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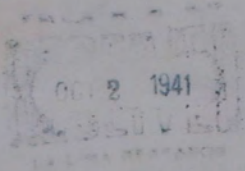
Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the General Manager

La Lima, Honduras

September 30, 1941

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o. Research Department
La Lima, Honduras



Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Further in connection with forthcoming meeting of the committee of Inter-American Cooperation in agricultural education. I now attach hereto copy of Mr. Knowles A. Ryerson's letter of the 11th instant to Mr. Pollan in connection with the above and advising that the meeting will be held in Washington.

Yours very truly

W. L. Taillon
W. L. Taillon

Att.

Guatemala, Guatemala
July 11, 1957

Mr. A. L. Bump
Boston.-

Dear Mr. Bump:

Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe are now living in their famous house in Antigua. We cannot grant requests for permission to see the house as we have in the past, and this should be understood by all concerned.

I have not spoken to either Doctor or Mrs. Popenoe on the matter, but feel that it would be the utmost imposition if we sent people to see the house now that the Popenoes are residing there. Speaking for all here, we are deeply grateful to the Popenoes for having allowed us to send Company guests to see the house during these many years.

Yours very truly,

W L Tallon

W. L. Tallon

cc: Dr. W. Popenoe ✓
Mr. E. S. Whitman
Mr. G. F. Purcell
Mr. F. W. Meher
Mr. D. J. Condon
Mr. R. Dyer

-- I am heading this off because you would not have privacy. I think some of the hotel and tour people occasionally recommend your house as one of the tour highlights. We are warning them on this, and if they do send people there it will be in spite of what was told them by us. We are out of the tourist business. Regards.

*without
our permission*

Bull ✓

V. L. Harrison
Apartado 1018
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

June 15, 1966

Dear Bert:

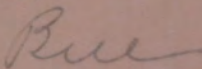
Bravo!!! And, I refer to your excellent report on EAP's activities for 1965. It is so obvious that the school, under your fine leadership, is accomplishing so much. As you likely know, I have somewhat of a "vested" interest in the Escuela. I had much to do with the selection of the site, then later handling, with Mr. Turnbull's strong backing, the purchase of the area, and setting up the working arrangement with the Honduran government, once we had sold the idea to President Carias.

I can tell you now, that when the school was going through a period of crisis, confusion, and rather rapid deterioration, I insisted that the one man who could pull this organization from deep chaos was one Bert Muller. Too many winds were blowing from all directions at the time (many years ago) to enable my voice to be heard. It would be presumptuous on my part to say that I had anything to do with your final appointment. I had nothing to do with this logical move. However, it makes me feel good to know that I was so right.

I only wish that Sam Zemurray could see what has developed from the seed he planted back in the early 40s. You are fulfilling all he dreamed about in establishing a fine school for agricultural training.

Warm regards, and all the best wishes for continued dramatic success for the future.

Sincerely,



Mr. Albert S. Muller,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

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GUATEMALA DIVISION

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GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA

W. L. TAILLON
GENERAL MANAGER

July 22, 1957

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
21 Avenida Roosevelt
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Hundreds of letters have been received by our Boston Office from your many friends, addressed to you, and all in relation to your appointment as Dean Emeritus of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

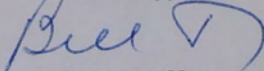
Heading the very impressive list of those who wrote is President Eisenhower.

Ed Whitman has compiled and bound these fine letters into two huge leather-bound volumes. There could be no finer recognition from your host of friends of a tremendous job well done. The volumes are in my care for safekeeping.

At some date most convenient to you, I should like to present these to you. Charles Hurtado will be visiting San Salvador soon and will have an opportunity to discuss this with you, as well as tell you more about the volumes.

Lots of regards.

Sincerely,



W. L. Taillon

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GUATEMALA DIVISION

12 CALLE 6-61, ZONA 1

GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA

W. L. TAILLON
GENERAL MANAGER

August 14, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
21 Avenida Roosevelt
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dear Doc:

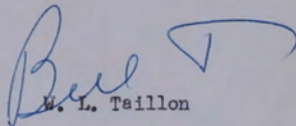
I will obtain a new typewriter for you, and this will be done locally. This is at Bump's request, and I am certainly glad to be assigned this mission.

Now, I want to be sure to get the machine you prefer--the make and whether or not you want a portable or standard model.

May I hear from you on this. I could have the machine for you when you return--or perhaps better still why not select one yourself in Guatemala and have the bill sent to me.

Please advise.

Regards.


W. L. Taillon

San Salvador, 26 August 1957

Mr W L Taillon, Genl Mgr
United Fruit Co
Guatemala City.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th, about that typewriter. It is pretty darn nice of Mr Bump to authorize a typewriter for me. I didnt mean to suggest such a thing, and only accept because I shall undoubtedly have to do quite a lot of writing, for time unknown, in connection with Company and School work. I am finding that out already; Of course it will taper off eventually.

I terminate my contract here next week and expect to return to Guatemala on 4 September. Shortly thereafter I will drop in on you to discuss the typewriter matter - no hurry about it - and also to discuss, at request of Charley Hurtado, who was here last week, the entrega of the letters which Whit brought together and had bound in such handsome fashion. Charley suggested a little luncheon affair, which I think would be much better than an evening one, and he said you would invite me to suggest some old friends whom I would like to have present. You can readily understand that I shall be glad to do this; my only regret is that there are so few of them left.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Mr A L Bump

21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
20 July 1957

Mr W L Taillon
United Fruit Co
Guatemala City

Dear Bill:

Thanks for copy of your letter of the 11th to Mr Bump, in re visitors, you are quite right in thinking it just simply will **not** be possible for us to let five or six carloads of tourists go through the house in one day - which has in the past sometimes been the case - and the only alternative is simply to close the house to tourists in general. We are going to have it become know that anyone who is really seriously interested can write a note in advance and make an appointment, so as to come when it is convenient for us.

We are sure you understand, of course, that when you have important Company guests in hand, or personal friends, you will always feel free to send them over with a note, and if we are not there the note will be authority for Maria to take them around.

I dont think many of the visitors who have come in recent years have been sent by the Guatemala City office of UFCo. The tourist guides have just brought them, just as they take them to the ruins of San Francisco and the Cathedral, and old Maria has let them in - which was allright with us so long as were were not in the house. Maria got something out of it - only the Lord knows how much. Every time we went home she would bring us a handful of pennies, some US, some Honduran, and so on, and say "Will you please change ^{these} ~~me~~ for me; this is the money the tourists give me!"

I expect to be back in Guatemala early in Sept - my contract here is for the months of July and August.

With best regards always,

Sincerely,

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
College of Agriculture
Agricultural Experiment Station

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

September 11, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Pollan:

I am sorry that I neglected to make it clear in my letter that the meetings of the Land Grant Association and the meeting of the Committee on Inter-American Cooperation in Agricultural Education will be held in Washington. After writing my last letter to you, I learned from Dr. Bressman that the services of Dr. Popenoe had been requested of your company in connection with the selection of the site for the proposed Institute of Tropical Agriculture. You certainly have an itinerant workman in Dr. Popenoe! He seems to be under a special "Lease-Lend" program, which, however, is mostly "Lend".

I am very glad indeed that he is on this committee to select the site, for it is positive assurance that the considerations of practical agriculture, as well as the various other economic aspects will be given due attention.

I hope I may have the opportunity to call in at Boston when I am East and to talk over some of these various Latin American problems with you further.

Cordially yours,

(Sgd.) Knowles A. Ryerson

Knowles A. Ryerson
Assistant Dean