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Hotel Maurice
28 Marsella
Mexico 6 D.F.

July 5 '72

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Edith Ryerson kindly suggested
that I contact you before we come to
Guatemala.

We are planning to leave here
on July 22nd to Guatemala, and leave
back to San Francisco on July 26th.

First we will stay at Guatemala City, then
come to Antigua around 24th Monday.
I wonder if the old mansion is open
on Monday or Tuesday?

Chichicastenango sounds interesting,
but then probably we have to go
there on Sunday.

I hate to bother you, but would
appreciate your advice. We could
lengthen our stay if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Yasundo & Kawako
Takahashi

Mrs. Knowles A. Ryerson
15 Arlmonte Drive
Berkeley, California 94707

Dear Wilson,

This is to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Yasundo Takahashi about whom I wrote you earlier. Mrs. Takahashi is an artist and teaches me flower arrangement and he is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Berkeley.

Knowles and I will appreciate any courtesies that you can show them.

Sincerely

E. L. H.

Ibarra, March 23d. 1921

My dear Wilson:

I was glad to read your letter, dated February 26, and to be informed of the pleasant return trip to Quito you had.

Contrary to what I expected and told you also, I remained in la Rinconada untill the 11 of this month, on that date I came to the town. In la hacienda reached me your telegram and on Monday 14 your letter above refered to.

You ought not to mention what you call my "exceedingly generous hospitality". I shall only be too glad to see you again, and try to make your stay in Imbabura or el Carchi as pleasant as it can be for any one who is far away, from his folks and among strange people.

Do you know what is my desire? It is that any thing you got in the line of plants or seeds en las provincias del Norte, should reach its destination in the best condition, ^{except} but the aguacate budwood; in that way you have to collect some more, and since these aguacates you want to propagate in U.S.A. grow only in San Vicente, you must have to come again por estos trigos,; it will afford me the opportunity to see and entertain you a while.

I wonder where you are now; may be you are in Baños or in Guayaquilo or lost yourself in the forest of Loja. I wonder what address to write on this letter. Not nowing where to send it I am addressing it: c/o. de la Legación de los EE. UU., Quito. Shall those it reach you?

Will you be kind enough to let me know what is the answer you get from your Government about that fine idea of Pachano of Agricultural propaganda in South America by means of the Panamerican Office in Washington? I am deeply interested in its result, and shall be very glad to know it had been adopted in Washington. On my part, I assure you, it greatly pleases me, and shall do my best to see it in practice.

If you happen to see Pachano please give him my best regards and you ocupe con confiansa a su afmo, amigo.

J. F. Tamayo

[J. F. Tamayo?]

Ibarra, May 8th. 1921

My dear Wilson:

It was quite a surprise for me to receive your last letter from Quito, I believed you were in the south yet.

I wish you let me know of your coming up to Imbabura, just before you start from Quito. In regard to the indian you want to take a package of material collected in this section, to the Legation of your Country, I believe it is not a difficult matter. I am trying to engage one; of course I shall hold him conditionally: when you come you will see how much you can pay him for his trip down to Quito. If I succeed getting one I will telegraph you about it.

I am certainly very glad to know you are coming to Imbabura again, and of your expectation to remain up here one month. Certainly it will be very pleasant to go with you to La Rinconada, and I will try to have you there as long as you can; up there you may gather all kinds of plants and seeds you think worth awhile to collect.

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Your determination to come up on May, or there about, I think is a wise precaution. The roads at present are bad and muddy, and raining does not stop yet. Perhaps latter may change the weather, and traveling may be easier.

With my best regards I am yours faithfully

J. J. Yamaso

Ibama, Abril 20 de 1940

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Tula, Honduras. C.A.

Recordado Mr. Wilson:

Hace ya largo tiempo que no he visto sus apreciadas Comunicaciones. Imagino que continuará al servicio de la Compañía Frutera, y por tanto su centro de actividades lo tiene en Centro America y los demás países del mar Caribe.

Le quedaré muy reconocido, si Ud., como buen amigo que es, me hace el siguiente señaladísimo favor. Un primo hermano mío, llamado Gustavo Almeida G., viajó a fines del año pasado a los Estados Unidos; actualmente está residiendo en Hollywood, California. Fue a terminar sus estudios, en alguna institución docente de de ese país.

El grande favor que espero de Ud es que le insinúe a su hermano Pablo u algún buen amigo suyo, le preste al joven, ayuda y consejo para que ingrese a un buen instituto de educación y le guíe con sus consejos y le honre con su valiosa a-

mistad, que tan útiles le serán a este
joven pariente mío.

Ud. sabe, estimado amigo mío, que en
reciprocidad a esta señalada atención
suya, estoy listo a servirle en lo que me
sea útil, y de antemano le quedo muy
reconocido, por la ayuda que por su inter-
medio, reciba el joven, cuya dirección es:

Mr. Gustavo Almeida F.
1007 N. Edgemont

Hollywood, Calif.

Con un cordial apretón de manos se des-
pide su invariable amigo y S.S.

J. F. Tamaya

= [J. F. Tamaya?] =

P.D. - Si tiene oportunidad de ver a Jorge Be-
nitez, le pido saludarlo en mi nombre.



REPUBLICA DOMINICANA

SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE AGRICULTURA

SANTO DOMINGO, D.N.

ARR 21 1965

Señor
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
"El Zamorano", Tegucigalpa,
H O N D U R A S.-

Mi muy querido Dr. Popenoe:

Aprovecho un pequeño respiro dentro de mis ocupaciones oficiales, para agradecerle en cuanto vale su amable y cortés cablegrama de felicitación, con motivo de mi nombramiento como Secretario de Estado de Agricultura.

En primer término quiero significarle que, mas que por la oportunidad que me ofrece el cargo de servir celosamente los intereses del país en el campo de mi especialidad, me he sentido contento en saber la satisfacción que le ha producido mi nueva posición, como se desprende de su siguiente declaración: - "hace 20 años había vaticinado que algún Zamorano llegaría a ser Ministro de Agricultura y que al oír la noticia de que en la República Dominicana el señor Ligio Tavárez se convertía en el primer Zamorano que alcanzaba esa posición, podía ir feliz a la tumba.

Créame mi querido Dr. Popenoe que tal referencia ha conmovido profundamente mi espíritu y ha servido además para multiplicar en proporciones incalculables el respeto y la admiración que tanto yo como todos sus discípulos le hemos profesado, porque sin que usted tuviera necesidad de manifestarle, comprendíamos - siempre su honda preocupación por el porvenir de tantos jóvenes - que se han nutrido de su sabia experiencia y han podido no solo mejorar sus condiciones de vida, sino ofrecer servicios valiosísimos a sus respectivos países.

Gracias Dr. Popenoe, por el honor que me ha hecho y ojalá que Dios le permita ver muchos más de sus agradecidos discípulos - en posiciones que le causen la más legítima satisfacción como premio a la intensa tarea educativa que ha constituido el supremo ideal de su existencia.

- sigue -



REPUBLICA DOMINICANA

SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE AGRICULTURA

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Con el mayor respeto y la admiración de siempre le
saluda su discípulo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. A. TAVAREZ', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

AGRON. LIGIO A. TAVAREZ.

Dolga 4.27.97

Escuela Agrícola Americana:

Tu, querido e inolvidable Escuela, eres para mi como una madre que ha desmenuado sobre mí todos sus enseñanzas y me ha inculcado su perseverancia, decoro, y disciplina y todo lo demás atributo que un hombre se bien pueda obtener con orgullo.

La Escuela Agrícola Americana ha sido y sea la responsable directa del desarrollo de la agricultura Agrícola en gran parte de nuestra América tropical y a todos y a cada uno de nosotros nos toca la tarea sublime de hacer que sus enseñanzas fructifiquen.

Doctor Wilson Foberol

Educadores como Ud en el ramo agrícola son pocos y es difícil que nuestra Escuela llegue a tener en su seno un hombre tan prominente y tan sabio, como Ud. que por solo su presencia esta institución se ha un respetable venerada por todos. Doctor, yo te he prometido algunas y otras cosas, dejándote listas por que una vez cumplidos sean la primera una licencia para tener mis mas grandes ideales, y de seguir estudiando Agrícola de todo nunca se te guardado rencor, al contrario ajala que Dios siempre sea en compenio inseparable.

Alfredo Taylor

Ing. Salvador Sánchez Colín
Alejandro Dumas 24.
México, (5) D.F.

Marzo 5 de 1971.

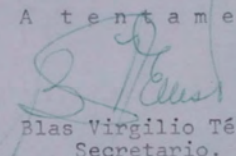
Sr. Dr. WILSON POPENOE.
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Sr. Dr. Popenoe:

Por instrucciones del señor Ing. Sánchez Colín, con la presente le estoy enviando el folleto intitulado "El Futuro del Aguacate en México" que contiene una conferencia dicatada en la Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León y que lamentablemente se omitió en el envío que anteriormente se le hizo a ud.

El señor Sánchez Colín desea también rogarle por mi conducto, le haga favor de decirle si permanecerá usted algún tiempo en La Antigua, o dónde podrá localizarlo para comunicarse con usted en caso de que necesite comunicarse con usted rápidamente.

A t e n t a m e n t e .


Blas Virgilio Téllez.
Secretario.

Antigua, Guatemala, 11 febrero de 1971

Sr don Egidio Tentori
Apartado 74
Comayagüela D.c. Honduras.

Muy estimado señor Tentori:

Estoy mandando una copia de esta carta al señor Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Mr Robert P. Armour, informándole que pueda entregar la madera de cedro a su bodega en Comayagüela, pues acabo de hacer arregles con don Arturo Falla para que le reciba en Guatemala City. La dirección de don Arturo es la siguiente: 15 calle-A, numero 10-62, Zona 10. No está muy lejos del Hotel Guatemala Biltmore, pero es un poco difícil llegar a la casa debido al hecho que la calle 15 no es continue de la Reforma, y hay que dar dos vueltas para coger la calle 15-A.

La madera la pueden dejar en el patio que indicará la sirvienta que estará en la casa, y don Arturo, que tiene camion que hace viajes a Guatemala desde su finca aquí cerca a la Antigua, me ofrece traerla a mi casa.

Mejor no dejar la cuenta por el traslado de la madera desde Tegucigalpa a Guatemala City en la casa de don Arturo Falla, pero mandársela por correo a Antigua, Guatemala, o si Ud prefiera, pueda mandarla al Zamorano

Siempre su muy atento y ss

Wilson Poponec



ENRIQUE SCHMID & EGIDIO TENTORI y Cia., S. de R. L.

COMAYAGUELA, D. C., HONDURAS, C. A.

ABRIL 5, 1971

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OFICINA PRINCIPAL

Tegucigalpa, D. C.
Apartado No. 74
Teléfonos: 2-0060 y 2-0061

SUCURSAL

San Pedro Sula
Apartado No. 19
Teléfonos 52-07-11 y 52-07-20

SCHMID, TENTORI & Cia Ltda.

Apartado No. 10070
San José Costa Rica

DR. WILSON POPENOE
CALLE DE LA NOBLEZA No. 2
ANTIGUA GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA.

MUY ESTIMADO DOCTOR POPENOE:

UNICO OBJETO DE LA PRESENTE ES INFORMARLE QUE HACE UNOS DÍAS TUVIMOS A BIEN DESPACHARLE LA MADERA QUE HABÍAMOS RECIBIDO DE LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA EL ZAMORANO, PARA UD.

HA HABIDO UN ATRASO EN DESPACHAR ESA MADERA DEBIDO A QUE EL SUSCRITO ESTUVO AUSENTE DEL PAÍS. SIN EMBARGO, LA MISMA FUÉ ENTREGADA A TRANSPORTES PALMIERI EL 30 DE ABRIL PASADO Y ENTENDEMOS QUE YA DEBIERA ESTAR EN SU PODER.

PARA SEGURIDAD NUESTRA MUCHO LE AGRADECERIAMOS QUE NOS ACUSARA RECIBO DE ESTE ENVÍO.

APROVECHAMOS LA OPORTUNIDAD PARA SALUDARLE MUY CORDIALMENTE EN UNIÓN DE SU GENTIL SEÑORA.



EGIDIO TENTORI

CC: FILE
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ET/AL

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

March 6, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Republica de Guatemala

Dear Wilson:

I would like to apologize for my delay in answering your letter explaining the reason why I was not able to meet you in Zamorano for the AGEAP convention or in Guatemala like I told you I was going to do during the Christmas vacation. I was able to travel to El Salvador and Costa Rica but I could not get visas to enter neither Honduras or Guatemala (they do not trust cuban in those countries like they used to).

In El Salvador I met with Lino and Carlos Burgos and as a result of our conversation we are preparing a Summer Work Study Program with 10 to 12 students from this institution to spend 7 weeks in residence at the National School of Agriculture doing some practical work in tropical agriculture. We will travel by car and will spend about /two weeks on the way back to stop on several places in Guatemala and Mexico. I do not know if we are going to have a chance to visit Zamorano because of the problems at the frontera with El Salvador.

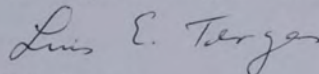
How is everything at Zamorano ? I heard rumors that a couple of the big men are leaving the school. Perhaps I will be interested to help the Alma Mater in some other capacities.

I will let you know about our plans for the trip to Central America hoping that we will have a chance to meet you in Antigua, and perhaps you might be able to help us in organizing the field trips that we are planing for the few days we are going to spend in Guatemala.

The situation here is not too good because of the lack of support for our program the way we see it. On the other hand the dean of the School of Agriculture is going to retire this year and we do not know if the new dean is going to support our program the way we need in order to do a good job.

Next Tuesday I have an appointment with the Federal Judge who is going to determine if I qualify for the american citizenship according to the petition I made last January. I hope everything will go allright and I will be swore in as naturalized american. Do you think Fidel will mind ?

Best regards from your friend,



Luis E. Tergas
Assistant Professor
Dept. International Agriculture

Pier Three, North River
New York 6, N.Y.

May 31, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle De La Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

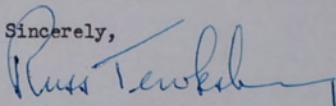
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thanks very much for your picture postcard announcing your future address at Antigua.

Mr. Kelley and I have often thought about you since the pleasant visit we had with you here last February, and Vince Hewitt told me about his interesting trip to your Escuela.

If I ever get to Guatemala again --- my last visit there was almost 30 years ago --- I will certainly look you up. In the meantime my very best wishes for your future health and happiness, and if you ever get to New York, please do look me up.

Sincerely,



R. B. TENKSURY

FINCA LABOR DE CASTILLA
GUATEMALA, C. A.

PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO:
20 CALLE 5-02, ZONA 10, GUATEMALA, CITY

February 4, 1965-

Dear Dr. Papenoe;

Beck and I would like very much
for you to have lunch with us on
Saturday February 13th - at 12:30 -

Carlos & Chita Davison will be in
Pastores this afternoon or over the week
end + you could let them know -
However our telephone number is 680755 -
just in case the line is ever unoccupied -
Also if you have any guests at that
time, they would be very welcome.

Beck is most anxious to have you
visit our Finca + we do hope you
will be able to come -

Sincerely

Marion Thompson.

Coming from Antigua you turn right
just before Km 19. I will put up a sign
so that you cannot miss it -

Confirmation

Bogotá, Colombia,
December 9, 1920.

Repence,
Amlegation,
Quito.

Saludos fervorosos y votos sinceros por que haya llegado
sin desventura.

THOMPSON. [O.N.??]

Servicio diplomático.

Star Route

Bonsall, Calif. 92003

12 August 1974

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Just a short report on the Capulins. One clone produced fruit this year which averaged $3/4$ " or better & quite a few were a full inch in diameter with the largest $1\frac{1}{8}$ ". A graft from it on my tree had as its largest fruit one that was $1\frac{3}{8}$ " in diameter. The parent tree gets lots more water & fertilizer hence the larger fruit. It is rather flattened in shape, a deep dark maroon in color with a seed about the size of a 'Ring' cherry. The flavor is the best of any of the Capulins I've eaten here but still has a slightly astringent taste that doesn't appeal to our palates. The parent tree must have had close to 200 lbs of fruit - I would estimate, as it was bending down with it. The birds had a field day but there was still plenty for everyone who wanted to pick & eat it, plus the ground was literally covered with fruit going to waste. The tree is about 25' tall & 20' wide.

If the flavor was just better so people wouldn't turn up their nose at it I'd put in a grove of capulins & graft all of them to this clone. It is beautiful in color, has the size we want & bears abundantly. The green color of the flesh is a minor item if only the flavor was improved.

In a previous letter you stated the 'Catiglata' clone had better flavor than the native Guatemalan cherries. I would still like very much to get 200-300 seed from it to grow & fruit a bunch of seedlings to see if we could get a good flavored sweet cherry from them. Could you please send me some seed from the 'Catiglata' tree? Our Calif. Rare Fruit Growers members will be glad to cooperate in planting & fruiting them too so I'm sure we could use at least 300 seeds. I don't believe a permit is necessary for seed but if you want or need one I'll be glad to get it. I believe the capulin will eventually be a commercial crop here in So. Calif. It seems to be almost ideally suited to our coastal strip.

A word about your 'Nena' avocado. Each year the tree is covered with bloom & sets thousands of tiny fruits which grow to pea size & then drop. In warm or cold areas, on young rootstocks or top worked on large trees the story is the same. Even with several other vars around

it for pollination it still doesn't set & carry its fruit to maturity.
At this writing one large tree of it still has 2 or 3 cukes on it is all.
This has been an exceptionally warm winter & spring & July was a
heavy net but the 'Wona'. C. was well have to write it off for Calif. unless
the trees take more maturity to settle down & bear.

Dr. Coit is no longer able to take care of himself in his mobile
home & is now in the Swaging Palms Rest Home in Vista. Don't know
how much longer he can hold out.

Hope this finds you in good health & spirits.

Sincerely
Paul H. Thomson

Additional message area



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AEROGRAMME • VIA AIR MAIL • PAR AVION

Dr. Wilson, Japan
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America



Paul H. Thomson
Star Route
Bonsall, Calif. 92003

Antigua, Guatemala 3 Sept 1974

Mr Paul H. Thompson
Star Route
Bon-all, California 92003

Dear Mr Thompson:

Your letter of 12 August about the capulin business. Two days ago I sent over to Quezaltenango, where there are three grafted trees of the Catiglata clone from Ecuador. The crop had ripened in June or July, but there clusters of dry fruits hanging on the trees and I picked some and brought them here to Antigua. We have cleaved off the dry flesh and I have cracked open a few seeds and they seem to be in such condition that many of them will germinate. I am enclosing 200 which you can try.

As I have written you, the Catiglata clone has been a disappointment here as the fruit on the grafted trees is practically no larger than our native seedling capulins.

About the Nena avocado, I had it here in Antigua for some 10 years or more but got almost no fruit. The few that "set" and matured were too small and the seed too large to make the variety of value here. We are at 5000 feet. Over at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in Honduras Nena has been fruiting for some years at 2500 feet, but the fruits are too small - much smaller than they were on the parent tree in Mexico, though some were of good size in the first years of fruiting as illustrated in one of the Yearbooks. Our trees are the school are about dead - our old friend *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, which we do not have here in Antigua. I can not see why Nena has failed to bear well here. There are a few other trees near Antigua and they also have failed to bear good crops. And the fruit is too small to be of much value.

Best regards always.

Faithfully yours,

Star Route
Donsall, Calif 92003
21 October 1974

Dear Dr. Popenco,

Once again I want to thank you for the capulin seeds. I have forwarded one packet to Mr. Riley to be distributed to the C.R.F.C. members & kept the other to plant in this area. Some will go to some non-members who have a nursery in Vista & are interested in obtaining a better one, the same as I am.

Congratulations on having your book published again. I have 2 copies of your original, one of which I will not let out of my house & the other I loan to members occasionally. It is a valuable reference & I consult it quite often for the out of the ordinary fruits we don't grow here. I'm sure the new edition will find a place on many bookshelves.

As you know I quoted you from your book on the capulin in one of last year's newsletters. I trust you weren't too unhappy over it even though I did not get your permission to do so, which I should have done. But since it was the only reference I had on it & the copyright had long since expired I went ahead & used it. Now that the copyright is being renewed I will no longer be able to use your book again. Anyway thank you for the opportunity of using your capulin material. From now on we'll have to publish our own experiences with it here in Calif.

You asked for Dr. Coit's address. It is Swaying Palms Rest Home, 135 No. Palm Dr., Vista, Calif. 92083. I know he is no longer interested in things horticultural but he always enjoyed hearing from you in the past & I'm sure he would again. He used to try proudly show me your letters & tell me about you, so I'm sure he will be just as happy as before.

Sincerely
Paul H. Thomson

Paul H. Thomson
Star Route
Bonsall, Cal. 92003 U.S.A.

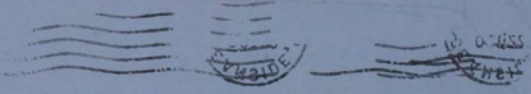


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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.

AEROGramme • VIA AIR MAIL • PAR AVION

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Additional message area

DIVERSIFIED BUSINESSES, INC.

311 SOUTH BOULEVARD
PHONE 8-1781

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TAMPA 9, FLORIDA

25 June, 1959.

Mr. Wilson Popenc,
Securela Agricola,
Panamericana,
TEGUCEGALPA, Honduras.

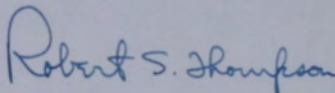
Dear Mr. Popenc:

On the suggestion of
Mr. Alex White, Hillsborough County Agricultural Agent,
here in Tampa, I am writing you for some information
on growing coconuts in the tropics.

If you have any of
this information there at the school, or if you would
suggest a suitable place for me to write, I will ap-
preciate it very much.

Thanking you for your
trouble in this connection, I am,

Yours very truly,



ROBERT S. THOMPSON

RST/gt

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 July 1959

Mr Robert S Thompson,
311 South Boulevard, Tampa9, Florida.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Replying to your letter of 25 June, which reached here while I was absent in Mexico:

Interest in coconut culture does not seem to be very keen around the Caribbean right now, due to the disease known as bud rot and some scale insects. Also the red ring disease, caused by a nematode. It might be worth your while to write the Director of Agriculture, Hope Gardens, Kingston, Jamaica; coconuts have been and still are an important crop in that Island. You might also write the Principal of the Imperial College of Agriculture, St. Augustine, Trinidad, British West Indies. In that Island, also, coconuts are important. Here in Central America there is not much information available - if any.

Many years ago E.B. Copeland, then working in the Philippines, published a book entitle "The Coconut" which was the standard work in its day but probably not so useful now. It is probably out of print but you could perhaps pick up a second-hand copy through StEchert-Hafner, Booksellers, at 31 East 10th St, New York; though I doubt that the book would help you very much. I think your best bets are the people in Jamaica and Trinidad.

Sincerely,

Wilson Pepee

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DIVERSIFIED BUSINESSES, INC.

311 SOUTH BOULEVARD
PHONE 8-1781

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TAMPA 9, FLORIDA

23 July, 1959.

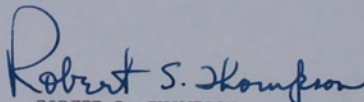
Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
ANTIGUA, Guatemala,

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I want to thank you so very much for your kind letter of July 16th. I do appreciate your courtesy in referring other sources of information on coconuts and how to grow them. We will contact both Kingston and Port of Spain to see if we can find the information desired.

Thank you again for your courtesy and trouble, and wishing you a very pleasant stay in, what I understand is, one of the beauty spots of the world.

Sincerely,


ROBERT S. THOMPSON

RST/gt

Dorothea Thorn
1 Putnam Hill
Greenwich, Conn, USA

November 18, 1963

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola
Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C A

Dear Sir:

When last in Guatemala, Ernesto Hastedt advised me to contact you. Unfortunately you had left your home in Antigua.

In connection with cancer research work, I am in need of some tropical fruits, which I wish to test. I have government import permission, but have not found a source. I am interested in

the oil palm nut - *elaeis guineensis*
parinarium excelsium
amomum afzelii
amomum grandiflorum
and mangle from the mangrove tree.

I do not know, if these fruits grow in Honduras. If they do, could you advise me of a reliable source from which to receive weekly airfreight shipments of

20 lbs oil palm fruit
10 lbs parinarium
1 lb each *amomum afzelii* and *amomum grandiflorum*
5 lbs mangle.

The fruit must be tree ripened. It should not be over ripe, so as to stand the shipment. The Pan American Air Waybill must show the name of the fruit and indicate: "For chemical analysis and laboratory research".

I shall, if required, send my check in advance for the amount of the airfreight and the cost of the fruit.

I hope you will be able to assist me and thank you in advance for your kind answer.

Yours very truly,

Dorothea Thorn
(m. H. B. Thorn)

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

GEORGE W. THORN
Physician-in-Chief
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
Boston 15, Massachusetts

*Hessey Professor of the
Theory and Practice of Physic*
Harvard Medical School

March 27, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popence
Cassa Popence
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Wilson:

Catherine conveyed to me last evening the sad news concerning Helen. I cannot begin to tell you how keenly all of us feel this loss for you. Catherine had just told us about her wonderful visit with you both and the many plans which Helen had for the years to come.

There is little that one can add at a time like this except to recollect the rich life and many years of happiness which you both enjoyed.

I am writing Kitty today, as I know how saddened she will be, as Helen and you meant so much in her life.

Doris joins me in extending to you our deepest sympathy at this time.

Sincerely,

George

George W. Thorn, M. D.

GWT:mj



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JANUARY 31, 1967

DR. WILSON POPENCE
CALLE de la NOBLEZA NO. 2
THE HOUSE IN ANTIGUA
GUATEMALA

GREETINGS:

WHAT DO YOU HEAR FROM SAIGNON VIETNAM AND HUGH? ALL WE CAN HEAR THAT IS PARTIALLY UP TO DATE IS THAT DR. BROOKER CABLED DR. E. T. YORK THAT TWO OF THE TEAM ARRIVED IN SAIGON. THEY MUST HAVE HAD A LOT OF FUN EN ROUTE TO SAIGON! AM GLAD THAT DR. HUGH IS HAVING THIS EXPERIENCE!

I SAW HUGH AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER AND ASKED IF YOU WERE TO COME UP TO GAINESVILLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. HE SAID YOU WERE. I HAD TO RUN ON TO NATIVE ATHENS GEORGIA (UP NORTH) TO VISIT WITH MY AUNT (80 PLUS) FOR CHRISTMAS * SHE IS THE LAST OF HER FAMILY AND IS FAILING FAST NOW IT SEEMS. WE MADE SOME PICTURES AT CHRISTMAS DINNER * SHE HAD A COLD AND DIDN'T GET TO THE BEAUTY SHOP TO GET HER HAIR "SET", THIS BOTHERED HER VERY MUCH SINCE THE PICTURES WERE CLEAR. SHE IS UP TO PAR AND STILL A BIT VAIN AS USUAL! WHAT ELSE CAN SHE BE AT HER TENDER AGE? HENCE WE MISSED YOU * WE JUST LIVE AROUND THE CORNER FROM HUGH AS YOU KNOW. I HAVE CALLED HUGH'S APARTMENT A NUMBER OF TIMES BUT THE PHONE IS ALWAYS SILENT!

YOU'LL WILL RECOGNIZE THE WAHELIA (NOT THE WAY TO SPELL IT I AM SURE BUT IT SORTA SOUNDS THAT WAY). YOU WILL REMEMBER YOU GAVE IT TO ME AT PALM BEACH, FLA. DECEMBER 2, 1964 - SOIL AND CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF FLORIDA * I HAD IT CLEANED AND USE IT FOR GEORGE'S CHAIR * HE HAS ENJOYED IT MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW. SINCE IT IS SO COLORFUL I HAD SOME PICTURES MADE OF THE CORN (MAYAN * I PICKED IT UP FROM A FOLIAGE TRIP IN NEW ENGLAND FALL OF 1965) AND THEN I HAVE A CALAMONDIDIUM WITH 13 LOVELY CALAMONDIDIUMS * USED THE WAHELIA AS BACKGROUND AND WANTED YOU TO SEE THE CITRUS GROVE I HAVE ON MY LITTLE PORCH * I TAKE THEM IN AND OUT OF THE HOUSE ALL THE TIME AS THE TEMPERATURE KEEPS DROPPING. PICTURE IS ATTACHED.

KISSIN' DON'T LAST * COOKING DO * I AM COLLECTING FAVORITE RECIPES FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE! MAY I HAVE YOURS AND MANY THANKS TO YOU DR. POPENCE!

KEEP WELL!

HASTA LUEGO

Louise Thornton



[Feb 1967]

[To Louise Thornton]

Here is my favorite recipe:

SPAGHETTI NAPOLITANO

No measurements; I don't think any good Italian chef measures anything; it takes all the art out of cooking. Chop up rather finely a lot of onions. Add several cloves of garlic and chop them up too. Then add a few more cloves of garlic and chop them up. Throw into the frying pan in which ^{you} have poured a little oil, and don't let it be that highly refined French oil; Greek oil is the best (heaviest) then comes Portuguese, then Carbonell oil from Spain. Braise the onions and garlic in this oil. I am talking of olive oil, of course.

Then add a can of tomatoes, and plenty of tomato paste. And some olive oil. Then some more olive oil. Simmer for half an hour or more, adding a little water from time to time if necessary.

Drop your spaghetti in a pot of boiling water, well salted, and cook it for ten minutes. A minute too little, she's spoiled; a minute too much, she's ruined. Drain it through a colander, put it in a big clay bowl, and pour the sauce over it. Set it on the table, and listen to your customers ask "Why didn't you make more sauce?" This will probably be because you didn't put any cayenne pepper in the sauce.

Wilson Pearce

Quito, Ecuador, 26 February 1921

R.M. Teague, Esq.,
San Dimas, California.

Dear Mr. Teague:

My father has sent me your letter offering to assist in furthering the sales of the "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical fruits" by sending circulars to your customers, and by carrying the book in stock.

I want to take this opportunity to tender you my hearty thanks for this. I greatly hope the work will be found useful by Californians, as I have had them in mind, more than any other people, in writing the work. In spite of my long absence, I have never forsworn my allegiance to the Golden State,--I am still a citizen thereof, nominally if not actually, and perhaps some day I shall come back there to live, and to cultivate some of the plants I am picking up in my travels.

I begin to feel a long way from home. I am now in the Southern Hemisphere, but I can get on my mule and ride to the Northern Hemisphere in four hours. I was up in your part of the world, so to speak, last week. If a fellow wants to establish a record for crossing the Equator a large number of times, this is the place to do it. Some of my friends write me sympathetic letters, telling me they know it must be frightfully hot here on the Equator; when as a matter of fact I have a hard time to keep warm o' nights. At 12,000 to 13,000 feet, where I have been working of late, we get some tremendous hailstorms, and about a thousand feet higher you can have all the snow you want.

I am looking forward to the day when I shall set foot on California soil once more (though it may be somewhat distant), and when I can tell all of you people tall stories about my experiences in the Andes. They had me a bit scared last week; I was arrested up in the northern part of Ecuador, the chief of police telling me that he knew things about my past which made it necessary to take me into custody. It finally developed that he was on the lookout for a German who had escaped from Colombia, and he thought I was his man. I was just on the point of starting down to Quito with some valuable avocado budwood, and I was fearful lest he should hold me up and make me miss the mail.

Always cordially yours,



N. C. THORNTON
DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF TROPICAL RESEARCH
VINING C. DUNLAP LABORATORIES

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
LA LIMA, HONDURAS

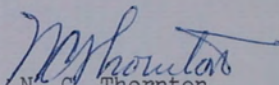
October 24, 1958

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Mrs. Marta Sussmann
Embajada Americana
Madrid, España.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

We are interested in obtaining samples of Panama diseased tissue and information on the current status of Panama disease in the Cavendish bananas in the Canary Islands. Could you please refer us to individuals or institutions who could provide us with the materials and information desired?

Very truly yours,


N. C. Thornton

NCT/st

Antigua, Guatemala, 26 April 1959

Dr W C Thornton,
Research Dept, Tela RR Co,
La Lima, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Thornton:

Paul Allen writes me that he has broached the possibility of his taking over Lancetilla. I have wished for several years that the Company would put a competent man, a man who knows botany as well as horticulture, in charge of this beautiful little experiment station - which one may add, is among the very few in tropical America which have survived the past 25 years. I believe also that Lancetilla has just about the best collection of tropical economics available today for study by botanists and horticulturists.

Several years ago Mr Cloward and I tried to figure out just how the valuable features of Lancetilla could be retained, at the same time the over-all expense could be reduced. It seems to me we figured out that \$25,000 a year would take pretty good care of things. And in addition, the day may come when Lancetilla would serve as an ideal base for expanded features of the Company's research work.

From all I hear, it seems this is just about the ideal moment to give the future of Lancetilla serious consideration. I believe you must feel the same way about it. I realize the Company is not interested in spending money unprofitably these days. At the same time I remember when I had to beg for \$300 to keep the 50-acre experimental planting of abacá in Almirante Division going another year. Five years later abacá became a pretty important issue, and we had planting material due to those \$300 we spent one year.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Mr D J Cloward

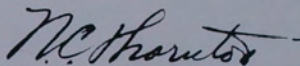
UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
30 ST. JAMES AVENUE
BOSTON

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION

Effective May 1, 1965, my office and the administrative offices of the Department of Research, United Fruit Company, will be transferred to the following address:

United Fruit Company
Department of Research
321 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70310

Kindly alter your address records accordingly.



N. C. Thornton
Associate Director of Research

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C/o National College of
Agricultural Engineering,
Silsoe, Bedford.

11th March 1970.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I have recently been in correspondence with Professor H.B. Tukey concerning the development of contacts between the International Society for Horticultural Science and horticultural scientists in South America and he has suggested that I should write to you on this subject.

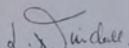
As you may know, it has become increasingly important for the Society to develop communications with horticultural workers in tropical and sub-tropical areas and I am therefore writing to you in my capacity as Secretary of the Co-ordinating Committee for Tropical and Sub-tropical Horticulture.

It has been found somewhat difficult to attract members to the Society from Latin America and I believe that this may have been partly due to the fact that the A.S.H.S. has become relatively well-established in many South American countries. It may be that the impression has been gained that I.S.H.S. is in competition with the A.S.H.S. in the field of horticultural research and development, but in fact, the situation is that we would be very pleased to co-operate with A.S.H.S. on matters of mutual interest.

I assume that you are aware of the aims and objectives of I.S.H.S. but enclose for your information copies of a leaflet outlining the structure and function of the Society.

I would very much appreciate it if you could let me have your personal reactions to the suggestion that I.S.H.S. could become more active in your country. A proposal which will be discussed at the forthcoming XVIIIth International Congress in Israel is that the Society appoints a Secretary or Assistant Secretary to the Co-ordinating Committee for Tropical and Sub-tropical Horticulture who will be responsible for activities in Latin America. Should you know of anyone who would be willing to be nominated for this post I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,



H.D. Tindall.



ISHS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE

Introduction

Early in this century the need was felt for the establishment of an international organization for horticultural science which would be responsible for the arrangement of International Horticultural Congresses and also, between two Congresses, promote a closer collaboration between those who are involved in the same or related problems by establishing working groups and convening symposia and other meetings on specific subjects. This led, in 1959, to the foundation of the International Society for Horticultural Science, and this Society has taken over the function of the International Committee for Horticultural Congresses which came into existence in 1923.

From the beginning it has been the intention, as laid down in the Statutes, that this Society - abbreviated to ISHS - will closely collaborate with FAO. They have the same overall objective, but the purpose of ISHS is restricted to the furtherance of horticulture, particularly horticultural science, technology and economics. Moreover, ISHS is a non-governmental body that accomplishes its aim primarily as a result of personal contacts between scientists, technicians and economists.

The Chief of the Fruit and Vegetable Crop Section of the Plant Production and Protection Division of FAO attends the meetings of the Council and Executive Committee of ISHS.

Since FAO has granted the ISHS liaison status, the Secretary General of the latter is invited as observer at the Council meetings and Conferences of FAO and special FAO meetings of non-governmental organizations.

Membership

The members of the Society are:

- a) members of the Council;
- b) affiliated organizations;
- c) individual members.

The members of the Council represent individual countries. They may be appointed by a national horticultural organization but, although the Society is non-governmental in character, this appointment may equally be made by one of the government agencies in those countries where a national organization is non-existent or of little importance.

Structure

The structure of ISHS is as follows:

- a) Council;
- b) Executive Committee;
- c) Sections, Commissions and Committees;
- d) Secretariat.

The Council is responsible for general management and organization, the Executive Committee directs the Society according to instructions of the Council. Members of the Executive Committee are the President, the vice-President, the past President, the Chairman of the Sections and Commissions, and Secretary General.

The Council meets at least every two years, the Executive Committee at least every year.

Sections deal with groups of horticultural plants, *Commissions* with various scientific, technical or economic aspects of general horticulture and *Committees* are mainly set up for co-ordinating related activities of Sections and Commissions. The following have been established:

- Sections for:
- a) Fruits
 - b) Vegetables
 - c) Ornamental Plants
- Commissions for:
- d) Horticultural Nomenclature and Engineering
 - e) Horticultural Engineering
 - f) Horticultural Economics
 - g) Protected Cultivation (i.e. cultivation under glass etc.)
 - h) Plant Protection (for the study of the horticultural aspects of plants pests and diseases)
- Committees for:
- i) Tropical and Subtropical Horticulture
 - j) Amateur Horticulture
 - k) Liaison between Teachers, Advisers and Research workers
 - l) Work Study in Horticulture.

All the above-mentioned bodies play an important role. Several of them have created working groups for the study of specific horticultural problems of international interest and have organized scientific meetings. For the coming years, an impressive programme of symposia has been planned and approved by the Council.

A member country has the right to nominate two members (in exceptional cases more) to each of these technical organs; this applies also to FAO, the Commonwealth Bureau of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the International Association of Horticultural Producers; all these organizations are represented by an observer in the Council.

Publications

Members are kept informed of the activities of ISHS in its official publication, entitled '*Chronica Horticulturae*', which also contains articles relating to the objectives of the Society. Members receive it free of charge.

The ISHS publication, '*Horticultural Research throughout the World*', provides information on horticultural research in different countries. Revised and completed data is published in book form before each International Horticultural Congress. The first of these books is now available, comprising a brief review of horticultural research in 23 countries, the names and addresses of a thousand research institutes, the names of some 7.000 workers and an alphabetical register of the latter.

ISHS has also started a series of technical communications, called '*Acta Horticulturae*' for the publication of reports, reviews and monographs arising from scientific and technical meetings and other activities of the Society or its subsidiary bodies. Five issues have already been published, a number that, in view of the calendar of symposia planned for the next few years, will rapidly increase.

Subscription fee

The annual subscription fee for member countries ranges from 80 to 2000 Dutch guilders or its equivalent in foreign currency. In each country, the authorities concerned are free to decide in which of the six subscription categories they wish to be placed.

The subscription fee for affiliated organizations amounts to 50 Dutch guilders and for individual members it is 10 Dutch guilders a year (or its equivalent in foreign currency).

Establishment of regional branches

As mentioned above, a Co-ordinating Committee for Tropical and Subtropical Horticulture has been established. It is now being considered whether the task of this Committee of such a worldwide organization as ISHS is too extended, and it has been proposed that Regional Branches should be established in those parts of the world where regional problems are important and can conveniently be dealt with on the spot. These Branches should work in close co-operation with the local governments and representatives of FAO.

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 May 1970

Dr. H.D. Tindall
National College of Agricultural Engineering
Silsoe, Bedford, England.

My dear Dr. Tindall:

Replying to your interesting letter of 11 March, which has had to await my return from Florida, I really cannot feel very hopeful regarding the possibility of getting members for ISHS here in tropical America.

For many years I have been active in the Tropical Region of the American Society for Horticultural Science. Mainly for two reasons we have been able to build up a fine membership: first, the low cost, and secondly, the fact that meetings were held in countries where, in general, our members could attend at fairly low expense.

I have also been trying to get members for what we call our "parent society", ASHS. I was able to get quite a few, but in the last couple of years, with the greatly increased dues, we have lost most of them. ASHS has been working on me (because I have lived in these countries for so many years and have many contacts) to bring the brethren back into the fold, but I have had no luck.

I am supposed to be retired, and do not get around very much any more, though I am still working on fruit-crop development in several countries. The only man I know, who might be able to do something along the lines you have in mind, is Dr Ernesto Casseres, whom you probably know. He has been running the Tropical Region of ASHS for many years and has done a magnificent job.

Cordially yours,

Director Emeritus

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November 9, 1970



Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

We have recently received your most interesting article on the Cherimoya and you may be assured that it will be included in the 1970-71 California Avocado Society Yearbook.

Speaking in behalf of all the members of the Board of Directors, I want you to know we very much appreciate your effort in helping make this yearbook an interesting one.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James L. Todd". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

James L. Todd
Exec. Sec. - Treasurer
California Avocado Society

jt:st



United Fruit Company

General Offices
30 St. James Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02116

September 10, 1964

Edward D. Toland, Jr.
Treasurer
Arthur F. Walgreen
Assistant Treasurer

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Referring to your September 4th letter we enclose a Change of Beneficiary form. Please sign the form, have your signature witnessed and return it to the undersigned.

In answer to your inquiry, the amount of your death benefit is \$17,511.00. This is a fixed amount and will be payable to your designated beneficiary on your death regardless of length of time from date of retirement.

Sincerely,

Enc.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 10 October 1964

Mr E D Toland Jr
United Fruit Company
Boston.

Dear Mr Toland:

Some days ago I sent you a Change of Beneficiary form in connection with my interest in the Death Benefit Fund. On this I named as my beneficiary my daughter, Marion Popenoe Hatch, and gave her address as the Marine Corps School, Quantico, Virginia.

Marion now writes that it would be better to register her address as: care of C.K.Hatch, 1735 Camino Primavera, Bakersfield, California. This is the address of her father-in-law, and she points out that it is permanent, whereas officers of the Marine Corps (her husband is Major Richard L. Hatch) are frequently transferred from place to place, the California address is safer.

Would you mind advising me by mail to my home address, Primera Avenida Sur, No. 2, Antigua, Guatemala, C.A., that you have received the Change of Beneficiary notice, and this correction. I would like to be certain that the document has reached your hands.

Thank you.

Wilson Popenoe

Constantino Toribio Fernández
Avenida de San Diego 8
La Laguna
Tenerife
Islas Canarias
ESPAÑA

La Laguna a 14 de Febrero de 1.965

Sr. D. Wilson Popenoe
Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegusigalpa
HONDURAS

Distinguido Sr.:

Conocedor de que V.I. así como la Escuela de su digna dirección tienen buenas publicaciones, trabajos y experiencias sobre cultivos tropicales le agradecería muchísimo me diera referencias sobre todo lo relacionado con el MANGO y a ser posible si V.I. disponen de separatas publicadas de este cultivo me las envíen ya que es de sumo interés para mí. Los gastos correrán de mi cuenta.

Muy agradecido de antemano por dispensarme tal atención, le saluda muy atentamente.

Constantino Toribio Fernández

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Dic. 11 de 1968

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A Torres
DEPARTAMENTO DE HORTICULTURA

A Torres?



Enero 24 de 1973

Doctor
Wilson Popenoe

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Al saberse la noticia de la renuncia de Mr. Armour, fué como recibir un valde de agua fría para muchos de sus coolaboradores, pues nadie debe ignorar o desconocer de su labor en esta Escuela. Mr. Armour dió todo su apoyo y coolaboración a todos sus empleados pero no todos supieron corresponderle y mas bien tratarón de hacerle el vacío dentro y fuera de esta Escuela. Mr. Armour ha sido ejemplo de responsabilidad, dinamismo y onradéz por las cosas de la Escuela. Su mayor pecado fué la puntualidad, exigir rendimiento y demasiado observador, por lo cual encontrar un sustituto con tantas cualidades e interés será un poco difícil.

De su hijo Hugh, hemos recibido una circular pidiendo nombres para ocupar Cargos Directivos en esta Escuela, por lo que hoy mismo estoy contes-tándole para sugerir en primer término al Dr. Ernesto H. Casseres como Direc-tor. Creo que Ud. conoce mucho mejor al Dr. Casseres y estaría de acuerdo en tener en su Escuela un hombre de mucho prestigio como Director.

Con relación a Horticultura le diré que con la llegada de Rodolfo Cojulun y Dennis Roberto Ramírez estamos trabajando bien y esperamos recupe-rar lo que en algunos años perdimos. De sus uvas que nos trajo solo se per-dieron dos, así que trataremos de cuidar las que tenemos para ver si algún día obtenemos mejores resultados.

Un saludo a su señora Esposa y esperamos de\$ sus visitas y conse-jos.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Torres".

Alfonso Torres

*PD: He recibido una natita del Dr
Casseres donde mi pide que sigamos
cooperando en la Sociedad - Así
tambien me manifiesta que su vida
en Chile no es agradable ya que la
situación empeora. - A.T.*

Antigua, Guatemala, 23 February 1973

Muy estimado Pencho: *(Alfonso Torres)*

Muchas gracias por su carta del 24 de enero. Mr Armour y su esposa están aquí con nosotros y por supuesto hemos hablado muchísimo respecto al futuro de la Escuela. La situación durante 1972 era muy difícil para muchos de los viejos empleados y para mí, porque ya no tengo "ni voz de voto". Yo estoy de acuerdo con Ud que Ernesto Casseres sería un elemento magnífico en la Escuela, y al mismo tiempo podría volver a dedicarse al bienestar del Tropical Region ASHS. Cuando Mr Padleck salió, yo esperaba que la Junta Directiva nombraría Director al Dr Casseres, y estaban dispuestos a hacerlo, pero en aquel entonces su esposa (divorciada unos pocos años después) no quiso venir a vivir en Zamorano y Ernesto tuvo que quedarse en México.

Yo estoy seguro que dentro de pocos meses la Junta Directiva va a nombrar varias personas muy competentes para los puestos más importantes, y me consta que aprecian muchísimo los largos años que Ud ha trabajado en la Escuela y tanta fama que ha dado al Departamento de Horticultura. Estoy seguro que Ud va salir bien en la reorganización que está proyectada, es decir, no tiene miedo de la combinación del Depto de Horticultura y el de Arrendamiento bajo el nombre de "Depto de Plant Sciences". Mas bien cree que resultaría en cierta oferta económica sin afectar su eficiencia y libertad de acción en horticultura. Eso, a lo menos, es mi opinión.

Espero con Ud otra vez dentro de muy pocos meses.

Siempre su muy afmo y SS



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS



Julio 13 de 1974

Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Mañana salgo para Santo Domingo para asistir al XXII Congreso de Horticultura, por lo que agradezco al Sr. Adams y a usted por tal viaje, que habla del interés para que la E.A.P. sea siempre representada en eventos de tanta importancia. Quiero agradecer también de su interés para que Salas pudiera viajar a esa, y poder recibir de su parte y del Sr. Falla una mejor orientación sobre viveros y frutales de clima templado. Esperamos que el Prof. Salas regrese con el entusiasmo de siempre y con nuevas ideas que de inmediato pondrá en práctica en esta Escuela.

Tenga la seguridad que con su ayuda y el apoyo del Sr. Adams, el Departamento de Horticultura seguirá progresando para orgullo de todos.

Reciba en union de su Señora, un cordial saludo de todos nosotros.

Atentamente,

A. J. Torres
Alfonso Torres



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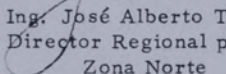
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En espera de que la publicación que le enviamos sea de su interés, me es grato suscribirme como su atento y seguro servidor.


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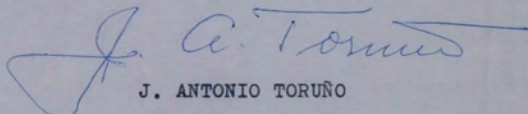
MEXICO, D. F.
Mayo 10 de 1962.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Tengo la esperanza que ésta carta llegue a sus manos, pues tengo el encargo de un amigo de Venezuela, de conseguirle un texto de FRUTICULTURA TROPICAL del cual tengo entendido que usted es el autor. Le agradecería Dr. remitírmelo por vía aérea y yo le mandaré un giro tan pronto como lo reciba, por el valor y los gastos.

Aprovecho ésta oportunidad para saludarlo y en espera de sus apreciables noticias, me suscribo como siempre, su afectísimo servidor,



J. ANTONIO TORUÑO

Escuela de Administración de Hospitales,
Dr. Pasteur No. 83 Bis., 3er. Piso,
MEXICO 7, D. F.

Contestada el 13 de Junio 1962

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum
Cambridge, Massachusetts
January 21, 1939

Dear Wilson:

You must have thought me very stupid in New Orleans when you spoke to me about the collection you were sending to us. As a matter of fact, your letter of November 23 was never sent to me, and I knew nothing about it.

The two boxes arrived yesterday. They have been unpacked, and there is no question but what you have made a "knock out." The stuff is wonderful, especially the Yojoa jar which, I agree with you, is the best I have ever seen.

I note that the stone objects and the "heavy stone plaque" are to be sent up later and we are to discuss that with you.

Tom, the P.M., and I are to divide the expense equally and the Museum will send you a check on New York for \$600. I can't tell you how pleased we are to get this and how cheap it all is. When you come to reckon out the cost of excavating all this material, one can easily see that the price is extraordinarily low.

It was such a pleasant surprise to come upon you in New Orleans and to find a couple of Popenoes instead of one. Tom ate up my description of Mrs. Popenoe, but he claims he knew all about it some time ago. We are so pleased for you and think you are very lucky, to say nothing of her. This, however, is a business letter, so I will not go at length on the domestic side.

With best wishes to you both from both of us,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
United Fruit Company
Guatemala City, Guatemala

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Peabody Museum
Cambridge, Massachusetts

December 11, 1941

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

Will you please excuse a typewritten letter in which I wish to thank you for the pleasure you gave us at lunch in your famous house.

It seems hardly possible that on Saturday we were with you, on Sunday at Copan, and in Boston at 9:45 Tuesday. Mrs. Tozzer telephoned me at Guatemala City Sunday night and I was fortunate in getting the 8 o'clock plane from there the following morning.

We have heard that Mrs. Castle, my mother-in-law, and our daughter and her family are safe in Honolulu.

How peaceful and beautiful Guatemala seemed to us! Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Tozzer

Robert O. Miller
Vice President

United Fruit Company

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September 11, 1967

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

Dear Doc:

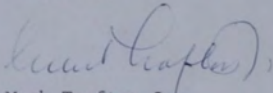
I guess you have been wondering what has happened to the Oil Palm article. With so many changes in the past sixteen years in cultural practices and mill operations, an extensive revision is required. I am working on it (between trips) and hope to have it ready to send to you in a few weeks.

We have just completed installation of a new modern mill in San Alejo, Honduras, operational data for which will be included in the revised manuscript.

Last year some of us visited a number of estates in Malaysia to observe recent advances in palm breeding, culture and milling. As a result we have adopted a lot of new techniques which will also be included so that the paper will be an up-to-date and factual story.

With kind regards

Sincerely,


Mark Trafton Jr.

Antigua, Guatemala 24 June 1968

Mr Mark Trafton Jr
United Fruit Co.
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mark:

Just in case Ing. A J Gonzalez was under the impression that he was to send the translation of the Oil Palm paper to me and I would pass it along to you, I am enclosing it herewith, together with certai correspondence in the same connection. You need not return any of this material to me. If you have not rec'd a copy of the translation from Gonzalez, then I suggest you go over the copy I am enclosing, and return it to him with any coorrect-ions you see fit to make.

I wonder if you would send a copy of the absolutely fine edition in English to Sr Cristóbal Hempstead, 9 calle 4-50, Zona 10, Guatemala, Guatemala. As you doubtless know, Chris has quite a planting of oil palms, partly from hybrid seed he imported at considerable expense from Malaya, up on the northern shore of Lake Izabal. I know he will be delighted to receive the bulletin and it will be very useful to him. I recall that he has been over to San Alejo to learn what he could, - this some time ago.

Best regards always,

Cordially,

Antigua Guatemala, 9 July 1960

Mr. M. R. Trimmer,
Palmetto, Fla, Box 483.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Trimmer:

My work keeps me away from Antigua so much of the time that I have neglected to answer your letter of last November. Another matter is that you bring up a number of problems which are not easy to answer.

Since my retirement I have been devoting much time to the cultivation of temperate zone fruits at high altitudes here in tropical America. I did a job for Venezuela in this connection last year and more recently have been working along the same lines in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua.

I would not dare to make specific recommendations without knowing the conditions under which you propose to work north of Boquete in Panamá. I have been in that region several times, but there are such changes in moisture from place to place that one has to be careful. you say that you are interested in temperate zone fruits which will produce well at elevations from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. I would say right at the start that you had better forget about cherries. Then I would say that you had best forget about European grapes, but you might do very well with some of our American grapes such as Isabella and Niagara. Very few apples, of the kinds we know in the States, will do well as low as 6,000 feet. Some of the crab-apples are allright and are worth growing. As regards pears, Keiffer and Seckel are the only ones worth thinking about, and of these two, Seckel is of good quality but Keiffer is not. You can probably grow many kinds of peaches at your elevation of 5,000 to 6,000 feet, but we are finding here in Guatemala that people do not care for the good free-stone varieties which we like so much in the States.

Get a catalog from the Glen Saint Mary Nurseries, Glen Saint Mary, Florida, and study it carefully. They have practically all the fruit varieties you would need in the region above Boquete. They do not have the Seckel pear and they do not have any apples. You should give your problem considerable study and tell me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Hookley Farm
Ware Neck, Virginia

[Feb. 1963]

DR WILSON F POPELCE
ANTIGUA GUATAMALA

DEAR DR POPELCE,

A YEAR AGO BY VIRTUE OF A PLEASANT MISTAKE, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING ANTIGUA AND MEETING YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND SEEING YOUR HOME IN THAT VILLAGE. IF YOU RECALL, OUR DRIVER BROUGHT ME AND DR HENSLEY, FROM SCOTT AIR BASE, TO YOUR HOME WHEN WE ASKED HIM TO TAKE US WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SOME NATIVE ART FOR SALE.

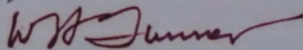
THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO TELL YOU THAT, HAVING JUST RETIRED FROM THE MILITARY, MY WIFE AND I AS WELL AS OUR YOUNG DAUGHTER WOULD LIKE TO COME TO ANTIGUA FOR THREE MONTHS NEXT WINTER. SO I WONDER IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO PUT US IN TOUCH WITH A REAL ESTATE AGENT OR ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT FIND US A HOUSE THAT WE COULD RENT FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS BEGINNING IN JANUARY?

A LETTER AT THIS TIME MAY SOUND AS PREMATURE, BUT I KNOW THAT THESE THINGS TAKE TIME AND WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE PROJECT OF EVENTUALLY MOVING TO THAT LOCALITY MORE PERMANENTLY.

THIS HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING TIME HERE IN AMERICA WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION COMING INTO BEING. TV, RADIO AND PRESS HAVE BEEN FULL OF THE INAUGURATION. ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT MISS SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE DOINGS BY LIVING IN GUATAMALA WE WOULD MISS IN ADDITION THE SUB-ZERO WEATHER AND THE BOUNTIFUL SNOW.

MANY YEARS AGO (25) I WAS STATIONED IN PANAMA AND HAD THEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF VISITING GUATAMALA OFTEN. I LIKED WHAT I SAW AND TRUST NOW THAT THERE IS AGAIN THE OPPORTUNITY, I SHALL SEE IT AGAIN.

SINCERELY,



WILLIAM H TUNNER
LT GEN'L USAF (RET)

Antigua, Guatemala, 27 Feb 1961

Dear General Kummer:

Nice to have your letter and to know that you are interested in coming back to Antigua. Might be a few places more attractive for a winter residence, provided you like our way of living. But it will be very hard to find a house here which has the modern conveniences you want. It might be possible, but there are no real estate agents here and your best bet would be to come here with your family and take an apartment at the Posada Belem; a delightful old place, once a monastery, and after a week or two, see if you can find a house which would please you, and if not stay on at the Belem - lots of room, fine old garden, and it would probably cost you less and give you less problems than hiring a house. There are other hotels and pensiones here, half a dozen of them, but I would choose the Belem (three blocks from our house) because of the colonial atmosphere and the seclusion. You could probably get a nice suite there for the three of you, with meals, for about \$15 or \$18 a day. If you find a suitable house here, it will cost you about \$160 to \$200 a month and you will have to look for servants and kick when the water isn't running and the electric light goes off.

Apparently you and I feel like General MacArthur did when he left the Philippines. You remember he said "I shall return" and that is what I said when I left Antigua in 1917 and that is what you seem to be saying now. Stick to it.

Sincerely,

MINES
AT ZARUMA.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"ZARUMA," GUAYAQUIL.

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GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR.

April 4th, 1921.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o Mr. Enrique Witt,
Loja, Ecuador.

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

After you left I learned that possibly you would be able to return to Guayaquil through Portovelo and this is to ask if you do that you try to arrange your schedule so you can spend a week or so with us, not only to give us the pleasure of your company but also the benefit of your expert knowledge in the care of our trees and garden. I am writing this because I understand that you expressed yourself to the effect that, not only your arrangements with the Department permitted you but, also, it would be your pleasure to do this work. We will give you a warm welcome at any time you should arrive, and with hopes that you are having a pleasant trip south and kindest regards, I am

Faithfully,

A. M. Tweedy

AMT/GC

*You see I have friends
down at Zaruma (Portovelo) too.*

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