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Antigua, Guatemala, 2 November 1960

Mr G L Taber Jr.,
Glen Saint Mary Nurseries Co.
Glen Saint Mary, Florida.

Dear Mr Taber:

There is a growing interest temperate zone fruits for the tropical highlands. To the extent that we shall probably devote quite a bit of time to this subject at the next meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science (Caribbean Region) which will take place, most probably in southern Florida, next spring. In the meantime, half a dozen countries down this way and starting or have started experimental plantings. I am telling them that there are a number of things they must get from you.

Now here is a problem: We have had very poor results with grafted Japanese persimmons here in the tropics. When on virginiana roots which I believe you use, they are very unsatisfactory; when on kaki roots which we get from California they still are not much good. We have some trees here in Antigua. 30 years old, which are not feet high and give little fruit. I believe they are Hachiya.

We have observed that seedling kakis grow faster and larger and produce pretty decent fruit. What chance have we of getting from or through you a thousand seeds of such varieties as Okame, Taber 23, Triumph and Zengi. Or would you recommend others? We will of course be guided by your advice. I am afraid it may be too late for this year, though I hope not. If too late, let's get lined up for next year and probably many more than 1000 seeds.

Sincerely,

Antigua, Guatemala, 2 Nov 1960

Glen St Mary Nurseries Co:

As the planting season is approaching, I believe it will be worth your while to send catalogs to the following, all of whom are interested in fruit trees and plants - American Grapes, Loquats, Peaches, Pears, Japan Persimmons, Pecans and Plums. No Citrus.

Dr Justino de Azcárate
Fundación Eugenio Méndez
Apartado 332,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Ing. Edmundo Astorga
Instituto de Fomento Nacional
Apartado 629
Managua, Nicaragua, Central America

Sr don Oliverio Phillips, Director
Instituto de Investigaciones Tecnológicas
Apartado Aereo 7031
Bogotá Colombia, South America

Wilson Popenoe
Primera Avenida Sur no. 2 (3 copies)
Antigua, Guatemala, Central America

I ask for three copies because I am in contact with several people and institutions in this part of the world and I am always being asked to lend my copy.



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November 17, 1960

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Primera Avenida Sur No. 2
Antigua
Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Your letter of November 2 has arrived and we think the idea you have of using seeds of named varieties of Persimmons might be a good one. As you surmised, the season is late now for seed gathering but there is a pretty good chance that next season we could save some for you, - quantity unknown at this moment. We might want to try a few trees of these seedlings ourselves and compare their growth and productiveness.

In any selection of varieties, unless definitely proven to be unsatisfactory, we would always recommend Tanenashi and Fuyugaki. Perhaps these are not so good in the areas where you intend to try them?

Thank you for giving us the names of the three prospects; a copy of our new catalog will be sent to each right away, - airmail.

Your three copies of the catalog will be sent today and we trust you will be able to retain at least one of them until the 1961-1962 book comes out.

We very much appreciate your interest in our behalf and will do our best to work with you and your contacts toward successful fruit growing in South and Central America.

Yours sincerely

GLEN SAINT MARY NURSERIES COMPANY

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Antigua, Guatemala, 5 November 1964

Mr C L Taber Jr.,
Glen Saint Mary Nurseries
Glen Saint Mary, Fla.

Dear Mr Taber:

We are building up quite an interest down here in temperate zone fruits. I enclose a copy of a paper I read last week at the meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science (Caribbean Region) in Venezuela.

I would like to know how you are fixed for Baldwin and Hood pears. I think I might be able to place a hundred or two of each, for delivery in December or January. Also some Japanese plums - mainly Santa Rosa and Satsuma.

It seems to me you told me your pears are on calleryana roots. Is this correct? And will you tell me why you use this stock, and where we can get a pound or two of seed. I have read that "Old Home" pear is considered a good rootstock. What do you think of this, and could you grow some trees of Baldwin and Hood of this for next year if you think we should use it down here? We are presently using manzinala (Crataegus stipulosa) roostocks here in Guatemala and I don't feel we should continue with this if we can get something better.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

I am flying up to Miami at the end of this month to attend the meeting of the Florida Soil and Crop Science Society at Palm Beach. I may go as far as Gainesville and even Glen Saint Mary, for I am very much interested in pushing the temperate zone fruits down here and you can help.



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April 12, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N. W. 2nd. Ave.,
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you for your encouraging letter of April 7.

If things go as hoped, we shall have a fairly good supply of Baldwin Pear and Jewel Peach to offer the Trade this coming planting season which, as you know, covers the period from November through February and sometimes early March.

On October 1, last, we became a strictly WHOLESALE NURSERY, which means that we sell now only to other nurserymen, landscapers and plant dealers. Now the question is, - how can we arrange to take care of orders from you and your contacts? Perhaps through plant dealers located in parts of Guatemala and Honduras fairly close to the areas you wish to serve? We are not sure what the situation is in this regard but, at any rate, you would have to recommend the dealers, or other establishments that would qualify.

The enclosed is our current Trade List and we do not issue a retail book any more. We expect to have the 1965-66 issue off the press in September.

Would it be possible for you to run up to Glen while you are in the neighborhood, so that we could talk over some of the problems we know about and possibly prepare for some yet to come up?

Yours sincerely

GLEN SAINT MARY NURSERIES COMPANY

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July 28, 1965

Mr. G. L. Taber, Jr.
Glen Saint Mary Nurseries,
Glen Saint Mary, Florida.

Dear Mr. Taber:

Will you please write me, at my home address (Antigua, Guatemala) if you can supply for shipment to Venezuela next January, two hundred Baldwin pear trees? And if not that many Baldwin, 100 and 100 Hood?

This is not an order, but I am trying to help the people in Venezuela get a start. Perhaps you might tell me also if you can supply 100 Jewel peaches and 100 Floridaqueen.

Please state sizes and prices, with the understanding that I will see that payment is made in advance. Shipment to be by air freight.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popence