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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

General Offices, One Federal Street, Boston, Mass.

W. E. TURNBULL
VICE PRESIDENT

LA LIMA, HONDURAS, C. A.

14 October, 1948

Dear Helen:

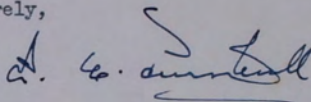
Thanks for your very nice letter of the 2nd inst. telling me about the Doctor.

Of course, the only sensible thing for him to do was to stay in San Francisco and get the necessary medical treatment. It is a good thing you were with him to see that he did this because, frankly, the Doctor is not too good at taking care of himself, — Tell him I remember how he acted in Quito, Ecuador in 1944.

I look forward very much to the pleasure of seeing you and the Doctor again at Zamorano.

With lots and lots of cariños, I am,

Sincerely,



Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

N York. 29. Nov. 49

Dear Dexter

I was glad to wire you yesterday from Boston to go ahead with the swimming pool.

Pretty soon you are going to hear something about your salary that - though not big - will I know please you.

To you and Helen my very kindest regards.

D. C. Sargent

Mrs. Julio J. Moeller
Apartado Aéreo 3986
Bogotá, Colombia
South América

January 30, 1951

Dear Dr. Popano:

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Is there a laundry service connected with the school, or do families hire their own laundresses?

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for curtain rods _____

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Is there a well stocked drugstore in Tegus for the usual necessary toilet articles, as well as vitamin-mineral-calcium tablets?

Is there a good dentist in Tegus?

Do the members of the staff of the school have commissary privileges at the U.F.Co. commissaries in La Lima, or Tela, etc.?

While the school farms may supply much of the food, are other groceries and supplies easily obtained?

Are there any difficulties in receiving books, magazines, etc., by mail from the States?

(Here it is practically out of the question. Out of a book club subscription you are lucky to get three numbers out of the 12 per year, and if you subscribe to a popular magazine you will never receive a single copy -- the postal clerks sell them to the local news dealers -- there is a tremendous demand for Vogue, etc.)

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(I have rather big feet -- my long toes make it impossible for me to find anything comfortable in locally made shoes. Ditto Julio.)

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We could be out of here in about a month's time. It would take about a month to wind up our business here, give up the apartment, sell our furniture, etc., pay income taxes, and fulfill the million and one requisites on getting out of here. But we would like to plan a stop-over in Panama as a refresher, shopping, etc., before proceeding up the west coast to Amapala (assuming that would be the most direct route).

I suppose the Honduran authorities would like a recent small pox vaccination certificate. Would there be other requisites?

While I have covered a lot of ground on this questionnaire, please be frank and offer any suggestions you both might think necessary.

With kindest personal regards to you and Helen,

Cordially, Ruth

25 January 1951

Dear Ruth:

Lots of water has run over the Tequendama falls and lots of young poets have probably gone over with it since we last had any truck with Julio and yourself, and it is mighty good to hear from you. I am answering your letter immediately because the proposition is extremely interesting. We are trying to bring together a group of people at this school whom I know and like the tropics, who won't leave us in six months, and who don't worry about keeping up with the Joneses because Mrs. J. got a new sink last month or had the kitchen painted. You two have been in URCO long enough to know the whole story. Verbum sap.

I believe both of you could be very useful here. We are and up to date have been, short-handed. I don't know how Julio views school teaching but there are other things to be done. I think he might well handle one or two of the non-agricultural classes at the start, such as very elementary math (we don't have any other kind) and English; and then there is lots of work to be done along administrative lines - all of us double in brass, even your humble servant teaches the class in Hort. after running around in circles all morning trying to see where the cows got in last night and how about sending in Fulano whose baby is sick and writing a letter to Mengano who wants to know what has gone wrong with his cotton in Salvador. It goes without saying that you would have a full time job in the office.

Now let's look on the black side. We don't at present have a house available and we can't build any more. You would have to be satisfied for the time being (somebody will quit some day and a house will thereby become available automatically) with a two-room apartment, eating at the school comedor unless you wanted to do a little LHK in your apartment; and we don't pay salaries such as they pay in Bogotá but then, you can't spend any money here and you can bank or play poker with most of what you do get. And on the pleasant side, the climate is swell, about like that of the Cauca, and we have lots of visitors to keep you from getting bored, including everything from Presidents down, and we are gradually bringing together a fine little group of gente, three Colombian families and a few Ticos and some gringos, and the grub is good and abundant, if you can stand Don Pancho's presentation of same, or can cook it yourself.

We are definitely interested. I do not remember the circumstances attending Julio's resignation from the URCO. I don't believe there would be any objection from that angle, do you? The main thing might be this: can you lower your sights, to ignore the figures on the payroll and look at how much cash you have left in the little old bolsillo at the end of the month? Write me soon, and if you have definite ideas regarding how many \$\$ per mensem you would each require, say so, but remember a \$ goes farther here than in Colombia and there ain't no black market neither. Helen joins in warmest regards to you both.

Yours,

Mrs. Julio J. Moeller
Apartado Aéreo 3986
Bogotá, Colombia
South América

January 22, 1951

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

First let me wish you, Helen and the children a very happy 1951. We did not send out any greeting cards this year, so send our greetings to you both in this note.

A few years ago when you and Helen visited Bogotá you made us an offer to work in the school, Ruth doing office work, and Julio assisting with the students, perhaps in a teaching capacity. At that time we were unable to accept, principally because Julio was all tied up with International Air Freight, which ceased to function shortly after the April 9, 1948 uprising here when the restriction of imports, import licenses, exchange control, etc., plus heavy competition from Pan American Airways local line Avianca caused some of the little air freight lines to fold up.

We are still carrying on with other endeavors, but are a little tired of the rather trying altitude and climate of Bogotá, and wonder if you might again be in need of a secretary and an assistant. If so, we would both be interested, particularly Julio. Since reading Louis Bromfield's "Out of the Earth", "Malabar Farm", and "Pleasant Valley", as well as several other recent authors on agricultural subjects, Julio has decided that he has wasted too many years in commercial pursuits and would like to get into some sort of agricultural work. Perhaps at the Escuela Panamericana he could be useful to you in some capacity, and at the same time learn something of tropical agriculture.

Again, with every good wish to you, Helen and the children for 1951 and always,

Cordially,

*Ruth
and Julio*

P.S.

I did such a thorough job on the hot peppers and beer on your last visit here that I have not attempted either since, which, of course, is just as well since I did not manage them too well that day either. Forgive us our trespasses!

R.

January 30, 1951

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Cordially,

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
January 31, 1951

PERSONAL

Mr. J. R. Strange
Santa Marta, Colombia

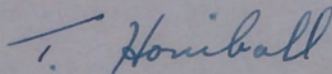
Dear Jack:

The attached copy of letter from Dr. Popence to Mr.
Turnbull regarding the Moellers is self-explanatory.

I would appreciate your giving us what information you
can on them, also advise us if you have any idea just what salary
you think they would expect.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



T. Honiball

cc - Dr. Wilson Popence - I think Jack will be able to give us a lot
of dope on these two. I knew them a long
time ago--~~nice~~ and liked them both. Regards.

T.H.

Santa Marta,
8th February, 1951.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W.E. Turnbull,
Vice President,
Tela Railroad Company,
La Lima, Honduras.

Dear Mr. Turnbull,

I refer to your letter of January 31st, with copy of letter to you from Dr. Popenoe, regarding the possibility of employing Julio and Ruth Moeller.

We have absolutely no objection to the employment either of Julio or Ruth Moeller.

Julio left the Company in the midsummer of 1942 voluntarily and at a time when it appeared that there would be little or no work for him to do in the Bogotá Agency, where he was assistant to Mr. F.N. Riley.

Ruth Moeller is an excellent secretary, with a considerable amount of administrative ability. During the past few years she has been publishing a News Bulletin in Bogotá, which was most excellent. In a secretarial position she is absolutely "tops," is bi-lingual and an excellent worker.

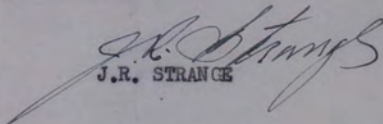
Julio was very well thought of as an employee while in Santa Marta and Bogotá. He, too, is an excellent office man; and since Dr. Popenoe is a personal friend of his and understands his peculiarities, I am quite sure that they would work very well together.

In so far as salary is concerned, I believe that they would accept a minimum of \$300.000 U.S. Cy. each per month. As a bi-lingual administrative secretary, Ruth Moeller is certainly worth this and more.

I do not understand the conditions under which they would work in Zamorano; but if a recall correctly, most of their food is furnished in addition to excellent living quarters. If such is the case, this would be taken into consideration in fixing a starting salary for both Julio and Ruth Moeller.

Very truly yours,

Copy:- Dr. Wilson Popenoe. ✓
Mr. J.B. Tower - Bogotá.


J.R. STRANCE

11 February 1951

Mrs Julio J. Moeller
Apartado Aereo 3986
Bogotá, Colombia.

Dear Ruth:

Many thanks for your letter of 30 January, in which Julio and yourself express a definite interest in the possibility of joining us. We can very well use you both - Julio in general office work connected with the administration of the school, and yourself as English-language secretary for myself and two or three other members of the staff.

Both Julio and yourself are familiar with Company practice, which we follow here in general. With regard to salaries, we have to take into consideration that perquisites here are greater than in Company divisions with which I am familiar, and living costs are otherwise low in addition. Taking these factors into consideration, I feel that 500 Lempiras (equivalent to US \$250) per month would be a fair salary for each of you at the start; and if all goes well we would hope to increase this with time.

Until we have a house available (and I cannot say just when this will be) you would be supplied with a completely furnished apartment of two rooms and bath; you would have your meals without charge at the school mess hall; and laundry done without charge at the school laundry.

When we are able to give you a house, you would get your share of supplies produced by the school - in your case the present ration would be 2 qts of milk daily, 1 lb of butter per week, whatever vegetables are available (and we usually have plenty) and meat (beef) at 10 to 20 cents US per pound, according to cuts, that is kind of meat. Our houses carry with them, in addition to these items, a cook, a laundress and a yardboy at standard school rates.

We do not have free hospital service as in UFCo, but you do not pay the 2% hospital deduction.

As in UFCo, we try to allow annual vacations - usually 30 days with an allowance for travelling time within reason. I think we would be permitted to furnish both of you transportation on vacations to the States, so far as UFCo steamers are concerned. Since you are not being employed in the States I would probably have to request special permission for this.

As in UFCo, vacations are with pay, and must be taken at a convenient time. You can readily understand that this is even more important in our case than in the Company; we cannot let a teacher go on vacation during the school year. This probably would not be so important in your cases, and we would always do our best to fit in with your own desires. School is not in session during March, April and May, but at that time we have, on the other hand, a lot of work in connection with bringing in the new students.

As in UFco, we do not require the signing of any contract, and as in the latter we have a Death Benefit and Retirement Fund which is independent of the Company's but works exactly the same way.

We are willing to pay airplane transportation for the two of you from Bogotá to Tegucigalpa, together with a reasonable amount of excess baggage if you wish to bring with you such items as your flat ware, a few blankets, and the like. If you have other items in any quantity, such as books and the like, we could probably arrange to have them sent by steamer; but in general I would not advise you to bring much stuff as most necessary household equipment is supplied by the school.

We can use you as soon as you can conveniently come. We do not want to hurry you too much, of course, but at the same time we will appreciate it if you will give us your decision as soon as possible and tell us, in case you accept, about when we can expect you.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe
Director

cc Mr W E Turnbull

bc Mr J R Strange, Santa Marta

1941

Tegucigalpa, 12 Feb 1941

Dear Ruth:

Since we are now prepared to make Julie and yourself a definite offer, which I firmly believe is to your interests to accept, and since I will want to send a copy of same to Mr Turnbull, and since he will not be interested in reading about beauty parlors in Tegucigalpa and the kind of clothes Julie will need here - since all of these things are true, and since it is Sunday morning and the boys are going to Mass and I aint, I will answer the questions in your last letter - but not as suggested, by filling out the blanks, as there are not big enough blanks in some cases.

Zamorano is 37 kilometers from Tegucigalpa, about 1 hr 10 mins by automobile. Some of our employees have their own cars, and I think probably you and Julie would want one eventually; but we undertake to send our employees into town once every two weeks, if they have no car of their own, going in Saturday a.m. and returning that evening. The car situation is a little like Midge's cocktail glasses - Fulano has to go in a Pickup and Mengano and wife get sent in the old Ford Sedan - but both get to Tegucigalpa. There is a good dirt road.

Houses and apartments are quite completely furnished, so far as essentials are concerned; but Mrs Fulano just got her settee covered with good tapestry and we shall immediately have to cover five others. But to be serious, we supply necessary household linen, blankets, dishes, and kitchenware. Those who want special furniture can have it made in our shop at their own expense, and our workmen do a swell job. The two room apartments have private bath, which opens onto both rooms. They are nice apartments - somewhat better than the ones in the Tela Division as all our buildings are of stone. These apartments, however, do not have a kitchenette. You could rig up something of the sort in one of the rooms if you wished, using a kerosene stove. We use kerosene in our house but other houses use firewood supplied without charge by the school. We cannot use electric stoves because we do not have enough current. We furnish electric refrigerators.

The water supply is excellent - out of a mountain spring, and we never think of boiling it for drinking. Electric current is 110 volts but we also have 220 volts available; but we use 110 almost everywhere.

The school has a hand laundry where you can have washing done if desired; and since the apartments do not have laundries individually, we furnish free laundry service for them. If you have a house, you get a cook and laundress free, and a yard boy who has to keep the grounds in condition, up to the school standard.

Since I have an apt in mind for you, as a starter, I will check on the window sizes and note them at the foot of this letter. We furnish curtain rods but not curtains or venetian blinds.

There is an excellent dentist in Tegucigalpa, a good hospital; we use Dr Roberto Lazarus who used to be with UFCO. We do not have free medical attention, however, as we do not have the 2% reduction which they

charge in UFCo. We have an infirmary here at the school with a practitioner where we handle minor troubles. There are plenty of drug stores in Teguci - we have always found them adequate. Elizabeth Arden also does business here, and you can get a rizado permanente at a reasonable price.

We have commissary privileges on the coast but almost never use them, as there are good stores in Teguci and we find we do not effect much of a saving by ordering from the coast, but you can do so if desired. Things are usually brought up by air, which is not much more expensive than overland truck freight and a good deal more satisfactory. Your school perquisites in the line of foodstuffs are pretty darn good; you would get 2 qts of milk per day, 1 lb of butter per week (both free), meat at 10 to 20 cents per lb, segun cut, and all the vegetables you need, when available. And we usually have plenty available - tho they get a bit scarce during the heavy rains of late summer. Your living expenses should be low at all times (I should mention that we have had, occasionally, to change the issues of free supplies; above figures are as of today).

Summarising, as long as you have to live in an apartment (and I cannot say when you will get a house but you know I will do my best for you) you would be entitled to free board at school mess hall, and free laundry service; and if you prefer to do LHK in your apt, we would issue you the same rations we issue a household. And remember that a household gets a cook, a laundress and a yard boy, free fuel, and the other things listed. I do not see any reason why your living expenses, in a house, should run over \$50 basic per month, not counting the Old Parr of course - which however you may argue is very basic!

There are no difficulties in receiving books by mail from the States; sometimes they swipe a copy of Vogue from Helen, or take out Time Mag to read before sending it on. But on the whole the service is good. It is not so easy to order books from the States as it gets held up quite a while in the Aduana. You had best go to the States once in a while and buy what you want. I think we could probably give you transportation on UFCo steamers but this has to be approved in cases where employees are not hired directly from the US. Here again you know I will do my best to take care of your interests. While we only have 30 days vacation per yr, we usually try to allow travelling time in addition.

We practically never wear formal clothes here at the school but I keep a Tux and Frac for an occasional official affair in Teguci, and Helen always has a couple of long dresses. I would think Julie would be wise to bring along what he has, the most certainly he would not use dress clothes often. This climate is about like that of Medellin, I would say, or Cali. I don't wear anything from one week's end to another except white shirts, khaki pants and heavy shoes. We rarely use coats but I use a pullover sweater mornings and evenings during the cooler months. I am sure you could get everything you need in Panama but you could also get it here. There is a good little dressmaker here at the school - she makes most of Helen's clothes, except what we buy in US.

There are thirteen houses for families on the campus, and 160 students house two to a room in four dormitories. All houses are occupied by families at present - four gringos, three Colombians, and some ticos.

You will need smallpox certificates not more than a year old to enter Honduras, and I believe they are now requiring a good conduct certificate from the police - which is just a gesture as you can get it anywhere. I think we could get you in without it.

Until this year we have never paid an income tax here. It has just gone into effect. You two would have a combined exemption of about \$1600 and you are allowed to deduct everything paid for life insurance, and school Death Benefit and Retirement Plan. I think in your cases you would pay 2-1/2 or 3% on the balance which does not amount to a great deal.

Exchange is fixed at 2 Lempiras to the dollar, and you have to pay about 2% to send money out of the country.

We would probably start Julie on general office work, where we need someone badly; and you would handle the English correspondence for myself, Dr Williams and Mr Shank, and keep up the card index in our reference library (you won't need library experience for that), and help Dr Williams on reading proof and mailing out our little magazine "Ceiba" (scientific, and published about 4 times per annum).

The Company has just issued a handsome booklet on the school and I am asking Ed Whitman in NY to send you a copy by air mail. It will give you a good idea of what the place looks like.

Finally, I want to say that I am rather enthusiastic about having you with us and so is Helen. You are prepared to help us a lot and we have worked together long enough so that we know we like to do so. This is very important in a small colony like this; and you need a sense of humor sometimes just as you did at Santa Marta.

Best regards to both of you and we hope to see you soon; but a difference of a couple of weeks doesn't matter so I don't want to rush you. I suspect you will enjoy seeing friends in Panama and looking in the windows; but Helen and I don't think Panama is as good a place to shop as it was before the last war.

Sincerely,

You suggested that I offer you the salaries we have been accustomed to pay for the same sort of work. I have gone somewhat above the usual starting figure because the long experience both of you have had with UFCo.

Mrs. Julio J. Moeller
Apartado Aéreo 3986
Bogotá, Colombia
South América

February 15, 1951

Dear Dr. Popenoe and Helen:

Assuming that the enclosed would be for the official files, it is worded somewhat formally.

Thank you, both of you, for your official letter of the 11th, and the kindness in giving ^{us} so much detail in Dr. Popenoe's second letter of the 12th, and in Helen's letter of the 11th. Between the two we have a pretty clear picture of what to expect and are really keen to be on our way.

Julio is delighted that he will be doing general office work in connection with the administration, since that is his "fuerte". The secretarial work for me sounds very interesting, along with other routine office duties, and while I have not taken dictation for the past few years, I know from past experience that my old speed will be up to par in about a week's time. Neither of us has forgotten how to work and I don't have to add that knowing and respecting the boss makes it fun - not toil. The quitting hours are not nearly as important for us as the starting hours. The 7 a.m. won't bother Julio at all, he is always up at 6, but I will have to move a little faster in the morning.

The cold in Bogotá these days penetrates right to the marrow, and I can hardly wait to get to a warm sunny place.

The salary is fine to start and I am sure that with 500 Lempiras each per month, or the equivalent of US\$250, or a total gross income between the two of about US\$500, we will be able to put something by each month for old age or a rainy day.

The apartment arrangement sounds all right. (Twin beds, if you please.) At the beginning I'll pass up any idea of light housekeeping in the apartment, at least until I see how things go. Meals at the school mess sound like a vacation to me -- until of course the novelty wears off. However, there is always the possibility of a house becoming available some day, though I am not selfish enough not to consider that such a windfall for me would mean another hardship for you in that someone on the staff was leaving.

On the strength of the fact that a good dressmaker is available on the ground, I shall cut my shopping down to bare necessities and leave any further wardrobe requirements to her.

Ditto on curtains, bedspreads, and such things for the apartment. With this in mind I am going to try to dispose of my apartment here as is, curtains, drapes and all, to some new arrival who might want the whole works, which I hope won't be too difficult since the apartment is centrally located and has a telephone.

We have some books, most of them worthwhile, including a lovely Guatemalan collection of ten volumes which Mr. Turnbull gave Julio and which Julio cherishes. There are no detective stories and no thrillers. They will fit in three small steamer trunks about the size of an army locker. Then there will be a couple of larger trunks carrying blankets, linens, plated table silver, a few pictures, etc. And about two trunks of old duds which might be useful. I count on having the local (Zamorano) dressmaker remake or adapt my old Bogotá duds for Zamorano, buying mostly blouses, underwear and hosiery enroute. Julio's old Bogotá duds will be very useful there, particularly slacks, etc., but he will get some khaki trousers, shoes, etc. enroute.

furniture is disposed of quickly. My A.B. Dick mimeograph 92 has been up for sale for the past two months, and not a nibble. But let's see. I am hopeful that after mid-February things will change here for the better -- but of course I won't be tempted to hang around to see.

Will the local U.F.Co. office handle our passage and transportation of trunks, or would you prefer that we attend to these expenses and render an account later?

With an abrazo to you both and looking forward to working in Zamorano,

Sincerely and affectionately,

Ruth

P.S. Julio has just returned and on reading the last paragraph above says that while we have the funds and could take care of the transportation and be refunded later on our arrival there, there is a tremendous amount of red tape and taxes involved and it would be better to have the Company handle this. I may add to this that in case we over-spend the amount of travel authorized in the way of express baggage, we will immediately repay the Company with a check on the States on our arrival in Honduras.

*Regards.
Ruth & Julio*

JULIO J. MOELLER
APARTADO AEREO 3986
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

February 15, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Just a short note to advise that both Ruth and I accept the terms of employment at the School as set forth in your letter of February 11, 1951.

We will immediately start winding up business affairs here, such as reporting for The New York Times, and making up a weekly economic summary for the Colombian-American Chamber of Commerce in New York.

We will immediately proceed with the selling of our furniture, etc., but are not optimistic in being able to sell rapidly or at good prices since due to the current curtailment of bank credit people are short of ready cash and all sales in Bogotá, for all kinds of merchandise, new and old, in the shops and in homes, have been dragging way behind.

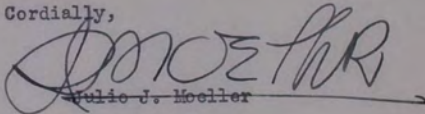
However, we will do our very best to arrive in Tegucigalpa by April 1st at the latest. If we can manage to get there earlier we will do so.

There will be a few trunks of books, linens, clothing, etc., which I assume it would be best to have the United Fruit ship by boat, and we could take our hand luggage with us by plane, if this is the way you want it. If you would prefer that we accompany our luggage and travel up the west coast by boat, that is all right too. On this point we await your instructions.

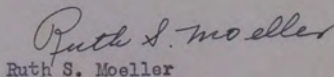
If we could have a stop-over of about one week (not more) in Panama to get warm, rest a bit from this trying altitude, and purchase more suitable clothing for your climate in Zamorano -- at our own expense of course -- we would like to plan our trip that way.

With every good wish to you and Helen and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again and working under you in Zamorano,

Cordially,



Julio J. Moeller



Ruth S. Moeller

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
February 16, 1951

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
El Zamorano

Dear Doctor:

EMPLOYEES ZAMORANO

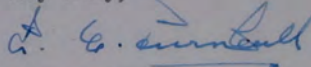
You wrote me on the 26th of January regarding the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Moeller. You have undoubtedly received your copy of letter written me by Jack Strange on the 8th inst. in which in reply to Honiball's letter of January 31 he states there is no objection to these people being employed and like you points out how efficient they are, particularly Mrs. Moeller, bi-lingual secretary, etc.

I also know both of these people very well and like them. I would like to see them with the Company again provided that the idea of coming back originated with them and that if they do come back they have a perfectly clear understanding as to what they can expect as regards salary, etc. and that they express their satisfaction regarding this. Although they know the Company very well I think it should be pointed out to them that they must consider themselves as available for transfer, etc. It might be well if you replied to Mrs. Moeller's letter -- gave her a picture of what living at the school would be like and inquired what salary she would expect and what salary Julio would expect in the event that you could offer them work more or less such as you describe in your letter as needing these people for. I imagine things are pretty tough in Bogota not only for the Moeller's but for everybody. If such were not the case I can't picture Ruth and Julio wanting to live out in the country. I remember his peculiarities quite well -- as I say, I have always liked them. I believe that they would be a good acquisition for you, but only in the event that they were quite satisfied at Zamorano.

In the event that they were not employed at Zamorano and if they still wanted to come back with the Company, I believe that they could be used here on the North Coast, possibly by the Accounting Department, which seems to be short of employees, or in some of the offices in La Lima.

I suggest you feel them out along these lines and I hope that before long you and I can get together and talk about this and a few other things that we are both interested in. I am giving Mr. Pollan a copy of this letter inasmuch as I believe that both Ruth and Julio worked for him when he was Manager in Colombia.

Yours very truly,



W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. A. A. Pollan

Boston, Massachusetts
February 20, 1951

Via Air Mail

Mr. W. E. Turnbull, Vice President
Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras

Dear Mr. Turnbull:

Reference your letter of February 16th to Dr. Popenoe,
and particularly the footnote thereon, regarding employment of
Mr. and Mrs. Julio Mceller. We have absolutely no objections
to their being re-employed at the School or any place in the
Company where their services might be required, but we do not
think, and I take it from your letter that you do not either,
that positions should be created for them.

Yours very truly,

K. H. Redmond

Copy to: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

27 February 1951

Mr and Mrs Julio J Moeller
Apartado Aereo 3986
Bogotá, Colombia.

Dear Julio and Ruth:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th, which I have not answered earlier because we have been in the throes of final exams and getting ready for graduation, which takes place this next Saturday.

You will note from enclosed copy of letter I have today written to Mr Turnbull, that I am asking, in case he approves the arrangement, that he request the Bogotá office to furnish you airplane transportation from that city to Tegucigalpa. Of course there will be no objection to your stopping over in Panama.

I am also asking him to arrange with the Bogotá office to have your heavy baggage shipped to Honduras by whatever route seems most advantageous. I believe there are ships from Panama calling at Amapala occasionally, and if I am correct, this would probably be best. But I would not advise you to attempt to come by that route yourselves, unless you have very definite information re sailings and know what to expect.

There is no great rush about getting here. We shall be glad to see you whenever you can come, but you must take care of all necessary details at Bogotá first and I imagine it may take you some time to close up affairs in a place where you have lived so long. We shall not expect you before April first and if you need another month it really wont matter very much.

Next week we shall be out of the present Graduation jam, so if there there are questions you need to ask, send them along and I will answer them promptly.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popence

cc Mr W E Turnbull

Tegucigalpa, 27 February 1951

Mr W E Turnbull
La Lima.

Dear Mr Turnbull:

You have received a copy of letter from Julio and Ruth Moeller, dated 15 February, in which ^{they} express willingness to accept employment at EAP under the terms set forth in my letter to them of 15 February, copy to you.

If you are in agreement with the arrangement, could you ask Mr Strange to instruct the Bogotá office to furnish airplane transportation for the Moellers, on request, from Bogotá to Tegucigalpa, for account of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana?

We would also like to ask that the Bogotá office arrange to ship their heavy baggage by whatever route seems best, also for account of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. If there is reasonably good steamship service up the West Coast to Amapala, that would be the easiest route; otherwise we would suggest Barranquilla to some US port by United Fruit steamer, and transfer to another UF steamer coming to the north coast of Honduras. But we are too far from the ocean to know much about the situation.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

copy to Mr Julio J. Moeller

Tegucigalpa, 27 February 1951

PERSONAL

Mr W E Turnbull
Tela RR Co., La Lima.

Dear Mr Turnbull:

Referring to your letter of 16 February, regarding employment of Julio and Ruth Moeller, also Mr Redmond's letter to you of the 20th, copy to me:

I had not heard anything from the Moellers since Helen and I saw them last in Bogotá, more than four years ago. In January - about six weeks ago - Ruth wrote me, saying that they were not getting along very well, were fed up with the climate, would like a change, and wanted to know if there was any chance of our having work for them here. I replied that we were interested, would like to know what they would expect in the way of salary; and told them that if there seemed to be any possibility of our making them an offer I would take the matter up with you, as we were in need of the sort of help both of them could give us. On hearing favorably from Jack Strange, and from them, I wrote them a definite offer on 11 February, copy to you. To this they replied on 15 February, as per copy enclosed.

We really need help here. Paul Shank, Doctor Williams and myself have to do most of our English-language correspondence ourselves. We have for a long time been anxious to find a good stenographer who could handle most of the school correspondence in that language. We also need someone to take charge of our rapidly growing and excellent library. It is my feeling that Ruth will have full-time work in these two connections and will solve a couple of our urgent problems.

At the office we are also short-handed. When we put on Nick ^{Bris} and transferred the accounting work of the school from Tela to Zamorano, it took away from other office work Mrs Williams, and left us with José Membreño and Amado Pelen. Membreño is very valuable on much of the outside work - the shops, the daily problems brought up by people here in the valley, contacts in Tegucigalpa and so on. Amado Pelen has his hands very full with student affairs - letters from aspirantes, student records, and problems which the students bring in almost every hour. He has to be out of the office a good deal, multigraphing text material we make for classroom use.

We need one experienced man who can be in the office all the time, handling the routine material which comes over the desk constantly and taking care of a lot of details which now fall on my shoulders. With his long background of Company experience I believe Julio can be of great help to us.

As you point out, there is the possibility that the Moellers may not care for life in the country, and if they do not, or if it develops that it would be better for them to transfer back to UFCo, we shall of course be glad to fit in with any move which seems desirable; but if they work out satisfactorily here it will take a tremendous load off my own shoulders.

Sincerely

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
March 8, 1951

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
El Zamorano

Dear Doctor:

ESCUELA AGRICOLA - EMPLOYEES

Your letter of the 27th ult. regarding the employment of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Moeller for your school -- also your previous letters in connection with the same subject.

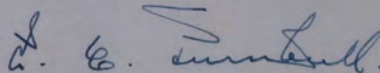
You have offered them and they have accepted work at the school at the rate of \$250.00 per month for each, plus the perquisites which the school gives to their first-class employees. You have written to them as regards transportation, vacations, etc. I approve of what you have done.

I agree that these two employees should be very useful to the school and relieve you and others of work which you have been doing and which undoubtedly has taken some time away from other work. I am giving a copy of this letter to Mr. Kidd, inasmuch as he has always looked after the Accounting end of the school. If the employment of either Julio or Ruth Moeller enters into the work which Mr. Kidd's department has been responsible for I know that you will not have any trouble in straightening that angle out with him. Incidentally, Mr. Kidd has been and is looking for first-class office employees. After the Moellers have been with you for some time drop me a note and let me know how they are getting on.

Mr. Honiball, who receives copy of this letter, will instruct the Colombia Division as regards airplane transportation, handling of baggage and everything else that is necessary and that was mentioned by you in your correspondence.

I am glad that you agree with me that it is most advisable that their duties, perquisites, and everything else be made very clear to Mr. and Mrs. Moeller in order to avoid any future misunderstanding.

Yours very truly,



W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. K. H. Redmond
Mr. W. W. Turnbull
Mr. A. W. Kidd
Mr. T. Honiball

Tegucigalpa, 13 March 1950

Dear Ruth:

Just got a letter from W E Turnbull saying that Tom Honiball is arranging with Bogotá for your transportation, shipment of heavy baggage, etc. I understand Mrs Tower is in Bogotá now - used to know him well in Guatemala City and Pto Barries. When you start this way, I imagine he will arrange with Bill Mais to see that you have the right sort of accomodations in Panama. And then when you are ready to leave Panama for Teguci get Bill to send me a tropical radio so that we can have someone meet you at the airport with a car. If I cant do it myself Helen will probably do it, and they are very good to us at the airprt - they do all they can to make things easy.

It has been growing on me, these last few weeks, that maybe Julio should sell his dress suit and plug hat in Bogotá if he can get good prices. When I come to think about it, I have only worn mine, here in Honduras, about 3 times in the last nine years, and it might be a better arrangement for him to wear mine once every 18 months and I wear it every 18 months. If he cant dispose of same to good advantage down there, then bring them along, but we dont need those silk mufflers we used to wear in Bogotá. All in all, I would say a Tux is just about all I ever have a chance to wear here. I wore my cutaway, striped pants and silk hat to the inauguration of Pres Galvez, two yrs ago, the second time I have worn them in 25 yrs and since I am getting the middle-aged spread the striped pants fit me a whole lot too soon. They already have a gusset in the rear and no more gussets possible.

You are going to get a small break - not a large one, but a break never-the-less. You will have on arrival a neat little apt with living room complete with fireplace, a kitchenette, good bath room, and a bedroom mit single beds complete. You can whip up a Sunday evening supper in the kitchenette if and when you like to do so, or get bkfst there every morning, providing you get to work on time afterwards, and in any case, it is a nicer set-up than the other two room apts which are available as they have no kitchenette. I think there is even warrm water in this one, from a solar heater, and you dont want the water too hot here. We aint in Bogotá. And of course if Julio is one of those old fashioned guys like I am, and doesnt shave with an electric razor (he can do so if he wishes, 110 volt) then he can cook up a pot of hot water on the kerosene stove and burn his skin as I do.

Drop me a line and tell me how your plans are coming along. Take your time - I hope you will be here for many years and a week or two now is nothing between friends. But watch your step - I mean pocketbook- in Panama. It aint the place it used to be - in fact it never was.

Affectionate regards to you both. I hope you got the brochure "The Story of Escuela Agricola Panamericana" which I asked Ed Whitman to send you. It will tell you all about the place -but without the headaches because of those eight cocktail glasses Midge got.

Sincerely,

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
March 14, 1951

Mr. J. B. Tower
Bogotá, Colombia

Dear Mr. Tower:

Dr. Popenoe, Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, has recently employed Mr. and Mrs. Moeller for the School.

Mr. Moeller, who receives copy of this letter, is requested to contact you as soon as his plans are definite. I would appreciate your furnishing him and his wife airplane transportation from Bogotá to Tegucigalpa for account of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. You should advise Mr. Mais in Panamá when they expect to arrive there and he in turn can keep Dr. Popenoe advised through Mr. Scott in Tegucigalpa.

The Moellers will also have some heavy trunks and crates. I would appreciate your arranging to ship these to Tela or Cortes via Barranquilla or Santa Marta, whichever is most convenient. It is understood that this baggage will be handled on Company boats.

Anything you can do to assist the Moellers will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Turnbull

W. E. Turnbull

cc - Mr. J. R. Strange
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Mr. H. V. T. Mais
Mr. Julio Moeller

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
August 24, 1951

Confidential

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
E. A. P.
Zamorano, Tegucigalpa

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am sorry I delayed answering your letter of August 6th regarding Ramon Paredes, of your M. & S., but I wanted to go over this matter with Mr. Read personally.

Mr. Read assures me that he did not offer Ramon \$200 a month. He says, what he did tell him was that if he returned to Tela he would try to give him his old job back, but that he could not promise him a house and that the outlooks of getting one were not bright.

Mr. Read told me that the job he had in mind for Ramon has been filled, and that at the present time he has nothing he could offer.

I have no doubt that Ramon is a good man and is doing a good job in your M. & S., however, I am inclined to believe that he is trying to hold us up. I certainly can not promise, at this time, to give him any kind of increase the first of next year. When it is felt that he is due one, it would be given consideration along with any other increases requested at that time. I agree with you that your Bodega job is hardly worth \$200.00.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Turnbull

W. E. Turnbull

23 September 1951

Mr W E Turnbull
La Lima

Dear Mr Turnbull:

Under date of 12 September Don Julio Lozano wrote that he would ^{like} our experts in forestry to get together with those of the Banco de Fomento and STICA to discuss a suitable forestry program for Honduras. Several days ago Mr Vogel of Stica and Mr Simmons of FAO (who is working with the Banco de Fomento I understand) came out here and spent two days discussing the matter with Paul Shank.

Paul tells me that Mr Simmons is preparing a memorandum for Don Julio Lozano outlining what they think is a suitable program. Paul made it very clear that he cannot take any responsibility in connection with this. Mr Simmons is still anxious that Paul be detached from EAP for one or more years to organize and put on foot the forestry program. In accordance with our understanding with you, Paul is not encouraging this idea.

What Paul and I do think is that EAP could effectively be of service to the government of Honduras through training men for the forestry program - just as we have trained many who are now working for the government, and for Stica, in the agricultural programs which have recently been put on foot. This, it seems to us, would be right in line with the legitimate objectives of EAP; and in line with what you have suggested to us in times past - that we attempt to give a course in forestry here. If it is thought desirable, Paul could easily turn out four or five boys each year (after they had completed the necessary training) who could be of great service to Honduras if the government decides to go in for a program of the type Mr Simmons has in mind. This program involves the services of two or three well trained foresters from abroad, and (as rapidly as they can be prepared) a number of Hondurans who would be stationed in strategic regions to assist in prevention of forest fires and conservation of forest resources through rational exploitation instead of slaughter harvesting.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Mr V E Scott

Zamorano, 14 November 1951

PERSONAL

Mr W E Turnbull
La Lima

Dear Mr Turnbull:

You told me to let you know if/when the Moellers became dissatisfied here and wished a change. The time seems to have come. I am writing at their request.

I asked them if they would be interested in transferring to the North coast. They did not seem to be interested. What they have in mind is this:

When John McClintock and Mr Dyer were here, Ruth and Julie talked with them and heard something of the public relations work which Mr Dyer is undertaking for the Company. Recently we have received his report, which both Julie and Ruth have read; and they are wondering if there would not be a place for Julie (Ruth is not asking for a job) at San José de Costa Rica, which they understand is to be Mr Dyer's headquarters? Julie is good at translations - but I do not need to tell you anything because you know him well and know what he can do.

They want to leave sometime next month. What they will do if Julie cannot get into Mr Dyer's branch at San José I do not know. Just this morning we had a letter from Mrs Coolidge saying she and Jeff are coming down in early December and expect to visit the school. I am hoping you may come with them. In that case, you might be able to talk things over with Ruth and Julie and see what you can suggest. Or perhaps you are going to be in Tegucigalpa before that time and could give them half an hour's time.

If you can let me know what to tell them, I shall appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Boston, Massachusetts
October 14, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

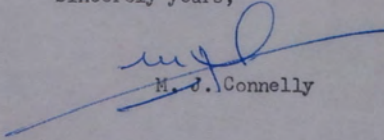
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your note of the 1st instant regarding Tom Dunn.

Immediately following your conversation with us here, Mr. Moore wrote a personal note to George Munch, who advised that Tom Dunn was not interested in the job at the School, and we were under the impression that he would write you to this effect. For this reason nothing further was done on the matter here.

Hope you had a splendid visit in Spain, and I am looking forward to the day when you will tell me all about it.

Sincerely yours,



M. J. Connelly

La Lima, Honduras
February 1, 1954

Mr. K. H. Redmond
United Fruit Company
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Redmond:

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Last November I talked to you and Mr. Coolidge about the Zamorano School stating that I was considerably concerned due to lack of discipline, etc. I was very glad when Mr. Coolidge told me during my last visit that apparently Dr. Popence had been able to correct the trouble that worried us.

I saw Dr. Popence in Tegucigalpa last Friday, and he tells me that the School has never been in better shape than it is at present. He told me how he straightened out the matter of discipline. Just from looking at Dr. Popence and talking to him, I am positive that everything is in fine shape at Zamorano.

I thought you would be glad to know this.

Sincerely,

W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. T. J. Coolidge
Mr. M. J. Connelly
Dr. Wilson Popence ✓

Tegucigalpa, 26 November 1953

Mr K H Redmond, President,
United Fruit Company,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I have been spending a good part of my time these past weeks getting into close touch with those students who are believed to have grievances and might have been stirring up trouble. I have also had personal conferences with a lot of students whom we know are not interested in stirring up trouble.

I have come to feel that there is nothing seriously wrong in the student body - nothing which can not easily be brought under control, and in fact, I think everything is under control already. The boys themselves tell me this.

It is hardly logical to assume that lads of 18 to 21 years are going to enjoy strict discipline. Ours is by no means so strict as that of military schools. We have a Reglamento Interior, which says what the boys can and cannot do. For the past year we have been trying to enforce this more than we found it necessary to do previously, perhaps, in part at least, because of the growing sentiment in certain countries against capitalism, in part because at times we have tried to give the boys more privileges, to depend more on their cooperation.

I have been very happy at the progress we have made these past few weeks. We have asked each class to name a Directiva - a group of three who would directly deal with the Administration, who would come to us with the group problems. This is working well. The boys have chosen in every case outstanding students, who have the right attitude. Just this morning I talked with the Directiva of the second year class.

Their attitude is excellent.

I am at a loss to understand what the Minister of Education in Tegucigalpa meant when he said he has been hearing about lack of discipline here for "twenty months". We had no unusual problems during the last school year. The incidents which have occurred and which I discussed with Mr Turnbull have taken place in the past three or four months. These have been the following:

1. In August, meals in the school mess hall were poor for a few days - according to what reliable students have told me. Finally, one morning, the first and second year boys went, took their trays of food, and at a preconceived signal, all got up and walked out, saying that they could not eat the food and therefore could not do their work that morning. Doctor Williams (I was absent at the time) called them together, explained that this was not the way to register a protest, and the boys now agree that they were wrong. We have explained to them that we are always willing to hear complaints; that when they are justified, that we will do our best to remedy things; but when they involve compliance with the Reglamento Interior, which is based upon all our experience here, and will not be changed until experience shows us we are wrong, nothing will be done. Every student who comes here is given a copy of the Reglamento Interior; he knows his obligations from the start, and if he is not willing to comply with the regulations, this is the wrong place for him.

2. In October, the lights in all the dormitories were short-circuited by tampering with the wires. The Inspector went to get the electrician. In one or two cases, after he had repaired the damage, they were again short-circuited. I have been told by students that this was a protest against rigid enforcement of the rules regarding behavior. They have admitted in every case that no injustice was done; they just felt that enforcement was too strict. I believe they realize their mistake.

I believe our boys, when they understand things fully, will accept

anything which is fair and reasonable. They will not accept injustice, and it will be our constant aim (and has been) to avoid anything which smacks of that. The Inspector whom we installed a year ago is doing an excellent job; not a single student has told me that he has been unfair; he hews to the line; and their only complaint is that they think the discipline is a bit too strict. I do not think we should make any change.

3. Some student who presumably had a personal grudge, cut the screen on the window of one of our teachers and threw a bucket of water on his bed. If we could find him we would expel him, but this in any case is an isolated incident.

4. Somebody ^{with} ~~has~~ a personal grudge or a grudge against the school has cut with a machete several window screens in the dormitories, purely out of malice. Again, if we can ever catch him, he will be expelled.

As I told Mr Turnbull and Doris, the Guatemalan Embassy has been sending out here, regularly, four newspapers from that country, addressed to the Guatemalan students. Three of these newspapers are definitely communistic and the students themselves have told me they do not want them. They would like to have El Imparcial, which we believe is a decent newspaper. Articles in the others, against the United States, against capitalism, and the United Fruit Company, breed the wrong kind of thinking. Of course, as North Americans we believe in freedom of speech and of the press. We believe we can inculcate these beliefs in our students - with possibly an occasional exception. The exception should not be here and will not be here when we are convinced.

We now have 157 students on the campus. Staff members including

myself believe that at least 150 of them are fine boys. As fast as we locate the others we will get them out if necessary. But we feel that sympathetic friendship and closer contact with all students is the proper approach. We have always had, and probably will continue to have, an occasional case which is too tough for us and which will necessitate expulsion. We have expelled two this past semester. We capitalise these expulsions by explaining to the student body why such action was necessary.

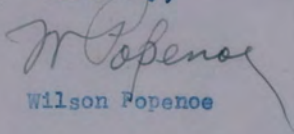
I am not apprehensive regarding the immediate future. Most of our boys appreciate the opportunity they have here. Those few who do not, should of course go home. We shall see that they do. You ask what remedial measures we have taken, or propose to take, regarding the situation. This has been answered in large part above. As of today, I feel that things are in very satisfactory shape. I have told the boys that there will be very few trips to town until we are convinced there will be no more incidents of the kind mentioned and we feel their attitude is right. I have urged them to work on the few who have the wrong attitude - which as they themselves say, is handicapping the whole group. And I have assured them that boys of the wrong kind will be sent home as rapidly as we spot them. They know from experience that we mean what we say.

You suggest that I come to Boston in early December to talk things over. I have been planning to come back from the Gainesville conferences on 10 December, so as to be here when Mr Coolidge arrives. I would like him to talk with staff members, and to apprise himself fully of the present situation. I feel that his opinion, on the basis of close contact with the school, might be more valuable to you than mine. At the same time, if you prefer that I come to Boston after finishing the job in Florida, I shall be more than happy to do so. Or if, after Mr Coolidge has been here, you think

I should come up to Boston, alright. But I want to say frankly that I believe the situation here has straightened out very satisfactorily; that I believe it can be kept satisfactory by close and sympathetic work with the student body, and this in spite of the fact that we are facing growing dissatisfaction in certain countries - not with the school but with many other things about which you know much more than I. Just when and how this dissatisfaction will affect the school more seriously than it has in the past no one knows. I think it is already something of a factor here, but the great thing in our own favor is the excellent jobs our graduates obtain when they leave here, which in turn are based upon the excellent records now being made by most of our graduates.

All these matters have been discussed fully with members of the Staff and all are trying to cooperate fully along the lines we feel desirable - and which have been set forth above. Doctor Williams, who acts in my absence, will make no changes in policy when I am away. He is sound, and a strict disciplinarian. If you wish to reach me while I am in Florida, I shall be at the White House Hotel, Gainesville, from December 2 to 6, and from 7th to 9th in care of Dr David Fairchild, 4013 Douglas Road, Miami (Coconut Grove).

Sincerely,



Wilson Fopence

La Lima, Honduras
November 13, 1953

PERSONAL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano

Dear Doctor:

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

You, Doris and I talked about the School yesterday principally about diplomas and about the behavior of the students. Shortly after you left, President Galvez and Minister of Education Palacios came to the office and Doris and I talked to them about the two above subjects.

It seems that a favorable solution can be found to protect the high school graduates as regards diplomas. I understood you will be talking to the Minister of Education on Monday 16th and, of course, we all hope the matter can be satisfactorily settled.

Regarding the behavior of the boys, which has worried you, Doris and me. Unsolicited, Minister Palacios stated that he and others have, for the last twenty months, been hearing reports which worry them considerably. We told him and the President that you had already taken some preventive steps and would take just as many more as were necessary to protect the School. Doris this morning phoned me that certain literature had been located at the School since we talked yesterday -- I believe that you phoned her about this literature this morning. Due to the unsolicited statement of the Minister, and further to what has been discovered in the way of literature, I am more concerned. I feel that you will take any steps necessary, even though they have to be drastic. I want that you do not hesitate to call on any of us for assistance as regards this, or any other matter of importance. I am sure that Messrs. Scott and Aycock would be very glad to help you in any way if you call on them for cooperation. I know that when you make your trip to Florida, you will bear all of this in mind.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

W. E. Turnbull

W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. M. J. Connelly
Mr. J. F. Aycock
Mr. V. E. Scott

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
October 10, 1951

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
El Zamorano

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

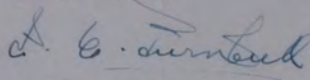
DISCIPLINE - ZAMORANO SCHOOL

I have before me your letter of the 3rd inst. in which you confirm what you wrote me on the 2nd as regards arrest made due to robbery of school property by certain individuals. I am indeed glad that these measures were taken and I sincerely hope that this practice is kept up. I am positive that between you and Mr. Scott and myself and others we can always get the necessary backing from the proper authorities. It makes me feel sick to think that pupils and laborers might be getting into the habit of stealing, etc., and that we did not immediately put an end to it. I am most pleased with what you have done regarding getting rid of the guilty parties.

As regards the Guatemala Ambassador having gone out there on the 2nd inst. to talk to the Costa Rican and Guatemalan boys. Frankly, I don't like this at all. I do not think that Dr. Muller or anyone else should have allowed the Ambassador to get the boys together and talk to them about instances of this nature and particularly in view of the fact that you were near the School and could have dealt directly with the Ambassador. I don't like the idea that he went out feeling that we had done something wrong. I agree fully with you that he should have gone to you as regards the letter and got from you whatever information he wanted. In fact, if you had been away from Honduras I do not think that Dr. Muller should have permitted the Ambassador or anybody to call certain groups of the boys together in order to tell them his views about discipline, etc. I believe that Dr. Muller should in a case like that have figured out that it was an extremely poor precedent for the School and that he should not have allowed it, anyhow without first getting in touch with some one else if you were absent.

Hoping I get a chance to go out and see you pretty soon, I am,
as always,

Sincerely yours,



W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. V. E. Scott

Boston, Massachusetts
November 20, 1953

Personal and Confidential

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Mr. Turnbull visited us here this week and told us about your recent report to him regarding the behavior of certain elements in the student body. I also have read a copy of Mr. Turnbull's letter to you, dated November 13, 1953, at La Lima.

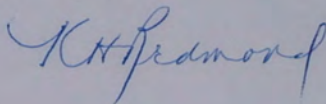
This information is extremely disturbing to all of us here, and particularly the statement of Minister Palacios to Mr. Turnbull that he and others had been hearing bad reports about lack of discipline in the School during the last twenty months.

I shall appreciate your giving me a full account of your knowledge of this trouble during past months, what steps were taken to correct it, how effective the corrective action has been, and what in your opinion can be expected in the future.

I am sure you fully appreciate the alarm we feel regarding this matter and how extremely important it is that permanent corrective measures be adopted immediately.

When you finish with your visit to the Florida school early next month I hope that you can arrange to come on to Boston where we can discuss these matters.

Sincerely yours



TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
August 20, 1951

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
El Zamorano

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

You wrote me a very interesting letter on the 6th inst. -- after your talk with Mr. Zemurray -- and you asked me to advise you what policy we should follow to prevent the loss of property, clothes, etc., possibly by the students or perhaps by some one else at the School.

In cases such as the one you cite regarding Paul Shank's yardboy. I would be very much in favor of spending \$100 or \$200 to find out who really stole the \$5.00 shoes. We must know who is doing the stealing. If it is the laborer, he can be fired or prosecuted or anything else that you are in favor of. And if it is the student then of course the thing to do is to expel him and it does not have to be done quietly -- in fact, it should be done purposely for the moral effect on the rest of the boys. You and I fully appreciate that the only thing your students are terribly afraid of is to be expelled and sent back home. I frankly hope that occasionally, and I would not worry if it were too often, some of them give you good cause so that you can expel them. That is the only way we are going to get the others to respect not only the school property but also to realize and I hope appreciate what the Zamorano School is doing for them. You and I once talked about the advisability of expelling one boy every Wednesday for a few weeks -- don't forget about it.

Most certainly I agree with you and with Mr. Zemurray that the absence of responsibility on the part of the boys has a very very bad moral effect. I sincerely hope that this can be corrected. From what I know about human nature and the kind of boys you have I must say that the only way to make them appreciate the great good that the School is doing for them is by expelling them on every single occasion when they fail to comply with each and every one of your rules. If we do not carry out this idea we will be subject to very just criticism.

I will most gladly go along with your suggestion that we take a deposit of either \$100 or \$50 from each boy as he comes into the School. I would not accept any boy that did not put up the deposit mentioned and I think the figure of \$100 picked by Mr. Zemurray is the just one. If there are any justified exceptions for very poor kids that might not be able to put up the \$100 right away then you and I, I am sure, will find a way to fix this.

As regards the class ring. If the boys do not want to put up the money for the purchase of these rings I say then let us discontinue the custom of giving class rings to all boys leaving the School. I would not put up a dime towards buying the rings or even give them credit.

I am very much in favor of your issuing a circular now or just as soon as you think it best, in which you will tell the boys how thoroughly discouraged we are due to the lack of appreciation shown by many of them in connection with what the

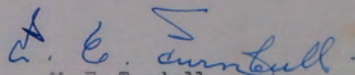
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School does -- also refer to the loss of property and also to make it extremely clear that in view of the above in every single instance where there appears to be lack of responsibility or proper spirit on the part of the student that we will be forced to send him back home -- you might mention that you continue to receive a great many applications and the School will never be short of students.

Do you still correspond with the boys that have graduated, and how do you feel about those that you hear from? The fact that not one of the boys that left the School has paid a cent towards taking care of his slight indebtedness is most discouraging.

I hope I am not trying to get too tough, but believe me I am much in favor of the School taking a very decided stand against the lack of responsibility, etc. I am very glad that this matter came up for discussion. I am very very much pleased with everything that you have done in connection with handling the School and you can at all times count on my complete cooperation.

Yours very truly,


W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. W. W. Turnbull
Mr. K. H. Redmond
Mrs. Doris Stone

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
April 18, 1952

Mr. K. H. Redmond
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Redmond:

RE: AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL - ZAMORANO

After a long delay I visited the School on the 16th and 17th inst. and of course enjoyed it very much. Everything is running along very well and the School undoubtedly is doing more and more good for the Company every year. The Honduras Government not only likes the School immensely but they profit by it very considerably. Dr. Popenoe does an excellent job in this connection. Perhaps unfortunately for Dr. Popenoe and his staff the School has become so extremely popular that every week-end and in between there are a large number of people visiting Zamorano. They expect entertainment, free meals, etc. and some of these people cut flowers and carry away vegetables notwithstanding efforts being made to prevent it.

Dr. Popenoe is in fine shape in every respect. I am glad to say that although he has no intentions whatsoever of leaving the School anyhow for a long time, he is trying to get hold of some one who could be trained as a successor for him. He has in mind a couple of people that will be checked into and perhaps added to his staff as teachers -- individuals who might develop into something suitable to handle the School at a later date. The Doctor has in mind a man by the name of Arthur Bechtel whom he has known for a long time and is at present employed in Haiti. There is also a nephew of Senator Chavez of New Mexico who appears to be a favorable prospect. I wrote you on September 13, last year and in the third paragraph of my letter asked that your office keep in mind the fact that Dr. Popenoe wants us to look for a suitable person who might take over from him five or ten years from now. We hope that if you learn of some suitable person for the above that you will advise us about same.

As regards the selection of students a better job is being done every year. The school still gives preference to Latin boys of poor families who show more than average intelligence and whose parents are unable to give them proper education. In addition to these the school also has boys from good families and among them we will have the nephew of President Galo Plaza, a nephew of Pepe Figueres of Costa Rica, a nephew of General Abraham Williams of Tegucigalpa and other similar boys.

Forester Paul Shank, who is an excellent employee in every respect, is being transferred from Zamorano to La Lima where he will do a fine job for Mr. Aycock in connection with lumber, timber, forestry, etc.

The Tegucigalpa Government is going to inaugurate a Ministry of Agriculture instead of having this work done by Ministers who have many other duties to perform. It is probable that the Minister to be appointed will be of the politician type but the Government most definitely wants to attach to this new Ministry some extremely capable non-politician person, probably a foreigner who could organize the Ministry and advise how it should be run. The Government

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has asked Dr. Popenoe to look for a suitable person for this work. The Doctor has in mind a Mr. John Kempton at present in Venezuela with the American government I believe as Agricultural Attaché. Mr. Kempton is about 62 years old and was planning on retirement. He might make an excellent man for the Honduras government, if not on a permanent basis anyhow for a year or two, this provided of course that Mr. Kempton is interested. Dr. Popenoe is going to find out how Mr. Kempton feels. President Galvez is very glad that Dr. Popenoe is going to help him select a suitable person. Dr. Popenoe of course would be extremely valuable in helping such an individual by giving him the benefit of the Doctor's knowledge of that work and of Honduras, the Honduran government, etc. I feel that this is working along very constructive lines.

There is an American government agency in Tegucigalpa called STICA (Servicio Técnico Internacional Cooperativo Agrícola). The STICA is trying to help Honduras in connection with agriculture. Their work is financed by both the American and the Honduran government. The STICA already has 18 Zamorano graduates doing very good work for them. One of the banks in Tegucigalpa who are trying to help agriculture by making loans, etc. have already employed 22 Zamorano students, who are getting all over the country and making themselves helpful. The Tegucigalpa government has started taking a census of all agriculture in this country. The work is being directed by a Mr. Archer from the States, who has had experience with work of this nature. Mr. Archer has already 38 of the Zamorano students who are on vacation to help him to take the census and he claims that the boys are extremely useful -- all of this indicates the value of the Zamorano School.

The School is ten years old now and it does not look at all run down. Good maintenance work is being done on the buildings and the lands are being improved continuously.

The budget for next year as you know is for \$260,000. This means that it costs about \$1650 a year per student -- there are not less than 160 students which seems to be very reasonable when one considers that the figure mentioned takes care of absolutely everything in connection with the Zamorano School.

We hope that in the near future a new man will be added to the Zamorano School, probably in connection with sports, athletics, etc. This individual will be some one who can get very close to the boys and give them the right ideas. I hope to see you soon and want to tell you more about this particular individual.

Zamorano seems to be a good place for chickens. Last month the hens laid 17,000 eggs, all of which were consumed by the students and staff at Zamorano. Last year 22,000 lbs. of pork products were produced and consumed.

The Diario Comercial is going to be requested to cooperate more fully with the Agricultural School. Bill Turnbull is going to see about this in the next few days, and I am sure that Mr. Dick Dyer will also see that we get the best benefit from the relations between the Diario Comercial and the School.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Turnbull

cc: Mr. S. Zemurray - Boston

Mr. V. E. Scott

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the Vice President

La Lima, Honduras
April 26, 1952

PERSONAL

Mr. K. H. Redmond
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Redmond:

RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT - ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

You know that Dr. Popenoe will shortly be going to Europe for a rather prolonged stay. Prior to his departure the good doctor naturally wishes to place his house in order. With this in view he made a very careful study of his payrolls and further discussed this situation with Mr. W. E. Turnbull and Mr. T. Honiball of this office. I am enclosing copy of letter Dr. Popenoe wrote Mr. Turnbull under date of April 21 wherein he submitted salary adjustments for eighteen members of his staff. I also enclose Form 1996 covering these increases.

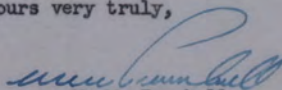
All of the proposed increases meet with our full approval and we hope that you will be able to approve same. You will note that there are three cases -- Alvarez, Rainwater and Zelaya -- who were either given increases or employed during the course of this year. Under normal circumstances we would not recommend for a further increases at such an early date, but I do believe that Dr. Popenoe is very correct and fully justified in submitting these at the present time so that there might be full equalization among all members of his staff. Further, the remarks that Dr. Popenoe makes about starting salaries at the E.A.P. and the difficulties in getting any new employees who are qualified at these salaries are entirely true.

In addition to the increases covered by Form 1996 No. 82 you will also soon receive additional Form 1996 from Mr. Kidd covering requested increase for M & S Storekeeper Daniel Ramon Paredes from \$175 to \$200 per month. This is necessary as Mr. Paredes is carried on the Tela Railroad payroll.

I very much hope that you will concur with our recommendations covering all of the above mentioned increases and that we shall receive your advice that same have met with your approval.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



W. W. Turnbull

cc: Dr. W. Popenoe

La Lima, Honduras
October 22, 1953

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
El Zamorano

Dear Doctor:

This is in reply to your personal and confidential letter of the 19th instant.

Undoubtedly, Doris has given the matter of official recognition of diplomas to the E.A.P. graduates by the Ministerio de Educación in Tegucigalpa considerable thought. She took the matter up with President Galvez on one or two occasions, and I also talked to the President about it during your absence. I am going to try and visit you soon and I hope that Doris can go along with me so that we can discuss this thing from all angles and if possible reach an agreement. Certainly, I do not like to think of possible Government intervention into the operation of our School as mentioned in the fifth paragraph of your letter. I do realize that conditions which existed years ago when we made the original plans for the School have changed very much, and that Doris has a very good point in wanting to protect and help some of our graduates in order that they be on an equal footing with others.

I hope we can get to see you soon. I know that between the three of us we can go a long way towards deciding on what is best for the E.A.P.

In addition to discussing the above, I am going to enjoy seeing Helen and you and all the nice people and things that I always enjoy at Zamorano.

Sincerely,

A. C. Sargent

Boston, Massachusetts
May 13, 1952

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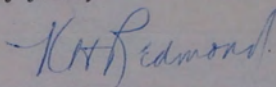
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am happy to advise you that I have today signed Form 1996 covering increase in your salary from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per annum, effective June 1, 1952.

I hope that you and Mrs. Popenoe will have a most interesting trip to Europe, and all of us here are looking forward to seeing you when passing through the United States to or from Europe.

Sincerely yours,



K. H. Redmond

Boston, Massachusetts

May 8, 1952

Via Air Mail

Mr. W. E. Turnbull
Vice President
Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras

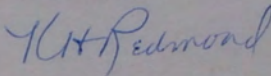
Dear Mr. Turnbull:

Your letter of April 18th regarding Agricultural School, Zamorano.

All of us here are very much of the opinion that Dr. Popence should select his successor, and would much prefer that he do so, as he is best informed as to what prospect presents the best qualifications for the post.

All here are very happy with the work Dr. Popence has done at the School and hope that he will head up E.A.P. for many years to come.

Yours very truly,



K. H. Redmond

Copy to: Dr. Wilson Popence
Mr. J. F. Aycock
Mr. V. E. Scott

WALTER E. TURNBULL

La Lima, Honduras
February 21, 1955

Dr. & Mrs. Wilson Popenoe,
Apartado 93,
Tegucigalpa, D. C.-

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe:

This is to thank you both very much in the name of Conchita and myself for the excellent time we had on the 18th at the Tenth Graduation - these Graduations seem to be getting better and better every year.

Kindest personal regards,

Walter
W. E. Turnbull

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WALTER TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID NUMERO 306
COLONIA DEL VALLE
MEXICO 12 MEXICO

TENNT GRADUATION FEB 18TH DO WANT YOU AND CONCHITA HERE BECAUSE
YOU HAVE GUIDED THIS SCHOOL SINCE THE BEGINNING

WILSON AND HELEN-AMM

México, D.F.
June 30, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Hola Doctor, querido amigo y colega:

I am staring right at a very nice letter you wrote me on March 23rd. ultimo. ¿Que porqué no he yo contestado antes esa carta? Pues por haragán y nadmás. Am sending you a copy of this letter to Venezuela where I hope you had good luck with fruit growing; for that country - although you havent asked for my opinion - I would recommend the Zapota prieto which besides being bien delicioso, has the same color of the oil which will probably gush out of the orchard.

At the start of your letter you write about the Majestic Hotel. It sort of makes my mouth water when I think of the banquete that your friend the Chef zampard at us one fine day - the menu reading "Sopita de Lentejitas - Habitas tierna a "la Majestuosa" y se finis". I remember you told me the Chef was disgusted because when he asked which were my platos favoritos and you told him, he had been prepared to feed us some pavoreal entrufado, etc. - definitely not comida de penco.

At the tail end of your letter you say you might be showing up here between tomorrow July 1st. and 7th. Dios quiera. My familia and I will be delighted to see Elena and you and we will intotar you to a little dump near Tlalnepantla called "La Flor de Roma" (dont ask me why) where the carnitas, chicharrones and quesadillas are cosa de otro mundo..

Thanks for telling me about Froelick Rainey and your reminiscences (it took some writing that word) about the old Cinchona Days. Poor Charley Margolis. What you say about where he went to rest up for a year and a half, reminds me of a mutual friend who has a large and very lovely country home near Hammond. It seems that one day, talking about monopolies, the lawyers (who he always hated) said that if a bloke ran a company so that it appeared to be a monopoly, but really was not a monopoly, the law said the bloke had to go to jail. The Bloke said: I became a citizen of this country many, many years ago - the country has been good to me - if the law says I have to go to jail, well lets get going, only I hope they they let me pick the jail as I know of one in Alabama where I have many friends.

Charing the subject and talking about the United Fruit Co. What a lot of trouble they have run into recently, floods, strikes, expropriations, etc. I sure hope we get to see each other soon so we can have a good platicada. Quite a few bananeros come thru here and if we are in town we get to see most of them.

Mi familia y yo les mandamos muchos abrazos a Elena y a Ud.

Afmo.

Stark

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

Mexico, D. F., August 24, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza 2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

My dear Doctor:

Believe it or not but your little note about Jeff Coolegge, enclosing clipping from the New York Times, was the first I had about his death - as a rule, I am well posted, but someone failed ~~down~~ on this. Conchita and I are writing to Catherine and the children. This means a very serious loss to the UFCO, where people of this category are mighty scarce.

I went to New Orleans to Bill Turnbull's funeral. Mildred may be coming down to visit us soon. I have a brother laid up in Hospital here in very serious shape - another good friend of mine died a few days ago here - en fin, las cosas tristes se acumulan.

I enjoyed your note about Babson's report. Many thanks.

Also I want to thank you for the "Boletín Oficial de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" which you kindly sent me. I have not had a chance to look it over carefully but will do so soon.

Conchita is going on a trip all over the Globe, between September 8th and November 27th. We expect she is going to -- have a very good time.

We hope so.

Lots of love from the three of us to Helen and to you.

Sincerely,

Walter

Will try another Stenog

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 308

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

Aug. 17-59

Dear Doctor and Helen-

Our most sincere thanks
for your condolence letter
of the 12th about Bill.

Mildred is holding up
beautifully - she may come
to visit us.

Much love

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

August 31, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua, Gua.

Muy estimado Doctor:

Cleaning up the "papelitos" around my "escritorio"

I find:

- (1) Tell Dr. Popenoe am very glad he will be the Orador Oficial for the EAP in 1960 and that if I am still among the "vivientes" and even if I dont get an invitation, I will be there with my "mujer" to "escucharlo".
- (2) Ask Dr. Popenoe "que hubo with some dope on or plants of raspberries, probably "frambuesas" to you.

Nada mas.

Much love to Helen and you.

Afmo.

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

Diciembre 5 de 1959.

Sr. Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobláza #2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Good Old Doctor and Compañero:

I am looking at your letter of November 21st ultimo.

How much good does our friend Chico de Sola do for his country and those countries near him. It would be nice if there were more Chicos.

About the fine berry that Chico de Sola has developed and is just as good as the raspberry. Within a week I will know what, if any, documents will be needed for the plants which I hope to get from Salvador, when they arrive in this country. When I get this information I will write to you and ask you to be good enough to make me a shipment of plants - probably 25 of them; also, to take care of all expenses connected and advise me about this.

You are right, the Escuela Agricola Panamericana will have to watch their income due to drop in price of Ufco stock and particularly in view of the very increased budget; you and I were pikers, but we did what was wanted and "con perdon de usted" I think we did it mighty well. When I say "we" I mean you particularly.

Conchita recently returned from a round the world trip and when I get her off in a corner's ome-time - away from telephone and people, I will get the real dope from her. Anyhow, she enjoyed it immensely and it did her a lot of good, both of which make me very happy.

Lots of fuertes abrazos to Helen and to you from all the people in "ésta su casa".

Affectionately,

Walter

WET/er

W.E.T.

*Elena for her nice to me on my
Will soon thank*

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 308
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

December 14, 1959.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza No. 2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

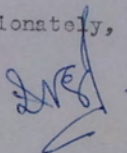
My dear good friends:

This is to wish you "Felices Pascuas"
and "Próspero Año Nuevo" from all of the
people in this your home.

I got a very nice letter signed by both
of you and written by my very dear friend Helen.

Bob Beasley and Mary write some nice let-
ters from Spain. I may be sending you one of
these because you have not received a copy - I
know you will enjoy it very much.

Affectionately,



WET/er

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Antigua C, 11 January 1960

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Señor don Walter E Turnbull,
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12, DF

Dear Walter;

I asked Bob Armour over at San Salvador to send you the raspberries if available now and if not right now just as soon as he can. I am sure he will do his best. The only problem will be whether or not he has plants available and with 4 or 5 acres of mature plants I feel sure he must have some young ones too. I believe this is the berry for you. I think you are right about digging a big trench and filling it with good soil, for what I have seen of the soils around Cuernavaca they arent too hot. This raspberry can either be trained on a trellis -as Chico de Sola handles his, or it can be kept more or less in bush form, as we grew it on Uyuca at Zamorano; the main thing is that the fruit is produced on what we call new canes - not old growth. You have to do quite a bit of pruning.

Thanks for your letters of 5 and 14 December. We appreciate and reciprocate your wishes for 1960. As far as UFCo dividends are concerned I dont think it can be any worse than 1959. I note that the Board of Directors has announced that they will consider the dividend problem at the meeting in March.

I enclose a memo which I think will interest you. Doris writes about the meeting of our Board of Trustees in New York on 24 November that "Boston wishy-washerly might stay with us through 1960. The chances are that they wont". From the fact that Bill Paddock is appealing to the International Cooperation Administration for \$74,000 it rather looks to me that the Rockefeller Foundation is not going to assume much responsibility for support of the school. Of course the ICA has a lot of money for work in Latin America and they may feel that EAP is a good place to spend some of it. The only feature about this which worries me is that the jefes at ICA change pretty often and they rarely have anyone up there who knows Latin America like quite a few of our UFCo people did including yourself. Incidentally, Bill Paddock in his last news letter announces that Mr Zemurray has resigned from the Board of Trustees of EAP. In a way, this is of course logical enough but I think you and I would have kept his name at the top of the list until he dies, - make him President Emeritus of the Board of Trustees for example.

We hear from the Bob Beasleys every once in a while. I think I told you we practically know the house in which they live. Someone wrote me, saying they hope the Beasleys wont find the winter at Malaga too severe. Hombre, do you know there are some bearing mango trees at Malaga. Does that sound like severe winters? It has the same climate as our little town of Almuñecar, 50 miles away and on the coast, and I never lived in a better climate than that of Malaga and Almuñecar.

Glad to know Conchita has seen the world - and no doubt liked it. Helen joins in affectionate regards to all of you.

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

Antigua, Guatemala, 13 January 1960

TELEGRAMS, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Mr Walter E Turnbull
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12 DF

Dear Walter:

Yours of the eleventh has just come. I am sending the documents over to Bob Armour → I am sure it will reach him in time to do the needful. He only gets up to Los Andes (above Sta Ana, on the slopes of the volcano) once every two or three weeks, and this is where they are growing the raspberries. To show you how damn good these raspberries are, I need only say that Chico has extended his commercial plantation from an acre to about 5 acres in the past two years. As I said in my letter this morning, I believe this is the raspberry for you.

Just got a telegram from Chico saying he and Leonora will be over here next Monday to spend a few days descansando after Chico climbs the Volcan de Agua. Between you and me, Chico is working too hard, and about half his strength goes into projects which are for the good of mankind, and not for lucro. When he comes over here next Monday I will tell him you simply must have those raspberries, though I don't think that is necessary. Bob Armour is on the job. I suppose you may know that Bob and wife (she is or was an American school teacher from Wisconsin) → plan to go to Scotland in April where Bob wants to raise cattle. Too bad to lose a man like Bob in these parts. We don't have enough of them.

Hastily but always affectionately yours

Enero 22, 1960

Sr. Walter E. Turnbull
Torres Adalid No. 306,
México 12, D. F.
México

Estimado Sr. Turnbull:

El Dr. Popenoe nos ha informado su deseo de obtener 25 plantas de Frambuesa y, a su solicitud, le estamos enviando 25 plantas de Rubus glauca en el Vuelo 626 de la empresa LACSA, el día Jueves 28 de los corrientes. Dicho vuelo sale de San Salvador a las 11:20 a.m. y llega a la ciudad de México a las 2:25 p.m.

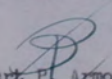
De conformidad con sus cartas fechadas Diciembre 16 de 1959 y Enero 11 de 1960, al Dr. Popenoe, así como su carta al Sr. Antonio Rivera, del 16 de Diciembre, estamos haciendo dicho despacho conforme a las especificaciones detalladas por los permisos extendidos por la Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería, Departamento de Aplicación Cuarentenaria.

A sugerencia del Dr. Popenoe, adjuntamos además unas observaciones sobre el cultivo de Rubus glauca y esperamos que dichas notas sean de alguna utilidad para establecer la siembra de estos frutales en su propiedad en Cuernavaca.

Esperamos que dichas plantas lleguen a su destino en buenas condiciones y que usted tenga éxito con su cultivo.

Con un atento saludo, nos suscribimos,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS


Robert P. Armour
Horticultor

RPA/bf
Anexos

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Don Antonio Rivera, Palma 5, Despacho 604,
Don Francisco de Sola

CULTIVO DE ZARZAMORA (RUBUS GLAUCUS)

SUELOS: La tierra escogida para el cultivo de Zarzamora debe ser de limo franco, o franco-arcilloso, y sin talpetate, por lo menos a una profundidad de un metro y debe ser bien drenada. Las tierras muy arenosas son inadecuadas para el cultivo de la mora. Al alinear los hoyos para la siembra es conveniente colocarlos a una distancia de 50 cms. de cada poste principal (véase ramada), debido a que la ramada está más fuerte en este lugar, para resistir el peso del mayor número de guías originadas al pie de cada mata.

Antes de la siembra hay que preparar los hoyos de 1 metro cuadrado por $\frac{1}{2}$ metro (50 cms.) de profundidad, llenando el hoyo con tierra negra, incorporando con la última capa de 30 cms. de profundidad 15 lbs. de abono orgánico que haya sido bien preparado y podrido.

SIEMBRA: Las plantas escogidas para la siembra deben ser de 9 meses a 1 año de edad, procedentes de almaciguera, y deben tener los brotes podados a una altura de 15 cms. en el momento de ser arrancados del almaciguero. También cualquier raíz dañada debe ser podada antes de la siembra. Las plantas deben ser sembradas en los hoyos que han sido preparados con anticipación, haciendo un hoyo adecuado para cubrir las raíces, dejando el nivel de la tierra exactamente a la misma profundidad indicada para el almaciguero. Las raíces deben ser extendidas libremente en el hoyo y cubiertas primeramente por la tierra preparada hasta un espesor de 2 pulgadas. Encima de esta tierra hacer una aplicación de 1 onza por planta de un abono rico en Fósforo y Potasa (por ejemplo 6-12-18).

Nota: En la ausencia de esta fórmula de abono, se puede utilizar 1 onza de Super-Fosfato únicamente.

La siembra debe ser efectuada al iniciarse las lluvias y las ramadas (véase el siguiente capítulo) deben ser preparadas con anticipación a la siembra. La distancia de la siembra debe ser una planta cada 4 metros sobre la ramada y la distancia de calle entre ramadas es de 3 metros cuando estos están en surcos a escuadra y no menos de $2\frac{1}{2}$ metros cuando las ramadas están extendidas en curvas a nivel.

RAMADAS: Las ramadas que serán utilizadas para sostener las guías de la Zarzamora, deben ser preparadas primeramente y antes de hacer los hoyos para la siembra. Los postes deben ser de no menos de $2\frac{1}{2}$ metros de altura, con 60 cms. enterrados en la tierra, dejando así 1.90 cms. arriba del nivel de tierra. Un poste fuerte, el cual servirá para templar bien el alambre, debe ser sembrado cada 4 metros de distancia y estos postes deben ser de 13 cms. de diámetro si son de madera rolliza, o de 10 cms. en forma de cuadro, en caso que se ocupen postes de concreto reforzado con hierro viejo o alambre de púa en el centro. Sobre estos postes se colocan 4 hilos de alambre liso, o alambre de amarre si esto fuese conveniente. La distancia entre los hilos de alambre es la siguiente: 30 cms. de la tierra al primer hilo; del primer hilo al segundo 40 cms.; del segundo al tercero, 40 cms, y del tercer hilo al cuarto, 40 cms.

Los postes finales de cada surco deben tener el refuerzo de un poste diagonal (pie de amigo), para evitar que estos sean llevados fuera de la vertical cuando se tienden los alambres. Una vez puestos estos postes

principales y los 4 hilos de alambre, se pueden poner postes más delgados (de 5 cms. de diámetro) en el centro de cada dos postes gruesos, o sea a una distancia de 2 metros de estos. Dichos postes no tienen la fuerza para templar el alambre, pero sirven para cargar parte del peso de las guías de Zarzamora una vez que las plantas van desarrollándose.

Debe tenerse presente que una instalación de ramada suficiente fuerte para soportar el peso de las guías durante 10 años o más sin romperse, es a la larga, una economía cuando el cultivo de la Mora se hace en escala comercial.

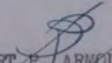
ABONAMIENTO: (Véase hoja adjunta).

PODA: La poda de la Mora consiste en quitar todas las guías que han fructificado y es un proceso casi continuo, debido al factor que la Mora produce durante 9 meses del año y en El Salvador los únicos meses de menor producción son Junio, Julio y Agosto. En caso de que la mata produzca demasiados hijos, se pueden eliminar algunos de ellos, seleccionando los más fuertes y eliminando los más débiles para proporcionar suficiente circulación de aire y sol a la planta, y simplificando la cosecha de la fruta. También una poda racional para controlar el número de guías en producción, evita un sobrecargo de peso a las ramadas.

PRODUCCION Y COSECHA: La fruta de la Mora se cosecha cuando ha obtenido un color morado oscuro, parejo. Debe evitarse la cosecha de frutas cuando todavía tiene color verde o rojo en las puntas, las cuales todavía tienen un sabor más ácido de lo normal.

La fruta de la Mora se mantiene firme durante su transporte, aún madura, teniendo cuidado de que las capas de fruta en las canastas no tengan un espesor mayor de 8 cms. La fruta de Mora se mantiene en buen estado, en un refrigerador casero, durante un periodo de 7 días.

Segun experiencia obtenida en El Salvador, la planta de Mora produce despues de 12/18 meses de ser hecho el vástago, es decir de 6 a 12 meses de ser sembrado en su puesto definitivo. La producción por mata durante el primer año de cosecha (planta de 6 a 18 meses de edad), es de 12 a 15 libras aproximadamente. Durante el segundo año y durante la vida de la planta, que se estima en más o menos 5 años productivos, la cosecha es de 20 lbs. por planta por año.


ROBERT F. ARMOUR
Horticultor

RPA/bf
Anexo
cc: Recomendaciones Técnicas

ABONAMIENTO DE ZARZAMORA (RUBUS GLAUCUS)

Recomendaciones para su abonamiento desde su siembra hasta su fructificación.

1er AÑO: La siembra se hace en Mayo y cada hoyo debe tener una canastada (15) libras) de abono orgánico mezclada con tierra negra en el hoyo (hoyos de 3/4 vara x 3/4 vara a una distancia de 4 varas x 4 varas).

En Julio debe aplicarse 2 onzas por planta de Nitrato Potásico y repetir dicha aplicación en Octubre del mismo año.

En Noviembre del mismo año aplicar un mulch de abono orgánico (aproximadamente 12½ libras) alrededor de cada planta.

2º AÑO: En Abril/Mayo aplicar 4 onzas por planta de Nitrato Potásico y repetir dicha aplicación en Julio.

En Octubre hacer una aplicación de 6 onzas de la fórmula 9-9-18. En Noviembre del mismo año, aplicar 25 libras de abono orgánico incorporándolo un poco con la tierra alrededor de la planta. #

3er AÑO:

Abril: 6 onzas Nitrato Potásico

Julio: 6 onzas Formula 9 - 9 - 18

Octubre: 6 onzas " 9 - 9 - 18

Noviembre: 25 libras Abono orgánico con mulch.

4º y 5º AÑOS: Proceder como en el año anterior.

NOTA: Por lo general la vida económica de una mata de zarzamora es de 5 años.

La planta de Zarzamora debe empezar su cosecha en esta época, o sea 18 meses después de la siembra.

Enero 29, 1960.

H. de Sola e hijos
San Salvador
El Salvador. C.A.

Atención. Sr. Robert P. Amour, Horticultor.

Muy Selores míos:

Acuso recibo de su carta del 22 del corriente y me permito manifestarles lo siguiente:

Esta mañana recogimos en el aeropuerto de esta capital la caja con 25 plantitas de Frambuesa - Rubus Glauca - que tuvieron la amabilidad de enviarnos por la línea "LACSA" vuelo 626 que llegó aquí ayer tarde. Parece que las plantas vienen en perfecto estado y se sembrarán hoy ó mañana en Cuernavaca. Estamos sumamente satisfechos y muy agradecidos.

La autoridad aduanera al principio se negó a entregarnos las plantas pues, según ellos, entre los documentos que acompañaron el embarque, faltaba "EL CERTIFICADO DE SANIDAD VEGETAL DEL LUGAR DE ORIGEN" lo cual es indispensable. Este certificado es al que se refiere el oficio 00222 del 5 de Enero de este mes, dirigido al Inspector de Degensa Agrícola, etc. por el Director General de Defensa Agrícola "Dario L. Arrieta" al que se refiere mi carta del 11 de Enero al Doctor Popenoe, y a cuya carta se refieren Uds. en la suya del 22 del actual.

Por condescendencia se nos entregaron las plantas después de haber nosotros prometido que el Certificado faltante nos sería enviado por Uds. a la mayor brevedad posible para que a su vez nosotros se lo entregáramos a las autoridades correspondientes en el aeropuerto aquí. Mucho les suplicamos ser sirvan enviarnos dicho documento lo mas pronto que se pueda para cumplir nuestra promesa con las autoridades referidas. Como probablemente yo me ausente de esta capital la semana entrante, les agradeceré le manden el Certificado Faltante al Sr. Antonio Rivera, Palma 5 - Despachc 604, Mexico, D.F.

Mucho agradezco las observaciones sobre el cultivo de Rubus Glauca que me enviaron con su citada carta; me serán sumamente útiles.

Deseo repetirles mis agradecimientos por el envío de las referidas plantas y tendré gusto en comunicarles el éxito que tenga yo en su cultivo.

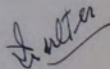
Afmo. Atto. y S.S.


WALTER B. TURNBULL

cc-Dr. Popenoe, La Antigua, Gua.

cc-Sr. Antonio Rivera, Palma 5-Desp. 604, Mex. D.F.

Dear Doctor: Thanks a million. Please find out what I owe these good people so I can remit immediately direct or through you. I shall give Walter the plant if he behaves. Salud



January 29, 1960

Sr. Walter E. Turnbull
Torres Adalid No. 306,
México 12, D. F.
México

Estimado Sr. Turnbull:

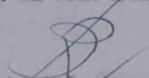
Con referencia a nuestra carta fechada 22 de Enero de 1960, ahora tenemos el gusto de informarle que el envío de las 25 plantas de Frambuesa (*Rubus glaucus*) fue despachado de acuerdo con nuestra carta.

Adjunto enviamos copia de nuestra factura comercial No. 22/60 para dicho envío, Guía Aérea (Air Waybill) No. 133-018611, y copia de Certificado de Sanidad Vegetal No. 3.

Esperamos que dichas plantas serán recibidas por usted en buen estado y que tendrá éxito con su siembra.

Atentamente,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS


Robert C. Armour
Horticultor

RPA/bf

Anexos (3)

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓

Don Antonio Rivera, Palma 5, Despacho 604
Don Francisco de Sola

1st Feb. 1960.
Dr. Popenoe: Both Ric & I are looking forward to seeing you when you come through here next month.
Bob

Febrero 1^a de 1960

Sr. Walter E. Turnbull
Torres Adalid No. 306,
México 12, D. F.
México

Estimado Sr. Turnbull:

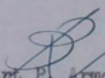
Acusamos recibo de su amable carta fechada Enero 29 de 1960.

Nos extraña mucho que el paquete de plantas de Frambuesa (*Rubus glaucus*) llegara a su destino sin el Certificado de Sanidad Vegetal del lugar de origen, a pesar de que nosotros entregamos original y copia de dicho documento a la línea aérea LACSA, quienes se encargaron de agregar los documentos necesarios al manifiesto.

Sin embargo, también hemos despachado bajo la misma fecha de su carta (Enero 29) copia de los tres documentos concernientes a este envío, entre los cuales se encuentra una copia del Certificado de Sanidad Vegetal No. 3, extendido por el Servicio Cooperativo Agrícola Salvadoreño. Esperamos que dichos documentos hayan llegado a tiempo para aclarar la situación con las autoridades de Aduana en la Ciudad de México y para que usted pueda cumplir con lo prometido.

Atentos y Seguros Servidores,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS


Robert F. Armour
Horticultor

RPA/bf

cc: Dr. Popenoe, La Antigua, Guat. ✓
Sr. Antonio Rivera, Palma 5, Despacho 604,
don Francisco de Sola

Mex.
Febrero 1º, 1960.

H. de Sola e Hijos
San Salvador
El Salvador. C.A.

Muy Señores míos:

Acuso recibo de su carta del 29 de Enero ppdo. con la que me enviaron factura comercial No.22/60 por \$9.26-USGy, cuyo valor les remito con mi adjunto cheque No. 206 sobre el Whitney National Bank of New Orleans.

Tambien recibí y les agradezco la Guia Aerea No. 133-018611, y copia de Certificado de Sanidad Vegetal No. 3.

Contestando su carta del 22 del mes pasado, les escribí el ^{recibido} 29 de ese mes avisandoles haber/las 25 plantitas y diciendoles que según las autoridades del aeropuerto aquí, faltaba el Certificado de Sanidad Vegetal, suplicandoles enviaran dicho documento al Sr. Antonio Rive - esa carta mia se cruzó con la de Uds. de Enero 29 a que me he referido.

Las plantas llegaron en perfecto estado y espero tener muy buen éxito con su cultivo.

Repitiendoles mis agradecimientos, soy de Uds.

Afmo. Atto. y S.S.

WALTER E. TURNBULL.

cc-Dr. Wilson Popenoe, La Antigua, Gua.
Sr. Antonio Rivera, Palma5 (desp.604) México, D.F.

Doctor. Otra vez muchas gracias. The two
couchitas I'm going to N.O. this W/End
for a couple of weeks. Salud. Walter

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

Febrero 9, 1960

Sr. Walter E. Turnbull
Torres Adalid No. 306,
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México


Estimado Sr. Turnbull:

Acusamos recibo de su atenta carta fechada 1º del corriente mes, con la cual nos envió su cheque No. 206, sobre el Whitney National Bank de Nueva Orleans, por la cantidad de \$9.26, contra nuestra Factura Comercial No. 22/60.

Agradecemos su pronta contestación a nuestra carta del 29 de Enero próximo pasado, y confiamos que usted tendrá éxito con el cultivo de las plantas de Rubus glaucus en su propiedad.

Con un atento saludo, nos suscribimos,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS


Robert P. Armour
Horticultor

RPA/bf

cc: Dr. W. Popenoe, La Antigua, Guat. ✓
don Francisco de Sola

Dr. POPENOE:- As you know we did not wish Mr. Turnbull to pay anything on this. The commercial invoice was submitted only for aduana purposes. We hope he gets a good start with the MOCA plants. If that it will have been worth while.
Bob

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 7 marzo de 1960

Dear Walter:

Trying to catch up with my correspondence since my return from Florida, where I went to be with Hugh when he got that big capote slapped over his head on 30 January, making him a Doctor with all the rights and privileges appurtenant thereunto; and the only consolation that I can find is that my doctoral hood is brighter in color than his.

Pero vamos al grano: I am delighted that you got the zarzamoras which good old Chico had Bob Armour send you. I believe they will grow well in Cuernavaca. And when I was in Florida with Hugh after he got his doctorado I made him take me for a tour of my old stamping ground in southern Florida, and I heard about some more raspberries which might do well in Cuernavaca. If God grants me Grace will get some of them for you and for Guatemala.

I assume you have heard of the death of E A Ames, about two weeks ago; papers said "a stroke". Poor fellow, his wife died of cancer some years ago and his son Donald died a few years ago, I believe also of cancer. Ames was 68 years old, the paper said. He left 11 grandchildren - if I recall the obituary notice.

At this week-end Helen and I get into the Volkswagen and head for Sta Ana, Rep. de El Salvador, C.A. There we will see Carlos Lopez y Leche (as he was always known at EAP) who is doing a swell job as a manufacturer of dairy products. Then we get to the Escuela Nal de Agril at San Andres, now with exception of the Director (a fine guy whose background is very practical, administrador for one of the big Mesa Agau properties) everybody else is a Zamorano - except for the Asesores Técnico. Then we stop overnight with Chico de Sola and then roll up to Teguci if we go to blow out a couple of tires. I am booked to be present at the graduation of EAP on March 19. I will think of that first graduation when you and Doris and I were on the platform and I had to start things off and I had carefully arranged the stage so people couldn't see my knees shake and after a while I finally got into my stride and you turned and said to Doris "I believe that bastard likes this business!" "Ay que tiempos señor don Simon!

Bob Armour is pretty darn sore because they willed you for \$9.26 US pesos in connection with those zarzamoras. Big mistake, he says. You find as you go thru life that you have a lot of good friends, and in your case Bob and Chico are among them. I hope I merit the same consideration; you did so much for Helen and myself during those long years! I assume you and the two Cochitas are about due back from N O, so we join in sending you our most affectionate regards, and hoping we may rempujar unos frijoles fritos o mejor dicho refritos with you again one of these days.

Ever yours,

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID Nº 306

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

March 30, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza 2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

My dear Doctor:

You sent me one of your very nice and interesting letters on the 7th inst. I was sure glad to hear from you. It was nice hearing about your son Hugh having received the big "capote" which made him a doctor. My guess is that he will be a fine man based, among other things, on the fact that "de tal palo tal astilla".

I wrote to Bob Armour a little personal note thanking him for his interest in helping me with the raspberries. We had such a very cold spell here and in Cuernavaca during February that the little plants took it hard and quite a few of them will not survive. However, others will and they will be plenty to build up from. I am indeed glad to have them and will enjoy seeing them grow. They are still in flower pots putting out some little roots.

I had not heard about the death of Earl Ames. He and I went round and round in Honduras when he was upset at my appointment as his boss. However, it did not take too long to straighten that out. Later, I was very glad to help him very materially in Costa Rica with a banana firm for himself and one of his sons. By that time we were good friends. I always liked Mrs. Ames. "Como que se acabó esa familia".

By now, you and Helen must have enjoyed your trip to Salvador where you have (like everywhere else) a host of friends. I will be glad to read about the graduation of the Eap on the 19th of this month - I don't know that I would enjoy very much going back to those functions after the ones that we had when you were there during one of which, according to you, I made a rather nasty remark about your stage fright. You covered the matter nicely when you quote "Ay qué tiempos señor don Simón".

Conchita may be going to Europe again soon, principally in connection with some archeological congress that meets in Viena. She is all excited about it and my daughter and I are pleased to think that she is going off to have a good time, particularly after having to put up with us here.

We had a nice time in New Orleans, part of which my daughter and I spent in bed with the gripe. I was indeed glad to hear that President Sunderland had made such a favorable

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impression on everybody that he met in the tropics as well as in the domestic division. I firmly believe that he will do a great deal toward straightening out the mess that he took over.

Continue being a good fellow, Doctor, and drop me a line once in awhile and when possible, move your good wife and yourself over here for a "visita". We will try to reciprocate by going to Guatemala some time.

The three of us send much love to both of you.

Sincerely,

WET/er

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

September 12, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
La Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua-Guatemala.

Muy estimado Doctor, Colega y buen amigo:

I am looking right square at your letter of July 17th. ult. which I should have answered sooner but just didnt.

The lizards from Chotegua that my Compadre Miguel used to feed us were a cross between an iguana and a garrobo - bien sabrosos and supposed to be good for you.

Bob Webb used to run the F.C.N.de Honduras years ago and was transferred to Cuba where he ran the railroads at either or both Banos and Preston; you will recall that these ingenios ONCE belonged to the company. Bob and his wife arrived here from the different places that they were evacuated to. They say that the first 7 years of Cuba were the happiest of their life and the last 2 fueron indescriptiblemente TREMENDOS. When they were allowed to leave they were put on a boat after being undressed, examined and removed from every single centavo. I was glad to hear them say that the Co. treated them just as well as they possibly could. Those who could not be placed were either pensioned or given 9 months salary. Bob received a letter here from Boston saying he is still on the payroll which of course makes him happy. They have a girl here in school and Bob and Corine are living in Cuernavaca where we see them every week-end.

Sam Baggett is here attending some convention or conference of international juriconsultos. We will break bread with him pasado mañana and I am hoping he will let his hair down ; he returns to Boston in a very few days.

Bill Taillon's two girls were here and had plenty to tell of all sorts of things. A few of the semi-penco type have also been here and they say things in Lempira's country are far from rosy. I have just received the circular re. Johnny Silver's appointment as Gerente at Tiquisate; I am glad they have still held on to him. Alfred Bogren died recently. You probably remember him from the days when a bunch of gringos - including T.P. Simmons - had a shooting affair in Aracataca or Sevilla with some disagreeable huelguistas. He was working for the company at San Marta after having been company agent here for a number of years. Conchita saw Lic. McGovern in N.Y. not so long ago and says he doesnt look or talk happy or cheerful.

No wonder the boys cant correctly estimate the life of a farm after what the deceased bananas from Chió did. Maybe Dr. Alvarado's dope is OK that Tiquisate is going to be dropped - I figure that ANYTHING OR ANYBODY is apt to be dropped - que bueno que nos salimos a tiempo. Sure the company's new policy is bound to led somewhere but Quo Vadis (is that a good Latin phrase?)

Yesterday Conchita and I had a fine lunch at a rather fine hotel-restaurant at Tepoztlan (at the foot of Teposteco) 18 kilo, out of C.Vaca. Conchita insisted you and I had been to this place before and I insisted

that you and I didnt frequent such fancy dumps frequented mostly by foreigners. She said we had been to see a woman there and I had so told her. I said that you and I didnt run around seeing women, unless perhaps it was a question of "duty first" for the Pulpo, and even then we didnt publish it to anyone. As I grow older my few faculties get worse, pricipally my memory. I seem to have a hazy idea that you and I did go to some little place, somewhere in Mexico, you left the main road to the left over a dirt road thru some rolling country, to hunt up a couple of gringo friends of yours who had been with you or visited you at Zamorano and who were starting or operating a little school in the pueblito - the man wasnt there but the Señora was and she showed us around a bit, showed us what she was planting, etc. I think she or her husband did some writing and knew Mexico quite well. Does all this sound like a twisted dream to you? if not tell me something about it. If Conchita was right - even though it hurts - I will admit my error, is she is wrong I would like to make her feel kind of tonta. The only woman that certainly I looked for was one who you serenaded with a guitar in Ecuador, in a little town where you bought an emerald cheap in this small town where you had a good friend who fed us "cuyos".

McKinney writes that the old Veterano keeps going. Of course his physical and mental condition are plenty bad, in a great measure due to incessant petty little troubles which certainly could be avoided. Mac thinks and I agree that if he could get away from home and really rest and have peace of mind, it would do him heaps of good. Unfortunately his helpless condition and possibly his folks make this impossible - there is nothing I would rather do than to shanghai him and take him to Cuernavaca - pero no se puede. I may be going up to see him quite soon if only to try and cheer him up if only for "ratitos".

You bring up happy memories. Of course you and I stayed at the Maury with the red carpets full of pulgas, etc. You talk about my buying a Vicuña for Conchita in La Paz - remeber how slowly we climbed the stairs to your Embassy to report for work - no había ó no funcionaban los ascensores - but when did get up there a nice girl saw us and hollered "thank GOD here comes the Fruit Co." Also I am sure you remember that when you took me to Tingomaria about dusk someone ran out and gave each of us a big wet kiss plus an abrazo - Buddy's Grobe's daughter; cuanta cosa. I hope Helen and you made the trip with Kitty Coolidge because I know how very nice it is to travel with you folks.

I dont remember if I told you that Conchita went over to Vienna (in a very round about way) seeing the Stockleys in London, the Honduranean Licenciados at The Hague (defendiendo La Patria on boundary matters) some parientes en Hamburgo, then Vienna where she met Doris and Ronny and - as Doris says - "agitated" in the Congreso Panamericanista on arqueological matters. She returned with them and Charley Balzer (?) who used to run the big hotel in San Jose, C.R. on a station wagon that the Stones bought over there to Paris where the Stones took a ship and Bunk a plane to get home to where they belonged.

Because I like him and his family and partly on account of the under-dog thing I am for Jack K. and my estimada Señora is for Dick. What a terrible job either one of them would have.

We send you and Helen our verdadero cariño and wish you the very best of everything.

Afmo.

Chacter

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 308
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

July 13, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza 2, Antigua
Guatemala.

Estimado Doctor y buen amigo:

I am sort of chuckling at those wise birds ~~whom~~ who bought UFCo. a few months ago because they were so positive that it could not go lower - que calamidad.

Never have I seen such a shuffleing of gente as is going on in the tropical divisions; someone must be getting a lot of experience. I still receive all the Circulars, domestic and tropical and I find that I dont know anybody or anything.

There seems to be only one thing worse - the general situation all over the world. Los pobres Chilenos break my heart. The U-2^s and B-7^s getting caught at espionage, etc. etc. I hate to think of what may follow. You have been around more than the most and I am wondering if you havent been thinking of some remote lugarcito where you and Elena figure you might be able to dodge the nuclear cohetes or what ever those things are - and would there be room there for a small familia like one that would enjoy seeing you here.

Conchita and Doris get together on the 17th. in Vienna at the Congreso Panamericanista; Bunk should be home here by the 6th. of next month. Joe Montgomery in Ecuador visiting young Joe. Mr. Z. still holding on. Fernando Castro writing occasionally with suggestions as to how to improve the world in general but particularly Costa Rica. The 8 Scotts just passed through here on their way back from Honduras; they all pile into a station wagon with a mite of a trailer and off they go from Greeley, Colorado to Omoa to do some fishing. You probably know that Fred Laux died in Puerto Cortes. It is amusing and sad how some folks stutter when asked to say whether they are only pro-Fidel or also anti-gringo.

You have no idea how I enjoyed your letter of June 6th. The part about your trip to the land of lakes is excellent - about Lolo, about the "cuaches" about the boy that amused himself by padding pay rolls, etc. What an excellent showing the 40 Zamorano graduates have made and no small wonder you are so proud of them. I like what the Turco said about the banana business "es bueno pero presenta muchos problemas". Once after an exciting base ball game in Tegucigalpa, my compadre Miguel Brooks sent a telegram to Dr. Galvez which read "B.B.B.B.B.B.". Galvez read it off immediately "Berdimos partido beiz bol bor brutos.

Without your permission I go round telling people que no es lo mismo Santo Tomás de Aquino y aquí no mas lo tomamos.

My hija and I send Elena and you lots and lots of recuerdos and hope we see you folks somewhere sometime soon.

Afmo.

Antigua, 6 June 1960

Dear Walter:

Just back from el país de los lagos. Morning after I arrived in that wonder spot, Managua, pretty señoritas but the climate is hot (as the song goes) I walked into the magnificent new edificio de comunicaciones (new to me, at least) and talked the portero into letting me into Lolo Garcia's office. How cordial he was! And I told him right away you sent your old-time regards and he returns them; I said, Lolo you haven't been long on this job, have you; I remember so well when you were an overseer in La Lima. And he said No, I am just completing nineteen years. He wanted to take me to Tipitapa to eat guapotes but I didn't get a chance; the boys in the Instituto Nacional de Fomento kept me on the run for ten days, then I stayed over Sunday to meet with 40 Zamorano graduates who were organizing the Asociación Agronómica de Nicaraguenses; and what pride I had in standing up before that bunch and giving them a little pep talk! Every one of our boys, our Nicas, is in agriculture; Aldo Parodi who was enticed into aviation because, I suppose, his father was a big jefe in the military end, had a crash and got himself burned over the body and is now a full-fledged agriculturist. The cuaches, Manuel and Ricardo Coronel Knutz, who were such good students at Zamorano, are both working at the Ingenio San Antonio. Five of our boys are in the agricultural service of the National Bank. Another one, el negrito, who padded the payroll when he got back home, has turned over a new leaf and also is in the bank - I think they check him when he goes home at night. Carlos Cuevas, a distant cousin of Tacho, has the first fruit tree nursery in Nicaragua, and so it goes. The idea now is to develop banana plantations around Chinandega and produce 25,000 stems of Gros Michel for shipment every week. All plantings to be in the hands of small farmers. We had supper with one of the richest men in that region, at Hacienda Libano. He said "el banana es buen negocio, pero presenta muchos problemas".

News from New York sounds as though the school is not yet going onto the University basis; that they are going to stage a big campaign to get 4 million more in the endowment fund; and I guess the Company is going to take care of deficits for the time being, insisting that the school must, poco a poco, get onto its own feet. No es lo mismo Santo Tomás de Aquino, y aquí no mas lo tomamos.

If you come down this way and stop in Guatemala, just pegarnos un telefonazo and tell us you are coming over to spend the night and repujar caldo de frijol negro. There are lots of impresiones to cambiar.

Always your afmo amigo

Antigua G, 17 July 1960

Mi nunca bien ponderado amigo:

Well, you got me again, with that BBBBBB story, which I shall substitute for my own, which I sent you. I remember Miguel Brooks so well! And those lizards from Chorotegua he used to feed us. What was the name? All I can think of is the story of the engineer who came to Tiquisate, fresh from the US, and they sent him out to run some lines, and when his gang cut down a guayacan tree and threw it in the Madre Vieja it sank, and that surprised him. The next day he was down at La Noria, and a lot of white pumice stone came floating down the river. The third day one of those big lizards came out of the bush and ran up a tree, and he laid down his transit and turned back to camp, saying, "I'll be damned if I will stay in a country where the wood sinks, and the stones float, and the alligators climb trees". (Oh, I remember now, they are garrobos).

I went down to Tiquisate last week, first time in 7 or 8 yrs. The farms are fine. Surprising thing is that Peten, which we planted with diseased seed from Chipo, and for which I think Henry Heff almost got me fired, is still, after - what is it, almost 25 years - still a fine farm with almost no Panama disease in it. I don't think the boys have even yet figured out how to forecast the future of Panama disease in a farm.

To me, the rather sad thing at Tiquisate was the kind that Mack Panama, the Supt of Agriculture, is being dropped. I have known Mack for a long time - I believe he told me he has almost 40 yrs in Haw Company and he is 61 yrs old. I have worked with him plenty in past years and I think he is a banana man of the caliber of Ed Cobb and Harry Hutchings and Mackinnon and others. Doctor Alvarado, one of the leading citizens of Antigua, came in a few evenings ago to give me a couple of aguacates, pura mantquilla, ya verá, and he said "Están liquidando a Tiquisate".

You say you get all the circulars - I don't. Bill Taillon told me at the 4th of July party at the Embassy that he has retired and Laz Greenberg, likewise. All I can say is that the jefes in Boston are striking off on what you and I would call an entirely new tangent and I just hope it leads somewhere. I won't attempt to judge, but of course us old timers would like to see the Company keep on growing bananas. I don't particularly care whether they grow Gros Michel or Cocos (which looks awfully good at Tiquisate) or Lacatan or Cavendish.

Bill Van Diepen talked to me about the possibilities of cotton and livestock. I told him, you are as good a guesser as I am, but if I were sitting behind that desk of yours and they put it up to me, I would take a chance on cotton for two or not more than three years. The bugs catch up with us in time. Where I have just been, in Nicaragua, they were going strong for a while; now there is no cog

cotton south of Managua, still some north of there, but the banks have outstanding loans of eighty million cordobás which they cant collect and I was told they have given an extension of eight years to the farmers, without interest. And I told Bill, my guess is that the live-stock business, for exportation of frozen meat, is one of the best bets left, but nothing will pay the dividends that old Gros Michel did.

-----Just at this point, it being Sunday afternoon, Dana Condon came in with his family, to see the house, and gave me some items of Company news which I am going to repeat just in case they have not all appeared in the Circulars as yet. In addition to Bill Tailon, Laz Greenberg and Mack Palmer who are out, as you know and as I have mentioned above, George Martin is retiring (he was M&S man at Tiquisate, you will remember). And more interesting, Johnny Silver is coming down to be manager at Tiquisate and Bill van Diepen goes to Boston, to serve as a sort of liaison man (Dana says) between the Research and operating departments. I said to Dana, Doctor Alvarado was in here a couple of nights ago and said "están liquidando a Tiquisate" and Dana replied, well, maybe the idea is to break it up into small tracts and turn it over to the overseers and others to operate privately. Which would make sense, when you have read the public pronouncement of the Pres of UFCO. Bueno, vamos a ver y veremos.

Helen and I are just about to think of hopping off for a couple of weeks. I dont find this retirement business amounts to much. Kitty Coolidge, Jeff's daughter, asked us when we were in Paris together about 5 years ago to take her to Cuzco and Machu Picchu, and we promised to do it. So we rather expect her to arrive in Guatemala within a week or so, then we will all fly down to Limatambo. Didnt you and I stay at the old Maury in Lima? Seems to me we did. They say it has been rebuilt, which I regret, because it was so mid-Victorian and the plush carpets were so full of dust and fleas. That didnt matter, the food was wonderful. Helen insists, after Cuzco, that we go by train to La Paz, where I suppose we will stay at the Säckers Palace - you remember it? I tell Helen I will not agree to more than two days in La Paz, just time enough to buy her and Kitty a Vicuña like the one you bought for Conchita, only I suspect they cost a lot more now. Then we might stop in Quito on the way home, but I wont put them on 5th floor as I did you. They say the Hotel Majestic is still going strong and the food as good as ever, and I seem to recall that it was pretty good. I think you will agree. One reason for going to Quito, as far as I am concerned, will be to saludar Galo Plaza; how sorry I am he did not get enough votes! I want to talk with him about the two schools of agriculture in Ecuador; I worked very hard with him to get those schools lined up and train some good teachers. What a job it is to achieve the results you want to achieve in this world! But one satisfaction you and I and Mr Zemurray and Doris and a few others can have is this: there are not less than five schools in Latin America today which have based their programs very largely on Zamorano. I will name them: Catacamas in Honduras perhaps the first one, the Escuela Nal de Agricultura in El Salvador, Daule in Ecuador, The Esc Nal in Nicaragua, and most recently the Esc Nal de Agr here in Guatemala. And I think there are several others who have influenced by the program of EAP.

Ever yours,

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

May 5, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua, Guatemala.

My dear Doctor:

Here is some real service. Yours of the 2nd. arrived an hour ago and I like it. Also I like Bret Harte your "poeta".

Como diablos quiere que yo entienda eso de que "Vamos a sembrar unas 150,000 acres en los próximos 5 años" y ahora "Vamos a vender ó deshacernos de todo lo que tenemos, etc". Sure I like the second thought. I am sure Charley Averre will be pleased and amused when he hears (probably heard it quite some time ago) that the policy now is to sell land and buy the pickle. En hora buena. Que a tiempo nos salimos. How right the fellow was who said "No es lo mismo estar en el ruedo que ver los toros desde la barrera".

I hope Doris has good luck in N.Y. holding out for a fair policy for the EAP, but then again "El que nació barrigón, mas que lo fajen".

You are quite right. The whole Coolidge crowd is made up of really fine people, which is also corroborated by the fact that "El que nació para maceta no sale del corredor".

Yes, Bob Beasley smashed his right elbow and plenty. Hd a letter from Mary. She says they were extremely fortunate in being able to get an excellent bone man to look after Bob - a Doctor Aneipo(?) de Lano, related to some renombrado General. They figure they might be driving again in about a month. They will be glad to hear from you. I tell them Bob will have to learn to bend his left elbow, based of course on the fact that "Pa los toros del Jaral los caballos de allá mEsmo".

Please be sure and say hellow to my excelent friend Lolo Garcia if you go to Nicaragua and also to also if you see them which you probably will, to Don Luis and to Tachito - I li e both of them.

My moojer (what T.P.Simmons used to call his wife) is leaving next month for Vienna to join the Stones at some Congreso Panamericanista mixed up with arqueology. I may slip down to San Pedro Sula before then end of the month to see my brother Charley and Tono & Sofia Mata who are taking off for Europe early in June.

After many unsuccessful effort the "lluvias" have failed to matrialize and if they dont soon it will be just too bad.

Nosotros a Ustedes les mandamos un afectuoso saludo.

Walter

Antigua G, 2 May 1960

Dear Walter:

To quote a verse of my pet poet, Bret Harte, Do I sleep, do I dream, do I wonder and doubt, Are things what they seem or is visions about? I enclose you a couple of recortes, which you may have seen already. But here is the agua del coco: in the Research News Letter for April 1959 they say "During the next five years the Company has plans for planting nearly 150,000 acres, exclusive of any new areas to be developed". But the enclosed recorte would present a very different picture.

You are a better guesser than I am, but if I were planning the program I think I would stick to the ideas of the recorte, Let's help the small growers, let's buy their fruit, and sell it for them maybe on a commission basis, and it wouldnt have to be Gros Michel of 80 lbs. per stem either.

Many thanks for your letter of 19 April. There is going to be a meeting of the Board of Trustees at New York (I mean those of EAP) and we will see what they decide. I think Doris will stick out for keeping EAP on somewhat the old basis. Bill Paddock's idea is to make it the best university of tropical agriculture in Latin America, as you know. I won't argue the matter. But I have the conviction that what we need in tropical America is more good vocational schools, then send the best 10 or 20% of the graduates abroad for further professional training. I am not much interested in more cuellos blancos. I am interested in more well-trained peacos, with a few profesionales thrown in at the end to handle some of the technical problems.

We are so glad you have heard from Catherine Coolidge. She is a grand person. We have written her several times since Jeff's death, and like yourself, have felt that she just wanted to get out of the picture for a while. We keep in touch with her daughter Kitty who is now, as you know, a Doctor of Medicine, and working at a hospital in Nashville Tennessee. We believe Kitty may come down here this summer, because we have a trato to the effect that we will go down to Peru together for a couple of weeks.

Ed Whitman wrote recent that Bob Beasley broke his arm and it is a tough problem. I have just written Bob, having, thanks to you, his address again.

Looks like I may be going to Nicaragua in two weeks for a short session with Alfredo Sacasa and perhaps the Somosa boys. Things are going well here in Guatemala; we are a trifle short on quetzales but maybe that is good for us.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to all.

Ever yr afmo amigo y SS

of course enjoyed it. Our place looks nice (not only to us) and of course has all the pereques and caramvainas that go with such sitio. The saddest of the pereques at present in an invasion of "tusas" or mole (not the kind of mole poblano that you and I like). I am trying everything that is suggested, poison gas, traps, veneno, etc. We also of course have a few Alacranes, some culebras, and a considerable amount of rabbit crap near where the vegetables are. but - as Maria Conesa used to say after she learned a few words in french "cest la vie" and the peladito bolero who was given her a shine and looked up her leg a bit said "yo tambien se la vi".

Your letter to Bob and Mary will go off in this mail and they will be delighted to hear from you. Their last address is "Villa Santana, Rincón de la Victoria, Malaga, España".

We are sort of expecting Lita Prowse (Ustariz) and her son Harold (The Compa) to show up here tomorrow and we are already liking it. The Compa was very nice to Conchita and a friend when they visited around Nairobi, Kenya, Africa where the Compa held forth with the Safari crowds.

If you go to Colombia to grow fruit try and make it at Ambato where you took me to eat dozens of the best things I have ever run into, ciruelas, duranznos y que sé you.

The family send you lots of abrazos and recuerdos and I am of course part of the familia. Said abrazos and recuerdos are to be equally divided between my friend Elena and you.

Very best of luck

Lita

Antigua G, 7 April 1960

Dear Walter:

Just back from Honduras and El Salvador, to find your welcome letter of 30 March. Doris and I wished you could have been with us at the XV graduation of the EAP. It was fine, except that I had to listen to a lot of ~~endless~~ while the boys pinned a couple of gold medals on my manly chest and handed out a couple of pergaminos. I missed some of our old friends, especially Juan Manuel. Helen and I called on General Carias and what a pleasure it was! That old fellow is just as sound as a pre-Roosevelt dollar and told us everything that is wrong with Honduras. Lots of folks asked for you at the graduation. The school is going strong and will go stronger if Doris can scare up the four million dollars they need to increase the endowment fund; with ten million they think the school can go ahead. Of course you and I would not build the seven new houses which Bill Paddock wants (you told me and rightly, some years ago, we had enough housing) and I think he is going too strong on additions to the staff; but all this is part of the program to make EAP into the best University of Tropical Agriculture in the Americas - an idea far from that of Mr Zemurray and yourself and Doris and myself in the old days. Doris told me (and Doris is really now the jefe) that she is not in favor) and I told her to vote my proxy in favor of the sort of school we had and which in spite of the mistakes I made seemed to turn out some pretty good boys, not many of which were bachilleres before coming to EAP. Walter, the whole thing boils down to lo siguiente: Shall EAP be a Facultad de Agronomia or shall it continue to be a school for training good boys to make them good agriculturists and good citizens as Mr Zemurray told us to do at the start? In my little talk at the graduation I tried to make the point, but I feel the trend of the times is against us. I know Doris is with us. If and when you see her talk about the future of the school.

I doubt that you realize how many friends you have in Honduras. Helen and I didn't realize how many we still have. We could not walk down the street 200 varas without having someone call out "Adios, doña Elena" or "Adios Doctor". We stayed in the Telharr bldg; old Concha still puts out the huevos revueltos con tocino every morning, as you know; and when we finally had to head back in the Volkswagen for San Salvador Helen broke down and cried.

We are delighted to hear that Conchita and Conchitilla are going over to that Congreso de Americanistas in Vienna. Doris talked with me about it and her ideas of a discourse on why black beans make better gonte than red beans (in fact my idea, and pretty hard to substantiate by statistics, and how folks love statistics these days! I hate them).

I have been asked to go to Colombia to develop a program of fruit improvement. Don't think I need to go, but will go if the Company asks me, which they probably won't. Have also been asked by the govt of Nicaragua to go there and to the same, short term job. I will probably go. I like these jobs, and I won't take any money for them; just our travelling expenses. I want to be useful, and I can be more useful if I don't put myself in line for criticism from the opposition party which says "Ya ve, ese gringo que cobró \$50 diarios por sus servisiones, y total nada?" No señor, I am going to keep on trying to be useful and keep out of criticism of the Sdmosa boys, for example; they have enough trouble already.

Helen joins in much love to all of you,

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D.F. - MEXICO

April 19, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Muy estimado y querido Doctor:

I much enjoyed your nice letter of the 7th. inst. in which you tell me about the graduation of the EAP. I would of enjoyed it inasmuch as you and Doris and other nice gentes were present. I would have liked to see decorations pinned on you and I would have led the "aplausos nutridos" and other pertinent manifestations.

Undoubtedly "la vieja yegua tordilla ya no es lo que era antes" I am sure that the school is very good and that it will still do a lot of good, however, it makes me sort of "triste" to think that what Mr. Zemurray wanted and asked us to do was so completely changed. I still believe that the Old Veterano's ideas - with which you and I were so very much in accord - were by a hell of a long shot the best thing for Latin America - particularly those countried where the UFCo. operated, and consequently ~~the~~ thing for the company. I hate to think of control of the school going to anyone outside of the company. I can understand Juan Manuel not going to the graduation even though he would have loved to be with Doris and you. I dont think I would feel at home in a non-penco EAP.

How very glad I am that you and Helen called on General Carrias. I am a Carlista from my middle both ways, if anything more today than I always ~~was~~. It sure made me feel good to hear about him from you - how he must have appreciated your visit - God bless the old fellow.

It must have been very nice for Helen and you to see how many good friends you have there; I ~~am~~ glad to know that I still am remembered (in the right way). Another fine countryfast going to the bow-wows.

A pleasant suprise this morning. A very, very nice and affectionate letter from Catherine Coolidge. For a while I thought I perhaps was off their list, however later I was told that Catherine holed up after Jeoff passed on and that she didnt in any way contact anyone. She says that when I am up in their neighborhood to visit them and damned if I dont think she means it. I always liked that great big handsome bashful decent husband of hers. I remember that when the gang was talking about the head office talent the jefes were referred to as, that old man, or that old bastard, or that dumb tal por cual, etc. but when it came Jeff's turn, it was always MISTER Coolidge.

Antigua G, 21 Nov 1959

Dear Walter:

Just back from El Salvador. Chico de Sola is fomenting some swell projects over there. Best of all, a fertilizer factory to serve Central America.

I went over the work I started two years ago and the agricultural school - which is making really good progress. They have a new Minister of Agriculture, from la República de Santa Ana as the santanecos like to call it; and I believe he is a mighty good man. It warms the cockles of one's heart to see how those salvadoreños go ahead. I asked one of them, What's the matter with you folks? You dont have any politics here? And he replied, "We cant bother with politics; we are too busy trying to make a lot of money".

But here is the point: Chico de Sola has a fine berry, just as good as a raspberry and better adapted to the tropics. He is growing it on a large scale, relatively, and selling the fruit in San Salvador. I believe it is the thing for you and I am sure he will let you have some plants. Now, how shall we ship them? Do you need any documentación from that end? I will take care of the handling down here. How many plants do you want? I would suggest not more than 25; this is a bigger plant than the northern raspberry.

Meeting this week of the Board of Trustees of EAP. I believe Doris will be there; I cant make the effort and they dont need me anyway as the only problem is, Quien va poner cascabel al gato? In other words, where is the money coming from? I believe Mama Unai will have to keep on forking up the necessary cash until they find some other source, but so far, everyone who has a lot of money seems to be saying, Fine idea, go talk to Fulano de Tal. Budget of EAP has jumped from about \$350 thousand in my day (operations and betterments) to about \$500 thousand. And just at the time when UFCo shares have definitely gone in the other direction.

Helen joins in affectionate regards.

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APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 4 Novbre de 1959

Walter E Turnbull Esq.,
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12 DF.

Dear Walter:

Now, I dont get sore very often and when I get sore I get over it in about five minutes by the clock. But those folks down at the Embassy in Caracas send back your letter to me "Favor devuélvase al remitente". After all I have tried to do for those birds. How would you feel if you got back a letter address to you at La Lima, "Favor devuélvase al remitente" Not quite the same situation of course, because I suspect you have received many letters addressed to Mr Walter E Turnbull, Honduras South America.

But Lord, it is always go good to hear from you. I think I told you in my last that Virgin Scott had just been here and I was talking with him about the shifts in the Boston office, and mentioned that so far there didnt seem to be many changes here in the tropics which were not just ordinary routine and he said "You just wait; the end is not yet".

Someone has mentioned to me the Company's interest in Mexico. You mention Tabasco. I dont know Tabasco but I do know most of the potential banana areas from Coatzacoalcos up to Tuxpan. Those Veracruz valleys - Nautla and Gutierrez Zamora and a few others - I fâget their names though. Insaw them all some 20 or 25 years ago. Mr Zemurray turned them down for several reasons - chilled fruit during part of the year and I think politics, at that time. There are some beautiful soils in those valleys and I would rather have chilled fruit for three months (and it might not be every year) than to have too much Panama and Sigatoka and Moko and Seguridades Sociales (but I guess we have those everywhere now). But if you want me to make a guess, I will make it: I believe UFCO will be back in Mexico within five years.

But maybe we better talk about raspberries. Much simpler. I am waiting for a catalog from my friend the biggest nurseryman in California. I am going to get the Fundackon Eugenio Mendoza in Venezuela to order a lot of fruit trees from him. I may stick in a footnote to the effect that you could do with a few berry plants. If I do, you will get them and they will be the best. Gosh, you dont know how much satisfaction I get out of my old friends - those of 25 years or more (like yourself) who are still glad to cooperate with me in what I am still trying to do in tropical American fruit development and who dont say (as I cant help feeling some of the young guys say at the meetings) "Boys be nice to the old bastard, you know he used to be a good horticulturist!"

Do keep us informed about Mr Zemurray's condition. You know how much both Helen and I love him and the only realnews we get is through you. I'm sorry there is really nothing we can do for him. I guess he can only say, like Simon Bolivar, "La historia me hará justicia".

Helen is telling the carpenter that the soquete doesnt fit the mojinete and the albacete is too high or something like that, but

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October 30, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza No. 2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

My dear Doctor:

Enclosed is a letter I sent you care of the American Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. I don't know what's in it, but I hope it's all right.

I was awfully glad to hear from you - your letter of the 16th instant.

You say I don't give you any good reasons for U.F.Co. stock going to reach the forties again. That particular stock, in my estimation, at present is something like a thermometer. I don't know whether you are referring to 40 above or 40 below.

How I would enjoy sitting down and chewing the rag with you about everything and particularly about the status of the "pulpo". My guess is that there may be more changes to come before too long.

Joe Montgomery writes from New Orleans that Mr. Zemurray is getting a little worse continuously - I guess all we can hope is that he does not suffer too much. He sure is one grand old man.

Walter Hamer is hard with work here with the Cameron people. Carlos Estrada is here looking to see what the banana situation is like, particularly as regards Tabasco - my understanding is that his trip is purely exploratory.

Getting back to raspberries, no matter what I say you can always prove that I am wrong and the sad part of it is that I know that you are always right. I will be glad to settle for some young berries. In case it helps you to decide on this berry question, I want to tell you that on my lot in Cuernavaca we raised a water-melon (sandía

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

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Doctor, I hope you and Helen are very well and happy and that we will have the pleasure of seeing you again somewhere, and soon.

Con muchos cariñosos recuerdos para los dos de parte de mi hija y míos, afectuosamente,

Walter

Walter E. Turnbull.

Antigua G, 16 Oct 1959

Mr W E Turnbull
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12, DF

Dear Walter:

It is always good to hear from you, even though you cant give me any good reasons why UFCo stock is going to head straight back into the 40s. When I went into the City twd days ago to get some of my pension money (I like this pension business, and if Jeff Coolidge was principally responsible for it, he deserves a crown in Heaven) I ran into Dana Condon and I says, How's every little thing? and Dana says, Couldnt be worse. Ships couldnt discharge cargo for two weeks in New York and now we have a landslide at Aguascalientes and we have 60 carloads of coffee we cant get down to the wharf. So we went on talking things over and decided this is a good time to buy shares; they cant go much lower and we both believe things are going to pick up by the end of next year. Dana said, in fact, he had just bought some at 26 and I believe he said Bill Tallon has also.

You know more about recent changes than I do, of course; Bill van Diepen taking over at Tiquisate, Clyde DeLawder going to Bananera and Harlo von Wald taking Bill's job in the Dominican Republic. I havent heard yet who is going to take Dave Cloward's place at La Lima. And speaking of the latter, not long before I left to take the school job you asked me how many more years was the Ulua valley good for. And I believe I told you my guess (and it sure was a guess) would be 15 to 25. That must have been about 1940. When Radler was here recently from the Research Dept he told me there are only 11,000 acres of good bananas left in the Ulua valley.

Lets get down to raspberries. You mention the ones up the Swiss hotel, San Rafael, between Antigua and the City on the old road. I was up there last week. Out comes the little dachshund and I says, Wie gehts Fritz, was sagts du heute? And then I go in the door and the new German lady opens up on me in effusive German. I back down and tell her I want to see the raspberries, which I do. They are fine, as you say. Bert Muller took some down to Chimaltenango years ago (San Rafael is 6850 feet, Chimaltenango 6100) and they did not bear and fruit, and he gave me some and I kept them here for several years, 5100 feet and they did not bear - something like the old German sea captain who invites a couple of passengers to have cocktains in his cabin, and he rings the bell for the steward. Nothing happens. So he rings it again and nothing happens. So he bursts out: I ring that bell and up comes nobody, I ring it again and up comes the same son of a bitch.

We may have to settle for some Youngberries which are pretty good - I gave Jack Armstrong some plants and he grew fine fruit at his home here on the Reforma. I will keep behind this business and see what we can do. If we can find the variety Scott had at Tegucigalpa we will get somewhere.

What a wonderful trip Conchita is having! Helen and I are both thinking and talking about it every little while. We almost took a trip around the world ourselves when we found you could do it for about \$1600 for airplane fare - of course that doesnt include what the gals spend for souvenirs.

Helen joins in warmest regards to you and hijita

Antigua, 24 Sept 1959

Mr W E Turnbull
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12 DF.

Dear Walter:

Thanks for your note of 31 pxmo ppdo. We are delighted that you and Conchita may be at the next promoción of EAP. I remember the one - I think it was the first- when you had to talk; and I had to talk, and I was scared to death (I got used to those promociones later!) and when I got up my knees were shaking but I finally got into my stride and you were sitting next to Doris and you turned to her and said "I believe that bastard likes this business!"

Now in re the raspberries. I wrote Colin Shaw and enclose his reply. The only raspberry I have ever seen down here which will grow and bear fruit at an altitude below 5000 feet is the one Scott had, and he couldn't remember where he got it; but Scotty is going to be here in a few days and I will see if his memory has improved. The kinds we usually get from the States are no good here - note what Colin says. I will stay behind this business and I believe I will get you lined up eventually.

I enclose a few clippings which I hope may interest you. That book "The Ugly American" which I think I may have mentioned to you: Helen tried to buy it in Mexico City and couldn't find a copy anywhere. We got one sent down from the States. Apparently the State Dept is not trying to black-list it, which is the best thing for them to do; if they tried to buy up and burn all the published copies it would be all the worse for them. The book does make too strong a case against the US Ambassadors but in my opinion not too strong a case against the minor employees of our foreign service.

You probably know more than I do about the recent shake-up or shake-down in Boston. I had a chat with Bill Tailon day before yesterday. He says Bump is coming down here to live; he owns a lot here and presumably will build a house. I wish Bump would take over the Honduras division; they tell me Dave Cloward will retire in a few months. I don't know what we are going to do for tropical managers. I hear that they planned to put George Munch at La Lima but Bill says he doesn't want it. I haven't heard who will take Bill Turnbull's place; you probably know. I have a telegram last night from Harlo Von Wald; he and wife are coming Sunday to spend the day with us. Bill Tailon told me they are planting 11,000 acres of Cocos not Gros Michel in the Bananera zone. Bing Miller is to have your old job, more or less - or so Bill says; this of course pleased me because (1) I think he is a sound banana man and (2) he started life with me at Lancetilla. If you still have any UF shares you doubtless read and read the enclosed circular; if you don't have any shares you will be interested in the salaries paid. I have hung onto my shares and am going to continue to do so because I really believe better times are ahead, primarily because I believe Jesse Hobson is a smart hombre and will be listened to by the new crowd. Bill Tailon says the big mistake was jumping into the oil spraying for sigatoka; it cut down the weight of Golfito fruit by 16 lbs per stem. He says the Research people were carrying on experiments and results should have been awaited before they put 54,000 acres on oil spray.

Ever yours,

Turnbull

Antigua Guatemala, 21 July 1959

Dear Walter:

When we got back here we found your good letter. The copy sent to Venezuela - I have recently had a bit of experience with the Venezuelan mail, a letter from Ed Whitman took three weeks to reach, though perhaps not the fault of Don Rómulo - may never reach me.

It sure was good to have a chat with you and Conchita. And Helen, the family economist, has just figured out that we were both able to live on my \$8 per diem received for giving all those lectures and demonstrations, but we didn't always eat as well as we did at your house. We paid 40 pesos for our room at El Conquistador; and we usually ate at the Oviedo just around the corner on Bolívar where the Asturiano put out Paella a la Valenciana on Thursday at 8.50 pesos and Fabada Asturiana on Fridays at the same price. If you stick to enchiladas at 3.50 the rest of the week you can make out pretty well, though I had to get a couple of new holes put in my belt to take up the slack.

Vice-President Whitman writes that Bill Taillon has had a stone taken out of his pipes in Boston, no operation, and will soon be back in Guatemala. Probably a stone he got from eating black beans not adequately washed, here in Guatemala. I have had lots of them myself but always ended up with a broken tooth, nothing more. And I still am rather sorry that I let Henry Guilbert make me a complete set of placas, for like Muñoz Marín of Puerto Rico every once in a while when I am making a speech I throw the upper placa right across the floor and have to take it from the lap of a beautiful girl. This is very embarrassing.

I enclose the last letter from Bill Paddock because I think you will be interested in learning that our good old pal Tomas Martínez was in the scrap. Last time he went to the hospital it was because the universitarios threw a brick at him from the top of the Hotel Panamericano and knocked off one ear. The papers here reported that there was a lot of fighting in the house of Gen Carias and that he was slightly wounded, but nothing more has appeared and I suspect there is nothing to the story.

Ever yours,

México, D.F.
June 30, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Hola Doctor, querido amigo y colega:

I am staring right at a very nice letter you wrote me on March 23rd. ultimo. ¿Que porqué no he yo contestado antes esa carta? Pues por haragán y nadmás. Am sending you a copy of this letter to Venezuela where I hope you had good luck with fruit growing; for that country - although you havent asked for my opinion - I would recommend the Zapota prieto which besides being bien delicioso, has the same color of the oil which will probably gush out of the orchard.

At the start of your letter you write about the Majestic Hotel. It sort of makes my mouth water when I think of the banquete that your friend the Chef zampard at us one fine day - the menu reading "Sopita de Lentejitas - Habitas tierna a "la Majestuosa" y se finis". I remember you told me the Chef was disgusted because when he asked which were my platos favoritos and you told him, he had been prepared to feed us some pavoreal entrufado, etc. - definitely not comida de penco.

At the tail end of your letter you say you might be showing up here between tomorrow July 1st. and 7th. Dios quiera. My familia and I will be delighted to see Elena and you and we will invitár you to a little dump near Tlalnepantla called "La Flor de Roma" (dont ask me why) where the carnitas, chicharrones and quesadillas are cosa de otro mundo..

Thanks for telling me about Froelick Rainey and your reminiscences (it took some writing that word) about the old Cinchona Days. Poor Charley Margolis. What you say about where he went to rest up for a year and a half, reminds me of a mutual friend who has a large and very lovely country home near Hammond. It seems that one day, talking about monopolies, the lawyers (who he always hated) said that if a bloke ran a company so that it appeared to be a monopoly, but really was not a monopoly, the law said the bloke had to go to jail. The bloke said: I became a citizen of this country many, many years ago - the country has been good to me - if the law says I have to go to jail, well lets get going, only I hope they they let me pick the jail as I know of one in Alabama where I have many friends.

Chaning the subject and talking about the United Fruit Co. What a lot of trouble they have run into recently, floods, strikes, expropriations, etc. I sure hope we get to see each other soon so we can have a good platicada. Quite a few bananeros come thru here and if we are in town we get to see most of them.

Mi familia y yo les mandamos muchos abrazos a Elena y a Ud.

Afmo.

Haku

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO (2, D. F. - MEXICO)

January 13, 1959.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza No.2
Guatemala, Guatemala.

Muy estimado Doctor, Colega y amigo:

It was sure nice hearing from you - your letter of the 3rd inst. Long time we no see each other and I am glad that this will soon be corrected.

Conchita and I are most happy to think that you and my muy buena amiga Elena will soon be coming here. We will have both the front and kitchen doors wide open, the dog chained and a "verdadero ambiente Familiar"; it will awfully nice to see both of you.

Having helped those Israelitas to raise more bananas should be good for them as well as for many others; I understand that the market is hot and production rather putrid. Bill Turnbull in the Dominican Republic (he is doing an excellent job) tells the other gerentes not to worry, that the Grenada Co. can not only take care of itself but can carry the others - that is the proper spirit, verdad?

The Guatemala-Mexico incident has certainly given many people plenty to talk and write about. For the good of all I hope that it will soon be satisfactorily settled. The Lord knows that there is enough trouble now in Latin America - and elsewhere without that nice country which we both like so much getting embroiled in more difficulties.

Please tell Doña Maria from me that her country is not the only one where tortillas, etc. have become practically a luxury. We are not far behind them here.

You have sure spent a busy and interesting year in a most helpful manner. Havent you ever learned to let up a little bit - what is your receta for working "duro y sin cesar"?

Conchita and I expect to be here from the 22nd. to the end of the month and look forward with great pleasure to seeing you.

Mientras tanto y con un abrazo nuestro para Ustedes,

Afmo.

We had the pleasure of being with the Old Veterano in New Orleans and out at the Lodge not long ago. Though his health is far from good it is still delightful to see him and chat with him.

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 308
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

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November 16-1956.

Dear Doctor:

Today I received the copy you kindly sent me of the Records on the 499 Graduated Students from Zamorano - covering the 1946-1956 Graduations; I like every page of it - it brings back lots of pleasant memories. Thanks for saying that I helped - what I did I enjoyed and particularly because I worked on the thing with you.

Doctor, I congratulate you most heartily for what the above report shows you have done; you and Helen must indeed be proud. Your successor will have an excellent institution handed over to him in perfect shape - he will also have to raise his sights considerably to come near the mark you are leaving for him.

It was extremely nice seeing you and Helen here in our house and we certainly look forward to taking one more look at Zamorano before you two leave it.

Kindest regards from Conchita and me to both of you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Partado No. 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Walter.

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

March 8th. 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Apartado No. 93
Tegucigalpa-Honduras.

My dear Doctor:-

I wrote you a couple of days ago and yesterday I received my copy of your letter to Mr. Zemurray dated the 3rd. inst.

You have no idea how much I liked this letter, I liked it from every angle - what you said and who you said it to. It must have made the Old Man feel mighty good as it did Doris, Jeff and myself. I am quite sure I know how you felt when you wrote it. I thank you very, very much for my copy.

Conchita and I send our love to Helen and you.

Sincerely

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

Enero 22 de 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza #2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Subject: Frambuesas and EAP

Dear Doctor:

Many thanks for yours of the 11th inst. which refers to the above two matters. It is kind of you to have taken so much trouble in helping me out and I really appreciate it. I hope that Bob Armour at San Salvador will find the desired plants and forward them to me as per the Government permit, instructions etc. which I know you will have sent him. I hope this takes place within the 90-day period allowed by the permit. I will be on the lookout and advise you whenever I hear anything about this or receive the plants.

Thanks for the memo you sent me in connection with the EAP and their request to the International Cooperation Administration for \$74,000.00 Dlls. by the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. To me it seems such a shame that the EAP has to go outside to get money to carry on something which we had a perfect right ^{to think} _{was} and would be fully protected by the U.F.Co., pero asi son las cosas. Working on this new basis I presume that Boston and Bill Paddock will not continue to have the proper control necessary to carry on the school the way it was originally planned - what a shame.

You and I seem to feel the same about many things. I am referring to Mr. Zemurray's name having been taken off the Board of Trustees of the EAP when he resigned from that body. Yes, I would have insisted on his appearing as long as he lived as President Emeritus of said Board.

I like to think of what a good time Bob and Mary Beasley are having in Spain - they seem to feel about that country like you and your good wife do - my folks and I think Spain is about as nice as one can find in that part of the world.

I wrote Sam Baggett about his retirement. He replied that

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he had planned on opening up a consulting office in Boston in which he would probably do some Ufco work, but that he had not been able to carry this plan out as they called him back to the Boston Office, to his old job until his successor Folsom could finish what he is doing in Costa Rica and come up and take over the job. Folsom was selected by Baggett as his successor.

The folks join me in sending lots of love to Helen and to you.

Sincerely,

Walter

Walter E. Turnbull.

Jan 24th Received letter today from Rob
Bearley saying "Our país con los
Popenoes - ni siquiera a Xmas card
from them?"

WET/er

WALTER E. TURNBULL
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MEXICO 12, D. F. MEXICO

October 5, 1959.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza #2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doctor:

Very much did I enjoy your letter of the 24th ultimo and the various clippings which you attached. The U.F.Co. shakeup was surely a good one. After putting out the announcement of all these changes, Mr. Gardner took a plane for Mexico City and stayed here a few days - also at Acapulco. He called up and asked me to join him for cocktails, but due to some sickness in the family, I was unable to do so. However, we had a nice chat on the telephone and I hope to meet him somewhere, sometime, somehow. I understand that Bump is going to live in Guatemala City. The grapevine has been working overtime on proposed changes and what not. I see that the stock has gone up a little, which must make many people very happy.

My wife is at present in Turkey and will keep moving until the end of next month when she goes from Japan to California, then back home. In the meantime, my daughter and I are looking after things.

Thanks for the letter from Colin Shaw regarding raspberries - I am returning same hereto attached. I remember that there was a nice place a few kilometers out of Guatemala City where one could get nice tea, breakfast, lunch - it was run by Germans - it was full of beautiful hortensias. These people use to sell excellent raspberries which they grew in a "barranca" in front of their establishment. The last time I was there was with McKinnon and Laz Greenberg. It occurred to me that that might be a place where one could get the desired plants. However, probably it is much higher than Cuernavaca. Certainly if I don't get raspberries, I can get along very well eating something else.

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to you) big, red and sweet.

I am in a terrible hurry so will close, wishing everything good for you and Helen in which my daughter Conchitilla joins me. My wife does not because she and Harold Prowse are fooling around with elephants and giraffes in Kenya, Africa.

Afectísimo,

Walter

WET/er

Walter E. Turnbull,
Concepción A. de Turnbull
participan el enlace de su hija
Conchita Margarita
con el
Dr. Carlos Arana C.
y tiene el honor de invitar a usted a la
ceremonia religiosa que tendrá verificativo
el día 13 de Agosto a las 19.00 horas en
la Capilla de San Sebastián el Mártir,
Chimalistac

México, D. F. 1962.

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MEXICO 12, D. F. MEXICO

Mexico 12, D.F.
March , 1963.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N.W. 2nd. Avenue
Gainsville, Florida.

My dear Doctor:-

Just to let you know that the lovely book on Citrus you kindly sent to me has been forwarded to our friend Capitán Luis Jimenez in Coatzacoalcos. He will be letting you know that he received it and thanking you - like I do. The enclosed is to take care of the cost of same.

Pretty soon you will be in your "amada Patria" and THEN, I can just see you walking round the Zamorano grounds with Bert, both of you enjoying the Eascuela and each other's company. Had a very enjoyable visit from Dr. Calderón Guardia, former No. 1 for the Ticos; he tried to get in again but didnt make it.

Esta noche vamos a la boda del hijo de dos muy queridas amistades; Lic. Marino Caceres y Ysabel Troncoso de Caceres - todos ellos de la ciudad de Santo Domingo (formerly Ciudad Trujillo) Rep. Dominicana. Marino's Dad was President (and assassinated) and Chabelita's Dad was also President (and referred to by his friends as "Pipi"). The son Ramón who is marrying a nice Mexicana girl, was tortured by the Trujillo Govt. and now occupies a Ministerio in the Bosch administration.

Couchita and I send our very kindest regards to you, mi estimado Doctor

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MEXICO 12, D.F. MEXICO

Mexico 12, D.F.
September 19-63

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
1722 Northwest 2nd. Avenue
Gainesville, Florida. USA.

My good and old friend Doctor:

time

What has gone wrong that we have not corresponded for some? I hope nothing bad. I am slightly, sort of inclined, casi sure that the last one who wrote was "su servidor" - de todos modos PLEASE let me hear from you. Am sending you copy of this letter to La Antigua. I dont hear from Doris too often and when she writes she doesnt mention the EAP.

From some old friends who write or come through here I get some dope on the UFCO, who seem to be struggling along with different kinds of luck. When Elihu Root went to Panama quite some time ago, a young girl was nicknamed "RUTTI" You probably remember her as she worked in the Panama office for ages - she is a good person - she was here visiting with us. She told about Mr. Sunderland and Bing Miller and a new extra-high class Vice President visiting there with a flock of prominent JAPS - it seems the Frutera plans on doing lots of business there (in Japan).

Thor Hendrickson and wife (he was formerly research) have become good friends of ours (New Orleans & Mexico). they love this old Pais of mine and know it better than Benito Juarez. The fiestas Patrias on the recent 16th. were really excellent - a wonderful display. Prof. Bosch the President of the Republica Dominicana and many other notables were guests of our President.

My daughter had a fine 3-1/2 Kilo baby boy last month and since then - Conchita and I the maternal ABUELOS have been sort of nutty. When you write to me please let me know if I wrote you about our trip to Oregon to visit Sam and Edith Penry. Did you stay quite a while at Zamorano as you had planned. I wonder where you expect to be next. Conchita joins me in sending you abrazos. Come and see us.

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID 306
MEXICO 12, D. F.

10 October 1963

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Apartado 93,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

My very dear doctor Popenoe:

My last letter to you crossed with yours of the 19th. Brother, I was sure glad to hear from you and know that you are well and as happy as one can be in these rather hectic times.

It is pleasant to correspond with someone for whom I feel I am fond of and who thinks the same way I do.

We are in complete accord regarding the Escuela. We both loved the place and would like to think that it will continue to be what it was; however, this is merely wishful thinking.

I am positive that you have been of great help to Bert, particularly inasmuch as he has to be away from school on financial matters, etc.

I want to thank you very, very much for sending me a copy of your letter of last September 19th to our very good friend Doris. I would hate to see her getting in a position again where they do not treat her as she very much deserves.

I am sorry to have learned about the situation in Honduras where I have so very many excellent friends, in all levels of society - I am like you: one hundred percent for Honduras - Let's hope that some sound favorable solution works out. All I know is what I read in the papers and I seldom believe in them one hundred percent.

What a lovely thing those Zamorano nurseries are, or will be, with the fruit and other plants that you mention are being put in by Mike Morales.

Conchita and I are going to New Orleans for a couple of weeks and will be back early in November. There is a remote possibility that I return via Honduras and Guatemala, in which event I would so much enjoy being with you and having one of those good "platicadas".

My wife and daughter, and my "nieto" join me in sending you lots of love and our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Walter

Walter E. Turnbull

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
1722 N.W. Second Avenue,
Gainesville, Florida,
U.S.A.

cc to Dr. Popenoe in Florida:

P.S. Dear Doctor:

I cannot agree with those who are against the people who try to overthrow communism. Someone told me today that General Eisenhower, very recently, expressed his opinion to the effect that it was a mistake not to recognize certain governments just because they overthrow someone that might have been worse. It is a good thing you and I are not politicians.

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID 306
MEXICO 12, D. F.

3 January 1964

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

My dear doctor:

You wrote me a nice letter on December 22 extending your condolence due to the death of my brother Charlie. I appreciate it very much - these things sure hurt.

Your letter was most interesting and I am glad to see that things went so well at the Zamorano graduation. I agree with you that Doris is very much missed and needed at the events. I am sure that she feels very much hurt.

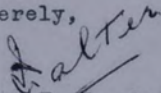
Conchita and I will leave here on the 5th, next Sunday, for San José to stay with Doris and Ronnie a few days. Conchita will be "madrina" to Pebble's latest daughter.

I am going to take or send your letter of the 22nd of last month to Doris because I am sure that she will be much interested and certainly there is nothing in it that she should not know. I have not heard she and Ronnie have sold out in Costa Rica and moved back to New Orleans. I know that they have built themselves a very nice home on a river near New Orleans, Hammond, Covington, etc. Conchita and I have visited that new home where we have been told there is a special room for us to use whenever we please. For many good reasons I hate to see Doris and Ronnie cut off completely from Central America. I hope it does not happen.

Eventually you and I are going to get together and what an effort we will make to straighten out, if not the complete Universe, anyhow a small part of it.

Feliz Año Nuevo y un fuerte abrazo.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Turnbull

cc: La Antigua, Guatemala,
Calle Nobleza #2,

WET:ro

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID 308
MEXICO 12, D. F.

January 28, 1964

Dear Doctor:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 22nd inst. As usual, I was very glad to hear from you. How nice it is to know that you have been able to help out the School so much. I know of not only the things you have been good enough to tell me about, but of others which various people have mentioned to me.

While in Costa Rica, I wired to Tegucigalpa for a copy of the speech made by ex-Vice President, Henry Wallace. I wanted this for Doris and I got excellent service on it. Doris, of course, just simply cannot forget the School. If I have to say how she feels about the School, I cannot say that she is happy. She feels that she has been let down by several people and that she is responsible for this. However, time takes care of everything and it won't be so long before she feels better and possibly some day she might want to go back and take a look.

You tell me about Bert being called urgently to New York. I hope that he helps to get the money which, apparently, is being donated to the School and which will be most useful.

Conchita and I enjoyed our ten days in Costa Rica, particularly because Doris and Ronnie and Pebble and his family were so extremely nice to us. Of course, it was very pleasant also to talk to Blondie and to Lic. Celeo Davila and Fernando Castro and a lot of other old friends. The volcano thing, to me, is very serious and I am extremely sorry for those people. However, they seem to have gotten used to breathing ashes and getting their homes and streets and everything else littered up with a constant drizzle of that fine ash. I remember when the revolution was bad in Mexico and I came here from somewhere and was surprised to see everybody going around as usual. I asked, "How come?" and they said, "Oh, we are used to this thing now!"

What a sorry showing the Fruit Company made for the last quarter of '63. According to the president's note to the stockholders, it might develop that the very small profits made in the first three quarters of that year will be overcome by the losses of the fourth quarter.

Doctor, please don't forget me and drop me a note once in a while. I really enjoy hearing from you very, very much and hope you come by here so that we can feed you mondongo and a lot of other things.

Conchita joins me in sending lots of love.

Sincerely,

Walter

WET:rh

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Noblesa No. 2
Antigua, Guat.

cc: 1722 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, Fla.

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID 300
MEXICO, D.F.

December 9, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Calle Nobleza 2,
Antigua, Guatemala .

My dear good friend Dr. Popenoe:

Here I am answering your letter of the 20th of last month. As usual, I was very, very glad to hear from you.

If I look ten years younger to Bill Taillon, either he was doing a spot of drinking, or his eyes were going back on him. However, I feel all right, and what more could one want. I had a nice birthday and thank you for your good wishes.

As regards Venezuela, you always get connected with very interesting people and I do not blame them for getting you services because if you don't know your stuff, then everybody must be crazy.

I am glad I was not with you when you slept one night at an altitude of 13,400 feet, which is more or less what you and I encountered in Bolivia. The more I hear about these high altitudes, the better I like my Guernavaca garden and bedroom.

The change of Government here, as you know, took place only a short time ago. I know nothing whatsoever about politics and do not want to learn; however, I know I have some friends who do know about these things. The general opinion is that our new President, Diaz Ordaz, has not yet defined his attitude. It is practically a certainty that there is going to be a very considerably increase in taxes for industry, commerce, etc., and probably, and unfortunately, a little for the poor individuals like your "humilde servidor." The outgoing President, in my estimation, did a good job for Mexico and, of course, a number of people profited by it, as has been the case for a long time, and probably will continue to be so. Ernesto Urruchurtu, who was regente for this Federal District for the last three administrations, is staying on once more, and whether people like him or whether they do not like him, everybody more or less agrees that he is the one best man for this city, which is growing and has so many important problems to solve for the near future. The Olympic Games will be on top of the place here in about four or five years, and that takes considerable handling. The public service, light, telephone, water, transportation, etc., are insufficient today, and steps are being taken to increase and improve them. Urruchurtu is a sort of a go-getter in this respect.

As usual, I agree with you one hundred percent on your opinion regarding the SAP. I have more or less given up hopes of seeing the thing handled at all in years the way you, Doris, myself, and a few others would like to think about it. I am not sure that our friend who is in charge down there - I refer to Bert - can do much to change the policy planned by people who are paying up so very much money. Perhaps he will just ride along with the current.

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID 308
MEXICO 12, D. F.

I doubt if you can keep from helping out the Minister of Agriculture in Guatemala. I am not trying to through any bouquets at you. When I say that, I believe they have picked the right man to help them out.

I will probably go to Honduras early next month to handle a small piece of business in Tegucigalpa and, if I do, I will try to find out where you are about that time. I would love to sit down on a log and platicar un buen rato con usted.

You sort of make my mouth water when you talk about antojitos mexicanos and tacos, etc. I have trouble walking, or even driving, by some of these places, without getting out and going in to spend a few pesos. Last night, Conchita had about sixteen people here for supper on her birthday, and what we fed them was pozole and tamales, y pare usted de contar. Everybody seemed to be in high spirits and perfectly satisfied.

Bueno, estimado doctor, cúidese y escribame de vez en cuando. Lots of regards from the family.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. Turnbull

Walter E. Turnbull

WET:ro

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 308

MEXICO 12, D. F. MEXICO

Oct-30-68

Dr. Wilson Poponos
Calle Noblesca 2
La Antigua, Guq

Dear Doctor & Friends,

Cauchita my good wife had a
slight heart attack a few days ago.
She refuses to go to a hospital.

The Doctors say her case is NOT
serious but that she will stay in
bed probably about 6 weeks.

I will try and keep you
posted

Como Siempre
Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
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MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

April 14, 1961.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua, Gua.

My dear Doctor:

I am looking at a letter you wrote to me on February 16th. ult° in which you tell me about George Putman having visited you, how you expected Katherine Coolidge to do the same, and about the EAP and its relation with the UFCo. Helen told Conchita and I about the contents of this letter when we visited her in Antigua on March 23rd.

When Helen saw us she was suprised and disappointed that we were not going to stay with her a few days; we explained that we had ~~planned~~ planned on this and furthermore that we had been taken almost by force to the home in Gua. of one of Conchita's parientas. The three of us throughly enjoyed our visit and the only thing lacking was your presence. We will always remember Elena as one of our dear, true, kind friends.

At Doris' request I will be in New York on the 18th. inst. to attend an EAP meeting in George Harrar's office at the Rockerfeller Foundation; I attended the meeting at Zamorano on Graduation day. I feel somewhat at loss (or a misfit) at these gatherings where matters which I am unfamiliar with are discussed by folks I am not acquainted with, however, Doris can count on a friend who would be delighted to help her in any way. I am not exactly pessimistic about the EAP future but, as we penocs say "no vec claro". I hope it wont be long before you and I can talk about this.

From N.Y. I will go to N.O. for a Clinic check-up, a visit with Mr. Z. (he is in very poor shape) and to see Mildred, Concha Bogran and other nice people. I hope to get back here about May 5th. We have a guest room here that you would fit into perfectly - also we could be comfortable at our "San Antonio Hueytetitla" place in Cuernavaca. Doctor, please remember that Conchita and I like you very much and when we tell you esta es su casa we mean it.

Abrazos from both of us and God bless you.

Afmo.

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D.F. - MEXICO

November 10, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Nobleza No. 2,
La Antigua, Guatemala.

My dear Doctor:

It was very nice getting your letter of the 1st inst. I found it here on my return from New Orleans where I spent about a month on personal business and a check-up at the Oschner Clinic. The business was not too good and the Clinic report was not too bad.

Though Mr. Zemurray is in very bad shape, mentally and physically, I enjoyed seeing him almost daily. At times he does not recognize people, but he never failed to recognize me and to insist that I make conversation about some of our escapades and other such things dating way back. I could get him to laugh to the point where it hurt him and I honestly think he looked forward to my visit. He used to make me spend the night in his house so that we could chat late at night and early in the morning and drink coffee and sometimes whiskey. He has absolutely nothing to be happy about and I am indeed sorry for him.

Every once in awhile on the TV I would hear your brother telling people how to straighten out their families. His voice is exactly like yours or vice versa.

As regards that missionary match. You are completely wrong, Doctor, because neither one of the two of us could make a dime or any progress as missionaries, - I mean missionaries of the right kind, all of which does not mean that we would not be O.K. Anyway, I think you are.

I like the picture you make of an Eskimo coming to study at the EAP. I don't expect to see Doris, but if I should, honestly I don't believe I will ask her to try and change the policy you describe, because I frankly feel that it would be useless. If I see Doris, I will certainly tell her about it just in case she is not familiar. Qué desgracia! The fact that they have allowed you to get out of the picture shows how very little one can expect in the future of anything good for that one excellent institution. I just cannot work up any interest in any Eskimos or anything like that full of diplomas - it would be so much nicer for the deserving "pencos" to benefit from what was intended for and built for them. Be everything as it may, you must always be very proud of what you did for so many Latin boys who will always recollect your kind-

ness and the happy days they passed at Zamorano.

Very probably you and Helen will go to Europe and enjoy Spain very much indeed. However, it is nice that you still remember Mexico and if you are going to like it, I sure hope you come our way - "ya sabe adonde está su casa".

Thanks for the clippings about dear Miss Myra Ellerby who passed on at that place where she lived so long and so many people will always remember her kindly. The clipping about what Nikita said regarding Cuba and with reference to Guatemala is very significant. I happen to remember that part of it very well.

Sam Baggett and his wife, Esther, stayed here for about ten days. The Hamers and ourselves tried to make it pleasant for them and they said that we succeeded. Sam has his office right near the new company office in Boston and occasionally does some work for them. Though he does not complain, I know very well that he is hurt, discouraged and pessimistic, as are so very many others. While in New Orleans I, of course, talked to Joe Montgomery who is still a Director etc. and from him I gather that no one knows exactly what is going to happen to the Company. I understand that the Arthur Little Company's reports were recently completed and are going to be given careful consideration. Those who are responsible for the Company's management I believe pin their hopes on diversification. Anyhow, for the near future and possibly bananas of different varieties in the long run - the thing is too complicated to write about. I am very glad that I am out of it; also that I did not hang on to any of my stock. A number of folks that I know and whose judgment has always been sound, are waiting to see if the stock goes a little bit lower and buy some - I believe there is something like this: if you buy it and it goes lower, you make money in connection with your tax problems.

Don Carlos Estrada is here and tells me that he will soon retire. I think and hope that Andy Holcombe and his wife will be through here for a few days in the near future and I will certainly enjoy talking to him, both because I like him very much and because he does know the banana thing in all of the divisions.

In case it may interest you, Conchita, my good wife, is studying German and you can chat with her in that language when you next come into "ésta su casa".

We both send lots of love to Helen and you. Excuse me for not having answered your fine letters sooner. Lots of "abrazos".

Nov. 14.
Certainly hope everything
there gets satisfactorily
straightened out.
Jalter

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

Antigua, 16 Feb 1961

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Walter:

This appears to be our busy season. No me han dejado tiempo ni para rascarme la cabeza. A few days ago we spent the afternoon with George Putnam, who had just come through Mexico and who had your signature in about five places and without bothering to see what you had signed, I signed just below you. I dont need to bother to see what you sign; I will go along with you in anything.

I am writing briefly to say I was considerably encouraged by what Putnam told us (Helen and myself). He says the Board of Trustees is definitely against the idea of putting the EAP on the University basis. They think the ideas of the Founding Fathers were pretty sound, on the whole.

Perhaps UFCo was a bit hasty in announcing that it had divorced EAP. Perhaps it would have carried on, if expenses had not jumped so tremendously in the last two years. Perhaps they will come back into the picture if expenses can be cut down so that the Company will not need to chip in more than about \$100,000 a year; but I am afraid this may not happen. That was about the cash contribution we had to ask for, during my last three years there; the endowment fund earned the rest and is earning now more than it did then.

Jeff Coolidge's widow and a couple of relatives are coming here on March 9th to stay until the 14th, then go down to San José to spend a few days with Doris, and come up to the graduation at Zamorano on March 19th. They are dedicating a bronze plaque to the memory of Jeff, as one of the founders of the school.

I am planning to fly up to Florida on 17 March to take part in the annual convention of the American Society for Horticultural Science, Caribbean Region.

Best regards to all,

Wilson Penney

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

June 18, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 S.W. 2nd. Avenue
Gainesville, Z.305. Florida. USA.

My dear Doctor:

One of the many things I dont like is not hearing from you. You have been having your bad spells, you are not the best in the world at taking care of yourself, and what I am hoping is that I will hear that you have gone off on one of these queer trips you often take. Wherever you are, the best of luck to you.

I have one or two of the letters or reports put out by the EAP office up east, I hear^d from Whitman after you called on him and Sigrid that things were not too rosy at Zamorano. Pobre escuela.

Mrs. Zemurray and Miss. Fletcher [the English governess] and Sam the 3rd. came here to visit and they seem to have enjoyed it very much. We did what we could for them. Mrs. Z. is trying hard to forget all her many hard blows and I think it will do her great good to get away from the regularr surrounding. Sammy the 3rd. is a very fine chap. He is six foot two, fine physique, humble and bashful like his Dad junior, simpatico and has never had much of~~a~~ a break.

I hope the stock market trouble didnt catch you.

Guatemala doesnt seem to be able to get straight. Everything, everywhere on the bum.

So long Doctor. Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID 41308
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

July 13, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
la Avenida Sur Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

My dear Doctor:

You made me a happy man--I got your letter of the 5th inst. yesterday and I am resting easy--for lack of good sense I had worried about you unnecessarily. The last time I saw you was in New York when it was raining and I gave you a lift to your hotel and you looked pretty bad --probably I looked worse.

As you say, you can't have been very sick to do everything that you did--taking all sorts of people to all sorts of places to see all sorts of trees, flowers, etc. etc. This is very much like the Dr. Popenoe that we have known for so many years.

I do not envy you your visit to the EAP. No one can have more recollections of that lovely place than the Popenoe's. I think like you do--that the School will go under a new system and little by little the old policies will be forgotten--probably that's evolution. Truthfully, my only interest in that institution at present is to help Doris. She has my sympathy and I will do anything I can always to help her. Incidentally, yesterday I had a letter from her--the first one since quite some time before the last New York meeting--I know Doris quite well--whatever she writes I can understand. She is coming to Mexico with a lot of Ticos on this Pan American Congress thing. She won't be able to stay with us because she and Ronney have intimate friends with them who must be taken care of. Doris writes that she very much wants me to go to the next New York meeting--that it is urgent--I am not sure that she is really very anxious about this but she probably wants to make me feel good. We will be seeing them here--I think it's next month.

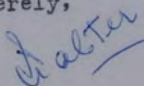
I do very much hope that the outgoing director of the School does not leave with strings attached to it or that he has anything to do with it in the future. However, that will be up to those who are in charge.

The two Conchitas have been in New Orleans and will be back here the day after tomorrow. We are making the necessary preparations for our daughter's wedding here on the 11th and 13th.

I sure hope that we can manage to keep more closely in touch with each other in the future.

Lots of recuerdos and an abrazo to you, Doctor. Also my kindest regards to Hugh.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Turnbull

cc-c/oTela R.R.Co.
Comayaguela-Hond.

WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID N° 306
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

August 30, 1962.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado #93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Muy estimado Doctor:

Your nice letter of the 22nd. inst. reached me while I was with Doris and Ronney and some other high class "Americanistas". I liked what you said so much and knew that they would also, that I took the liberty of letting them read it and I am very glad I did. How we liked your saying how you liked being back in harness and that the problems don't worry you, as yet, anyway. Regardless of how you all think and feel, I (yo) am most pleased that you went back to Zamorano, for the good it did you, for the great help it meant for Doris and the way it made her feel and for the good of the old EAP and your penco friends who are still there.

Our daughter's wedding was exactly the way we all wanted it and, though it is triste to have the daughter leave home, we are very happy about the whole thing. Among some of those who came from out of town were the Matas from San Pedro Sula, Tom McGah and daughter from California, the Dr. Pinel family from Chicago and Texas, "Herc" Joselow from New York y por allí va la cosa.

Though while Doris was here she was much taken up with the "Congreso Americanistas" we sure had plenty of time to talk EAP and for me to be brought up to date. The way I see it is this. Doris is determined to have a showdown at the November meeting which of course is absolutely imperative. She wants our help and knows she can count on it. To me it seems that what I consider the opposition, is considerably worse and stronger than I had suspected. I feel that if after hearing what Doris is preparing to say, they still refuse to change their policy and methods, that is what will happen and that there is nothing that we can or want to try and do about it. To me, everything except a definite clear cut decision in New York in November is of minor importance and if necessary can wait - if we are going to take a whipping, lets take it in November and not in 1963. I am not afraid, I am not giving up but I believe one should be prepared to face whatever comes up. Certainly Doctor, I want you to know how I feel.

I may be able to leave here in a couple of weeks. I will go to N.O. to the Ochsner for a check-up. Then I will go to Guatemala either direct or stopping over in Honduras to take my brother to Guatemala; if you are either in Honduras or Guatemala I would of course greatly enjoy seeing you.

Hasta luego dear Doctor, and if not sooner, I will sure see you in New York in November.

Salud,

Walter

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 306

MEXICO 12, D.F. MEXICO

June 22, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle Nobleza No. 2
La Antigua, Guatemala

My dear doctor:

How nice it was to receive a copy of your letter of the 22nd of April to our good friend Doris, in which you go on and tell about the school, etc., etc. Your letter is certainly interesting.

All I had heard about you for quite some time was that you are fat and handsome and look like you were ready to get married and very soon. If it is ~~an honor~~ please accept my felicitaciones. I was pleased to learn that you were doing very well with conferences, etc., up around New England, I think.

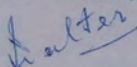
What you say about the E.A.P. is news to me because I do not hear about anything that is going on there and do not inquire, and I am perhaps sorry to say that I do not even care. I appreciate that with the large amount of money available to them, and as long as they can keep the good men that they may have, the school will continue to do good - under certain conditions, one would not be surprised if it blew up instead of doing good.

I hope that Kitty's appointment to the Board of the E.A.P. takes place if they are going to be nice to her. She certainly comes from excellent people that I greatly admire.

Conchita and I are living our usual tranquil life here and keeping in fairly good health. We took a two months' trip recently which included some of Central America and various spots in the United States. We were glad to get back here.

I will be glad to hear from you again, doctor, and to know how you are getting along and if you are ever coming down here, etc., etc.

Como siempre,



Walter E. Turnbull

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WALTER E. TURNBULL
TORRES ADALID 306
MEXICO, 12, D. F.

Mexico 12, D.F.
Abril 15, 1963.

Dear Doctor:

Yours of the 5th. inst. which didnt take too long to make the trip was much enjoyed and appreciated. I am very, very happy to think that you are in such a fine frame of mind and that the future prospects look so good. What I predict is going to eventually happen is what you feel is going to happen - this because I think you know. You know the EAP and Latin America far better than most others do - it is good to know them but even better to love them like we do.

I havent heard from Doris since her last letter which I told you about and was dated March the 6th. When she wrote she was seriously (I believe) thinking of getting back in. I could not go along with her way of thinking unless I completely reversed myself on solicited advise which I gave shortly after the resignation matter, and which advise I still firmly believe in; but who in the hell am I to be a judge on matters that Doris and you must absolutely know more about than I do or will. Ya veremos lo que pasa. I am and always will be second for the EAP and first for Doris. I am afraid that I am a bit like the tipo that was referred to when someone said "El que nace para maceta, no sale del corredor".

My daughter and I leave tonight for N.O. "Claiborne Towers, Apt. -929- Canal & Claiborne, N.O. La." I am going for the usual checkup at Ochsner and for some work by my oculist. My daughter who says I will be a grandfather next August is going to shop, etc. From N.O. we may come right back here or may return via Honduras and Guatemala. If I go to Honduras I will of course let you know.

Doctor, for the good of the school and of everyone who has ever been connected with it, I am delighted to think that you are on the ground and feeling the way you do. The very best of luck to you and God bless you Doc.

Dr. Wilson Popence
Apartado #93
Escuela Agrícola Pan A.
Tegucigalpa, Honduras. C.A.

Afectísimo,

Walter

WALTER E. TURNHULL
TORRES ADALID 306
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Mexico 12, D.F.
March 21, 1963.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Noblesa No.2
La Antigua - Guatemala. C.A.

My dear Doctor:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I wrote Doris today to San José C.R. I ask that you consider this and the attached as strictly personal and confidential.

Doris wrote to me on the 6th. inst. her letter was entirely confidential and incidentally I did not receive it for over a week.

Doris had not written to us I think since last October when we resigned. I fully realized how fully miserable she must have been feeling as cut off from the school. She wrote confirming this. She asked me if I would withdraw my resignation and attend the Zamorano meeting April 20th. (now postponed to April 22nd. in N.York) saying that perhaps with help from you and me and Gale, Oreamuno, Ronnie and a couple of others, something might be accomplished.

My reply was to the effect that as far as I was concerned, the EAP came SECOND and Doris came FIRST. That I thought she had done exactly the right thing in resigning; that I could not withdraw my resignation "así nomás". This is what I refer to in the attached copy of letter, penultimate paragraph.

I detest going behind anyone's back or the cloak and dagger stuff - I like the cards on the table. I thought it well to let her know that you would be in Guatemala and then in Zamorano as per your schedule - also how you feel about the EAP and your desire to help, etc. Note that I clearly made my letter to her cc-Dr.Popenoe.

What a disgusting thing it must be to get tangled up with the Political Science boys; lo compadezco. I sure hope you have several and nice interesting friends when you are again back in your lovely Antigua home; otherwise it would be even much tougher for you.

Bueno Doctor, whenever the mood hits you drop me a note and try and take in Mexico on your way back.

Love from Conchita and from me,

Afmo.

Walter

Mexico 12, D.F.
March 19, 1963.

Mrs. Doris Stone
Apartado No. 1309
San José, Costa Rica.

EAP

Dear Niña Doris:

Since my letter to you of the 13th. inst.

You may know that Dr. Popenoe is going to Guatemala on the 25th. inst. and then on to Zamorano about April 15th. where he will visit with Bert Muller. Pop & I have corresponded quite a bit. His heart and soul are 100% wrapped up in the EAP. It is my personal opinion that the Doctor is in a great measure responsible for Bert's having finally decided to accept the Directorship of the EAP.; I think it would be impossible to get a better man. Bert and the Doctor have the very same ideas about the EAP. Bert asks for the Doctor's advice and the Dr. is more than glad to give it to him - I think some of the directors also want the Dr. to help the school. I think the Doctor is extremely well posted as to what has been going on since the time when we cut off.

I understand the next meeting will be in N.Y. on April 22nd. instead of Zamorano April 20th. Grapevine has it that G.G. expects company to again contribute to school and that Tom Cabot will be closely connected to EAP. I doubt if Bill Paddock forgets his connection with the school; I believe Pulsifer will be working for him in Washington.

My letter to you of the 13th. The second paragraph and the last sentence of the 5th. paragraph express my feelings about your connection with the school. My feelings today are not only the same as at that time but even more so.

Lots and lots of recuerdos to you and the Consocio and the rest of the family from the three of us; we sure hope we have the pleasure of seeing you all again somewhere and fairly soon.

Como siempre,

C/C-Dr. Popenoe. ✓

Antigua G., 5 April 1963

Dear Walter:

Hugh flies up to Miami today and I will send this up by him, to be mailed in the States, as I guess the mails haven't been working too fast of late, down in these parts. This is mainly a reply to yours of the 21st ultimo.

It is hard to know where to begin, things have been happening so fast lately. But the best way to begin, I feel, is to say that I am very happy at the way everything is going. On his way down here two weeks ago Hugh ran into Bert Muller at the Miami airport; Bert had been called by George Harrar to go to Washington and line up the EAP request for this year's assistance from AID, and Bert was talking in terms of \$300,000. And now another point: a week before Hugh and I left Florida Hugh was at Battle Creek, Mich., talking with the Kellogg Foundation folks about other matters when they mentioned they were interested in EAP. Hugh and I assume Harrar has taken this up with them. They said they were particularly interested in training young Latin Americans for extension work; that undoubtedly EAP is the very best place for this; and the possibility of \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year was mentioned.

All in all, I don't think we have anything to worry about, so far as future financing is concerned, now that the folk who have money to pass out are becoming convinced that EAP is getting back to the Zemurray program. I feel sure George Harrar alone can handle this end. The big Foundations, some of them, are having to look hard for the best places to put money, there is so much of it available. Hugh is getting into this business himself and knows the situation well.

Now, as to the April 22nd meeting and what is to be done. Chico de Sola knows that he will probably be asked to take the Presidency of the Board of Trustees. I believe he is rather hesitant about doing so, right now, but think he can be convinced. As soon as he heard I had reached Guatemala he got in touch with me and wanted to know when I could come over to Salvador for a talk. We have arranged that I am to go there on the 17th, on my way to Zamorano, where I propose to spend a month or so. I am convinced that Chico is the very best man to head the Board right now. I am sure Wayne Reitz and George Harrar feel the same way.

I do not feel that it would be to our own interests to ask Harrar to take the Presidency of the Board. I feel that he is the one who can get us money, but he will not have such a free hand to ask for it if he is Pres of the Rockefeller Fdn and also Pres of our Board. I think he would find the situation embarrassing. If Chico can not be talked into the job I would favor Galo, even tho he is far away and probably could not devote much time to EAP. But I am sure you feel as I do that his orientation is exactly right, and his prestige is tremendous.

I would like to see the Exec Com composed of Harrar, Henry Allen Moe, and Tom Cabot. I am convinced that the latter is coming around to what you and I consider the right point of view, and he has the advantage that he has been closely connected with EAP for a long time - tho he sort of dropped out of the picture for a while, as you well know. But when I was there, he used to visit EAP and was strong for our program. I feel sure he will be so again now that he confusion has been cleared up and he knows that all those people who have background and know their Latin America are completely devoted to the idea of a vocational school with scholarships for those graduates

who are worth further training - send them up to Florida for a BSA. It would have been a tremendous mistake to give all our graduates this degree as Bill insisted on attempting to do. You and I know that and the other experienced members of the EAP set ~~up~~ ~~ootoo~~. What I particularly want to see, is the Exec Com composed only of men who know what EAP used to be and what it must be again. I think you get the idea!

Now as to the point raised in your letter, which is of course el motivo de la presente. I attended a big jamboree at the Fairchild Tropical Garden at Coconut Grove, Florida, the 23rd of March, where I had to echar un discurso and where I met a lot of big shots from Washn and points North. News came over the grapevine that Doris was considering the withdrawal of her resignation and everyone who was interested and had any background and any opinion was for it. They said especially that they wanted to see the Zemurray connection with EAP continued; that it simply must be continued, in respect ~~thw~~ the memory of our beloved Jefe who founded the school and endowed it with his philosophy which everyone knows is the right philosophy, because it is based on long experience in Latin America and a sympathetic and unselfish interest in Latin America.

Doris had extremely confial relations with the school until Bill Paddock tried to put it on precisely the wrong track and insisted in doing so. If she comes back into the picture now, there will be no trouble, and I am particularly anxious to see her do this because members of the Board who criticised her will realise in a few years more that she was right and Bill not Doris was the problem.

Naturally and rightly, you will go along with Doris in any action she takes. It is my guess that if you two do not withdraw your resignations the Board maybpass a motion to the effect that you be asked to defer them until at next meeting, or something of that sort,

which might be the easiest way out at this moment. But I knonestly feel that you and Doris and myself owe it to the memory of Sam Zemurray, which is something very dear to us, to stick by his school through thick and thin. This is why I did not give up last year, though then and before then I had been kicked around plenty and Bill had gone on record, inwriting, with some pretty hard whacks at me - the one that rankled most being his statement being that EAP "was never known nor respected until he took it over". But I must not do any more looking back. I have been trying hard to avoid this, as it won't get us anywhere. We simply must look ahead and not back; and the recent developments I have mentioned make me feel confident that we are on the verge of a new and happy era. As I mentioned to Hugh over our coffee an hour ago, the main problem we must now solve, I feel, is to buck up our staff. We have none; since Morcillo died, who has adequately taught agricultural engineering, and you will agree that draining and irrigation are extremely important. We need an experienced man to head horticulture; and we may need a man for animal husbandry as I feel doubtful that Alvaro Aguirre will stay many years; he is capable of becoming a pretty big shot here in Guatemala when politics breaks fight for him - I wouldn't be at all surprised to see him Ministro eventually. On the other end of the picture, we have quite a few young men, our own grads with training in Florida, who are developing into fine teachers and will probably stay with us.

Reciba un abrazo afectísimo de su SS

Antigua G, 7 de junio de 1963

Mr W E Turabull,
Torres Adalid 306, Mexico 12, D.F.

Dear Walter:

Since that very satisfactory talk with you over the phone from Teguci I have waited to write until I had seen Chico de Sola and felt sure of just about where we stand. I spent last week with Chico, and now am back home (that's what it is, for me) and all set for a pretty busy summer. Quite a few distinguidos will be on hand in July and August, which I like.

You may have had news from Doris or other sources, but to make sure you know the story (or what I know of it), despues de saludarlo afectuosamente, esperando que se encuentre bien de salud, en medio de su estimable familia, paso a lo siguiente (but different in this case; I aint going to ask for anything):

Doris and Ronnie did withdraw their resignations, about a month before the annual meeting April 22. I thought this was enough, but am told they had to be re-elected to the Board, and this was done. As I think you know, they were unable to attend the meeting in NYC, debido a motivos ajenos de su voluntad (erupción of Irazu and air-planes grounded). They got to NY the next day and Doris phoned George Harrar to ask what action was taken by the Board. John Weeks wrote the members of the Corp and the Board on 2 May, saying among other things: "She called a second time later on to say that she and Mr Stone were resigning, effective immediately. We assume that Mr and Mrs Stone will submit their official resignations by letter to the Secretary, but we have no communication to date other than the enclosed letter".

The "enclosed letter" was a brief note to Dr Harrar, dated 24 April, in which Doris wrote "I am absolutely flabbergasted at the outcome of the April meeting. I find it very difficult to believe that ~~Chico~~ de Sola has been put in my place." She finished by saying "I cannot continue to work with people who have such a poor opinion of me" and she asked that her note be transmitted to the members of the Board. Weeks did this. Shortly thereafter Harrar wrote Doris a very decent letter, of which I did not get a copy (Chico showed me his last week) in which he said that the Board had decided there should be a rotation of officers, no one holding an official position of the Board more than three years, and that the outcome of the meeting would have been just what it was, even though Doris and Ronnie had been present. He refused to issue a news release, as Doris had requested, saying that it had never been the policy of the Board to issue such releases.

I knew Chico would feel badly. After Doris resigned the first time, it had been suggested that he accept the position of President. He did not want to do this, because he felt Doris might be hurt. I was asked to talk with him, and did. He finally accepted the job, feeling that Doris was out - she had not withdrawn her resignation at that time. I think this ~~was~~ his hesitation to accept the job on the grounds that Doris might feel hurt - is a fine example of high principles which we have always known Chico possesses.

I enclose a list of officers and members of committees which Bert Muller gave me when he returned from the NY meeting. I think the "other members" shows about where I stand up north; John Kimberly has never seen the school nor attended a mtg of the Board; but I hear he contributed \$10,000 to EAP at the time of this last mtg, so I certainly would not object to his being a member!

You know very well where I stand. I stuck with the Old Guard to the last. I probably spoke too strongly against Paddock at one or two of the Board meetings. I was correct as to facts; I just was not diplomatic enough, I guess.

My five weeks at Zamorano were happy ones. The situation there is improving rapidly, but you remember Garcia the Ecuadoran arriero. I helped Bert clear up a lot of problems, and all the time I was there he seemed glad to have my assistance. I had to dispel a good many illusions on the part of my Honduran friends, some of whom seemed to be doing too much wishful thinking. A number of them said "Ay, Doctor, it was about time you came back; the school was going on the rocks". Incidentally, I had a nice chat with that wonderful of General Carias. I didnt get to see Juan Manuel but I saw Roberto. And lots of others. I assumed everybody that I was not coming back; en el año 1957 yo habia alcanzado la edad reglamentario y me echaron al potrero". I told them that I was there to give Bert some background and help him put EAP back on ~~his~~ feet. that Bert Muller had worked with us, we had known him elsewhere for many years; that he shared the philosophy and the policies of Mr Zemurray and the Old Guard, and I asked them to give him their full support.

As I think you know, the next Board mtg is scheduled for Zamorano on 2 November. Someone told me that he thinks Harrer will come and probably Weeks and Wayne Reitz and Tom Cabot and Charley Stillman but he does not believe Henry Allen Moe; Galo Plaza maybe; George Gardner maybe. A lot can be accomplished at that meeting if things are handled properly.

I told you over the phone that AID has made an out-and-out grant of \$300,000 to the school, and there are not many strong-ties to it. Furthermore, at the April 22 mtg George Gardner had a long talk with Bert and told him definitely that the UFCO was back in the picture. Bert said he seemed very much interested and as you will note from the list they made him Chairman of the Finance Committee. So I am not afraid of continuing to hear every day "no hay pisto" which has been the excuse for almost everything at Zamorano this past two or three years. When I say excuse I mean excuse. It doesnt cost much to fix up broken fences and gates and spray the ticks off the cows' udders or fill the silos with the proper kind of material and so on. There was an unpardonable amount of interdepartamental rivalry and an unpardonable lack of supervision. "Eternal vigilance is the price of success" and discipline goes along with it. Juan Fernandez has had a hard time using the "guante de hierro en guante de seda" which he used in my time. Things had gotten pretty flojo and of course it doesnt help to make Bert popular when he has to apretar la sogá.

Bert has asked me to come back in August and stick around again for a few weeks. I shall try to do it, and also attend the November mtg.

Paul Stanley died and was buried at San Antonio de Oriente last Monday. When I left I knew he would not be with us much longer and I had a coffin made and a small mausoleo built on the lot at San Antonio wh I bought for him just before I left Zamorano. He was 79 yrs old.

Siempre su afmo amigo

Claiborne Towers -929
New Orleans, La.
July 2, 1963.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Calle "La Nobleza" No. 2
Guatemala. C/A/ LA ANTIGUA.

My dear Doctor:

You probably remember Sam Penry - rough-neck aviator who dived Sigatoka. He had a sheep ranch in California. He sold it at a big profit and bought a home on the Rogue River in Oregon; nice home with a comfortable guest house - near Grants Pass. Delicious climate - wonderful scenery, etc. He and Edith his wife, asked Conchita and me to visit them and to help them catch some salmon and trout. We had a lovely time there till my plumbing got out of whack, so we came back thru here so I could visit the Ochsner Clinic where they slapped me on the tail and assured me I was O/K/

Your letter of the 7th. inst. from Antigua caught up with me here. I was of course very glad to hear from you and also ~~more~~ much interested in what you wrote. I had been wondering (not worried) if Doris was sore at me on account of the EAP. She has built a fine home on the tchefunkta river - about an hours drive from here. She and Ronnie took Conchita and me out there twice to see the place and make comments.

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If she had ever been/or evendisgusted or disappointed in me for not having withdrawn my resignation from the EAP or gone to the last meeting in New York, she most certainly never gave the slightest indication of it. .

After talking "para jerga" we got down to talking EAP. As you know, Doris is a person of strong likes and dislikes, and some times changes them. She formerly liked and even recommended certain persons who today most important in the EAP both in Honduras as well as the USA. - today she doesn't like them - she can't understand how other people like them. As regards you personally, she very definitely appreciate what you have done and what you meant to the EAP from the day it was started up to right now. She certainly is not vindictive or in any way mad at you.

As regards me. I reminded her that when we resigned - and she was a bit hesitant about doing it - I told her I thought that if she didn't resign, she would later be forced to do so, and that I knew then and now that I was right. I also said

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that I considered two things greatly responsible for the things that happened after you left the school: (1) The person who put in as Director and backed up by the board, and (2) the Anti Zemurray feeling. To me the whole thing is clear as crystal - the objective of some of the board members was principally to take the school away from those who had helped to "bring it into bearing". I will enjoy talking to you some more about this wgen we next meet which I hope will be fairly soon.

With the super-abundance of "pisto" which the school now has it will of course continue to operate, and of course it will not be what our old friend and boss wanted and we liked.

Conchita and I expect to get to Mexico about the 9th. inst. y estaremos - como siempre - esperandolo en nuestra casa.

Good luck to you and God bless you Doctor.

Afmo.

Doctor

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID 308
MEXICO 12, D. F.

10 October 1963

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Apartado 93,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

My very dear doctor Popenoe:

My last letter to you crossed with yours of the 19th. Brother, I was sure glad to hear from you and know that you are well and as happy as one can be in these rather hectic times.

It is pleasant to correspond with someone for whom I feel I am fond of and who thinks the same way I do.

We are in complete accord regarding the Escuela. We both loved the place and would like to think that it will continue to be what it was; however, this is merely wishful thinking.

I am positive that you have been of great help to Bert, particularly inasmuch as he has to be away from school on financial matters, etc.

I want to thank you very, very much for sending me a copy of your letter of last September 19th to our very good friend Doris. I would hate to see her getting in a position again where they do not treat her as she very much deserves.

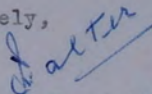
I am sorry to have learned about the situation in Honduras where I have so very many excellent friends, in all levels of society - I am like you: one hundred percent for Honduras - Let's hope that some sound favorable solution works out. All I know is what I read in the papers and I seldom believe in them one hundred percent.

What a lovely thing those Zamorano nurseries are, or will be, with the fruit and other plants that you mention are being put in by Mike Morales.

Conchita and I are going to New Orleans for a couple of weeks and will be back early in November. There is a remote possibility that I return via Honduras and Guatemala, in which event I would so much enjoy being with you and having one of those good "platicadas".

My wife and daughter, and my "nieto" join me in sending you lots of love and our very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Turnbull

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
1722 N.W. Second Avenue,
Gainesville, Florida.

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID 306
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January 3, 1964

My dear Doctor:

I am looking at your letter of the 2nd of last December. I should have answered it long ago but I have had many things to worry about, as you well know. I found your letter extremely interesting. You mentioned that you were undecided as to whether or not to give Doris a copy of your letter. Since then, I have had another letter from you, which I will locate sooner or later, and in which you express your sympathy for my brother's death and in which you tell me of the graduation at the School, about Mr. Wallace and Chico de Sola.

Conchita and I are going to see Doris at her home in Costa Rica on the 5th inst.--her grandchild--Pebble's new daughter--will be christened on the 7th, Conchita being Madrina. We will stay a few days with Doris and Ronnie before returning here. If you get this letter in time and feel like it, drop me a note to Apartado 1309 c/o Doris Stone, San Jose, Costa Rica with a copy to my Mexico City address.

Naturally, Doris and I are going to talk a lot about the School. I know how you feel about her and I don't blame you at all for anything whatsoever that you have done. If Doris and I and you had not taken action against the one person who put the School in such horrible shape--I refer to Bill Paddock--Lord knows what would have become of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I can understand Doris feeling terribly hurt, but I am going to try to convince her that if she had not done what she did, things would have been 100% worse and probably it would never have straightened out again. Doris was in favor of Burt going down there as Director. I personally suggested him to the Board while in New York, at which time they called him on the 'phone and he accepted from Florida. Doris knew and knows that if the School went along for many years in excellent shape, it was due to you, so I think that it is absurd for her to feel hurt against you. In fact, I don't know that she does, and if she does, I will certainly try to get her to see things the way I do which is, I think, also the way you do.

I don't care to write any more just now, but I will get in touch again with you, Doctor, before very long.

Sincerely,

Walter

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cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Escuela Agricola Panamericana

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Gainesville, Fla.

W. E. T. New Orleans, La - June 25-68.

Doctor Wilson Papenos

Calle Noblesa 2 - La Antigua - Guatemala.

Muy estimado y muy apreciable amigo;

Am sorry to say that I have misplaced your
last letter which I enjoyed when I read it as
is always the case with your letters.

We stayed (wife, daughter & niece) 1-month
in Tono Mata's lovely home on the beach at Puerto
Cortes - very close to where John Richardson and
I landed (Broke) near Tela just before the 1st
world war. The welcome we received was excellent.

It did me good and I feel better though not well.
I hope I get a chance to tell you about it some
day. Expect to return to Mex. in 2 or 3 weeks. I
have talked to Doris by phone - her son Pebble
& family are with them at ~~their~~ their home near
Hammond, La. - Peb got his PH - Dr.

I hope you are well Doc and that your
family are over their troubles are over.

Please write me one of those nice
letters again Doc - I promise not to lose it.

Conchita joins me in sending you much love
for you and yours.

Comme sempre

Daetero

Mexico, D.F.
June 13-1973

Dear Doctor:

You have no idea what a pleasant surprise it was to me when I received your very nice letter with the pictures of the Cinchona "Expedition". Walter used to tell me so much about it. He really enjoyed that trip with you.

In your letter you tell me how much you liked Walter. Estaba Ud. correspondido, because he was also very fond of you.

We have just bought a house in Cuernavaca and as soon as we can sell this house in Mexico City we intend to go and live there. We don't like it here any more, too much noise, too much smog, too many people and the traffic is terrific. We want a quieter place.

I presume you know that Coxyell McKinney passed away last week. We were very sorry. — My husband's sister Mrs. Hamer died last Monday the 11th. Walter Hamer and his sister were here, but Herbert couldn't come.

Next week Conchilita, Carlitos and I are taking a trip to the Pacific. We'll go to Fiji, New Zealand, Australia, Bali, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan - Hawaii and back home. It will take us 2 months.

Enjoyed hearing from you. Many thanks.
Best regards to yourself and wife.

Conchilita

[Signature]

MEXICA – GOD OF WAR – HUITZILOPOTZLI

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Taken from a relief on the Tizoc Altar in the National Museum of Anthropology. The Mexicas placed the warrior god at the head of their pantheon of gods.

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Paz en la Tierra

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Best wishes for a Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year.

Don't you come to Mexico
any more?

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