here.)
4. Then your atty down there can make arrangements to sell the land down here; it can be sold to the sibs, they should pay cash, and this should be transmitted to Peter's guardian up here, to be used for Peter's benefit.
5. Meanwhile it is proposed that I be named Pete's guardian up here (with Herbert name as alternate in case I can not act at any time.) The money will be sent up to me and I will pay it out during a couple of years, for his maintenance. After that the guardianship can be terminated, as he will have no estate left to guard!
6. IF he should die before the money is used up, and since he has no will, any remainder will be divided equally between the 4 sibs.

That's as simply put as possible; and if you can have a lawyer down there write to Fraser, the two of them can arrange the details.

Yours ever,

cc to Hugh

Feb.27, 1964

Louise C. Rapalje,
Chairman, scholarship committee,
Huguenot Society of America,
122 E. 58th st.,
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

I shall be grateful if you will send me, in the possible interests of my sons, a list of the 21 colleges which offer a scholarship of \$1,000 to students of Huguenot ancestry. I am a descendant of Jean Papineau, who came to this country prior to 1700. He was married to Charlotte Bounes and their son Pierre was baptized by Rev. J.Laborie on Aug.14, 1706, in the Huguenot church in New York city, where the record is still on file.

Cordially yours,

[Paul Popenoe]

of course I refer to your account dated Jan 1 1964



Gainesville U.S.A.
NEEL non (Georgia)
21 March 1964

Dear Pablo:

At last I am at home
(i.e. legally) so equally
legally I enclose my cheque
in the amount of U.S. \$ 2000
which please credit to the
account which cares for Peter.
Shortly before I left Antigua
I rec'd yours regarding the
matter of getting Peter out
of the financial picture.
I was then in the hands of
the Hon. Henry A. Wallace

and couldn't get in to see Lic. George A. Sanchez, but when Hugh and I return to Guatemala May 5, we will get busy.

Major item today is that yesterday the students of the College of Agr. Univ. of Fla. elected Hugh "Professor of the Year". On hearing this I almost burst my gall bladder, as you Muslims would say.

I spent a week in Miami on the way up here, and had a good visit with John y familia. Y una familia de la cual Ud's pueden y deben estar orgullosas.

Principal theme, furniture for the house. It is a beautiful large house

\$35,000. well a lot more modern gadgets than I would want, pero asi es la vida.

Rooms very nice so far, only threatened furniture. But here is my story and I will stick to it. John really want in treated very much (you and Betty Toes one this) Says he had to think of the future and lay aside money for the children's education.

But Jerry is already repeat alright.

She is studying the catalogs and wants to get acts of the night firm. You must

back her up. Evelyn Smiley will help her if asked repeat if asked, but that really is not important. Let Jerry look around, look at friends houses, talk with friends, and then get John to write a few checks. I am going to stop several days on my way South with Hugh about May 1-5 and I will go into the matter again with J & J and write you further. I think things can be worked out; but the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens must not be entertained at dinner on a plastic tablecloth.

Hastily but always devotedly
J.D.

Gainesville, 3 April 1964

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 30 pxmo ppdo to hand. I will attempt to answer on this 25 yr old Royal that I passed on to Hugh some 10 yrs ago, before he swiped the brand new Remington which UFCo presented me on the occasion of my lamented retirement. And I dont mean Remington Portable, either; standard pattern, \$285 fob Guatemala City.

I was not sure Karl and Anne were in Alaska at the time of the recent unpleasantness, and was glad to have your news of them. Sounds like as if this was bigger quake than the one at SF which FOP enjoyed at the Terminal Hotel, but not so much material progress to be destroyed. I had a note from Karl a month or two ago: I will write him one of these days, now that you have kindly given me his address, as gringos always say.

I spent nearly a whole week at Rollins College, giving four lectures I fear I will never hit the batting average of Hugh and yourself nor get any money out of the business. I have given two here at the Univ, one of them in Spanish.

Next Monday I am booked on free reclining chair car for Quentico, transportation by chair car costing \$25 as against \$50 by Pullman and my conservative soul rebels against the roomette business anyway. Hugh is so inconsistent: doesnt think one can ride from here to Quentico in the free reclining chair cars, but himself goes around the world by airplane, sitting up every night. I will stay with Mavey and family a couple of days, then go up to Washn for old times' sake; have just written for a room at the Cosmos Club also for old times sake, and despite the fact that I assume it will cost me 8 bucks per noctem when it used to cost me three bucks in the Dolly Madison house, with nice wash stand in my room and big pitcher of cool Potomac water. I will return here around the 15th and stay u til about the 25th, when I plan to go back to Dede Co and spend a week before Hugh and I fly Aviateca to the land of Eternal Spring on 4 Mayo.

I will talk with Marion about bringing Hughie down with her and the two little girls. It has been my thought that Ed and Sel could put Hughie on the Panam at San Francisco and I would take him offn the same at Guatemala City. I will have to check on this. I believe there is a direct flight but there may be a change at L A. I am not coming out to Calif for the reason you mention. It would probably put Maude into a real or imagined nervous breakdown with accompanying doctor's bills and more work for poor Vivian.

Did I mention that one of - and perhaps the most difficult- problem in connection with John and Jerry's house is wall decorations. They badly need some good pictures and they cost money. When they come to Guate I may take them to Garrvito's studio and buy them a fine oil of Lake Atitlan or Chichicastenango, as a starter. But look out for the Stag at Eve, Pharoah's Horses, and Custer's Last Stand. I dont think we have to worry about September Morn, tho perhaps Edith would contribute the copy Charles had at Thomas Circle.

Did I tell you the ag students elected Hugh "Professor of the Year". Made quite a few gall bladders burst.

Siempre su afro

Ahuacatlan, Apl. 5, 1964

Dear Popenoes:

We were naturally concerned over the earthquake at Anchorage because Karl Bowman et ux are there; but Pablo and Norma got in touch with the woman who is occupying the house on Market st., who had in turn been able to get information from Anchorage that they were OK. They live in a cottage on the grounds of the Alaska State Hospital, an older bldg. which was considerably damaged, but they were not seriously bothered, and even had heat, light, and water, which must have made them pretty nearly unique in the city for a while. I suppose the hospital had to have emergency sources of the utilities-- with their sick people, for instance, they couldn't very well allow the place to be in darkness all day, and similarly, heat would be very necessary; water too, for that matter. No doubt Karl had his hands full, as every M.D. would be pressed into service, if for nothing more than to take care of injured people and give typhoid shots. They'll have lots of stories to tell their grandchildren.-- Bob Guillou is on the job down here, but Nancy didn't come down after all; children had flu; so they'll come down in the near future, no doubt, and begin to look around for a permanent residence.-- I just had a phone call from Mrs. McKay, our neighbor with the sheeo and children. I had just sent in a testimonial for her son Paul T. McKay (my godson) who wanted to join the Peace Corps (together with his wife); and he had just phoned to tell her that they had just signed up with the American Friends Service to spend 2 yrs in Guatemala; but they wanted the documents sent to Sarge Shriver just the same, because on their return from g-a he hopes to be able to qualify for some sort of a hq job with the Peace Corps in Washington, "like Oliver." She didn't know just what they were going to do in g-a but had the impression they were going to help build a town. They graduated a year ago from the University of the Pacific at Stockton; she has been teaching while he went ahead to get an M.A.; they had just returned from the Univ.'s marine laboratory at Dillon Beach, where PT took a week's intensive course in marine biology that gave him one more unit; but he hasn't quite finished the work for the Masterate. They are both idealistic, bright people, not afraid of work, and I think they would be valuable additions either to g-a or to the Peace Corps.-- Hugh was voted "Professor of the Year" at Gainesville, with a banquet in his honor; and we all join in making the vote unanimous.-- Wilson is going down to g-a again between May 5 and May 10. John will arrive out here next Friday Apl. 10 to attend a mtg of the American Palm Society or words to that effect, so we'll see something of him.-- The USC educational FM station is offering a course in conversational German at 7 p.m. Mon. Wed., and Fri., and I'm trying to tune in on it. It's very well organized.-- Our Kenya gardener, Daniel Kiminyo, drives his own auto, and as he mows the lawn he has a transistor radio going in his hip pocket-- quite a change from his early life in East Africa. He has switched his major from math to psychology; hopes to teach or do personnel work when he goes home. He and I planted six new azaleas in the frontborder this morning--Wohele Bird (bulletin) arrived today, including a note that Jenina Popenoes is now in Kuala Lumpur, etc.-- We had another good rais this last week, so the countryside looks well.-- The Queen B is doing some painting and putting up new curtain in the kitchen; sends you all her love.



WASHINGTON, D. C.
20008

11 April 1964

Dear Pablo - How I am enjoying
three days in these luxurious,
signified and restrained surroundings!
No radios squawking in your ear, no
television staring you in the face.
And the food is excellent! of
course not the same price as it
was in 1920, when the luncheon
was 65 cents, and DF signed the chit.

I stopped 3 days at Quantico on
the way up. Marion has two sweet
little girls and she plans to bring
them to Guatemala \pm July 15 to
late August. Her love for the
house in Antigua is positively
touching. I have been trying to
get in touch with Sally in re
sending little Hugh down at the
same time. Hard to get an answer

out of her but perhaps I shall find
one at Gainesville when I get back
there Sat. after tomorrow. I will
spend tomorrow morning with Faith.

Coming up in the Free Reclining
Chair Car at Topeka that the
lady next to me is a 1st cousin
of Parkerson's late wife Kathryn
and lives in Topeka. Lots of talk
about old times from Charles M
Sheldon Faun.

I lectured to the Marine Corps
School at Quantico - makes 7 to
date since coming up from Granite.
Guess I have told you Hugh has
looked on Amateur for Granite,
May 4th, himself, the service, and
3 or 4 of Hugh's little P.G.
angels. I shall go down to Miami
E April 25 to spend some time
with Granite and other horticultu-
rural friends.

Resempre tuyo
Walt

Ahuacatlan, Thurs. Apl. 16, 1964

Dear you eall:

John left for home yesterday; we've greatly enjoyed having him here, although we haven't seen a great deal of him, as he was attending mtgs and the members of the society were visiting various points of hort. interest. He's doing well in his new work and they are enjoying their new house.--Your tape arrived just in time for us all to hear it together, with great satisfaction. --Of course your papers have carried the news of the smashing victory, almost 2 to 1, of Chuck Percy in Illinois. That puts Lorraine Guyer one step nearer the White House.--Altadenans are going to vote in the near future as to whether they want to incorporate. No one knows whether they will decide to become a separate city, but if they do, there are plenty of citizens ready to step right in and run it, and already 10 persons have announced their candidacy for the hypothetical city council, the list being headed by Hal Craig. --Just had a call from Frances Brusatore, who goes under the name of Villalobos; she thinks "the Welfare" isn't doing her justice.--We've just had a very hot spell of weather, which has kept me pushing the hoses.-- We had our "Marriage check-up" at the AIFR last night; new technique or gimmick; went over very successfully; we had our lecture room full, and will offer it again in a month.--Much love from hOuse to house.

We got 2 stamp albums today; just what you described; will mail them at once c/O embassy, so don't let the kids buy any others. Scott Stamp & Coin Co.! No need to hold them for birthdays; just as well give them out on arrival; they'll help to keep the boys busy on rainy afternoons.

E 1743

Monday evg Apl 20 in Ahuacatlan

Dear Wilson:

It was a great satisfaction to think of you at the Cosmos Club-- a pretty good place to hang out, even though it hasn't the historic cachet of the Dolley (sic) Madison house. I never see anyone I know, there; but the magazines haven't changed very much. With Oliver gone, I'm not likely to have an excuse to go to Washington in the near future; but he now talks about going back there and getting his Ph.D. there, instead of coming out to U. of C. at Berkeley.--We had a fine visit of 5 days with John-- evgs and bkfst while he attended the mtgs of the Palm Soc. They went to Sta Barbara but didn't see or hear of the Gillespie Place; I have a vague impression that I heard many years ago that it was a thing of the past. They spent most of their time at Mme Ganna-Walska's place, way up at the foot of the mts-- he couldn't tubicate it any more closely than that, not being an old Santa Barbara hand as we are. It seems to be fabulous. You know she was an opera singer, and it seems that she married 3 (repeat, 3) millionaires in succession; I don't know what became of them, but some of the millions seem to have remained in her custody. She has everything under the sun and it is kept up in apple pie order. She is 84, but they say she works long hours in the garden every day herself, along with a supt. and 4 gardeners.--John seems to be doing well at Coconut Grove; had a good chance to get better acquainted with Robbins and they seem to have hit it off well. Robbins is an old hand at the business of admon., and can teach him a lot.--He took back a couple of paintings from here and we will send him two others; probably not exactly your taste, but they will provide spots of color on the walls.--You'll have a busy summer in g-a, but you're used to it.--We're going to have to have a lot of repair and restoration done right here; the house is 45 yrs old and needs a new roof, paint inside and out, fireplace "restored", and everything you can think of-- drapes, rugs. We haven't put much into its upkeep in recent years. Unfortunately, labor costs are a little higher here than in g-a.--I suppose you'll put your lic. abogado (nec non avocado) to work, when you get down there, and move up on the sale of Pete's interest in the casa..

The Queen B joins me in much love to you, always!



WASHINGTON, D. C.

20008

Apr 25 1964
but at Gainesville,
I just scribble
stationery like you.

Dear Pablo: to
"Off ~~for~~ the races" tomorrow
morning. Miami for the forth-
coming week then Guatemala
on 4 May as I have probably told
you 4 times. Hugh is up in N.Y.
and/or Washington playing with
the white folks chillen. The
Univ is on vacation for a
month and as quiet as Antigua
on a busy day. I dined last
night with Dr & Wayne Ritz
at up. They spoke of your visit
here. Seems like as if you
knocked 'em over with your
lecture and that they think

my pani huahua is a mighty fine girl. En passant, I want to say that I am very fond of Wayne et al. I only hope it is mutual.

I mean \$2000

Rec'd today my bank statement that says you cashed the 2nd grand wh I hope will keep Peter going thru 1964. Also came back a cancelled check from Maude, \$300, wh is supposed to carry her thru Apr May and June - or is it July. But the point is, if Eglin has caused the rent due to new carpet on the stairs, I may have to up the ante. You warn me, please.

Hugh made up my Income Tax return. If we were in Honduras I would be sure



WASHINGTON, D. C.

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he is in cahoots with the wife
and is getting a cut. I paid
\$33.08, repeat \$33.08, oh
wait: I can't think in big
figures: it is \$3308.00, due
in large part to having sold
80 shares of Amerasia Corp last
year. I paid \$500 for those
shares a quarter of a century
ago and sold them for \$5000.
I wish I had hung onto them
and let my heirs and assigns
take the wallop.

Talking with a man today,
who told me his brother runs
one of the Pacific Homes Inc in
the San Diego ^{area,} methodist
non-profit affairs for retired
citizens (not old folks homes).

Do you know (of course you do!)
about these folks? If Vivian
goes first we will surely have
to put Maude into some place
of this sort, and I would think
would probably want to do the
same with Vivian ^{if Maude} goes first, the
she might prefer to stay where
she is and I could give her
what Maude now received.
Incidentally, would it not be
well for that dear Betty to
talk with Vivian? She may
be worrying about what will
happen to her if Maude goes
first.

I am concerned about the
terms of my will wh was
~~spec~~ made out here in
Gainesville two yrs ago.



WASHINGTON, D. C.

20008

I think you know that I have become a resident of Alachua county (tell it not in Gath!) to avoid having my will probated in Guatemala. Dios guarde! I own no property in Guate, nor anywhere else (real property) Hugh is named as my executor, as you know, and is to divide the property per stripes (I like all Latin terms and resent the fact that not a single kid of our F₁ generation even knows that *Omnia Gallia in tres partes Divisa est*). I fear there may be complications if anything happens

George is a graduate of Harvard Law School and ^{now} ^{is} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{families} ^{of} ^{my} ^{respective} ^{offspring}. Do you think it would be possible for me (legally, I mean) to make a new, preferably holographic will, leaving everything to Hugh, with instructions that he will sell or hold my securities for whatever time he thinks best, and use all monies accruing to my estate for the benefit of my family, in accordance with his judgment? I would trust Hugh implicitly to be fair - or Nancy in case of Hugh's previous demise. But could Ed Halley protest the will and demand $\frac{1}{5}$ of the estate in cash, immediately? What a job I am loading on you. I think perhaps asking too much. I will talk with Geo. Sanchez in Guatemala anyway.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 9 July 1964

Dear Pablo:

Yr July newsletter just recd and contents noted. I am very pleased to hear about Herb's new set-up. Retiring without a job is just about the worst thing that can happen to a man. My old chief at Tela, R K Thomas of Marlboro Street (I once accused him of being from Beacon Street, for which he rebuked me sternly), once said to me "Dont retire. If you watch the records you will note that men who retire from UFCo never live more than two years". However, he retired at 65 and died a couple of years ago at 84.

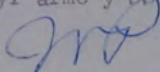
John and family plus the suegra - known to all as Irene, right down to Juanita - have been here for nine days and will leave on the 15th instant to make room for Marion and progeny and little Hughie. Edith advises that little Hughie will need a bit of discipline, which Marion and I will gladly supply. John and tribe are over at Chichicastenango today, watching the Indians say Now God, I had a bad crop last year, and if I dont get a good one this summer I wont burn any more candles, but will switch right over to Hunahpu and Ahcab, as in fact I should have done long ago. I have just about given up hope of getting John and Jerry to fix up their house properly and be interested in caring for the Director of Hortus Kewansis in the style to which he has been accustomed. I think we had best figure their future along other lines.

Maude has just written that she is quite upset because she hasnt heard from me in many weeks. I think one letter went astray - that is not a rare occurrence with Central American mails tho I think we are improving here in Guatemala, as indicated by one of the clippings just recd from you. I have been planning to do quite a bit of work this summer but it looks now as tho I will spend most of my time taking care of visitors. Marion writes that Edith advises Pete and his wife are coming also. Well, we now have six in the house, so I guess we can handle it. I had three nice canvas cots made of mahogany to take care of the extras. And I bought six new blankets of fine wool, made at Quezaltenango, at six bucks each. You cant do better than that. I just thank the powers that be, including the Divine, that I have my UFCo pension (minus income tax) to feed the crowd.

Poor old Maria is having quite a time feeding the crowd, but what would you expect at aetas 78? She has taken on two assistants, the good old washwoman who is struggling with the sheets and towels at 50 cents a day being one. You could probably do it cheaper with a washingmachine and dryingmachine but we dont have them, and it is raining every day at 4 p m, or so says the guide of the American Automobile Association. Sometimes they miss it by half an hour or so.

Watch and pray for me.

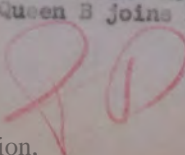
Ever yr afmo y S6



Ahuacatlan, Sunday Aug. 16, 1964

Dear Popenoes:

We had a very enjoyable little family reunion here last evg; Bob and Nancy were here with their children. Bob has given up his job in Downey, wh he found was very unsatisfactory and with a very uncertain future, and on Sept. 1 he starts with Texas Instrument Co. in Dallas; so they are packing up, will move over next week. This Co., which has 20,000 employes and branches in many parts of the world, has several moon-shot contracts, also does a sort of geophysical business, and it is this wh will occupy Bob; he will be operating a Gamma Ray Spectrometer on researches designed to test the existence of underground atomic exploksions. IF we get a treaty with the Soviets wh provides for on-the-spot check-up on violations, we'll need much better methods than we now have, to detect such violations; and he will provide them.--The "gals" from 986 N. Los Robles were also here, plus W.P. Popenoe III and IV.--Oliver lands in SF day after tomorrow (Tues. evg the 18th); will spend the night with Pablo and Norma then go to Washn. for a week; then to Northern Ills. college for 2 wks-- the Malaysian Peace Corps trains there; then out here for a week; on to Hawaii where they are also training some people, "returning thence to the point of departure." When he comes back this way he'll bring Janina and we hope that she'll stay with us for a couple of weeks.--David, Kate, and Becky are going to spend the month of Sept. in Miami; he is on contract (or more exactly I suppose, in govt. terminology, subcontract) to Univ. of Miami to advise them in setting up some work in urban studies.--Pablo's addition to the home must be just about finished by this time, while he and family had a short vacation in Carmel.--Beulah Bartlett and her partner are back from Aethiopia and she is doing some teaching, at UCLA, of new Peace Corps vols. who are headed for the Dark Continent.-- We had our annual "at home" for the Workshop people on Friday evg Aug. 7. The place never looked better and the Queen B never looked lovlrier. We had about 125 here. The Workshop ended yesterday noon so we are all getting a little chance to let down; it's a strenuous 2 weeks but more successful than ever; quite a number of them want to come back for more training and we have some interesting projects under way to improve our training course and give college credit for it, in cooperation with Pasadena College, the near by (us) Nazarene institution, wh has become a very well respected institution with 1500 enrollment-- about like Occidental, Univ. of Redlands, etc.--Max We invite the registrants to come out here and bring their relatives and friends-- many of them are staying with such. One came who brought out Roger Corliss and family; he is the son of "Real Ice Cream." Says his parents and sister are now living in Arizona. We haven't been able to get any real ice cream since his father quit business. David is going to sell (or give away) his Dauphine; says it is NG. Ours is still going strong; but it has only 20,000 miles on the speedometer.-- John has sold his house in Homestead for just about what he paid for it-- if he didn't make a profit he at least had the use of it free gratis for nothing, for several years. What more can you ask? They are getting some interior decorations in the new house, three new buildings in the Garden, and he has had to turn back part of the appropriation given him for study of the botany of the Bahamas,-- just couldn't find the time to take as many trips over there as he could find money for. Most of us don't have such difficulties.--The Queen B joins me, as always, in lots of love.

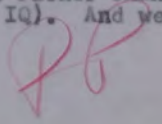


Ahuacatlan, Sat. evg Aug. 29, 1964

My Friends and Fellow Democratic-Republicans:

We came back Tuesday evg from a week's vacation, to celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary; still going strong. As we have done frequently in recent years, we went to San Diego, and saw a couple of Shakspeare's plays: "Measure for Measure", one of his poorest, and "Much Ado about Nothing", one of his best. The Globe theater does them all to perfection, and it was most satisfactory.-- Going down we stopped in Claremont/Pomona to see Frances Bruce Strain, who has recovered fairly well from the fall or stroke that she had 6 mos. ago; her mind is failing a bit, however. She says her grand-dau. Wendy is about to have her first baby.--We expected to see Isabel Popenoe Raison but found she had a previous engagement. She told us that Hubert Popenoe jr was retiring from geology for Shell Oil and going to ranch at Fallbrook, wh now calls itself the center of the avocado industry. We went on to Riverside, spent 2 nights there and saw Betty's aunt Josephine; we stopped at a new motel, the Six; it charges \$6 per night for 1,2,3, or 4 persons and we couldn't ask for a more satisfactory place in every way. It is one of a small chain starting in Calif.; if you have occasion to travel, try it.--We then went on to Fallbrook and found Hubert and family on top of a knoll several miles out of town; put the address in your record books, 1473 Winter Warm Drive, Fallbrook. They have 5 1/2 ac, mostly in Fuertes, some Hass, and they plan to set out a few Bacons; and as attractive a bungalow as you'd want to see. Hubert is still spending only the week-ends there, as he won't leave the company finally until Feb.; the rest of the family live there, but Jim, who grad. from Occidental in chemistry a few months ago, is going for another yr to Oxy to get secondary teachers' credentials and will teach chem., also math if necessary, in some high school; Jean is attending Oregon state at corvallis, working for elementary credentials; the youngest son, Michael, is still at home. They are mighty fine yo ungsters; we can be proud of the whole family.--We stopped at Vista to see old Coache ella friends, then to Embassy Hotel in San Diego, wh has been our hq for a quarter of a century; had an easy and comfortable time around there; visited Betty's sister Ann at Elsinore on the way home. She lives in a trailer there; is not in too good shape financially.-- Found everything in good shape on return to Ahuacatlan.--We suppose Oliver and Jan are at Northern Illinois Univ. in De Kalb, where the Peace Corps vols. train for Malaysia, and that they will be out here next Saturday.--We suspect that John's garden got hit pretty hard by tornado Cleo; will phone him tomorrow and I'll then finish this letter, giving you what we learn.--

Sunday-- John & Jeri report their house was water-tight; The wind blew down a lot of trees at the garden but did not damage the bldgs. Dave, Kate, and Becky flew down; the univ. is providing them with a car.--Marion went through and phoned them from the airport; Chuck & Helen are in Antigua now and she reports her father in good spirits and working hard.--We'll continue through our 45 yr of marriage; that's something. Remembrances from you-all- Laura sent a fine one made by her boys. These 44 yrs with the Queen B have been a wonderful experience; her love of beauty and hatred of injustice; her generosity and unselfishness, always thinking of other people rather than herself; her sympathy and tactfulness (she's my social IQ). And we're still going strong! Hoping UR the same,





Antigua, Guatemala 1 Sept 1964

Dear Pablo:

Long time since we have cambiared impresiones, directamente. Doubtless on both sides we have xcellent excuses; for my part, I had six people in my house all of the time during two months and a half, and last week, for the first time since the first of May I had one day to myself.

What I enjoyed most was having Marion and her two nice little girls here for five weeks. Marion took great delight in fixing things up around the house; polishing furniture and going over all the silverware and linen et id genus omne. Since Helen's death quite a bit of our silverware has disappeared - we know where it has gone but that doesnt help. The helpful feature is that I feel pretty sure we have stopped the leakaze.

In my experince, there has never been a summer like this for tourists, one reason being that the Tourist Commission has put out a new map of Antigua, showing location of 34 things visitors should see, and the Popenoe housee is No 6 on the list. I could wish they had put us No 33, for I dont think many tourists get beyond No 10. And when ~~of~~ they go out of our door I just see them, mentally, scratching off No 6 and saying to the Guide, Now what do we have to see next? On the other hand, of course, many of them are interesting people - and you would not be surprised, I am sure, to see how many of them mention your name. Just yesterday on the way back from Chichicastenango, with two ladies from the Univ of Fla (one of them the widow of Pres J Hillis Miller who gave me my D Sc) we were stalled on the road with dirt in the gasline line, when a carload of tourists stopped to give us help, and the guide told them who I was. A member of the party says, Oh my, your voice is exactly like your brother's. I hear him often on television and I cant easily imagine I am listening to him right now.

I hope Huzuito got home alright; he was due to arrive SF at one o'clock in the morning. His parents and granpappy had been duly advised. He is a bright little fellow with a very pleasing personallity. He didnt take much interest in Guatemala except for locally-manufactured fireworks but I suppose that is natural for a ten year old.

I plan to go over to Zamorano about 15th Sept and stay there until I go down to Venezuela about 20 Oct for the annual mtg of the Am Soc Hort Sci, tho I have not made definite plans yet. I might even stop in Costa a few days on my way back. I havent been able to get much work done on my temperate zone fruit project here in Guatemala this summer, due to having so many people to take care of. I had not expected to have Edith's Chuck and Helen here for a month. They didnt give me a chance to tell them when it would be convenient for me to have them. I had to bed down and feed eight or nine people here overnight, on several occasions. This was possible because I had three swell mahogany cots, mahogany frames with canvas, more or less Cold Medal style. I doubt that you could get them at \$11 each in Los Angeles.



At the end of the trail stands the Palace Hotel, San Francisco

EDMOND A. RIEDER
GENERAL MANAGER

CABLE ADDRESS
PALACE SAN FRANCISCO

Ahuacatlan, Sunday Sept. 13, 1964

Dear Popences:

Frank Popence died at noon yesterday in the Veterans Hospital in the San Fernando Valley, where he had been for 3 weeks. He had been in bad health for 11 years,-- ever since he came out of the Korean-war-army; nobody was ever able to find out just what was the matter. He was teaching geology in the Junior College at Palm Desert. None of you knew him very well, but he was one of your closest blood relations; if you want to send a note to Herbert and Lucille their address is 640 Hillside Terrace, Pasadena.--We put Oliver on the plane for Honolulu yesterday morning; he spends a few days with the current Peace Corps contingent wh is getting some final experience of tropical life (I suppose) near Hilo. He was here for a week, to our great satisfaction, and left Janina for another 5 days; she'll go to SF via SP Day-light Friday, spend a couple of nights with Aunt Norma and Uncle Paul, then fly to NY, and back to her school in England on the 24th. After the plane left, we went to the Farmers' Mkt, had lch, then took in Becketm and agreed that it is probably the finest movie of the year; of spl interest to us because we had had a thorough tour of Canterbury Cathedral, where he was archbishop when murdered.--While Oliver was here we all went to see the Beatles in "A hard day's night"-- good, clean fun.-- Uncle Wilson is about leaving g-a for Zamorano; will spend some time there, then go on to Venezuela, possibly also Costa Rica.--Tia & Harry have returned from a fine trip east where they saw all the relatives on that side of the family.--Nancy writes that they are comfortably fixed in a Dallas motel for a couple of weeks until they move into the house they have bought. It is at 802 St. Luke's Drive, Richardson, Texas,-- post your address books. "The children are quite delighted with their new home on St. Luke's because the lot in back is covered with lovely, tall trees and slopes down to a spring-fed creek. It is very much like living in the woods and offers endless possibilities for play. An empty lot on one side also adds to these possibilities. The house is an attractive 'antique' brick rambler with living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, two baths, and a nice panelled den with built-in desk and book shelves which Barton has claimed as his room. The driveway goes by the side of the house and down about halfway on the back slope to a car port with adjoining workshop and a screened porch which the children call the summer house. It overlooks the creek and trees. There is also a built-in trampoline in back and the children think it's great. Marion and Barton began school yesterday at Arapaho elementary school and were surprised to find the hours longer, from 8:20 to 3:30, and they they are required to buy almost all their school supplies. Because the Richardson schools do not have a kindergarten, I enrolled Katie in the Ledbetter Country Day school where, among other things, she will learn Spanish, ballet, and cap dancing. She goes from 8:30 to 11:30 every day."

Ahuacatlan, Sat. p.m. Sept. 26, 1964.

Dear Popenoes:

Laura's father, Dr. Theodore Kaplan, died Tuesday in N.Y. He had retired from the practice of medicine rather recently because of a little difficulty with his heart, but I think the sudden end was quite unexpected. So far all we have is a telegram, with word that Laura was flying up. Janina was there and should have gone back to England day before yesterday; we guess that now her departure will be delayed a few days and Laura will then go back with her, visit the Summerhill school, and then return to Malaysia. Oliver is already back there so he was able to look out for the 2 boys while she came here.-- We have just returned from a little memorial service for Frank Popenoe, held in the side chapel of All Saints' Episcopal church, in which Marion was married, not too many years ago. There were 30 people; we and Parkie and Willis, the only Popenoe representatives; others were relatives of Lucile, or friends of Frank, near neighbors, etc. The whole thing has been very quiet; there has not yet been any notice in the paper, but I have an idea that the Sunday paper tomorrow will carry a notice of his death.--Earlier this week or rather, last week, we went up to Loma Linda with Janina; there was a seminar on alcohol and tobacco, to wh the 7th day Adventist church brought in all its ministers in the southern counties with the exception of L.A.-- some 85 of them. I spoke on counseling the family of the alcoholic, and we had a fine veg. dinner in the college cafeteria-- even the Queen B admits the food is hard to beat. They have consolidated several of their colleges up there to create Loma Linda university, a very respectable institution with a very strong medical school. We came back by the foothill blvd and were surprised and shocked to see that hundreds of acres of the fine vineyard around there between Upland and Fontana have been allowed to die out-- I don't know whether it is lack of water or merely that they were no longer profitable.-- And speaking of being unprofitable, Ernie Chamberlain tells me that Meals for Millions has financial difficulties and is slowing down-- going into drydock, as he puts it. Their income is about \$35,000 off, this year. I'm afraid they have expanded a little too fast.--Fellow along side the AIFR has his Renault Dauphine on the curb with a for sale sign announcing GETS 85 MILES PER GALLON (of water).--Letter from Wilson says he will leave Antigua on Oct. 14 for hort mtg in Venezuela, will perhaps also take in Costa Rica, Honduras, and El Salvador; in fact, he goes first to Zamorano, to spend a month or six weeks there before proceeding farther.--Just 60 yrs ago, FOP moved to Los Angeles as South-west representative of the Pacific Monthly, a periodical published in Portland (it was afterward bought and consolidated with Sunset.) He established an office in the H.W. Hellman bldg at 4th and Spring sts. Mother and Herbert left shortly thereafter; I was farmed out to our ~~xxxxxx~~ uncle Homer Bowman, who lived across the street from Washburn academy, where I was finishing my last year; Wilson stayed with our cousin Mable Curry Rosen in Highland Park. Herbert was becoming deaf with what was diagnosed as a catarrhal condition (I think now it would be recognized as inherited otosclerosis; he gradually lost the hearing of his right ear, as I also did much later), and they were told to get him out of the cold Kansas winter. Mother took him first to Albuquerque, N.M., where they stayed at ~~xxxx~~ the big Santa Fe hotel at the station, of wh the mgr was an old friend of the family; then they moved to Las Cruces, N.M., where there was another old friend; finally, since both those places were cold in winter, they came to L.A., and joined father in a boarding house near Westlake (now McArthur) Park. Next June mother came back to Topeka and I went to California, where I stayed for a while, and then I came back to Calif. for good.--It's a fine ~~xxxx~~ part you know I'm right. Hoping UR the same,

Zamorano, 11 Oct 1964

Dear Pablo:

Well I'll be doggoned. Once in a while you do get a good idea. E.g., coming down to Antigua at Christmas time. I will order three kinds of sky rockets, which go off with a big bang and drop three kinds of colored lights. We will have to get Hugh down there to shoot them off for us, because you hold them in your hand when you light them and some times they dont go straight up but whirl around and burn big holes in your trousers. Hugh doesnt mind that, because he knows I will buy him a new pair - though I should say, I will buy him a new trouser because you know a pair of trousers in Spanish is what you and I call two pairs. I will buy him un pantalón. That's all he can burn up at one time.

But to be serious, I think it is a swell idea, and I believe it would be salubable for you and pani huahua to get away from the great invention of Alexander Graham Bell (one hour before Thos A Edison did it) and just sit back and let Maria fill you full of those famous Antigua vegetables. You know they call us antigüenos panzas verdes (green bellies) because we eat so many vegetables. I dont know Hugh's plans yet and I dont suppose you do either - much less Hugh himself. *Aber, nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.* Did I tell you that Hugh's trouble at Gainesville seems to be straightened out and he now plans to stay on for a while. He was thinking of quitting on 1 Jan next.

You could fly down from L A on Pan Am and be with me in a few hours; or you could come by Miami and take our favorite line, Aviateca direct to Guatemala City where I would be awaiting you in dem kleinem Volkswagen.

Yes, George Sanchwz has told me that I have to name a couple of guardians or something like that, who are guatemaltecos. This does not plantear any problemas. And I trust George; we have know him well for 30 years and he wont soak me. Last year I transferred our little guest house (which was Helen's) to Hugh so as to save complications on my demise; George charged \$70 bucks for the operation which was fair enough. It is a going to take a year or so to get Peter out of the picture, as regards the big house, but if we can get it done it is going to make things a lot easier in the long run. The mills of Guatemalan law run smoothly, but they run exceeding fine.

I had a nice notefrom Vivian, poor soul. I want to take good care of her; she deserves it. She is having t ough time of it, I can see that. You and Betty are doing more for her than I can at long range, though I can help out on the financial end and want to do so.

Next Sunday I expect to hop off for Venezuela, via Guatemala and more or less direct flight on Pan Am to Caracas. I really should not spend the money on this, but the Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza has offered to pay my expenses while in Venezuela and I think perhaps I can be of some help to them and also take part in what may be an important meeting of the Am Soc Hort Sci, Caribbean Region. The reason that it may be important is that our Secy-Treas who took over from me some 8 or 9 yrs ago feels that he has served his time; and when here the other day that he might suggest that John step into his shoes. This would be a very good thing for John; but maybe the puertorriqueños will beat us to it.

Ahuacatlan, hoy 16 de oct. de 64.

Dear Popenoes:

I made another home run today, touching all bases; umpire says I'm safe. Messages from you-all, most welcome and appreciated. Things are moving along steadily; we're planning to take a short vacation in Antigua during the holidays; also look in on Coconut Grove and Mexico City. Uncle Wilson leaves on Sunday 18th for Venezuela to attend annual mtg of the Caribbean section of the Am. Soc. Hort Sci. About the same time, John will leave for a week in the Dominican Republic; the Ford Fdn. has given a grant to Texas A&M to set up a research and educational center down there, and of course they can't be sure they are on the right track unless John tells them so.--Mrs. Helen Guillou died on Oct. 6; she had not been well, but the end was probably hastened by the big brush and forest fire in Sta. Barbara, wh came within a few hundred yds of her home; she was evacuated hastily. Bob, Nancy, and the children came over for the funeral and phoned us from the L.A. airport. Bob is enjoying his work and associations at Dallas; everything AOK. I'm signed up for a 4-day workshop at Fort Siäl, Lawton, Okla., in the week after Easter, and a similar one the following week in Dallas, so we'll have a chance to visit.--Bets & I took in Walt Disney's fairy-tale movie, Mary Poppins; A, Y, and C, yes.--Our new fireplace is half-finished; we're running the bricks way up the ceiling. The old one, after 45 years, had given out; in the first place it was made merely of common brick, not firebrick; we have been (jus tifiably) afraid to use it for the past year.--The Farmers' Mkt on Lake and Walnut has a nursery and florist concession, and we were surprised to run into Fritz Zeiss there; I don't know whether he has an interest in it or is merely an employe.--Also ran into Ted Whitcomb, who said he and Pablo belonged to the same Scout tropp, once upon a time; he and his brother now have a place on North Fair Oaks ave. where they do silver plating and the like. Very pleasant fellow!--We phoned Sal last Sunday; she hadn't been too well for a little while but the children are prospering.--First lighted Christmas trees and Santa Clauses began to appear in store windows 2 weeks ago. Sälly.--The big Harmon tree at the west end of our house is dying. We'll miss it-- and it will be a very expensive job, getting it out!--My latest book is supposed to have been issued yesterday by the publisher, though I haven't yet seen a copy; The ~~Exam~~ Church Looks at Family Life. It is made up of the addresses (4 each) gives by Dr. Evelyn Duvall, Dr. David Mace, and myself at the Southern Baptists' convention in Nashville a couple of years ago.--Broadway Dept. store had an 88¢ sale of "hurt books", mostly just a little out of date (that's where I got the Caribbean guide I sent out, John), and I was surprised to find in it a copy of my "Can this marriage be saved", which now sells for \$5.95. It was in perfect condition except for the dust cover, which was worn and torn, so I bought it immediately for myself; the best price I could get if I bought from the publisher would be something like \$3.50.-- I don't often-- or ever-- find any of my books on the bargain counter.-- Laura has been visiting in England, including a couple of days with Jan at Summerhill School; she is in Paris today; will take in Tunis on her way home; has a friend there.-- Pablo was down over night, this week, for an inspection of telephone installations in L.A.; gave us a phone call.-- We're waiting around for the first rain of the season; none in sight, but we need it badly.--Bets and I yesterday visited the L.A. Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; there are 26,000 American Indians in L.A. and the bureau has a big job looking out for them; apparently doing it well; I'm to speak to their staff Wed. morn on counseling. --- Looking over the sheet I see many errors; so sorry; please excuse; and receive the warmest love to all of you from both of us. Bob and Nancy.

Ahuacatlan, Sunday Oct. 25 de 64.

Dear Hugh:

It was a great satisfaction to have that little visit with you by telephone this morning, and it clears up the future considerably! If you can take your gang to Antigua for Christmas, Betty and I think that is the best thing to do; we'll then spend that day with John & family, who are eager to have us do so. The idea, now and very tentatively, is that we would fly to Miami on Sat. Dec. 19 and stay at 11925 Cutler (not new but old) Road until Sunday Dec. 28, when we would fly to g-a. This would let us overlap you by at least a couple of days; if it seemed preferable, we would fly over on Sunday the 27th. If you want me to respond with a few well-chosen remarks to your young hopefuls, this ought to make it possible. If it is a somewhat official seminar, this might justify me in writing the trip off, on my income tax, as a professional one! We would stay in Antigua until, say, Monday Jan. 4, then fly to Mexico City for three or four days, getting home about Jan. 8, which would mean that we would be gone from home for three weeks-- I guess I could manage that! There are several organizations in Mexico which I want to see: the Dociedad Mexicana de Eugenesia, which made me an honorary member some 30 years ago; the Asociacion Mexicana pro Bienestar de la Familia, which is primarily a birth control outfit but also does a great deal of family counseling; and of course we can't overlook Rito Stockdale!--Figure a bit on the foregoing and see if it fits in with your plans and needs; there's nothing about it that we can't change. I'll send a cc of this to FWP, just to keep him au courant.--Aunt Betty joins me in much love.

Altadena, Nov.1, 1964

Dearly beloved Popenoes:

We have just had our smallpox inoculations & sea vaccinations, for the great exploration of unknown Central America; by present plans we will probably leave here for Miami on Dec.18, spend Christmas there; then about a week in Antigua, 4 days in Mexico, D.F., returning thence to the point of departure. If you know of any good clean inexpensive hotels in Mexico, with lots of "atmosphere", kindly speak out.--Last night being All Hallow-een, we prepared ourselves appropriately; had half a dozen small groups of costumed visitors, mostly quite young; fortunately none of the older delinquents. No Negro visitors, in spite of the large number of them around us; evidently their parents told them to keep away from the white folks.--We had an unexpected call last week from Rev. John "Burly" Burleson; he started as a Congregational minister but then moved over to the Methodists, where you get ordered around by a bishop; so he is now minister of the ~~Kennedy~~ ~~Methodist~~ ~~church~~ ~~near~~ ~~Seattle~~; if you want to bring your address books up to date, his res. is 9321 104th av., SE., Renton, Wash. His mother is with him; Cousin Abbie, now 92, is back with Mary Electax at Chapel Hill. Judy and her husband have moved up to San Francisco; Allan Kelsey Brown got his Ph.D. in philology at Stanford and now has a good faculty seat at Univ. of Arizona in Tucson.-- Hugh is now in Tokyo, member of the USIS and working out of the embassy, showing VIP's around town.--Our new fireplace is finished, looks very grand; but we are told not to light a fire in it until after the first of the year; the mortar must have time to dry out.--Just had a phone call from Parkie, to tell me about his brother Edwin's marriage to his sister-in-law Anna, widow of Hubert Popenoe sr.; I think I reported that to you previously. Edwin has been rootless since the death of his wife Ruth; I suppose they will live in Anna's trailer in southern Oregon. I should think it was a pretty good arrangement, though she must be nearing 80 years of age.-- We phoned Hugh last Sunday in Gainesville; things seem to be going well with him in every way. We hope to see him in Antigua.--A few nights ago we went to the Women's University Club in L.A. where ex-Peace Corps vols. Beulah Bartlett and her partner Blythe Monroe gave an account, with very good lantern slides, of their 2 years in Harar, Ethiopia. It was less than 100 years ago that Capt. Sir Richard F. Burton, K.C.M.G., was the first white man to visit Harar; I have his book, "First footsteps in East Africa"; and BP gave me, for my birthday, the latest biography of him. Both of these women had retired from teaching school here. They give entire credit to Oliver for getting them into the PG; Sarge Shriver wasn't too favorable. But they seem to have given an excellent account of themselves. Beulah's mother, as you have often heard me tell, and my mother were schoolmates at Bethany college in Topeka, before they were married. So I have known her since she was a child of 7 or 8 years.--I don't remember whether I wrote you previously that "my" new book is out: "The church looks at family life", by Evelyn Duvall, David Mace, and Paul Popenoe; it consists of the papers we gave at the Southern Baptist conference in Nashville nearly 2 years ago. As I look it over it makes a pretty favorable impression; though the text is made up of transcription of spoken addresses and the spoken word is one thing, the written is something entirely different. I worked very hard to revise the original MS sent to me, but it still sounds more colloquial than anything else I have ever published.--David writes that he is likely to be in San Francisco shortly on business; of course we hope he can go or come via LAX.--Alma Kaplan plans to go to Kuala Lumpur for a visit this winter--I'm living high on Feijoes. The white sapote crop is rather scarce; the pomegranate crop super-abundant-- if anybody wants them. PP



Antigua, 4 Novbr 1964

Pues, Doctor:

Just back from the wilds of Venezuela and sitting on the edge of my chair until the morning paper comes in and tells me who is going to run the destinies of the New World for the next 4 yrs. And so to your letter of 22nd pxmo ppdo which I found here on arrival.

Very interesting news, that about Edwin and Anna. Only one who has been through - and is going through - the empty life of an old man (or woman) who has had companionship and happiness throughout the years can realise how happy I am that those two fine people have teamed up for the rest of their lives. I have often thought of Anna, a really beautiful character, and how she must have suffered since she lost Hubert.

Yes, I do remember the Walp family; I believe Charles was a good friend of mine, along with Carter Barrett and Ed Menninger and others. Not many of us left in this vale of tears.

I wish you would explicarme how you can have 225 skin cancers cut offn your face and still have a face left. I had one burned off a couple of years ago in Gainesville, and a few frozen off; the latter I have never felt were cancers but just dry skin but of course the experts know more than I do about such things. Apparently cancers and bronchitis are the two things Popenoes have to suffer, and chronic bronchitis which was handed down to me by POP, I assume, is the one which is going to bother me more than cancers.

I am worried about Sal. No word from her, and the news that she had suffered a mild heart attack reminds me that she had rheumatic fever when she was at Silver Spring, very young, and it was supposed to have affected her heart - though all this was very vague. Can you give me any news?

About the proximate visit of pani huakua and yourself: I gather that Hugh may be planning to bring down his gang for Xmas. I will probably never know until he shows up some night at 10.15 p m, gets me out of bed, and tells me to fix up places for 7 persons to sleep. That's the way he does business. But I will be on hand to have the great pleasure of showing you a bit of Guatemala whenever you can come, ONLY I want you to spend some time here. I am fed up with this tight schedule biz. They have bobbed me to take a rather prominent part in the meeting of the Florida Crop and Soil Science Society at Palm Beach December one to three. I think I will fly up to Miami about 20th of this month and stick around there until the Palm Beach meetings; after that, come back here not later than 15 Decbr. But more this anon.

Siempre tuyo.

Morning paper just in: Front page with letters in red three inches high "L. JOHNSON PRESIDENTE"



Antigua, 15 Novbr 1964

Dear Pablo:

Just rec'd a letter from Hugh, who is today in Costa Rica I believe. How that lad gets around! He thinks he may go down to the Amazon basin with his colleague Ray Crist at Christmas time instead of pulling off a seminar here in Antigua. I think this is a good idea; he wont have to work so hard on a trip like that, as he would trying to handle six or seven people here for a week. So I send this to let you know that in case you and Bets would like to spend Xmas here rather than in Florida, I believe you ought to do so, the reason being that there are a number of colorful religious ceremonies here which I think Bets would enjoy, and if you stay in Florida all you will get, in addition to the Christmas presents, is the roast *Meliaeris gallipavo*. Here we can offer fruits, nuts and an occasional bird's egg.

I have booked for Miami on the 23rd instant as I think I may have told you. Since Hugh will not be in Gainesville over the holidays I would prefer to come back here in any case. And I really think you and Betty would enjoy the holiday season here, because it would ^{be} a rather ₁ unique experience for pani huahua. Think it over!

Ever yrs



Miami 30 Noval 1964

Dear Pablo - John has just shown me your revised itinerary, confirming our phone conversation. Yesterday I changed my Aviateca reservation from 26 Dec to Sat 12 Dec, so as to be on hand when you blow in on Pan Am 501 at 2.30 pm on Monday 14th. I think you will not regret having more time in Guatemala, where you will get more rest than you will at 11985 Old Cutler, - at least John says so and I am definitely inclined to agree.

Tomorrow I go up to Palm Beach for the meetings - Hugh says even the phone she will take me up to Gainesville in his flamante Mercedes-Benz but I will only have a week there. Just as well, I'll be much better off financially and otherwise back in Stgo de los Caballeros. John has shown me yr new Christmas ~~the~~ card with Bethy's nice picture of The House in Antigua. "O. K." as I hear 100 times a day here in Fla.
Vasta la vista JJP

No. 1 Ahuacatlan Place (off Arango ave.),
Sunday the 6th dec. de 1964

Dear Popenoes:

One week from this evg we'll be emplaning in Pan-Am or more accurately, Continental, rumbo Houston, there to change to Pan-Am, stop over for 50 min. at Mexico, D.F., and end Monday aft. in Guatemala. We're busy as cranberry merchants, trying to leave things in shape here and get stocked up for an absence of more than three weeks. But we're excited about the whole operation.--Two weeks ago we went to Shrine Auditorium to see the SE Opera Co. in Parsifal-- fine singing at a very leisurely pace* 4 hrs. 20 min. of it., to be exact. I'm not used to such filibusters.--And the Queen B finally decid d to go out of the goldfish business; too much trouble to keep the pool clean and to arrange to have them fed when we're away. There is a large pool in the house next door, so when no one was home I simply took our four pets over and dumped them in the pool-- same way some folks get rid of an unwanted litt^{le} of kittens. Now everybody is happy.--I just went out for a walk, and up Mrs. Wiley Brown's drive way to look over the fence of the back part of our lot. It's such neglected, of course; nothing has survived except what couldn't be killed, but the jujube and Rangpur lime are still there, and to mysurprise Besumontia grandiflora, the vine with big and showy white flowers, which is quite susceptible to frost, has stayed on as a very flourishing arborescent shrub with stems 2 inches or more in diameter.--I'd be interested to know what Pablo and Norma, both old grads, think of the crusade for freedom of speech at Berkeley!-- Ollie and family have laid out a real world tour when they leave KL-- they'll visit Australia, the Philippines, Japan, then right across Russia on the Trans-Sib, hitting Germany, buying a VW, and covering Europe thereafter.--Let's all go!--Last Tues. the AIFR put on an all-day conference in San Bernardino, sponsored by the Sun-Telegram, wh paid us \$500. Those big conferences are really quite impressive; six sections going simultaneously at the evening mtg.-- Note in the phone book a subscriber named Ethereal Henry. Wonder what his parents had in mind!-- Or maybe he's a she.--I hope they weren't disappointed.--Wilson is in Gainesville this week; will fly back to G-a on Saturday in order to get there ahead of us and lay in a few vegetarian stores.--Naturally, very few Christmas cards coming in yet; no surprising news to date. We'll have quite an accumulation awaiting our return.--We are having most of the rooms at the AIFR repainted and the outside freshened up. It's making quite a change in the atmosphere. The place had become shabby, but we are gradually bringing it back to look reasonably prosperous. Holiday season is always a slow time for our business, but it has been good this fall and we confidently expect it to be even better after New Year's.--Alma Kaplan leaves next week for Malaysia to spend a fortnight with our Peace Corps; she'll be passing thru L.A. but we shall already have left.--in accordance with LBJ's policy of "Something for everybody," I have had a \$7 monthly increase in my Social Security pension-- or maybe that's merely to show my appreciation for my vote for him, after a lifetime of solid Republicanism. This was the first election in which people didn't ask, "Who's the best candidate?" but "Which one is least objectionable?"--Mrs. Fry's house is up for sale again (across the street); very likely will pass over to a Negro. They're all around us now; when we drive out in our 1956 Ford we pass them in their Jaguars and Thunderbirds, their Continentals and Imperials. However, one in the old Zae Gray tract drives a Dauphane, just like reglar fellers. -- We'll trade ours in next year; had a Falcon in mind but David says Valiant is better; any of you other experts have advice to offer!--Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and all from Bets and

Gainesville 7 Dec '64
Dear Pablo.

Salamente por palabras
to tell you that I am still alive,
tho I don't ^{know} why, and am booked to
fly to Guatemala Feliz next Sat
the 10th, and barring acts of God
and the Queens enemies, will be
at the airport to meet you and
pain huahua as scheduled, 2.30 post
meridian on Monday.

Hugh and I had a big time at the
mtg of the Florida Soil and Crop
Science Society in Palm Beach and
I once more demonstrated the truth
of my thesis that when you are
the after dinner speaker and the
assembled sabbos have finished listen-
ing to 5 long sessions of very dry,
heavy technical lectures all you
should give them is a good ration
of amusing anecdotes.

Here I am booked up heavily but
socially, but we did escape for a
few hours yesterday and went over
to Cedar Key where I put down 36

esculent bivalves, so recently out
of the Gulf of Mexico that they were
still squirming.

I talked with precious little Marion
at length, night before last, and
shall try to call Nancy tomorrow.

I don't know quite what to do about
Sal, I may call her. In any event,
try to bring me fresh news of her.
Hugh and I are much concerned.

I am glad to find Hugh in good health
and spirits (as John Burdon of
Osawatimie put it) tho' chafing at
the bit a little more than is really
necessary.

Hasta la vista

Wilt