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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.

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AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

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January 14, 1964

Dear Dr. Popence:

First, I wish to extend cordial personal greetings and very best wishes for the coming year.

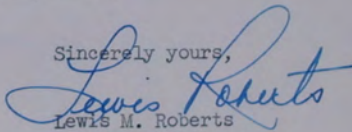
I have been in rather close touch with Mr. Wallace regarding the plans which you and he developed for a corn demonstration project in the Antigua area when he was in Guatemala in December. He sent me the enclosed copy of his letter of January 9 with the request that I forward it on to you.

I was talking with him this morning, and he asked me to tell you that he made a mistake in estimating the size of the demonstration plots. He believes that each plot should contain 20 rows approximately 60 feet long. I tend to agree with him on this although it could perhaps be scaled down a bit if this were necessary. I personally feel that the most important factor in the success of these demonstrations will be someone who can visit them quite frequently. This person should know a great deal about practical corn growing. At any rate, the project sounds very exciting to me; and I wish you, Mr. Wallace, and your colleagues great success in carrying it out.

I wish it were possible for me to attend the corn conference in Antigua during the week of March 2. Unfortunately, I have commitments elsewhere at that time so I will be unable to see you and my other friends on that occasion. I know that Mr. Wallace is looking forward to being there.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,



Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director

Dr. Wilson Popence
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Guatemala City, Guatemala

cc: Mr. Henry A. Wallace

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
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February 10, 1967

Dear Mr. Armour:

This will acknowledge with many thanks your letter of February 2 forwarding a copy of your first progress report on the study which you are conducting. This is my last day in the office before departing on a trip for about one month in South America, so I have to admit that I do not have time at the moment to study this report sufficiently to make any comments on it now. I will do so on the plane going to Bogota next Monday morning; and if I have any comments to make, I will write you from Bogota.

I can easily see that it might be desirable to have a committee meeting, as you have suggested, during the month of April. I would certainly be willing to make the effort to join the group wherever it seems most convenient to meet. I am therefore sending copies of this letter to Dr. Popence, Don Francisco de Sola, and Ing. Robles with the suggestion that we think of meeting in Guatemala in April if they can all come together at that time and if this seems to be the best place to meet. I suggest Guatemala because of its central location which would reduce the travel expenses and perhaps make it more convenient for everyone concerned except perhaps myself. I hope to have answers from everyone by the time I return from my trip to South America around March 5. I will then take whatever steps seem indicated to try to finalize the plans for our meeting as you have suggested.

I know that the other members of the committee join me in letting you know again that if there is anything we can do to help you and your colleagues with this study, we will be pleased to do so if you will let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director

Mr. R. P. Armour
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

cc: Don Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popence - also sent copy to 1722 N.W. 2nd Avenue
Ing. Leonel Robles Gainesville, Florida

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
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May 4, 1967

Dear Bob:

This will acknowledge receipt of the rough draft of your report on our Guatemala meeting and your letter of April 26.

Your draft report on the meeting looks OK to me. I have not yet heard from any of the other members of the committee on this draft. If they send me any corrections or additions, I shall include these in the report that will go to all members of the Board a week or ten days prior to our meeting in Boston on June 5.

In answer to the question in your letter of April 26, I am of the opinion that no further move should be made to negotiate either with the National University or the Government of Honduras prior to our Board meeting in Boston. I believe this represents the consensus of the members of our committee as expressed at the Guatemala meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Boston.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director

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cc: Ing. L. Robles
Dr. Wilson Ponce
Sr. Francisco de Sola

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
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May 19, 1967

Dear Bob:

I have received the first shipment of four copies of your final report, and I have forwarded these to Messrs. Mejia, Plaza, Heurtematte, and Dengo with the attached covering note.

As soon as the other copies arrive, I will forward these to the members of the Board living in the USA. I discussed this with Mr. Stillman as soon as the copies arrived with your covering memorandum, and he offered the services of Miss Perez to mail the copies to the Board members in the US as soon as they arrive.

I also discussed with Mr. Stillman the desirability of sending a copy of the minutes of our Guatemala meeting, and we agreed that this would serve no real purpose. I will have copies of these minutes for distribution to the Board members at the meeting in Boston if you and Don Chico think that this would be worth while. I doubt that it will, but I would not mind going to the trouble to convert your draft into a final copy that could be xeroxed and distributed.

It is your final report that contains the meat, and there is plenty to chew on in it. I only had an opportunity to scan this before forwarding the copies to the Board members abroad; but my impression is that you have done a very good job in bringing together the information and suggested curriculum changes that will be helpful to the Board in arriving at a decision on the feasibility of adding the fourth year so that the school could qualify perhaps to grant the Ingeniero Agronomo degree.

With reference to your suggestion that the committee meet for an hour or so before the general Board meeting at 10:00 a.m., I think this might be a good thing to do. Perhaps we can make

Mr. R. P. Armour

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arrangements at the dinner which Dr. Sears is giving on Sunday evening to have a breakfast meeting on Monday morning if this is convenient for the other members of the committee. If we do, I would like to have Dr. Muller join us for this breakfast session.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director

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cc: Sr. Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Ing. Leonel Robles
Dr. A. S. Muller

P. S. I also want to acknowledge and thank you for your progress report No. 3 covering the period April - May 15, 1967, which came today.