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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.

Miss Rose Feingold

next week for a  
pot-luck Party the  
Concert Choir is planning.

It will be lovely to  
see you soon, chez moi.

fondly

Rosa

Dear Gizella —

You're a lamb  
to have sent me  
the GREAT cassardie  
recipe.

I hope to use it

Dr Wilson Popano, <sup>no need to return.</sup>  
This happened to her  
oil, but I'll be  
hesitant vis-a-vis  
you! So much for  
me to learn about  
oil!! Is we oil  
was oil, I had no  
idea there was any

difference and that  
Greek was tops.  
And Barcelona:  
where does it come  
from? I saw no  
olive groves there.  
Do they get it  
from Palma <sup>de</sup> Majorca?  
C.

Gizella von Waltherr  
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December 8, 1968

Dear Dr Popenoe:

Commencement at Escuela Agricola Panamericana has probably slipped into history. Here is hoping that contact with eager idealism of the young folk of the graduating class brought you a breath of freshness and inspiration to help neutralize the natural aggravations with gringo touristas.

Your letter of November 19 came just as I was taking off to visit Thor and Cornelia so I took it along to share with them. When Cornelia was halfway thru reading it she said earnestly:

"Gizella, you must keep ALL his letters. They are so nice."

After dinner we settled down, cada uno en su propio rincón. Thor read your letter, reread your brochure for Cornelia, began to talk about you and talked until bedtime. I spent the night with them. Thor respects you and looks up to you with affectionate regard. Loyalty runs deep in his nature. Nice.

And I? Could I walk out on you? No! I couldn't and wouldn't, ever, but probably I forgot to tell you this truth which to me seems stranger than fiction. It helps to understand. Here it is in a nutshell:

La Casa del Oidor was my dream-house from the time I read Adamic's book, "The House in Antigua" until the stresses and strains of increasing responsibilities crowded all thoughts about it first into the background and then out of mind for years.

A year ago I moved from Santa Fe, New Mexico to New Orleans, partly for renewed part-time family life with Thor. He and Cornelia often spoke to one another about Guatemala. It said nothing to me, but one day Thor said something about "Antigua...Popenoe" and I pricked up my ears.

"Antigua? Popenoe?" Adamic's book about The House in Antigua. "Any connection?"

Thor said: "That's THE Popenoe, etc. etc. etc."

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More time passed. Thor urged the Strasburgers to go to Guatemala and to look you up in Antigua. I felt that a letter of introduction was needed to do it properly.

And then my good friend Coral acted just like any ordinary-run-of-the-mill-tourist and put you to a lot of trouble for nothing for our sakes. I was so ashamed! The rest you know.

When your letter came inviting us all to visit you I sat for a long time in my little rocking chair, your letter in my lap and the forgotten dream of yesteryear came to life again. WHY the dream in the first place? I don't know. Así es mi corazón.

Later that day I said to Cornelia:

"I feel as if I were living in a fairytale come true" and she replied: "Yes. You have come full cycle."

Cornelia says that Doris may be in Paris with her son at the Sorbonne. If one of you had to be absent it was better that it should have been Doris than you.

Regards

Cheerio!

GvW/-

P.S.  
Did I thank you for my own copy of your brochure? And for the nice autograph for me myself? If not, please accept my sincere thanks. The brochure is in Adam's book and I am content. G

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Dear Doc Ppouwe,

We spent our vacation this year in Mexico. We visited the Turnbulls for two days then took the night train to Morelia and Patzcuaro. We were in Patzcuaro for about three weeks and I spent most of my time taking color slides of the lake region.

Conchita came up with her car and we covered a lot of the country side. The copper fair was on in full swing so there were pictures to be gotten there.

We have no definite plans for our vacation next year.

We would like to visit Spain and Portugal.

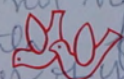
I have been told that the month of Oct. is the best for picture taking.

We have not visited Guatemala for quite a number of years.

and we think it is about time we return so maybe we will come to Guatemala.

If you are ever <sup>back</sup> up in this area please let us know. We would like very much to see you.

Thos + Conchita

  
**Christmas  
Greetings**





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May 29/70

Dear Doctor and Mrs Popenoe:

How happy I am for you both to learn from the May 26 letter that you can take off for a trip to Europe! That is what I hoped for you ever since your marriage and Switzerland is the one European country where I could live happily if life took me to Europe to live.

Godspeed and have fun!

Thor and Cornelia are taking off on June 8 for a 3-week tour in Portugal, Spain, and Marrakesh, North Afrika. That is all I know so far. Friday evening we were together at their home. Saturday morning Thor telephoned to say they were leaving on this trip. We have not seen one another since then, but expect to next Sunday when they can read your letter and get your news firsthand for themselves.

Thor had already decided against Guatemala for 1970. Also against Mexico. Mrs Wells in Santa Fe, and I here, were disappointed. What can't be cured had best be endured, cheerfully. So Mrs Wells is staying in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Gizella in New Orleans -- cheerfully. Like Micawber's constant expectancy, something may turn up around the corner for us, together or separately. In these fast moving times one gears to run on short notice, and to make the most of what comes to hand to do with when it comes.

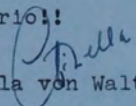
Thank you for the snapshot. I am glad to know how you both look now and wish you well, with joy, pleasant surprises along your way, good health, and a safe return in due course.

When your letter came this morning, forwarded for I have moved to the present address, permanently I hope, I just dropped everything to get this on its way at once in the hope of catching you before you take off. However, it really does not matter because my good wishes will be with you and that is the important thing in the case.

Warmest greetings to you both!

GvW

Cheerio!!

  
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Mar 1, 1972

Dear Dr Popowice

Thank you for your letter of Feb  
14. Please thank Mrs Popowice  
for so graciously receiving personally  
Mary Anderson and her party.

Mrs Anderson was very grateful  
for such kindness and told me over  
the telephone that she would write  
a note of thanks to Mrs Popowice  
and that her friend would do the  
same. I hope they will.

Thor is definitely talking about  
Guatemala and when a definite time  
is set I shall surely write to you,  
but I am sure that Thor will let  
you know his plans when they fall.  
He and Cordelia have <sup>a house guest</sup> a sister-in-law

four Massachusetts who arrived yesterday  
for a visit for March. I was the  
houseguest of Beatrice Hewickson  
last July. I hope to see her  
tomorrow. We live not far apart,  
but it is somewhat cumbersome  
to go from my home to theirs or  
from theirs to mine.

With every good wishes, and

always cordially

Opella