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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.



TO ALL OF YOU: greetings and best wishes for 1965!

We'll start the New Year in Guatemala, where Paul's brother Wilson lives in a colonial home built 330 years ago. Antigua, the important Spanish capital, was shaken down by an earthquake in 1773, whereupon the government moved to safer ground at the present capital Guatemala City. Wilson restored one of the ruined buildings; Betty's drawing, herewith, shows its front on Calle de la Nobleza, with the great volcano Agua in the background.—We'll start our journey southward by spending Christmas in Miami with our son John, his wife Jeri, and their three girls; and we'll return by way of Mexico City.—At the beginning of the year we made a coast-to-coast lecture tour; and during the past 12 months all of our sons, though so widely scattered, have been able to visit us: Paul jr. and Norma, with their Ellen and Darwin, were here last Christmas; Oliver came through with Janina, our eldest granddaughter, as he was going back from Washington, D.C. to his Peace Corps post in Malaysia; John came out for the annual meeting of the national Palm Society; and David in November on an urban studies conference.—Paul is still charting the course and progress of the American Institute of Family Relations, which he organized just 35 years ago, and is co-author (with Evelyn Duvall and David Mace) of a new book, *THE CHURCH LOOKS AT FAMILY LIFE*.

PAUL AND BETTY POPENOE

"Ahuacatlan," 2503 North Marengo avenue, Altadena, California - 91001

[1965]

Tu casa, Ahuacatlan de Todos Santos, hoy 4.

Horticulturist of the age, Hail!

After exceedingly ample salutations and inquiries after the health of your excellency, we state (with the permission of Allah, most high) that we received your good letters and are pleased to hear that you may head northward again, before long, into the land of the Wall-street imperialists, capitalist war-mongers, deviationists and revisionists. It will do you no harm to get out occasionally among the savages of Yanquilandia.-- We had a fine letter from Nancy and you doubtless did the same; they had a most enjoyable visit in Illinois, the land of Lincoln and Popenoe, and are settled down again very comfortably. We had a phone call from Marion, who said she was writing you, so you probably now know more than we do; but they are very comfortably fixed, she has enjoyed her anthropology, and Dick is at hq of some large unit which requires him to travel around considerably but apparently he does not get very near to the front lines-- he is a bit mysterious as to his exact location. (Incidentally, we still don't know what John did at Frederick, Md., during WW I, a quarter or a century ago; "classified material"! Betty also had a phone call from Sally a week ago; she seemed to be in good spirits (Ed hadn't yet moved in but we understood from Marion that he did so very shortly afterward. As you say, he won't hang around too much.) Betty is trying to arrange for Sal to come down here with us for a week after school begins, when the children could be left with Ma H. without perhaps being too heavy a burden); and Nancy and Marion have each tentatively promised to bring their families down here, separately (we can hardly manage them all at the same time), before school begins. By and large, things look pretty favorable with your F₁ and F₂ generations and our ditto ditto. Herbert has been away on vacation for several weeks, apparently; I haven't been able to reach him. He said he and Lucile were going to drive north into the old Mother Lode country and adjacent, subjacent, and circumjacent areas.--Occidentalites don't yell "Hobbes swabben rebecca le animor" any more because they don't study Greek any more! And they have a college hymn wh didn't exist in our time: "Occidental glorious, o'er her foes victorious" und so weiter; I ask, who are her foes? Sin, vice, crime, greed, bigotry, war, graft, corruption; or Whittier, Pomona, and Caltech? I don't like the atmosphere of some aspects of higher education nowadays!-- I'm a survivor of a better era. Hoping UR the same,

Paul

Ahuacatlan, Jan. 13, 1965.

Dear Wilson:

A letter from Pablo brings news that you may not yet have had: "Dockey", Karl Bowman's 3d son, is dead. He was a navy surgeon, primarily a pathologist; had been with a VA hospital near Oakland for some years. Christmas card written by his wife Jean from a VA hospital near Chicago said they had been transferred there from the Bay; that they liked the location very much; and that Murdocky was happy at last to have a "lab-hospital of his own" with 2400 beds; i.e., I suppose, he was chief pathologist. At the beginning of this week they found him in the basement, dead, with a gun. "They think it was an accident." It will be a terrible blow to Karl; and it does seem very unnecessary.

We had no trouble getting into Miami with our baggage; the gumrukji glanced into a couple of our bags very perfunctorily and didn't even ask us to open any of the cartons. Actually, we figured we had much less than our allowance of \$200. I packed everything up in seven cartons and sent it home from Miami by parcel post, and it was all at the AIFR in perfect shape when I got here; not a thing broken. Betty is slowly handing it out; and had a long visit with Maude and Vivian Monday, giving all the endless details that they wanted to hear.

We were most happy to see the letter wh Sal wrote you; it's very different in tone from some she has turned out and I quite agree with you that I believe we (you, dear) are going to be able to save her. Betty also had good letters from her and from Annie, which she will send to you if she has not already done so.

We had a most satisfactory visit in Mexico, time heavily filled, largely with "conferences" with people who are interested in fields related to mine and with whom I have been corresponding for many years but had never met. The Sociedad Mexicana de Eugenesia, which made me a socio honorario in 1942, finally got around to giving me a diploma which I will have framed and hang on the wall beside my diploma from Washburn Academy-- the only educational institution from which I ever graduated. We visited the new University City there which is really very striking. My Spanish got a real workout.

Last night we finished opening up the Christmas cards which had been awaiting us. No very sensational news.

You gave us a wonderful time, Wilson my boy; we can never forget it. Remember us particularly to Maria.

Yours til deth,



Antigua, 17 Jan 1965

Dear Pablo et ux:

Just rec'd your Monthly News Letter. Also one from Maude, who says she hasn't been well since Xmas. She adds that Neva has been very kind to Vivian, who is going to enter some sort of "home" instead of continuing with an apartment. Might look into this. *(for Maude later)*

I hope Bets will give me further news in re the work she did on refurbishing Johan and Jerry's CHQ.

Day before yesterday I put Dr H S Wolfe and wife on the plane for Tegucigalpa, then came home to find Catherine Coolidge, sister and bro in law had arrived and are safely settled in, at the Willmauer house here (Whitey Willmauer was formerly ambassador to Honduras and a good friend of ours; he died a year or more ago and his widow keeps their place here). I had the Coolidge party for lunch today; they are awaiting two friends from Calif and on Wed we will probably all go to Chichicastenango. My four trip in about a month.

This morning I had a long distance call from the public relations man at the N Y Botanical Garden, asking if I would fly up at their expense and lecture there on April first. I told him yes, in case nothing happens in the meantime. I would go via Miami and stop a few days, then try to see Marion and Dick at Quantico. I don't like the idea of another long trip - I am getting tired of lugging my own suitcase thru airports and elsewhere in the US. Things were not like that in Spain. I could of course come back down here well before Sal and Anne (or has she too changed her name, like Pete) arrive.

I am glad you liked the Maria Cristina, especially because my old jefe Walter Turnbull told me it is owned or run by a member of his family. In your next will you please tell me the rates?

I have rec'd recently several letters postmarked in the US about 15 December 1964. I think a few others are still outstanding. But in general I am happy about the situation in Guatemala. The military govt is doing a fine job, as you had occasion to observe.

Conzales, who set his weekly pay this noon, came back at 2 p m to water the plants and incidentally to ask me to loan him 50 cents.

I still wish you two could have stayed longer.

Ever yr devoted

In re the petition of Paul Popenoe to be appointed as guardian of the estate of Peter Popenoe, incompetent.

[1965]

Peter Popenoe was born in Washington, D.C., July 22, 1924. (I have a photostat of the birth certificate.) He is the oldest child of Wilson Popenoe and his wife Dorothy Hughes Popenoe, deceased. There are four other offspring of that union, viz:

Nancy, wife of Robert B. Guillou. Their children are Marion, Barton, and Katie, and they live at 802, St. Luke's Drive, Richardson, Texas.

Hugh, unmarried, living at 1722A NW 2d ave., Gainesville, Florida.

Marion, wife of Major Richard Lee Hatch. Their children are Dorothy and Caroline, and they live in Quarters 4026A, Marine Corps schools, Quantico, Va.

Pauline (generally known as Sally), wife of E.P. Halley jr. Their children are Hugh, Peter, Anne, and Mary, and their address is Box 705, Al Tahoe, Calif.

The main purpose of the appointment of a guardian is to permit the sale of Peter's interest to his brother and sisters, of a residence in the city of Antigua G., Guatemala, which was bequeathed to them by their mother. See attached description.

Paul Popenoe

FROM PAUL POPENOE
2503 NO. MARENGO AVE.
ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

JAN 17 1965



Hotel Maria Cristina

LERMA No 31

MEXICO, 5 D.F.

TEL. 46-98-80

Jan. 17, 1965

Wet dearest -
you can't imagine how renewed, inspired,
full of energy - and loaded with treasures
we were when we arrived home! Coming
back to mind are the vivid memories
of beautiful days - our trips to Chickicaste-
nango and Lake Atitlan - sitting in the
library with that lovely warm fire - candle
light in the dining room - first morning
thrill, the racing, rocking, earthquake
arranged for our welcome - And all
is like a glorious dream now - and
you must know how much we appre-
ciate everything you did for us!!!!

Paul already told you we phoned Sal
the next night after we arrived. I talked
to her a long time after he did - She had
a bad cold, but her enthusiasm was
ecstatic. She said she thought when
school was out - she would go down to Stock-
ton with the children - leave Hughie there
and then come by train or plane here -
She and Anne ^{would} go from here to Guate,
that was my idea also - Mary and Eddie
would just settled down here better. She
also said Ed was having trouble with one
of his eyes - and next day after we phoned
they were all going down to Stockton -
to see if he needed glasses - and she too
had an appointment with the doctor - I
will do my best to get little notes off to her
about plans for the summer - I'm sure it
will help to keep her cleared up. We found
En Anapuleo; Hotel "La Riviera"



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Here the little note from Anne - how precious she is! You'll be interested also in the note from Sister Suzanne (Suzie Mack) you remember we talked about her - you might enclose it in your next to Marion.

Well, we did our best the 6 days we were with John + Jerry - moved the piano into the family room - pounded the paravents from furniture store to furniture store - and then went back with John to get his OK - OK you know!!! So a table was bought for the lamp corner, a rug, 2 chairs and a book case cabinet combination for the living room - all the pic were fixed and hung, curtains hemmed - and two big kni-pile pillows made for the sofa - even Jerry liked the sofa better - We were sorry all the things couldn't arrive while we were there so we could help arrange them but we talked it all over at great length.

Koelyn and Nixon Smiley had the 4 of us for dinner with Dr. + Mrs Churney. It was a delightful evening! The Smileys are dear people!!

Finally our visit in Mexico City
 In Acapulco: Hotel "La Riviera"



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was the grand ending - you must go to this little hotel - because it's a gem - and just your kind!

We brought the gals, Maude & Vivian, up for dinner last night - We had it on (standing) trays before the fireplace which, by the way, draws perfectly - and is a joy! The gals can't hear enough about all the little details of the house in Antigua etc. etc. etc. and they had a good time... This afternoon we're going to call on Herb and Lucille and take them two bottles of coffee from you.... We came home to stacks of cards & mail - and we've been trying to catch up ever since.

A thousand thanks again for everything & everything - and
Our love always

Bets

En Acapulco: Hotel "La Riviera"

1, Ahuacatlan Drive (off Marengo Blvd.), Jan. 31

Dear Popenoes:

Yesterday evg we again saw one of the U.S. satellites streaking across the sky-- it's always a very impressive sight that stimulates the imagination.--Dr. Hugh Popenoe, director of the Caribbean Research Program at the Univ. of Florida, has been named to coordinate programs of a research and training Center of Tropical Agriculture, to be established in the Univ. at Gainesville. I believe he has been working on this project for some time; it was a question whether the faculty at Gainesville would give him a reasonably free hand, or whether he would have to take it to some other institution. The Univ. has recd a grant of \$300,000 from the Ford Foundation to support a program in tropical ag, and hopes for still more money from other sources.--Hardeck Bowman, your 2d cousin and the 3d son of Karl Bowman was found dead in the basement of his home, with a gun. They speak of it as an accident. He was a surgeon in the navy, an M.D. and pathologist, had been with the VA in Northern Calif. for some years, then was transferred to a VA hospital just north of Chicago. His wife wrote in their Christmas card of his pleasure in the new job, where he was head of the lab. of a 2400 bed hospital; and of how much they enjoyed their new home there.--Wendy, the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Strain, was out here recently with her new baby; they live in Houston where her husband is a physicist, I believe.--The Sociedad Mexicana de Eugenesia made me a socio honorario in 1942 but didn't get around to giving me the usual diploma, until 22 years later, when we were in Mexico City a few weeks ago. I guess they had to save up money for the purpose. --Wilson has agreed to go to NYC about Apl.1, to give a talk on g-a at the N.Y. Botanical Garden. They have agreed to pay all his expenses, on account of they are trying to build up a big excursion to g-a in the early autumn, each member of the party to make a suitable contribution to the garden; so Wilson will give them the come-on. He can do so with a clear conscience.--The latest issue of Newsweek has an article from some nutt who says g-a is no good for tourists-- they're abused in the customs house, and when they get inside the country they find bad roads, bad food, and virtually no good hotels. I wrote to the editor in expostulation; don't suppose it will do any good.--I had better luck with the L.A. Times. Some of the members of the state legislature are working for changes in the divorce law here, and broadcasting the statement that Calif. has the highest divorce rate of any of the 50 states. I wrote the editor pointing out that there are 11 states with higher rates, and giving the details; they gave my letter a 2-col head.--Oliver and Laura are getting all set for their big get-away from Malaysia in April. They now expect to spend a month in Japan, and are studying the language with phonograph records, etc. They'll have great help from Hugh Burleson, who is now attached to the embassy in Tokyo, as part of the USIS. Oliver has been accepted as a research student at the London School of Econ. and Social Sci., so they'll land there in the fall, after going through Russia by train and cruising around the continent by car; and be there at least a year.-- The busy B joins me, as is her invariable partner in all my adventures. I love to each and all.

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February 19, 1965

Dr. Justin Miller
15320 Earlham
Pacific Palisades, California

Dear Dr. Miller:

The breakup of marriages in the United States, with its often tragic consequences, has reached a frequency that is both intolerable and unnecessary, and a vigorous educational campaign in home, church, school and community agencies is desperately needed to promote better matings and normal families. The American Institute of Family Relations has for 35 years been carrying on such a campaign, but must broaden it greatly. One way to do this is to call attention to the fact that there really are many wonderful marriages. We believe that persons who have been able to create such marriages for themselves would like to express publicly their appreciation of the happiness they have attained, and likewise have a part in enabling others to attain greater happiness. The Board of Trustees, at its last meeting, therefore voted to invite a number of persons whose marriages we know to be unusually good, or in the case of those widowed, to have been unusually good - to become Honorary Life associates of the Institute and to make a contribution (deductible) of from \$100 to \$1000, to intensify our educational program in this field.

Would you not like to memorialize your own marital happiness in this significant way?

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

PAUL POPENOE, President.

PP:fc

Ahuacatlan, Sunday Feb. 21, 1965.

Dear Popenoces:

The big, BIG news is that David and Kate expect to make another eugenic contribution on or about June 30.--They have been doing considerable work in fixing up the house, and Dave also has a new auxiliary or more exactly ancillary (except that an cilla really means a maid-servant, so we ought to say coadjutive or something like that) job as Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at NYU. This doesn't affect his work at Rutgers, where he is Director of Education and Research of the Urban Studies Center; he merely teaches a class in urban sociology one evg a week, for planners, public administrators, and related types. Becky is about ready to start nursery school.-- They are all going down to Miami again in late March for about a week.--I will appear at 11 a.m. on March 8 before dept. 11 of the Superior Court, in and for the county of Los Angeles, to be appointed conservator of the estate of Peter Popenoc. For some time Wilson has wanted to arrange this. As conservator, which amount to legal guardian, I will have authority to sell his sole property which is one-fifth of the house in Antigua, and which he will sell to his four sibs (Wilson paying the purchase price as a "bookkeeping transaction", to use a common term.) The amount involved is small but the difficulty of disentangling the legal snarls in Guatemala in case of Peter's death would probably amount to a good deal more than the value of his share of the home.--At this point I was interrupted by a visit from Frances Bruce Strain with her daughter Marge. Mrs. Strain has had several small strokes, I guess, and is not in very good shape either physically or mentally; but she has had a long and useful life.--The old Harmon avocado tree behind the house came out together with the palm back of it, and one of the sapote trees in front of the place which had also died. Yesterday we bought at Simpson's House of Service a good sized *Pittosporum undulatum* tree in a 15-gal can, and will plant that in place of the Harmon this week. ---I have signed up for a 3-day stint in Boise, Idaho, Oct. 21-22-23, and will try to pick up a few lecture spots prior to that, so we'll have a chance to see the new baby in Princeton and drop in at Miami for a couple of days, if our plans go through. We're going to be at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., the week of April 20 and then 3 days in Dallas at the beginning of the following week, so we'll have a chance to cambiar impresiones with the Guillou family; that's as much time as I can afford to be away from the AIFR in the near future. We're making progress, but slowly, and it's a continual push. We've just started a new drive for funds, with a format suggested by Nixon Smiley of Miami; I enclose a copy of the letter we are sending out, not to inite any of you to subscribe, but I would really welcome any names that you can suggest to whom we might address ourselves; you wouldn't be mentioned. Betty and I were able to make a list of some 30 or 40 possibilities, without any difficulty; including C.M. Goethe, whose 90th birthday is going to be honored next month by quite a celebration in Sacramento.--We're having a fire in our new fireplace almost every night, since we've had a cool spell here and anyway, I look to look at the fire. Betty is just now fixing up our supper on trays which we'll take in there and watch TV while we digest our vegetarian collation. We like the Profiles in Courage series, also the travelogs -- we have Austria tonight.-- I've finished pruning my roses and my hands have almost healed up, so I'm ready for the next sticky job. Hoping UR the same, and with much love from the Old Homestead,

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY RELATIONS
5287 SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES 27, CALIFORNIA

March 9, 1965

Horticulturist of the age, Hail!

The honorable the Superior Court approved my petition to be appointed conservator of the estate of Peter Popenoe, at 11:15 a.m. this morning. I'll have all the papers by the end of the week or the first of next week, I think. Shall I send them to you at Gainesville, -- if so, when will you be leaving there en route home?

So far we have recd \$500 (\$100 each from five persons) from my appeal for funds. Lucille Fisher was one of them; spoke very highly of her late husband; also of you. Mrs. Moomaw was another-- you remember the Moomaws, I'm sure. I understand she's in quite bad shape physically.

No more at present from yours truly,

Paul

April 1, 1965, and no fooling.--F.O. Popence was born 102 years ago today in Towanda, Illinois

Dear Scantybeards:

We're having the best rain of the year.--Negroes have occupied the house behind us that backs up on our old garage.--We have had the Feijoa hedge trimmed down to a height of 6 feet, and the entire Pyracantha hedge along the south side of the place removed; it had gone to pieces. We'll probably extend the woven wire fence down to the front.--And speaking of Popences, I found, on the map, Popence Road in Whittier; it's in a subdivision apparently laid out by some amateur of subtropical fruits, for around it are Benick Road, Nabal Road, Avocado Crest Road, Papaya Drive, Ganter Road, Mayapan Road, and Sapota (sic) Court.--It would be interesting to know the history of the area.--Edith is going to Portland, 2 weeks from now, for an education assn. mtg but apparently won't get down here. She will stop in Denver to see Pete and his wife; rumor has it that the latter may bear twins.--I had lch lately at the Zen Macrobiotic restaurant on Hollywood blvd.; run by a Japanese couple; they serve no meat, but lots of fish, mostly shrimp. I got a veg. plate, which reminded me of what Wilson and I used to have in Japan; I always felt that the Japanese menu was the worst in any civilized country.--Willis IV, who is going to make a tour in Europe this summer, has applied for admission at the Univ. of Edinburgh, where UCLA has set up a government-in-exile.--On the rack with other phonograph records today I saw a Mexican record called "ABD del Amor, por Pablito jr." --We went to the new \$18,000,000 music center in L.A. to see the sights and hear the symphony orchestra led by Zubin Mehta. It's certainly a fine place. We sat behind Efrem Zimbalist, so I applauded when he did, which should have given me the reputation of a very discerning musical critic. One of the pieces was a 12-toned production by Schonberg; technically it's called dodecaphony, in order to differentiate it from the ordinary cacophony. Ef didn't lift a finger at the end, so I didn't, either; but I had no inclination to do so; I'm not tuned to that kind of music. I'd rather hear Sobre las olas, any day.--The new \$13,000,000 art center in Hancock Park also opened this week; we'll get over there as soon as convenient.--Oliver and family leave for Australia on Apr. 10.--Nixon Smiley sent us a clipping, complete with photo, of the final meeting at which David gave the Miamians his pitch for urban development and an urban center at the univ. Apparently he made a hit.--I believe Wilson is returning today to g-a.--We're still talking about, but not buying, our new car. Joan Parks has a Falcon and likes it; Harry Owen has one and doesn't like it. Looks as if the Valiant was the best bet in the compacts.--The Queen B has been Bizzy touching up the paint in the kitchen; looks fine; but we're going to have to have some real painting and decorating done around here pretty quickly.-- Meanwhile, oodles of love to all.

FO

Sunday Apl.11, 1965.

Dear Outbacks:

It's Palm Sunday on which, 45 yrs ago, the Queen B (then the Princess B), sitting on a rock in the Bronx Botanical Garden, agreed to marry me, an event of some significance to you as well as to others. Yesterday we got the farewell-for-the-time-being letter from Laura; in the evg we saw the Movie of the PC nurse, with a split-second view of one-half of Ollie, but his mother immediately recognized him and Pablo, in a phone call this morning, said he had also recognized him. The movie was interesting but we missed a bit of it because the voice on that channel was dead, altho it was OK on all other channels. We'll have to take the set down to Hank Laub, to fix it up while we're in Okla. and Texas; we're also going to have it adapted to UHF; so we can pick up the educational station here.--We hope and suppose that the letter which mother wrote to Laura for her birthday reach ed her before she left KL; it was supposed to have reached her before her birthday, but evidently did not do so.--We have had virtually a week of rain here, which has about doubled our total for the season, to our great satisfaction, but it tapered off last night, leaving a fair amount of snow on the mts. Tia and Harry were here for dinner, supper, or whattizzit, Tia bringing along the MS of a book she has written; guide for parents on the management of pre-school children; lots of good stuff in it. She is very talented in handling small children.--We were thrilled by the success of Laura's exhibition (not exposition or exposure); she is certainly leaving a permanent mark on KL.--Lots of marriage counseling going on in Australia; Id' like to get down there myself. I won't bother you to try to see anyone, but if you run across any literature that looks as if it's in my line and might not be in print up here, I'd be happy to receive a copy postage prepaid. --Our Kenya "boy" has left us and we're going to have a new yard man; have taken on approval one from Liberia, who came to this country as a prize fighter and certainly looks the part-- he has a neck like that of the Bull of Bashan. ~~xxx~~ He decided that there is no future in that profession so is studying portrait photography at PCC and will go back home to combine that means of livelihood with a new avocation which he has taken on, namely, Baptist missionary.--Much love to all of you from the Home Team.

Sunday afternoon May 2, 1965

Dear Pops:

We have just had a good visit, via Bell System, with Sal, who is all set to arrive here by train on Sunday morning May 30. Of course you-all have more information than we. We were not surprised that Ed has decided not to go; he can hardly afford to take any chances on losing the best job he has had. She says she will stay about 6 weeks; this will fit in well with our plans here. She had an idea that Marion is down there now, but I judge this is probably an error; if not, then Wilson is probably down there too and Hugh can forward this-- unless he is down there too!

While Edith was at Tahoe, Parkie and Willis came up, and all of them had several days together-- quite a Popenoe reunion!

We came back day before yesterday from a very pleasant and profitable 10 days lecture tour in Okla. and Texas; had a fine visit at Nancy's home and then Nancy, Betty, and Katy spend the day shopping (not buying) at Neiman-Marcus famous dept. store; they compromised on having a nutritious and inexpensive lunch there.

We are leaving again day after tomorrow for a quick trip to Tulsa, where I will speak at Mental Health Day; they had another speaker listed, who had to cancel, so they called on me to fill in. We'll take the opportunity to swing home via SF and see Pab and his family-- we have not seen them since they added the new wing to their house.

Betty joins me in much love.

May 12, 1965

Horticulturist of the age, hail!

We talked with Sal by phone last night; everything seems to be OK and complete. She has the reservations for Pan-Am toese; won't pick them up until she gets your check. They plan to go to Stockton for the week-end of May 23, and she will have a week there, coming here the following week-end.--- We had a very satisfactory lecture tour in Texas and Okla.; almost 3 weeks in toto. Everything is in pretty good shape here in Altadena; painters are coming tomorrow morning to do our bedrooms and hall, to freshen them up.--I'd appreciate it if you'll do me a favor, to wit, see the woman at the tourist center on the Village Green; I've forgotten her name but you know her well; she has a son who is in the Univ. in the ciudad de g-a, interested in psychology, and I promised to send him some material, but I lost her card with his name. When I promise a thing I like to deliver it (like the sons of the Achemenidae, the ancient kings of Persia, whose education a/c Herodotus consisted in being taught to ride hard, shoot straight, and tell the truth.) Next time you go down town, won't you get her card and the name of her son, and I'll send him some thing incl. an autographed copy of my paperback book; I'll address him c/o his mother.--John reported that you passed his way and look to be in fine shape, and that you and Hugh were going to g-a together this week, so I'll just send this note along to catch you. The Busy B joins me in heaps of love to both of you.

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Paul

Ahuacatlan-a-Go-GO, whatever that means

Sunday morn and it the 23d May [1965]

Dear Sir & Bro:---I have just talked by phone with Dr. Halley in Stockton; Sal & Children came down yesterday and she and Ed took the Yacht (as Charles used to say) for a trip down the river today. She & Annie will come down here on Monday May 31 and fly from LA to ese on Tuesday June 1, wind and weather permitting, not to mention el Todopoderoso. Dr. Halley did not definitely know they had recd the \$500 but assumed si, because he said they had had the reservations for some time and are going to pick them up tomorrow. He really did not know what medicines Sal is taking; she has been under care of a Dr. Hall at Langley Porter, but he thinks she has now discontinued; anyhow, she has the tranquilizer and also one for her kidney, and he will see to it that she brings along a supply of each.--He says the younger generation is all in good shape. He and Jane Ann are going to Miami around June 15 to attend a mtg of Nuclear Medicine exponents and will take Huguito and his opp. number, Rickey, with them-- that will be quite a pasear. I told Dr. to call on me for any help or information that I could provide, and we'll get the duo (or as the sociologists now like to say, the Dyad) off to you as per small bills; Sal will have only one night here, due to some commitments of our own, so we hope she will spend 2 or 3 days here on return.---Yours til deth,

Paul

Dear Popenoes:

Ahuacatlan, Sunday evg June 6, 1965

We just came back from a visit with the Herbert Popenoes, then phoned SF to talk with the Paul Popenoe jr., and I'll say a word to the rest of you by absent treatment. We got the back of the house painted (master bedroom, hall and bath, and nursery) to the entire satisfaction of the Lady of the House; tomorrow carpet will be laid in the same area, which will upset us again, but only from one day; thenceforth we'll have to take off our shoes every time we enter the premises, just as in a Muslim mosque.--Sal came through a week ago, rumbo g-a, and left Eddie (ne Pete) and Mary with us. They've been keeping busy catching and killing snails (*Helix aspersa* to you) @ 1¢ a head; have ended the predatory careers of more than a hundred.--Marion and children are also in Antigua now, we understand, so there's a real Old Home Week.--We went to Idylwild last weekend; the So. Calif. assn of marriage counselors was having a mtg and awarding very nice plaques of recognition to some of the pioneers: Roswell Johnson, Frances Bruce Strain, and yr humble servant. We hadn't been in Idylwild for many years; it hasn't changed a great deal; very pleasant. Not too sophisticated, as Arrowhead now is; on the other hand they say Big Bear is a very sad place, the water virtually gone.--We've set up a real Child Guidance Clinic at the AIFR and hope to increase our business; there's not much competition in that field, whereas the competition in marriage counseling is terrific.--We also hope, not too confidently, to be able to get a corner, a small one, in LBJ's war on poverty.-- People (Republicans?) are carrying bumper stickers reading: I'M HELPING THE WAR ON POVERTY. I WORK.--I saw one driver of unbreakable spirit who still has a bumper sticker reading, "Re-elect Goldwater in 1968."--Judy Bowman, Tommy's dau., who is a student at Cal., was one of those arrested for "sitting in", six months ago, and is now on trial in the Bay City.--We have had our TV set wired for connection with the educational station, a UHF broadcast. --It's some time since I reported, so I'm probably well behind time in the small news of the little world represented by Ahuacatlan. We have a new gardener, Bob Jacobs Wreh of the Kru tribe of Liberia; he was a prize fighter, brought to this country by a man who, I suppose, thought he might make a lot of money promoting him; but Bob decided there wasn't much future in it, so he is studying to be a Baptist missionary in his own country but since he says they get only \$5 a month, he'll support himself as a portrait photographer; he is taking courses in that subject at PCC. He's built like an ox, but intelligent and dependable-- always good natured; the best man we have had in a long time.--We have put Gazania in the area from which the Harmon was taken, and expect to have a bright blaze of color soon.-- Kate and Dave are expecting the new eugenics contribution at the end of this month.--Oliver and family are in Japan, will lv on June 28 for USSR and the trans-sib; ar Moscow July 9, Helsinki July 16; ar London July 23.-- We made a quick trip to Tulsa a month ago, where I gave a couple of addresses, filling in for "Dear Abby", who was scheduled but had canceled at the last minute because she said her daughter, who is in Paris, threatened to make an unsuitable marriage, and she had to fly over there and look out for it. Tulsa is a very prosperous and lively town; plenty of oil money and prices somewhat to correspond-- I paid \$18 for a double room at the hotel for one night. We came back via SF to see Fab and Norma; their children and the addition to their home-- a very valuable improvement. We're settled here until October, though we may make a quick trip to San Diego as usual to celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. I sent out some form letters right across the country, offering my valuable services to colleges, by way of paying our way; immediately had 2 replies, one from Yuba City, the other from North Sacramento; Evidently we'll at least have another chance to visit the telephone Popenoes in SF.-- Incidentally, Pablo has just given us a timely present by forcing the PT & T to furnish 4 million dollars to us subscribers.-- I also have the 3-day trip, so I'm not worrying about paying

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Gainesville, 3 April 1965

Dear Pablo:

Just back from N Y C: 1st day, rained all day, so fairly warm; 2nd day, so cold I had to hold my hands over my ears when walking down 5th Avenue; 3rd day, beautiful, springtime; 4th day, the ground covered with 2 ins. of snow when I woke up. Give me Guatemala Feliz, the Land of Eternal Springtime.

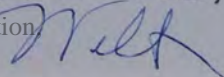
Thanks for your note and copy of Letters of Conservatorship. Just as soon as I get back to Guatemala, Guatemala (no longer Guatemala City) I will go at the matter from our end. Looks like as if I wont go back right away, since Prof Dr Herbert S Wolfe and I are going to work a bit on "Tropical American Fruit Culture", on which his offering to collaborate may likely mean that the work will come out and not posthumously. It is impossible for me to get the job done in Antigua, with no secretarial help, and with so many visitors: e.g., Sally, ED and Annie coming for two weeks (on Ed's part, so Sal says, but Hugh thinks he may extend it if someone can be found who is sufficiently proficient with the martinis at Al Tahoe); then probably Nancy and all of hers; then Marion and all of hers, tho I should place these in reverse order, as I found out when with Mrion and Dick a few days ago that if Dick can get away it will be the first half of June. Anyway, it appears that from 1 June to 1 Sept I will have a full house.

Anent Betty's prophecy, conjugation of Parkie and Edith, Hugh and I will give you odds of 4 to 1, against. Maximum bet on either side, ocho reales.

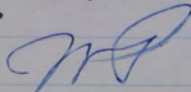
About a yr ago you sent me a clipping, book review, of a book which I seem to recall was yecept "Iberia" and had a lot of info in in re crops in the arab times. I gave the citation to Mr Kolman of the Florida Bookstore here, and he ordered a copy; it has come and is "The Iberians" by Antonio Arribas. I cant see how this could be the one I wanted. You dont remember anything more about "Iberia" do you? I thot from the review the author might have consulted Ibn al Awan or Al Aman, whichever it is; the French edition published about 1880 which I cant get anywhere here, not thru Franz Feger of N Y who is good at that sort of thing.

N Y Bot Gdn is staging a big tour of Guatemala for Oct 22+Nov 6. My talk was part of the campaign to sell tickets. They have booked 33, \$1200 of which \$400 goes as a contribution to the Bot Gdn fund. They think they are going to book 100, and will have to run two groups thru the highlands, clockwise and counter clockwise, to have accommodations in the hotels. They plan to have 50 people in Antigua for 4 days, another 50 for 4 days, during which the Casa del Oidor will be "the Club" and W. Popenoe ScD. will answer such questions as Why isnt there hot water in the bath at our hotel? Where did I leave my camera? and What's he saying? I dont speak Spanish! Dieu defend de droit, and I am not scar't.

Hoping you are the same,



I called both Nancy and Sal on the phone from Quantico in re their Guatemalan trips. Had a nice talk with Sal, who was very enthusiastic but needs some more money, which I have sent. On terminating our charla, she asked to talk to Mario, and told Her she wants to bring Ed along and that Ed's dad will give him his airplane ticket. Q'uest'ce qu'on pouvait faire, alors? Naturally I have written her, con mucho gusto, que venga. I would really be worried if all the children were coming along but unless plans are changed to that end I assume Ed will go back home after a month or so, Sal probably at the same time. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. J.', is written below the typed text.

April 16
Gainesville, Good Friday 1965

Dear Pablo:

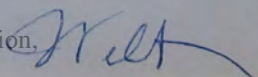
Thanks for your shipment of 11th instant. Hugh and I note that Edith is going to see Park~~ie~~, but we are still not convinced that Bert~~y~~'s expectations will be realised. Mais enfin, nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir. Hugh did not know that Edwin and Anna were married some time ago.

Hugh goes up to N Carolina day after tomorrow to give some seminars. I am glad for he is just about wipped, as he would say. Tomorrow ends this trimester - and incidentally there is a strong movement in the State to go back to the Semester system. I am voting for it. Following the lead of Florida we have it at Zamorano and I am agin it.

I am working here on Das Buch and my Temperate Zone fruits, but not getting along very rapidly. I have not heard any more from Sally. The six fine dining room chairs wh I sent up to Nancy have reached her but I havent heard from Marion yet in re her batch. They have probably reached by this time.

We are wondering, now that Dr Halley is paying Ed's way down to Guatemala, if they wont talk him into paying tranportation of the other three also. In any event, you cant scare me. If they suggest it to you, let em come. I think, hpwever, they might like to have little Hughie with them at Stockton; they seem especially fond of him. I believe I have told you that we will probably postpone their visit to July, in case Dick can come down wath Marion et al; if he can come it will have to be the first week in June. Nancy et al would then have August at their disposal.

Abrazos carifosos a todos,





Hotel Principado

Quito

at John's house
12 May 1965

Dear Pablo - We flew in here night before last - Hugh Snow down yesterday on his way to El Peru - spent the evening here. I have decided not to move on to Guatemala quite yet - things seem to be allright at Antigua except that Maria is out of money as usual. I phoned Sal last night and she is out of money also - had to borrow \$50 from Knowles. I sent her \$250 this a.m.



Hotel Principado

Votre ^{Ovide} interessante carte de l'
11 mai est recue aujourd'hui.
John has told me of your trip -
a bit on the coal side. My
Spanish trip was too fast and
short but I enjoyed revisiting
some of our old haunts. I
am enjoying a couple of days
here at John's, then going up
to Gainesville until I have
to go to Boston about 10
Jubal to an important mtg
of the Board of E.A.P. Will
stop off to see Marion.

I talked with Nancy and



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 Nance told me just what you
 told me in your letter, with
 all of which I am very de
 acuerdo. Sal told me the
 same story you tell me. Ed
 is going to move them all
 down to the Sacto Valley. She
 says they are having trouble
 selling the Tahoe house
 due to complications on
 the financial side. of



Hotel Principado

Circle

course Dal has no idea what the complications may be; any more than she has about financial matters in general. Says Ed may move the family down to the Valley and just leave the house key with the real estate agent.

And so to your Thesis. I go along with it. I believe we must get Nance located permanently - appar-



Hotel Principado

Quito

ently she is inclined toward
 the Sta Cruz area (which I
 do not know but which I
 have no doubt is fine) and
 then put up Dal close by.
 I am in favor of your
 plan - let me buy a small
 house (of course it can't be
 too small) and have it
 in my name or perhaps
 Hughes (to avoid problems
 when I kick the bucket)



6.

*Hotel Principado**Civile*

and go ahead. I have only one
fear. If I push Ed too
hard and say I wont continue
To support his family, unless
he cooperates, and he wont
do so, it may throw Dal off
balance again. If Dal cracks
up, Ed disappears, and I
am stuck with the 4 kids
and Dal in Langley Porter—
Oh Oh Oh! Do you think,
in a pinch, Doc Halley,
would abandon his grand-



7.

*Hotel Principado**Quito*

children completely? He seems
to be doing so, now.

I will write Ed via Sal
when I get to Gainesville
next week. Copy to you.
The whole job would be so
simple if it were not for
the possibility of putting
Sal back in the psychi-
tric hospital - perhaps
permanently. But last
night she sounded over



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Hotel Principado

Ciudad

The phone, in pretty good
spirits, a little worried
about \$\$, but quite happy
to go along with Ed in
any plans he makes,
just as you say in your
letter.

I will come out this
summer, if and when it
seems I can help pull
us out of this atascadero.

Bets - Thanks for yr



Hotel Principado

Quito

note at the end of Paul's
letter. I just want to add
that I am working pretty
closely with John and Geri
here and both are doing
fine jobs. John is settling
into the FTG as his
life's work and is becoming
a grand administrator!

Wilt



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*Hotel Principado**Ciudad*

Sal's and Nancy's problems
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Antigua 20 May 1965

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Antivirus OS May 1988

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Walt

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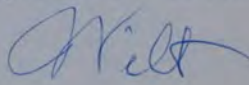
You cant fire me, I've quit. In other words, your program as outlined in letter of 25 May from the Hotel Morgan is just about what I have in mind, and I have probably made it clear in recent correspondence not yet recd by you when you wrote. But in other words, I am planning next Thursday to buy a ticket (here, to avoid the work in Boston) to San Francisco, California, from Boston, via TWA, either on the 17th or 18th of June. I have always had a grudge against TWA since Helen and I flew from Boston to Madrid on it, but as Mrs Simmonds used to say. I dont like the French people; I once knew a French girl and she was no good. They have a non-stop flight from Boston to SF which gets you there at about noon, Pacific time. I think Jim Kempton will house me for a day or two, until I get lined up. I think Knowles will be home, but you know Emma has never invited me to stay with them. Maybe she will change her mind, this time. Anyway, as I have written you, I expect Knowles to be there about the time I arrive and I am sure he will help me house-hunt.

Maybe Ed Halley is right about Marin county; Sally seems to like the idea, and it would be nearer Knowles than Sta Cruz I assume. And maybe the living not so expensive. I will be talking to Sal over the phone tomorrow and I will tell her we will think of Marin. I have told her and in no uncertain terms that Ed is not to tie up a house in any way. I dont think he could, without a down payment of some sort, wh he of course cannot make; but as you say, he might locate a house and have an understanding that when I buy (and it will be for cash) he is to get the usual realtor's commission. He has been in the business, of course, in a big way, and knows all the tricks. But I seriously doubt that he will even take the trouble to look for a house.

I doubt that I can get thru out there in a week. I am going to stop in Washington and sell some securities, so as to have the money ready. Or dont you think that is a good idea? If you dont, you better phone me next Sunday morning - or evening on our time here. I will make it a point to be at home from 4 to 6, our time. Dont call unless you think I would be making a great mistake in getting cash in hand. I am thinking of selling my shares in Mass Inv Trust which would bring me nearly \$20,000; I have \$10,000 in the bank and I dont think we will have to invest more than \$25,000 in a house, do you? I would just as soon sell my shares in M I T anyway; it pays the least of all my investments and if I didnt use the money I would re-invest in Lehman Corp or Gen Am Investors which pay much better. But I want to buy the house for cash, just to have no future problem making payments on schedule. I suspect the real estate man will prefer to have it on the usual 20-yr basis. The mortgage companies probably make more that way. They tell me the automobile dealers simply dont want to sell for cash.

When I get Sally fixed up I plan to take the Daylight down to L A - I like the ride and it wont be so hard for someone to meet me at the airport - in fact I could take a taxi from the station to Altadena. I think your idea of getting Maude to turn over her furniture to Sally (and Nancy if she is interested) is right, and I think Maude will fall in in with it. I will probably have to stay there and get it packed and shipped. I am going to have a job on my hands for a month or so out there, but good Lord, you've done more than your share already and I must try hard not to unload anything more on you.

Siempre tuyo,



Antigua, 12 June 1965

Dear Paul and Betty:

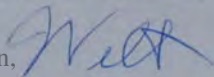
Don't talk to me about Ringling Bros. The only three ring circus is right here at the Casa del Oidor. I don't know that I have written you that Sal and Annie arrived safely, indicating that my check did reach them, and on the 5th Marion came with her two and Dick arrives for 12 days on Wednesday. Marion had planned to stay until late July but since Nancy and family complete arrive around the first of July Marion will probably go home with Dick. We just can't handle more than 8 here, including este su himilde. And poor old Maria is definitely on the down grade and has a hard time handling a large number.

Paul, you asked for the name of the gal in the Centro Nacional de Turismo here. She was nee Aida Troccoli; her Eyetalian father kept a store here where I used to trade in 1916; he is dead long since. She is now Señora Doña Aida Troccoli de Orantes, Centro Nacional de Turismo, Antigua - if this is the gal in question. She runs the Centro so she must be the one. I didn't know she had a son. She no longer has a husband, I don't know why. None of my business.

I was terribly sorry to learn from you that Tommy Bowman's dau. got mixed up in that very discreditable mess at Berkeley. I am ashamed of the juventud reidentora in general, these days.

Marion and I are trying hard to get Sally on her feet. She was very depressed on arrival but is bucking up considerably. I got her fixed up with everything necessary for painting and she is now doing pictures of bows of fruit and flowers and very fine ones. She really has talent. She is extremely discouraged about the situation at Tahoe. If things are as she portrays them the situation is really desperate. Marion and I would like to see Sal stay here as long as possible. I don't know what she may eventually decide to do; and we have also to consider that Betty should not have Pete and Mary on her hands too long. I have thought about suggesting that they join Sal down here for a few months; but that leaves Hughie up the river with no paddle. And Ed might discover that it would be a fine idea for tom come down also. Then we would be sunk. Sal has talked with both Marion and myself very frankly and rationally (at times), but she is desperate about their financial situation; they owe \$100 on their milk bill and numerous other items. Ed doesn't get out of bed until ten a.m., then goes to his "job" at the bar, finishes work at five but does not come home; stays there until midnight shaking dice with friends and drinking. And she says he has no salary, but is allowed by his boss to take some money out of the till now and then to buy food for his family. It does not sound like a very stable set-up. She doesn't know how much Dr Halley helps out; she says Ed will tell her nothing about finances and she thinks he borrows quite a bit, wherever he can and leaves many bills unpaid tomboot.

Hasta que San Juan baje el dedo



The QUEEN CHARLOTTE
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA



Ahuacatlan, Mon. evg the 12th junio

Hotels

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Dear Wilson:

Sal & Anne arrived in good shape last night; Sal looked and doubtless was tired; the family had a fine reunion. Today Anne seems to be suffering a bit from subtropical trots; many persons coming from the healthful tropics have this kind of difficulty for a day or two when they reach the Horse Latitudes. Sal phoned Ed, or vice versa, and is going to fly to Sacto Wednesday; either Mrs. Halley or will meet her there, or Ed may be able to get off for the day and drive down for them. He told her he has paid all the outstanding bills "including the dentist's bill", has done considerable work on the house, has done painting there, etc. Viendo se vera. She and Anne had a wonderful visit down there; I'm sure you did her a world of good.

Sal

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 22 June 1965

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 20th just rec'd. Pretty good mail service. In the same mail Sal got a letter from Ed, first she has had since she came. She says everything is just fine up there; Ed got the job with the Swiss Chalet, Bartender, but she doesn't know how long it will last as the Chalet does not run all year round. Re your personal note, I agree that there is something queer about Ed's story of his job at the airport; if it is true that he is just free to take all the money he wants out of the till, it can't last long. But Sal is completely vague about all financial matters and most everything else. As I think I have written, she says she and Ed have both been going on 2 packs of cigarets a day, she drinks 8 to 10 cups of coffee, and has averaged half a bottle of wine a day. Here she has gone above that average. I have been waiting to see how I can cut it down (Edith told me to hide the likker, and I find that this is necessary - she has been taking half a bottle of sherry or 3 or 4 beers a day or both. With all the wafings I have had I thot it best not to clamp down too fast, but today she says she is going to quit smoking (I told her this morning when we went out for a ride that she could not smoke in the car any more) and I think she wants to cut down otherwise also. Without putting her into another depression I am trying to get her on solid ground. I wonder if it will last. She has been in good spirits most of the time for the past week. Yesterday Humberto Caravito the artist came in and praised her painting, which bucked her up tremendously.

If Dr. Halley has cut off their allowance I just don't see how they can spend \$30 or \$40 a month on cigarets, coffee and wine, and still have cash for food. She thinks Ed borrows a good deal from friends. He does all the shopping; she has no idea where or what he buys but thinks it comes out of the cash register or borrowed. She is so extremely vague about everything. And she seems in sort of a daze most of the time; not depressed now, but just oblivious to reality. Quite often she just doesn't seem to know what is going on around her. Incidentally, she says the reason Ed is allowed to dip into the cash register when he pleases is that his boss drinks as much as Ed does and simply doesn't care what goes on.

Sally seems much interested in her painting but doesn't stick to it at all. She simply can't concentrate which is no surprise. At times she has thought she wouldn't go back to Ed; but such times do not last long; and I have been wondering if more financial help from me would perhaps solve her problem. I am entirely willing to put up more cash, but Marion doesn't seem to think it will help, since she doesn't handle the funds at all, and doesn't want to do so. Another factor: she seems so weak physically. She can't stand much walking - or doesn't want to. She tires very easily. I think she is sleeping pretty well and we all go to bed early. Annie gets on her nerves quite a bit during the day. Annie respects nothing - she opens everything, takes everything she wants, and is very nervous just as Hughie was and I suspect the two are ~~with~~ with you. I am glad to hear that Ed likes to work. I rather suspected this - for Hughie gave me the idea. I think I told you how I tried to get Hughie to do a little work. He simply could not stand it. He had to be with the rest of us,

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It seems that all the kids are very bright. Hughie is and Annie seems even brighter. Eventually if they can use this intelligence along useful lines they will go places. As for eating fried monkey, I wish you could see the way Annie walks thru the bananas; six to eight a day, plus three good squares. I dont know where she puts it all.

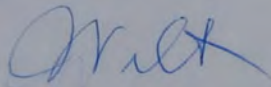
Dick is laid up with conjunctivitis, but I imagine it will pass off in a couple of days more. He and Marion and I drove up to Coban last Friday and came back Sunday. A fine trip, overnighing at Salama and then with Mrs Hempstead who was wonderful to us. I like Dick very much and am delighted to see how devoted he is to Marion. Every little while he gives her an affectionate pat just as I used to give Dorothy. And Oh, how much Marion resembles her mother in every way. Sometimes it almost hurts.

We are rather expecting Nancy and family on the 1st of July - she wrote that Bob must take his vacation the first two weeks of that month. I am hoping that Dick and Marion can stay until the first days of July, but I shall have to put them over at the Hotel Aurora when Nancy comes, as we cannot all in ~~the~~ house. I will of course pay the hotel bill. It is a pity Nancy and Bob could not come two weeks later but it seems to be out of the question. Hugh may drop in for a few days also - I hope so, for it would be fine for all the kids to be here together. He can always sleep on the sofa in the library, but the job of feeding more than six is pretty hard on old Maria.

I often wonder how you and Betty would handle the Sally problem, were you here. I am not at all sure that I am doing the right things. I approach it ffrom one angle, then try another, carefully. I really believe Marion and I could put her in good shape, and will do so, but we both wonder what will happen when she goes back to Tahoe.

Sorry to write such an unhappy letter but I think you and Betty should be fully informed.

Ever yrs



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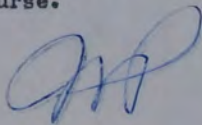
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TWO DAYS LATER:

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Oh, if Sal could only stay permanently in the condition she is in today!

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Ahuacatlan, Sat. June 26, 1965

Dear Popenoes:

"'Tis sixty years since" was the subtitle of Sir Walter Scott's first novel, Neverly, which created something of a revolution in English literature; and 'tis 60 years since the Popenoe family became permanent residents of California-- June, 1905. My parents and Herbert had come out the previous winter, father to go into business in the H.W.Hellman bldg., 4th and Spring sts., L.A., as SW representative of the Pacific Monthly, published in Portland, Ore. They had rooms near Westlake (now McArthur) Park. Herbert was with them; Wilson and I stayed in Topeka to finish the school year, I living with Uncle Homer Bowman next to Washburn College, Wilson staying in Highland Park with the family of Albert Rosen whose wife, nee Mabel Curry, was POP's first cousin. Mother and Herbert came back to pick us up, pack, and move as soon as I graduated from Washburn Academy. We came via Santa Fe; father met us in L.A. and we took the interurban car down to Santa Monica, where he had rented a cottage for the summer, some blocks back from the ocean. We promptly went in bathing and, having no experience of such things, I spent enough time in the balmy sunshine to have to spend nearly a week in bed, with an M.D. calling on me. It was cold and foggy on the coast then as now, and since we had come to Calif. partly to get a warm climate for Herbert, who was becoming deaf, it was not thought to be the place for him, so after a month we moved to the Mission Inn at Riverside, with which father had made a deal, selling them adv. in the Pacific Monthly and taking part of the price (which amount to his own commission, I suppose) in board and room. It was plenty warm and dry there. In Sept. we moved to Highland Park, L.A. one block from Occidental college where I entered as a freshman and Wilson as a student in the academy attached to the college.--Actually, Herbert's deafness was probably otosclerosis, hereditary in the Holcomb line, and the climate had little or nothing to do with it. His right ear is dead, mine now largely so.--From Hong Kong, Oliver & Laura sent us a box of "Red dates without stone", put up in Shanghai. They're delicious, but they are not red and not dates-- they're are jujube fruits, candied, and brown to black in color. We had in the desert several jujube trees sent us by the Bureau of Plant Industry, supposed to be very choice; and we had one tree behind the old garage here; very likely it's still there. It comes gradually to my mind that the jujube is sometimes popularly called the Chinese date or Chinese date plum.--Letter today from O & L is the last from Japan (wh they have found excitingly beautiful); day after tomorrow they are starting for the USSR and the Trans-sib.---Willis IV has left for a summer tour in Europe and is registered for the coming academic year at the University of Edinburgh.--Debbie is in Baltimore en route to Sebago Wohele camp in Maine.--Marion and family are at Antigua with Sally and her dau Annie.--A pacifist or some other group is issuing auto bumper stickers with the constructive suggestion, MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR.--We are having new Venetian blinds put in our bedroom today; the old ones were worn out and we had to live up to the style of our luxurious new carpet and elegant maple bedstead.--The Ahuacatlan family group, but 'cept me, went to Disneyland last Tuesday with Tia, Millie and Bill and their two boys; a good time was had by each and all.--I have been in correspondence with the Kansas State Historical Soc. which is working on a retrospective exhibition of the paintings of George M. Stone. We have one (which actually belongs to Wilson) of his good ones over our mantelpiece, the Dutch canal and sailboat, and Herbert has one af called Cosette, a green gate in a French house, with a little girl beside it, holding a big copper pitcher. This is one of his best and hung in our dining room in Topeka, Stone made it when a student in Paris, put the girl in some years later-- his niece Lillian. Herbert took a color photo of it which I sent on and Lillian has written me; thrilled with it because she did not know that she was Cosette. Wilson will remember her; she was a year younger than he.--Much love to the family in Ahuacatlan.

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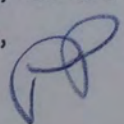
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Ahuacatlan, Tuesday, June 29, 1965

Dear Popenoes:

Probably you have received the news of the birth of Charles Holcomb Popenoe III. Each day now we're expecting to hear from Peter, and from Dave & Kate, who are also expecting.-- We have put a wire fence along the whole south side of the place here;-- had to take out the old Pyracantha hedge, which was pretty well used up., We'll put roses on it.--Eddie and Mary keep busy, happy, and healthy, and are looking forward eager, counting the days, until the end of the six week period in which their mother told them she would return. Like all children, I suppose that they have a sort of an unconscious feeling, in a case like this, that they might be left orphans! They'll be relieved when they hear from Sal of the exact day and hour of her arrival with Annie; but as I say, they seem to be much at home here, and Betty does a wonderful job in finding things to occupy their time. They are a great help to me when I have time to work outside. Sunday we potted off 25 petunias which we had leftover after setting out about 250 in a broad bed of color at the back of the place. Eddie hauled the dirt in a wheelbarrow, I put some in a pot, Mary added sand, I added a handful of peat moss, stirred it up, and put in the plant, then Mary carried the pot off, set it down, filled it with water, and so on, da capo. It was quite an assembly line and we all enjoyed it. Yesterday I bought a punching bag on a small platform, to take to the Child Guidance Clinic at the AIFR, and I'm keeping it here until they go; it gets a good beating from Eddie. They haven't had even a sniffle here, and are eating and sleeping well. Hoping you are the same,



June 29, 1965

Dear Wilson:

We greatly appreciated your long letter re the Halley situation, even though we'd all be happy to have a more happy prospect. It's really impossible for me to believe the story of Ed's dipping into the cash register. He must have some sort of salary, and the Dr. must have known what it was. I wonder if Ed does not concoct that fairtale to cover the fact that he is drinking and gambling away a good deal of what he earns and has to have some way to explain to Sal why he never has a regular amount with which to pay the bills? I used to tell my wife I was robbed in the park, when my bankroll

was small; he simply robs himself. Anyhow, the Swiss Chalet deal will keep him going this summer.--We assume that Sal will be here about the end of next week, or the beginning of the week following, and she'll receive a warm welcome. These are really mighty fine children, and fully deserving of everything we can do for them. Mary is temperamental, as you describe Annie to be, but Betty has handled her well, though she has to keep on her toes every minute to do so. Eddie is remarkably mature and reliable for his age; but after all, he's only a little boy. It's a long, long time since you and I had any children of our own, of these ages.---Oliver and family are on

the Trans-sib RR today. They are certainly becoming world travelers!--Betty joins me in undying love.

Paul

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, the Glorious Fourth, A D 1965

Hombre, dont you remember when Ernie Chamberlain pointed out the two lions, not rampant, in front the Carnegie Inst of Wash, and told us with pride that the Hon Merrill Gage had done the front foot of one of them? I did not think much of the interview with Merrill (who was not only your boyhood friend, but mine also), and if you think you look more like Genghis Khan than Winston Spencer Churchill, then I look more like Booker T Washington than John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

No doubt you have the direct and authoritative news of the arrival of Hugh Wilson Popenoe ere this; but your report on the arrival of Charles Holcomb Popenoe Tercero is the first I have heard and I will write the proud parents. Poor lad, to have to sign C H Popenoe III the rest of his life. I wouldnt mind signing A Lincoln III, bit it will take so much useless time to sign C H Popenoe III. I hope the boy doesnt think he has to grow a full beard at aetas 16, just to live up to the name (and his father's whiskers).

I put Marion and Dick and the two nice little wals on the plane day before yesterday. Poor Marion didnt have much a vacation because she was so preoccupied all the time with Sally's problem. Por ejemplo, the day Dick and Marion took all the kids away, and Sal sat in their quarters and plished off, during the morning, half a bottle of whisky they have left (forgetting for the moment Edith's warning) and then in the p M Sal went across the stree to the Club Anticuano and when I missed here and went over at 3.30 she was sittin smoking the usual cigarette with three empty beer bottles in front of her.

Ever and anon, Sally has talked to Marion and myself very frankly. As we both see it, if Sally continues with Ed at Tahoe she is going on the rocks. You would be happy to see what a different person she has become down here in the past two weeks. A normal person most of the time. Marion suggests that Sal break way from Ed for year, and that I finance her somewhere in your area, near a school. She will probably have to keep the kids with her, tho they nearly drive her crazy. You intimate that little Mary is not the kind that pits you to sleep every day after lunch. I have had experience with Hushie and Annie. Sally says Pete alias Edie is the only one who is easy to handle and I guess you will go along with that.

But I doubt that Sal will agree to leave Tahoe, and Ed, though she would like to do so. It is a feeling of duty on her part. And neither Marion nor I, nor even Sal, believes that Ed really loves Sal. Edith seems to think they love each other, but Dick says Edith is "naive" I think he is right. Ed goes off to work after getting up at ten, rarely comes back during the day for a meal and shows up, very much in his cups, at 12 to 2 a m, and not infrequently stays out all night. Where? Sal says he shows no interest in his family except when guests are there. And that he is never affectionate with her. And he tells her if she gets any father he is going to leave her. And so on.

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Of course we dont know Ed's side of the story. Sal says that Mrs Halley has been the only one who understands and has tried to help her. That Ed's father has been just like Ed, except that he had a profession and had made good money out of it. But with his family, no. Sally is devoted to Mrs Halley, but has no use for the Dr.

I cannot figure out the financial situation at all. Sally can not help. She has no idea where Ed gets the money to keep them going, but she has mentioned several ways. For example (and this she has told both Marion and me but has asked us not to publicise it) some time ago when Mrs Halley was at Tahoe, someone phoned and told her that Ed had passed several hundred dollars in bad checks and that if she did not come over and fix things up they would put things in the hands of the sheriff and Ed would go to jail. So of course Mrs Halley paid up. And Sal says just recently she knows that Ed borrowed \$200 from his boss. It does seem, tho I am not sure, that Dr Halley is trying to cut off his support now that Ed is "working". The Swiss Chalet job may not last long, because (1) is not an all year round job, and (2) they may get tired of the way Ed hits the booze himself and fire him. This I think quite probably. Sal says he is getting \$3 per hour there, on a four hour a day job. That will be a real help if he keeps it a while. Sal says much of the food is brought in by friends - there was one especially, a widow with a good pension, who used to come over and drink with Sal, and brought her food, but Ed was so unkind to her that she had to stop coming. I assume this in an effort to curtail Sal's drinking. She says Ed brings home liquor but hides it from her. I dont believe we have understood what a problem liquor has been. She must have been hitting it hard, for you know as well as I do that a woman of her build can not drink half a bottle of whisky in the morning and three beers in the afternoon and still seem sober at dinner time.

Pablo, the future looks pretty black. Sally wants to cooperate and I have cut her down to one pack of cigarets a day and one beer in the morning and one hefty drink before dinner. I dont dare do more, suddenly, but I wonder what will happen when she gets back to Tahoe and under the stress of Ed's mistreatment and the four difficult (or 3 difficult) kids. Sal would like to stay here until school begins up there, but for two reasons I plan to send her home by the 15th of this month: (1), I dont think it will be of permanent help, if she stays here longer) and (2) I dont think Betty should be loaded down with the kids six weeks more. I know Betty would be willing if it would save Sal but it isnt a permanent cure. I am going to town tomorrow to meet Nancy and her family - five more to handle here. When we made plans for everyone coming down this summer we did not know that available vacation time was going to dump such a tremendous load on Maria. There will be 8 of us to feed for two weeks. I think it is a good thing to have them all this year, because maybe I wont be able to handle the job another year. I cant count on too much. I will try to get Sal's reservation soon, for the 15th or maybe even a few days earlier, and will advise you accordingly. Sally doesnt want to leave until she has a little time with Nancy and I suppose from the standpoint of our problem Nancy ought to have a chance to see something of the situation.

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LAST CALL, SOO LATE, as the Happy Jappy auctioneer said on E Colo Ave, just across the Santa Fé Tracks, when Herbert Popenoe had bid 20 cents on the jenny-wine Monkey Skin purse - I hope you remember.

I am going in after lunch to meet Nancy et al and will try to get reservation for Sally about the end of this week as you suggested. If I succeed, I will put a note at the foot of this letter but will also confirm by another letter in a day or two, since themails sometimes let us down. It looks to me, per schedule, that the only planes for L A ly here on ~~Mo~~ Wed Fri at 5 p m and get to L A at 22.55 o sea aproximadamente 11 p m. Pretty darn tough. Maybe you can get Herbert to meet them. I assume they are going to stop overnight at L A to pick up the other kids. I just hope you can find some way to avoid going to the airport and not getting home until well after midnight.

Sal this morning is again full of new ideas - she changes them at least once every twelve hours. She now thinks she will go down to San Francisco, take a house, put the kids in school and she will go into training for nursing at the Univ of Calif hospital. And Ed can come down once in a while to be with his family. He will continue at the bar and will help support his family at SF. I have told her I will take care of the support but I would like to see her go farther away than SF. But I guess it wouldnt matter; no matter where she went, just as soon as he loses the bar job, and knows that I am willing to support the family and am doing it, he will move back home and wait until he gets another job which he likes, just as he has been doing. Sal doesnt want to give Ed up completely; says she still loves him and will not think of divorce but she just simply cant go on living the sort of life she has been living at Tahoe. Poor darling, she is so precious and is so happy here, helping me entertain visitors - and she does it so well -but she cant concentrate on her painting or anything else. I believe its typical of one in her condition. If she goes home and cracks up again as she did before Lansley Porter I believe the only answer might be to send her down here alone, br with one of the children. With Karl gone we wont again get 18 months free at Lansley Porter, you can count on that; and -- Oh well, I just cant make plans or foresee the future any more than Sal can. Do you think we could possibly do anything by working on Ed?

Have asked for reservation
on flight 516 Sunday the 11th;
not fully confirmed yet but
almost certain Will advise.

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As you know, Sally has been given a very old Ford car by Ed's relatives but she has not driven it because she has no license. The last time she flunked out on the tests - I believe she had possessed a license previously but am not sure about this. She is talking today about going to an art school somewhere near the Lake and taking lessons, but she will have to count on transportation. She says the old Ford is so far gone that they could not get anything worth while for it and that is why they gave it to her. She would like to have a Volkswagen. I have told her that when she gets a license to drive, and has used the old car for a month or two I will take care of getting her a Volkswagen, maybe not brand new, but brand new if necessary. What worries me is this: will it be safe for her to drive a car? The ideal thing would be for Ed to take to art classes or if he cannot get away, then to hire some neighbor to take her. I just mention this as it is another of those things.

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Antigua C, 10 July 1965

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CENTRO AMERICA

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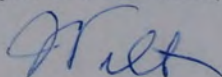
In response to your SOS (Send Out Succor) of the 5th, I enclose my check 189 in the amount of One Thousand Dollars only, which credit to Peter's account as suggested.

As to the matter of selling him down the river, so far as his interest in the Antigua house is concerned, this is in the hands of Lic. Jorge F Sanchez who hasn't done anything about it yet, and ~~who~~ says he fears this is going to be quite a job. In the first place, he thinks the document you sent may have to be sent back for authentication, somewhat along the lines of a document I got for Dorothy when I went to Ecuador with her shortly after we were married; the document had to go thru the following: somebody had to swear that the man who signed it was authorized to sign it, then somebody had to swear that the man who swore that the man who authenticated that signature was - and so on, right up to Charles Evans Hughes. In this case, Jorge thinks we may get by with one guy, then the Guatemalan consul, then the Sec'y of State for California. He promises to let me know. If we finally find that it is best to drop the matter I don't think it will be very serious; there can only be a problem some day if the children want to sell the house which is unlikely. But I'll go ahead as fast as we can.

I am taking this letter into town tomorrow when I take in Sally and Annie to put them on the plane. I guess it is no use entering into any further details about her problems - I am getting as confused as she is. But she seems determined to go back to Tahoe and from that point outward everything is nebulous. I doubt that she will leave Ed because she says she won't if he and the family oppose it. I can't see why Ed is so interested - he has only written her once she came down here. But enough. She goes back in good condition; if she could remain in as good condition as she has been here for the past couple of weeks things would not be too bad. But I'm afraid she still goes into depression complexes very easily.

Bob has to go home on the 17th or 18th, but Nancy and the children plan to stay on - perhaps until almost time to go back to school. I will have to leave them here for two or three weeks as I must go over to Salvador and Honduras, but that doesn't matter. Nancy speaks the language and has plenty of help here in the house and will have the Volkswagen; and all in all, I think it may get her into the habit of spending a summer down here every once in a while, for I think both she and the children are very happy and comfortable here.

Hoping you are the same,



Tu casa, Ahuacatlan, July 16. 1965

Sehr geehrter Her Tropenpflanzer:

We hope and trust that Sal et al are now happily ensconced in the Mill Valley apt. I phoned Knowles this morning, having heard nothing from nobody; he was at the Bohemian club grove but I had a pleasant conversation with Emma; she said she understood that everything was in place, but that Nancy would have the latest; so I called on that Nina, who said she had a phone call from Sal at Mill Valley, apparently very happy, the children were on the way over from Stockton, and Ed was going down very shortly to Menlo to bring up a stove and refrigerator; I suppose these are what Nancy brought out from Texas but found she did not need because her apt. is fully equipped; and on the other hand that Sal left hers at Al Tahoe. So, if it be the will of Allah, we'll hope the story has had a happy ending so far.

As to the great Barsaloux mystery case, I left you with Lucile having converted Maude's entire bank account into a cashier's check and put it in her own safe dept. box. She evidently became scared, because next day she took it to a lawyer she knew and asked him to hold it for her. Glenn Norrick acting as atty. for Maude phoned him, asked him if he knew what he had gotten into; that it's the kind of case which might interest the district attorney; and the lawyer immediately phoned Lucile to come and get the check and take it personally to Maude. She left it with Mrs. Kurdes in an envelope and a note to "My very dear Maude" explaining that everything she had done was merely fulfilment of a promise she had made to Helen in 1949, to take care of Maude as long as she lived.--Bets spent an hour with Maude yesterday listening to a harrowing recital of what Lucile had which included a systematic campaign of many months to destroy the Popenoe family (not sparing you); she denounced F.O.P. in great detail but of course her main objective was PF and she indicated to all concerned that I was utterly corrupt and dishonest. --Maude said to me, "Lucile has lied and lied and lied to me. I never want to see her again." Apparently she told something of the same sort to Lucile, because thenote said, "If you ever want to see me, have a nurse phone me."-- We know that Lucile won't give up quite so easily, but maybe we will have a little slackening of the war before a new escalation begins. Meanwhile Betty and I will see her as much as possible, and I DO hope that you will drop her a line, just a postcard, at least OBCE a Week; it will make a tremendous difference to her.

I was just interrupted by a phone call from Bohemian Grove, Knowles giving me the information I had outlined above; he'll try to stop in Mill Valley tomorrow. If he does, one, I'll know that everything is OK.

Ahuacatlan still a-go-go, July 23, 1965

Dear Popenoes:

If Ollie & Co. are on schedule (and they usually are), they arrived in dear old Lamon today and will be looking around eagerly to see what they face for the next year; and they'll soon be having a reunion with Janina.--Incidentally, at the Ross-Loos clinic this afternoon I encountered one Fiona Kennedy, who said she knew Laura and Ollie in Antioch. She is now working some way for the Pacific Unitarian society. She asked about children, etc., and was excited when I told of Janina being at Summerhill; says she has two nieces there.-- Dave and Kate celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary this past week, and give a good report of their Opus No.2. We're proud of 10 grandchildren!--In my childhood we lived in the home of my mother's parents, in Topeka, so they saw more of me than of some other grandchildren (Tom & Karl Bowman were the only others); and I'm credibly informed that Grandma Bowman used to pick me up and say, "Little Paul Popenoe, Precious Pet", to which Grandpa Bowman would add, "Probable Progenitor of Prosperous Posterity!" And it turned out just as he said-- a remarkable instance of Precognition.---Sal and ~~Saxy~~ Annie arrived at the beginning of last week in fine shape, and after a couple of days here which we greatly enjoyed, went on back to Ah Tahoe with Eddie (who now seems to be reclaiming the name of Pete) and Mary. So I'm having to do all alone the many jobs in which I used to have competent help, such as opening and closing the garage door, and taking the column mail up to Mrs. Gameley's porch.--We have had the two front rooms (lvg and dining) painted-- a soft grayish green not much different from before but freshening us up wonderfully; also pretty nearly burned the house down in the process. The painters spread drop cloths all over the dining room floor, covering the floor heater; went off and left them for the night. During the warm day the heater wasn't "on" but when the temperature dropped, the thermostat lighted the fire and began to warm up the drop cloths! They were fireproofed some way so they didn't burst into flame-- if they had done so they would certainly have made trouble; but they smoldered, burning a hole through which you can stick your arm, clear through the floor, and ruing a great deal of the flooring, and the rug. We assume that the insurance will cover our loss; but it was probably a narrow escape.-- Had a flat with the Dauphine, first time in six years that we have changed a tire on it! We put on the spare, which still held its pristine Paris air; not quite enough of it, however, so we had to get it pumped up.--Wilson has gone to El Salvador and Honduras for a week or several weeks.--Debbie, according to a letter today from John, is greatly enjoying Sebago- Wohelo; swims in the lake every day, sails her own boat, etc., etc.-- Janina will understand.--I walked around to the back of our old garage the other day to see what was left. Negros are in the 3 houses (including Tambo) and also apparently living in my old study. Back of it the Jujube, Rangpur Lime, and Cherimoya trees are still there; good sized although looking a bit neglected.--- We're settling down to as quiet a life as possible here and hope to get a little writing and painting or sculpture done. I envy the bard:

To tend the sacred fire that needs no fuel,
To dwell on Helicon and pay no rent,
To cultivate the Muse and live on gruel,
How happy we who therewith are content!

The Queen B is in the throes of an agonizing reappraisal as to whether to keep rugs in the front rooms or put down wall-to-wall

Ahuacatlan, Sunday evg Aug. 1, 1965

My fellow-Americans:-

The big news hereabouts is that the Popenoe interests have purchased a new executive car-- took delivery yesterday afternoon of a Plymouth Valiant 100, medium tan (also called gold) in color, white wall tires (wh I didn't want), automatic transmission power, steering, etc.; a mighty handsome car with wh the Queen B is especially delighted. The 1956 Ford had served us mighty well but had really passed the retirement age. Of course we still have the Dauphine to keep Bets from being marooned here.--Parkie gave us a call this afternoon-- first time we have seen him in nearly a year. He has been teaching at summer session, wh is just over. Willis IV left a month ago for Europe, took a Portuguese freighter from NYC to Lisbon, fell in love with the country so much that he registered for a month summer session at the Univ.; then expects to spend a few weeks in Spain and head for Edinburgh. Parkie plans to go over and spend Xmas vacation with him-- it lasts for a month.--John and family left last week for a month on wheels, attending a mtg or two and seeing the kinfolk and the sights.--Marlene, dau. of Fritz and Sally Zeiss, will be married next Saturday; Fritz' name isn't on the invitation, merely Mrs. Gist Zeiss; I don't know whether they froze him out or whether he has gone to Germany again.--We understand that Dick Hatch is posted for another 2-year tour of foreign duty somewhere in the not-too-distant future, and can't take his family; hope it will be his last of that kind.--Alma called us so we could talk with Josh, who sounded full of pep, vim, ginger, zip, and spizzerintum; she says Ollie & Laura renewed the lease on their Georgetwon home to the African embassy at a higher price than before and Ollie is now definitely planning to get a Ph.D. and it may be several years before he comes back to vote for a third term for LBJ.--We have had the dining room and living room painted, much the same color as before-- a soft, light green; we are well pleased. The painters spread drop cloths all over the DR floor including the floor furnace; in the warm day it wasn't running but the cold night threw the thermostat so when I came out in the morning the place was filled with smoke. The cloths were apparently fireproofed so merely smoldered; if they had burst into flames the house would probably have caught fire. They burnt a hole that you can stick your arm through, clear down through the floor into the subsoil, charred about one-fourth of the floor and ruined the old rug. Adjuster is coming tomorrow to fix our insurance claim; we figure \$650. --We have also given away the telephone table, which was a maple or more probably oak desk that POP had at Pinehurst in Topeka; it did not match our red maple dining room furniture and was really not appropriate for the purpose; also of course showed signs of 70 years wear. It was also too big for the purpose and we bought a small maple desk with drop leaf, which looks and serves very well.--I've been hiding out at home all the week, not being in very good shape to face the public because I had a cancer (my sixth) removed last Tuesday, under my right eye and alongside my nose; my bandages were pretty formidable for the first couple of days. Donald Ross did the surgery-- a fine job. I have merely a large bandaid now. Cancers aren't too bad if you catch 'em young and treat 'em rough-- tho of course I'm not recommending them--Our summer workshop begins tomorrow at the AIFR; we have more than 100 registered and it will be a big affair. Because of the damage to our dining room we had to cancel the reception wh we always have out here; will have it at the office next Friday evg. instead.--The Queen B joins me, as is here invariable custom, in sending the most heartfelt love to each and every one of you.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY RELATIONS
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Ahuacatlan, Aug. 6, 1965

Dear Wilson:

Yours of the 3d ppdo is indeed distressing, and demands immediate action. We'll phone Sal tomorrow and confirm it, but I'm afraid there is no figment of the imagination-- just dirty facts. We have really been expecting something like this; evidently his telling sell not to find g-a so interesting that she wanted to stay was a hint that she should do so. During the 6 wks the 2 children were here he never sent them so much as a pretty p.c., not even to thank them for the Father's Day messages they sent him.

Of course Sal's idea of San Francisco is out of the question; she couldn't be worse off anywhere, with not a soul nearby, even Karl Bowman now gone. I doubt if she would last 30 days there. The only possibility, we feel certain, is for them to go back to Antigua, and as soon as possible. It will be by far the least expensive; she'll be among those who know and love her; Hugh, Nancy, and Marion will be in occasionally; and the children can have entirely satisfactory schooling.

We don't think it will be possible to separate the children. Mary is too young to be taken from her mother-- only 5 yrs old. You'll love her; while she is temperamental, she is really brilliant. I don't think the sr. Halleys would keep Hugh; they like him, of course, but they would say, with some truth, that they had carried most of the load for 12 yrs, that they are too old to take the responsibility of a small boy and want to be free to travel, etc.; and I don't think it would be good for Hugh, either.

In Antigua all four can be in school; a little extra help will be inexpensive; and if things get too active occasionally you can always run over to Honduras for a few weeks! Sal can make a gox of it down there alone, if she can anywhere; and she can't anywhere else-- absolutely not.

I know that it can't help but look like a pretty ~~xxx~~ big uundertaking for you but as I say, Sal can get along there even if you are away for weeks at a time, and there is simply no other possibility. I'm afraid we'll have to face the probability that the elder Halleys will insist on washing their hands of the whole family, and the quicker we get Sal and her four out of this country, the safer all will be. I don't suppose you will have any desire to go up there and arrange things; there's not much to arrange, in the circumstances, except to have them pack up and move out, is there?

Betty joins me in sorrowful love.

Paul

Ahuacatlan, Sunday Aug. 8, 65

Dear Mahatma:

I talk^{ed} by phone with Sal last night; the clouds seem to have blown away for the time being. She said there had been a great improvement; that she thought the future now looked very favorable; and that she was going to stay with it. She explained that Ed had had a real shock, had passed through a great crisis, and that he was a different man. She did not seem to want to go into details but I would guess that she let him know she was planning to move to SF with the children and had asked you to back her in the move (which he was doubtless sure you would do); and when he came to face it he didn't like the idea. I think he is really attached to the children, even if he pays no attention to their absence, and probably the idea of losing them completely didn't appeal to him; probably he also thought he would lose a good deal of face around Al Tahoe; that his parents might not be very happy over it; and since ~~everything~~ he has belongs $\frac{1}{2}$ to Sal as community property, he probably may have suspected that some of his creditors would move in on him with a firm grip. Very likely Sal is as optimistic at this time as she was pessimistic 10 days ago; but at least it's evident that she feels a very different atmosphere now exists. How long it will last-- viendo se vera, but she knows now that you are already to help her get out if she has to go.

I explained about the VW and the license; she had told Betty that she flunked the test because she couldn't handle the old car, but she knew she could handle a VW. I asked if she couldn't take the test on the old car and she said Ed was now using it because his own car had broken down. I'm afraid if she had a VW he would merely take that over! But I suppose she can rent a VW there; how would it do to suggest that you will send her \$25 to rent one for a week on which she can do some practice driving, then take the test on it? If she still flunks you will have saved yourself \$975 plus tax. Of course she ought to have some way to get around, but a driver's license is the first step and an indispensable one.

Maybe we'd better phone Sal every few weeks to keep in touch and see whether things are moving in the right direction. If she felt defeated and cornered she might have some difficulties. She said everything up there was in good shape "at this point in time" as the sociologist jargon-users say to mean "now"; kids OK.

Enc clipping is just as menacing as the former news from Al Tahoe. We want you to know that if you have to flee the country with nothing but the clothes on your back, we'll always make a home for you here and you can wear some of my old clothes when yours wear out with the dhobie itch.

Yours ever,

Paul

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
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Antigua, 15 August 1965

Dear Pablo:

When I came back from one of my pomological tours of the highlands I found your letter of the 8th. I had not yet replied to the first one re Sally's problem, and just as well; for we can now adopt a different slant. My feeling is that Ed is afraid his mother will kick up an awful row if he lets Sal leave him and take the children with her.

But anyway, as Mrs Simmonds always said, I will go ahead and make suggestion you suggest, i.e., that Sal hire a Volkswagen and learn to drive and see if she can get a driver's license; tho I am just as sure as you are that if she does, and then I buy her a Volkswagen, it will just be a matter of weeks until Ed appropriates it, as Sally says the old car they gave her was so far gone that they could not get \$200 on a trade-in, which means that Ed will have to spend something on repairs pretty soon if he keeps it - or else borrow some money to spend on his own. If you are talking to her over the phone, mention the idea of hiring a Volkswagen for a week.

Marion and I discussed the idea of bringing Sal down here with the kids, and she felt that with all the servants she would have, and no responsibilities, she would just sit around and mope - and drink coffee and smoke cigs. I feel sure I could cut out the likker- during those times when I am here; I am doubtful about the cigs and I suppose the coffee doesn't matter so much. But I do not believe Sal could move to SF or elsewhere and go it alone; I feel she has lost her self confidence and initiative to a point where she just can't face reality. I think I wrote you that I could get her to concentrate on nothing, and she has no sense of continuity left.

Let's hope that she has scared Edmundo into treating her decently. But I doubt that we are entirely out of the woods - permanently.

Hombre, that clipping about Guatemalan politics makes me furious. And if I were a high class Guatemalan it would make me love the gringos very much. I cannot see how a paper of the importance of the L A Times could publish such rot.

I am expecting Hugh to pass this way in another week or so, en route Gainesville from Costa Rikker. He will probably spend one day with me. The increased dignity of his U of F job has forced him to sign up for a first-class apt in a building to be ready for occupancy in December. He brot me a prospectus; looks like a fine place, with bathing pool and tennis court and I suppose a hot dot stand, I mean Snack Bar. I never saw him so happy as when last here, ten days ago; his new boss the Provost seems to think highly of him. I may have told you that their new program encompasses all of Central America - if they can get the necessary agreements with all countries. He expects to spend a coupla months this autumn in Nicaragua, reorganizing their agriculture. Surveys and programs and agreements; those are the big things these days. I hope the work comes along eventually.

Dios, Patria y No-rebelcion,



the *Lawtonian*
hotel

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

HEATED POOL AND CABANAS

Aug. 18, 1965

Hon. Popenoe:
Sir:

I say, sir, I have no violent antipathy toward you, sir, but I do deplore the fact that you have so little hispannidads that you can't spell Cossterrikker correctly. You ought to have a better knowledge of the Lattin language than that, sir. Le Latin es good ting, est muy good knowledge, and all of us griegos ought to have a fluent knowledge of it by the time we are seventy (70) years old.--Just had a phone call from H; they came back Monday from 10 days in the Yosemite and he gave me an interesting picture of the changes that have taken place since you and I stopped at the Sentinel Hotel 60 years ago and enjoyed for breakfast the wild strawberries that the Indians had picked.--We're going to San Diego for the week end to celebrate our 45th wedding ainnversary. Next week we'll phone Sal again and see if there is any change in the status quo ante bellum. The longer a break of any kind can be postponed, the more time the kids will have to grow toward maturity.--Mighty good news re Hugh: I expect people who hear of either one of us will ask, "I wonder if he's any relation to Dr. Hugh Popenoe?"-- Just had a letter from Hon. Horace Wilkie wh I'll pass along to you shortly-- he suggests that I join the Sons of the American Revolution. As you have doubtless seen in your newspapers, we've been having one right here in L.A. Not much violence in Pasadena, but 15 or 20 punks were arrested for setting fires, breaking store windows, etc. This community, fortunately, is pretty law-abiding. Hoping UR the same and many of them,

PP

Ahaucan, Mon. Aug. 23, 1965

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I wish this could be a more cheerful letter; but there it is. Much love from Bets and myself.

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Ahuacatlan, Friday Sept. 3, 65

Dear Wilson:

Your letter urging that Sal come down to you arrived this afternoon shortly after a long phone call from Ed Halley stating that our poor little sal was back in Langley Porter. I was not here but he talked to Bets for half an hour. As we understand the story, it's about like this: More than a week ago Dr Halley phoned me saying that Sal was in trouble again; was simply staying bed doing nothing, paid no attention to the children or the housework; that this could not go on; that he was going to try to get Langley Porter to take her again and if they would not do so there was no alternative but to commit her to one of the state hospitals. ~~Exposure~~ A couple of days later the district atty of El Dorado county phoned me from Placerville, saying that Ed was there to file on his wife, that the judge would require some corroboratory testimony, and that Ed had suggested me. I told him what we had seen here and heard from you at Antigua. He suggested that I might like to talk to Ed, which I did at the county court house; and Ed suggested that I talk with Sal so I immediately put in a call for her and Betty and I both talked with her at some length, telling her that the Halleys meant business; that the only alternatives were Langley Porter as a voluntary patient or a state hospital on commitment, and urging her in every way possible to go to SF and get rested up and on her feet again. She refused somewhat scornfully; she had committed no crime that justified them in taking to the law against her, etc., etc.; she ended up with some show of hostility to both of us. I had been told that she would probably come up for a hearing on Tuesday, so I phoned her again Monday night to see what she was going to do. She had then been in bed for 21 days. She said she was going to do nothing; that Ed was merely bluffing and would do nothing; that she was entitled to a rest; when I suggested that the children needed care from her she said she had cared for them for a long time and now it was their turn to take care of her; that it would do them no harm; she even vited the case of Ruth, Edwin Popenoe's wife, declaring that Ruth had stayed in bed for 40 years, ignoring the children, and they had turned out wonderfully well, really brilliant. We again urged her to choose the alternative of voluntary commitment at Langley Porter and she again insisted that Ed would do nothing-- that he was merely threatening her. We had nothing further until Ed's call this afternoon. He did go to Placerville (Tuesday, I believe) to sign commitment papers, and told her so. after he left, she became violent, according to his story; began to break the windows of the house; the neighbors called the Tahoe hospital, which send an ambulance to pick her up; they had to take her in handcuffs. They gave her sedatives; meanwhile Ed returned and took her to Placerville to face the court. By this time she had evidently decided he was not bluffing, so she said she would go to Langley Porter ~~volunarily~~ voluntarily, and he took her down there where they put her in a violent ward. He says that en route she tried to jump out of the automobile. He told Betty that she was hearing voices again and talking about them; that she not only neglected the children but sometimes was harsh with them, and utterly undependable. As I told you, Dr. Halley said she had been refusing to take her medicines and had discontinued going to the Stockton psychiatrist, with whom he had arranged for her to have periodical visits.

Betty says Ed was obviously very much shaken up as he certainly ought to be. Dr. Halley told me that Dr. Simon had agreed to take her back to LP only because of regard for Karl. They were eager to have her go there instead of to a state hospital commitment but were determined that she must get under treatment somewhere. I'm quite certain, Wilson, that you could not have handled her in Antigua.

Ed has given up his daytime job so he can be with the children who, after next week, will be in school during some of the daylight hours. His idea is to get night work, so that he can leave the children in the evening merely with a baby-sitter. --Ed is certainly far from a model husband, but of course we have never really heard his side of the story; mainly what Sal has told us about him. Assuming that all that she told was true, it is evident that he has had an extremely difficult time with her, especially since she came back from g-a.

Needless to say, this business has upset us terribly; but I am convinced that she is right where she ought to be, in the circumstances-- anything else would be less desirable. There probably will be no news for a while, but I'll phone Ed in a couple of weeks, at least, and learn what he hears.

Hugh phoned us at the beginning of the week, just after he had returned to Floriday from Guatemala, and told us of what you and he had discussed. I asked him to phone Sal, and she said that he had done so, but evidently nothing that he said produced any effect on her.

You can of course address her c/o Supt., the Langley Porter Clinic, the Medical Center, S.F.

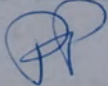
Yours ever,

cc to Hugh Popenoe and Karl Bowman

Sept. 3, 1965

Dearly beloved Popenoes, far & wide:

I'm sorry to report that our Sal is back in the Langley Porter clinic again. After she returned from g-a she seems to have been unable to face her situation up there; she went to bed and stayed there continuously, getting up occasionally to get a little something to eat for herself but completely ignoring both the home and the children. The Halley's finally saw that it would be necessary to get her back into competent hands-- she was hearing voices again, was refusing to take her medicine, and discontinued working with the psychiatrist in Stockton whom Dr. Halley had arranged with. Betty and I both talked with her on the phone twice and Hugh phoned us when he came back from g-a at the beginning of this week, and also talked with Sal on the phone. Ed phoned this afternoon that he had taken her to SF. We hope she won't be too long there, of course. You could write her c/o medical supt., the Langley Porter clinic, the Medical Center, S.F.---Hugh is now asst. to the provost, who is a sort of dean in charge of a newly organized large section of the univ. dealing with agriculture and food; Hugh is also director of the Center of Tropical Agriculture wh has been set up in Gainesville. He says he will probably be at home a little more than in the past; but he and the provost will probably leave in just a few days in order to accept an urgent request from the govt. of Nicaragua to spend a month or more down there reorganizing the agriculture college and other matters; after wh El Saldor wants their help.--We have had 2 new gardeners; our Liberian welter weight left us; he thought he was going to Guadalajara to do some fighting but that didn't eventuate; anyhow we took on a Pasadena college (Nazarene college) graduate who will enter Loma Linda medical school next week, and when he left we took on a senior pre-dental student, both of them a great improvement on any of the 4 African students we have had in the last few years; but then, we have to do our share for the Brotherhood of Man.--The American Genetic Assn. in a rare display of generosity, has made C.M. Goethe an honorary life member so he now gets the Journal of Heredity free for the rest of his life; a fairly safe gesture since he is 90 years old.--I've made my first investment in Blue Chip stamps, with each purchase; we had quite an accumulation but let Pete and Mary get some premiums when they were here; then we got some more. I could have had a blue velvet smoking jacket, but got a lawn manure spreader instead.-- John and family are presumably back in Miami; they stopped to see David & family who reported them all looking healthy and happy; Deborah had a wonderful summer at camp and brought out some beautiful things she had made.--Josh will be flying back to England in a few days; his folks now have an apt. which they have bought--put it in your address books: 26, Chesterford Gardens, Hampstead, London NW 3, England of course.--Much love from the old homestead.



Sunday morning Sept.18, 1965

I have just talked with Ed Halley. He visited Sal last week. She is still in the acute ward on the 4th floor and had just had an electric shock, presumably accompanied by some sedation, so he said she seemed somewhat far away, did not show much interest in hearing of the children, or anything else, but apart from that talked with him rationally. He thinks it would be desirable for us all to write to her; the address is Langley Porter Clinic 4-A, 401 Parnassus ave., San Francisco 22. Her physician is Dr. Christian Von Doett, who impressed him favorably and seemed to have studied very carefully the extensive file they have on her. I will try to phone Dr. Von Doett this week and see if I can get any other information from him; but of course in such a case the physicians are always very guarded in what they say-- necessarily so. Ed says he himself is "between jobs" just now, has not been able to find any work that he could fit in with his needs; but he says he was also out of a job at the time Sal was taken to the hospital and for some time previously, so it is nothing new. The children are all in school and he has a very good woman who comes in to help.

PP

Just to pick up a few loose ends from your recent esteemed letters-- It was Ella McLean who had been mother's classmate at Canton H.S. The Wilkie's were friends of the Nottawa Popenoes; I have a vague impression that mamie Wilskie (I didn't mean to make her sound like a Polish immigrant such as A.A. Pollansky) was a dau. or niece of General H.K. Hudson, who was a very good friend of W.P.P. in the early days, and who owned a controlling interest in the daily Capital, wh FOP bought, and also owned the Highly Park property, wh FOP bought for Pinehurst. --Paul McKay's mother keeps house in very much the way you describe; I could have hoped that Mary came from a different kind of family, but maybe not.-- Yes, Paul Scherer is Isabel's sister.--I'm afraid Sal's thinking and reportage were not too correct and coherent, when there and here. I had a long phone conversation with Marion after she recd your letter telling of Sal's breakdown; and she told of a number of entirely contradictory stories that Sal had told. Ed is no sweet-scented geranium (*Pelargonium odoratissimum* of the botanists, or a closely-related sp.) but he may have had to meet a good many problems of which we know nothing.--I'll ask the Social Security people about Pete's check. Since Hugh is so far away and out of the country so much, I should think Herbert would be the only possible choice for the job!--And we'll just let the transfer of Pete's interest in the house lie dormant. There may be some advantage in one way or another, in case of his death, that I am his guardian and can take any action necessary in Calif. though not in ese.-- That was certainly a fine article in the Prensa Libre, concerning the House in Antigua, and I'm filing it in that book.

Betty joins me, as always, in much love.

PP

Altadena, Sunday Sept. 18, 1965

Dear Popenoes:

"Very unusual weather"-- we're having several days of rain here, not to be expected in September. In Los Angeles yesterday 1 1/2 inches fell in an hour-- the heaviest hour's precipitation in 51 years. Out here we have been having a steady but gentle rain that is wonderfully helpful.--John reports by phone that there was no very serious damage done to the Fairchild Tropical Garden by the late unlamented Betsy; none of the buildings injured, though plenty of lath came off the lathhouses that are over near his own home. Jeri says no damage was done to their house,-- it is water tight and built to specifications that took into account the hurricanes to which they are exposed periodically. Of course the usual branches blown off trees, and the like, but they got off much better than the Miami Beach area, and of course all of Florida was hit much less than La.-- Hugh is in Venezuela.--We're still trying to recover from the orgy of interior decoration that we have undergone or enjoyed. We have wonderful carpets in the front rooms and bedrooms and probably can walk on them within a very few years; so far, however, the Queen B considers them almost too valuable to be subjected to the weight of a human being. We had almost the whole house painted inside-- it was much needed, but of course upset the routine a bit. Now we have to get some new drapes, and that's a problem.--On referring to some of the best modern authorities I find that Hugh is not in Venezuela but in Nicaragua. I knew it all along-- no one needs to tell me that!--Oliver and Laura are well settled in their flat, and have improved the interior decoration by painting the walls white and buying five only hot water bottles. The inside heating in England isn't the world's best, as you all know. The three children are all in Summerhill, the progressive school run by A.S. Neill at Leiston, Suffolk.--We're leaving here on Oct. 6, will speak at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, on Oct. 7, be in Miami on Oct. 8, 9, and 10; in there in the afternoon of Sunday the 10th for Morgantown, W. Va., where Nancy Popenoe was born; speak at W. Va. Univ. on the 11th, the fly to NYC where we'll spend Wednesday and Thursday. Friday afternoon we'll go to Princeton, for the week-end; on Monday 18th will fly from N.Y. to Boise, Idaho, where I put in three days of public education for the Mental Health Soc., then back here on the 22d Oct.--Returning to a consideration of Ahuacatlan, we took out the floor heater in the dining room, which has given us comfort for many years as well as convenience of drying the wash, but which was the source of our late trouble-- it was also a source of dirt. We put in a solid floor with wall to wall carpeting, had a heavy wire put in to carry 1650 watts for a portable electric heater than we shall get; got a new and modern hanging lamp over the dining table, and disposed of the heavy and not very beautiful we have had desk in the corner to hold the telephone; it's one of the few remaining pieces that came out from Topeka. In its place we put a smaller, maple desk.-- That's the top of the news from here.

RP

THE **BENSON** ON BROADWAY - PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

Trader Vic's

The LONDON
GRILL & BAR

Sept 19, 1965

Dear Paul -

Am down here working on the situations we have with contract hospitals in Portland. Will finish up here on Thursday Sept 23~~rd~~ and will fly to S.F. getting either Thursday night or Friday morning. Will be there from Sept 27 to about Oct 9 when I fly to Chicago where 8 of APA psychiatrists meet. We are all consultants to the American Bar Foundation which wants us to check over 2 books on legal matters that are to appear. Then back to Anchorage.

Was very sorry to finally get your letter about Sally and I shall try to see her on Friday Sept 24. I will then write Wilson the details and also send you word. Will you please notify Wilson of this. I am not sure where he is now. Please let me know if he is not at Antigua. I have all our mail automatically forwarded to Anchorage, so don't write me there. I shall be registering at the Hilton Hotel on Sunday Sept 26 for 4 days so if you write me there and ask that it be held for me I will get it.

Must stop and get busy on other things. US Pub Health Service is giving me \$101,000. a year for 5 yrs & will renew it for another 5 yrs if we do a satisfactory job. Am setting up a children's ward & extending children's service thru out the state.

Love to you and Betty

Karl [Bowman]



Sept. 23, 1965

Dear Karl:

After a few days out of the office with a "common cold", I went over today and found your letter of the 19th, which was awaiting me. By the time you get this you will have seen Sal. Day before yesterday I phoned Dr. Christian von Goett, in order to get a first hand report to forward to Wilson. The dr. was optimistic; she is a sick girl but he thought they would not have to keep her as long as the 14 mos. of the previous visit. The difficulty, as always, is ^{what} ~~is~~ ^{was} she will have to go back to!

Wilson is staying close to Antigua and you can always reach him there. His son Hugh is in Nicaragua for a couple of months, helping the gov. to set up some work in agric. education, so Wilson might go down there for a short visit, but I don't have any definite word. I know he will be mighty happy to hear from you.

Evidently you are giving Alaska what it needs. A press release from the USPHS says there are only 9 psychiatrists in the whole state, so I'd say you have your hands full-- as always!

Things are going along pretty quietly here; and Betty joins me in much love to you and yours.

PP

Ahuacatlan, Tues. Sept. 21, 1965

Dear Wilson:

I have just had a very satisfactory phone conversation with Dr. Christian Von Doett at the Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, whom-- fortunately-- I found to be quite communicative. A good many M.D.'s in such positions are quite the opposite. He says Sal is making better progress than they anticipated, since she was a very sick girl when she came in; he thinks they should be able to get her out in a good deal shorter time, on this visit, than in the 14 months of her previous sojourn. Incidentally Dr. Ames Fisher, who was head of the service when she was there before, is still head of the service, so provides continuity of acquaintance with the situation.

When she arrived, she seemed entirely indifferent to her children and husband and now she is beginning to show real concern about all of them; he considers this a particularly favorable symptom. She still has some auditory hallucinations, but not so often or so threatening as on arrival. She is still suspicious, but he thinks this will gradually disappear and would be helped by frequent and affectionate letters from all the members of the family, just gossiping about every day affairs as if nothing had happened to her. It would be particularly valuable to her to have a visit from anyone, and I told him I would pass the word along to Pablo and Norma. Visiting hours are daily from 3 to 5:30, Saturdays from 1 to 5:30, and Sundays from 10 to 5:30.

In addition to shock treatment she is receiving heavy doses of Stellazine (that's a new one to me).

He emphasized that one of the dangers, and most unfavorable aspects, of an internment like hers, is the feeling that no one loves her, that everyone merely wants to get rid of her and forget her (all of which is all too true in many cases, particularly with older patients) so everything that can be done in the way of heartening letters will be mighty good medicine. I had already sent her a copy of my last roundtable letter, which you should have received a couple of days ago, and enclosed an article about the art exhibit at Scripps. I'll send copies of the present letter to her sisters and also to Kowles and Edith.

Betty sends much love to you, as always.

Paul [Popense]

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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Antigua, 23 Sept 1965

Dear Pablo:

Yours of the 18th has come, and I was awfully glad to have news about Sal, for all I had was what Marion has written and she did not make it clear that the poor kid is back at Langley Porter. I am interested to hear that they are trying the shock treatment on her; I sure hope it does some good. In any case, I suppose she is in for a long session; Marion mentioned that if she stays a year away from her children Ed can get a divorce and she thinks that is perhaps what he wants. I feel as you do, that maybe we have had a one-sided picture from Sal, especially this past summer when she was here. I gather that she told Marion a lot of things she didn't tell me. And I feel as you do, that the Halleys have shown a lot of patience and done more for Sal in the past than we had imagine - from hearing only Sal's side, which was confused by her mental condition all along. But I still don't think Ed tries very hard to work. . Gosh, if were he and couldn't find anything I liked I would get out a d harvest fruit crops, as Hugh use^d to do. But that isn't Ed's way of looking at life.

About the Wilkies, I recall that Mrs W was a great friend of our Aunt Lucy. And as for J K Hudson, I remember all about him; and I have here in my library a copy of Thomas "The American Fruit Culturist"; it is inscribed on the fly leaf "Fraternally Yours, J.K.Hudson, in beautiful copper-plate script. I remember his house in Topeka.

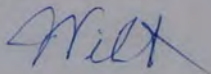
I am sure you are right about having Herb take care of Peter's affairs, should it become necessary. I was glad to note from your Monthly News Letter that Hugh is in Nicaragua. He wrote from Gainesville just after he got back there from here, that he was going to Nicaragua with Dr York but that is all I know. Tho Chris Hempstead's wife told me yesterday that Chris had rec'd a card from Hugh; she tho't it was from Nicaragua.

Speaking of old furniture, I am sitting on a Windsor chair that Gma Bowman had brot from Nantucket. I have two of them, but they wont last much longer. Not like our Guatemalan furniture.

I note that you are leaving on 6 Oct and due back at Ahuacatlan on the 22nd - the day the big excursion from the N Y Bot Gdn is due to arrive in Guatemala. I will be tied up with them until about Nov 7 or 8, then a couple from Miami is coming for a week or so - he is a medico who has been in charge of the Jefferson Hospital and his wife is a plant fancier - they are good friends of the Smileys. I have just heard from John; the FTG wasnt hit as hard as the Homestead region; Mrs Krome lost a lot of trees, including the old Mulgoba mango which fell on her garage and the old sapodilla which smashed her bedroom. John thinks the experiment station was pretty well wrecked.

The rains have come at last, badly needed by the corn crop. The Volkswagen ks beginning to feel its seven years. Guess I will have to get a new one next year, but I am thinking of getting away from here for several months after 1 January, so I wait until I come back, I think. They cost \$2700 here and I wont get much more than 500 for the old one.

Siempre tu afno y SS,



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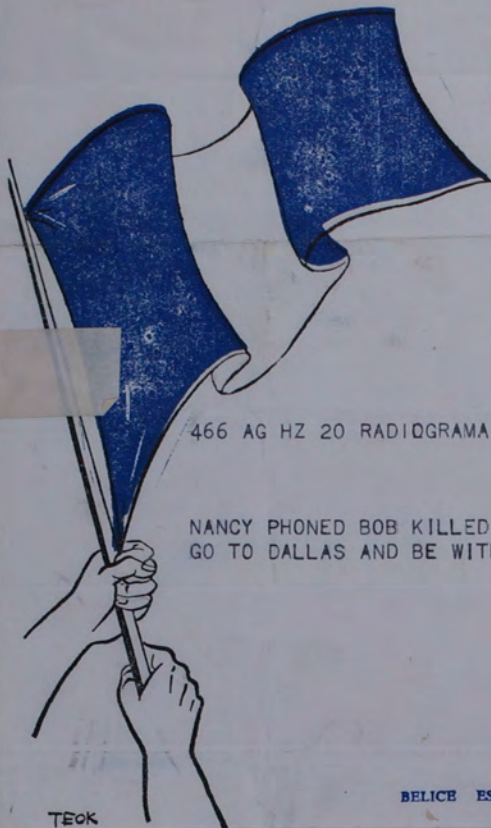
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Dear Wilson:

Glad to get your letter and chk.
In a few hours we'll be on the plane for
points east and south.

I sent Parkie a copy of the
letter about Bob's death, but have not heard
him, so I imagine he is off on a trip somewhere.

Enc a few stamps for Barton.

Betty joins me in much love to all .

Paul

Antigua, 24 Oct 1965

Dear Pablo:

Presumably you and Bets are due back at Ahuacatlan just about this time. The NY Bot Garden group arrived Friday, 55 strong, (five ladies to one gent) and will be moving out of the City into the jungles tomorrow (seems to me the movie lads have been able to make folks believe that when you get 5 miles from any Central American capital you are in the jungle, and I suppose eating jungli an which you will remember from our days was the wild mango). I will be kept fairly busy helping them fight snakes and alligators this coming week, plus rattlesnakes and tourists disease here in the highlands.

Yesterday a letter came from Karl Bowman. He had one talk with Sal at the hospital and discussed the matter with his erstwhile colleagues. There is absolutely nothing new in the picture. He found her able to discuss her problem quite objectively. She seemed normal - just as she did when she left us here. "I have a feeling that she may do very well and might even never drop back into one of those acute episodes. It is also my understanding that she refused to take her medicine at the time the episode started. It is not clear whether she relapsed because of not taking her medicine or whether she was starting to relapse and as a part of her symptoms refused to take her medicine." Then he says "If she goes back to her husband and they start fighting back and forth she may break down very easily." I think this is where we are on the horns of a dilemma. Karl mentioned that they don't think they will need to keep in ^{her} Langley Porter very long. If she goes back to Tahoe, I greatly fear she will crack up again. If she doesn't go back - what? You think she will not leave her children. We know the Halleys will not let her take them away from Ed. I can't help feeling that it will end by her having to leave the children, or go back to Ed and end up by being put in that State institution. I can't help feeling that she had best come down here alone, and stay here for a considerable time until we see what develops.

I haven't heard from Nancy since I left Dallas, which is natural. I have written her, asking if she would like me to come up in late December and spend the Christmas-New Year period with her. It is going to be a tough time. Maybe she can work out a better plan, but I doubt it. And I think if she just carries on there alone it will be a terrible ordeal. I couldn't help much but I believe I might make it a bit easier for her. What do you think? I could bring her and the children down here and would gladly do so if that would be better than my going up there, but the children could not stay long because of school.

You and Bets doubtless had a fine visit with John and family. I wish you would tell me how you feel about the situation. I have no reason to feel that things are difficult at this end, and I doubt that you do either.

Jim Kempton, Dimple, Tini and her husband are here in Guatemala for a couple of weeks, paseando. They dropped in here for an hour before going over to the highlands and will be back in Antigua probably tomorrow to spend a few days - at the Hotel Antigua. I hope to see quite a bit of them. Both Jim and Dimp seem well and in fine spirits, as John Brown said.

38 new arrivals for the Peace Corps coming over today; will visit me and I will give them a little talk on the history of Antigua. I have invited Paul and Mary Mackay to come down and join us and they advise that they will be here.

No rest for the wicked, or is the weary? I aint the latter.

Wet

Nov. 2, 1965, and it Tuesday

Dear Wilson:

We returned from our Eastern trip 10 days ago, then started off again a week ago for Marysville, county seat of Yuba county, where I gave some lectures; spent a day in Sacto., 2 days in SF, then back here late in the evg of day before yesterday. We had two visits with Sal, the second one being on Sunday when we took her, with Pablo and Ellen, out for dnr then a quick visit to Pablo's home. It being the week-end I didn't have a chance to talk with her psychiatrist, Dr. Von Doett, so phoned him yesterday; then he phoned me a few hours ago that Ed had come down yesterday (which we knew was planned) and informed both Sal and the psychiatrist that he was going to file suit for divorce. Dr von Doett is all for Sal. The arrangement now is that Sal will be in the hospital approximately a month longer, then will come down here. We'll look out for her interests as well as possible. The Halleys want to keep pos session of the children, but I'm afraid Sal wouldn't survive that; and Ed is certainly no fit parent for them. He said his grounds for divorce were that Sal's illness had been a source of severe financial loss to him (!) and that it was also harmful to the children. "er illness is largely caused by him and her example is certainly a better pattern for them than is his. Sal said two of the children told her over the phone that daddy was sleeping with the "house-keeper"-- who is perhaps the same woman whom Sal thought he was seeing for a year or so past. Dr. von Doett wanted me to assure that she would be provided with legal aid, and I will take care of this; I believe Ed has to pay the bill. His father is back of all this. We assume that you are still ready to take Sal and the children down there, put the children all in school, and give her a chance to live in peace. She has been more or less expecting this for some time. We phoned her just now to reassure her that we are all standing by her. She is a wonderful girl and I hope she can go through this additional test without damage. Dr. von Doett says she has lost all her delusions and hallucinations now.

Yours ever,

Paul

Ahuacatlan, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1965

Dear Popenoes:

After returning from our trip east, of which more in a moment, we had just a few days here then went to Marysville, Calif., for a couple of lectures, spend the following day in Sacramento talking with various dignataries, then a Sat. & Sun. with Pablo and Norma, Ellen and Darwin-- all of them flourishing and the two youngsters just about as smart as you'll find anywhere. We had a visit with Sal Saturday afternoon then took her out to Sunday dnr with Pablo and Ellen--Norma unfortunately had to stay with Darwin. Sal was expecting a visit from Ed the following day. I did not have a chance to see her psychiatrist, Dr Christian von Doett, because it was the week-end, but phoned him yesterday. This afternoon he phoned me and said that Ed had come down to notify Sal that he was going to file a divorce suit. He also told this to Dr. von D. His grounds are that her illnesses (for which he was largely responsible) have caused him serious financial loss (!!!) and that they have also be harmful to the children. They certainly have been a whole lot less harmful to the children than Ed's behavior. Dr. von D. is all for Sal; says her delusions and hallucinations have disappeared; they want to keep her at the clinic about a month longer, then she will come down here. The Halleys want to get the children away from her, and we'll fight that. We phoned her this afternoon to assure her of our solid support in this crisis, which has really been more or less expected for a long time. It is all the more important for as many of you as can do so to write her and assure her of your love, etc.; address c/o Langley Porter Institute A-4, 401 Parnassus ave., S.F.-- Parkie phoned yesterday to say he is leaving tomorrow for an eastward trip; driving to NY; thought he might be able to stop in Dallas and see Nancy; will spend a couple of week at Edith's, working in the natl. museum; will sail on a Norwegian freighter on Dec 3; Willis will come down from Edinburgh and meet him probably in Holland, and they'll travel around together during a month of Christmas vacation. Willis address: c/o Mrs. Kay, 5, Millerfield Place, Edinburgh 9, Scotland.--Oliver writes that he is enjoying London School of Economics immensely; has given up econ. in favor of sociol. and tentatively expects to go ahead there for an M.A. and a Ph.D.--We had a fine trip east, only 16 days but we covered a lot of ground and were well received in the three places where I lectured. I got quite a thrill out of Morgantown, W.Va., standing on the terrace of the country club and looking down 100 yards to the Papano spring where Peter Popino, in 1769, undoubtedly cleared the land and built a cabin in which little Jim and Nancy were born. The autumn foliage was wonderful, too.--First we had a couple of days with John, Jeri, and "the gools" as little Becky called them; everything going well there, although they had been hit pretty hard by high wind and sea water from the hurricane (and we note in the paper that they had almost a cloudburst yesterday.) We spent several days in N.Y. seeing Alma Kaplan, conferring with the Ladies Home JI editors, and taking in a few sights. Then we flew to Boise, Idaho, where we put in three very busy days with a conference for the Mental Health Center; our first visit to Idaho; prosperous country and everybody very hospitable.--We found everything in very good shape on our return home.--Hoping you are the same,

and especially Dear Kath + family

HOTEL MORGAN

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

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Nov. 8, 1965

Dear Wilson:

We had to put Maude in a rest home today; she has been feeling very low for a couple of weeks, and the M.D. says she is failing steadily. Vivian could not manage her-- she would fall out of bed in the middle of the night and Vivian would have to go downstairs, awaken a man, and get him to come up and lift Maude back into bed; etc. Maude did not want me to tell you, so maybe you need not mention all this when you or if you write her. She has plenty of money (\$3,000) in the bank to cover these expenses, so you need not bother about that side of it. Vivian is about worn out, and the change will maybe save her life.

Pablo says Judy Bowman is staying out of the univ. this semester and working at odd jobs-- for a while at least she was a waitress; she felt that she had caused trouble and expense to her parents by her "civil rights" activities and wanted to repay them. He says she is rather vague and confused about her future plans anyway; does not seem to be heading toward any definite goal.

Much love from Bets and

Me Paul Popenoe

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Dear Pablo:

When I rose from my downy bed of ease this morning and turned on the radio it was to hear The Army and Navy Forever, Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue. I hadn't realized it was Armistice Day, and I looked back to those days in the Naval Reserve and wished that I had been able to do more for my country.

Many thanks for your recent letters. Things certainly piling up. I am so sorry that you are having to carry so much of my burden.

First, about Maude. I don't think I will write her right away. You suggest that I should not, or at least not mention her condition. I am glad that you say that she must out into her \$3000; why save it? For what? If I am correct in believing that her money is in a joint account with Vivian, then perhaps Vivian can draw on it. If the \$3000 runs out, then of course I will carry on. In the meantime, I hope you will assure Vivian that she does not have to worry about keeping the apartment. I believe Maude had money for the rent up to December first. I have been sending her \$300 at a time, to avoid bothering about a monthly check. Once or twice I had not sent the monthly check on time and she had written that Eglin had come for the money and she didn't have it. I wrote her some months ago that she should have drawn on her bank account to pay Eglin, and she said she would do this. But I will send up a check in the next week or two, just as soon as I can figure out how to handle. Maybe I better send it to you, and if Maude is still in the nursing home, you can give the rent money to Vivian. I want to be sure that poor old Vivian knows that I am going to stand by her. I know you will tell her so.

Next, as to poor little Sal. I haven't heard from her, and Marion has just written that she hasn't either. This is in line with the past. Marion is relieved, as I am, that Ed has more or less officially informed Sal, and her psychiatrist, that he is going to file suit for divorce. But what grounds? I wonder if the grounds, as stated by you, are what they are going to use in court, or whether they have something else up their sleeve, which their lawyer will bring out when the time comes. That question of great financial loss. When wasn't a man responsible for the expense of a wife? In sickness or in health, as the marriage vows put it. I think they will base their case on her mental condition, don't you? But I don't know anything about California laws. You say that you will see that Sally tries to keep the children. Let's hope we can do it, for her sake, and as you say, I would like to see her come down here with them and make her permanent home here. Education of the children is no problem. Didn't I put three of them through Secondary down here, and don't hundreds of other North Americans do it? The kids probably get a more cosmopolitan outlook on life in the schools in Guatemala City than they do in the Lake Tahoe High School - if there is one. So I would like to see Ed go on "sleeping with the housekeeper" and Sal bring the children down here, but I think Doctor Halley has a strong case. And it will take time. I don't think you ought to have Sally on your own hands too long. Couldn't she go to Nancy, when she is discharged from Langley Porter - which you say will be in a month or so? I think it might be good for both of them. Poor Nancy is going to suffer more

a few months from now that she has up to the present. At least that has been my experience. "When the shock wears off" as Marion has put it. I have been through it twice, and I think I know. There is nothing harder in this Vale of Tears.

I would say Sally should come right down here when she gets out of Langley Porter, but she may have to stay up there for a while until the divorce business is settled. I repeat that I hope she will not have to be on your hands all this time. Sally may think of Edith, but I don't think the latter wants to tackle it. I believe it would be easy - and might even be a help - to Nancy, as long as Sally didn't have another "episode" as Karl Bowman calls it. After my experience of last summer I don't think she would - but I might be wrong. She did not seem to be worrying about the children, while she was down here. Could any arrangement be worked out with the Court, whereby her separation from the children would be left in abeyance? I am afraid Doctor Halley would not want this, but if it could be left in such a way that after a year or two, if Sally had kept in good mental health, she could have the children - or have them for half the time, or something of that sort - I don't know. You are the best judge, but you are not sitting on the bench, listening to a good lawyer hired by Dr. Halley.

If Sally should go to Nancy, temporarily, I would of course be glad to pay her board and lodging, which would only be fair. Or if she should go to Edith.

Marion has just written that Edith has spent a week with Nancy at Dallas, and that she wants Nancy to bring the family up for Christmas with her. I have been planning to go up to Dallas for that time with Nancy, but maybe it would be better for her not to spend this first Christmas without Bob at Dallas. Nancy wrote me that she was thinking of going but did not feel sure she could afford it. I am going to write her that I will cover the cost, if she wants to go. I am planning to go north, in any case, about the end of the year, and spend a few months in Gainesville, since Hugh has to teach during the first trimester, January to April, so will be there, and not down here in connection with various projects. And I will be nearer, to help Nancy and Sally.

Incidentally, we could take care of Sally in our Gainesville apartment, if that would be a good thing to do. Right from the time she gets out of Langley Porter, which I assume will be about the end of the year. I am pleased with what you and others say about her psychiatrist; sounds as though he is one of the right kind.

Now I must go back to bed. I have entertained today - because it was a holiday for USA employees - 10 people from AID with their respective families, I mean ten in all. Almost more than poor old Maria could handle, but Tai Sam Vueng sent over a big Chow Mein which went down very well. Visitors keep piling up on me. I have a couple coming from Miami day after tomorrow, to stay ten days, fine people - a retired Colonel of the Medical Corps USA, great friends of the Nixon Smileys, and mine. Ten days with the Grand Tour of the NY Botanical Garden weren't too easy; and hombre, I wish you knew how many tourists come in saying that they know you, or saw you on television, and must meet Doctor Popenoe's brother!

Ever your devoted

Will

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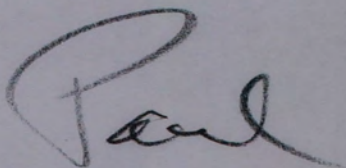
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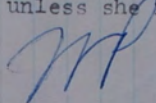
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Yours ever,

After writing the enclosed I figured that maybe I had better send you a check, in case Vivian cant draw on Maude's money for the December rent. You can give this \$200 to her if she is now free to handle money without interference from Maude, and tell her it is for two months rent, or in other words, two of the \$100 monthly amounts I have been giving Maude. I assume that Vivian, with her own pension, and the \$100 I have been giving Maude, will be adequately provided for unless she runs into doctors' bills.



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Sat.p.m.20th---Maude seems to be making good progress in the rest home. When she went in, it really didn't look as if she would last for many days. I don't believe her heart is very good-- I haven't had a chance to talk with her M.D. But at least she is sitting up, eating well and more like her old self.

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Antigua, 21 Nov 1965

Dear Pablo:

Two friends from Miami who have been here for a week are flying back there tomorrow and will take this note to you. I hasten to acknowledge yours of the 15th which reached me yesterday. Very interesting, but I am sorry you are having to devote so much time to my problems.

I had a letter from Vivian in which she did not say much. You have thrown some new light on this matter, and I think the best way to handle the rent money, i.e. est, the \$100 per mensem, is for you to disburse as seems required.

What a job you did on Ed! Apparently that Doctor von Doett is one of the really good psychiatrists - you told me that you think there are two kinds. I have written Nancy that she should go ahead with the trip to Silver Spring over Xmas - she seemed doubtful about the expense and I have told her I want to take care of that. Knowles wrote after seeing Nancy that he recommends it strongly. Good old Knowles, what a loyal friend he has been throughout the years.

I mourn the loss of Henry Wallace. Three days before he died he wrote me a note and sent \$5000 for our corn program here; I am going to see if ^I ~~he~~ can't use it in some way that will be a sort of memorial.

Don't think I am unappreciative of all that dear Bets is doing for the Maude-Vivian complex. What a heavy year end we are all having!

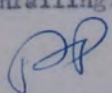
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Ahuscatlan, Mon. Nov. 22, 1965

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Antigua 10 Dec 1965

Dear Pablo:

Mrs of 1st has just come to hand - I guess the Christmas rush is on us already. The little picture is indeed excellent - better than many of you two which I have seen in print. Thanks to the donors.

One week from today I fly up to Miami, whence I reckon I better send you a check. You will be out of funds soon, so far as my account is concerned. But I am happy that Bets fixed up Sally with some clothing. When she came down here was in a pretty awful, and very cheap suit, and did not seem to have very much else; what she did have would be gone by now, including a few good things I had made for her here. Or they might have disappeared up at Tahoe, one way or another. She told me that her mother-in-law, of whom she seemed to be really fond, had kept her clothed all these years, I reckon mostly with hand me downs. Which brings up one of a number of questions - when she goes back to Ed, how are we going to handle the clothing business, and also the domestic help - "Goldie" whom she had one day a week. I doubt that you have been able to figure out just what is up to me, now that Sal is going to have another try at Tahoe with Ed. I guess you better tell me how we shall handle the situation. I have been afraid right along that money sent to Sal did not always go into the right channels, tho she told me when here that he let her keep a bank account of her own with the money I sent her. It was \$100 a month as you, know and she was paying Goldie about \$65 I believe.

You are quite right in thinking all was not well with her when she came down here last summer, nor when she went home. I think I told you of a number of incidents down here. Marion noticed them perhaps more than I. I am doing nothing about Christmas for her simply because I just dont know what to do. I hope you and Betty will do the needful and charge to my account. I think I have written you that I feel perhaps I had best stay in the background for a little while; let her get back to Ed without thinking about me or any of the advice I gave her down here - which as you know was to break away from Ed, with the children, and I would back her. I sincerely a divorce can be avoided, undoubtedly we have a strong case but I fear Dr Halley can make much out of her mental background. And if he waits a little while and she cracks up again it will be still more difficult. But we wont think of that at the moment.

That clipping you sent about Henry Wallace was about the most intelligent and factual one I have seen - and I have seen many. He was a remarkable, public spirited character and in my opinion did a whole lot more good in this world than he did harm.

I shall be at the Nixon Smileys, 5985 SW Montgomery Drive, Miami 56 for two or three days, 17th onward, or you could catch me at John's. I plan to spend Christmas with Hugh. As you know, Nancy plans to take her family up to Silver Spring - I have offered to cover the transportation. No use all of us being in Silver Spring at once; Nancy will get more good out of a separate trip from me - a week at Dallas somewhat later.

I have had to do quite a lot of work on the house this year. After 30 years we have had some "deferred maintenance" as Hartley Rowe used to say.

Hasta que la muerte me sorprenda (and I hope it does that!)

Sunday evg. Dec.12, 1965, in Ahuacatlan

Dear Popeagos:

Sal has been with us for more than a week and is in better shape every day. She'll fly home on Monday the 20th and the children are looking forward eagerly to her return. The housekeeper whom ed hired (for \$60) a month, quit a couple of weeks ago, so the youngsters have been doing the housework-- good experience for them, say I! Ed reports that Annie is quite a competent cook.--Yesterday we went to see the movie, "The Sound of Music"; immensely satisfying. When there is so much beauty in the world, it's hard to see why so many million people will pay a lot of money to wallow in the filth and garbage of some of the modern movies, especially those made in Italy.--Last week the Queen B and Sal went to the Pasadena Playhouse for G.B.Shaw's "The devil's disciple." The Playhouse has been considerably remodeled and now has a permanent stock company and they found this play not only a masterpiece but put on flawlessly. I had a tkt but was laid up with the flu and had to stay in bed. I took an inoculation to prevent flu, and came down with the flu the following day-- don't know whether the dose was too strong or whether it was merely a coincidence-- maybe I was coming down with it anyway!--Knowles dropped in for a few minutes yesterday with Albert Thill, avocado grower and expert, apparently; they were on the way to Armstrong's at Ontario, I believe. Thill says that Hass is gradually increasing in the percentage of varieties grown.--The first article in the current issue of Parents Magazine is by me.--Chef Milani, a prominent character in the world of cookery, has died; his name, at least, was given to a number of sauces, dressings, etc., that are widely sold. I was on a radio program with him many years ago; he was demonstrating how to broil a chicken, some way or other, and courteously announced to the world, "I'll call this Chicken a la Popeocoe." I judged it not an appropriate time to tell him that I am a vegetarian.--Oliver prepared quite an extensive mimeographed account of his trip through Japan and Russia, so that it could be sent to any of the Peace Corps crowd in Malaysia who may want to return home that way. If any of you haven't seen it we'll lend you ours. He and Laura liked the people of the Soviet Union very much but were not favorably impressed with the bureaucracy and "a managed economy."--They are all going to Switzerland for a couple of weeks over Christmas, at a ski resort.--Tia and Harry usually have the Cawfield family for Xmas, or else go out to the Cawfield ranch at the bottom of the Santa Susana pass; but this year the Cawfields will be down in Texas with their other son, so we are having Tia and Harry out here to Ahuacatlan-- though we'll probably take them out to a restaurant for dinner.--At the NIPR we have just finished a short class on "Helping people with their problems"; it is a sort of elementary class in counseling, to which we admit people who have some reason for wanting the knowledge, but are not qualified for full training. Most of them expect to help the clergy. We had this time two women who are practitioners in Religious Science and who stated on the application blank their concern was dealing with "carbohydrate addicts."--We just interrupted this program briefly to bring you an important message from our sponsor or in other words, to watch the Menotti opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on the TV. It's a standard feature of the Christmas season since 1951 but none of us had seen it before. I must admit that I was not much pressed.--I enclose a copy of our new passport photo, wh we are also using on our Christmas card; we had to get a new photo as Uncle Sam wouldn't take out six-year-old passport photo; but apart from this I wanted to get one with my new spectacles.--This month is the 60th anniversary of my conversion to vegetarianism, and I'm still alive!

AP

Miami, 3 Jan 1966

Dear Pablo:

Just back from Martinique. Ça, si c'est chic! Pas de veston, col o pantalon, simplement un tout petit calçon. Hugh especially was delighted. I have never seen him so enthusiastic about a new region. We flew over to Dominica over Xmas, having in mind FOP's reports on that Island, and it is truly beautiful country but just about like Lancetilla, so not so thrilling to us. But the agriculture and horticulture in Martinique, and the excellent French food (for a consideration) bowled us over. We hired a Hertz car (pronounced Erts) car for six days and we sure saw the Island from stem to stern. Both Hugh and I have wanted for some years to visit Martinique. I don't know just what we had in mind, but we sure came away happy tho with flat pocketbooks. The Island, wh as you know is now a Département of the métropole, voted 89% for le Grand Charlie, so France is all set/ Just like Jamaica at the beginning of the 2nd World War, when they sent a message to the King, "Have no fear. Jamaica stands squarely behind you."

Yesterday John gave me your Newsletter wh pretty well brot me up to date. Also the little note from the Seeman Schule which also brought me up to date. No use voicing a protest. So I enclose a check in the amt of \$2500 which will not, however, take care of anything more than Peter's "tuition". But it will keep us in the black for a time - you are going to do whatever is necessary for Sal and I don't know just what may be necessary in Maudet's case. I was interested to note, in your Newsletter, that she is thinking of going back to the Nursing Home. I suspect she will make it a habit, like so many other folks have done. It may go on for years. I guess I will be able to take it, since UFCO stock has gone up to \$30, which is what it cost me and I definitely plan to sell out my 400 shares, tho John has become all peppered up by an article in one of those financial magazines, wherein Jack Fox says that everything is fine and all that. Knowing the situation in Latin America just as well as Jack Fox does, and perhaps even better, I think the long range outlook is bad; but John is sore because I didnt advise to buy at 16 and sell now at 32.

John's family is in fine shape, tho I havent yet been able to convince Jeri that she shouldnt drive out on \$1.17 pedal pushers. Nell Montgomery will be here this week and I will get her opinion of John's work, which I know in advance is going to be very favorable. I don't suppose John has written you that he has an inquiry from a "management Advisor" or something of that sort, about the job of Director of the Morton Arboretum at or near Chicago. The job pays "in the neighborhood of \$35,000" which of course is very tempting, tho the Income Tax boys will hit pretty hard if he gets any such salary. John is interested, of course, but I doubt that he will make such an important move, where salary is the only factor which is attractive. And Jeri, who never ceases to gripe about living conditions here, came out strongly on the basis that she does not want to live in that horrible climate, and give up the lovely life here in south Florida. I am not yet offering any advice too early, and I just mention the matter in case it comes to your attention. I think that professionally he would lose a great deal. He could make a better name for himself at the FTG than in the Morton Arboretum, of which I have never even heard the name before. He says

(the Morton Salt man: "It never rains
but it pours)

that Institution has an endowment of twenty five million bucks, so financing is no problem; and he is rather discouraged here because he has to spend so much time trying to get money. But John's interests lie primarily in tropical horticulture.

I shall be here until the 15th of this month, before going up to Gainesville, because they have booked me to talk to the Rare Fruit Council on the 14th and I would like, in any case, to get around here a bit before going ahead with "Fruit Growing in Tropical America", on which Dr Wolfe at Gainesville is collaborating (the book will be in English, with every probability that we will get it out a year or two later in Spanish). This book will have to be limited in size, so as to keep the cost within the reach of our customers, but I think it will be a text book for all agricultural schools in Latin America, as well as a very useful, almost encyclopedic, book for Latin American horticulturists. It will be published by the Univ of Fla press, most probably, it develops now, in a series which Hugh will be editing in connection with his new program for Latin America. I don't know this until Hugh revealed it casually while on our recent trip. Hugo, like the good Lord, moves in most mysterious ways his wonders to perform. But from the long talks we had on this trip, while eating that delicious French grub, I learned a good deal about his work, and I am convinced that he is really going places with his new job under that fine man, Provost York. I will know more in a few weeks after I get up to Gainesville.

All in all, I feel pretty happy about the situation of the F₁ generation, tho I am not too optimistic about poor Sally's future tho I think you have really made some progress, and I sure appreciate it. But Can the Leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin? (Put in French, you know, as Dr F. ahklin used to do). Incidentally, Hugh and I had a lot of fun with the French language in Martinique, tho to my distress I found that I have gotten awfully rusty.

It looks like as if I might fly over to Spain with the Smileys for six weeks about 15 April. When I get the present book off my chest I think I may "retire" a little bit. I find that I am so far behind the times - still in the horse and buggy days, and I am not needed nor wanted - any more at Zamorano. Of course I will continue to play around with a few pet projects, like the temperate zone fruits in tropical America, but the professional public has come to realize that I am a back number, and rightly so. So I have made my New Year's resolution that I had better step down a bit, and devote myself mainly to my several family problems. They are sufficient in number to occupy most of my time - and money.

The clippings you sent about Guatemala are all sound and show clearly that we may be going into real trouble down that way. I fear for the future of our house. In accordance with your advice of a year ago I am getting all of our silver - or most of it - up there as rapidly as possible. The house is not being stripped by any means and visitors can not see the difference, but on this trip I brot up silver and jewelry to the value of about \$5000 which will be out of reach if the communists take over. One more trip of Hugh or myself will about finish this part of the job. You got a good picture of the situation in Guatemala from the articles you sent. Two good friends of mine have been hit by the kidnap business and I am afraid the end is not yet.

Walt

Altadena hoy 11 jan. [1966]

Querido mano:

Your good letter arrived just a few minutes after we had talked with Gal by phone. She seemed very normal, very happy: said she had lost 10 lbs, was keeping very busy, everyone was in fine shape, etc. Moreover, Pab and John and their families visited her last week and reported to us by phone last Sunday that they thought she was in good shape in every way. Evidently you did all that was humanly possible. She said Hugh was going to stop there on the 20th del que corre, en route to Viet Nam; would spend the night at Nancy's, spend Saturday with her, then head off in the evg into the wild blue yonder.--Yes, Ed is really a mental case. He is a perfect example of the type diagnosed as sociopath; Betty and I have been reading a book on the subject that came to me for review and we recognize Ed on every page. It's a type that can't quite be diagnosed as psychotic and in need of commitment, but is too unstable, unreliable, self-centered, and lacking in any sense of honesty or responsibility, to fit into a civilized population. (Recent her gag has it that anthropologists now consider that mankind is the missing link between anthropoid apes and human beings.)--We had a wonderful holiday with Pab, John, and David and their families here; we got a couple of motel rooms for some of the adults and bedded the youngsters down on blankets and sleeping bags on the living room floor. It was an unforgettable sight! All of ours are in good condition and Oliver reports ditto-- we had a letter from him, too, this morning from a ski resort in the Austrian Alps where they had gone for the holidays.--I had lch with Herbert a few weeks ago and will do so again tomorrow. We meet in Olvera street, which is just a short walk down the hill from his office, and if I want to communicate with him I do so at his office. He seems to be in good spirits when I see him.--Well, things are quieting down since Christmas and Betty is beginning to get her head above water again-- it was a bit strenous! We went out to cafeterias for quite a few meals; when the 15 of us filed in we made an impressive sight. We had one dinner here, Emily et ux coming over; 17 of us in the dining room. But we'd be happy to do it again-- and probably never will.

Betty joins me in heartfelt love.

Paul

Gainesville, 23 Jan 1966

Dear Paul and Bets:

Last evening I phoned Sal and had a very satisfactory talk with her. She said she is feeling well and isn't worrying any more - that my talk with her a week ago had done her lots of good (I think the main thing was freedom from the financial worry) There were several new developments in the situation which encouraged her. (Withal, I felt that her voice was a bit weak; that she really isn't very strong).

Ed came back from Reno; didn't find a job there. He stayed at home two or three days. He has decided that he wants to go back to college (again!) and prepare himself for some sort of professional career. I asked her how he was going to finance it. She said that his grandmother left him some money (as we know; didn't we hear that it was \$4000?) which he can only use to complete his education. This, she says, will pay his tuition, she says, but apparently not any more than that. Ed has gone down to the Bay to look into the possibilities, and Sally says she is thrilled at the idea of their all moving down there. She says Ed plans to stay with the family (I wonder if this decision is influenced by my announcement that I will take care of them; I imagine Sal would have told Ed that. when he was home last week). She says it is true that Dr Halley will no longer give them financial help.

I told Sal to make the move, by all means; I don't know what sort of educational institution will receive Ed, after knowing his past academic record, but it would seem to me that he would only have to get into the Pacific College of Naturopaths or the Hemphill School to comply with the provisions of his grandma's will, and in that case have use of the money, part of which he could, perhaps, spend on the support of his family; tho I don't expect too much from that angle. I think I should make up my mind (I already have!) to take the rap; it is the only way to save Sal, in my opinion, and if it saves her it is cheap at any price. I think her need of Ed is a psychological one; a man to lean on. even tho he is a very slender rod. I can't feel at all that it is a case of real devotion. She needs a man, and Ed is classified as one - by the Census. I doubt that he will ever be faithful - I don't think he has been so far years. But if we kick him out on that basis, which under normal conditions we most certainly would, I think it will increase the probability that Sal will crack up again.

I promised to phone Sal again next Sunday. I told her if, in the meantime, anything serious comes up and she needs me, she had best phone you and you will get in touch immediately with me. I thought this desirable, so that you would know of any problem as soon as I did and thus be able to give your advice.

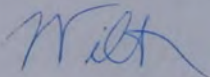
Hughie fell and broke a toe. She had to go to the hospital and get it fixed up, including X-Ray I suppose for it cost her \$40 cash. She had \$67 in her Bank of America, personal, account up to that time. Money she had saved out of the \$100 monthly I had previously sent her. Poor little kid! She hadn't yet deposited the \$250 I sent her last week but would do so right away and it will carry her two or three weeks, she thinks. I will send another check of like amount in a week or so. Don't

want her to have too much at a time; Ed might come in and say he just simply had to have \$300 to pay some debts, and Sal would not dare refuse him. I wonder how he has been financing these trips - Reno and now down to the Bay? Of course he drives, but he has to sleep and eat put an occasional dose of "essence" (as the French call it) into the bus. Ed moves in most mysterious ways, his wonders to perform.

Thanks for the memo, covering what has been done in this matter up to now, and for the nice one from Bets which came with it. We have tried one approach and it simply left us in a cul-de-sac. Not thru any fault of yours or mine, as I see it, but mainly because Dr Halley didnt want Sal to have the children and is fed up with paying bills. Though I wonder if he was prepared to finance Ed and Melinda -or any Melinda - with all the family, indefinitely. I do think Ed was not anxious to lose his children; I think he is fond of them and they of their father (as well as their mother) .

But here I am beginning to ramble, which is not worth while at all. Sally is profuse in her thanks and gratitude for what I am trying to do. I keep telling her she must lean on me, and there is no limit to what I will do to care for them all. I tell her to keep the family together at any cost. I think all this may save her for the time being at least; in the light of her history I cannot feel confident that she will be out of the woods for good, and I think if Ed stays with her it is going to be primarily because of the meal ticket, not much else. Certainly no sense of responsibility or loyalty. That we can ever get him to hold an honest job and support his family I gravely doubt. But if we can keep Sally going for another five years, until the children are less of a burden, maybe things can be worked out. Incidentally, anent your mention of Ed's right to part of Sally's part of my estate, I have this tied up in the will so that Sally does not necessarily get her share until ten years after my death - this is in the hands of Hugh as Executor, but I suppose maybe Ed could break the will in this respect. It would hardly be worth while. I think what I may be able to do, in order to void such a contingency, is to make out a new will, stipulating that what I pay from now on toward support of Ed and family comes out of Sal's portion of my estate. What do you think of this? Quite possibly what I will have to contribute before I die would eat up all that is coming to her. Then after my death Hugh and the girls could give Sally the proper share of what I leave. I would not care put this feature in the will, but you and I know my kids well enough to agree that they would live up to the proviso.

Siempre tu muy afmo hermano



Bets: The fotos of Sal which you sent are simply wonderful and I thank you for them. With that loss in weight, and those attractive clothes, what a beautiful girl she is!

Gainesville, 31 Jan 1966

Dear Pablo:

Last evening, in accordance with my schedule of once a week, I called Sal and had a very satisfactory talk with her. She really sounded in good spirits, as John Brown of Osawatimie used to write it. Ed had come home from the Bay region, after his first trip; had stayed a couple of days, and had returned to the Bay region to continue his search. Nothing said about further academic training. I wonder if Melinda has moved down to San Francisco? And of course I wonder who pays Ed's expenses on these trips to the Bay. Of course I don't really wonder; I assume Sally shells out the money, as requested. I urged Sal to push the idea of moving down to the Bay region. Ed may kick about leaving the Tahoe house until they sell it, but suspect that when he finds I am going to pay the rent for a house on the Bay he will be delighted to lock the Tahoe house and move - tho from what little Hughie told me, there are not doorknobs on many of the doors yet, which I assume includes locks.

From your last letter, I imagine you have frightened Ed into fearing that you will put him in the juzgado if he abandons his family, which would not be a bad idea. With this fear in mind, I think he may continue to show up at home with sufficient frequency to avoid the charge of abandonment - but perhaps not more often than necessary. I can't help feel that there is a question of - *cherchez la femme*. This is of course pretty hard to swallow, as is his avoidance of honest jobs. But as I see it, we have either to pay all the bills or see Sally back in a mental institution. And of course, even paying all the bills may not avoid disaster, but I feel that the prospect is good. It is going to hit me hard, financially, but after all, I have the money and if I don't spend it in such ways as this it will just go to the children on my demise. and only Sally will need - tho I think Nancy may also need some help. I can't see why I shouldn't just as well start helping them now. As long as I live I will have my pension, which would keep me going at Antigua.

Speaking of Nancy, I phoned her last night. She is getting along alright, tho it seemed to me she sounded a bit sad. She says she plans to go out to California during Easter vacation, to see if she can locate a region and a house in which she would like to settle. She says she thinks California is the place to educate the children. Four or five years when they begin to reach college age this will undoubtedly be true and it seems to me she might as well make the move now. I would like to see her nearer relatives and old family friends, such as Knowles.

High flies up to Kansas come Saturday, to lecture; the following week end to Michigan. That lad sure gets around. I lecture at Gainesville High School day after tomorrow. I wrote Maude as you suggested and will try to write again shortly; I have heard nothing from her since I wrote.

Down to 18 F. here last night and I suspect the orange in this region were hard hit; the radio says the Miami region escaped. I hope so.

Siempetu afmo

Gainesville, 8 Feb 1966

Dearest Paul and Bets:

Last evening I had another good talk with Sal. She seemed so happy, so enthusiastic, especially about having taken all the kids out skiing. She said that Ed had been home a couple of days, and had then gone back to the Bay looking for a job". She said that is his program for the present; to come home a couple of days, once in a while - every week or so - then to go back to the Bay, and continue the search for a job. We do not need to talk much about this. Maybe Melinda is down there. But she didnt say he had been looking for a house. I dont think she should stay longer at Tahoe than can be avoided, do you? But maybe Ed doesnt want her with him at the Bay. What do you think of asking Knowles to find a little house for her in the Bay region, preferably Berkeley?

I asked her definitely if Ed was taking any of the money I send her to go "job hunting" at the Bay. She said No, he stayed down there with "friends". But I added that there must be some expense involved and she said, she "thought" he had borrowed on the house. Now, you know this can not go on indefinitely.

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The situation is not at all clear; Sally's thinking is somewhat confused and as Hugh said this morning, part of the trouble is that Sal, because of her mental state and so on, does not know how to handle money. This does not worry me. Until we get things stabilised (and I refuse to feel that we can never so do) I will shell out whatever is necessary to pull that previous girl and her children out of the hole, that awful "slough of despond". Dont you agree? I feel that Ed does not ^{Sal} any more; that he will not accept any responsibility for his family; he will just throw the whole burden on his family and Sals family, and from what you have written it appears to me that Dr Halley, perhaps because of our insisting that Sally keep the children, has thrown up the sponge. That doesnt put him in too good a light in my eyes.

Lucile has written me a note about Maude. I am grateful for what she is trying to do in this case. She feels that Maude is failing, and I would assume rapidly; and thinks Vivian is breaking down a bit. I am writing Lucile thanking her for what she is doing and telling her that I will back her, Bets and yourself in every way. She notes that "Maude wont do anything to help herself". I would not expect it otherwise. I am just going to dig into my capital to any extent necessary, both in Sal's case and Maude's (and Vivians). Why shouldnt I. I have more plid by than I need for myself; neither Hugh nor Marion will need any; I will use whatever is necessary to help Nancy, Sal and of course Maude and Vivian. I am planning to visit Nancy toward the latter part of next month and line her up for that trip to California during Easter vacation, to consider a move back there after school is out. I will finance this to any extent necessary - I dont think it will be a problem.

Hasta la muerte, y aun despues

Wilt

Gainesville, 8 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

Your Monthly News later, dated the 4th instant, has come to hand and contents noted. Quite a literary masterpiece. Must be your proximate departure for the Old World has put you in good sperrits.

But I am ^{astounded, no?} astonished (I recall Dr Johnson's remark when his wife caught him with the housemaid on his lap) that you permit any member of your staff to have 10 children ^{on} the primera serie. Recalls your story of the psychiatrists sec'y who said "Oh what a lovely Catholic family).

By the way, and apropos de rien de tout, where do we get that saying "those dear dead days beyond recall". I use it so often and I am afraid I might make the mistake I made when I gave St Paul the Apostle credit for "All of which I saw and part of which I was" and you - it was just another example of God's mercy, that you were there to pick me up - straightened me out.

Where can I get a copy or two of Sex Love and Marriage. A couple of friends here are interested. And incidentally, I have picked up half a dozen copies of The House in Antigua - they are at home but if you want one later let me know.

Purpose of this letter, despues de tener el gusto de saludarlo fraternamente, y como está su señora esposa, y la niña Conchita está sacando buenas notas en sus clases? Y la tia Marruca he recuperada de la operación que le hicieron por esa piedra en el riñon? As I was saying, I shall probably be in Miami with the Nixon Smileys on April 1st; we fly on the 4th to Lisboa. Maybe we might all get together at Johnny's for a cup of coffee and a hamburger - o sea Perro Caliente? I was glad you noted in your Newsletter that John has turned down the Morton Salt offer. That nails the thing down tight. He wont dare go back on it. Nor does he want to. I was talking to

Ed Menninger down at Stuart on the East Coast. You will recall that he is a brother of the psychiatrists who have made Topeka famous and we used to play together on Van Buren Street. Ed, who is in close touch with matters horticultural in So Fla, volunteered the information that John is doing a swell job at the FTG. John's name "has gone abroad", as the old Jamaican ditty says of the mongoose "Run, mongoose, for you name gone abroad". I don't think he would ever make a reputation for hisself at the Morton Salt works. You know why he even considered the offer (which however was never put in black and white); John got some of the Scottish genes out of the Bowman background.

Girl across the hall from us, mighty nice youngster from West Va, here, divorced, with the usual very young child, says she lived 100 miles from the Popenoe spring but always had heard of it. Incidentally, since we have lived here, the other 3 apartments in our wing have invariably been occupied by fine young girls, divorced, with one very young child, getting a B A degree so they could qualify as schoolteachers or a job at Marshall Field's. I really feel sorry for them, and wish your program of pre-marital education could have done more. Usually these gals, being near us, and my being an old man, and Hugh being a young one, weep on my shoulder. Hugh could have set up a pretty good harem by now, if that had been the proper thing to do. Too bad we did not settle in Maskat instead of Guatemala.

I realise there's no chance of seeing ^{you all} at Miami if you fly on 28 marzo, but maybe you might get so many good offers to lecture that you might take the following week's flight. Never turn down an honest dollar.

Glad to see E. Rogers Chamberlain is still on the job. I have in my scrapbook at Antigua the picture of the two of ^{us} in the baby carriage accompanied by our respective mothers,

Lincoln's birthday, 1966

Dear mahatma:

I think the "dear dead days beyond recall" is the opening line of a song of our boyhood of which the chorus is:

Just a song at twilight,
When the lights are low,
When the flickering shadows softly come and go.
Though the heart be weary, dark the day and long,
Still to us at twilight comes love's sweet song.

Does that sound familiar?--I'm sending 3 copies of "Sex, love and marriage"; glad to have them put into circulation. It has been very well received.

Sal phoned Bets a couple of days ago for a long talk; seemed quite buoyant, as you say. The children are getting a little older and more companionable, and maybe it's a relief not to have Ed hanging around very much.--I doubt if he will ever live with her again. When I proposed, a month ago, to have them all come down here and get a home; I'd have a vocational guidance man get him a good job, and you would help out until he got on his feet; he countered by accepting for Sal and the children but told Sal (I think I wrote you all this before) that he wanted to get out alone and really find himself and make a name for himself; he might be gone several years but meantime he would write them once a week. Also meantime you could support the whole crowd. I told him the children need a father's presence, and so did Sal, and refused to buy his scheme; warned him that if it turned into wide desertion and child abandonment he would go to jail. He is now taking great pains, evidently, to show up for a couple of days every few weeks so the district attorney won't make faces at him; but he will let her shift for herself.--She wouldn't want to move, I suppose, until after school is out, but then she should by all means get out of that house and out of El Dorado county. Your idea of Berkeley is good climatically and otherwise. Knowles would want to do what he could, but is away much of the time, and I don't think Emma would be very helpful. If Nancy could move out there about the same time, they ought to be fairly near each other; that really would help.

Ed couldn't borrow any money on the house, legally, without getting her to sign a second or third mortgage. She might do that without knowing what it was.

Maude is pretty comfortable in the Frances-Ann sanitarium @ \$285 plus extras and talks about going back; we are very strongly opposed to this; she'll get into trouble again, will ruin Vivian (who is also losing ground), and we'll have to go through the whole performance de capo, as we used to say when I took piano lessons from Mary Petrik in Highland Park. I think Dr. Benjamin will insist that she stay for at least another month; she should spend the rest of her life there and Vivian is likely to go there herself before mid-summer.--They both have plenty of money for the present; more than \$6000 in their joint savings account.

Melinda is in SF and I have no doubt Ed is seeing her.

You throw snoballs (*Viburnum opulus*) for me, and I'll pick oranges (*Maclura aurantiaca*) for you. Is it a deal?

Gainesville, 16 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

Your are quite right. I recall now that those dear dead days beyond recall were in that song. And thanks for sending three copies of the handbook.

Last evening I talked over the phone with all three of my girls. Sal first, then Nance then Mayan. The connection with Tahoe was very bad and I could not get all of her remarks, but I gathered lo siguiente: Ed was at Tahoe last Sunday; just came up for an overnight stop. Took back to San Francisco \$20 of my money. I suspect this is just the beginning. I told Sal not to give him any of her (my) money but I know full well that she wont be able to stand him off. She said previously that he is living with "friends" at SF. But he must have a little cash for gasoline etc, and from what we have heard we doubt that his father is going to give him any more. I asked Sal if he had found a job. I couldnt hear well but she said he had told her that he was interested in some sort of a "business deal"/ I asked her if he had found a house and intended to take the family down to the Bay, and she said that he hasnt, but she thought he intends to. I didnt think she sounded quite as cheerful as she did a week ago, but it may have been the bad connection. I sent her \$250 more last week; I dont want her to have too much at a time for fear Ed will hit her for a big chunk; but at the same time I want her to have enough so she wont worry about money. I told her I had asked Knowles to look for a house. I feel pretty sure Ed will not do it; I dont think he wants the family down at the Bay or anywhere else. I suspect you frightened Ed into these frequent trips to Tahoe but I also think he will go frequently ~~to~~ get money out of Sal. He is a smooth talker and Sal is weak. I dont feel that she wants him back and I suspect he is living with Melinda at SF.

Nancy is carrying on bravely. She is doubtful that she can go to Calif to look into the possibilities, at Easter time, because Knowles may be in the So Pacific at that time. He has been keeping in close touch with her. I told her I will come down to Dallas about 20 March, spend a week with her, then fly over to Miami on my way to Spain. She seemed anxious to have me come. The children are in good shape.

When I called Quantico I got Dick on the phone; just back from Georgia where he had three weeks of parachute jumping, rather strenuous, he said. Then I talked with Marion at length. She had a tough time while Dick was gone - lots of people around and the little girls not well. It seems to Hugh and me that her children are not as robust as Nancy's; one or the other nearly always seems to be ailing. They plan to move to Washn in June, so she doubts that she will go to Guatemala this summer. but she might. I would take care of the expense, as also Nancy's trip to California and the expense of moving if and when she does move.

Thanks for the news of Maude and Vivian. I am astonished that they have so much money in the bank. By all means let them use it, and I feel sure you are right that Maude continue in the sanitarium or whatever you call it. When they use it up I will take over of course, but it will avoid problems if they dont leave much in the bank.

Hugh in Michigan last week-end, left here with the flu, had a
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couple of days more. Has to keep going - so much work to do. He is terribly overloaded here and takes on too many of these lecture trips. He likes them and they are good for his reputation, of course. but he want go on at the present rate indefinitely.

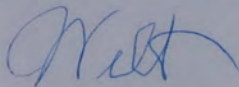
I am to give two lectures on Friday but they are easy. Hugh has another planned for me, to the vegetable crop class at the Univ. Looks as tho I will go over to Rollins on 8 March to lecture in Spanish to the Spanish Club.

I am sure I told you that I visited Ed Menninger at Stuart and he told me what a fine job John is doing. I was glad to note in your new letter that you put the kibosh on his leaving tropical work. We must not let John be tempted by \$\$\$\$. Hugh went thru this two yrs ago when he was getting about \$7200 and Standard Oil offered him \$15,000 to head their fertilizer program - really propoganda I think; they would capitalize on his reputation by having him travel around and tell folks what they needed and that the only kind to buy was Esso. They put the matter in a "research" light, but Hugh lost interest when Nixon Smiley told him he was sorry to see him leave the Univ to become a fertilizer salesman. I am glad that Hugh is much more interested in doing useful work and following his own interests than he is in salaries.

My only problem is to keep Sal out of Langley Porter or worse still that State institution where Dr Halley had things all lined up for her. As long as she is Ed's wife I suppose they could still get her committed if she cracked up again. Curfew must not ring tonight!

Every morning while waiting for the radio news broadcast(which has degenerated into 3/4 advertising, interrupting the news every minute - there are only five minutes in all - I heard the Rev R B Keys of the Eastside Baptist Church on his Morning Chapel. Highly illumintaing. This morning the theme was, There is no condemnation if you believe on Him, and he elaborated this to the effect that Salvation (his demand only theme is Salvation) is yours, no matter what you do, your sins shall be white as snow if you only accept Him as your Saviour. Just as easy as that. So let's go on sinning, to the full extent of our respective abilities.

I disagree with your signing off "Yours till deth;
there aint no deth if you just listen to the Rev Keys.



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Gainesville, 21 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

Last night I had my weekly talk with Sal and a very satisfactory one, since she sounded so normal, so optimistic. Ed was back in Tahoe, "to sell the house". He has a job lined up in San Francisco, with an old friend, a Swiss Gentleman; it sounded like the real estate business, and she was sure Ed would be a success at it because "he has such a winning personality". Ed is looking for a house down at the Bay, "near the shore", where the children can go in swimming as often as they want to. She is using taxis a good deal she says, in order to get out, and she wants to take the children out skiing as often as possible. The Asian flu has struck Tahoe; the schools are closed, and little Hughie is in bed with a slight fever. When she goes down to the Bay she intend~~s~~ to get a driver's license so she can use the old car she has, and get around all she wants to.

Now: If it is a repetition of the old real estate job which Ed had a Tahoe (and I am not quite sure of this) you remember how it turned out: on commission, with payments to Ed only as clients paid up. Nothing ever came of this. It sounds to me as tho Ed is happy over the financial support of which he is now assured (not from his father, nor from his job) and is willing to take the family down to the Bay. We dont have many facts about the house, but we believe Ed doesnt have much of his own money (if he ever had any) tied up in it hence will not get much cash if and when he sells the house, Sal didnt say when he plans to go back to the Bay and start to work. Maybe he will hang around Tahoe for a while, assured of money to have food and drink. Or maybe we will hear that next week he has gone back to the Bay again.

Sal said she has some bills to pay up, but still has some money on hand - including, or perhaps, only, the last (third) check for \$250 which I sent her. It is unfortunate that Sal has absolutely no idea of how to spend money, never having had much to spend and not being in very normal mental condition. But I am prepared to go to any limit, or no limit at all, as long as we can keep Sal in her present state of mind. With her history I do not believe she will ever get a driving license nor would I like to see her do so as I believe it might end up in an accident or something serious.

Enough for today. Watch and Pray.

Till death do us part,

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Gainesville, 23 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 20th and contents noted. I am glad you had trouble using Emily's AZTEC; makes me feel better about using This Remington or any other brand, except the TIPPA which Helen and I bought in Madrid and which has ??upside down and all the other indispensable items.

Yes, it is important that Sal get out of Tahoe. Your info about Ed's job in Frisco makes sense; I told you in my last, that Sal said it was with a Swiss gent. Well, this will be fine. Ed can sell Swiss watches on a commission, if and when, and in the meantime eat and drink. Though one HAS TO ASK? DOES THIS GENT HAVE THE AGENCY? You mention that the whole thing may be a fake. I dont think I would put it quite that way. Just crooked business, perhaps. My experience in Central America makes me feel that the Swiss watch business is big business and to get in on the ground floor you have to be somebody. Oh well, das machts nichts aus. All Inwant - or can hope - to see is that Ed really takes his family down to San Francisco and stays with them, at my expense. Oh, what a job it is to sift the wheat from the chaff where Ed is concerned!

Yes, it is a pity that Knowles will be going away so soon, but I think in any event Sal's move is going to take some time; and I feel that - perhaps - as long as I pdur in the money, she will keep her head above water. I cant really believe Ed will ever get a house at SF and move the family down there. Do you? It will be fine if he does; he wont stick it out very long, probably, but we will have Sally and family in a better environment. I really feel hopeful that she wont have to go back to Langley Porter - though I am interested in your stetament that Dr ~~wun~~ Doepp told you they would receive her again. I dont want her back at Langley Porter. Just remember that money doesnt count; I will put out all I have to save that precious girl.

I had a note from Vivian. Nothing of interest except that she sold the diamond ring to Weva. Said you and Betty are taking mighty good care of the two of them. Dont kill yourselves trying to keep them out of the hands of the medical professions and sanitararia. Here again, money is not the factor - it is Betty and yourself. But I know you will get the hidden money where it is available to you, and use it for expenses until it is gone. Then as I told you, I will take over.

Confound it all, that cancer No 8. I just guess that when we have overlived our biblital allotment of time we have to figure that something has to happen, now and then. I can see that I myself am losing my physical strength poco a poco, but if I reach the Popanee limit of 75 I will be quite satisfied. In spite of the faat that you claim this is no longer the limit - and you have proved it.

I am sitting on the edge of my chair awaiting events in Guatemala. My guess is that the elections will go off quietly, then within two weeks the communists will swing into action along with the lads who lose the election. If Ché Guevara isnt in Guatemala he is dead.

G'ville, 25 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for yours, dated on Jorge Washington's onomastico, o sea cumpleaños in your language. Only I believe you can use cumpleaños *only* while you are alive. Look it up in the Dic. de la Real Academia if you are not de acuerdo.

I am glad you were in Morgantown when you wrote. Next time I hear from John it will be from the Liguanea, right near Kingston. Hugh and I are sorry we got so little stationery from the Fort Young Hotel in Roseau.

About that thousand bucks of Vivian's. Isn't most of that the money she got from Neva (\$800) for the very fine diamond which I got from her and gave to Helen, and then gave back to her on Helen's death; she wrote me that *Neva* had bought it. Maybe Neva gave her more than \$800; that's what I paid Vivian for it. I am glad you salvaged the cash before some neighbor came in, found Vivian with cramps, tetter and chilblains and decided Crème Bengue was the thing. I am just about to finish a large tube of Crème Olical which someone left in my room at the Hotel de l'Europe in Fort de France. Well recommended for Brulures, coups de soleil and dermites. Mode d'emploi: Enduire d'Olical a partie atteinte et recouvrir d'une gaze de façon a éviter tout contact avec des vêtements. Just as simple as that.

I am interested to see that Sal is calling Betty from time to time, not always in reverse order. The more I think about it the more I feel that cash is going to save that girl - for a while at least. I fear there is a mental condition which will not disappear with age, but is more likely to get worse. I hope I am wrong. The story about Ed's plans is tout a fait amusant. BUT we are not going to let Ed put the family at Santa Rosa; you have said that and I agree. This is a rotten business, isn't it? It is just possible that Ed will tire of Melinda; but then he will probably take on someone else. I believe the fact that he was vasectomised; (at least Sally said so and you thought so) has given Ed just the complete liberty he wanted; no risk of getting involved. Knowles has suggested Sta Cruz for Nancy, as I believe you know. Ed may not be willing to put Sal too close to Melinda or successor. It remains to be seen if Sal can take this Melinda business. Don't you think a divorce, leaving Sal and the children with us, is preferable? We have them on us already. And probably Ed too, in part at least and from time to time.

My objectives are these: (1) to keep Sal from going back to Langley Porter or worse, and (2) to avoid having Ed leave, in such case, and ourselves ~~and~~ with the children on our hands. Ed could easily leave for parts unknown if he was sure you would trail him and have the law on him. I doubt that Knowles can handle the problem at that end. And furthermore, Knowles is older than I am; he may not last too long; and in any case he cannot take on the whole burden; he has burden enough already. If the whole thing falls in my lap I will of course accept it. I fear I would not dare to take the family to Guatemala because if Sally cracked up down there I really don't know how I could take proper care of her.

I don't think I will mail this until tomorrow when I will make my weekly call to Sally and see what she has to say this week.

Gainesville, 28 Feb 1966

Dear Pablo:

In my last I said that I would hold it until I talked again with Sal, but Hugh was going over to the P O and in my haste I went ahead and mailed the letter. Last evening I had my usual talk with Sal.

Ed was there - up for the week-end, and was going back to SF last night. Sal says he finds these week-end trips rather expensive. And I wonder about his expenses in SF? Who is paying? Maybe his father is sending him money for his own use, but no more for his family.

Sal sounded very cheerful and unworried. I believe the money is doing it. She said she was running out, and I am sending her another \$250 today. At the present rate, she is spending at least \$500 a month. She said she had paid up some more bills, and that Ed had hired a man to do some work on the house, in order to get it in condition for selling. The boys have been doing quite a bit of painting with the same end in view.

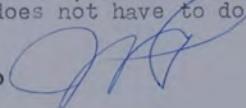
Ed is very happy over his business venture in SF, and when the house is sold he says he will move the family down to Santa Rosa or Petaluma. Sal's latest idea is that she will go back to the University for further training in art.

You can do your own guessing as to just what is going on. She mentioned again that she is so happy to take the kids out for skiing, every week or so. Hughie has been thru the flu; the other three all had it last week but are allright again. Sally hasnt had it yet and thinks maybe she will escape.

When we went to Bob's funeral Nancy said she did not want to return to Sta Barbara to live. I was rather in favor of that place but I could understand the emotional side of the case. In my last talk she again mentioned Sta Barbara - Mrs Plank had just been to see her and I assume had encouraged her to return to Sta Barbara. The Planks were among their best friends - it came about because Harold Plank, entomologist, had worked with me in Washington for a short time and then was in Puerto Rico, where Nancy got acquainted with them. They are a fine couple, now retired. I would rather like Sta Barbara for Nancy, at least for some 5 years or so; I do not think she can go in for a job (which might be SF, as you know) until the children are a bit larger. I am wondering if might not be a good idea this coming summer, when Nancy makes a move, to buy a house for her somewhere out there, using some of my savings which would come to her at my demise, as some folks call it. I would buy for cash. I dont suppose she has a very large equity in the Richardson house. I imagine the tax on anything I sell would be just about the same as death taxes on my estate. You cant beat the game, I figger. We are making up our income tax returned right now and Hugh has brought up the question: if Ed's father no longer pays the major part of support for Ed's family, cant I take it out of my income tax next year - the taxable amount, that is. Hugh wants me to take this up with Sal right now, but I think it may just make Ed all the more certain that he does not have to do anything more for his family. Dont you agree?

Siempre tuyo

and no rent to pay.



G'ville, 3 marzo de 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 27th pxmo ppdo rec'd, with notice that my remittance will be very much appreciated. Do you think this is news to me? De ducks are getting me down. But the Salvation Srmny says a man may be down but he is never out. So mote it be.

I had not thought of this business of the revenue boys taking over if and when Vivian and Maude pass on. I assume you figger if things are earmarked for Sal, in advance, there wont be much of a problem. If I am correct in this, then I would by all means suggest you earmark 'em, ya ya. As for the Garavito picture, why dont you take this up to your house, also ya ya. I dont think either Maude or Vivian would object. Maude had quite a bit of old silver we had given her, but I think she has already sent practically all of it to Marion, You might check on this. I have no doubt the furniture can be used by Sal, when we get her into a home of her own. Is the money the gals have in the bank in such form that you can get it if and when? I well remember that Helen had, in her bank in Chicago, some \$3000, which she had saved up over the years and was not touched. I forget just when, but she took it out, put in Am Sec and Trust Co, in a joint account in the name of herself and Nancy. When Helen died we had no trouble in getting the money out in Nancy's name; and I believe I have been told that Hugh will have no trouble drawing out the money I have in Washn in a joint account with him - a checking account. This wont amount to a great deal, of course, but it seems to me this money will not be subject to taxation. You doubtless know if this is correct. When I add to this account by selling stock, I have to pay the capital gain ~~dividend~~ of course; and what goes into the account from my pension has paid income tax.

I dont suppose it would make much difference if I sold securities and paid capital gain tax at the time, then bought Nancy a house out of my bank account. Is that right? I suppose the house could be in my name, if necessary. But I dont understand all these problems; we are going thru some right now, in connection with my income tax here. I have a bill for \$150, Florida state income tax, something I have never heard of before, and our lawyer says, pay it. Apparently based on my federal income tax.

My big problem is to keep Sal from cracking up again. If shedoes, the children will be on our hands, now that the Halleys have washed their hands of Ed's family. That would really plantear un problema. I havent the slightest hope that Ed would take over.

Lead kindly light, I do not wish to see the distant scene. One step enough for me-e-e.

Hasta que San Juan beje el dedo.

Sat. evg.,
March 5, 1966

Ole, jefe:

Vivian is now installed in the Carri-Lynn North, convalescent hospital; Maude is still in the Frances-Ann ditto, a few blocks away; probably will move over to Carri-Lynn shortly; it's a nicer place and not much difference in price. We gave 'em both a call this afternoon and Vivian confessed that she still has \$100 hidden in the apt. in a hair receiver; she wants to go and get it. I don't know how much more will be turned up in the garbage disposal, dumb waiter, or cuspidor. I got a price of

\$300 per month for her and as she sold the ring for \$1200, she is all fixed for 4 mos; by that time Medicare will come into action and probably cover most of the cost; Maude will also be under that, of course. I got them both to sign cards to the bank authorizing either PP or BP to handle their savings a/c, so things look pretty well simplified. Vivian was -- and --is-- getting more ~~em~~ confused. Maude says Vivian will be 89 in July. At that rate she has done pretty well.

We'll see what we'll see. I don't know enough about finances to advise you as to tax matters, etc.

At the annual mtg of the AIFR yesterday I was nominated for election to another term as president, by acclamation, and elected without opposition. That's better than LBJ can say.

In accordance with your instructions, we'll keep the apt at 986 for a few months yet, and see what happens. Eglin has been very helpful. There is no hurry about disposing of any of the contents. By the first of June we should have a pretty good idea as to what Sal plans to do.

I don't want to insult you, but I'll just mention casually en passant-- no offense intended-- that you are on the threshold of another birthm for wh I congratulate the world most heartily. But don't ever use such an ill-chosen word as demise. I'm merely going to pass over into the Other Room.

Hoping you are the same,

Gainesville, 10 March 1966

Dear Pablo:

First you must know that I appreciate your good wishes anent the major event of yesterday. I found the card here when I came back from Rollins College last evening; I had gone over there to give a lecture to the Spanish Club, in Spanish; they turn out a remarkable group, less students than retired Colonels, U S Consuls, et id genus omne. Yesterday morning the Vice-Pres of the College, Dr Hanna (who has been the guiding spirit of the college for many years) had me come to the library at 10.30 for coffee and a birthday cake - they having learned it was cumpleaños by consulting Who's Who in America when somebody made up a few remarks for introducing me at the lecture.

Be all this as it may, it is nothing in comparison to your reelection as Pres of that great institution, and it didnt have to be thrown into the Board of Trustees either, as it appears may be the case in Guatemala. I have appreciated the cuttings you have sent me re the situation down there, all of which I thought pretty good reporting, except with regard to a few minor items. Julio Cesar Mendez M. didnt do a very graceful thing in announcing day before yesterday that there would be war if he considered the election was fraudulent. Apropos de cela, I told them at Rollins of a conversation I had at Danli last year with my dear old friend Abel Gamero, about as fine a type of Honduran as you can find. Danli is and always has been a liberal stronghold, so of course Abel is a staunch liberal. He was complaining about the last selection which the liberals lost. "But Abel," I asked him, "you are an old man; you have voted many times. How many honest elections have you known in Honduras. "Only two" he replied. "And who won them?" "The liberals".

The evening before going over to Rollins I phoned Sal, and I dont think I have reported to you. Ed had just returned to SF after his weekly overnight visit. Who is supporting Ed down in SF, I asked. He is borrowing money from his grandmother, who is now in Stockton. How is he getting along with his business venture? He is enthusiastic about it. Says he is going to make a hundred thousand within a year (and she added, I dont feel too sure about this). No mention of their moving down to the Bay region. How are you off for money? I only have a hundred left; I have been paying some bills, including one telephone bill for \$82. How many months did that cover. I dont know, I would have to look it up. There are still some bills unpaid. The children are all right and she seemed in fairly good spirits. I will have to send her another \$250 this week; she is going thru them awfully fast, but maybe quite a lot of it is back bills. At the same time, I reiterate without fear of successful contradiction that, just simply doesnt know a thing about handling money.

Thanks for the news of Vivian and Maude. It looks as tho we may be in for a long siege. I very much doubt that we will know much about Sal's future by June. I wonder if Eglin could find some^{she} to take over the apt, on a very temporary basis, not paying more than \$50 a month, por ejemplo.

I regret having used demise. In the wrong manner. It is a verb just like contact. I am going to demise within the next few years. To be used in somewhat the same way as I am going to kick the bucket or pass in my checks. I have had to give up on the split infinitives, they tell me here at the Univ that they are now accepted as good English. And data is singular, of course. Hugh insists on that.

Gainesville, 15 marzo del año de
Nuestro Señor 1966

Dear Pablo:

You are right in stating that it is all very confused. I cannot advance any valid reason why my long overdue account has not been paid - not even a token payment as I assume Sr E D Halley Jr has made at times - rare times.

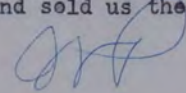
I suspect (please note that I use the English language correctly, I do not say expect; and I shun the use of the word anticipate) that we will do best to let the matter of subletting Maude's apt lie until we all get back from Europe, for I am wondering if Nancy might not go out there with her family in late June and take it until she gets something she wants. She could handle her family alright in that set-up, I believe; one youngster with herself in one room, another youngster in another room, and the Engineer (as she and I call that grand little Barton) on the couch in the sala. I am now planning to leave here on or about the 20th instant for Dallas. I will see about a reservation this p m and add a footnote to this letter. I am rather anxious to get down there as I have the feeling that Nancy needs me.

Eglin is of course right about the price of a furnished apt. I reckon I made a mistake in suggesting anything, until we have a little more time to see what turns up. So I reiterate, let's leave things in statu quo until June. The money involved does not amount to much in my present budget!

Yes, I understand that you and Bets are now authorized to draw on the joint account of Maude and Vivian. That was a good step.

Just rec'd a long letter from Mayan. Dick had just come back from the Jump Camp in Georgia, with several trophies etc - top man in his Company but says he doesn't wish to make parachuting a career as he always lands on his head or back, and hard. I wonder what he weighs? I guess it must be close to 190. They should choose those parachutists like they choose jockeys - not more than 125 libbits. Marion does not plan to go to Guatemala this summer, because they will be moving to Washington. Next year she hopes to go. She is thinking of going out to Calif to work a Master in anthropology if Dick has to go abroad for a two yr tour of duty, as is planned. The Marines can no longer take their families with them. Hugh recommends Stanford for her. She had thought of Berkeley but he says it isn't as strong in anthropology for Latin America as Stanford; and furthermore, if you are as fed up as I am with the behavior of the students at Berkeley I would prefer to see her go elsewhere.

Hugh and I went over to St Augustine Saturday p m and came back yesterday morning; enjoyed it, especially because we got a nice room in our former hangout, the Aviles Inn (reformed private house) for \$6 for the two of us. They have restored (sic) the old cathedral; what a mess! Modern inside and out. Of course I didn't mind when they restored some of the old churches in Guatemala and sold us the silver lamps in order to put in fluorescent lamps.

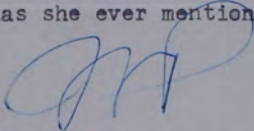


Monday evening:

Just called Sal and had a good talk with her. She seemed to be in good shape. Says Ed did not come up this weekend; it is a long hard drive and rather expensive. She said she had been thinking of moving down to Stockton but Ed told her she would have to rent a house down there and it would be expensive. Said the house is up for sale and the money they get out of it will be Ed's; he has a loan from his father which he will have to repay eventually. Said she has a neighbor who takes her out three times a week to buy groceries. The \$83 phone bill was for quite a period; they told her she would have to pay it or she would be cut off. She still has to pay a bill for electric current of about \$40. Thinks this will wind up the unpaid bills. She got my latest check for \$250 yesterday and thinks it will carry her thru this month. Says she called Betty about once a week, charging it at your end. Better take this out of my funds which you have. This is Ed's birthday and she tried to call him at SF to wish him etc but he was not in "his office".

I told her I will fly to Dallas next Sunday 20th (please note) and will stay with Nan a week or so then on to Miami. I got my ticket today. She again mentioned that Ed is living off money he has borrowed from his grandmother - to come out of his inheritance I believe. Ed has bought carpets for the upstairs and is doing some house painting also on Gma.- that is, he is having it done.

In no phone conversation has she ever mentioned Melinda.



Cables:
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P. O. BOX 152
ROSEAU,
DOMINICA,
WEST INDIES

18 May 1966

Dear Pablo:

Just about a hour ago I rolled in here to the Fort Young on the Silver Meteor from Miami. Phone Rang. Sweet feminine voice said Oh Dad is that you; I was trying to call Uncle Paul; I must have got the wrong number. I assured her she had the right number and we went in for a long conversation; which gave me an opportunity to expound along the ones set down in your last two letters. As far as I could gather she was calling you to advise that my idea of buying a house for her down toward the bay is wonderful and that Ed is looking for a suitable place in Marin county.

She wishes to be reassured that I was really thinking seriously of buying a house for her. I assured that such was the case. Then I went on say that I dont know much about Marin county. If Ed is going to buy a house for her, and thereafter support his family, then he can buy it in any county he wishes, but if I am buying it and going to support his family for the rest of their natural lives (undoubtedly including Ed's unnatural life) it will be where I choose. That in all probability Nancy will settle not in Palo Alto proper (as Sal seemed to think) but over the hills toward Monterey Bay; most probably Santa Cruz or Los Altos, and I thought it would be a fine thing for Sal to be close to Nancy and to Paul Jr and Uncle Knowles and all the rest of us. I might even go out there myself some day.

I was delighted at her fine spirits: We laughed over the phone and kidded each other straight thru. It made me very happy. She said she wanted so much to keep the family together; that the children needed their father and should not be taken from him. And I felt that she wants to stick by Ed also. I asked how she is getting along financially - she mentioned the \$50 she had borrowed from Knles about which she seemed very apologetic; I told her not to worry about that, she can pay that item when he returns to Berkeley (I will do it myself of course; it is all the same). She rec'd your \$ 100 and the \$250 I sent her from Miami a week ago. She had been up against it about the heating bill; I asked why and she said it was very old, she still owes \$94 in that field (I wonder how many others) in spite of the fact that Ed had given her \$10 on his last visit to avoid having the heat cut off. I asked her if Ed was doing anything else to help her. No. How is Ed living at SF? Well he says he is making enough to cover his own living costs but he hasnt enough to help us any. Dont you think Dr Halley is taking care of his expenses? I do. I feel that the situation in re Dr Halley is mighty bad. I feel that he is not interested in doing anything further for Ed's children - his own grandchildren- which is bad. She said the Doctor is saving up his money for something or other - I dont remember what but it doesnt matter. She mentioned that the Dr is keeping up necessary payments on the house and that it is his house. Nothing in it for her. I think we have understood this.

retirement I believe she said

I feel that I left her in a good frame of mind. I made it very clear and she liked it, that she didn't have to worry, that she and I were mighty close together and would stay so; that I would take care of her completely, but that I would have to be at a place of which I approved. She seemed a bit surprised - and delighted - that I was willing to buy a house for her. That was a good move on your part.

My guess is that we will wind up by putting her near Nancy somewhere around Money Bay and that Ed will shuttle back and forth between that place and Melinda or her successor, with his father paying the bills. I am amused by the sudden change in Ed's commercial activities. If the new job lasts 3 months I will buy you a fine new Cordobés hat. If he collects even a month's salary I will buy you two hats.

I am back in our little apartment, rather relieved to be away from one night stops and able to eat tomato soup, blue cheese, and drink buttermilk to my heart's and stomach's delight. Since I put in the bookshelves covering the entire wall in the big bedroom, and moved Hugh in there just before I left for Spain, I think we have no reason to leave these diggings. The location is perfect and we could not get another apartment which would suit Hugh, at this price.

I have just heard from Kittly Coolidge that was (now puts on the front of the envelop: C.C.Sears; it took me five minutes to figure that out) who invites me to dinner on Beacon Hill the evening before the meeting of the Board of Trustees EAP, 14 June. I plan to go up, stopping off to see Marion coming or going. Hugh is due back here about 8 June for a day or two, then off again. I now plan to go down to Guatemala about 15 July - John and Jeri and Debbie may go with me; I won't tackle it with more than that. Maria simply cannot cater for more. John ought to go to the meeting of the Am Soc Hort Sci in San Salvador July 18-23 or something like that, but when I left him he did not feel sure he would want to leave at that time. As I wrote you, John is doing very well on the job. As I sat in his office and heard how he treated people I felt very proud of him. I had to tell him however that he cannot bring that sport shirt with 2-inch stripes magenta purple on bilious green to Antigua (serious, he is dressing very well when on duty; I think you and I whipped him into line.) And I looked over Jeri's "casual dresses" and told her they simply will not go in Antigua, nor Debbie's yellow dress split well up above the knee. Women's wear in that Miami region is atrocious.

Real summer weather here. Temp 88, humidity 80.

I asked ~~in~~ my last for news of Maude and Vivian. Give me a note in your next.

Con un abrazo caluroso

Walt

May 21, 1966

Dear Wilson:

Your first letter from Gainesville with the report of your "accidental" phone call from Sal, is most satisfactory. If you keep before her and Ed the fact that she will have a nice home as long as she lives and he'll never have to worry about paying any rent, I don't see how he can refuse. Then if you'll let them know that you are coming out here when Nancy does because of course you want to see both of the girls permanently settled and not more than 20 or 30 miles apart, and that of course you must buy a house for Sal that meets your requirements for a permanent investment, but that of course you will consult Ed and Sal fully on the location and character of the place, somewhere on the peninsula, you should be lined up for action.

Maude and Vivian are comfortable enough, only 3/4 mile from us. Each has some \$2500 in the bank, which would carry them through the rest of this year; but after July 1 they will both get some substantial help from Medicare, and it seems that beginning immediately all Vivian's expenses will be paid by the county. I suggest that I continue to pay the house rent until you come; then you may want to propose to Maude that we

close it out; that she dispose of any of the furniture and keepsakes as she likes, but that what is left be turned over to Sal and/or Nancy. The latter probably doesn't need it but it would be a great help to Sal in her new home!

Since "the gals" are in the rest home, you will not be under any pressure to stay with them; you can't drop in once or twice or as you like, and walk out as you like; Maude will no doubt be a bit emotional on the first visit, but it won't kill you. She claims it is months since she has heard from you, so a pretty p.c. every few weeks would encourage her-- no need of much letter writing, as we can keep her informed; she does not write at all as her hand is not in good shape.

A week ago today I spent at Los Altos, an all-day Methodist conference on marriage and the family; beautiful country, fine people; it is, as you know, in the edge of the hills back of Satnford and a little farther South. Santa Cruz would be good, too; I haven't been in there for some years but it is a fine location, good people, prosperous but not gaudy ("sweet but not cloying".)

Betty joins me, as always! in much, much love.

Sunday morning, 22 May

[1966]

Dear Pablo:

I have just held a long conversation with Nancy over the phone. She has sold the house - got out as much as they put in - and plans to vacate on 4 June. One of the Guillou boys is then going to drive the family to California, to stay. She is shipping all her lares et penates to San Francisco to stay there until she gets a house. She doesn't know yet where she will settle; they are going with an open mind - I asked if she had thought of Santa Barbara, and she said they would take a look as they go thru, but she thinks of something in the Monterey Bay area.

I then told her that I might come out about the end of June to see what I could do about moving Sal, if nothing has been done by that time. I told her we wanted to see Sal near friends and relatives - herself and Pab and Knowles. This upset her a little bit. She said she is going to have her hands very full, working all by herself in new surroundings, and she didn't think she could be of much help to Sal. You and I can understand her feelings in this respect. I assured her that we would not think of putting Sal close by, but we did not want to see Ed put her in the Sacto Valley or some other isolated place - isolated as far as she is concerned. I told her that I did not think we would have much trouble with Ed, since he is not going to get a house for her anywhere unless I agree to pay all the bills. And I told her it is our idea to find a good place for Sal and buy her a modest home. She liked this idea. I had been thinking of buying a house for Nancy, as you may recall, but having sold the Richardson place she will have the money (\$26,000) to buy one on her own.

drive!

They are going to drive around, looking over interesting regions, and when they find one about which they can say "Here is where we want to live" they will buy. This is sound thinking.

Learn kindly light, I do not wish to see the distant scene; so I shall just keep one foot in the stirrup for a few weeks more and you will tell me when you think I ought to be coming out there. Nancy did not take the house in Palo Alto which a friend had offered for six weeks; now that her house is sold and her furniture to be shipped she will not go back to Richardson as she had originally planned, figuring that she would go out first and look around, then back to Richardson until she could make a permanent move.

I told her I am mighty proud of the way she is organizing things and moving ahead. Her ability to adjust to this sudden and heart-breaking change has surprised me.

It is mighty fine the way the Guillou family are helping her. They are a fine lot.

Siempre tu muy humilde y SS

This price can't be net to her, can it? I think they had paid only

\$6000 or so on the purchase price of the house

Dont you think it is pretty lausy of Dr Halley
to throw Ed's 4 children entirely on me?

Sunday noon

I have just had a long talk with Sal over the phone. She says that Ed has been looking for a house in the Mills Valley area over in Marin county. I asked her if he expected to buy the house or expected me to do so. She says he expects me to buy it. I told her that is the plan, but that I shall insist on buying in a location ^{which} ~~with~~ both she and I think satisfactory, and she says she feels sure Ed will agree to that. I asked her if she thinks Ed can support the family in the near future; she says no, but he is optimistic. He claims he has made a little money in SF and thinks he can send her \$50 in the near future. She says she is spending only \$50 a week on food, but of course there are other expenses; she seems to be thinking about them. She still owes the bill to the Power Co, nearly \$100 now I reckon. Doesnt know of any more big bills wh Ed accrued in months or yrs gone by, but owes \$85 to the Langley Porter, bill for which has just come. I thought Ed would be there today - perhaps - but he is at some fair or other. She would like me to talk to him over the phone and I told her I would be glad to do so. She thinks Ed's father is not helping Ed at all - much less Ed's family, and she does not think they can count on any future help from Dr Halley. I told her I am planning to come out there toward the end of June, and Ed must not tie up any house until I get there and approve. She says they may get something when they sell the Tahoe house, because it is in Ed's name and her's, and Ed has put a lot of work in it. I told her that in spite of Ed's optimistic talk and all his promises, on the historical basis we can not count on much but that I wanted her to understand that I am going to take good care of the family indefinitely.

Gainesville, 24 May 1966

Dear Pablo:

To look for a house
Quite a jump from København to the Cosmos Club but your letters came in the same mail, half an hour ago. First you must know that I want to apologise ~~from~~ loading you down with so many communications on family matters (mine, dear) and will try to ease off. It is pretty obvious that I must come out there and take over the ball. What I now think of doing is to fly out to San Francisco right after the meeting Boston- about 18 June. I have just recd a letter from Knowles mentioning that he expects to get back to SF about the middle of June. I will probably have to count on him for some help in getting around house-hunting; I dont know how I can well do it otherwise, and I dont yet see just how we are going to get Sal down to the Bay without the 4 kids but doors will be opened. I will try to enlist Ed's cooperation in the house hunting business; he seems to be interested, tho I doubt that he is going to live at home with Sal all the time, even with rent and three squares a day all for free.

I have told you that Nancy has changed her plans somewhat, *with* is not taking the house at Palo Alto but going to drive around Gullou (I believe it is the son of one of Bob's bros but am not sure) until she finds the place where she wants to live. There is a slight complication here, for it was obvious that Nancy doesnt want to be too near Sal; she says she is going to be carrying a heavy load herself which is quite true, and cant undertake to help Sal very much. Maybe Mills Valley in Marin county is allright for Sal; we must remember in her case that it seems very doubtful that she will be able to get a driving license and I am not at all sure that she should have one. Dont you agree? This means she should be on a bus line and near a supermercado. Or some thing of that sort. I think she has been resorting to taxis to take her to market at Tahoe; I told her to do so. She could do the same elsewhere; it wouldnt mean much more than \$10 a month.

I quite agree that we must continue to pay the ~~house~~ rent until I come out. And when Sal moves she will need a lot of furniture and I feel pretty sure Maude would agree to let hers go on that basis. Someone has remarked that Maude's furniture is not ~~of~~ just the right "period" for Sal. I think this is nonsense. She has a number of good pieces including a fine sofa if I recall correctly, and a couple of good beds - I imagine the ones Sal now has are not fancy.

Thanks for the clippings about my friend Tommy Mann. Quite different in tenor. It is my opinion that he understands Latin America and that his policies were pretty sound.

I hope Nancy chooses a place promptly and believe she will do so. I figger I wont be able to move in Sally's case until we know where Nancy is going to settle. I really cant blame her for not wanting to have Sally and her rambunctious kids in the same block.

Ever yrs faithfully,

Walt

Dr. Paul Popenoe, Sc. D., is the founder and president of the American Institute of Family Relations, a non-profit, educational, counseling and research organization, the oldest and largest enterprise of its kind in North America. Dr. Popenoe pioneered marriage counseling in the United States with the founding of the Institute in 1930.

The current issue of Who's Who in America gives Dr. Popenoe a substantial listing. He was born in Kansas in 1888. His grandfather was a prosperous farmer; his father was owner and publisher of the Topeka Daily Capital. Dr. Popenoe received his education at Occidental College and Stanford University. His facility with language is extraordinary. He reads Spanish, German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese, French, Latin, Esperanto, and Arabic and translates scientific articles in them. He speaks six other languages well enough to ask directions.

"An immediate kind of person with a tremendous capacity for work", Dr. Popenoe is internationally famous as an author of fifteen books. The two most recent are "Sex, Love and Marriage" and "The Church Looks at Family Life". The latter in collaboration with Evelyn Duwall and Davis Mace. Dr. Popenoe is a syndicated columnist, a radio and television personality; has appeared on lecture platforms at more than 200 colleges and universities and has taught at both the University of Southern California and at Columbia University. Under his personal supervision, the Institute sponsors the popular "Can This Marriage Be Saved" feature appearing in the Ladies Home Journal. He is also editor of Family Life, the Institute's monthly bulletin which is concerned with strengthening of the American home. Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe recently celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary and are the parents of four sons and ten grandchildren.

Do you remember Karl's
first business card,
Dr. Karl M. Bowman, M.D. ?

1966

Sunday morning 29 May

Dear Pablo:

At midnight I forced myself out of my downy bed of ease and had a long talk with (our) midnight, of course). I have never heard her in better sperrits. Ed had just been there for three days and Sally had shown him my two last letters to her - wh I hoped she would do. He thinks it a grand idea to buy a house - but I told her not to let him do anything until I come; better leave everything in abeyance. She thinks Ed will keep his little apt in SF and spend week ends with them, when they are nearer the Bay. My guess is that within 3 months he will be living at home and eating offn me. His credit will run out in SF.

I told Sal w would look first in Marin county - she said Ed could commute to SF from there. Then she said that she had been thinking of the Sta Cruz region - wonderful educational opportunities. I dont know where she got this idea; maybe Knowles suggested it. I adged this.

Fifteen minutes aho I talked Nancy. Everything fine, but she is delaying her departure for Calif untkl June 13. This will put her in the Golden States just about the time I get there, so she will not yet have chosen a place to live and I may have to hang - or stall - around for a week. If she chooses the Sta Cruz region we cant put Sal there. I reassured Nancy that we (you and I) definitely feel that she and Sal should be close enough so they can visit each other every two or three months, but not so close that Sal's four would be in Nancy's house every day after school and all day Saturdays and Sundays. That is what would happen if they were in the next block; we know it and Nancy knows it, and that simply must not happen and I told Nancy so.

I told Sally in my last letter that I would not be prepared to go above \$25,000 for a house, and I hoped we could hold down to 20. She said Ed has mentioned that he thinks they should not buy a brand new house but a quite old one; they were better constructed in those days. Obviously this would be cheaper and I am for the idea. Sally also mentioned that Ed thinks they can leave t e 4 kids with the elder Halleys while she and Ed come to the Bay to house-hunt with me. I think this is fine.

Jim Kempton wrote that he is presently in fair health - as I believe I have already advised you (Gosh, how many letters I have written you lately; I should not have bothered you so much) and I have written to ask if I can go to them on arrival in SF, for a couple of days or so. If I have to wait around a week or more, for Nancy to find something, I will probably move down to the Hotel Oxford on lower Market St, where Helen and I once stayed - it is just about my speed. Probably \$4.50 a day now; was \$2.50 then. I told Nancy to get in touch (I refuse to use contact as a verb) with me on her arrival in that region; either by phone at Jim Kempton's or at Knowles house) I do not expect to be staying there, of course, but if Knowles is not at home yet I will see that Emma knows of my whereabouts.

I think I will go up to Quantico by train on 7 June reaching there the morning of the 8th. I will have to go on to Washington a day or two later to negotiate the sale of some securities, as I have written you, and know the result before I move on to Boston. Otherwise I cant draw a big check in California and I want to pay cash for the house. I will put up at the Cosmos Club in order to replenish my stock of good stationery, and I will of course try to spend a day with Edith. There are two or three other old friends still alive that I would like to see. Johnny Graf and Alex Wetmore for example. There are mighty few of the Old Guard left. I noted with interest the Vignette of Carl S Seefeld in a recent monthly bulletin of the Club. It took me back to the old days.

Hasta la muerte



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Tues. p.m. the 14th June [1966]

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Sunday p.m. the 26 June [1966]

Dear Wilson:

It was good to have such a satisfactory talk with you this morning, via Professor Bell's ingenious invention, and I'm adding this note to say what I forgot, that I hope you'll be able to give at least a quick call on Pablo & Norma. I don't believe you've seen their fine boy Darwin-- not lately, at any rate. Their address is 96 Dellbrook ave., SF 94131; their phone is MI 8-6755; and Pablo has a private phone at his office in the civic center, 557-1927. He recently had a promotion and is now Supervising Utilities Engineer. He could pick you up and drive you out there almost any time, and it will mean a great deal to them if you'll look in on them.

And when you come down here, we must get together with Herbery for a lunch in the city-- the three of us haven't been alone for a long time.

What say?

Fri. morn the 8th July

[1966]

Dear Brother Popenoe:

It was a real treat to have you here. Come oftener!

When we got back from the airport, we found this epic letter, wh missed you by just a few hours.

I went to the bank in Pasadena this afternoon to registered the signatures of myself and Betty wh you had arranged to go on Maude's account, and found that Maude no longer has an account there. I was informed that, only a few minutes before, a woman had come in with an order from Maude and withdrawn the entire account.---Her next move will be to have Maude make a new will, naming Lucile as executor. All of wh saves me from work.

Betty joins me in eternal love.

Paul

Antigua, 13 July 1966

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for your note, to the effect that Maude's account has been transferred to her name. Probably she is as much to blame for this as anyone. You mention a new will, naming Lucile as her universal heir. I hope she will make such a will but I doubt it. I would encourage her to do so. The good Lord knows, in His omniscience, that I don't want any of her money - if any is left, as probably it will be. And a new will, leaving everything to Lucile, would relieve me of future responsibility. But I feel pretty sure she will not go along with us, in this respect. I think Maude's only idea is to get you and Betty out of the picture.

I am worried because I have not heard that Sally is not yet in Mill Valley, tho it is too early to expect news. If she refuses to move until Ed moves her, I don't know what to do next - unless Ed gets into action. I hope Knowles is able to push through the move.

I am going over the El Salvador for a week, will be back here on the 24th for a week before I go back to Florida. Things are in a mess here, as far as I am concerned. And the stress of all these matters is telling on me.

Nice note from Ralph and Vera; fine people both of them. Jim Kempton writes, asking me to be sure Nancy does not give money out of the emergency fund to Sally unless it is for her own use. I left Nancy \$5000; for herself and/or Sally when needed. Keep this in mind.

How long, O Lord, how long?

Walt

Those were mighty pleasant days in Altadena, but it hurts me to be so much bother to you folks.

Antigua, 26 July 1966

Dear Pablo:

Just back from a week in El Salvador and find your letters of 12 and 16 instant. It looks as tho you have Maude's affairs straightened out for the time being and I have the feeling that if I write her often as I shall do (I send a note today) and tell her mighty frankly that she better leave things in my hands if she wants to be cared for the rest of her life we can get along. I dont think Lucile is as much interested in getting some of Maude's money as she is in taking this opportunity to show her violent dislike for the Popenoe family.

I have been worrying all week about Sal, but am considerably relieved to hear thru you, and none other to date, that she seems to be in Mill Valley and the children were on the way - tho I still await the news that they were not kept in Stockton. Gosh, but it is hard to figure out what those Halleys are capable of doing. But I feel fairly confident that Sañ et al at all safe in Mill Valley, after a delay of two weeks which has cost me \$112.50 in rental. I am sending the August check to Richard J Young today; and I am wondering if it would not be well to have Nancy handle the monthly rental in future. I am likely to be moving about, and she isnt, and she has to pay her own rent and it wont not be much trouble to pay Sal's - I can see that she is kept in funds for it.

I have brot over a fine young horticulturist from the U S Da, good friend of John's, who is working at Chpman Field on tropical fruits. He and I are taking a turn around Guatemala this week; then on the 30th we fly to Miami together. When we left Jphn in El Salvador he said he would wait a day to start North with family, if I would come on the 30th, and he would take me as far as Gainesville with him, so that is what I am planning to do. Just figure on me as at Gainesville as of 1 August.

Siempre, y hasta que San Juan baje el dedo

Gainesville, 2 Agosto 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 29th pxmo ppdo came in this morning, as you predicted yesterday over the phone (and what a satisfaction it is to be in such close contact with all my family!) I have just written Maude as per the enclosed copy. I rather doubt that Lucile will attempt to interfere much more; and I do think you and I must do all we can for poor Herb. I am sure he has been upset by this affair with Maude.

Sally said that Nancy had sent her \$500. What I had told Nancy was lo siguiente: If Sally needed more furniture, she was to meet Sal in SF and help her select it, and she could spend up to \$500 out of the Emergency Fund she has - my money. Seems that Nancy just went ahead and sent Sal \$500, which was just one of the many little mistakes I have had to suffer. Sal said the moving from Tahoe - and shipping Nancy's ice box, etc up to Mill Valley cost a lot more than she had expected. And as I have told you, she has bot a new vacuum cleaner which she says is a great satisfaction. Sal didnt have any idea how much money she has in the bank - and never will have. I guess I wont bring up the matter of having Nancy pay Sal's rent for the time being; safer. I have already sent Dick Young the August rent. Sal says she is getting along very well with the Youngs, and the kids are very happy in the new environment. It rather looks as tho Sal is getting on solid ground.

Mighty sorry to learn that Splan's did not relieve you as it used to relieve Gpa Popenoe - or was it the Pe-ru-na that did the trick. I fear I cannot ask you to try the latter - but two tablespns just before going to bed seemed to alleviate the pain greatly.

John and Jeri left me here last p m after driving me up from Miami and left an hour ago, northward; probably sleeping in Athens Ga. tonight.

Wishing that you were the same,

Later: 3 August

I had a long talk with Marion over the phone last evening. She said everything is okay as you gringos say 100 times a day (or hour) but didnt sound terribly happy. I think she is worrying at the possibility of Dick's being swnt to Viet Nam next year. I think he has been given a defiate promise that he will not be sent until he finishes his college year, but after that - he is definitely booked if we are still engaged in a shooting war in SE Asia. Marion says they have bot a 2-handed piano for the girls, and that she is going to do ~~do~~ part time teaching to pay for it. She likes Falls Chuch immensely and the house is fine.

You asked about the chime clock: I would like to have it here BUT this apt is too small, for it; I dont want to hear it every 15 minuts all thru the night. If Hugh and I buy a house here it would be fine; we might buy one - we have seen one wh I like very much and it is only 15,000 bucks. But I am not sure Hugh wants the responsibility of running a house, especially since he is away so much.

Hugh has been made Associate Professor, which pleases him very much; he didnt like the Assistant part. There wont be any increase in salary until next yr, which doesnt bother us a bit - we wanted the dignity of the title. He says it is standard practice to give a full professorship only after 5 yrs as Assciate, which is alright too. After all, it isnt bad, being Assistant to the Provost for Agriculture. AAnd Director of the Center for Tropical Agriculture. Almost as good as being an Agricultural Explorer.

Hasta la muerte, y que no sea pronto

Gainesville, 9 agosto de 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yf Round Robin of 7th just rec'd and I have forwarded Mayan's copy to her, as per address enclosed.

Glad you are getting back your Medicare money so early in the game. I will look into the possibilities here, but if they send me to the hospital of the Univ of Fla I aint going. That place works on the principle of the Quirigua hospital, in the walks in at the door, asks if you can use the phone, and before you know it you are on the second, or third floor, have had a big dose of M SO₄, and are in a hot bath.

Called Sal on the phone last evening. She didnt sound too happy but says everything is going well. Ed has been over a time or two since she moved on 16 July. (I wonder if he has to put in an appearance every 15 days, in order to keep you from suing for divorce on the grounds of abandonment?). Last time he came he says he is making big money, but cannot yet contribute anything toward the support of his children because he is piling it up in the Hollywood Magic Cosmetics; as soon as he has turned in \$25,000 (and he asserts he is well on the way toward that desirable goal) he will be appointed General Manager of Distribution or something of that sort. I asked Sal why he didnt move in with them at Mill Valley, to avoid expense of an apartment and food in SF, but he says he must be in the City because he has to attend many meetings at night, and it would not be so convenient. Originally, you know, he suggested the move to Mill Valley because it would be so easy for him to drive back and forth to work, only 25 min. to downtown SF. Sally is running thru the money awfully fast; I asked her to make me a budget of approximate cost of the basic items. As you know, I am paying the rent direct to her landlord, Richard J. Young, who seemed to me a very decent young chap; he has a very good-looking young wife and two little girls, about 3 and 5 I would say.

Did I tell you that Hugh has been appointed an Associate Professor. This pleases him greatly, even tho he does not get the accompanying increase in salary until next year. He has just been asked by one of the big agencies (I forget which) to go to Indonesia for six mos. to develop a fertilizer program. He is not accepting, of course. Says he has had offers of \$20,000 a year to leave here and go elsewhere, but I am glad to say he is not interested. He is working far too hard, but over the last week-end we drove down to our favorite hang-out, Tarpon Springs, to stock up on Greek food - olive oil, ripe olives, Rahat Loukoum etc. Then came back thru Ybor City and had bacalò a la Vizcaine at the Cuban restaurant, not the tourist one, but the one where the fellows eat after spending their days torciendo tabacos.

Siempre tuyo

Gainesville, 19 Aug 1966

Dear Pablo:

All quiet along the Suwanee. I don't know about the Mekong, or the Yangtze-Kiang. I had a long and nice letter from Eglin, telling me about the last hours of Maude. I think Eglin has been a good friend throughout. She seems reluctant to accept the things we left in Maude's apartment, but at the same time says the Persian rugs are just like the ones I threw off the balcony of Ehanzu's Gran Hotel Tigris - i.e., worth not more than \$5 U S Cy. I figured that out for myself, being a real connoisseur of oriental rugs. She thinks she may get a little house and fit it up with Maude's furniture, which she likes, probably for sentimental reasons.

I am getting along well with Das Buch; simply must finish it by Thanksgiving, so we can get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. Hugh is toying with the thought of another Xmas vacation of 2 weeks with me; this time in Ecuador. Nous allons voir, etc. That boy is working himself half to death; he reminds me of my situation in Washington when I was five yrs younger than he; Daisy Bell's Doc told me I was an outdoor man with an indoor job and I better make a move. I did, not altogether voluntarily.

Good letter from Knowles. Not born 1793, but otherwise like Johnny Walker. They have called on Nancy and found things in fine shape. Wonderful girl, that Nancy. I believe Sal is getting a little fed up with Ed. What do you think he is trying to pull? Stay out of jail? Not a bad idea, if the California jails are no more comfortable than those I have sampled in tropical America.

I have to keep the electric fan working hard these days. Only 88 F, but humidity also 88.

Gainesville, 8 Sept 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 6th instant. I think I can explain a little bit - that jewelry of Maude's. You ~~say~~ "that large diamond solitaire ring". I dont think Maude ever had one. ~~Went~~ you thinking of Vivian's? Many years ago Vivian asked me if I would not buy it for Helen - she had no use for it. I paid her \$800. When Helen died I gave it back to Vivian - told her to sell it so she would have a little cash of her own. She sold it - I believe to Neva - and got \$1200 for it, which I imagine it was worth tho we had it appraised when I bot it from Vivian and the value was \$800. I have supposed that the money Vivian left was mainly the \$1200. Wouldnt that be about right?

Now as regards other jewelry: When I visited Herb, while in Altadena this time, Lucile showed me several pieces of jewelry Maude had recently given to her. One was a very fine gold cross set with good emeralds. I dont recall Helen's giving it to Maude but of course she did, perhaps 10 years ago. Lucile also had another piece or two - or showed me a piece or two - one was a necklace and I believe another was something which had an emerald in it.

I think this probably explains most of the jewelry - I think the only piece she had left when I was there was that big handsome ring which Lucile had already lined up and which you knew about. I believe you turned this over to Lucile after Maude's death, didnt you? There was some question about it, maybe Eglin inquired. Anyway, Maude had told me she had promised it to Lucile and I said "It is Maude's and she can give it to anyone she chooses". So that, said John is that.

I understood Mrs Curdes was holding some money of Maude's and it seems to me the amount jibes with what she turned over to you, or sea \$96. I suspect Curdes is right about the jewelry which Maude put in an envelop and asked her to put in the safe; that is undoubtedly the batch that Lucile has, and I believe Maude knew all about it. Lucile of course made it clear that Maude had given her those things and I made no objection at the time - I had no right to do so. I dont think Maude gave anything to Eglin before I was there - in fact Maude talked against Eglin when I suggested we give her the heavy furniture. I imagine someone might have suggested to Maude that Eglin shouldnt have anything - Maude said Eglin hadnt been so good to Vivian and herself during all the years, with which I do not agree because I know plenty about Eglin's attitude, I believe. The only thing I ever thought we might criticize was that Eglin always insisted on having her rent money promptly - and maybe this Maude's idea, not Eglin's. I think Eglin's good faith is shown by the fact that she didnt raise the rent, as she could properly have done.

You are doing just right about Maude's affairs; let's stay with that Texas business unless it develops that it isnt worth while. I did not know that Maude was getting \$300 a yr out of the oil stock; she never told me that, or anything else in recent years. Some 10 yrs or more ago Helen and I went into the matter with her and thought there wasnt much to it. I must run to catch a bus to Kissimmee; going to help La Hacienda people get out their Anuario 1967 - an innovation.

Much love to you both, and take it easy-like

Milt

* It was one of the Ebor 10 crosses we bot in Granada

I will put Maude's death certificate in our safe deposit box here.

Gainesville, 14 Sept 1966

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 8th instant. I am surprised that you cant draw Maude's money out of the bank. I guess the trouble is that you did not have a joint account with her - just authority from her to cash checks. Helen and I had a joint account at AS&T; Helen and Nancy one also, which held some \$2000 of Helen's savings which I had suggested she take out of a bank in Chicago, some 15 yrs ago, and put it in Washington in a joint account with Nancy, to forestall just what happened. I had inquired of the bank about Helen's and my joint account, also Helen's and Nancy, and had been informed that the survivor could draw at will, wh is exactly what happened. I now have a joint account with Hugh so he wont have to go th u Probate Court as you are having to do with Maude's. Or maybe the law in California is not the same as one in Washington. I had been told by someone that the survivor could not draw, upon the death of one member of the joint account, bit was wrong in this case.

You ask what to do with Maude's money, when you get it. Maybe put it in Hugh's and my joint account at AS&T? The alternative would be Nancy's account; but Hugh is named as my executioner so it might be safer in his and my hands, jointly.

In my last I think I cleared up the jewelry business. I feel quite sure Maude never had a large solitaire diamond of her own, but Vivian did, as I wrote you, and sold it to Neva for \$1200. As for the other jewelry which Maude had, as I write you, Lucile showed me the fine pieces which Helen and I had given Maude, and told me that Maude had recently given them to her and I believe Maude told me the same thing. It was probably during those days when Lucile was seeing Maude so often at the nursing home and building up the situation along the oines with which we are familiar. Maude seemed to want to wear the big ring until she died; she was wearing it the last time I saw her, but I understood it was promised to Lucile.

Our Zip Code is 32601

Hugh down in Miami, attending a 3-day meeting of the Ministers of Agr of all Central American republics. I would have liked to hear his speech. Hon Orville Freeman addresses the banquet tonight.

I had a nice note from Sally's little Pete this week. Awfully good of him to write. The only other one I hear from once in a while is Katy. Incidentally, Jim Kepton and wife are coming to Zamorano for the 25th commencement Dec 4th. I have an idea they might go back to Antigua with me for Christmas.

Tomorrow I start in with those ten (count them ten) X-Ray treatments. I trust you are rapidly regaining good health & spirits.

Con abrazos cariñosos a todos.

Gainesville 32601 23 Sept 1966

Dear Pablo:

You remember when we went to Costa Rica? Three and a half days to San Francisco on the Overland Ltd, stopping at Fred Harvey's for meals; then about three weeks on Pacific Mail SS Colombia, to Punta Arenas? Well, Hugh and Doc York leaves here Monday evening; catches the plane at Miami at 3.a.; has a late bkfst in San José with the big jefes, followed by one of these "conferences". Catches the plane back to Miami Wednesday afternoon and is here on Thursday. After reorganizing Costa Rican agriculture por completo. And speaking about that, all attention is now being devoted to basic food crops - corn, rice and beans to keep the universe on Vogt's Road to Survival. But I met my friend René Escalante, Minister of Agriculture in El Salvador, in the bookstore here last Monday; pretty sore. They put on a big corn program last year, better seed and ~~see~~ fertilizer, and now says they cant sell the corn. Let 'em give it to the Rustumji Mukerjis, only I suppose they will say they can only eat dhal bat, with ghee.

But, in the words of my old henchman Jaime Villegas, Is a question. When the Halleys dumped Ed's family on me, I believe the Doctor said you should put them on charity. Jim Kempton is now writing me that I have every reason ~~to get~~ government money, on the basis of non-support. Last Sunday Sally ~~told her~~ he isnt making any money (I guess he forgot that he is making lots but plowing it back into Magic Cosmetics, of which he will be Managing Director as soon as he has put in \$25,000); he doesnt know when he will begin to make some money but thinks it might be soon. Well, we know it wont, and we know if we put in a claim with the govt, he will be happy to swear that he isnt making any and therefore cant support his children, and they are entitled to whatever you call it.

Now, what about this? It is working out that Sally is going to require about \$300 per mensem, plus rental and extraordinary expense e.g. Doctors and Dentists. There will be less Doctor's bills now that Hughie doesnt have a dog to bite the neighbors children and I have to pay for the Pasteurization. We have to look forward to a long, long pull; it will be tough when the time comes that those four kids have to be put thru college. My savings are not going to last that long, and when I die there wont be any more pension from UF Co nor Social Security.

I suppose you have thought of all this; if not, give it a little prayerful consideration and write results (or tell me the next time I phone you).

Nice letter from Nancita yesterday. She certainly is a noble soul. Says legal matters connected with Bob's estate are by no means cleaned up yet and they give her plenty of work. She can take that, but I am afraid de ducks are going to hit her awfully hard. The kids are happily ensconced in their three respective schools; Katy goes somewhere on a school bus. I would like to see cattedrole gamine as she sits up there beside another young stude, just like an Indian from Mixco riding into the Guatemala City market. *So solemn!*

Ahuacatlan, Sept.24, 1966

Edith dear: [Ryerson]

I greatly appreciated your card. I'm still taking it easy at home most of the time, but spending a few hours at the office two or three times a week; everything is going well. We were delighted to hear of the eugenic contribution which Pete and Ann are preparing. The world needs leaders just as much as it doesn't need some other parts of the population.

As far as we can tell, Sally is getting along well. Wilson phones here every Sunday and apparently she and Nancy keep in fairly close touch. Betty also communicates every week or two. Day before yesterday Sally reported she had had a visit from Knowles and Emma; that the children were all in school and enjoying it; and that she is starting an art class under a man whom she greatly admires. We'll "watch and pray."

John and David and their families are both talking of driving out here for Christmas.--It more than 25 years since we had all four of the boys together.

Betty joins me in much love to all of you.

Yours ever,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

5 NOV 1966
Thanksgiving Day 1966

Dear Paul and Bets,

I got back here night before last on a jampacked Aviateca plane - full of Xmas shoppers who went to Miami to stock up on oversized Teddy bears, Kewpie dolls et id genus omne; and in about two hrs I leave for Tegucigalpa. They have asked me to come over early to help get things lined up - the Symposium, the mtg of our Board of Trustees and the Graduation. I expect to come back here on the sixth of Dec with Robert Ticho of Israel who worked for the FAO here five yrs ago and wants to take a little spin around the highlands before returning to go after the Jordanians.

I wanted to tell you that I had dinner with Nell Montgomery, who (in John's presence) told me that he is doing a very fine job. Jeri seems to be taking more interest in John's work, which is fine. Debbie is growing into a very pretty señorita; Juanita still in the squawking stage but I think beginning to outgrow it - she will eventually.

Here at home everything in statu quo; the new gardener has pruned everything which gives the place the appearance of a crew haircut but no real harm done. The countryside is beautiful right now - no need to change my opinion that November and June are the two best months here. No news from Sal of course. I fear she wont take any action immediately, but maybe Ed will come around in time. I feel that she has begun to adjust herself a bit and in the end will probably go ahead with a divorce; I guess the idea - advanced by the fine lawyer - that he must pay for it has given him something to think about. I would not hold him to that, if there is no other problem. I say, let things ride along for the time being. doors will be opened.

CTH

Ahuacatlan, Dec. 11, 1966

Dear chief:

Knowles phoned, after his return, with a glowing account of his experience in the tropics, and we have just recd. a letter from John, highly enthusiastic about his own visit. I'm sure you can't help feeling that you haven't lived in vain, when you survey the campus, and the history to date, of EAP!

Betty had a long phone visit, a few days ago, with Sal, who seemed to be in the best of spirits. Best of all, she said Knowles reported that you are coming up to see with her and Nancy for Christmas. We couldn't ask better news than that! The next three months will probably represent the greatest crisis, the major period of stress, in Sal's life, and she needs your guiding hand and heart, to keep her on the right path. Knowles has probably given you a full account of his own findings in Mill Valley.

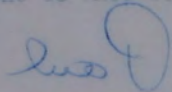
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Betty joins me, as ever, in much love.

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Bets says Sal reported having a complete physical exam, inasmuch as she seemed to have been having too many "colds". Dr told her she was in good shape in every way except that she appeared to have a light case of mononucleosis (look that up in Auriferous Hemorrhoids), and needed plenty of rest. She has an American girl of African descent who comes in every Monday, does the ironing, cleaning, and odd jobs, and is giving her great help now. She has stopped cigarettes.

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