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Rancho California, Almufiecar (Granada) Spain
26 March 1958

Mr Robert J. Kelliher,
United Fruit Company
Boston.

Dear Mr Kelliher:

Many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant, advising the the two copies of the power of attorney were received and have been appropriately handled. Before this authority expires on March 10, 1959, I will either renew it or let the checks come to me at Antigua, Guatemala, where I expect to be by that time.

Thanks also for arranging with the Federal Security office in Boston to investigate the matter of benefits for my disabled son in California. I imagine that I shall hear directly from the office in California. They will have to know where to get pertinent information. If they write me in care of the American Embassy in Madrid, Spain, I shall be glad to furnish it. If they should inquire further of you, my son is Peter Popenoe, who has been in a private institution near Los Angeles for many years, and is in the care of my brother Dr Paul Popenoe, 2503 North Marengo Avenue, Altadena, California. I believe I am fully entitled to benefits for my son who is completely incapacitated and whose maintenance is costing me about \$2000 per annum.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

TEMA RAILROAD COMPANY

TELA, HONDURAS
August 16, 1957

File: T-1,3b

Mr. R. J. Kelliher, Tax Accountant
United Fruit Company
80 Federal Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Kelliher,

Under date of June 4th, 1957, Dr. Wilson Popenoe wrote us, advising having received your letter to him of May 9th, in which you enclosed three forms OAC-1001 in connection with his Social Security, for completion by this office.

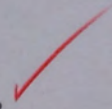
The above forms have been duly completed, and we are now sending you the original and one copy for further processing, having retained the triplicate in our files.

Yours very truly,

E. O. Beckstrom

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Enc. 2

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe, 
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Rep. de Guatemala
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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ROBERT J. KELLIHER
TAX ATTORNEY

May 9, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Doctor:

This has reference to Mr. Leonard's letter of April 23, 1957 written in answer to yours of April 11, 1957; specifically to Item 2, concerning your request for information about social security benefits.

In order to obtain the benefits an application for benefits must be filed before payments can be made and we are attaching the necessary forms.

You should complete one of the green forms, OA-C1 and should attach thereto a copy of your birth certificate or other evidence of your birth date. The word "railroad" on these forms refers to a railroad in the United States, an employee of which should be entitled to benefits under the United States Railway Retirement Act. This does not include any of the railroads operated by our organization. There is enclosed a list indicating the various types of evidence of birth date that must be furnished by each applicant. The yellow form, OAC-1001 relates to salary and should be completed by Mr. Beckstrom.

After completion, the forms should be forwarded to the Federal Security Agency, Resident Office, Foreign Claimants, Brooklyn, N. Y. However, if you wish to forward the completed forms to this Department, we will process the application through our Boston Social Security office.

Under the Social Security system a retired worker under age 72 may earn \$1,200 in any taxable year without loss of any benefits. If he earns more than \$1,200 a year some of the benefits for the year may not be payable. However, benefits are not lost for any month in which the retired worker neither earned more than \$80 in employment, nor rendered substantial service in self-employment.

There is a "retirement test" under which both workers and self-employed people are allowed to have earnings up to a certain amount and still collect their full benefits for every month in the year. This test works out as follows:

- (a) If the earnings in a year (taxable year of 12 months) are not more than \$1,200, there can be no loss of benefits under the test.
- (b) It would be possible for a beneficiary to earn \$1,200 in one month and not lose benefits, providing of course, that he did not work the balance of the year.

May 9, 1957

If the pensioner works in all months of the year and the earnings are over \$1,200 a year, each \$80 unit (or fraction of \$80) in excess of \$1,200 will be charged to the last month of the year, then next to the last and so on, following that pattern. Benefits are lost in the months that are charged with the \$80 units (or fraction thereof). This is explained in pages 26 and 27 of the Social Security Benefits booklet (copy enclosed).

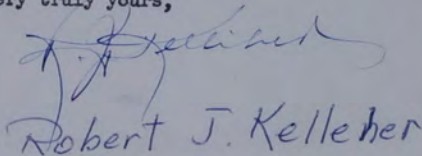
If the pensioner earned \$2,080.01 or more and worked in all months of the year he would normally lose 12 benefits, but if he actually worked in only three months, there would be withheld only three months benefits, thus it would be possible to earn any amount in excess of \$1,200 in two or three months of the year and the benefits would only be withheld from the months in which he worked.

If an individual works outside the United States in employment or self-employment not covered by social security, benefits may not be paid for any month in which he works on seven or more calendar days, while he is under 72 years of age. If the work outside the United States is covered by social security, the same provisions apply as in the United States.

When a person expects to earn more than \$1,200 in a taxable year, he should immediately notify the Federal Social Security Agency that has forwarded the monthly benefit checks. The benefits will be stopped and the Federal Social Security Agency will send a Form OA-C740 which tells how to have the payments started again.

In the event you have any more questions, kindly let us know and we will be glad to answer them if we can.

Very truly yours,



Robert J. Kelleher

Enclosure

cc: Mr. E. N. Leonard

June 4, 1957

Mr. E. O. Beckstrom
Tela, Honduras

Dear Mr. Beckstrom:

On May 9 Mr. Kelliher wrote me regarding Social Security. He says, "The yellow form OAC-1001 relates to salary and should be completed by Mr. Beckstrom." He also says that this and the other forms sent me should be forwarded after completion to the Federal Security Agency, Resident Office, Foreign Claimants, Brooklyn, New York or that they can be forwarded to his office, which will process them through the Company's Social Security office in Boston.

Unless you advise to the contrary, I will send the forms to Mr. Kelliher's office. In this case, I assume you will send me the yellow forms enclosed unless it is customary to forward them direct to Mr. Kelliher's office. We are leaving in a day or two for Guatemala where mail should be addressed in the future. Please make a note of this: Calle de la Nobleza #2, Antigua.

I shall greatly appreciate your good offices in connection with my Social Security problem.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

June 4, 1957

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Tela, Honduras

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE

INSTRUCTIONS ON REQUIRED PROOFS

If you wish to keep a document which you submit as proof of age, marriage, death, or military service, we will copy and return it to you. If you have any difficulty obtaining your proofs, please get in touch with us so that we can advise you further.

1. PROOF OF AGE.—One of the types of proof of age listed below must be furnished. Proof as high on the list as possible should be submitted. Additional evidence of age may be requested if the document which you submit is not convincing evidence. Older documents are preferred to recently established documents.

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| (a) A birth certificate. (A delayed birth certificate is acceptable only if certain conditions are met.) | (l) Vaccination record. |
| (b) A baptismal certificate or a statement as to the date of birth shown by a church record, certified by the custodian of such record. | (m) An insurance policy which shows the age or date of birth. |
| (c) Hospital birth record, certified by the custodian of such record. | (n) Labor union or fraternal record certified by the custodian of such record. |
| (d) A foreign church or government record. | (o) Marriage records showing date of birth or age. |
| (e) A signed statement by the physician or midwife who was in attendance at birth, as to the date of birth shown on their records. | (p) Employment record showing date of birth. |
| (f) Family Bible, or other family record. | (q) Age of parent shown on child's birth certificate. |
| (g) Naturalization records. | (r) Age shown on permits, licenses, voting records, Poll tax receipts, etc. |
| (h) Immigration records. | (s) Other government records. (Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., will search its records for age evidence upon the execution of an application and the payment of a fee.) |
| (i) Military record. | (t) Statements of other persons. (We will be glad to provide the necessary forms to secure the statements and advise you of the required number. |
| (j) Passport. — issued 10 yrs. before filing of application | |
| (k) School record. | |

2. PROOF OF MARRIAGE.—Any of the following is acceptable:

- (a) The original certificate of marriage.
- (b) A certified copy of or statement as to church record of marriage.
- (c) A certified copy of the public record of marriage.
- (d) The "Husband's Certification" form (if enclosed herewith) completed and signed by your husband.
- (e) The "Wife's Certification" form (if enclosed herewith) completed and signed by your wife.

Public record of marriage may be obtained from the clerk of the court in the city or county where the marriage license was obtained, or the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State in which you were married.

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**Photostat copies of documents
will not be accepted.**

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3. PROOF OF DEATH.—Any of the following is acceptable:

- (a) Certificate of death.
- (b) The "Statement of Death" (if enclosed herewith) completed by the funeral director.

If wage earner died outside the United States, submit whatever proof you have.

4. PROOF OF PAYMENT OF BURIAL EXPENSES:

- (a) An itemized receipted funeral bill showing total cost and listing amounts paid and by whom, and signed by the funeral director or other person to whom payment was made.

Application for lump-sum death payment may be made by the widow or widower if she or he was living with the wage earner at the time of death. If there is no such qualified widow or widower, any person who paid burial expenses may apply. Burial expenses include all expenses reasonably connected with the burial. This includes the burial lot, cemetery charges, and undertaker's fees. APPLICATION FOR LUMP-SUM DEATH PAYMENT MUST BE FILED WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE WAGE EARNER'S DEATH.

5. PROOF OF COURT APPOINTMENT AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.—If you are the legally appointed guardian, conservator, administrator, etc., of a person or estate in connection with the subject wage earner, submit your court papers of appointment. If they are more than 1 year old, you should have the clerk of the court certify that they are still in full force and effect.

6. PROOF OF DEPENDENCY:

- (a) Complete the enclosed "Certificate of Dependency and Support."

7. PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 7, 1939:

- (a) Certificate of discharge.

The certificate should show the date of entry into active service, the date of separation, and the character of separation. If the veteran had more than one period of service after September 7, 1939, submit the certificate for each period.

8. OTHER PROOFS:

Failure to submit -
Failure of application

Photostatic copies of documents
will not be accepted

TEMA RAILROAD COMPANY

TELA, HONDURAS
August 16, 1957

File: T-1.3b

Mr. R. J. Kelliher, Tax Accountant
United Fruit Company
80 Federal Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Kelliher,

Under date of June 4th, 1957, Dr. Wilson Popenoe wrote us, advising having received your letter to him of May 9th, in which you enclosed three forms OAC-1001 in connection with his Social Security, for completion by this office.

The above forms have been duly completed, and we are now sending you the original and one copy for further processing, having retained the triplicate in our files.

Yours very truly,

E. O. Beckstrom,

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Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Rep. de Guatemala
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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ROBERT J. KELLIHER
TAX ATTORNEY

August 21, 1957

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

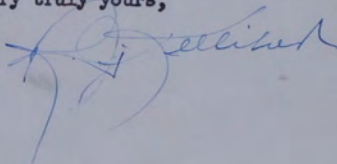
Dear Doctor:

With respect to your social security benefits we have received Mr. Beckstrom's letter of August 16, 1957, copy of which was sent to you, enclosing the Federal Security Administration yellow form, OAC-1001, relating to salary.

As a matter of information the usual procedure is to first file the Application for Benefits (Form OA-C1) with the Federal Security Administration and we are wondering if you have already done so. The application Form was enclosed with our letter to you of May 9, 1957.

Accordingly, we will hold the Statement of Employer (Form OAC-1001) at this office until we hear from you concerning the filing of the application Form.

Very truly yours,



cc: Mr. Beckstrom

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 September 1957

Mr Robert J Kelliher
United Fruit Company
80 Federal St, Boston 10,
Mass., E U A

Dear Mr. Kelliher:

Referring to your letter of 21 August, regarding my Social Security Benefits, I have done nothing with filing an application direct to the Federal Security Administration, the main reason being that it was necessary for you to have Mr Beckstrom's Statement of Employer, which was sent you on 16 August. This could not be sent until final data were available after termination of my employment.

I will greatly appreciate it if you will process the whole matter for me, as you have kindly offered to do, because in the first place certain data are required which I can not supply from here.

As proof of my age I enclose passport issued at Washington, No. 682377, dated April 2nd 1941, which is well within the requirement that a passport must be presented which was issued ten years before the filing of application. Since this passport is no longer valid, and it is just good luck that I still have it, there is no need to return it I believe.

As regards name of my employer during the past 12 months, I have left this blank as I am not sure whether I have been considered an employe of United Fruit Company (as was the case until I was detailed to develop Escuela Agricola Panamericana) or whether I have legally been considered an employe of the latter. Your records will show. Also my total earnings last year, which I assume are on the form which Mr Beckstrom sent you. Also the answer to Question 14.

If necessary to re-make this form on basis of information I do not have, but which you or Mr Beckstrom can furnish, kindly return it to me. Please accept my cordial thanks for your good offices in connection with my Social Security.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Mr E O Beckstrom

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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ROBERT J. KELLIHER
TAX ATTORNEY

March 18, 1958

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
United States Embassy
Madrid, Spain

Dear Doctor:

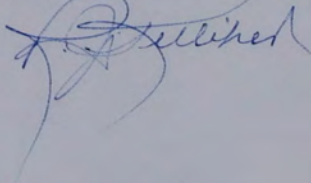
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11, 1958 enclosing the signed and completed 2 copies of Power of Attorney (Form 6711) and Social Security Administration Post Card Notice (Form OA-0611a).

The original of the Power of Attorney (Form 6711) has been forwarded to the American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C. and the copy of the letter of enclosure is attached herewith.

You are correct that the Power of Attorney (Form 6711) is valid for only one year and we have inserted the dates March 10, 1958 to March 10, 1959 on the document to indicate the period that the authorization is **in force**. We are advised by the Federal Security Agency that if at the end of this period the document is not renewed the checks will be mailed to you at Antigua, Guatemala.

With respect to benefits for your disabled son we contacted the Boston office of the Federal Security Agency and they advise us that the matter has been referred to the California office of the Federal Social Security for investigation and that you will hear directly from them in regard to filing application forms and for any further information that they may require.

Very truly yours,



March 18, 1958

The American Security and Trust Company
15th St. and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There is enclosed the original of United States Treasury Department's Power of Attorney by Individual to a Bank for the Collection of checks Drawn on the Treasurer of the United States (Form 6711) which has been executed by Dr. Frederick Wilson Popenoe of Antigua, Guatemala, Central America.

Dr. Popenoe, who is currently in Spain, has requested the Federal Security Agency that monthly Social Security Benefit checks, payable to him, be deposited to his account in the American Security and Trust Company and the enclosed document is the authorization for the deposit with your bank of these monthly checks.

Very truly yours,

s/ R. J. KELLIHER

Enclosure