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

Harlo E. von Wald  
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13 Jan. 1958

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Sir:

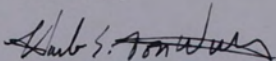
I have been meaning to write sooner, however my superiors have over-loaded me with an unusual heavy schedule. I hope this letter finds you and Mrs. Popenoe in the best of health.

My main objective in writing is to give my thanks for your sincere cooperation in the matter of my returning to college. I just wish there were some way to show my gratitude; however, I believe that in such a case I could show my gratitude by proving myself as a competent student at the University of Florida. This I plan to do with all sincerity for now I believe myself mature enough to carry out whatever I set my mind on.

I understand from Dad that you will be at the University of Florida at the end of the month, therefore I will be looking for you. Here is wishing you and Mrs. Popenoe a very pleasant trip.

With kindest and cordial regards, I am

Sincerely,



Harlo E. von Wald  
Base Education Office

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 May 1961

Dear Harlo:

I have just been spending a week with Hugh up on his project in Verapaz, and we have talked a lot about you. And I refer to your letter of 9 April about the job with Burpee. Now, I know David Burpee pretty well, and I know the reputation of his Company. Hugh knows you, now, better than I do, and he says you are doing a fine job at Gainesville. I am proud of that. So all I want to say is this: if the kind of work they offer is what you want, I would by all means say go with Burpee. I think you will have a fine future with that outfit..

Hugh is trying to talk me in to spending some time in Gainesville each year and I think I will do it. I have so many friends there and there would be a chance to do some writing. Finally, let me say I think you did very well in choosing Agricultural ~~Engineering~~ as your major for the BSA. If you ever want to come back to the tropics, that will be the field for you. I am happy to know that you are well married and with a fine little family coming on. Good luck to you, and if I can ever be of help, you know you have only to let me know.

Ever yours,

1742 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Gainesville, Fla.

April 9 1961

Dear Dr. Poppeno:

I have been meaning to write for an awful long time and must admit that I feel very embarrassed for not writing sooner. I hope this letter finds you and the family in good health.

I want to thank you with all sincerity in being directly responsible for my re-entry to the University of Florida. It has meant so much to me and I will always be grateful to you for this. I plan to graduate in June with a BSA degree in Agricultural Engineering through the college of Agriculture. I have worked hard in obtaining the degree which has already helped me in obtaining a job.

A couple of months ago, I wrote to Mr. Nordgren, Vice-President of Burpee Seed Co, Philadelphia which proved favorable. In turn, I was ~~not~~ invited to Philadelphia for an interview and had a chance to meet Mr. David Burpee. They were evidently pleased with me for Mr. Burpee offered me a job on one of their hybrid seed farms at Santa Paula, California. They have given me until the end of the month to accept the. There is not doubt in my mind, for I know if I do accept, I will be very happy, and the chances for advancement are very favorable.

Since my return to the University, I have gotten married and have two children: one boy and one girl.

My wife graduated from the University with a B.S.A degree in Fine Arts through the College of Architecture in 1958. Besides being a great help to me, she is a wonderful mother and wife.

I often see Hugh and occasionally visit him in his office. I had the good fortune in having Hugh as a professor for Tropical Soils last semester. I know you must be very proud of him. I was at the graduation exercise when you spoke and presented Hugh with his Ph. D. degree. I was unable to locate you after the exercise nevertheless I do hope to see you sometime soon; either here on campus or in California.

My best regards to the family from all four of us.

Sincerely,

Harlo von Wald.