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Pto. Libertador , D. R.
November 24 1952

Dr. Wilson Popence
RAP
Zamorano , Honduras

Dear Doc:

You must have returned from England quite some time ago and know you and Helen had one swell time together but would like to hear something about your trip - the countries you visited and how you traveled. I hope Anita and I will be able to make such a trip one day before it's too late but this is out of the question until the children are off our hands - or do they ever get off ones' hands?

I read your school news religiously each month and keep a file on it because there usually is a paragraph in each issue that is extremely interesting from the agricultural viewpoint and I have no doubt but that these short references to results will come in handy some day.

The boys both are in school in Culver Military Academy and both will graduate (I hope) next June. More about that later. Anyway , they are very happy and apparently studying harder than ever before but perhaps a few years too late in their buckling down. Perhaps you have heard that this place will definitely not develop to the proposed 10,000 acres by end of 1954. Of the seven farms to have been developed we will only develop two and it all is because of the irrigation water situation. We cannot be assured of sufficient water for more than 5000 acres. One of the two farms is being completed with strip-border irrigation. This is the type of irrigation used in southern California - in the Coachella valley , and in and around Yuma , Arizona. The leveling of the land is the factor affecting the rate of planting progress. We had to learn or get the "know-how" first and that took us about eight months. Now that we have it we are rolling along nicely but only have one more farm to complete. Whereas the first farm had the open canal irrigation system developed this second farm will have a low-pressure concrete pipe line system , pipe sizes ranging from 18" to 30" in diameter. This will be an extremely interesting project and will require the casting and placing of 35, 000 pipe of three feet length for one farm. I will stay here to see it get off to a good start and then will be moved from here. Sometime in March or April and maybe even as late as June but not later as I must see my boys graduate.

This place is under strict orders to cut right down to the bone to try and get on a break-even basis if possible and we have done much towards that end already. Of course some betterment work must continue to complete the second farm but aside from this we have recently shaved off much of the fat. I am , or will be "fat". At least as far as this division is concerned. But it is not as bad as I make it sound. I would like all I tell you from here on held confidential because between promises and actualities many things can happen. First , about what I wrote you sometime ago. I do not know , or care , for that matter , what happened to the Company that wrote me about taking a position in Venezuela. I wrote back to them and told them what a hazardous business they contemplated getting into and gave them an outline of the pitfalls to be aware of.. It was just some good fatherly advice which I felt they needed and that I was qualified to give them. I ended the letter saying that if after what I told them they still were interested in talking over possible employment to let me know. I had a return letter immediately thanking me for the advice and told me that the writer was going to Venezuela in a couple of weeks to look over the matter there personally and upon his return he would contact me for a quiet meeting in HONDURAS. Why Honduras I have always wondered? Anyway , to make a long story short , I never again wrote them and neither did they again write to me. That last correspondence occurred at least six months ago. What is it or what was it all about Doc? It seems a mystery to me and they at least could have called off the whole deal through a letter. Anyway , I am not interested in anything they have to offer.

Something I think I never told you is that when I was re-employed by Mr. Rowe he told me while I was in Boston, a year ago last month, that he eventually would pull me to Boston. Wanted me to get this job rolling first. I never paid much attention to this promise other than I wanted it very badly but would not set my heart to it as much can happen between time. Mr. Redmond was here about six weeks ago, also Senator Fallotte. At a party for them Mr. Redmond took Anita aside and told her that he was getting me to Boston as soon as possible. Said, quote "We cannot leave a good man like von in the Tropics" Imagine that Well, that set me off and I could think of nothing else. Then Mr. Cloward went to Boston a couple of weeks ago and both Mr. Redmond and Mr. Rowe told him to tell me that the move would be made in Spring next year. I ~~wouldn't~~ Couldn't work for a week thereafter - too excited. But have settled down again and just waiting for the time to roll around. Not doing any talking about it to anyone because so many things may happen before it actually happens.

Am telling you all this doc, first because I know of no one that I would rather tell it to first and who would appreciate knowing what is going to happen. You have always been so interested in my future and I have always told you my troubles and you seem more like a father to me than just a friend. Your advice has always been so sound that you are the first one I always think of at times like this. Keep your fingers crossed about it like I am doing.

Did you know that Anita is teaching here. They need someone badly. They use the Calvert system and this requires four teachers. The "fun to learn" class and kindergarten is her responsibility and they need some one to handle the Spanish element in these two ~~class~~ classes because a Latin child must learn English in these two classes or it cannot go on in the higher grades. Anita is doing very well and everyone is extremely happy over how she is handling the courses. She has had quite a lot of experience, in year gone by, with the Calvert system and it was not altogether new to her. It keeps her busy and here almost all the wives work.

Now about the boys. I have done nothing about their college. This possible move to Boston complicates the matter a lot. We had wanted the College of Agric., Davis, Cal. for them and wrote you about it ~~some~~ once but now that we may live in the east I think Cornell would be a lot handier for them and us. Both are determined to become Agric. engineers. As I told you before they are not excellent students. They are only fair but could be a lot better if they wanted to be. That is what the instructors and counselors of Culver tell us. I think they are getting some sense about them lately and may make their best showing this year. How does none go about getting into a college. Sounds stupid of me not to know this but I have been away so long from the states that I really have forgotten. You know all the deans of Agric. colleges in the states. Could you do anything for them using your friendship and influence. I don't think the boys would let you down Doc, on any recommendation you made. Let me know again what you think about the whole matter and how I can go about setting the ball in motion. I hate to bother you about this matter but really have to this time.

Christmas soon will be rolling around again and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and Helen a Very Merry Christmas and also to all your staff. With best regards to you both which Anita joins me in sending, I am

Always,

f/Arlo

Bananera , Guatemala
January 17 1958

Dear Dec:

The attached letter addressed to you and from Harlow just arrived and he asked me to forward it to you as he did not know your address.

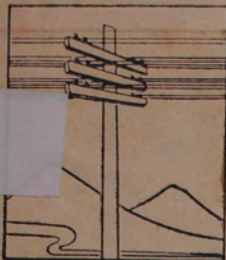
I received your letter a couple of days ago with enclosures from Florida and I also had a very nice letter from the Assistant to the President in answer to my letter to them and that I told you about in a letter a few days ago. He stated that in light of the additional information I sent them he and Registrar Johnson would carefully give further attention to this matter and advise Harlow directly at his Base.

Harlow is , of course , eligible to return , simply on a technicality. As I see it Dec , it is entirely and solely up to him to make the decision over returning. It is something none of us really can advise him on now that he has all the facts and possible consequences right in front of him. If he feels he has what it takes to overcome the considerable obstacles ahead then I say more power to him and to go ahead. We are not encouraging or discouraging him. It will be interesting - the final outcome and I surely will let you know sometime , but in all likelihood the University will advise you anyway.

I wish it was a month later and all possible ~~country~~ trouble in the country over with. I feel certain it will occur in parts of the land but hope it stays out of the area. Well , Dec , again many thanks for your good help and all the best to you both always.

Sincerely yours ,

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HARLO.

Bananera, Guatemala
September 23, 1959

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua

Dear Doc,

Many thanks for your good letter dated September 20th. I knew I owed you a letter or even two (?) but have no good excuses to offer.

About your paint. There is nothing, I repeat nothing you may add to the paint to diminish mildew (black mould as you call it). Norman Volk only "thought" he had something worthwhile and it may have delayed the appearance of the mildew but it did not eliminate this hazard. Had it done so, paint companies the world over would have ~~happened~~ onto the idea. The Company, over all these years, has been trying out additives, etc., but without any permanent results.

Some years ago, in Quepos, we stumbled onto a white paint used on ship hulls and which did not mildew. It was due to the "pigment" in the paint and not to anything else. The Company adopted this paint and gave it the symbol (U-80) and which leaves a semi-brilliant finish. We use it only as a "finishing" coat - on top of one and sometimes two base coats of paint. Even though the base paints do not have the same properties the last coat, or U-80, keeps mildew from forming.

My recommendation to you is that you use whatever white paint you may have purchased in Guatemala City as a base coat and then use the U-80 as a final coat. We could sell you some from our M. & S. stock and the landed cost of the paint is \$5.32 per gallon, but Company regulations require we charge employee (I suppose it includes former employees too) a 10% sur-charge, or approximately \$5.86 per gallon at our M. & S. Should you care for any, only let me know and I will ship it to the address you provide.

As for use of bichloride of mercury in shellac for use on book covers. I would really like to know sometime if this worked satisfactorily.

Yes, we are developing full blast here and since we started development work two years ago we have authorization for 13,625 acres of planting of which 7,000 acres already have been planted. The new banana type which has replaced the Gros Michel is the COCOS, a sport of the former, found in Armuelles plantations at least 6 to 9 years ago, I think. We have 300 acres planted which with the new method of propagation, called "stripping", should permit us to plant 4,500 acres in 1960. As for growing "varieties" like Lacatan and Giant Cavandish - they are out, I believe. Almirante planted 2,500 acres of Lacatan and the outlet is not good. Everyone prefers the Gros Michel if they can get it. The Cocos hold up like the Gros Michel, eat like them but may be slightly shorter fingered. Stems weigh more and must be 100% propped or guyed - otherwise they will tip over (uproot).

Harlo and Bee are back in their respective colleges and I hope they do well again this year. Bee definitely wants a diplomatic service career. Probably will marry and raise a family the day she graduates.

Anita and I have been talking of going to see you some Sunday or Saturday, and when you least expect it you may find we show up. If the ingredients are readily available in Antigua, I am looking forward to Helen's dish that always has been my favorite. Hope she and you are both in excellent health - you surely looked that way when I saw you in the City not too long ago.

Suppose you've heard of the big shakeup in the top echelon of our Company. Redmond and Bump retired. A Mr. Sunderland (Standard Oil of Indiana Vice President) is in as President on November 1st. Louis Sisto is Executive Vice President and Bing Miller was appointed General Manager Tropical Banana Divisions. I know you will be pleased over Bing's appointment as he was one of your former "boys". I, too, am pleased. The managership of Honduras (replacing Cloward who retires in November) and Dominican Republic have not yet been filled, but suppose they will do so now.

All for now. My best to you both.

Always,

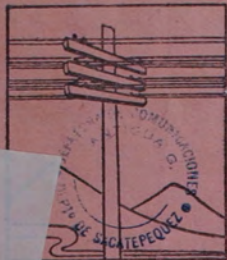
Harlo

P.S. Since writing this I talked to Anita at lunch time and decided we would go to spend a few hours with you Sunday - arrive there about 10:30 AM or a bit later depending on what hour. Now Anita will attend in City that morning. Is this alright with you? We would return to City about 4 PM same day.
Please send us a Rush telegram - advising us if no. Regards Harlo

Still later - finally sent you a telegram or think this letter may get to you too late to let me know in time.

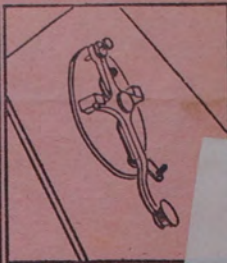
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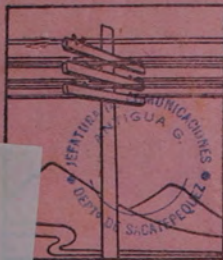
MORALES, 23 SEPTBRE 1959.

ADVISE QUICKLY SATISFACTORY ANITA AND I KISIT YOU SUNDAY MORNING
REMAINING FOR NOON DINNER RETURNING SAME AFTERNOON. LETTER IN --
MAIL.--

HARLO.

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MORALES, 24 SEPT 59

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WILL ANVISE WHEN NEXT ABLE TO COME. SALUDES

HARLO

TRIPLE

24 Septiembre de 1959

HARLO VONWALD

COMPANIA FRUTERA (MORALES (IZABAL)

SUYO AYER ESPERANDOLES DOMINGO CONEENTISIMOS

WILSON POPENOE

Wilson Popenoe

Primera Avenida Sur número 2.

Antigua, 25 Sept 1959

Dear Anita:

We were looking forward to a delightful Sunday with you and Harlo, when his telegram came last night saying you would be unable to make it this week-end because he has been called to Boston. Now, I have been in the Company quite a few years, and they only call you to Boston for one of two reasons (1) to bawl you out, and (2) to give you a bigger job. Obviously (1) is out of the question, so of course we are wondering what (2) is going to be. Might it be possible that they are going to put Harlo in charge of Honduras? It might. But anyway, that boy is going up and I am extremely happy about it. And I just take this opportunity to tell you and Harlo that several of my boys (I like to call them my boys because they started their UFCo life with me) are doing so well. Look at Bing Miller, for example. And several others who have gone ahead. I was never a good administrative officer - if I had been, I would have died in Boston ten years ago as a vice president - but I do feel that I helped several young fellows - more recently at EAP - to get on their feet and go places. If I have been kicked around a bit, well, I deserved it. But dont you forget G P Chittenden, who back/^{ed}us - Harlo and myself and others - and later Hartley Rowé, who was with us all the time, and Walter Turnbull, one of the most human and generous personalities I have ever known. So now, when Harlo gets back from Boston please drop us a line - better a telegram - and tell us what comes next. See?

Always affectionately yours,

Puerto Libertador
April 7th. [1965]

Dear Doc:-

We have only now heard of your sorrow and Helen passing on. This came to us as a very great shock and we are wondering ^{what} were the reasons. Doc, Anita and I cannot begin to express to you our deep sorrow over your loss. Our heartfelt sympathy to you in this great sorrow you have upon you. Helen was a great favorite of mine as you so well must know and her passing on will leave something empty inside.

I imagine it is too early for you to make any plans but should the D.R. offer any help we would be so happy for you to visit us at any time. Yours always more than welcome in our home.

I feel so badly that I never wrote after saying "adieu" to your good people in October 1959.

Certainly, I thought of you both dozens of times in the
interval and later I am going to write you.

On closing I know you will be pleased to hear
that your godson, Harb, will graduate from U.S. of Florida
this June and I know he has taken a job with
Burgess - will train in San Paulo (sp?) California and
then is to be sent on to ^{his} Mexico operations. You
have absolutely no idea how happy we both are that he
did what Gen. Officier thought to be practically and im-
possibility. Mr. Muller must be given a lot of credit
because he guided and always encouraged Harb. Harb
is married and now has two children. His wife is (we
think) a very nice, intelligent girl - a graduate of U.S. of Florida
I hope Harb writes to you and say because he
owes you a lot in this matter.

Again, Doc, our very best to you always
and may God make your love more bearable.

Sincerely - always,
Harb

non-staid
[Harlo _____]
Santa Marta, Colombia
September 10, 1965

Cia Frutera de Sevilla
Aptdo Aereo 541

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doc:-

Received your good letter this morning and hasten to answer because I really had meant to write to you long ago. About the orchids from Medellín, the former agent's name is Raush, still living but I am not acquainted with him. I know his son, Jack, very well; he has a good position with the Financiera de Bogotá. Anita wanted orchids also for our house and as I knew his father had orchids years ago, because we ~~father had given up growing them altogether and that nobody in Medellín~~ and found that his father had given up growing them altogether and that nobody in Medellín is growing them commercially; however, I was able to beg a very few from my Medellín banana producer friends for Anita. I will see what I can do and will let you know.

I returned from Europe about three weeks ago where Anita, Bee and I spent eleven weeks. Bee has been working in the Hague for our Company for the past two years. Anita went ahead of me by a week and Bee took a two-month leave of absence. I bought a nice car in the Hague and we started north through Holland to Bremen where I had a few days' work seeing fruit etc. Then on south through Germany and Luxemburg into France visiting chateaus and cathedrals until I got fed up and declared I would only see one more cathedral which, incidentally was in Burgos, Spain and, for my money, was the best of all. Then on to Madrid for nine days, leaving there on July 1st for the Costa del Sol where we had rented a Villa for a month. What a lovely place we had, located about seven kilometers west of a small town named Almunecar, in low mountains almost on the beach and with a nice swimming pool which was good because the Mediterranean was too cold to swim in.

We made many side trips from here. Twice to Granada, Sevilla, Málaga etc. Going home we stayed in Alicante, Valencia, Barcelona and on into France again, to the Riviera, Monaco, Switzerland and back to Bremen where we left the car and flew to West Berlin, especially to meet Erika's parents - that is Bob's wife. He met her in West Berlin when he was stationed there some years ago and where they were married before his discharge. She is a lovely girl with nice, wholesome parents. We also visited East Berlin, then back to Bremen, on back to The Hague on August 15th. I came home on the 15th, leaving Anita with Bee, as she is resigning her employment as of today and they will both be home next Monday, the 13th. We loved Spain best and would like to return one day for a long visit, but I would pick another spot to live where there is trout and salmon fishing. By the way I learned to drink and like wine, but prefer the Rhine white wines to all of them.

I was glad to hear how well Hugh is doing. He will go far in his field. As for Harlito, he is doing very well now with the Company in Honduras. He has been made Superintendent of the box manufacturing plant in Tela. In the last eight months he has had two salary increases totaling \$225. a month. They have three nice, lively children - two of them little brats if you ask me!

Anita took the trip real well. I was at first quite concerned about making it, but she has learned to live with her heart trouble and as long as she does not over extend herself, she seems to get along all right.

It was nice hearing from you, Doc, and I wish we could get together for a good talk sometime. By the way, I bought a coffee farm earlier in the year - sixty hectares in production and will plant thirty more right away. Location is in a relatively new area back of Orihueca. Farm elevation runs from 3710 to 4650 feet. Bob runs it for me besides his own 250-acre banana farm in Turbo. Turbo had some bad winds while I was gone, losing about two million, but Bob was lucky, losing only 14,000. Here in Santa Marta we had a 3,500,000 blow a few days ago. What a risky business to be in!

Take care of yourself now and my very best to you.

Always,

Harlo

P.S. Would appreciate your sending me any good pamphlets on coffee culture you may get your hands on. What are the best books written on the subject?

Santa Marta, Colombia
October 13, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doc:-

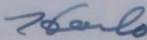
I have been unable to get anything on the orchids problem in Medellín. Apparently nobody is in the business any more. If I can be of any further help please let me know.

Would it be possible, Doc, for you to obtain as much information as possible from the Guatemalan government on coffee culture and forward same to me by air mail, letting me know the cost of same including the airmail postage and I will send my check to you for these expenses? I think I told you I had purchased a coffee farm and find very little information available from the Colombian Government and which truly amazes me.

We had a nasty four-day Civil work stoppage in Santa Marta a couple of weeks ago, and today all Colombian ports went on strike. Always something to upset our operations.

Hope this finds you in good health. Best regards.

Always



St. Marta, Col

May 13, 1973

Dear Doc: I write as frequently as I think of you & you would be swamped with letters. I especially want to thank you for the kindness shown my sister Bea, husband Lea and grandchild Lisa when they visited, Arigua and your house. I do not rightly know what your place is now known as. Tell me. They so enjoyed seeing what they had for years heard of your place and they jacked pot was that they found you in residence and their special guide. You will know then that I retired last year - March 1st but came back to SM Feb. 1st, Anita having arrived here a week earlier. In 1969 I bought the manager's house - you will recall it - where Strange lived for years. So we had a place to live altho Bob and family were living here from time I was transferred to Armuelles, in 1969. They have a house here in the Prado and had it rented so we lived with them in this home until he got the rentee out and rapirs and extensions made. He now has three children and needed a more "lebenraum". We did over this home too and did not finish until early Dec. We enjoy retirement but hope to do so more fully once Anita gets to feel better. As you probably know she has had a heart condition since 1959 but recently seems to have gotten a bit out of hand. The Ochsner Clinic, who has seen her annually since then told us last Sept, that if the new medicine they prescribed at the time did her no better that she undoubtedly would have to have heart surgery. So we are changing Clinica to get another opinion and have a July 11th appointment at Mayo Clinic. If they concur she will have it done right then and there.

I am kept quite busy. Bob, of course, is with me, since 1962, managing our banana farm and coffee farms - so he has the brunt of it all to do keep my finger on things and especially the financial end. In the field I am most active in the coffee farms which are just 2 hours from SM up from Rio Frio, near San Pedro de la Sierra. Together, have 165 hectares of Arabic variety but this year I am starting a replanting program, planting CATURO variety over a four year plan and already are at replanting 23 hect. With coffee prices so high it probably is questionable if we should start this program at this time but I am looking to the long pull ahead as CATURO outproduces Arabic but at least 4 to 1 in this area.

Bob puts most of his time in on the 130 hectare banana farm we have in Turbo contracted with the Company. Here again we are in the midst of a replanting program, changing Gros Michel for a variety of Cavendish (Gran Main) The Co. advised us and their other producers last year in April that after Nov. 30th 1973 they would no longer purchase Gros Michel under contract - that after that date would only purchase Cavendish bananas, however, would perhaps purchase some additional Gros Michel but only what required by the market. Soon you won't see GM on the market, etc, this is the trend. So last year, up to Dec. when rains taper off we replanted about 70 hectares and now that the rains have started again we are hard at replanting the balance, or about 40 hectares. We should be in first ratoon crop over entire farm by late 1974. Production is estimated by then at 2500 to 3000 boxes (42 lb.) per hectare. At least that is what Honduras is getting and we should approach these figures with some fall off during the dray season. Turbo has no irrigation and we have two full months without a drop of rain, generally. And two more months with sporadic rains which help pull through but don't exactly do the fruit too much good. With the new variety banana business looks good in Turbo. Govt. subsidizes banana export with 15% of the contracted price and this subsidy is not taxable. This makes the difference between a mediocre business and a good business. I don't know if you know the Gran Nain strain of banana. It is much better than the Poyo strain and Valery strain. Produces about 15%

more per year. It is a good five to six feet lower growing than the Valery but is NOT the low growing ordinary Cavendish that we all knew years ago.

There are about 4000 hectares Cavendish planted in the S/Marta area but nobody has a contract and purchasers occasionally come in when market is good and pick up 25-30 thousand boxes for Europe or Florida. On this basis you can imagine what the quality of fruit is like.

You would never know this is S/Marta should you come for a visit. Many changes but has become, in my opinion, one of the dirtiest cities in Latin America. No water, electricity or sanitation. But still we like it. We purchased an acre of lake shore property in 1971 just outside the city limits of Leesburg, Florida, on lake Griffin and expected to retire there and had house plans drawn up and many arrangements made to step in upon retirement but afterwards we decided to come back here as Bob was overextended, what with rice and cotton besides bananas and coffee. Also no servants in Leesburg and Anita having been born with them and I used to them for most of a lifetime, really is what swung us to returning here. I sold the property last year at no loss, fortunately. It was a beautiful spot. No regrets coming here at all. At least we have many, many friends here and to make new good friends at our age in a new location seemed too much to take.

I'm glad to be severed from FRTCO. So many changes. I agree with many but an old-timer as I am it is a little difficult to swallow some of what is handed out. Toyo Heyl replaced me in Armuelles after I fired him in 1959 in Bananera - the laziest engineer I ever knew. Connected with Holcombe he got back into the stream. Co. has, in my opinion, pretty weak men as managers in the Tropical divisions and as I look back over almost half a century of service, it is the color of your eyes that make or don't make you in most cases.

Harlo, your Hijado, has been with Co. for last 10 years. He has held positions of Supt. of boxing, Director Quality Control and now is Supt. of Exportation, all in Honduras. But he is resigning next month. Joy, his wife's mother died (husband earlier) two months ago in Beami Beach where she had considerable holdings and they two surviving children inherited all of it and Joy's share cannot be handled from Latin America and they must return when school is out in June. Harvey Johnson, top VP of Agric. does not want Harlo to leave Co. and is trying to get him into Floriculture operation in Ferrite, Florida but if this works out to each sides' best only remains to be seen. In any case Harlo had to make a decision in connection with his children's (3) education. In another year they will start graduating one by one from grade school and he does not earn sufficient to send them all to prep schools before going to college. Maybe he would one day but schools get more and more expensive and in this way they are home during high school - the time when parents are most needed, I think.

My sister says that you are very active and I am glad for that because otherwise none of us would last very long. I am wondering what you do in being so active. You must travel some because I cannot see Antigua as a place for much of a physical outlet.

The transition for me - Co. to this life was a lot easier than I imagined. I soon saw I had been overly concerned with retirement.

Well, this catches you up on the von Wald family. How about telling me something about yourselves. Anita joins me in sending both of you our warmest regards.

Harlo

Always,