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October 2,

Dear Wilt,

I have your letter and will pass the word on about Franco Fenzi. Once when we were in Rome we had nice visits with them. They had a dinner with Italian wine served on the roof top of their apartment house, and they had dinner with us at our Hotel. Franco talked a lot about the old days in California and seemed homesick. They also helped us plan our stay in Florence.

Sally is quite communicative with us and has always seemed reasonable. She has permission to phone us, collect, at any time and if anything goes wrong ^{shall} I write or wire you, if I am informed myself.

Cordially,

P.S. We make the ^{Emma} phoning collect because the Clinic is always cutting us off before we finish. E.



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We hope you have a gay time in the Casa
this holiday. We will be here at home. It
will good to be by our own fireside after the
Caribbean with Thanks giving at sea.

Our cruise was fabulous and we can highly recommend
these Norwegians for knowing how to build and sail a ship.
We had delicious food (both gained weight) fine weather,
delightful company and visited nine islands each with
a personality of its own as you well know. I loved Grenada
with its spices and St. Thomas with its beautiful harbors
but the others ran close seconds.

We plan on having both girls here for Christmas but
have to find a time to catch Marion before she goes to
Bakersfield. Sorry you cant join us. Still counting on
that visit, From all the nice things I hear about Alice,
I'm terribly anxious to meet her. Love - Edith
[Ryerson]

Christmas Greetings and
best wishes
for the New Year

Timindal Bolauz garden the best, but it is
primarily a park with lovely old trees. Not a
papaya served the whole trip - VS. caulalays Florida
cabbages fruit and juice, Okanagan apples - Chequamegon bananas
all loaded at Whimie. Few fruits in markets - R



Cuzco, Peru
29 August 1921

Dear old Knowles:

Just a note to you -
and Emma - to tell you that I
have been thinking often of you
these past few weeks, and that my
thoughts have been happy thoughts.
Perhaps Emma doesn't know that
Knowles comes nearer being a
brother to me than any other of
my boyhood friends, and for that
reason his happiness is mine also.

Sweet. I wanna go home!

Much love and cordial good wishes to both
of you, and may I be the next man down!

Always affectionately yours

Wilt

Davis, California
November 2, 1939

Dear Wilt:

You can see how tropical and sub-tropical horticulture is finally affecting our eating habits here. When all these things begin to be used for ice cream it is quite a change from the old days.

The corner stone for the new By-products Laboratory, one of the four national ones, was laid by Secretary Wallace last week in Berkeley. The Secretary stopped in Davis for a visit and then I went with him up to Yosemite for a short trip. Had a very pleasant time of it. He was in quite a jovial mood and left all the political fringe down in the Bay Region. It was too bad that he couldn't stay longer. The fall coloring was delightful. There had been quite a snow fall and the moon was nearly full (the rest of us weren't). Of course if you had been there things might have been different.

I am leaving for Washington Sunday night to attend the Land Grant College meetings and also the sessions of the Conference on Latin-American Educational Cooperation. I don't suppose you will be up in that neck of the woods that early. I will keep an eye out for you anyway and will see what goes on.

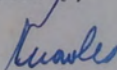
Vey Morley and Frances were here week before last. He is out looking for a place to settle. Santa Fe is too high and too cold for his high blood pressure. He wants low altitude, low humidity and warm winter temperatures. That is pretty hard to find all in one place. However, I hope a compromise location can be found so that they will settle out here near us. We certainly can settle the fate of nations if he gets out here and then you folks come along and join us once in a while. Of course if the "Ham and Eggs" passes next Thursday you can expect Emma and me down most any time and not for any week end visit either. In fact I could get quite a boatload that would take over all the patios in Antigua.

I understand that Jim Le Cron, of the Secretary's Office, has just returned from Guatemala. The Secretary said that he spent most of his time up in the mountains so I presume that he was in and around Antigua, which without a doubt meant that he used some of your good liquor and enjoyed the hospitality of your home. Jim is really a corking good company anywhere.

I will be dropping you a line from the Club in Washington and looking for your solemn countenance to be banking in and ordering all hands to "strand the lifeboats on the bar."

With best wishes to you and Helen from us both,

Cordially,



Dr. Wilson Popence
c/o United Fruit Company
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Davis, California
April 30, 1940

Dear Wilt:

Certainly pleased to get your letter of April 17 from Kingston and postmarked "Myrtle Bank". I had a letter from Chick Lee the other day stating that you were enroute to Jamaica and I had planned to try and reach you there but I will take a chance on reaching you through the Company office in Havana when you go over to meet Helen and the youngsters next Saturday. What an excited brood they must be and what a pleasant time you will have with them. I am assume Nancy is staying in the States. I do wish we could join you in Guatemala, but I am afraid if we hit Antigua at the same time that the town would feel another earthquake had shaken its foundations. Give our love to all the rascles and tell them I expect to have full reports from them personally when I get back to Washington in November, at least I hope I will.

I was interested in your comments about Chick Lee. I have gathered from his letters that he was not too happy. Jim LeCron of the Secretary's Office was here last week, coming through on his way from Hawaii. He told me of Bressam's trip in the interest of harmony. Apparently Chick has never become reconciled to the rather penurious expense account allotted by the government. Jim dropped the remark that Chick always wanted to travel by air and do other things in similar style, and Ludeke was perfectly willing to travel by tramp steamer and corresponding transportation on land. I rather suppose that Chick's long residence in the Philippines and East Indies at a liberal salary and expense account such as rubber and sugar interests can extend, has made it too difficult for him to adjust his scale and standards. He does know his agriculture and can do the thing that he has been handling.

I am glad to hear that Tom Fennell is coming along. I write him the other day. He had asked for some corn seed for use down there and I will do what I can here. Maybe I can help him along. In earlier years I had my fingers crossed in regard to Tom as I feel that "D.F." rather spoiled him and his associations with Tom Barber and others turned his head a bit, and he wasn't tactful in his relations with Ben. Ben in turn cracked down on him in a roughshod way and there has been no love wasted between them in the years since. Tom was young and inexperienced and inclined to pull fast ones but he has had ample time to mature and grow out of his rather "sophomoric" point of view. I do hope he can succeed down there and I will help him in every way I can.

I am concerned about what you say of Bill Mann. I knew he had gone to Liberia but I didn't realize he was in bad shape. It seems to me that country was one of the world's last to go to for a health resort. I hope the trip does him some good. He and Lucy will have a grand time of it and the Washington Zoo will have some fine additions.

I am glad that you are going to have a hand in charge of the cinchona project. I presume the man in charge of it is the one who was in when I was in Washington and I agree with you in your estimate. I think we could both **embroider** the edges whenever we get together. Cinchona becomes of primary importance with the increased threat in the East Indies. We surely must have a source of quinine supply close at hand and it is time we began developing it intensively.

Lou Jongeneel was hear from Hawaii last week. He had just heard from Cumberland and he was just beginning to sit up. I hope he still may have some further recovery that will allow him to enjoy some measure of living, even if he can never engage in active pursuits again. I think he has made enough so that he and his family won't have to worry, but he has been too active in national and inter-national affairs not to carry quite a load when things are going wrong.

The term ends in a couple of weeks and for once I will be rather glad when things quiet down a bit and I have a chance to catch a bit of breath. I had expected to go to the Clinic at Woodland for a hernia operation this last week, but have been delayed because of an attack of Flu that Emma had which delayed her tonsil operation. She has had three rounds with the blaim appendages this spring and has never been able to get them out in between times. When she has gotten over her session I will go on the shelf for about a month in the hospital, and frankly I am beginning to look forward to it as a chance to get caught up on sleep. It has been a very strenuous semester and I find the rest of the faculty saying it has also been that way for them, and they are glad to see it about over. It has been the most strenuous any of them have experienced around here.

Dinty Moore is going back to the Scientific Congress, with expenses paid by the University, so we will have a firsthand representative on the various sessions. You have probably heard from him already as he asked for your address and I told him he might reach you in Jamaica. I think his presence there will lend some solid common sense to discussions in which he takes part. He has his feet on the ground.

Yes, surely I will sponsor Hugh in agriculture anywhere, but especially in Berkeley or Davis. I certainly feel he should spend part time at Davis in other branches, if practically all of it. If he were in subtropical horticulture he would put in some time with Hodgson at U.C.L.A. Don't you dare send him to any of those effete eastern agricultural colleges. And just remember that Sally has promised to come out here too. In fact, last time she reminded me that I had promised to bring her out in my suitcase the year before, and I had failed to carry out my part of the deal. In fact, I don't think you can educate them anywhere else as you can out here at our thriving educational metropolis.

Love to you all from us both and do write again soon.

As ever,

Winters

(s.)

AIR MAIL

Davis, California

June 17, 1940

Dear Wilt:

I am just home from the Clinic after a two weeks vacation, getting my hernia fixed up. So much has been happening the last two weeks that it is hard to believe that a change has come into the entire world or what the ultimate impact of France's withdrawing today will mean for all of us. Certainly this country has its job well cut out for it in the months and years ahead.

I am expecting Dinty Moore back if he hasn't already arrived this weekend, and will discuss with him further the Scientific Congress and also the work of the Agricultural Education Committee which has recently been appointed by Wallace, consisting of Dr. Tom Barber, Harold Hume and myself, together with J. G. Lee Jr., Dean of the College of Agriculture, Louisiana, with Bressman as the other member so far as I know. I have heard all along that you and Lee will be close collaborators if not actually members of the Committee. Don't know anything about any meetings yet. I ordinarily will not be going back until the Land Grant College meetings in November and presume they will arrange a meeting just before or after those sessions, unless an emergency comes along and they wish to round us up earlier. I do hope you can attend the meetings fairly early in the discussions so that we can have the benefit of your first-hand personal guidance as well as your suggestions made to Bressman and Lee already.

Bressman reports that the Barro Colorado Island bill has passed the House. Presumably it will go through the Senate, establishing that as an official place for work. Also, the million dollar rubber bill will be going through and may have passed the Senate by now. I don't know the status of the cinchona.

You know how slowly things move from east to west. I understand in San Francisco that the excitement is about as great as it is in the large centers in the east. It is still hard to visualize the change, however, sitting here looking out of the window on hollyhocks, grain fields, through traffic a little way off on the east-west highway. It seems like business is as usual. But the world you and

I have known has ceased to exist and we face something not yet clearly differentiated. It is out and out show-down between the totalitarians' philosophy of life and the philosophy which you and I were raised under and which this country has furthered, even if at times not as effectively as it should. Somehow out of all of this we've got to get a world that will give your youngsters something of the happiness that has been ours in all of its ups and downs. How I wish I could sit down and have a real good gab-fest with you. Certainly will look forward to seeing you in the east sometime this winter if not sooner.

I have been discussing Latin American agricultural problems with Professor Gilmore, among other things he has suggested compiling and editing a course in Spanish and Portuguese as they are given in our Land Grant Colleges in this country. Also, certain set courses that may be given in the Land Grant Colleges which relate especially to the Latin American countries or to the tropical regions, as for example courses in tropical horticulture, tropical pathology - plant and animal, courses on special crops such as coffee, cacao, sugar and bananas. Third, to compile a list of institutions in all new world countries offering courses in agriculture, comments on their grade, and a brief presentation of the agricultural resources of the region and the country. These were three of the five items we were asked to comment on by the Division of Cultural Relations of the Department of State.

Emma preceded me at the Clinic having her tonsils removed. Then when I was over the hill with nothing to do but recuperate, I persuaded her to go down to Pasadena to get out of the heat. It has already hit 107 around here. I hope to join her there for a short time later.

I wonder how Bill Mann will ever get back from Liberia. After several years I finally obtained a second-hand copy of Macreagh's "Black Waters and White". It was dedicated to Bill, as you recall. I put in an order for it with Schulte's Bookstore in New York while I was in Washington. They finally located a copy.

Keep me posted as to your moves and when you are apt to be coming up this way. Best wishes to Helen and the youngsters from us both.

As ever,

Reveries

P.S. Miss Wumped Cochran of our Home Econ staff, whose field is interior decoration is leaving shortly for a vacation in Guatemala, I have given her a letter to you folks, so I'd like you to know her. She is a fine girl, and you and the youngsters will like her, ^{and} like her to see the house and tell us of latest developments and especially first hand news of you all. Don't let any of you find company bachelors run off with her, - ^{because it} my secretary is getting married, my advisor for women got married a week ago, and the head of home econ resigned, - ⁱⁿ having a dearth of a time, keeping my women folk!

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
College of Agriculture
Agricultural Experiment Station

Office of the Dean and Director
Davis, California

July 31, 1940

Dear Will:

It was good to get your letter of the 14th. What do you mean, "Us Frenchmen"! Haven't you seen Hitler's notice that all Frenchmen are now Germans, [?] - except those that are now out of the country and he can't get his hands on. Bastille Day was an appropriate day for other reasons to write, as that is the day Emma and I especially celebrate, as I and the Bastille fell the same day. The Frenchmen may have won their freedom on that day, but I gave up mine, - at least I like to tell Emma so, anyway!

You aren't the only one that has a Pigeon Loft Club, - though I take it yours is a very tight family corporation with no outside stock available. A group of students turned up here a while ago and wanted permission to put up a pigeon loft right back of the dormitory. We compromised, by putting it half a mile away! I can just imagine how long the birds would have lasted around the dormitory.

I am glad to learn that the quinine job is rolling along, and I surely hope it is the success it merits. We certainly should have a supply quickly available and on this side of the canal, regardless of what eventually happens in the East Indies. I think I will turn on a little heat myself in some places to see that you are brought into the picture. After all, there is no one in the department, and no one I know of outside, that could begin to bring to this project the understanding you can. It is folly not to have your experience used. Brandes has not men himself with tropical experience, except to a limited extent in sugar cane.

I have got bad news about "Dinty" Moore. He is leaving this week to take a better paying position in the U.S.D.A. Salinity Laboratory at Riverside. We would not have lost him if the confounded Academic Committee had O.K.'d his promotion, which Dean Hutchison and I strongly recommended. He was not anxious to leave, and we certainly did not want to lose him. I feel very sour about the whole deal. It happened to come up at a time when both the President and Dean Hutchison were away. Otherwise I could have, I am sure, forced his promotion in spite of the committee. But he had made up his mind before they came back. However, I am going to bring him back at the first opportunity; and because of his considerable increase in salary with the bureau, I hope to get him back at an even higher rating and salary scale in a year or two.

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I am entirely recovered from the round with the doctors and am gardening again, and this last weekend got my telescope set up on the concrete pier, for the first time since leaving Riverside, - only I had others lift the heaviest castings. I find that I tire more rapidly at the end of the day than I did, but then it has been but a short time, and by the time the term begins I will be going full steam again.

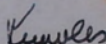
Emma is still South and will be there until September. We had a couple of weeks vacation together, - part of it was spent at Mt. Wilson, but it got too warm, so we went down to the beach.

Ed Stanley was in yesterday. I haven't seen him for a number of years. He will be writing you about cinchona and rubber possibilities. He is following up some other leads to use his tropical experience.

In spite of what you say about coming up in August and not staying long, I still hope you might get up in November when we plan to hold a committee meeting on this cooperation in agricultural education. I have not had a chance to do much with that since my return. I have had letters from Tom Barbour in regard to it.

Our best to all of you, and tell the collective group of officers of the Pigeon Loft Club that I expect to see all of them in Silver Spring in November.

Love to you all,



Knowles

KAR:ABB

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

September 28, 1940

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Tola Railroad Company
La Lima
Honduras, C. A.

Dear Wilt:

Ed Stanley just said he had received a letter from you from Honduras, indicating that you hadn't gotten up to Washington early in September as you had planned. I have been looking forward for word from you from there, and decided you hadn't been able to get away as you thought you might. How soon do you think you will be coming up?

I received word from the State Department a few days ago that appointment of our committee by Wallace for Inter-American Cooperation on Agricultural Education had been confirmed by the President as one of his committees and that meetings of the committee would be financed by the State Department. I have asked that the committee be called together the first week in November in Washington to discuss plans prior to the Land Grant College Association meetings which will be held in Chicago this year, beginning November 8th. Is there any chance of your being up about that time? I certainly wish you could sit in on the sessions.

Stanley also told me that you had William Pennock over there in charge of the Cinchona project. I assume this is probably a permanent assignment; - or is he just on leave from Puerto Rico? Wallace will be through here on his campaign next Monday. He speaks at Sacramento Monday night. I may see him for a few moments when he comes over to Davis to catch a train for the Northwest, and if so will ask him if there are any further developments on this Latin American business. He has taken an especial interest in it, and wrote about it again just before he left the Secretaryship. Bressman has been looking forward to your coming to Washington, and the last letter I had from him asked for any further news about your plans.

Defense activities are increasing in momentum here. We will have our Civil Aviation program under way next week. Some of our staff who are Reserve Officers are being called for a year's special training. 410 of our students are eligible for the draft, which is but the beginning of an intensified program of a varied nature, I am sure.

September 28, 1940

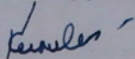
I don't see how we can keep out of more active participation very long, the way matters are going on both sides of us. Personally, I feel that we should get in, and the sooner the better, - from a selfish as well as unselfish point of view, - even though it will cause endless confusion while we are caught unprepared.

D. F. was here on his way back from the Orient, and we had a grand visit. I just had a letter from Tom Barbour stating that D. F. spent the last week with him there. Dr. Barbour has been laid up with a bad neuritis in his right arm and was glad to have D. F. around for company. Nancy Bell and her husband are off for Colombia, and you may run across them if you get down Bogota way.

Let us know when you are coming North, and I do hope we can get together in Washington.

With best wishes to you all from both of us,

Cordially yours,



Knowles A. Ryerson
Assistant Dean

KAR:ABB

Davis, California

October 26, 1940

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o United Fruit Company
Guatemala City
Guatemala

Dear Wilt:

I certainly was glad to hear from you again so soon and to be kept up on rubber and cinchona developments. I am leaving tonight by streamliner for New York to have a chat with Cumberland and others before the meeting of the agricultural education committee meeting in Washington on the 7th. I shall have a chance to get any further developments from Bressman as to how rubber and Cinchona work is going, and I shall certainly back you up on Lancetilla.

About Stanley, - I am in a slightly difficult position to recommend him fully since, after all, I knew him only as an undergraduate immediately after the war, and then have had letters from him from time to time since from the tropics, - and he arrived here as a student on this campus this semester and I have talked with him from time to time. Since your letter came I have been checking up with the different professors with whom he is taking work. The concensus of their opinion is that he is a "little slow on the draw," that he is doing work of C grade in his courses here. This is in line with the work in fruit products in chemistry that he did with Cruess in Berkeley last semester. He will ^{never} make a laboratory technician. He has persistence in digging things out. One of the professors feels that his long absence from academic work has slowed down his ability to grasp things quickly in competition with students who have been freshly prepared and are coming right along up through the mill. Also, present day students have had a broader and better foundation than students of 15 years ago. Another factor attributed by some is the probable one of health. He came out of Mexico apparently with rather serious stomach trouble. He has told me that our doctors in our Student Health Center here have done for him what no doctors elsewhere have been able to do. They have located his trouble and have treated him accordingly, and he is gaining weight and feeling like a different person. He says if he got nothing else out of his stay on the campus, it more than compensates for the years of trouble and expense that he has had. The impression gained here is that he does get along with people very well; he has a more practical than technical turn of mind, and he does dig things out. He is more dogged than hustling it seems to me. He does know the language and has worked in the tropics, - and for field work in making crosses and selection could, I believe, handle it. Frankly he isn't the best qualified type that one would look for first in taking over and leading a project of this kind.

October 26, 1940

It is a question of what the market affords. If we could find a young fellow who had studied Spanish and who was a good practical chap, and yet a good student, he might come along faster, but would, of course, need direction. Most of our students taking plant work get good thorough training not only in genetics, but plant breeding. This is a long time proposition and I don't think that a highly technical geneticist is what is wanted so much as some one who can do field plant breeding and make selections. We can't wait for the cyto-genetics field to be fully explored first, or you and I won't be sticking around to see the first trees planted!

Cheer up! I get ball-outs from Ben once in a while and he can do the matter up in record style. I'll see that you are properly forgiven and shall be writing you from Washington. I especially hope we can do something for the type of chap that you write about, - such as the one from Colombia.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely,

Knowles

Knowles A. Ryerson

KAR:ABB

Emma says "hello" to you and
Helen -
I'll round up the Pigeon
Club at Silver Spring

A. One more comment on Stanley from the genetics dept, he is doing between B+C with him. He feels his years away have made it difficult for him to get back in the business. He has discouraged him from attempting to try for a Ph.D. as he does think he will make it. He is a hard conscientious worker and in field work is better adapted than laboratory. He does have a pretty good grasp of the problem presented by evolution and has discussed it with the students of Fresh genetics at Pleasant and they are in accord. I think he would like to try and see what he could do to meet the needs down here. - But what about you? it is the best I can do plain.

Papeony

Draft of Resolutions passed by Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education, in meeting of November 7, 1940 in Washington, D. C.

1. That the Office of Education, Division of Comparative Education, be a repository of information on agricultural institutions in this hemisphere. And that every effort should be made by all agricultural educational institutions to keep that Division informed and to use it as an unofficial accrediting agency.
2. That every effort should be made to have foreign students coming to the United States supplied with accurate information through our Consular officers and other agencies, so that they may determine, in so far as possible, that they are going to the right institutions to get the training they desire.
3. All students in agricultural education, whether going to or coming from Latin America, should be required to pass a medical examination, preferably to be made by some such agency as the Rockefeller Foundation.
4. That the Office of Education work up and publish a list of fellowships now available, both for students going to and coming from Latin America.
5. That we recommend and urge that all agricultural educational institutions develop courses in Spanish, Portuguese, Latin American history, Latin American geography, etc., and to strive for a second language, either Spanish or Portuguese here and English in the other American Republics.

6. That fellowships, scholarships, and exchange professorships be increased and that adequate funds be provided to insure getting qualified people.

7. That we look with favor upon the encouragement of secondary and primary schools, extension services, and other agencies, such as 4-H Clubs participating in cooperative efforts in Latin America and that we recognize this problem as a large one requiring much study.

8. That facilities for exchange of information in English, Spanish and Portuguese on the developments of agricultural research through publications, radio, and motion pictures, should be greatly expanded.

9. That engineering and forestry are intimately associated with agriculture and that ways and means should be studied for integrating the activities in these three fields, so that duplication can be avoided and a comprehensive program can be developed.

10. That we recommend the establishment of an Institute of Tropical Agriculture in one or more of the other American republics, for training and research in this special field, and that this important project be made a matter of continuous study, particularly as to means of financing and location.

Davis, California

December 3, 1940

Dear Wilt:

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 27. I have been wanting to get a long letter off to you, dealing with the whole Washington trip, but didn't get a chance to write there or at Chicago as I had hoped. I knew Paul would be writing, but I wanted to report more fully on the work of the committee.

I went directly to New York first as I had some official matters with the Research Corporation, and then I wanted to have a good talk with Cumberland on his slant on all these Latin American matters. I stayed over night with them in their New Jersey home. He is much better, - in fact he came down to the George Washington Bridge and met my bus. Later, after dinner, we took a rather long walk, - slowly, of course, - but almost a mile in length, so he is improving and will ultimately get back to work if he takes care of himself. I also talked with the International Education Institute on their experience with exchange students. I didn't get a chance to go to the Guggenheim Foundation, but Tom Barbour is on their board and also on their Selection Committee, so we have the benefit of his experience.

En route to Washington I stopped off in Philadelphia for the Memorial Service to Sir Wilfred Grenfell one afternoon. It was a truly inspirational and uplifting, rather than a depressing, service and one which he would have liked I am sure. I missed him on this trip as we had planned to get together. In fact my last letter from him was received the day he died.

*Dr. Suggan
& Pillsbury
thru him;*

I spent several days in Washington prior to the meeting to discuss matters with a number of different folks interested in the problem, including Griggs, who is now Chairman of the Agriculture & Biology Section of the National Research Council, and Dr. Kelly of the Office of Education who is also a committee member; I had a number of conferences with Bressman and others. Of course, it was a very poor time for getting some things done as it was the period included in the election and many people were away, and interest was at an all-time high in the outcome. The meeting followed two days after the election and was really very successful for a first meeting. We cleared a good deal of brush and clarified the problems pretty generally, it seemed to me. I am enclosing the rough draft of the general recommendations. As you can see, many of the matters are just laid out for study during the next few months. I left the committee meeting to go direct to the train and discuss the work of the committee with the various sections of the Land Grant College Association meeting in Chicago.

We decided to hold our spring meeting on the 2nd and 3rd of May, immediately following the sessions of the Barro Colorado Board and the National Academy of Science. We have also planned to take up with your company the question of having you there at that meeting. I spoke to Dr. Barbour about it, and Bressman is all for it, and so is Thomson of the State Department, so in due course we will ask the Secretary of Agriculture to request your presence.

Mr. Wilson Popence

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December 3, 1940

Also we will probably ask Wallace to make a similar request, as we are very anxious to have you at the next meeting and to discuss many of these agricultural matters. I sincerely hope that it can be arranged. I also plan to take a couple of weeks of my annual vacation back there at that time, bringing Emma back and spending a little time in the East. *- of course you'll bring Helen - want to hold a family reunion.*

It was a real pleasure to find Paul at the club. We had a good dinner together out with the youngsters. I had a good long visit with Nancy when she took Paul down to the railroad station, and enjoyed her a lot. She is certainly growing and developing. I told her I couldn't agree with her about going to the University of Maryland when we've got this great metropolis of learning out here, and I told her she would surely have to come out here. You see, I am entirely unbiased in my propaganda! Hughie also discussed the agricultural situation and the community of Davis. I really had a great time with all of them.

I discussed the rubber project with Brandes as he had just gotten back. He's got a pretty good picture of what they are attempting to do. Rubber research in Costa Rica came up in connection with the plans for an Inter-American Institute. You will see it is suggested that one or more centers, primarily of research, rather than large, general schools of agriculture be established, as the latter would be expensive to found and would take a long time and would not meet the real needs as we see them.

I am glad the Cinchona project looks fine with Pennock. I am sure you will now have a better set-up, and you do need a "galloper" as you say.

I had a talk with Wallace the day after election, walking across town from the Press Club to the Department with him and Jim Le Cron, as there was a Bureau of Plant Industry exhibit installed in the patio just opened and there was plant introduction in which he was especially interested. Latin America is to be his special field of activity, from all reports. I am wondering whether he is going on from Mexico down to Guatemala, as there was talk the day I left that he might go down to Guatemala for a vacation before the session beginning January 1. Bressman and Jim Le Cron suggested his coming down to your place in Antigua, and I heartily endorsed it if it could be arranged. His plan to go to the Mexican Inauguration may have changed the whole picture. I haven't heard what his plans are beyond Mexico. Jim Le Cron and his wife are with them. I think if he could spend a little time at Antigua with you that you could help him get an even clearer picture of actual economic backgrounds of agriculture in the Latin American area. After all his closest advisers haven't really had much experience based on living and working in various countries.

I will keep you informed of whatever I hear along the line. I expect to keep in fairly close touch with the Latin American situation now with Washington, and will help all I can. As a matter of fact, don't be surprised if I begin asking a few Spanish sentences from time to time. I really ought to go back and pick it up in earnest. I haven't touched it since I got ready to go to Spain, and then wasn't there long enough to use it, - ~~although~~ ^{the} Department seemed buzzing with Spanish. There were Spanish seminars, Spanish luncheons, Spanish conversations, even Ben studied Spanish, so you can see how far this thing has gone!

Things are rolling along busily here, as our semester ends just before Christmas. We are also having an epidemic of flu, in a light form, but our infirmary is full and we are now debating just what we will do in case things get worse and we have to take over a dormitory. Life is certainly not dull on the Davis front. It is lots of fun in many ways because of the human relationships involved. They run all the gamut from *judging* the various stunts of the clubs on Stunt Night, to having to break the tragic news to an old employee that his wife has just been killed in a serious auto accident between Davis and Sacramento, - those things are never easy to do.

I am dictating this at home this morning on the Dictaphone, before going over, so as to be sure to get it under way. I had hoped to pound it out myself earlier. This afternoon we have a formal Retreat Review of our R.O.T.C. just before sundown; tonight I speak at the annual 4-H dinner; then skip over for dessert and coffee at the annual Rotary Club Football Dinner; and hope to get out of there by nine o'clock to attend another important meeting ~~later~~ No time for a movie tonight; or even a couple of lectures on the Linguaphone Spanish course!

Got home at 1:45 PM!

The garden is coming along fine. The lawns are up fore and aft and it is just about an acre of ground, and we are going to call it "Greenacre" as a very suitable name, - and of course it will always have the fondest of recollections of Altadena days for me.

Emma joins me in sending love to you both. We hope for a real reunion in Washington the first of May.

As ever,
Wendell

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enc.

Hal is in his V.S. consulate at Guadalajara, Mex
now - going to get married shortly after the first of the year.
a letter from the Key family sends a long list of plants he and Kearles wish placed with some nurseryman to have sent. His afraid too many are temperate zone and not adapted to his tropics
Key are going to develop an old hacienda down near Merida as you probably know
Have the McFrydes moved down you may get?

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Letterhead of
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
College of Agriculture

March 22, 1941

Mr. A. A. Pollan
Executive Vice President
United Fruit Company
No. 1 Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Pollan:

The President's Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education, that is working with the State Department and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, held its first meeting in Washington last November and largely formulated its principal lines of study to be worked on before the next meeting, - which is scheduled for the second and third of May in Washington. At the conclusion of the November meeting it was the expressed opinion of all members of the committee that they would like to have Dr. Wilson Popenoe of your company meet with them at the May meeting, if at all possible. He is the recognized authority on the technical phases of tropical agriculture. We have no one else comparable to him. Among the suggestions coming up for discussion will be the proposed Institute of Tropical Agriculture as a teaching as well as a research institution, its possible work and possible location. This is a matter we would especially like to discuss with Dr. Popenoe. The other lines of work being undertaken by the committee would also profit greatly by his long experience and observation.

I well appreciate we are asking extra consideration on the part of your company, as you have already been very generous in loaning him to the Department for various projects, including an assignment now in Cuba. I would hesitate to urge another request if there were others we might secure who would be as conservative and helpful but there are no others so well qualified. Accordingly I and members of the committee would greatly appreciate it if, at the completion of his duties in Cuba, he could remain long enough to come North and meet with our committee. I am hoping to get back the last week in April, myself, preliminary to the meeting so that some of our discussions could take place beforehand and he could be ready as soon as the committee work is over, - on the third of May. I am hoping that there are no other pressing duties that would require his immediate return to the other sections of the Caribbean, though I can well appreciate that your company has plenty of problems for which his talents are peculiarly fitted. We shall be very grateful for any consideration you and your associates of the United Fruit Company may be able to give the committee.

Very sincerely,

(signed) Knowles A. Ryerson, Chairman
Committee on Inter-American
Cooperation in Agricultural Education

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

March 31, 1941

Mr. A. A. Pollan
Executive Vice President
United Fruit Company
One Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Pollan:

I have received your letter of March 24th and also word from Vice President Wallace, indicating that it will be possible for Dr. Wilson Popenoe to attend the meetings of the Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education the second and third of May in Washington.

I and my associates on the Committee appreciate very much your generosity in making Dr. Popenoe's services available. He will add much to the work of the Committee and help to keep its feet on the ground.

I shall get in touch with him at the address you gave and outline to him a number of the problems that are already planned to come before the group.

Again many thanks to you and your firm,

Very sincerely

(Signed) Knowles A. Ryerson
Assistant Dean

Davis, California

August 22, 1941

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Research Department
Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras

Dear Wilt:

I was certainly glad to get your letter of August 6th. I have delayed replying until I could report progress on the olive cuttings for Columbia. Fifty cuttings each of six varieties have been delivered by Condit to the Armstrong Nursery people, and this morning came word that a shipment of varieties from Chico had also been made. - I recommended a smaller number of cuttings of these as they are untried varieties but give indications of being heavy producers, primarily the oil type. There were about a dozen varieties of these. I will give you a detailed list when I get them altogether. These should be in Columbia shortly. In addition, I think it would be well to plan to have the nursery company put in a hundred tip cuttings of each of these varieties when they make their own propagations in the fall, as these root more easily, and by spring we could send these small rooted plants down and have increased insurance that the varieties would become established. Armstrong's will send ~~the~~ bill direct to Mr. Pollan in Boston, in line with Mr. Hammer's suggestion. There was one item which I have hesitated to send on there also, and that was the item of the air mail postage due on bulletins sent to Colombia, which amounted to \$7.00 and which caused our Comptroller's Office to raise the eyebrow a bit. I would pay for it out of my own pocket, but I have rather a large number of this sort of thing to take care of that way, and if it is all right to send it on to Mr. Pollan, I shall, but I thought I would ask you about it first. I don't know if you could add it to your Colombian account or not.

This is the opening day of registration for the fall term, - not that we are getting a large number of new students, but we will have a considerable reduction, particularly among our older students who are of draft age, who have gone into the Air Service or into Defense jobs. We have an increased number of girls, which is a good thing, as the ratio has been too one-sided up to now. We will have enough to keep us busy here without any worry on that score.

I am glad you had a good talk with the American Ambassador to Colombia before you left on this whole matter of relations with Latin American countries. I have had my fingers crossed, - just as you have, - on the value of so many of these surveys that are just left behind in typewritten form but with no one there in a position to carry them out. All they do is increase the number of filing cases ordered from The States to take care of them. The kind of thing that you have been doing in these various countries is what really counts. The trouble is that we have no adequate group of trained men with the necessary experience to do it.

August 22, 1941

In regard to the fall meeting, I can well appreciate how you feel, and you put me on the spot because I had already indicated to Mr. Pollan in May that the committee was very anxious for you to meet with them again in November and particularly to have you present and to speak at the Land Grand College Association meetings, - as here will be the Presidents, Deans and Directors of all the Agricultural Colleges of the 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, - and your discussion with them along the lines of our committee discussion would go far to keep their feet on the ground on this whole Latin American problem as it affects agriculture. I have just within a day or two received a letter from Hume, who has been on the Program Committee and Secretary to the Section on Resident Instruction, and he is counting on your speaking Monday afternoon, November 10. I know you would like to settle down from travel; and I should not be the one to urge it, but I do hope you can make a short trip up there then, getting away again before things stack up so that you can have your holidays back at Antigua. If it were just another committee meeting it would be a little easier to dodge the pressure, but here is a group that needs plenty of straight talking on this problem, and they would welcome it from you and would listen to you as one who has been through the mill. At the committee meeting you did more in the way of concrete suggestion and help than all the rest of our chewing the rag put together.

This morning I had a letter from Mr. J. Stanton Robbins of the Educational Department of the Grace Lines. It seems Mr. Pedro Beltran of Peru, who was here recently, was especially anxious to send us quite a number of Peruvian students. The Grace Lines are interested in facilitating their coming and asked for additional information. I shall plan to go over it with him in detail when I come back. I think maybe much of our help will have to be of the long term kind, and if we can get a limited number of the right students and do a good job with them here, so that they go back as permanent friends, that over the years conditions will gradually improve. The son of the President of Nicaragua arrived yesterday with a letter from his father. He understands English and has had a good education already. We recently got a student from Brazil who speaks nothing but Portuguese and is here on a scholarship from his government. Of course it is foolish for a student to register for classes until he knows something of the language. He is taking private lessons and will audit classes to get used to vocabulary, and will attend all the English courses that we give. Perhaps by January he could register as a student in the two-year course.

I am going south to bring Emma back in about a week, and will be glad to have her up here again as it gets fairly lonesome around the shanty.

Ben is about to go to Peru. I had a very fine and understanding letter from him the other day. He has certainly worked hard on the language, and, as is typical of him, he has endeavored to study anything that would help him with the history and background of the Peruvian people. He has been reading their literature, both recent and the older authors, and is really trying to get an adequate background of their culture, their aspirations and their problems, along with all his plant studies. Because he feels so inadequate for the job and is worried so about it, he will do a very excellent piece of work, - and, I think, the change will be very good for him. He is sailing next week.

I am glad you had a chance to get over into Ecuador. I always have wanted to see that Chota Valley every since you were there. Maybe we can make it some time.

With best wishes to you both,

As ever,

Reynolds

August 25, 1941

Mr. R. H. Hamer, Manager,
Magdalena Fruit Company,
Bogota,
Colombia, S. A.

Dear Mr. Hamer:

This letter should arrive about the time the shipment of olive cuttings reaches you. They may already have left the Armstrong Nurseries at Ontario. Fifty cuttings each of our standard commercial varieties were provided by the Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside, and in addition we included some 16 other varieties that are under trial at the U.S.D.A. Plant Introduction Garden at Chico. These haven't been planted commercially, but so far are giving promise of being medium to heavy yielders and, of course, this is the important consideration in an oil industry. Also, certain of them give indications of better than average oil content. A list of these varieties is enclosed.

The Armstrong Nurseries do their propagating later in the fall, using small tip cuttings of new growth. I suggested that cuttings of the standard commercial varieties be made up for shipment as rooted cuttings next April. This would give double the insurance of getting these varieties established.

Very sincerely,

Knowles A. Ryerson
Knowles A. Ryerson
Assistant Dean

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enc. *Seen with,*

*These should have arrived by now. Cunningham is making no charge for packing, only for the air express and express charges from Elmer C. Bataine. Bob Holston will be up this end of the week to judge at the State Fair, with you could drop in and we could have a bang-up awards session. I go down to Lima in a few days. No time is well underway, first assembly of this morning. We have really a fine gang. This is the shade to reveal your hood when they are ready. Helped and I could have some good times to say nothing of all the other things that Popenoe would. Best to you both
1 Knowles (over)*

August 1941

Olive cuttings from U.S.D.A. Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, California

Ten cuttings each:	PI - 12910	Olea europea	Chitoni
"	13567	" "	Chemlali
"	50983	# "	Late Blanquette
"	63858	" "	Dolce del Morocco
"	63861	" "	Grappolo
"	63863	" "	Maurini
"	63865	" "	Maraioli
"	12569	" "	Barouni
"	12685	" "	Saiali Magloub
"	13257	" "	Grosse Aberkan
"	63862	" "	Lecci
"	86753	" "	Meslale
"	86754	" "	Zitoun
"	12684	" "	Bidh el Hamman
"	50993	" "	St. Catherine
"	62750	" "	Grossa de Spagna

Olive cuttings from Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside, California

Fifty cuttings each of standard commercial varieties:

Mission
Manzanillo
Sevillano
Ascolano
Barouni

A personal letter from the President of Nicaragua writes "It is a satisfaction to me to place my son, who is as yet very young, under your protection, requesting that you treat him and guide him as if he were your own son, in which I authorize you fully" — Well, now, that is something, Caranda! And I don't suppose the young gentleman has another papa up here! A student from Haiti has also arrived, graduated in Haiti, so it won't be hard to him.

Well, you'll be the head of a school yourself to all intents and purposes so well have a get a conference with the Chancellors of Puerto Rico University or Rafael Juy Ingwell and have a strictly academic conclave on Latin American education. Yes, that would be sumptuous — as they say in the King's English! —

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Davis, California

October 8, 1941

Dear Wilt:

Sorry that you have been laid up with the flu. I am glad that you have such a good secretary and reporter in Helen. I am especially glad to hear of the progress on the work of the site commission and only wish I could have been along.

I can well appreciate the urgency of getting started on the new school in Honduras, as well as to check up on the one in Guatemala, - and, as sorry as I am that you can't be with us, it is highly important that these institutions get going, because after all they are going to give the final help that we must have. The ultimate solutions of our problems are going to be made on the ground by people who have been trained in that environment, and the sooner we can get chaps turned out who are trained along those lines the sooner we will make progress.

I assume Boyd will be back by the time our committee meets the 13th of November, and I look forward to a good session with him. I have always liked him very much. I don't know Allee, but will try to spend some time with him in Washington and get better acquainted.

We will look forward to your coming up to the spring meeting, - probably the latter part of May or in June. I hope we can have it after our Commencement here so I won't have to be in such a hurry to come back.

I am glad to have the word about the Minister of Agriculture at Costa Rica. I didn't realize we had one of our graduates in that position. I will drop him a line soon as I would like to keep up the contact.

It certainly is fine that D.F. and Daisy Bell are going to spend a little time with you folks in Guatemala. I only wish Emma and I could join you. I especially would like to go with you and D.F. to Lancetilla.

Dinty Moore should be in Washington by the time I get back. They aren't starting him on the \$5600 salary but have promised it by the end of the year. I would like to see it now, however. I hope the move proves a wise one for him. Bressman is going over with the State Department to head up the agricultural section, as you probably already know.

Since you can't come up in person, I have told Hume I would ask to see if you could write up a short paper that could be given at our session. While they were going to ask you about dealing with problems of tropical crops, I would like it if you could put down the ideas that you gave the committee last May about this whole problem of cooperation with Latin America in agricultural matters and what are the things that this country can really do. After all, Hume, Lee and myself are the only ones who have heard it and this group of college presidents, deans and directors could will profit by it. I would be glad to read it, or Hume could do it, - and I hope you can find time to pound out some remarks for the collective soul of the Land Grant College Association!

Our best to you both,

Cordially yours,

Knauer -

*Ben Barrett is presumably
about to go around collecting in
Puebla.*

Antigua, Guatemala, 13 Oct 1941

Dear Knowles:

Yours of the 8th came yesterday. I am sorry to have let you down in re the November meeting at Washington but more and more I feel sure I ought not to leave these parts for some months. I have had to neglect our own plans for a school in order to help out on other projects and I must settle right down to business now. But if you have another meeting next May or June, as you suggest, I think that would be a fine time for me to make another short trip North. Keep this in mind and we will take it up between ourselves as the time draws near.

I'll be glad to send up a short paper for the November meeting, putting in concrete form some of the practical things which I believe we can and should do along lines of agricultural cooperation in Latin America.

I am much interested in the news that Bressman is going over to the State Department. Who will take his place in Agriculture? When you see Bressman, talk with him about C L Luedke, who is agricultural attaché to our Embassy in Panama and Legation in Ecuador and is running at large pretty much over Central America. Boyd and Allee and I saw quite a bit of him in San Salvador. Luedke may be good for sending up reports to Washington but I am sure we all agree that he is not the man to give the people down here practical help on the agricultural side. Bressman was with him in Colombia and knows him well. I would like to see a man of the Tom Fennell type in this territory and I believe Bressman would be sympathetic.

So Dinty Moore is going back to Washington? I thought he had decided not to go. He wrote me about the matter, and I was slow in replying; but I told him I would rather see him come back to tropical America for I believe he could do much good down here. Maybe he will come back eventually anyway. Dinty would be a valuable man down here as a practical advisor on problems of drainage, irrigation and agricultural practices. Perhaps he will be even more valuable in Washington. I haven't seen Dinty for some years, of course, and don't know just how he has developed - whether along administrative lines or whether he

is still more interested in field work.

What about Oscar Magistad? Someone told me he was going to leave the BPI and return to California, but I haven't had this verified.

Do look up Allee when you get to Washington and get well acquainted with him. I believe he may be one of the coming men in this Latin American field if they let him go in for it. If he had six months down here he would be speaking good Spanish. He has a flair for languages and he is fine at meeting people. Yes, Boyd should be in Washington when you get there. I think he planned to stay there, and both he and Allee are already there. Boyd has mighty sound ideas and was extremely useful on the survey we made. Incidentally, I have never travelled with a more agreeable pair of companions.

With our report, I think the Tropical Institute is lined up for a start, provided the Committee in the Pan American Union will accept our findings and not attempt to split up the funds so each interested country will get part. I have been rather afraid something of this kind might be suggested. My fears are based on experience we had at the 1929 agr'l conference in Washington, when we tried to organize a move for a central experiment station in tropical America and everybody wanted part of it.

Once the Tropical Institute is approved the big job is going to be staffing it, and providing for continuance of funds. There seems to be nothing definite in sight, on this latter angle, but I understand Bressman feels that once the thing is set up they can get funds to carry on. The problem of personnel is a tough one. There simply are not enough men in sight who want to come to the tropics and stay, and who put the general program above their personal scientific interests. But I suppose in time they will show up. I wish our Company had a half dozen more trained men who could be spared for work of this sort. After having lived and worked with us for five or ten years, men are pretty well prepared for scientific agriculture down here; and they are bound to have a practical outlook. That is the big thing, it seems to me.

We will give your note to Daisy Bell on arrival tomorrow. Sebastian is mowing the lawn and Helea is getting the house in readiness. It is going to be a great treat to have those folks with us for a time.

Ever yours

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
College of Agriculture
Agricultural Experiment Station

Office of the Dean and Director
Davis, California

October 15, 1941

Dr. Wilson Popence
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Wilt:

I was glad to get your letter of October 9 and to learn that Allee and Boyd have returned to Washington. I will look forward to seeing them during my stay. The problem of ~~establishing~~ ^{staffing} this new institution is something to think about. I have wondered a good deal about it myself. Is Allee one who could handle it? I have thought possibly Dinty Moore might, provided he would wish to return to the tropics with his family. I am not so sure he would or whether it should be suggested. He has all the qualifications for it. I may sound him out when in Washington. He should be back there by now.

Thanks for looking after the air mail postage. It will relieve the Comptroller's Office. I am making arrangements for a bunch of tip cuttings to be made that can go forward as rooted cuttings next spring. These may start better than the heavier cuttings already set and will be double insurance on getting the olives started.

Did I tell you that Bill Cumberland spent a week-end with us here a short time ago? He has done well considering two years ago he was flat on his back and he told me he never expected to recover. Of course, he has to be careful and he is on borrowed time, but has much to contribute if he takes care of himself.

I am not surprised that Mr. Pollan has decided to put you in full charge of the school. It is a mighty important project and the field is very sparse of adequate personnel. After all, this is a long-time program; its success will depend on the young chaps yet to be trained, and perhaps the best contributions you and I can make in the long run is in this education game. Funny business for us both to have wound up in it after all these years of hobnobbing. In those long, rag-chewing festivals, plans, and dreams in the shack on the back end of Greenacre, we never contemplated quite this sort of set-up, although in unexpected ways we both have had the chance of doing many of the things we looked forward to.

October 15, 1941

I am writing Joe Long up at Chico to salt down a pound of kaki seed as well as a pound of lotus. I am expecting to go up there before I go east to check over the persimmon varieties. They are late this year. He tells me that they are just beginning to color up. I am sure we can get adequate supplies there and I will get the customary authority from Washington.

Glad to know that you have one Burpee Scholar already in this country. It is a fine start.

I have had a long and interesting letter from Ben. I am also sorry that you missed him.

Take good care of yourself until you get well over the effects of the flu. It does hang on and only rest and time can fix it.

I will give you a full report of the doing in Washington and will try to write you from there. We certainly will miss you, both there and in Chicago, but you do have your hands full on important work down there.

Our best to you both from both of us.

Cordially yours,

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Knowles A. Ryerson
Assistant Dean

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My secretary can't get used to informal usage - She even typed a heading on the first page!

Give SF and Grand Poere our love, we are glad they can have a good visit with you, and it should be more useful for them than Florida, that slot office is a lecture in itself.

You know by now that Karl Boman is coming with his University of California in a State Psychiatric Clinic in connection with the University Hospital, but we get to be better acquainted, seems to me I met him years ago.

Ned's wife wrote us a nice letter, arriving yesterday, we hope to meet her some of these times, he is enjoying his work in Guadalajara apparently very much.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

June 30 - 1947

Dear Will,

Here are Hugh's grades
for this year, not at all bad considering
he had to catch up on laboratory
sciences -

Fall semester

Med. Sci. 10a.	B.
Botany 1	B
Chem 1a	B
English 1a	B.
Zoology 10	C.

Spring Semester

Med Sci. 10B	A.
Botany 5	B
Chem 1 B	B
Botany 7	C
Physics 2A.	A.

He has hit his stride alright.

Let's be realistic in his impressions of
Hawaii. Best to you all
as ever,
Kumler

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
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CALIFORNIA

May 8, 1953

Dear Wilt and Helen,

Well, our Sally is all married and on her way to her own home. The wedding was at one this afternoon, and Sally was a lovely and dainty bride and as sweet as any one could be. I was very proud to be your proxy, Wilt, and gave her away. The party was small, just Sally and Ed, his parents and brother and his wife, Sally's room mate at Davis xx who was her maid of honor, and Emma and myself. The ceremony was in a small but very charming Episcopalian church over near the Claremont Hotel, the church is quite small and intimate, finished in warm old wood, the minister a charming old chap very human, friendly and informal, so while most of us had never met yet we were all very much at ease and companionable. Sally was so dainty and exquisite in her dotted white dress and veil and white orchid corsage. She devided the latter after the ceremony so that Emma, the bridesmaide and her new mother-in-law each had a corsage, it was xx thoughtful touch.

Ed's folks are a nice couple and his brother and wife also a fine pair of young folk. Ed is a likeable bright lad and one I know you will welcome as a son. His parents welcome another daughter for they had only the two boys. We all took pictures, both color and black and white so you ought to get some good shots from some of us, they all couldnt be poor. One of the cameras Ed's brother had was one of these Polaroid cameras where you develope the shot in two or three minutes after you take it, right in the camera, so we saw these right way and they were good. I hope mine come out well also. Some were taken with lovely pink rhododendrons for a back ground.

It has been a tough week for Sally for the ceremony was planned for a week go tonight so that the Bowmans could attend, then Ed could come and Saturday and Sunday passed without his being able to get up here, so then we had to continue the witing game, but this week end proved alright. We do wish you could have been up here to have shared in it. It does make me feel a bit old when I look back to the time I first saw Sally, a toddler down in Santa Cruz when she took one look at me when she came out of the kitchen and made a cannon ball streak for me and into my arms and heart where she has had her special nitch all these years, whxich have flown by so swiftly. Of course all of them have had their own special nitches in our hearts, for they have helped to fill the corners we had none of our own to occupy and we are truly grateful.

We had a letter fr m Hugh yesterday from his post in Alaska and he says instead of the jungle he has tundra, and instead of rice paddies he has snow clad peaks, and he wears his parka all the time, but he is enjoying it. H should have a fine experience up there this summer.

I had planned to be off for the South Pacific returning via Sydney, Djakarta, Bangkok, Manila and Taipei the end of this month, but on my routine check up the doc didnt like the looks of the carisograph, thinks I had a near slight coronary at the end of my last long flight up from Turrialba, says I am lucky to get a warning without a more serious go of it, and says I shouldnt be taking any long tiring high altitude flights where xx oxygen shortage could develope before realized. So I am cancelling the trip, it isnt worth taking the risk for ~~the meeting~~ isnt that important and the other stoops dont have

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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA
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have to be made. Hal Colidge is just back from a swing round and has covered most of them for our Pacific Science Board. I was stopping in Djakarta for our dean of the medical school as they are dickering for a cooperative set up between our institution and the medical school in Indonesia. I hope to get out to the Pacific Science Congress in Manila in November, for I can make that trip by boat and avoid long flights. We'll see. In the meantime I will have the extra time this summer for working up my lectures for the course I will give next year on world agriculture, -- and you had better have your notes in order, for when you show up next time you have got to be a professor and give a lecture or two on Latin American agriculture.

We are gradually getting our patio in shape and hope to get the fireplace in his coming week, it takes so long to get anything done, they were supposed to come round and give an estimate two weeks ago. The paving is done, and we are ready some planting, it is going to be a pleasant place this summer. The slopes in front and at the east side of the house have been planted to fine leaved ivy and ajuga.

I am off early tomorrow morning to our 5000 acre range experiment station up near Hopland in Mendocino county, I haven't gotten up there since we acquired it a couple of years ago for large scale range experiments, so buenos noches from us both.

As ever,

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON 8. D. C.

En route home
August 30 - 54

Dear Will,

I'm heading home after a dizzy week in Washington - part of which was buttoning up the Taiwan contract, - and 3 days of which was in briefing conference at State Dept. for the next meeting of the South Pacific Commission. Between train in Chicago I had lunch with Ted Schultz and discussed the survey being made under his direction, of technical aid programs in Latin America. I also discussed Tennally talk at FOD and the WDA and I think we are going to get some financial help and use that as a training center for some of these aid programs.

I learned on my arrival in Wash DC of D.F.'s passing. I had missed it in our Coast papers. We had a note from Dory Bell just a few days before saying he was failing and it would be possible for you and Helen to stay there as he tired too early. Well, he has had a long, fabulous and interesting life, he has added to the richness of the lives of so many of us, plantmen everywhere will always be in his debt. We will miss him, and

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regret his passing, but will also be grateful for
the memory of these past years. Few will realize,
however, what a vital role Harry Bell played
in his life. He supplemented and complemented
his every activity, rounding out the deficiencies
kept listing his strong points. He would always
have been an outstanding plantman, - but he
made him a national and international
institution. We all are proud in his debt.

I had dinner with Edith & the boys on arrival
before my grand began, and saw their new home
and heard first hand about Claver & left Marion
and Bob. First we could drop in on them, and
hope you get over there as this trip, and start
Marion at mariposa and avocados, we gotta get
in horticultural training early.

Sorry I can't attend the hort. sessions in
Janisville, Wayne Ritz was in Berkeley
recently and we talked surreally as he will
tell you.

Jim had Cranshaw melon for breakfast and
very often for dinner and salute you each time
you're getting way behind and had better get
up here and make a beginning.

Let have the first sunset in October for the
South Pacific, you really ought to make that
sowing with me. Can't leave to you talk, and to
Hugh

C. ever
Kewell [Ryerson]

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September 29, 1956

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuelas Agricola Panamericanas
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Wilt:

I am dictating this on the eve of my leaving for the South Pacific via Guam, Manila, and Bangkok. I thought I would pound out a reply myself, but I haven't been able to get to it. I may scribble you a note from the plane that might reach you before this one does, however.

I'm very glad that Mr. and Mrs. Horace Holmes have been visiting your place. I am pleased to recommend Mr. Holmes for consideration for becoming head of your institution if you retire next year. Mr. Holmes has done an outstanding job in India. He has a feeling for people and has worked at the level that you have been working there, which is primarily a vocational level, and has the touch of the missionary spirit that works. I haven't had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Holmes, so far as I can recall, but I understand she has been a great help to him in India.

I called Chester Davis at the time I received your letter. He also knows of your work there at Zmorama. Chester Davis believes Mr. Holmes would be an ideal person for the job, and that he has the "muy Sympatico" attitude and approach that you have. He thinks Holmes would be especially qualified because of his ability to work with people and with officials, and in generating enthusiasm for agriculture at the hand-working and practical level.

Of course they are never going to find anyone to fill your "socks", but whoever does will need to have your understanding and warm and human approach, especially with young people, and also with officials. They are rare birds. Holmes was able to do this in India and I have had many reports from different people traveling there. I have seen him from time to time in Washington and talked over our problems with him, and found him very understanding and level-headed, and fired with enthusiasm. So I think you would be entirely safe in recommending him for consideration.

I wish you were heading out to the South Pacific with me tomorrow. I will spend tomorrow night in Honolulu and the next night in Guam, staying over a plane there to go over Trust Territory matters, and then on to Manila for a couple of days going over Pacific Science Congress matters with the officials of the last Congress who carry over until the new meeting is called, which should be now. Then I go on to Bangkok for three or four days to go over Congress plans with the new officials there. From there I go to Australia, staying over night in Singapore. I'll toast you at the Raffles, where I'll

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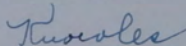
probably be staying. Then to break the trip and to see something of the new rice development in northern Australia I will spend two days and nights at Darwin and get a chance to sleep in a bed, as long flights are pretty rough on an old cuss like me. The Australians have a new Experiment Station up there, and Sam Mosher, an old classmate of mine (you may have met him in subtropical days, as he was in that field) and now the newest member of the Board of Regents at this University, has about a 5,000-acre ranch at Goleta, is President of the Signal Oil Company and owns a quarter interest in the American President Lines, and his hobby - orchid growing - has now grown to be a big business in itself. He and a partner have 500,000 acres they are developing in rice in the Darwin Area, so I will look that over as well. Then, on to Sydney to join the Commission, fly over to New Caledonia for about three weeks there, and will be getting back here about the 12th of November. Better come on and join me. What you don't know about this area would fill several encyclopedias - and you know enough about Latin America to last awhile.

We had a letter from Hugh today. It was good to catch up with that rascal. We sure miss him.

Best wishes to you both from both of us here. I'll report to you on my trip when I get back to Washington, which I will do a day or two after I arrive back here. Any chance of your being there about the middle of November?

As ever -

Cordially yours,



Knowles A. Ryerson, Dean
College of Agriculture

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(Dictated by Dean Ryerson; signed in his absence)

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
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BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

July 7-1957

Dear Walt,

This may not catch up with you until Salvador, but I did want to pass on to you the news just received from Bangkok detailing of Bob Dudley's death a week ago today. He had a stroke apparently, not unexpected entirely, for as you know he has been suffering from high blood pressure and has had a bad heart for sometime. I'll miss him very much at the Second Congress next fall I had looked forward to having some good chats about a lot of things. We have no one who has his knowledge of tropical soil, and surely he was a dedicated, selfless scientist, and a loyal friend. Anne will probably remain right there at the University and teach, according to Ted Plaster who was out there when we were and returned again after his first tour he was one of our Peppers.

You might want to drop Anne a line, her address is Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Bangkok. She also is a grand person, likewise dedicated and selflessly selfless. No number of young Thai + Phillipinos folk they have helped in college and out is something they alone know, but it is great.

I've had a good horticultural day today, starting at 6⁰⁰ and working many azalea cuttings from the pruning of Ben's hybrids, starting out the planting, tending some of them, planting *Cineraria diorina*.

of selected colors, planting out petunias etc
I had a very satisfying day out in the sun
My expectations were immense and they seem to
conform along fine against the wall.

I went back to the job last Monday, my ~~best~~
sabbatical over. It's been a good six months and
I've gotten a good rest out of it, the best I've had in
years. Thomas is now in the hospital kept
him from getting my written report completed in June,
but will die for 3 months anyway.

I was in Washington 3 days and had brunch with the
entire Papenaal staff in Silver Spring a week ago
yesterday morning, and Bob took me to the loon place
for home. We had breakfast at Klavon's and we had
a jolly time together as always - Sal called up yesterday
when she was in town for an errand. He was concerned
about Ed not finding himself. Neither she nor he mentioned
his plans when they were here with their youngsters a
couple of weeks ago today. Ed has a real responsibility
with his family soon to be added to: Edith and the girls
are quite concerned too, - but it's not an easy business
to get into.

How does the Salvador problem look to you? I expect
you will meet Orlando de Sola, his brother and his
father, if the latter is still alive. Orlando is a doctor
and his brother runs the family plantation business.
The boys were at the old St. Columbian High School and
I went to Panama on an errand to Haiti, they were
high school boys then. We met their parents in El
Salvador and had lunch with them. I visited them a few
years ago coming back from Nicaragua. They are just full.
Emma joins me in sending our love to you both. She
is coming on fine but what time - Emma's yours
Keweenaw

It was just washed a lot of seeds in the "You Were
Here" Series - depicting the history over the "Country"
by Christian - and it showed the specimens about
with the 1050 breadfruit seeds and many other plants
Kew - it's a great plant introduction site, always part
of the Country - it's in the museum in Fiji.

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San Salvador, 22 August 1957

Dear Knowles:

Just about through here for the time being. Looks like I may be coming back once in a while to see how things are going. Mr Mortensen of Texas A&M, who has just come from 5 yrs in Jordan, is ICA horticulturist here (just arrived) and will be responsible for the fruit program we are starting for the govt. All of which brings up a couple of questions; Mortensen says the Trevatt apricot from Australia does better in regions of mild winters than any other and wants to try it here. Do you know where we can get it? We have planted all the apricots in the catalog here in Central America in past years and nothing has come of it. Nice trees but no fruit. The other point is this: we want to get kakis started here, as we did in Guatemala years ago. We will order some grafted trees but would like to have a couple of lbs of seed, some of which will provide stocks for grafting, some we will grow as seedlings - and therefore we would like seed of varieties which are pretty good stuff even though seedy. You sent me a lot of seed to Zamorano about 15 yrs ago - I don't remember where you got it. Probably swiped it from some of those trees out at the Wolfskill place. Swipe some more, and send it to Dr Mario Lewy (not Levy) van Severen, Director, Central Nacional de Agronomia, San Salvador. I suppose air express is the best way. Parcel post stays in the Customs house until the stuff is moldy.

Helen wrote me that she hopes to go to SF and has written to find out if you will be there. I hope she can see you. I thought it would be a fine time for her to fly up to Calif. for several reasons (1) There is no use for her to come over here, nothing to do, (2) she has not seen her mother in 18 months and Maudie's getting pretty old, and (3) Helen is absolutely tired out and I've got to find the best way to give her some rest. She has worked awfully hard at Zamorano, much harder than I have, and even I am pretty darn well whipped for the time being. I rather think Christmas may find us in Spain but it will depend on how we both feel later on. I have told Helen to come back to Antigua the first week in Sept and we will loaf around the old house for a while and think things over.

Art Schroeder came thru - don't think I have told you. Driving with a car full of duff and kids. That's all right for those that like it. I prefer KLM. Had a letter from Bob Hodgson in Chile. I envy him that assignment. I don't think I am going to take on many more contracts; I don't have to and I believe I will have more fun just experting around, as Art shamel used to say. Experting around; darn this typewriter. I wrote Boston that it was the last thing Victor Cutter purchased before he retired as Pres of UFCO and I was about to throw it in the river; and they wrote back that I could do to any agency in Guatemala City and buy any make I want ~~xxxx~~ and send the bill to the Co. I shall get a good one, gold plated. I oidentally, just before I left Guatemala two weeks ago, after going home for a week - had with Helen, I saw the two volumes of letters re my retirement which were assembled up north; the first one from Dwight Eisenhower, next from Richard Nixon and so on down the line. I think, however, they missed a few members of Congress, those from the back counties probably.

I do hope you see Helen. I feel very deeply the loss of Betty Bowman, Karl's wife. Helen and I have always felt very close to the Bowmans. I am waiting to hear what Sal names her new baby, and have written in all seriousness that I will cut her off with a shilling if she calls him Wilson.

Ever yours,

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
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Sept 2, 1957

Dear Wilt,

It was good to get your letter and to hear how things were going in Salvador. By now you are back home in Antigua and I will send this there.

Helen called up from San Francisco when she arrived there on Sunday a week ago, so we had a chat on the phone, I couldnt arrange to see her on Monday as I was due to take off early that morning with the Colonial Secretary of Fiji, to be gone for the day, among other things ^{visiting} ^{leaving} down at Stanford to talk South Pacific Commission matters. Helen was to go to Stockton on Tuesday morning, and I thought I would get to call her again, but your cable calling her back gave her little time there. Sal tells me she spend Tuesday afternoon with them and left that night for L.A. I called Sal today to see how she ^{was} getting along, and she and her family had just gotten back to their own home after the week with Ed's folks. Sorry that we couldnt get together with Helen and have a good gabfest about your plans for Spain and way stations, it sound great, only I wish it were going to include some of the area where I might meet you.

Your letter arrived too late to round up any cuttings to get to Helen to take back. There are a couple of fuchia shows coming up in about two weeks, and I will try to see whats new-- if they dont come the week I am in Washn, - the week of the 16th. I will be back for a Land-Grant ** USDA committee on American -German Cooperation on Agr. Research, also three days of briefing for the next South Pacific Commission session, and a day on trainee and foreign visitor problems. Other than that it will be a quiet nice week. I will get out to see Edith and the gang, that is always worth getting to Washn for.

Al Thille was here last Saturday and we went over plans for this fall, he will go down to Australia a few days before I am due back from Noumea and the S.P. session, and we will go on to Bangkok together, stopping in at Saigon on the way. He may go on to India after the congress, but I want to get back here, for I will have been way for almost two months as it is.

John and his family were on from Florida to attend the science meetings down at Stanford. I presided at the Am.Soc Hort Sci banquet, there were 420 horticulturists there, a lot of the old gang from Washn and the east. John and Fab and their families came over here yesterday and we had a good visit. We liked their wives very much and John has two mighty cute little girls.

Did you meet Orlando DeSola in Salvador? he is an M.D., one of the best they tell me. He and his brother were on the boat that Emma and I went to Haiti on, they were attending high school at Menlo Park, later went to Oxford. We met their folks and had lunch with them while the ship was at La Libertad.

Emma continues to improve slowly, we go out to dinner each evening, but she doesnt stay away from home very long yet. It is a long time getting back. Our best to you both, As ever,

Knowles

in Sydney

aboard **UNITED AIR LINES**



"red carpet service"

En route Washington D.C.
Sept. 21-1957

Dear Walt

Am heading home after a week in the whirlpool and am glad to be heading home once more. This morning I went out to Edelle's ~~for~~ breakfast and Marian and Dick and little Dorothy and Harry, Bob, Mimi and Burton all came over and we had a gay family meal together, then Dick and Marian took me to the airport it would have been fun if your folks could have dropped in. The youngsters do grow. Its fun to have Dick back again, Marian has been a good sport during his absence. He has the top Marine Command for his week, -the Honor Guard in Washington, which means he'll have command of the affair of the President on his many jaunts and occasions, a real responsibility and a nice recognition.

Earlier in the week I managed a free evening after dinner, and went out to Marian's where Harry, Edelle and I baby out for Marian so she could be out for a Madeline show, Bob stuck home with their two, so we had a good visit and I enjoyed sharing the young folks loves.

Last night I dropped out to see Lucy & Bill Neenan - Bill is in pretty bad shape, they can't seem to locate his trouble, he has terribly

aboard **UNITED AIR LINES**



"red carpet service"

pain in his right forearm and lower legs. They are now trying cobra venom. I had seen either of them for sometime so we had much to catch up on - circuses, zoo, retirement, old friends. If you get a chance drop them a line care of the zoo, where they work half a day, or at home 2801 Eden Hill Road.

Yesterday was Johnny Grop and I had lunch together at the Club. John retires at the end of this year. That field is having trouble with an abscessed lung, Anne is taking care of him at home. Alex Wolmore is in town but I didn't see him.

I had a busy week of it, 3 days at State Dept briefing at the S. P. Commission, 4 days at German American Coop. in Leg. Research, Committee, a Land Grant activity, then miscellaneous Taipei contact, prep trainees etc. - Visa and more.

This is a non-stop flight, we left at noon and are due at 5³⁵ pm. I'll be in time for dinner at home, can't wait so bad, but I still like a good train!

aboard **UNITED AIR LINES***"red carpet service"*

Sitting next to me is Dr. Jacques Barron, a young French plantman of New Caledonia, who has just returned from a year in France pushing his doctorate, and selects to the Commission as Plant Introduction Officer, you would like him, big, husky, loves field work and has already done a fine job in the Commission in introducing food plants of the islands. Ekerson is sending bamboo and other plants with him, McClean is to spend 3-6 months with us as bamboo this coming year.

About the apocryts, in asking our Paris contacts where Trevaux might be obtained in this country I'll have some Laki seed collected as I did before, rather than all a Chico. Ray Heckinger against the wall are doing very well as epiphytes, so is my *Steyer* Lomon. I finally got a "Sunset" apocrypt pink *Boisaimilia* planted in a large pot, in growing it like they do in Bangkok and Manila ~~and~~ in dunes and pots. Ray should be showing in the pots.

Our love to you both -

P.S. Hal has just been sent to Tequeigapu by his company to be he didn't get there when you folks left.

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December 17, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua
Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Wilt:

On my return from the South Pacific I found a letter from Bill Whitehouse stating that he is not sure they will have persimmon seed available since they have been supplying the Western Utilization Branch Laboratory at nearby Albany with large quantities of persimmon seed this fall, but he has written to Lloyd Joley asking him to collect seed if possible. If available, the seed will be sent direct to Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen by air, with instructions as to how to handle it to obtain maximum germination of the seed. Also, Reid Brooks, at Davis, collected seed from the Pomology Department's Wolfskill Experimental Orchards at Winters, and that will be sent shortly by air express to Dr. van Severen.

In regard to the Trevett apricot. This is growing in the Experimental Orchard at Winters but it is under quarantine for an indefinite period of time, and budwood from it will not be available for quite a long time. The quarantine is due to virus disease.

It is good to be back again. I am still trying to get caught up from the accumulation of material at home and at the office and all that I brought back as well. I wish you could have been at the Bangkok meeting; there was a pretty fair horticultural section and of course the soils section was very good because of Earl Storie and the work of Bob Pendleton, for he had worked very hard toward this Congress. Hugh seemed quite pleased with it. I was very glad he was able to get out and make his contribution on the Symposium of shifting agriculture. We are looking forward with much anticipation to his stopping here about the first of the year on his way back from the Soils Conference in the Philippines.

We had 186 Americans out of 533 foreign delegates. The total registration, with the local boys, was 933 - the largest Congress we have ever had.

While it was out of season, there were quite a good many mangosteens around, and the Undersecretary of Agriculture scouted for two days and dug up one Durian, which cost him 10 bucks, gold, in order to give some of the brethren who had never tasted one a chance to try it out, at a party he gave for me. I might add, that no Durian is worth that much in my book! Steve Bechtel and his wife were on the plane from Manila, and they and some friend of theirs brought a whole bag of mangosteens to the plane, which they shared with several of us. Al Thille had a chance to eat mangosteens as well as some of the other good fruits for which Bangkok is famous.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

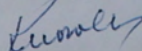
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December 17, 1957

You had better plan to attend the next Congress when it holds forth in Honolulu in 1961.

Best wishes to you all.

Cordially yours,



Knowles A. Ryerson
Dean

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KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
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Washington D.C.
Nov. 12 - 1958

Dear Walt

Your letter of October 15 was waiting when I got home from the South Pacific and I delayed answering until I could talk with Dr. Bowman and also see Sally. Dr. Bowman was in the car, but Emma and I went out to see her and had a very pleasant visit and we planned a couple of times that week for Sally to make a hurried trip back here, and when I got back I went out and had a talk with Dr. Karl and also a good visit with Ed. Emma and I called Friday but she was away. This weekend with Ed and I left on the trip before she returned. She seems normal in every way, to talk to, her face is a bit thin and shows a little of the strain she has been through, but she has her old sense of humor and we joked and laughed about David's days and her younger days here in Washington and kept on the light side. We plan to take her out when I return, in the afternoon Emma will phone her from time to time to keep in touch.

Dr. Karl feels she is making good progress, she did have a three-day spell when she wanted to leave and was worried she was going home and get back to work, no use wasting time at the clinic, but it passed as quickly as it came and she agreed with him eventually that she shouldn't leave.

Your letter and one from Paul also waiting, were the first news that Sally wasn't still down at Paul's. We are very glad that she is under Paul's care at the clinic, he told me of your plans to come out to see Paul and he felt also you and Helen should have a good heart to heart talk with Ed's parents about the future. He feels Ed has matured a lot - I hope so I haven't seen him yet. I called down at Clackin the first week-end when the clinic reported her home for the week and not realizing Ed was at the Marine Station, I got her mother as she was just released from the airport taking her dad who was attending a medical meeting in Peru, she gave up going in order to take of the youngsters, and of course they should come first.

I am sure Sel will make the grade, she's got a brave heart, and an understanding one, she has a blithe spirit and always did, and with all of us helping and standing by her she'll come through. In sure she knows she is not alone but that the arms of all of us are around her. She has always had a special corner in my heart and always will, ever since she piked on to my lap - like a miniature cannon ball and twined her baby arms around my neck and held me tight. Well see her though.

Edith says to tell you I'm writing for her too, since she had had such meager information that she waited until I could report. I told her I hadn't gotten a letter off before leaving Berkeley so would here. Glad to hear over of Harlan & Dick in their new place. Nancy, Bob & Edith took no one on my arrival here and I hope I can see them again before I leave. We are in a rat race here at the land Grant College sessions and I haven't been home for 5 yrs since I'm usually in the So Pacific, but not that a month early this year. I have to see business as well and head for home Friday afternoon as our Pacific Science Board meets in Palo Alto Saturday instead of here this time as the Hawaiian and west coast members have had the long trip before. I hope Sel be home until our native leaders meeting in New James the end of April. I may possibly be in U. of the East week in January.

We look forward to seeing you folks before then and have a good round of rag chewing, we have so much to catch up on.

Sorry the hurricane in the banana country knocked out your plans for coming home on a banana boat, but you have had some extra time for harvesting. I expect the quality to be indicated in potatoes to think much of arracidos - there is technical and program in them.

Glad that Oppenheimer could be with you, he's an able and devoted chap - they love to go to him.
The Club here celebrates its 50th birthday Saturday night - wish you & I could be there.
Comme toujours
Lionel.

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Dec 11-14 18

Dear Wm,
I thought you'd be interested in the enclosed
from me of our housing promoter's papers.

Sail spent the week end with Ed, I had a good visit
with her last Thursday, she was to leave on Friday and come
back last night - She is thin and pale, for she's not outbred
much but otherwise very much her self; busy decorating the
lounge for Xmas. We are looking forward to seeing
- you folks soon As ever
Kunoles

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January 12, 1959

Dear Wilt,

It was surr~~dy~~ good news that you folks were back in this hemisphere again and that we would be seeing you up this way soon, there is only one fly in the mustard plaster and that is that I am due to leave for Washn on the 23rd to spend the week there and perhaps a few days more in the east looking up a possible head for the nutrition dept, so dont hurry away once you get ~~hxx~~ here, for you havnt been around for a long time and we have got a lot to catch up on.

I've just been talking with Sal on the phone, when I called earlier she was at a party down on another floor. She is spending more time at home now, when we called Saturday they reported she was home until Sunday night and she said just now that she is getting longer passes and leaving Wednesday and returning Sunday night, all of which is encouraging. But some where along the line Ed has got to get on the boat, I sometimes think he is the one that needs treatment, to get him to grow up, instead of dragging out his college indefinitely and not facing up to his responsibility. I am afraid I am too prejudiced to agree entirely with Karl, that when a girl marries there isnt much her father has to say. As long as the young hysband is tending to his knitting is one thing, but when he fathers youngsters and leaves them to his wife to care for without the means to do it, that is something else again. I would like to know what Ed really plans to do when Sal comes out to stay, - go back to the same conditions that brought this about? It wont work. Sal's permanent welfare depends upon Ed's shouldering his share of responsibility in that family. But them, I am only a very prejudiced old Dutch uncle, who as your proxy gave her away in marriage ^{and} never agreed to anything like this.

H.B. Richardson was in the office today on his way to Asilomar to the biennial ag extension conference, an all week shin dig, I will get down to the annual banquet Thursday and the old timers program that afternoon if I can, then on to Santa Cruz where I have two speaking dates - Rotary, and a Foreign Affairs study group Friday, back up to S.F. for a two day session on the ~~experiment~~ experiment in international living, Carlos Romulos is the final speaker Sunday and he is always good. Other than that it is a quiet week, with the 1960-61 budget estimates to get in before I leave for Asilomar along with the academic promotion roster, and a few other details. Incidentally that budget will be for my successor. I will retire the day before it goes into effect.

Sailor Davis was at the Faculty Club this noon and spoke of his visit to your place in Antigua, he and his wife enjoyed it very much.

We will have to have a good go at the Bohemian Club while you are here, never mind that beach comber stuff at Trader Vic's.

Emma went to bed with flu the day before Xmas and only got around again last week, there has been a lot of that ^{flu} around. I got a good refresher course in nursing, cooking, bottlewashing etc, my early training at Miss McNaughton's still comes in handy. Our love to you both and we are looking forward to seeing you soon. Maybe we can unearth Jim Kepton, I have yet to see him, only phoned.

PD is good letter from Howard Calbright from the Club in Wash. He has been a member 30 yrs. He has been dues secretary - you must be close.

Knowles

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 April 1959

Dear Knowles:

Yours of March 29th came last night. Speed Hagen's death just makes us realize that one by one we are dropping off. There is nothing much we can do about it, except to drop off as easily as we can. But let's delay that dropping off as long as we can be useful. When I can no longer be useful, and perhaps would be a burden, - that is something else already. I never forget the last time I saw DF at Coconut Grove. His memory was getting poor; he couldn't work much; but he pulled out packets of seeds which had just come from Darjiling and from Peradeniya and I don't know where else, and he was just as enthusiastic about them as he had been 40 years earlier. Which reminds me to ask if you have read the book "Liberty Hyde Bailey" which has a subtitle "A Story of American Plant Sciences". Author: Andrew Denny Rogers, published by the Princeton Univ Press in 1949. Of course you have seen it, but the thing that interests me is how many of those chaps who were the founders of American horticulture were know to you and me. For example, A J Cook taught L H Bailey and DF at Michigan (the DF was not then in college, I believe) and A J Cook was later the head of the Dept of Biology when I worked under Charles Fuller Baker. To put it briefly, we have known and in many cases worked under the founders of American horticulture. Don't forget that.

Incidentally, I suppose you have seen that recent book "Plant Hunters" by a couple of gals at the University of Chicago, which is devoted to the exploits of Hansen, DF, Rock, myself, and one or two others. I don't know where they got all their details. They failed to mention the time Rock came back and put in his expense account 13 horses he bought in Yunnan, and A. Zappone asked, Where are the receipts? And Rock said, Oh I didn't bother about receipts, when I left I gave the horses to the Chief, he had been so awfully good to me.

We had planned to fly to Venezuela day after tomorrow but the Embassy here does not yet have authority from Caracas to issue us visas, in spite of the radiogram we sent at my expense, \$13.34, so we have cancelled our KLM reservations and will wait a little while. I also hesitate to go too far away until we see what we can do to help little Sal. She is really up against it, and I shall appreciate any tips and advice you can give me. Sally would be happy if Ed would get a job and start to make something of himself; she knows we would all chip in to help carry the burdens until he got established - which he can do because he has an excellent personality and a good physique. The uncertainty regarding the future is what worries Sal, and the fact that have to depend on Ed's parents for everything. But the moment Sal leaves the Clinic and goes back to her family, she is going to have a full-time servant to help her and I am going to pay for it. You know Sal; she doesn't have the physical stamina Edith has. She has all the courage in the world, and devotion, but I am terribly afraid she may crack up again. We wish she could come down here and stay with us for a few months, getting away from the rest of her problems. She could have the new baby here - that part would not be hard, but to bring Ed here with no job and the other three is something else already.

Helen joins in much love to Emma and yourself,

Antigua, Guatemala, 14 April 1959

Dear Em:

I haven't the slightest idea where you are - your fault - but if this letter ever reaches you I want you to know that I tried my best to do what I promised you I would do - i.e., that school garden manual. I realize that my preliminary draft was not adequate but I also did it as a preliminary draft, knowing that it would need a good deal of later work. Your comments in that connection were taken into account, and when I got to Rome I checked in, as you gringas say, at FAO and spent a very enjoyable three mornings working things over. Of course the most thrilling part to me was walking from our hotel on the Via Nazionale to the FAO, past the Coliseum and those other grand old ruins. I don't see how anyone could work in Rome without getting a lot of inspiration out of the surroundings.

I got well acquainted with M. Pensiot (who I understand may be here in Guatemala soon) and several others, and I saw Dr Aykroyd once or twice, very briefly. I dictated to a charming gal from England who had never been in Spain or Latin America but knew her Spanish much better than I do, and I think I was really able to help M. Pensiot on the list of vegetable varieties which have proved satisfactory in this part of the world.

Since I returned to Guatemala (we got back on Christmas Eve but immediately afterward went to California for a month) I have not been to visit Alice Shaffer and the others, but one of my boys, Mario Jalil, who is now one of the best horticulturists in Central America, has left EAP and joined FAO and is presently in Guatemala City. I asked him about the school garden manual and he says he thinks the MS has been over here recently and has gone back again to Rome. I want to say without criticising the policy, that I believe it would have been better to keep the booklet somewhat simpler, but when I say that of course I am criticising. I am probably too old-fashioned, but I have the feeling that we can accomplish more by keeping things simple than we can by recommending materials which are very modern and usually hard to obtain down here. I have the feeling that the manual, when it comes out, will probably be pretty practical; I hope so.

Helen and I spent our year in Europe, mostly in Spain, trying to do something worth while in the field of horticulture. We introduced some 20 varieties of avocados into southern Spain; went over to Israel and tried to help those boys grow more bananas; went down to the Canary Islands and helped them get started on better mangos; and then came home for a few weeks, including a trip to California. Now I am going to Venezuela in a few weeks to help them improve fruit culture; then to Costa Rica in June to give a lecture, "Fifty Years with Tropical Fruits", then back here, then to Mexico in July to give a series of lectures on tropical fruits at the short course of the OES, Project 39. But we are really making our home now in Antigua, and when are we going to welcome you for a good visit? We have a snug little bedroom waiting for you, 22 x 14 feet, and the best damn black bean soup you have swallowed in a long time.

Always affectionately,

Antigua G, 25 June 1959

Dear Knowles:

Yours of 19 May was awaiting me when I came back from Venezuela and Costa Rica. I liked the Venezuela job, but I ~~think~~ they do not have the personnel to carry on the program we outlined. In any case, I think I did an honest and sound job and the people with whom I worked seemed satisfied. Which reminds me, when you retire dont take on any jobs on pay; take them as I am taking them now, nothing but your expenses. You will avoid a lot of criticism.

I stopped in Costa Rica for two weeks, to check up with old friends and take part in the annual mtgs of the ASHS, Caribbean Region. Very good meetings; perhaps the best we have had. Thanks to Ralph Allee and Ernesto Casseres and Damon Boynton, who is tops, in my opinion. But I got the feeling: "Here's old man Popenoe, he used to be a good horticulturist; give him a big hand, lads, and another cup of coffee". (If we go on having coffee breaks, we wont have any time for work; gringos now take coffee 5 times a day, which is allright with me of course; I am for the coffee growers).

Now I am off (and I guess Helen will go along; she isnt too keen because is not feeling terribly husky) to Mexico City day after tomorrow, to help Ernest Casseres with his course on Cultivos de Consumo Populara auspices of the OEA. I like to do these jobs, and I dont want any money out of them. I just want to be useful, as long as I can; but dont forget, if and when you retire, your erst-while colleagues are going to think you are passing rapidly out of the picture. Which reminds me: I got a form yesterday from Washn, wh stated that my appointment WOC as Collaborator of the Office of Foreign Agrl Relations (which I think is dead and buried, Lt. these many years) is terminated, "Services no longer required". Pretty blunt way to put it. I tried to be helpful; I never took a penny, and they dont say "Thanks for past services rendered". But what the Hell? Of course the guy who signed the form never heard of me and it is all a matter of routine.

I hope you have beennable to see Sal. The poor little kid if really up against it. I am trying not to stick my neck out - I am afraid I have done so, too much, already. Our visit to San Francisco didnt help. The tough part is that she has to face another baby coming along, about the first of October. Talk things over with her. Edggot sore at us (and Paul) because we urged him to get a job and take care of his family. Sal doesnt like the idea of living on charity - the benevolence of Ed's family; she wants her husband to strike off on his own and make a start in life. I have assured Sal that she can count on me, financially, up to any point necessary; but she wants a home of her own and a bread-winning husband. The situation is really difficult.

Ever yrs,

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June 27-1959

Dear Walt

This has been a far from dull week all round
for our gang - A week ago last evening Emma and I
went over to see Sal the last time before I came here to the
hospital. We had a mighty good visit, she was in good spirits
and we always have a good time playing. She said there was a
possibility that she would go east with Paul and Betty to be
with Edith and the girls, and we urged her to do so by all means
for she had been much too long within the clinic and it was
getting her down. She said Paul and Betty would be up for the
week end so there would be a chance to talk with them. She
didn't know whether Ed would agree - of course he ought not to have
a damned thing to say - even if he is her husband, under the law.
Saturday she called to say Marian had just written that she would
come out to get Sal if she could come - Saturday noon I got a call
from the doc's office that there was a woman at the hospital and could
I come down as the doc wanted to reduce the nitrogen in my
blood before operating on Tuesday - so did some job work
and got down - lucky I had gotten my planting all done
that morning.

Paul and Betty called me at the hospital, as I have a phone
by the bed and we talked over things planned for Sal, Ed had
come down yet - they hoped to take Sal back when they went back for
Dave's wedding. Monday Sal called after all the conferences and
said things looked hopeful, her doctor thought it was possible
if she had certain care back there until the baby came.
Yesterday she tried to call me but my phone was out of order and
she called Emma to say she had a reservation to go with
Paul and Betty July 14 - hooray. She also reported Karl

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Bowman was going to marry again, an old friend of his and his former wife's, who had been associated with him for many years. That is good news - it will make a great difference for him and will give him a new incentive. So things are looking up.

I was operated on on Tuesday, - it was much easier on me than I figured, these new techniques and anaesthetics are a tremendous improvement over the old. I've been a couple of days ahead with the recovery schedule and I'm going home tomorrow, where I'll have to stay quiet for a month while the healing finishes. No doctor says it's better there than here, that quiet and rest was what it takes. Well, I can read, loaf, sunbath in the patio and enjoy home like I haven't had a chance for a year or Sundays. I won't get back to Washington until the first week in September, then the last week I take off for New Caledonia for the annual meeting of the Commission on which I preside this year.

Joe urged that my successor be designated six months before I retire - so that beginning Jan. I can have him on discussions dealing with personnel and budgets for which he, and not I, will be responsible, then I can ease off in the spring.

I may return from New Caledonia via Africa and Europe particularly if all tails can go with me as he has a couple of trips already.

Emma joins me in sending you love and best wishes. I'll keep you posted as things Comm. happen.
Knowles

[July 14]

Antigua, Fall of the Bastille 1959

Dear Knowles:

Got back from Mexico two days ago, after spending two weeks lecturing and demonstrating to the lads of the III Internacional Course in Horticulture, OAS. I hope and believe it was worth while, but I don't know how many more of these jobs I can handle. I want to settle down here for a while and continue work on the book, and expect to do so, but I find a letter from Bob Allison saying I simply must be in Gainesville the first of December to take part in the annual meeting of the Fla Soil and Crop Science Society. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

Many, many thanks for your good letter of 27 June. Too late now to commiserate with you on that operation, I hope and feel sure; from what you say, you are now enjoying a number of quite days playing around your garden. I am spending my time mornings working in my little study, then the garden; and what fun it is! I brought 25 fine Cattleyas from Venezuela; 45 fine gloxinia bulbs and a lot of swell geranium cuttings from Clause Hope in Costa Rica; and now from Mexico some gladiolus bulbs and carnation cuttings from Mexico.

Today Paul and Betty are due to take little Sal East. Paul spent a lot of time working on that problem. You know pretty much how it is being handled. Paul says Ed plans to take the three kids and move up to Lake Tahoe, where he expects to build a house. Sal will probably stay in the East 8 or 10 months, her doctor says; then we will see what happens. Her mental problem is not solved. They say she develops an antagonistic attitude at frequent times which is difficult; but as you have noted (and we noted) most of the time she is perfectly normal. I don't know what to think of the future. She insists she wants to go back to Ed when he gets himself established and can earn a living for his family. It's a tough proposition and all I can do is to back Sal in every way necessary and hope for the best. Neither Nancy nor Marion is really prepared to handle Sal and a new baby in Washington, and after Sept Edith will be pretty busy with her work.

The papers say the Minister is cancelling the convenio with the US covering the Point Four assistance. I think the matter is still somewhat up in the air. But I think probably the US technicians will move out as of 31 July, - or rather, August. I am glad I don't have a political job, or any job. It is fine to be independent. I feel I am still keeping myself useful as you will do when you retire from Berkeley. And maybe some of our most useful work will be in these last years when we are free to help where we think we can give the most help. What I most want to do now is to turn out a book which will be as prominent in its field (tropical American fruit culture) as the old Manual was in the English-language field. You can hardly get a copy of that book now, and if you do, the price is about \$35, the Hugh had taken the wind out of my sails by writing that he got one in Rio de Janeiro at 85 cents. I replied, telling him, please pick me up a dozen when you go down there again. Hugh writes, incidentally, that he may come down here for a short vacation in August. We sure want to see him.

Let us hear from you. The world is too much with us, late and soon. Helen joins in much love to both of you, and fervent wishes for your prompt and complete recovery.

Ever yrs

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Sept 3, 1959

Dear Wilt,

I dont dare look at the date of your last letter, and I did ~~sh~~ enjoy it, coming as it did ~~wh~~ I was on the mend, and written on the day the Bastille and I fell, for I proposed to Emma on that day so we celebrate the two falls together, and her birthday is on the 13th--"allons nous, enfants, a la guerre"!

Firstly-- I, too, dont know just what to think of the turn of Sal's affairs, the doctor turned down the plan for her to go east at the last minute, and it upset her quite a bit. I talked with ~~Carl~~ ^{Carl} ~~Bowman~~ about it and he said there were some antagonisms that might still cause trouble and with Nancy's new baby and Marian ~~having~~ ^{on the way} and Edith busy with her job it was complicated, especially ~~if~~ Sal talked of getting an apartment of her own after being east a short time, they dont think she is ready for that yet. Ed and the family have opposed it, and at least Ed is making some money by his own strong back and Sal told me the other day that he wrote his own check in making his reservation payment at the Moffitt Hospital for the arrival of the baby. Well, we can hope, but I had had my heart set on her getting out of that place, Paul and I agree that we dont like that atmosphere even for a short time.

When we got back from our stay at Carmel to wind up my rest up and to give Emma a breather, ~~we~~ Emma had to have a broken ~~toe~~ operated on. It got very painful at Carmel and had been nagging a long time and the doc thought it was arthritis but some good X rays showed it to be an old shattered ~~toe~~ bone, just when it happened she doesnt know. So they operated early last week, and I bought her home last Monday and she is doing fine.

Last Thursday, while Emma was still in the hospital, I went over had a good visit with Sal, then brought her over to see Emma and have a chat, then we went out to a new Mexican restaurant here in Berkeley and had ourselves a good Mexican ~~go~~ of it. Sal had said she had been trying to steer some of the folks ~~over~~ ^{over} to Mexican food but got no takers, so when I suggested we might ~~go~~ there she was all for it and we had a good time. She seemed more mature than any time, perfectly naturally, with her sparkle, and we joked and had a good time at the same she talked over the clinic and the treatment and that she was glad that the state supported such places where folks with ~~hazz~~ her kind of problem could be taken care of properly. Well, we will see. I will be in the South Pacific when the baby comes but Emma will keep in touch.

I leave on the 27th for Noumea, and preside at this session as the U.S. has the chair this year. After it is over I am going to ~~return~~ home via ~~Madagascar~~ and Kenya to check on rhinoceros beetle work that the commission has under way with Rockefeller funds. That pest is the greatest single threat to our whole economy in the South Pacific. I will also stop in a couple of days in Rome and Paris for we have cooperative projects with FAO and UNESCO, I will check in in N.Y. and Wash. before returning home around the first of December.

A couple of weeks ago I had my small greenhouse put up, a lean-to 9 x 4 ft, not large but enough to grow cuttings and seedlings in and protect tender things in the wintertime. We picked up two new named varieties of bougainvillea and two new light fuchias at Carmel. I am

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going to have a good time with plants when July 1 comes around next year and I am not going to wait for the time to get started.

Yes, I think that maybe some of the best things we can do will be during these "retired" years, when we can choose where to use our experience and not have to be tied to a desk passing papers and not free to work things out and get them done. There are too many damned faculty committees doing everything but teaching and researching and having too much to say about administrative matters with which most of them have had no experience or knowledge. I have had my fill. It will be fun to choose the things that I myself particularly want to do, not the things that someone else is always trying to get me to do, I have had a free hand in these international matters and the university wants them done, and I feel that I am far more at home with them and am accomplishing more than a part of a big campus academic organization.

Did Guatemala finally turn out Point Four as of this month? We have attempted too much over too wide an area for the number of qualified men available, and we get into all kinds of difficulty ~~xxxx~~ accordingly. Bob Hodgson is over in India for Rockefeller Foundation for six months, and Al Boyce is due back after three months down your way for the same organization, I hope you saw him some where along the way. Bob isn't happy over retirement and can't take the changes in the university that are contrary to his hopes and beliefs without feeling a bit bitter and disappointed. But it just isn't worth spoiling one's later years, such changes are inherent in every organization, and I am not going to worry about what has past. I am through next July and I mean through, I have had my tour, it is done, so I am interested with what is next. It knocked me for a loop to be dumped out of Davis and was mighty hard to take but I have made another career in the foreign field since coming down here and it has been fun, and Emma has been in far better health down here, and that alone was worth the change.

So "set 'em up in the other alley-- they are all down but nine" and lets get going. I am feeling fine after the operation.

I hope that Hugh gets down to see you folks this month, I owe him a letter, he wrote a nice one when I went into the hospital. I will be glad when he gets that thesis out of the way and is free to look around, I havnt given up hope of getting him out here. The new state wide Dean of Agr.. Dan Aldrich is a soils man and knows Hugh, and there is more interest in these foreign activities in the college than ever before and I would like to see a foreign training center here. Hawaii is going ahead with its new prexy, a geneticist, and with statehood and a live governor that institution ought to really take a lead in many things.

You folks have simply got to take in the next Pacific Science Congress in Honolulu in 1961, it will be my swan song on the Council and we are planning a real show out there. Hal Coolidge is Sec- Gen and Pres. Snyder of the U is the congress president.

A letter from Armando Samper at Turrialba says that Harrar is due down there for a meeting this month, more development perhaps, at last Ralph is getting some support, he surely been faithful.

Must ring off for I am off tomorrow morning for Davis and Sac. the state fair is on, and I have some chores at Davis, will have lunch tomorrow with Judge Peter J. Shields, the 97 yr old father of Davis.

Our love to you folks from us folks Emma Knowles Ryerson

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Sept 17, 1959

Dear Wilt,

Marian flew up from Bakersfield last Saturday and I went over to S.F. and got her and Sally and brought them ~~back~~ over for dinner and an evening here with us at home. We had a grand time, Sal was in fine spirits and was very happy to have Marian here to visit. Marian hopes to come up again for a week end before returning to Washington. I will be heading south on the milk run a week from Sunday on the 27th, and ~~won't~~ get back here until around the first of December. The sessions of the Sou. Pac. Comm will be over on the 27th and I will go down to Sydney, fly across to Perth, then up to Mauritius, change planes there for Madagascar, and have two or three days wait, then four or five days in Madagascar, on for a week in Kenya, all on rhinosceros beetle work, then on to Rome and Paris for a couple of days each on cooperative projects, then N.Y. Wash. and home. I wish you were coming along to see some of this part of the world, I am hoping that Al Thille will join me again in Australia as he has done before.

I am sorry that I will be away when Sal's baby comes, Paul and Betty will be away and Karl Bowman also, Emma will keep in touch. I am counting on her coming through in good style, she will have every service and facility there at Moffit Hospital.

Today my last Japanese iris arrived, so I can get them planted before I leave, I needed them to round out the bed, the others have been lovely this year. I ~~won't~~ try to plant anything in the new little green house until I get back, I am going to have a lot of fun with it when I retire. I only have one persimmon left on the espaliered tree out of about three dozen that started but the tree is still young.

It is cloudy and threatening tonight, rather an early fall though October can be hot and ~~rain~~ dry. I have gotten other fall planting, bulbs and bedding pansies for winter bloom. I hate to be away in the fall, it is one of the best times of the year, and I love it.

I hope to see Franco Fenzi and his wife in Rome, I will be there only a couple of days, there are a lot of things that I would like to do but you could extend the trip indefinitely, and I do have a job back here. I hope that my successor will be named by January so I can begin to work him into the job, have something to say about the important appointments and budgets for next year, so that he will be well briefed by the time I turn over July 1. Time goes by fast.

Emma is coming along with her foot, operated on a couple of weeks ago, it takes time to get those muscles and tendons adjusted, a broken bone or rather a ~~nk~~ splinter that apparently happened some years ago and what the doc thought was increasing arthritis was due to this floating splinter, she is coming along fine. I am all over the effects of my operation and feeling fine, have been six weeks ahead of scheduled recovery.

Emma joins me in sending our love to you both
Comme toujours *Knowles*
P.S. Bob Hodgson is in India this semester he retires when I do.

University of California
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Surf Rider
HOTEL



ON THE BEACH AT WAIKIKI • HONOLULU, HAWAII U. S. A.

Tuesday Sept 24-54

Dear Walt:

Your good, long and welcome letter of the 15th should have been answered before I left home, - but these past days have been hectic with opening of college, leaving things in shape for 2 months absence, and other miscellaneous affairs. Of all falls, has been our greatest concern I talked with her on the phone last Thursday and the poor kid was down with a chair I had ever seen her. She was hoping Marian could come up again and perhaps stay over until the baby came. In fact felt so alone. Ed had been down and when we talked was at her wits end with the pediatric living in hysterics and irresponsibility. She had found no place for the baby and I told her I would call Marian myself, which I did on Friday and she was in a spot as she could not leave her youngster with her sister-in-law for that family was insane, she felt she should be getting back home but she wanted to help Ed, and her finances are extremely limited. We decided we would ask if it were at all possible for you to come up to help on hand for Ed and she said she would prepare a cable. I then called Ed and learned in the meantime Ed's folks came up bringing Ed needed clothes and baby paraphernalia - that she had been worrying about, and were trying to help with placing the baby, and Ed felt unconsciously better, and not alone and said not to bother you as long as she was apparently getting help and interest by Ed's parents, news from the other youngsters cheered her, also and she was greatly improved. I called Marian right away and found she had just then placed the cable to the office so she immediately recalled it and we hope caught it in time. It's so hard to know what to do in a complicated affair. my heart goes out to poor little Ed, she's still a jumping jack hopper some of her baby days. I don't know the ultimate outcome, for I have no confidence in Ed, even if he is working now - he can't support

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a family on day wages of unskilled labor, I
won't be back until around December 1, I regret
being away at this time and not understanding by
"Sal feels so much alone. We did have a grand
time when Maean came up, we had them both
over for dinner and the evening, then drove them
back over. It was a real treat to have them.

The sun went up early, but it's light. I ought
to go out for a dip for my worn joints in the beach
but I have a lot to do, unfinished business brought
along, and all day today in So. Pac. Comm. business here.
Yesterday having conferences, and Pacific Science Congress
programs. I leave tomorrow 5 AM for Fiji 4 3/4 hrs!

I'll write you further from along the line, I did
so enjoy your letter with all its various news items
I wish you were here, feel up on my balcony just
looking out through the coconut palms at the
early light on the sea - not hard to take. But
I'll head for the shower then go down and wrap
myself around papaya, wash it down with guava
juice and enjoy the view at almost water's edge.
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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Sunday morning
Oct 25-1959

Dear Walt,

I'm sitting up here on a lovely terrace overlooking the blue Baie des Citrons here in Noumea. A scarlet bougainvillea from Tahiti that I have never seen anywhere else splashes my corner. Plumerias, oleanders, cacti, papayas line the edge where it drops off 100 ft to the road circling this point. I'm staying here with Dr Rene Catela and his wife Stucki who have built up this marvellous cavern of their own. You probably saw the double spread of fluorescent corals in Lip in July. They were taken here. Rene discovered the fluorescence in these deep sea corals. They are fantastic. They have worked out methods of keeping them alive at surface conditions and have a special gallery where they are shown under black ~~light~~ light. We have been old friends for years and I'm glad of a chance to be away from Commission Government coked alley while waiting for my plane day after tomorrow.

The big and heartening news ~~has~~ has been that Sally came through alright with Mary Catherine. Emma sent me a cable for I have been very concerned. Her doctor friends have all said that having a baby when she was only 17, kidney is very risky. Sol has had ~~that~~ she should not be allowed to keep on having to take that chance. I'm so glad that all is well. I don't remain her chief concern as to the future of herself and youngsters, but at least this bundle is over. ^{in California} Sol's new Chancellor was installed.

Sollet kept Hugh winds up out here. ~~at~~ at Fair's day before yesterday. ~~and~~ the former head of Sol's is now State and Dean of Agriculture. Hugh knows him. Dicks is now looking about setting up a training center for those going to work overseas. The important thing for Hugh is to get that damned mess back of him he will be penalized salary wise and in other ways until it is done. Joe sees no number of these delayed completion cases.

They are always under a handicap, and are always explaining
I know who had to write - I hate it. My Robert seems to last
spring and in yet but I didn't care to write in hospital. Perhaps
they and John can get something started, but it takes plenty of
funds - I don't see Eldred attracting them - yet, Wayne is doing a
good job but he has so many demands. Bob Hodgson writes from India
that he had had a short visit with Wayne who acts as a short
medium or inspection.

I don't know who Bob's successor will be. I think he'd like to have an
extension of another year, for he fears for the future of his work - proposed
transfer to Riverside etc. - well hanging on for another year won't slip
any plans that may develop. No ought to shut the door on what
segment of his career and take on something else clear away from
it. He has been too wrapped up in his dept. and lets himself
get a bit bitter if things go other than what he wants. Life is too
short for that. I'm anxious to get out. I hope my successor
is named by January, so he can help on budget and appointments
that will be his babies after July. Etcheberry has written ~~requesting~~
I come over to Spain and look around for them for four months. I think
he can't get ICA to finance it, the letter came down here. He adds
"think it over" - I will. I'd like to do it, if Emma could stay in England
as the summer would be too hot in Spain for her. I'm other things in mind
also - life still won't be dull. My appointment as New Commission
runs through another year so I'll be down here next October again, but
I won't be president. I had two solid weeks presidency over a tedious
meeting of six countries, and the French have been plenty difficult
this time. It's a relief to be sitting up on this point high above the sea
if the wind goes down a bit I'll go out on the scullow reef with mask
and snorkel and have a good time. The fluorescent corals come up
from 30 to 40 fathoms.

I wish you were going to be with me for the rest of the trip Perth, Mauritius
for four days, Madagascar 5, Nairobi 8, then down Paris, Thun going
with the Van Rippers near Bordeaux, you must visit them, he has just finished
harvesting 80 tons of apples - had about as many peaches, he is the
largest peach grower in S.W. France all modern varieties, especially
mechanized. I was his attendant at his wedding there in World War I

He writes that they are looking for the fattest Leekies in Gascony, the patte de foie gras (they make their own) is already on ice, and that they are looking under the faggots for the oldest bottle. Well, as long as I can't get home for Thanksgiving, this will be an acceptable substitute.

A high reding jipster has pulled out of the harbor kicking up white water in her wake, clouds top the distant mottled filled ranges. Sunday fishermen are out in their boats, its cool for this time of the year. A little later I'll lie out here in the sun, getting some heat into my left shoulder that I wrenched badly the Friday to check a runaway car. These joints and tendons don't bounce back as they did 25 years ago.

A week ago last night our joint staff-Communist party wound up as a 67th birthday party for me, - my passport and the flat Dept Aduro harary spilled the beans, - and I was some celebrating. I had to scrub hard this morning getting the lip stick off of both cheeks and the top of my bald spot; French, Dutch Australian secretaries, and the wives of various officials surely gave me the European salute. Its one for the books and to remember. I am the oldest in the Commission, but no one believes my age, - the passport backs me up.

My love to you both -
Comme toujours
Marilyn

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

6 November 1959

EMMA: I dont know where to reach Knowlws, so will you please send this along to him? Thanks. Wilt.

Dear Knowles:

Your good letter pf 25 Oct came a couple of days ago. You are obviously living the life of Riley; just too bad Emma cant be with you to have tea and toast in bed every morning and then elevenses and then tiffin and then five o'clock tea and then a thumping big supper. Ten years of that life and you get a bit liverish, just a bit. Of course you dont last the full ten years if you take a peg in the morning.

Yes, Sal came thru allright but she has written that she suffered much more with this childbirth than the previous ones. You speak of her having only one kidney; is that correct? I has been my understanding that they to put in a tube to care for one kidney but that the kidney itself still functions. I dont know. But in any case she should not have had this child and should not have any more. Paul write that she had agreed to sterilization after this baby was born but I dont believe she had it done, and I am terribly afraid Sal is not going to attain a ripe old age. I dont believe her physical strength will hold out. Some time ago I told her I wanted to hire a servant for her and she said Ed was convinced it wasnt necessary. Several years ago I sent her \$100 to start hiring some help and Ed used it to buy a nice new suit, so I eint send Sal any more; but I am sending her money now and shall keep on if I find it helps. Her present plan is to move up to Tahoe where Ed will rent a house until their own is ready; but I wonder why Ed plans to live permanently at Tahoe - except that his brother is there. I cant seem to find that he has permanent work in sight there but maybe he has. Sal hopes to leave Langley Porter in a month or so; go to Tahoe with the new baby; and gradually take up the rest of the family. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir. Her plans change rapidly and frequently. And right now with you and Paul and Karl Bowman all abroad her situation is even more difficult/ I would fly up there and stay a while but it would not help; Ed and his family dont cooperate. The situation is really tough, and tragic; little Sal is so brave and tries so hard! She seems to think that Ed has at last realised his responsibility, etc; but she has thought that before.

Hugh is hoping to be down here for a week at Xmas. It only costs a hundred bucks, round trip from Miami, and he can eat that out during a week of free grub with us. Probably considerably more than eat it out. I am hounding him to finish up that PhD business. I have told him that his delay is due to the fact that he just cant sit down and write a good paper and he admits this so I have told him to bring down his rough draft anf notes and we will sit down together in my little shack where I write these lines, and whip the dissertation into shape. I have told him what trouble I had when I started to write for the Pomona College Journal of Economic Botany; it took me days to write the first three paragraphs, on which FOP usually had to help me; and after that I just sailed along through the next 25 pages with no trouble at all. I am

going to push him awfully hard to get that PhD in Feb; then we will begin to work on the California idea. I want to see him out there as much as you do. And if we can only keep him, in the mean time, from marrying a crackerette things may work out allright in the end. And speaking of crackerettes, the papers have been full of write-ups ever since Independence Day 15 Sept, about the majorettes. For the first time, every girl's school had at the head of their procession a dozen or so of majorettes with a drum majorette complete mit baton and a dozen or more girls with drums. They started at the neck to dress the girls and they ran out of cloth just a little below the waist. And that's how the polemics started.

Yes you see right about Bob Hodgson; it has to come sooner or later as it does to all men (Time Magazine) and what he should do is what I did; get away from it all and tackle a new and interesting job. You are going to be up against the same problem and I damn well are going to ride you to death if you dont jump right into something useful and interesting. I have never been as busy in my life as I have been since I was "retired" and I plant to keep it up. Not just sit around the house every day and go out to the garden once in a while to cut flowers and prune the rose bushes.

You mention Echegaray's invitation - you to come to Spain for a few months and look things over. I dont believe I have ever told you of my experience with that nice chap. And he is nice, very attractive and I think intelligent. But in the first place, the local gente told me he is too much of a politician - perhaps with ideas of being the Minister of Agriculture, and in the second place there was something queer about my situation. Looking back, I can only think my close friendship with Joe and Marge Pressley may have caused him to be suspicious. My contact with him was thru them; twice Marge hrew a cocktail party to which he came, the idea being to give me a chance to get acquainted with him. After the first party, I said to Marge, probably he thinks I want something out of the govt, and therefore didnt warm up. So we waited two or three months and tried it again. I assured him I was not asking for a job; I was in Spain entirely on my own just because I am interested in fruits and wanted to help; and I suggested he give me a general letter to officials saying the govt approved of my program and nothing more. He said I better get the letter from the agent in Malaga which I knew was absolutely hopeless. I was really disappointed in his attitude but on mature reflection must say I think he was suspicious because of my close friendship with the Pressleys - tho from all I could learn Joe stood very high with the govt and I was even told that Joe was the only man at the Amembassy who could walk right in and talk with the Generalissimo whenever business required it.

Bill Paddock planned a meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP to be held at Zamorana next week. Then he found that some of the members could not come down to Honduras - I was all set to drive over for the first visit to the old school in two yrs. So he transferred the meeting to George Hart's office in N. for Dec 8, then Dec 1, and the last word was Nov 24. I am not going up; I dont think I can be of any help if I do. UFCO has informed us officially that they want to get out from under as soon as possible; they will continue financial support on a reduced basis but suggest that Bill look around

for other sources of cash. My last yr there, our budget was about \$300,000 of wh we got \$200,000 from our endowment fund (earnings); Bill has jumped the budget to about \$400,000 and I suspect the earnings of the endowment fund have gone down a bit. The Company has further said they will not nominate another official of the Co to replace Mr Coolidge or Mr Redmond; they do not want representation on the Board of Trustees. Looks to me as tho the school will have to fall in the lap of the Rockefeller Foundation, for we know very well the Univ of Florida cant shell out much cash to help carry on. My program would be to cut down expenses by \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year and try to get Harrar to chip in to cover the deficit; but I suppose UFCo (which is in tought shape financially at present, as you know) will carry the load until things can be worked out along other lines. When I w s there I foresaw the possibility of hard times ahead and figured out that I could run the school on \$250,000 a year without cutting down the number of students or the efficiency of the work - that would only hit the Company for \$50,000 or perhaps \$75,000 per annum.

Just had a fine letter from Daisy Bell, the first in several months. She seems to be getting along pretty well; will leave Baddeck in a short time now and go to Nancy Bell's until about Christmas time. Helene is going to "produce" as Daisy Bell says, early next yr. I have felt very happy about Helene's marriage though I dont knpw her particular Pancoast but I knew and liked the family, very much, when I was working at Miami back about 1915.

Oh boy, how lucky you are to be able to scrub lipstick off your cheeks without having to do any explaining to Emma. Fortunate indeed. We expect to leave here a week from tomorrow for San Salvador, to see how the boys are coming along with Fruit I provement program (the motto was and is, Mas Fruta y Mejor Fruta - keep that in mind) and after a week over there we will come back and recommence our struggle with bathrooms and water systems. We are finishing our first one, down in what Helen always refers to as "my house" i.e. her's, and now we have to tackle one next to our bedroom here in the old house. mit Kohler of Kohler complete. And the while I am trying to help the boys in Venezuela get going; trees from George Roeding and Geo L Taber at Glen St Mary, with maybe a few from Armstrong at prices which will stagger even a Venezuelan. Nice young lady came in from Venezuela the other day; when she left she said next time you come to Caracas, look me up; my telephone number is 12.684, Extension 125. Wh reminds me of one of the newer songs which come over the radio from Cuba, of which the theme is "Call zero seis seis seis zero." Guess I wont try that number; it might be Fidel's office.

Ever yrs

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Antigua G, 7 Dec 1959

Dear Knowles:

Letter from Marion written after Thanksgiving said you were due in Washington in a few days; so I reasonably and logically assume you may be back in California by this time.

Things are ^{not} going too well. First of all, my former secretary at Zamorano, a boy from Antigua whom I raised from a kid, writes that he is just out of the Policlinica, where he was operated (that's the way they put it in Spanish) and his Goldbladder removed because it was infected by a big rock.

I start in this light vein because I have to mention a real problem. Sally has just written the most discouraging letter I have ever received from her. She went to Stockton for Thanksgiving dinner with the Halleys, enjoyed it and then (I would suspect) got emotionally whipped down, went up to Tahoe with Ed who is living there with his brother, blew up (apparently) and was driven back to Langley Porter by Ed's sister-in-law. Not by Ed. I assume she may have had words with him.

Sally is anxious for me to come up and see if I cant help her. I think I had best wait a few weeks until we can get some more news. This may be a momentary blow-up - and probably is - but the thing that worries me is that after 14 months in Langley Porter she is not yet in condition to go back into the world again - or at least this is what the psychiatrists tell her. She was to leave in November, take her baby, and go up to Tahoe with Ed. The latter has a job as "money changer" in a gambling saloon there; he is building a house for the family but presumably it wont be ready for some time yet. Karl Bowman wrote me several months ago that Sally was developing a strong antagonistic tendency against almost everybody in general.

I dont know what to do, really, but unless Sally changes her mind about wanting me to come up, I shall probably fly to SF in January and see how - if - I can be of help. If you are back in Berkeley, do call up Sally and tell her she can always count on me and you hear that I intend to come up in early January if she thinks it will help. What I think she needs is a happy environment, and both Helen and I still wonder if the proper thing would not be to bring her down here for a while, with the new baby. No one seems to agree on this point.

I assume you will be in Berkeley in January. In any event, I will write you if and when I expect to arrive in San Francisco, because it will be very helpful if we can talk things over. I have just written Jim Kempton to the same effect. One reason for waiting a few weeks is that I believe Paul expects to be back in California about January 10th. If I feel it is wise to come up, I will probably plan to spend ten days or two weeks in San Francisco, to give

ourselves time to talk things out.

Ever yrs

Dearest Wilson and Helen

I wonder if it might not be worth a try to take Sally and the baby down with you for a while. It seems something has to be done to break the stalemate. It looks like she is not going to be able to go back to live with Ed for a long time for that always seems to set her back every time it is tried. I think we just ought to forget about that as a solution. I have a feeling that if she were out of that environment with family that could give her lots of love that she would make amazing progress. I feel so sad too about the baby and believe if she could take over the care of it that might do her more good than all the doctors in the world.

The children and grandchildren here are wonderful. Kathy is a little doll and fits into the family like she was made to order. Mimi and Barton adore her. Little Dorothy is a dream child, so bright and so good. Marion looks wonderful and says she feels fine.

Chuck and Helen had a wonderful three months in Europe and loved Spain. They were in eleven countries including north Africa and did it on less than \$10.00 a day.

Pete just had a promotion and is an excellent geologist. He is in the field most of the time which is the only drawback to his work.

I stay busy with school which now is an eleven months a year job. Love, *Edith*

Antigua, 19 December 1959

Dearest Edith:

I am just about to leave for the city to meet Hugh and his friends the Conklins, who will be in Guatemala for a week before proceeding to Mexico for a meeting of the American Anthropological Association (or something of that sort). It amazes me how many meetings we attend these days.

Your note, which came a couple of days ago, was most welcome. I am writing because of the question raised, i.e., Why can't we bring Sally and baby down here for a while? That is precisely what we want to do. And quite probably I shall fly up to San Francisco about the 15th of January to see if it cannot be arranged. We tried to arrange it - to bring Sally down here - when we went to California almost a year ago. Paul was definitely opposed; so was Karl Bowman; someone else told me we could not bring Sally down here without her husband's consent - a matter of law. It was all very frustrating and we got nowhere.

You can understand how it breaks my heart to have a little grandchild of mine farmed out as at present, and how hard it is for me to understand that Ed does not do something about it. As you know, I am presently paying the bills.

Sally has put up a tremendously brave front, bless her little heart, but every once in a while she blows up. When she went to Stockton for Thanksgiving things went fine during the day then Ed took her on to Tahoe and her emotional stability gave way and the next day she wrote me a very sad letter from the hospital; then two days later another very normal letter. I feel as you do, that she will not get out of this slough of despond as long as she is in the present family set up; and I just can't see why she should spend much more time in the Langley Porter. That isn't what she needs. You put it perfectly, when you say that what she needs is lots of love and freedom from worries and I would ^{not} hard physical labor such as she had when she was living with Ed, no domestic help, and three little kids on her hands. When we were up there last February and thought she could leave the hospital I offered to finance a servant for her and Ed said she didn't need it.

I fully agree with you; she does not need doctors. If the psychiatrists could cure her, so to speak, she ought to be cured by this time. She isn't, so they say. I am waiting for Paul to get back (about Jan 10) before going up there and I am waiting to hear further from Sal, but I suspect I shall go and see what can be done. We have a fine place for Sal and the baby here and this is where they should be. At least that is my feeling, and apparently yours also.

We are so glad to hear that Chuck et Ux enjoyed Europe so much, and that Pete is doing so well. You should and doubtless do feel that those boys are turning out mighty well. But you tell Chuck that if he and Helen spent ten bucks a day in Spain, not counting transportation, they were just throwing money around. I think he was averaging out the cost of the whole trip including transportation, for I bet they didn't have to spend more than \$2 each per diem for hotels in Spain. We didn't, except in Madrid where we threw our money around and had a swell room with bath on the Gran Via which cost us \$3 a day, mitout meals. But that didn't last long - just an occasional fling.

Of course we are awaiting news re Marion. I am so glad to have your favorable comments on little Dorothy. You recall that Marion was riding her bicycle when we were there. Much love from both

FRIENDS OF KNOWLES RYERSON

Room 147, Hilgard Hall
Department of Plant Pathology
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
March 14, 1960

Dear Friend:

On June 30, 1960, Knowles A. Ryerson will retire from the position of Dean of the College of Agriculture and Assistant Director of the Experiment Station of the University of California at Berkeley.

Except for a period of twelve years between 1925 and 1937, most of which was spent with the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Knowles Ryerson has been a member of the University of California staff since 1919. His contributions in the fields of horticulture and tropical agriculture during these forty-one years have advanced agricultural science in many different places throughout the World and have brought him innumerable friends.

His friends in the University wish to show their appreciation of his long service to California and World agriculture. It has been proposed that the Dean's work be paid an enduring and material tribute, and it is believed that his colleagues and friends, both on and off the University's campuses, would wish to participate in bringing this about. The most favored suggestions have been those which would commemorate his work in Southeast Asia and lands of the South Pacific. This could be done in a most fitting way by recognizing the achievement of a foreign student in agriculture from any country in these regions. A dual purpose would, in fact, be served owing to the Dean's deep interest in these people and also because of the growing demands made on the University for help in regard to students from countries of the Pacific Basin.

The exact form to be taken by a "Knowles A. Ryerson Award" of this character must await the response of the Dean's friends to the proposal. It is hardly necessary to add that, meanwhile, no word of this should reach Dean Ryerson.

The purpose of this letter is by now doubtless quite clear. It is to request your consideration of the proposal that has been outlined and to express our hope that you will respond as generously as you are able.

Some clue as to the target which we have in mind is obtained from the fact that existing fellowships provided by individuals and foundations for study in the agricultural sciences at the University of California now average about \$1,100 per annum.

It is greatly hoped that contributions will be sufficient to maintain an award that will materially help a foreign student in agriculture for a number of years. Regardless of the sum which may be collected, however, it is believed that the spirit in which Knowles Ryerson's work has been executed will best be preserved in the future by student aid in his name. Checks should be made payable to The Ryerson Award Fund and addressed and mailed before May 1, 1960 to

Professor John Oswald
Room 147, Hilgard Hall
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As an additional token of esteem it is planned to present the Dean with a bound book of letters from his friends. If you would like to write him a letter for the book please send it to the above address on 8½" x 11" paper.

In order to make the presentation of the bound volume of letters before the end of the semester, it would be appreciated if letters could be mailed to arrive in Berkeley by May 1, 1960.

Yours sincerely,

Robert L. Usinger John W. Oswald
Spencer W. Brown Woodbridge M. Winters
Lawrence Taylor Barbara M. Kennedy
Geoffrey B. Bowman

P.S. This letter may not reach all of the Dean's friends. If you know of any who have not received a copy, please pass the word to them.

April 30, 1960

Dear Will, Back at the old stand again and I wish you could breeze through the door. I came back to the National Botanical Advisory Council, detained in New York in work. We have a couple of days there on various chores. Had lunch and a good rest with Horace Albright there, he's a rare spirit, will move back to California in about a year.

The arboretum seasons went off well. I've just been reappointed for another three years. This will bring me back twice a year and I'll have more time after July 1 for arboretum matters. It's also helping to get our Davis arboretum back on the runway again. The azaleas are at their peak, you folks ought to see the arboretum at this season. Also but never seen the dogwood both pink and white varieties, all over town. Ben left a little over a week ago, came up to see the old family home, I'm sorry to have missed him. Dean Lume was up for the meeting, he's a wonder. We had breakfast together yesterday and he lay before at the Harrington which he has put up since its opening around 1920.

I've spent this afternoon with the Club out at Edith's, Nancy and her family, Marian and her,

Chuck and his wife, we had buffet lunch instead as it was cold and threatening outdoors, Pat was off helping his fiancee move, so we missed him. I enjoyed it very much for they are grand young folk you have and what a swell bunch of grandchildren.

I called up Carl Doeman before I left a week ago to get his slant on Sal's progress. He said he had written you about it: We all hope some sort of success may come, our fingers are crossed, but this day, with Ed at Takah, may bring another youngster into the world in spite of their protestations. I saw the Elder three youngsters in Slecker when I was there a little over a month ago. They are a lovely trio, and Ann is a perfect image of Sal at that age. Emma and I saw the baby at its foster home on S. 15 when we called to bump off for dinner and an evening with us at home. So a swell lovely baby and she is getting excellent care.

Two months from today I return and I'm certainly looking forward to it, I have the arborescences and the South Pacific Commission to keep me as busy as I want to with plenty of time for plants and stars, and a good rest, for I'm rather tired, it's been a strenuous year. I go to Hawaii for part of June for a week, the Exec. Comm. for the next Pacific Science Congress, then back to immersion and check out. My love to you both, in which Emma would join were she here

Cordially yours
Kewell

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 May 1960

Dear Knowles:

Lots of water has run down the Arroyo Seco (at times) since you and I sat at the feet of Olga Tarbell in Pasadena High School. Lots of people are telling you at this time what a fine record you have made; what a very useful life you have led. I don't need to add many comments; you know how I feel. I would only like to mention that I think the impact of your unusual personality on the youth of California and several other parts of the world has been one of your great contributions.

And now I want to look ahead for a moment: don't you get the idea that you are going to retire. If my experience is any guide, you are going to be swamped with tough though short-time jobs from now until that old guy with the scythe comes down the back alley. These jobs are going to be very useful; you will probably do more good in one month than you used to do in six months - because you will bring to bear on many problems your long experience. If you run short of jobs, just let me know; I have half a dozen waiting for consideration.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popence

Dean Knowles A Ryerson
College of Agriculture, Berkeley,
California.

Antigua, 6 June 1960

Dear Knowles:

Just back from two weeks in Nicaragua, where I am trying to help the Instituto de Fomento Nacional organize a fruit improvement program. Don't know where it will be next. They have written from Haiti, by the way; they don't ask me to come but they advise about their program and want recommendation in re temperate zone fruits; inquirer is M. Gerard Bouchard of the Societe Anonyme Darbouco. You probably knew him when he was a kid.

I suppose just about this week you and Bob Hodgson will get the old axe, and I just hope you will both remember that it is the best thing that can happen at this stage of the game. Hombre, I have never been so busy as I have since I got the axe in 1957, and I doubt that I have ever been more useful. Keep that in mind; I would put it in your pipe and smoke it if you were given to pipe smoking. I don't know why that reminds me of the story of the American who got into a train in England, walked up and down and couldn't find a seat in that carriage. Only vacant seat was next to a lady and her little poodle was occupying it. He said, Madam, may I have this seat? and she said, Certainly not, that seat belongs to my little doggie, and she must have it. So he walks up and down again and comes back and inquires again, with identical results. So he grabs the little doggie by the nap of the neck and throws her out the window and sits down. An Englishman in the same compartment takes his pipe out of his mouth and calmly remarks, You Americans are funny people. You eat with the fork in the wrong hand, you drive on the wrong side of the road, and now you throw the wrong bitch out of the window.

Guess I haven't answered yours of 30 April. I have been running around too much these days. Have just finished translating for the Avocado Yearbook an excellent article on cherimoyas in Spain and am settling down to my Manual in Spanish. I was glad to learn from you that that grand old Dean of horticulture, H H Hume, was able to come to the Washn meeting. We don't get much news from the Washington clan; Nancy is the best correspondent. Hugh and I are keeping in fairly close touch these days because of mutual interests. I think he will get down here in a month or two. Karl Bowman wrote about Sal; last we heard she had gone to Tahoe, discharged at Langley Porter, but she was to see a psychiatrist Reno every week and take a lot of medicine. If Sal could only count of \$1000 a month to give her physical help and let Ed go on playing around I think she would get by, even with all the kids for they are fine little kids. I thought little Hugh a splendid tot; if it ends up by out-taking him to raise Sal says Ed is now going to build another house (to sell I guess? she says) when he finishes the one in which they are going to live. But what is Ed going to do at Tahoe, permanently? Poor little Sal.

Hombre, don't kid yourself that you are going to get what you call a "good rest" when you retire at the end of this month. But you will be happier without it. Don't figure on making \$50 per diem, standard rate for consultants, just figure on putting your experience to work and being useful for the actuaries don't say we are going to live to 100.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

June 30, 1960

Dear Wilt:

You hit it pretty close - today is the last one for both Bob Hodgson and myself. I spent part of Monday and Monday night in Santa Monica with him and with Art Christie at the annual meeting of the State Agricultural Council and we had a good time "chewing over" old times - both here as students and in all the years since, because we have been very close in various activities. Hodgson will be back at the University in Los Angeles on half time, to do some teaching and other activities. They want me to teach my course in Comparative World Agriculture during the next Spring Semester here in Berkeley, but January 1st is soon enough to think about that. At the moment they also wish me to monitor a new colored television series on agriculture, sponsored by the University of California, and backed by NBC. But we will see how that will work out. I'm loathe to get tied up to a fixed schedule for anything, at least for awhile. I still have the South Pacific Commission, and will go down there in the fall; and I am still on the Advisory Council of the National Arboretum, which finally received its first chunk of money for the new building which will be the big project back there. That place is really looking up, and I have just accepted another three years' appointment on the Advisory Council. Also, we are getting going on the arboretum we have planned for Davis over the years, which more or less sunk after I left, but we are getting a committee set up - as a matter of fact, I have \$5,000 right now as a beginning gift, and can dig up plenty of others. So I have more than enough to keep me busy. I'm going to the Bohemian Grove on July 15th.

I wish you could have been here for my "debut" party. It certainly was a stemwinder, and I'm still trying to get back to work and down to business. Also, I'm not kidding myself about believing all the many very nice things they said. They sounded awfully good, but it's pretty heavy wine! Likewise, the volume of letters; Emma and I can read only two or three of them at one sitting. The Scholarship Fund of around \$5,000 will be used for a foreign student each year, alternating between Davis and Berkeley.

We had a card from Sally the other day. She has the latest baby up at Lake Tahoe with her and she seems to be very happy and is getting along very well up there. I certainly hope it works out this time. She has been through much too much, and deserves something better.

You're right - those youngsters are a fine gang and I look forward to seeing them again when I go down to Stockton, unless they will have moved up to the Lake. I'll call up Ed's folks and find out before I go down next time. Little Hugh is a great little person.

What do they want with temperate fruits in Haiti when they can grow such good tropical ones? I suppose they want them up there on the ridge above Kensskof, where Chick Lee has his flowers. They did raise peaches when we were there, but they weren't much.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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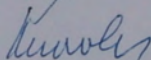
June 30, 1960

Ben Morrison called up last night from Mississippi - just like him! He called up just before I went to the hospital last summer. He's very much a part of our family, and we have always been very close. He said they are having a six weeks' drought down there, but otherwise everything is booming.

I saw George and Alice Hodgkin while in Santa Monica. They were just coming into the hotel to attend the meeting, when I left, the day before yesterday. I wasn't staying for the entire program. George had a \$25,000 crop on his own avocado orchard this year, and of course the bottom dropped out of prices because of mismanagement with Calavo. They certainly fouled things up when they kicked out George and the old experienced management, and these youngsters came in with no experience and a lot of industrialized ideas, and just about wrecked it. We have had avocados here for 5¢ apiece and less! So you know the grower isn't getting anything out of it.

The best to you both. I'll be pounding out a line to you on my own electric one of these days when I really get squared away.

As ever,



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Antigua, Guatemala, 27 Oct 1960

Dear Knottles:

Longtime since I have heard from you, and long time since I have written you. I am wondering if you have flown back to your Happy Hunting Ground, the South Pacific, or just what. Ça ne fait rien de tout.

Helen and I took a little vacation in Peru, with Hugh and Kitty Coolidge, daughter of my old chief T. Jefferson Coolidge, who died a couple of years ago. Very interesting, but I dont find travel quite as much fun as I did back about 1920. But it is fun to see Hugh enjoy it!

I had thought of going up to Florida about thend of Nov to attend the mtg of the Soil and Crop Sc Society and then take in the Caribbean Conference, but I am pretty well convince that I am not wanted at the Caribbean Conf because I have opposed their treating subjects wh I think have political slants - such as the oil business. So I think we shall stick around here until next Easter when we plan to have the annual mtg of the Caribbean Region, ASHS, in southern Florida. I sure want to attend that. And I have offered to act as host to the jefes of UNICEF from all parts of America, about 20 Nov here in Antigua. The Board of Trustees of EAP meets in NY on Nov 21 but I dont think I shall go. I cant be of any help. The program has taken on slents with which I cannot agree and it will just be a source of irritation if I go and speak my mind. For example, I do not agree that we should take students anywhere from Point Barrow to Tierra del Fuego, wh is already the announced policy. I want to see the school limited to Latin Americans from the tropical or subtropical areas. They want to speed up the work, with the trimester system, and turn out in 3 calendar years men who can go to the States aspost-grads and get an MS in one year. I realise that this trend is inevitable but I think maybe we are hitting it a little too fast. The 600 boys I turned out are mainly in work where their practical training is very useful; if we go too strong on the academic side we are going to turn out too many white collar bureaucrats or so it seems to me. And as you know, they have made a high school diploma (what is called down here a bachillerato) a requirement for admission. Well, this year they took in more than 75 boys and at the end of the first semester only 46 are left; the others have quit, in the main; too high hat for our kind of education.

SOUL STAYS:

Guess I shall stop griping; it dont do no good nohow. I am giving a lot of time to development of temperate climate fruits in the tropical highlands. Am assisting on projects in Salvador and Nicaragua and Costa Rica and Colombia and Venezuela. You ask what do the Haitians want with apples when they have so many mangos? Reminds me of the story I was told about a gringo who asked, What do these Haitians do for a living? and the rply was, They sell mangos to each other.

Let me hear from you and in the meantime and always

Antigua, 2 Nov 1960

Dear Knowles:

Some time ago I wrote you that the lads in Haiti had written me about temperate zone fruits for - as you suggested - the back yard of Chick Lee's place at Kenscoffes or some such region; and I made some recommendations re the varieties we have found here to have the lowest chilling requirements.

This problem of apples and pears and plums and peaches and so on, for the tropical highlands, is gathering momentum, and it seems quite probable we shall have a symposium on the subject at the meeting of the Caribbean Region, ASRS, next Easter week.

Now, you know your Haiti pretty well, or ought to, and I wonder what we could say about the possibilities of plums and peaches at any rate. I haven't much hope for apples, except crabs, at elevations below 6000 feet. It wouldn't be a bad idea to grow some of the better crabs; we are already trying to do it - and have a little apple sauce now and then, even if we cannot grow Yakima Valley apples down here.

Where are there decent soils for fruit trees in Haiti, at elevations about 4000 feet? How much higher are there some good soils let's say at 5500 or 6000 feet. And anything higher than that? We have found that we can't use very wet regions such as the upper slopes of Irazú in Costa Rica. We need regions like the plateaux of Mexico and Guatemala and some of those pretty dry and high valleys of Ecuador and Colombia.

Give me your ideas, Knowles, keeping in mind that we can grow peaches at these latitudes, as low as 3500 feet; and that we can grow American grapes right down to sea level; and we can grow strawberries as low as 2500 feet though better at 5000; and we could grow Japanese persimmons if only you would send us a lot of seeds (I suppose you will snap back at me, Yes, I suppose you want seeds of Hachiya Tane Nashi, which you know darn well are seedless). But the point we are finding that kakis grown from seed down here make much better trees than those grafted either on kaki or virginiana roots, a bear a lot of fruit. So I am going to see if I can't get from you a big batch of seed of some of the varieties Glen St Mary offshoots are not seedless but still pretty good persimmons.

Oh Gosh, if I only had the strength I had 25 years ago of things I could do!

Ever yrs,

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Dear Walt

Nov 18 - 1960

Back at the old stand and I wish you were here with me. I'm back in the National Artobations sessions today and fly back this evening on a jet, to be on hand at the Big game with Stanford tomorrow. It's in Berkeley, and ought to be fairly even, Stanford hasn't won a game this year and the score only one.

I came back a few days early to do South Pacific Comm. business, it's been a perfect week clear sunny and warm, almost summer.

Paul & Betty have been here and I went to his lecture the other evening with Edith, and Chuck's wife. Helen after having dinner with them. I had seen Paul in a long time, Betty stood at Elvira's table sitting so he could come.

He was here in a long wheel about Sally and I'll call up Dr. Halley in Stockholm when I get back. I intended to hope I came east, but was wished getting back from the South Pacific, going to Hollywood for two T. V. shows I'm going to cut down this P. O. business, it's too confusing.

Edith tells me Hugh is coming up for Hank Kagony. Ed certainly like to see him. Fuir's Nancy and Maxey and their families, hope to see Nancy in Santa Barbara before too long.

I had hoped to see Wayne Rutz at the Sand Grant meeting here, but didn't get around to those sessions due an invitation to the Caribbean Conference but it comes at the same time as the Exchange of Persons Conference in S. F. and I've got the workshop on

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Cappuccino, Frosting & Home Econ. to handle
out there.

I'm sorry to see the heads at Samaras,
we so need the type of training you were
giving.

I'll answer your queries about deciduous
varieties when I've had a chance to talk
to the Davis brethren on any new ones
that might stand up under those conditions.

At the F&C Club birthday here the other
night old Doc Scofield was here looking
young as usual, asked about you, Johnny,
Graf - and I'll be with him today. He is
Secretary to the Artreheim group. Mel Judt
didn't come down. Bill Mann passed on while
I was in the Lo Pac. Sean Hunt won't be up

from meeting today. I understand his wife
and well. He's a great chap. I've urged Hugh
to make his acquaintance, for he's a rare soul.

Keep the Unceasing boys out of the revolution
banging away down your way. They love to
see you both, indeed Emma would join were she
here

Come to yours
Kuno

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, November 27, 1960

Dear Paul

When I got back home, I phoned the Halleys in Stockton but the Halleys were out. I talked with the woman who has helped with the youngsters for a long time and she said that Sally was going very well, that Hughie was up there with them too, and that they would probably come down for Thanksgiving, that Ed had a job and was working. I had a brief chat with little Peter, but he didnt remember me much from my visit last spring.

I called again on Wednesday evening hoping to find Sally there but Dr. Halley said they wouldnt get down until late afternoon on Thursday. He reported that she seemed to be coming along fine as long as she took her medicine regularly, that they were about to move into their house, in fact had planned to take up the furniture this week end if here hadnt been so much snow and ice on the road. We were out for dinner late in the afternoon and early evening on Thanksgiving, but Sal called about the time we got back and we had quite a visit, she seemed very cheerful, wanted news about everyone, said she was going to be mighty glad to get out of the trailer, that Ed had a job with the highway maintenance, clerical, keeping time etc, so that he had to be back on the job Friday morning, especially since snow was threatened and that meant extra men and extra work, so they were taking off about 10:30 that night, it seemed pretty stormy but I guess they made it.

I'll try to phone Karl Bowman this week and ask him about Sal and what he knows in addition and will report. I wont be down for another telecast until 14th according to present schedules. The program is now going on Sunday afternoon 1:30 or 2:00 on KCRA. called "Existence"

It was good to see you again in Washington, we didnt stay until the questioners gathered round you were through, Edith and Helen had to work the next mornig so we skipped out I'll give you folks a ring when I get down, best wishes from us both

Sincerely

Kunze
You can see I've not used better electric typewriter yet
I hit the "S" comma key everytime I hit another!

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 Decbr 1960

Dear Knowles:

Yrs of 27 November has come, as we say in Florida. Which reminds me of the little verse which was taught me by P H Rolfs' daughters about 48 years ago: "The spring has come, the snow has went, it was not did by accident. The birds have flew as you have saw, back north again, by Nature's law".

It was mighty good of you to check up with Doc Fallay about the kids. I am sending your letter on to Paul because I dont think much news seeps through. Sally hasnt mentioned Ed's job with the Highway Maintenance Dept. That is good news; though in the back of my mind sticks Karl Bowman's comment. I said "I am sure we can get Ed a job" and Karl's reply was "Getting Ed a job is easy, but will he keep it?" Well, we will give Ed the benefit of the doubt. Last news from Gal was - as I believe I have told you - that he had been promised a job running a snow plow this winter. I wonder howmany days a year they have have to run snow plows at Tahoe.

I had thought of writing Dorothy Fenzi that Nancy and Bob are now in Sta Barbara. Dorothy is a fine person and I would like Nancy and Bob to know her. I wonder if you have any recent news of Franco? I wrote him from Spain a couple of years ago but never got an answer. When we were in Rome we had a wonderful evening with him. I wrote Donald Peattie about Nancy and Bob. I am not sure you knew Don when he was with SPI in Washington. You of course know that he appears in Readers Digest about 4 or 5 times a year. His health is not good. He had a tough time three or four years ago, almost passed out.

Mighty sorry to hear from Art Schroeder that they are cutting out the agr college at UCLA and moving to Riverside - I gather - and Art iz going to stay at LA and teach botany. All just goes to prove that you were right when you opposed putting the agr college in Hollywood. Last time I was there Bob told me that they had to provide parking space for 8000 student cars and this meant eliminating 8000 avocado trees or something of the sort.

Incidentally, and apropos de rien as you would say, we are lining up things for the meeting of the Baribbean Region, ASRS, in the region of Miami, Fla, for next easter week - I believe it starts March 27. I am not on the visiting committee or the program committee or even the finance committee, but I wish you could keep this meeting in mind, because maybe you could be with us there - though I suppose you will be in Rarotanga or Quenoy (I hope not) or Kilimanjaro. I wished you had not mentioned this leisure time business in your last letter - I have a cracked lip. Sounds to me as though Ben Morrison is the only guy who has really retired - no, I will take that back. Jim Kempton has the rest of us backed offn the map. I hear from Ben every once in a while; I have wished we could have brought him down to tropical Am where he could be useful in many ways; I doubt that he is the best maker of corn pone in Mississippi.

Ever yours,

Antigua, Guatemala, 9 Dec 1960

Dear Knowles:

Looks like as if I am getting too deeply involved in this program of temperate zone fruits for the tropical highlands. Rather strange that I should drift out of avocados and mangos, doesn't it? Well, I really haven't drifted, but there just does seem to be something in this deciduous fruit business. I think I told you that Damon Boynton wants the boys at Davis to get in on it. They should. We have agreed to leave the formal discussion to the meeting of the Caribbean Region ASHS here in Guatemala in 1962. In the meantime, we are getting close to the Miami mtg of ASHS and it seems to be complicated by the organization of a Caribbean Division of the American Society of Phytopathology, which is a good thing in its way, and I am for it, provided they can swing it. There have been so many of these new organizations (beginning with Earl Bressman's Interamerican Society of Agricultural Sciences of which I held the first membership card and perhaps almost the last!) and we down here have so few! I would like to see us all stick together, have meetings with sessions devoted to fruit crops and vegetable crops and pathology and entomology and so on; but it isn't going to work that way and I have no idea as to the best way to keep us all together. We are not the IBS nor the AAAS. Well, we shall see what we shall see at Miami, or as you would say, nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir. And in the meantime, I am interested in seeing how Turrialba develops under the new set-up.

Let us know if you get any more news of Sally, and how Ed gets along with his job. It is mighty good of you to take such an interest in that kid; she is a dear and she has had a tough time of it.

Ever yrs

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
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Sunday January 8, 1961

Dear Wilt,

This is ~~just~~ a hasty line to make a brief report on Sally and Co also warn you that I maybe getting a chance for a couple of days ,with you folks next month.

First .as to Sal, - I called up Dr. Halley the other day- New Years since I handt been able to get them Xmas and surmised that they might be up at Tahoe with Sally and her family, - which they were. He reported that she is getting along well as long as she keeps to her medication, inferring that now and then she might not both the boys are up there with her now, leaving only the ~~babxxx~~ little girl Ann- or is it Mary- down in Stockton, they have moved into their house, and Ed has his .job with the highway division, where he is despatcher and time keeper. They have a phone now and I called Sal the other night and had a good visit wihh her, she seems to be cheerful .and enjoying the house with equipment, heater water heater and all that.

Hal Coolidge and the Ex Comm for the ~~SEXX~~ Pacific Science Congress want me to go to Mexico for a few days to urge the Mexican govt to send a delegation to Honolulu to the congress next summer. I will plan to get away early in February and if I CAN ~~MAKE IT~~ make it . will come down a couple of days early to Guatemala or else come ~~xxx~~ down ,after I am through from Mexico , and jet ,back straight to S.F. from Guatemala ,which we can do now. Will you folks be around about that time or not, I thought you might be going off oon some trip or ,other..

Our love to you both, must skip and get this into the mail, will write more later,

Hastily

Knowles

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 13 Jany 1961

Dear Knowles:

Well, that news is not so bad. I mean the idea that you are going to drop in on us very shortly. Swell! We shall be here all of Feb and at least the first half of March. We are thinking of leaving about April 1st for a summer in Spain. Now here is what you do: let us know in advance when you are going to arrive, and better send a radiogram "Wilson Popenoe Antigua (Guatemala) Via Tropical Radio". They dont charge you for the "Via Tropical Radio" and it insures more prompt delivery than messages via All America Cables. Tell us whether you are on Taca or Pan Air and what flight number. We will meet you at the airport. If anything should go wrong and we are not there, just grab a taxi at the airport and say "Casa Popenoe, Antigua, Vámonos".

You are awfully good to keep us informed about Sally; we get very little news direct and I have never been able to get any out of Doc Halley. That poor kid is certainly having a tough time of it and I dont like the idea that she has to depend upon medication to keep her going.

I wrote write more 'cause I hope to be seeing you so soon. Plan to stay here as long as you can. Much love from house to house.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

January 23, 1961

Dear Wilt:

I haven't had a chance to talk with the boys at Davis concerning temperate zone fruits for the tropical highlands, but I have written Reid Brooks, Department of Pomology at Davis, who would be interested in it, and I'll talk with him the next time I go to Davis. I had hoped to see him at the last meeting of our Arboretum Committee there but he was out of town.

I haven't the dates of the meeting in Miami but presume it is about now. It probably would come during the Christmas-New Year's holidays when Science meetings are the rule, since colleges are on vacation and the staff can get away. I would like to sit in on it and hear the discussions. I am interested that there is a Caribbean Division of the American Society of Phytopathology already underway. I agree that there are so many new organizations, and when adding them up (at income tax time) I am almost appalled at the number I belong to, and I'm beginning to drop out of quite a number of them now that I have retired. I don't feel professionally bound to help support them.

I don't know whether there is anyone at the College of Agriculture in Honolulu that is paying any attention to deciduous fruits; I don't recall running across any over there or hearing them discussed. But there must be some experience in it. I'll ask Howry Warner when he returns from Southern California later this month.

Let me know what happens at the Miami meeting.

Best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Knowles

Knowles A. Ryerson
Dean Emeritus

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PS I'll have my trip to Mexico worked out in the next few days and will advise you

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Dear Wilt and Helen,

Home again and a week ago we were sitting around your table in candle light, with an occasional bell or a distant auto to break the quietness. It was a real treat to be with you folks again and get caught up on the state of the universe and the price of aguacates in Antigua.

It was good that you didnt try and wait until the plane got away for there was one delay after another and we didnt get out until five oclock, and there is nothing much more dreary than waiting around in a crowded airport or station with no place to sit and talk or rest. The flight back was an easy one at 39,000 and ~~six~~ 4 hours and 50 minutes to Los Angeles an hour on the ground for customs and refuelling and I was home here at 11:30, not bad at all.

You spoke of some of the Burpee double snapdragons, Wilt, well here waiting on my desk were some trial flower packets from Burpee such as he sends out each year, and among them some of the snaps, one packet of a variety not to be sold to the general public until 1962, I am enclosing them both and hope that you get something out of them. Are you interested in their new marigolds or zinnias? They ought to grow ~~down~~ there and I have some packets of them~~x~~ if you would care for them to try.

The daffodils are out in force, and the weather perfect, it was clear today, the city almost within reach, and the whole bay spread out like a relief map, this place is hard to beat.

I called Sally this evening and had quite a chat with her, I could hear the youngsters playing in the cabin, she seemed very cheerful and wanted to know all about the trip and how you were. Not much snow up there at the present time.

Paul is speaking in Oakland tomorrow but we wont try and go down as we will be seeing them in Pasadena, and I heard him in Washington.

My basket of fruit well padded with woven mats came through fine without a break. The package will go to Sally tomorrow. I dont know why I didnt get some ties at the weaving place, for it is so hard to find things to bring back for men and boys from any place and such ties are just the thing. If convenient could Hugh include a half dozen with the shirts if he brings any up? I dont know what they are but I am enclosing a check for \$15 for shirts and half a dozen ties, whenever convenient for Hugh, if he isnt already up to his six months limit.

Thanks for helping at the Embassy and out at Scrimshaw's I got a great kick in seeing you meet your old students there and at the Embassy and at the sugar works, that is the real satisfaction. Time to turn in, our love to you both from us both, and "hello" to Maria and her helper

Comme toujours

Our love to Hugh when he turns up

Knowles

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 6 March 1961

Dear Knowles:

Yours of 19 Feb came this past week. We are sorry you delayed in departing. If you had taken AVIATECA this would not have happened, but of course you would have landed in Miami instead of Los Angeles.

Many thanks for the snapdragon seeds. Just exactly what I wanted. I am not so keen on the marigolds and zinnias; the latter mildew here very badly. I must get Dave Burpee to put me on his list for free samples like you seem to get. I helped him quite a bit some years ago when he was trying to establish a seed garden in Central America, to speed up propagation of some of their novelties of which you can only get one crop a year in the U S but two down here. He finally gave up the idea, I don't know just why.

Thanks for calling up Sally. I had a letter from her a few days ago which was quite encouraging. Hugh left here day before yesterday with three shirts and 6 neckties for you, total \$15, all covered by your check. The shirts are large size - they call them 16. I got them large for two reasons: they are going to shrink some, and if they don't shrink enough you can have the sleeves shortened etc, while if they are too small you are really stuck. If you want any more shirts, later, to give away, I can get them made at the factory here at \$4 each; the material is woven on the foot loom as you saw, and it will wear like a pig's nose.

Helen joins in much love to both of you.

Ever yrs



En route Portland to S.F.

May 19-61

Dear Walt,

I've headed back home after a speaking engagement down here in the interests of alumni self-help groups, giving a Smith Co yarn or two then about over a day to look over this fantastic citrus development in Tular County. The naval orange center has moved up here and thousands of acres have gone in. There are also quite a few olive plantings, believe it or not betting on a mechanical pick. The University is just setting up a citrus field station down here. I even saw a young pomegranate planting or two. It was fun to spend a day out among fruit orchards again.

It's very dry down here, one of the worst years in history, quite a contrast to the north coast where I spent the last week and at Ukiah, speaking at Bolinas on Monday. The rains have been nearer normal and spaced so that there is heavy forage on the hills, oaks & wild flowers, the country up there was never lovelier. The lumber industry is suffering from the building slump, blimps and the number of sawmills has been greatly reduced, they are even talking of closing one of the schools because of drop in enrollment, - a condition unheard of elsewhere.

Down here expansion is everywhere, farm lands going out of cultivation, industry subdivisions, highways. The Santa Clara Valley is gone already for all practical agricultural purposes, it hurts to see such wonderful orchards bulldozed out to put out a layer of closely packed houses.

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UNITED AIR LINES

The San Joaquin valley of Fresno, over which we
are now flying is cotton and vineyard, a still
green carpet good to see.

What are your plans for the summer? I'll head
for Honolulu in mid-August for the Pacific Science Congress
then home early in September, on to Wash. for briefing
for the South Pacific Comm. and down to Honolulu in
early October. The second U.S. Commissioner hasn't
yet been appointed, so it is up to me and Doc Osborne
and Allen Smith, who should be a regular member, to
carry the load. The U.S. will not host govt. in 1962
to the South Pacific Conference at Pago Pago. That is my
major headache now, for the facilities are poor & the
Congress has made a special appropriation for
new school buildings to be available for us and I'll
go in there en route to Honolulu to check up on progress.

How about your coming out to the Pacific Science Congress
and stopping in California to see Sal & Henry, Paul & Doris
and their families and us? We could keep a grand time
here and in the islands. You haven't been there for years and
you should see them. You and I and Henry could
take a sunny horizon at about about at the shore
from the beach of the Antigger Club and with
the troubles of the universe behind a tall cool one
I think it over, we want to see you. Albert & I both
hope to go out to the Congress as well as at Bay Rock.

We haven't been up to Tahiti yet to see Sal
but had a rat race here lately, but by his 16 in
of your things ought to quiet down. Our love
to you both of us affectionately
Kernoles

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
15 ARLMONTE DRIVE
BERKELEY 7, CALIFORNIA

Sunday evening
June 25, 1961

Dear Wilt,

Paul tells me that you are still in Antigua so I am sending this hoping to reach you there. I thought that you might be down in South America as Hugh had indicated earlier that you might be accepting some of the bids to do some consulting work that had been hanging fire from the past. I had hoped that you might come up with Hugh for awhile and then that you might come out here, and we still want you. I talked with Schroeder at the ASHA meeting at Davis, this week about getting you up to do some lecturing at UCLA and up here and probably at Riverside ~~and~~ next fall when the teaching resumes and we think that it can be arranged, I also talked with Reid Brooks of the Davis campus. I am spending time there on the arboretum, one of my pet projects that has lagged since I left up there, but we have it going again now.

Then you ought to get acquainted with your grandchildren, I talked with Sally a few minutes ago by phone, she has all her brood up there with her now, and she says she is about done in at night, otherwise they are feeling fine. Ed is not working now but is studying for a real estate salesman exam due at Sacramento on July 5, and has a job waiting for him if he passes. Quien sabe.

I received an LLD on the Davis commencement and that was the perfect place to receive it, the ceremonies were out on the Quad just after sundown, and many old friends were around I wish you could have been there. It was quite an occasion and it is nice to receive it from one's own institution.

Bob Hodgson was up at the ASHS banquet as a guest of honor, as Emma and I were, and we had a very pleasant evening of it. It is so pleasant to feel welcome back at Davis and wanted there. I couldn't be treated better, and I am looking forward to spending a lot of time up there.

Tomorrow morning I am off for Washn for a White House Food for Peace Conference, am to be on a panel Wednesday then will spend Thursday on SoPacComm affairs, leaving Baltimore at 6:15 in the evening and arriving back here at S.F. at 8:45 in the evening, not so bad.

We have had some very hot weather with much damage to fruit in the valley, I was in Sacramento to speak last Thursday noon and it was 111° official, my car was out in that for two hours, and must have been 125 plus by the time I crawled into it and headed for the bay. We had it 100° here in Berkeley the week before, a record. The cool fog is rolling in now, hardly see the street light, this climate is hard to beat.

Must hat the hay for they call for me at 7 in the morning, Emma joins me in sending our love, we think of you often, do come up this way Comme toujours,

Knowles

KNOWLES A. RYERSON
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March 31, 1961

Dear old Wilt,

What a week this must have been and how you have been in our thoughts constantly since the tragic word came through from Paul telling of Helen's sudden passing. I still cant believe it, for it seems only last week that we were sitting on the patio and riding down to the sugar country for that delicious lunch con cerveza, with the market under the giant ceiba tree on the way down. How glad I am that I got down for that visit with you both. I called Sally since with the snows one cant be sure that mail and wires get through, but Paul's word had reached her. I called Jim Kepton in S.F. and have told others who knew you and all wish to extend their sympathy and wish there were something they might do to be of help. The trouble is there is nothing much any of us can do at a time like this, especially at this distance except to "stand by" and let you know that you arent alone. I was a mighty rough trip for you to have to make back to Antigua and the big empty house, that would seem bigger and emptier and the echos louder, now that the voice you waited for came, no more when you entered. You have had happy life together, she has had to adapt her life to yours and the demands of the school and she left her mark on those young chaps as she helped them in the many ways that was the wife of the "boss man" can. Emma did that so well at Davis.

I am glad that you were with Hugh when the news came and I hope that he can come back down and spend some time with you or that you will go back to be with him as soon as the necessary affairs are arranged, you will need a change of environment and of mental air. We also hope you will come out here, with Herb and Paul, Nancy and Sally and all your friends, and we havnt seen much of you around here for a long time. I do think that it would help Sally to see you, Emma and I hope to get up there before we leave for Washington on the 13th, we will be gone until the 26th attending the arboretum advisory committee ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and taking some vacation visiting, I also have a bit of South Pacific, Comm business to do. I wish you could drop in at the Club and we ~~xx~~ could have a good round with the gang their.

This is Good Friday. My first visit to Antigua was on a Good Friday and I watched the parade with Maria from one of the windows in the big room. I expect the same parade will pass again just as it has from time immemorial, just as we saw the one recently, but on a larger scale because of the day.

I wish I could go over to San Francisco and take a nonstop plane to Guatemala and come on up to Antigua to be with you awhile, I will be there in spirit for you are constantly in my mind. Emma joins me in sharing all our love and deepest sympathy. If there isnt anything at all we can do here do let us know, Affectionately

Knowles

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May 29, 1962

Dear Wilt,

I dont know where the time goes, seems it wasnt long ago that I got back from Apia with my arm in a sling and a shoulder that wouldnt do much, and here I am about go go back again, and summer is here. It is almost two years since I retired and I havnt begun to start on the things that I have planned to do.

I have been asked to go out a week early ahead of the South Pacific Conference, and look over the needs of Western Samoa for technical aid, and report back for AID the organization replacing ICA. The new Head of State of Western Samoa is making requests direct to the White House, but as the UN has a team down there now, we can ease along until we see the results of their survey. After a week in Apia I will return to Pago Pago where the U.S. will be host to the Fifth South Pacific Conference, the meeting of native leaders of the 18 major island groups from New Guinea to Tahiti which the Commission holds every three years, the ~~last~~ last one was in New Guinea. There is only one other chap in Washr who has been through one of these sessions so I wont have much experienced help, as Sr. U.S. Commr. I will be presiding. It is quite an affair and there will be plenty of interest among the delegates, with the New Guinea situation, the independence of Western Samoa, the racial troubles of Fiji and the attempted commie in penetration in the South Pacific area. I wont leave Pago until August 5 and will return to New Caledonia for our annual meeting of the Commission in October, -- otherwise it will be a quiet summer!

When do you think you will be coming out this way? I hear rumors that you are giving an occasional lecture and are getting around some. Are you going down to the hort meeting in Turrialba? Art Schroeder is driving down with his family. Bob Hodgson should be back from his stint in India soon. Al and Mary Thille were up for Charter Day at Davis when we dedicated an oak grove as a 100th birthday present to Judge Peter J. Shields the founder of the Davis campus, he and Mrs. Shields were present, Chief Justice Warren came out from Washn to be speaker, he is an old friend of the Judge's and of the Davis campus. I did the presentation honors for the University. We are having a lot of funddeveloping the arboretum on the Davis campus, Al Thille is one of my advisory council and has contributed substantially as well.

We havnt gotten up to see Bal yet, my bum shoulder kept me from driving any distance until recently, on the phone she seems to be cheerful and of course Edith spent several days with her when she was out some weeks back. We had to give up driving south earlier, so didnt see Nancy and her family.

Our love to you both and my best to Dean Hume and Wayne Reitz as you see them. Hugh a lot fo folks ask about you at Davis and as I meet the alumni around. Give us a report,

As ever, *Knowles*



COSMOS CLUB

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Berkeley, Cal.

July 6, 1961

Dear Wilt,

This was to have been started in Washn. and I even took this paper on the plane thinking I would get a letter to you writing on the way home, but I didnt, for by the time you look at the paper while they are getting ready to serve dinner, then eat, you are already letting down over the Sierras for a landing at S.F. it is some difference.

I was in Washn last week for the White House conference on Food for Peace, and remained over to get some much needed South Pacific Commission business done. The second Commissioner hasnt been appointed to replace Alex Spoehr, of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, and with the shifts in the State Dept. there is no one left in the Dependent Areas office under which I work, who has ever been to a SPC annual meeting or to the SP Conference which is the native leaders meeting that the Commission holds every three years, bringing in the native leaders from the 17 island groups from New Guinea to Tahiti. The U.S. is host country next year for this meeting to be held in Pago Pago, so I am an old, aging barnacle representing the U.S. with an able alternate Doc Osborne of the Public Health Service who is the only one left in Washn who has been out to the sessions of the Commission for the past several years, so life continues ~~xxx~~ far from dull in the South Pacific.

I leave August 18 for Honolulu and the Pacific Science Congress I wish you would join us outk there. It will be a real round up and a lot of fine folk to see, many old friends of yours better dust off the old kit bag and come along.

I called up Sally the night before I left for Washn in order to have the latest news for Edith as well as ourselves. She has all the youngsters up there now and admits it wears her down. Ed was to take a real estate license exam yesterday and has a job waiting if he makes it,

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[6 July 1963]



COSMOS CLUB

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

I will let you know as soon as I hear as to the outcome. We havnt been able to get up to the lake so far, seems that there is always something coming up, like the Washn trip, I had planned a clear week at home to get some long awaited things done, then chucked the whole thing when our University ~~pre~~ Vice Prex Harry Wellman, and my old boss~~x~~ asked me to ~~take~~ take on the Food for Peace Deal. There was much brass, including Kennedy himself, but not much discussion and it leaves some rather important questions in folks' minds.

There were few of the old timers around the club, and I didnt eat there except breakfast and a lunch. I did see Leighty.

I do wish you would come on up here, Wilt, it just isnt good for you to be staying there alone in that big house at this stage of the game. It would do Sal a world of good to see and visit with you, and the kids are worth the trip alone anytime, - she really needs some one of her own around for she is carrying a mighty heavy load. Then we would like to see you around here and at Davis, and we hope to have some lectures lined up for the fall semester. Also the Florida folk want to see you and you could have a good time at Gainesville with Hugh, Dean Hume, Wayne Reitz and your other old friends there, and Daisy Beal and her family down Coconut Grove way. It is only a short hop over there, I urge you to do it.

I saw Bob Hodgson at Davie at the ~~Soc~~ Amer. Soc. for Hort Sci. banquet, he, Emma and I were guests at the party and had a fine time. Bob goes to India for Rockefeller in September for six months.

I am getting in some yard work, long over due. The cymbidiums are about done, they have been glorious for several months. I have some persimmons set on the espalier, but they may drop as in the past, the last of the Japanese iris was picked yesterday, they also have been fine.

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[6 July 1961]



COSMOS CLUB

WASHINGTON B, D. C.

I havnt heard from Nancy since her return, but she has a busy time off with her youngsters, I hope we can get down there before I leave for f~~ew~~ SOPac. The ties that Hugh got for me on his last trip have arrived, they make fine gifts for friends on various occasions.

We are off to Santa Cruz tomorrow to see Bob Burton and Lucy, and the youngest daughter who with her family have arrived from Michigan where her husband is top research head for Ford tractor division, he is an old Aggie, one of our top Ag Engr students, was ag engr for the Pineapple Institute in Honolulu for several years and I used to see them as I passed through each year Now the youngest Burton son, also a Davis boy is the Agr Engr for the same Institute, keeping it in the family so to speak, both are fine chaps and we ,take a family pride on both of them.

Do write and let us know how youx are and to say that you will be coming up. Emma joins me in sending our love to you

Comme toujours,

Knowles

[Knowles Ryerson]

[Feb 1963]

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Dear Wilt,

Just a hasty line to catch you (I hope) before you leave for Antigua. I am enclosing another print of the shot of Dean Hume and Johnny Graf, for apparently the ~~xxxx~~ other and letter didnt get to you. If it has caught up with you, give this one ~~to~~ to Hugh, and I am getting another print made for ~~you~~ ^{Hugh} of the four high binders at Samarano, for I want him to have one also.

Hal has been here all last week, he is taking over the operations of Cutter Laboratories in Mexico as Manager, so this means we will see him back here from time to time and that makes us very happy, same old lovable Hal, a regular son if there ever was one. He and Hugh make up much of the ~~de~~ aptness in our hearts when our own didnt live.

I leave Monday for Honolulu and the inaugural of the new Prexy of the University of Hawaii, Dr. Hamilton, and I will take a few days more to work on the rhinosceros beetle project for I will remain on the research council of the SoPacomm and have been asked to serve on the international committee to plan and direct the project if the substantial grant from the Special Fund if the U.N. comes through and it seems promising. I will have some good visits with Howry and hope to go over to Kauai I have never been there and I would like to see that rain forest an some of the other plants.

It is good to see that Hugh is being recognised and is being used where his special talents can be effective I wish we could see that rascal. Our best to John and his family I hope he gets good enough support down there oso he can do some really productive work in subtropical hort.

I have got to get down town, pick up the car, get some more paragoric-- I have eaten something wrong, and have a fever of almost 101, dammit. Went down and had my midweek cup of coffee with Admiral and Mrs. Nimits, ^{his room} I am wearing his cap and gown at Bharter Day ~~here~~ Friday and out in Honolulu at the installation ceremonies. I wore it when I got my LLD a couple of years ago. I wish you could know him.

I wish I could hear ~~your~~ Ex DF speech,-- its a long time ~~since~~ I was down there

Emma is over in S.F. with a faculty wife, doing some shopping and going to a matinee this afternoon, she would want to ,add her love were she here

Comme vous

Knowles

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March 10, 1963

Dear Wilt,

It was good to get your letter and all the news, somewhere along the line you must have missed a letter of mine for I wrote before we went south, and sent you a picture of Dean Hume and Johnny Graf. Emma and I went to S. Cal. a little over three weeks ago. We stopped at Santa Barbara for the week end and had a good visit with Nancy and her family, those kids are growing to beat the band. Bob was just back a couple of days from seeing you and Hugh and telling about all those oysters, I've got to get back there before you and Hugh eat 'em ~~ix~~ all up.

We also had lunch with Sam Mosher at ~~xx~~ his Dos Pueblos Rancho along the Goleta coast where he grows his wonderful orchids,-- he sent me up 15 cymbidiums in large redwood ~~XXXX THIS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO~~ (d--m that key @!) tubs he also has avocados, citrus, herefords, carnations-- and oil wells, he is on the board of regents, was in the '16 class with Bob Hodgson and I. We didnt get a chance to look up Dorothy Fenzi.

We stoped for lunch with Albert and Mary Thille both ging down and coming back, Al was up this last week for a meeting of the arboretum advisory council at Davis, and then that night I took him over to the Bohemian Club for dinner and a minstrel show, - great fun.

We had an evening with Buddy Ryan and Inez, and also I was down with Buddy, Albert, George Hodgkin, and all the rest at San Andreas canyon, the old gang that Doc Clements got together years ago, it is always a treat.

We are immensely proud of Hugh, and while it would be a lot of fun to remain at Gainesville indefinitely, yet these foundations need good young scouts and there arent many of them around who have had real experience, and Hugh has, and has a lot of savvy to go with it, more power to him.

Emma and I just had a good visit with Sally on the phone a few minutes ago, she says they may come down by summer when Ed plans to go back to school and get his degree in about a years time. His folks dropped in ~~on At~~ ^{San At}, Nancy's the Sunday night we were there, he is on some boat harbor commission. *Dr. Halley*

We will be back in Washn the end of April for the Nat. Arboretum Advisory Council, wish you would be there around the club. It is fine that you are to give the DF memorial lecture, wish I could listen in on it, send it to me when it appears.

Today's paper carries the announcement that I have been expecting-- that the President has appointed Senator Long of Hawaii to omy spot as Sr. Commissioner on the South Pacific Commission, these appointments have gone political for the first time, but I have more than my share of that

experience out there. The only remaining matter that I was particularly concerned about was the review conference that was supposed to have been held in November to work out a new agreement between the several govts in the light of the 15 yrs experience of the Commission. I happen to be for better or worse, the only one in or out of the State Dept that has had continuous experience with the Commission beyond ~~the~~ a year ago last summer. I go back to the start 15 yrs ago. State has asked me to help on technical matters and that has been my contribution so far, mostly anyway. I do hate to see political appointments and payoffs being made on a Commission that is supposed to be an advisory body on non-political matters. Our delegation, has been one made up of specialists, technical men, and the entire Commission has leaned on it for help at the sessions.

I am going out to Hawaii on the 25th to represent the University of California at the inaugural of the new prexy of the University out there, so Howry and I will have some good sessions of the horizontal club on the beach.

I am glad that Bert Muller is going down at Samarano and will see that the institution gets back on the track where it belongs and you can help a good deal on that. I would have liked to have been on that Board when I was going to Turrialba for I have been convinced that we need more of the Samarano type of institution in Latin America and elsewhere around the world and would have liked to have had more experience with it, - but I surely have had an unusual experience as it is, you and I both, we have been mighty fortunate.

Wish you could see the pation with all the cymbidiumsx azaleas all abloom and the early dwarf iris, we are way early out here. I did some ~~xx~~ late persimmon grafting when I got back from south putting some Fuyu and Tamopan scions on my espaliered Hachiyas and on Adm. Nimitz' Hachiya none of which have been bearing. I think they are on lotus root and drop their fruits long before maturity.

Give John and his family our best, wish we could see them all, and if Hugh is with you down there give him a good share also, I have just had an enlargement made for him of the photo taken at Samarano the time I presented you with a ~~xx~~ medal, - Meyer or Am. Pomology, - it shows you, Dean Hume, Dr. Merrill and myself, and I thought Hugh might like a print of that bunch of horticultural highbinders.

Hal gets in here tomorrow for a week at Cutter Laboratories, he has been in Mexico going over his new job in charge of that company's Mexican operations, he is back in New Hampshire with his family this week, then here and in a week goes down to take over his new responsibilities we hope to see him more often now that his company's hqts are here in Berkeley.

Our love ~~xx~~ to you from us both, and do get out, this way one of these times.

Comme toujours,

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Berkeley, Cal.

May 10, 1963

Dear Wilt,

Emma and I got back a little over a week ago from Washn where I attended the spring meeting of the National Arboretum advisory council. It would have been fine if you could have sat around the club with me and some of the old timers who dropped in. Johnny Graf is secretary of our council, and we had a couple of nice evenings with them. The arboretum is coming along, the building will be occupied before the fall meeting, but we wont plan to dedicate it until a year from now when the planting has been done, the folks settled in their new quarters and the place working. It was a little early for some of the azaleas, but they were a grand sight at that. The pink and white dogwoods all over town were more lovely than I have ver seen them. Emma spent most of the week in bed at the hotel with a bad cold, we did get out on a Sunday to have dinner with Edith and her family Pete was there with his new bride, a half-Danish, half-French girl who seems very nice. Chuck and Helen came over and are busy fixing up their new home, this leaves Hugh as the only hold out in the family, the scoundrel. Emma and I talked with Sally last Sunday as we try to do fairly often, she keeps mighty busy with those youngsters,-- and the weather man reports that it is snowing there again this morning.

So you didnt get a notice of my degree? It only is one more @vidence of a foul up of the mails, for you have missed more than one letter from xme, you were sent an invitation for the affair two years ago, and I wrote you about it, I'll see if I have another copy of the program, it was quite and affair, at the Davis commencement . A new dormitory just being completed is also to carry my name, it is nice to feel a part of the Davis campus again, I spend a good deal of time on the arboretum as one of my main projects now.

Last Friday George Harrar received an honorary degree at Davis at the annual Charter Day exercises, and gave the main speech of the day. It was good to get him out here and he did a good #job as usual. We talked a bit about Samarano but there wasnt much time with all the folks around.

I am enclosing a good photo of Bill Hertrich that I took when down there last Febryary, he looks fine, but his wife confided that his sight is failing, but since he didnt mention it, I didnt . We walked all around the place and you couldnt detect it except at his desk when he came to read. He has been a real topper in horticultural circles don South, and I owe him more than any prof in what I have learned.

Emma and I and John and Dorothy Graf attended a Pomona College round up in Washn, Pargon Hoyt was there, he is retired and living in Virginia. President Lyon was there.

It is still raining here, one of the coolest and wettest on record. It was cold and blustery in Washn, but yesterday it was 96 there, and I am glad to be home. *Spring*

Art Schroeder was in town a couple of days ago, I didnt get to see him but taked with him over the phone, he is *going*

to New Zealand and Australia on sabbatical, stopping in Tahiti Samoa and Fiji and wants some letters and names of hotels etc. He spoke of the coming home meeting in Mexico, and if I hadn't been away so much I would fly down, especially since Hal is now down there just taking over the handling of the Cutter Laboratory's operations in Mexico, I will send you his address so you might see him when you go up, and I hope you do, I will also tell him about the meeting when I get the dates. I wish I could have attended your big shin dig at Antigua last year, but three trips to the South Pacific kept me out of everything else. Where will you stay, back at the Cortes? It would be fun to be with you there again.

I wish you could see the cymodidiums in the patio, they are gorgeous, and the azaleas also, the Japanese iris are sprouting buds now - though we had one bloom on Xmas day such is the season.

I grafted some Fuyu and Tamopan scions on the espaliered Hachiyas in the patio, so far no sprouts, but I have one good Tamopan graft on Admiral Nimitz' Hachiya, and hope for the others, this tree and mine drop all their fruit, and I suspect are on lotus root, I am going to try some hand-pollination this season also.

The bay is gray and cloudy this morning, but they promise it clear for the week end. Sunday is Mother's Day and I will be thinking of Mother Popenoe and what a help she was to me during the long illness of Miss McNaughton, it surely was a life saver to go up and have a good repite on the veranda and a chance to talk, for she was such an understanding one we have been very lucky to have had her when we did.

It is early and Emma is still asleep, I have got to wind up my Washn expense acct sheet, and also the one for the University when I went out to Honolulu as U.C. representative at the inaugural of the new prexy at the University our there. Had a good visit with Howry and Mary, got over on Maui for the first time, but it rained most of the time I was out there.

I am off the South Pacific Commission as a Commissioner former U.S. Senator Oren Long of Hawaii has replaced me, these appointments have gone political. I am remaining on the research council to help on technical matters and have been asked to head the administrative board of the rhinosceros beetle control project if the half million dollar grant comes through from the Special Fund of the U.N. and it looks as though it would. The five govts involved have to match it, but that is certain. It will mean a trip out once a year probably. That is plenty, no more trips for me this year until the fall meeting of the ~~administrative~~ council of the National Arboretum next October. I will go up to the Bohemian Grove this summer, I missed last year for I was down in Samoa.

Keep that country down there quiet, cant you? What a mess in Haiti, far worse than when we were in the '20's, it is a good place to have been.

Comme toujours,

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Saturday evening May 25-63

Dear Webb

I don't know where this will catch you, for I've forgotten the date of the last meeting in Mexico, but anyway for your edification, enlightenment in higher education, here is the evidence of that "honorary" degree, and some other decorations including an article about Bill Kerlock, a picture of him that I took when we were south in February, also the Chouletay program a year ago when we gave it the name of oak to Judge Wheeler, the founder of the Davis Campus, on his 100th birthday. Also a post card showing the dormitory almost next to the one being finished that includes my name - ~~with~~ so I am in good company - you remember Prof. John W. Gilmore & this one is named for him.

After noon I had lunch with Torres-Rovisco at the Faculty Club and he asked about you and the young folk - I'm very fond of him.

Ema and I spent a couple of days at Davis this week. Dean Pegg's retirement dinner was Tuesday and Friday noon I spoke at the Davis chapter of the U.M. Association - over 300 at a luncheon meeting and a lot of old friends there.

Commencement week after that, then a quiet summer with a couple of weeks at the Bohemian Grove - and plenty of work in the field - see long from us both
Kiss long yours Knowles

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July 30, 1963

Dear Wilt,

I am just back from the Bohemian Grove and a very delightful time up there, I wish you could have been present you would have enjoyed it. And now Hugh will be here this coming Saturday, -- our wedding anniversary and what could be nicer to have him here with us, we are certainly looking forward to it.

I have a special reason for writing and one that I think you will agree is worth while. The new horticulture building at Davis still hasn't been named, several names have been suggested, and a strong drive in some quarters for Tufts, now retired, but I am pulling for naming it for Dean E.J. Wickson, the second dean of the College, and the pioneer in horticultural development, his "California Fruits and How to Grow Them" was of course our bible for many years, the only book available, it had gone through seven editions by the time I graduated in 1916, his editing the Pacific Rural Press and his writings on horticulture, including vegetables and ornamentals were our standbys over the years. The only memorial to him now is the Wickson plum named by Burbank. So will you get out that trusty typewriter and send a letter to Chancellor Emil Mraz at Davis supporting the naming of the Hort bldg for Wickson will be very helpful, he likes the idea but needs outside support. You know Wickson's contributions to California horticulture, so lay it on the line and get it in soon, for a decision is not far off. I am for recognising these old pioneers, they never get the thanks due them.

We go to Carmel next week for a week, then nothing on the travel schedule until the fall meeting of the national arboretum advisory council in Washn. I plan to take Emma back again, probably flying direct to Boston renting a car and driving around the fall colored New England country side for a week, then down to Washn, unless the season is late in which case we would go off up after the meeting.

If you get up to Mexico at all, look up Hal who is now in charge of the Cutter Lab. operations in all of Mexico and is enjoying this new job, he is much happier than with Sterling, his wife and boy have joined him there, they have been living with Florence in New Hampshire. We hope to see her when we go there.

Emma had a bad fall about a month ago, injured a blood vessel in one of her legs but it has about recovered now, lucky that no bones were broken. She joins me in sending our love, and write soon,

Comme toujours,

Knowles

Berkeley California ~~1963x~~

July 31, 1963

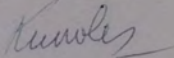
Dear Wilt,

Another addition to go in this same mail, I havnt answered your letter of June, and I am all for getting Hugh in the Cosmos Club and I think that he rates it. I will be glad to sponsor him and think George Harrar would be good, we also might get Jack Graf or Niel Judd, Jack is a past president as you know. We will need to have a list of his publications and while it wont be large at his age still ~~we~~ his work has warranted Rockefeller support and that is a recommendation in itself. I will talk with Hugh about it when he is here next Saturday. and get a time table as to his jobs and projects, then I can proceed from there.

Another matter also, -- ~~xx~~ Henry Skinner is having the old desk used by Secretary James Wilson, then by B.T. Galloway, and then ~~by me~~, rebuilt for permanent use in the new research and admin, bldg of the National Arboretum. He has asked me about its history and I have most of it, B.T. told me about it when he gave it to me when I came into FPI in 1928, I had it rebuilt and repaired when I became Chief and used it. I am wondering if you used it during the period that B.T. was at Cornell 1914-16? You were acting in charge of the ~~and~~ office during much of that time or were you off digging up more avocados and doing a little other work in Mexico? Any ~~the~~ information you may have about it would be greatly appreciated. I am glad that they are going to preserve it and put a plaque on it.

The new building at the Arboretum is going oto be quite a place, we have had a long battle to get it but they are moving into it now, we wont dedicate it until the spring meeting of the advisory council, so that they will be well settled, the landscaping in, and the ~~razaleas~~ in bloom. We hope to induce Ben to come ~~up~~ but that will be another job.

Comme toujours,



AIR MAIL