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Apparently this part of my talk was not sent to
you the other day. As soon as the Spanish translation is available
it will be sent to you.

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Perhaps Martí had this in mind when he said -

"las gentes de previsión y de peso de la América Latina deben
trabajar sin descanso por el establecimiento inmediato de estaciones
prácticas de agricultura y de cuerpos de maestros viajeros que voyan
por los campos enseñando a los labriegos y aldeanos las cosas del
alma, gobierno y tierra que necesitan saber."

Would that Martí could visit the work of all the graduates of
Zamorano! Martí might not say that the Zamoranos are his ideals made
flesh but who can point to any graduates who have served the land better.
About "gobierno" and "alma" there may be discussion.

For the moment in these difficult days I shall pass up
discussion of "gobierno." Concerning "alma" I must speak. In every
school, in every human contact there is such a thing as passing the
Promethean fire from one soul to another. There is or can be a sacred
contagion. I knew of Rubén Darío, the famous Nicaraguan poet, before I
knew of any other poet in the Spanish language. This man coming from a
small village with perhaps a drop or two of Indian or Negro blood and
very, very proud of his Spanish ancestry long ago dedicated a poem to
Theodore Roosevelt's North America -

"Juntáis al culto de Hércules

el culto de Mamón;

"Y alumbrado el camino de fácil

conquista

"la Libertad levanta su antorcha en Nueva York"

Then addressing Latin America and Roosevelt jointly he writes:-

"Tened cuidado. Vive la América española!

"Hay mil cachorros sueltos del León Español.

Oct. 29, 1963

Dear Dr. Popenoe,
1722 N.W. 2 nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Enclosed copy of a talk prepared for the Dec. 7 graduation exercises at Zamorano. I have not described with sufficient urgency the problems precipitated by the population explosion and coming soil erosion, etc., etc. I did not want to get into politics on such an occasion. I did not want to precipitate news paper headlines. I did not wish to cause uneasiness on the part of those owning large acreages. Therefore the talk is not as statesmanlike as it might be.

Pehhhaps it could be made stronger from the standpoint of soliciting funds to take the place of the United Fruit Co. funds. I would be pleased to have your suggestions.

I shall probably give the talk in Spanish.

Sincerely yours,

Henry A Wallace

I look back on our talks 20 years and more ago with much pleasure.

I am stimulating Dr. Darrow to write a complete book on the strawberry. We were reminiscing on your article so many years ago in the *Journal of Heredity* on chiloensis from Ambato and Chile. By the way do you know the altitudes, latitudes of the distribution of wild vesca. Do you have any theory as to how the vesca chromosomes quadrupled to make chiloensis. When? 10,000 years ago.

I may be interested in fostering some kind of project at the school but I want to see it first and see what the faculty and boys are really like.

I have not sent a copy of this talk to Albert Muller or Francisco de Sola as yet.

Nov. 22, 1963

Dear Dr. Ropenoe,

Responding to your lovely letter of Nov. 18, I am enclosing herewith a copy of schedule which I trust will meet with your approval.

It has been necessary for me to be longer in Mexico than I anticipated. Therefore it is essential to stop in Guatemala on my way back.

I am looking forward with greatest eagerness to talking with you about the school, about corn, about strawberries and about the many types of utilization of the country above 3500 feet.

Also I want to get your judgment about possible speed of industrialization and how that fits into the population explosion and agriculture in the back country. A new economics and a new psychology must be born. There is no time to lose.

Mario Gutierrez wanted me to go to Turrialba but I could not make it on this trip.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Wallace

I do hope that this schedule does not interfere with your plans or de Sola's.

By the way Dr. L.F. Randolph will be in Guatemala within a few days to stay several weeks. His address will be in care of American Express.

I trust you are feeling well. Dr. Roberts was worried about you.

*Mrs Wallace
will be with me.*

Wilson Popenoe

THIS ITINERARY IS PREPARED FOR

MR. & MRS. HENRY WALLACE

November 30, 1963 Leave: Idlewild Airport, New York.....9:30AM
Saturday Via: Eastern Airlines flight #301
Arrive: Mexico City, Mexico.....1:30PM

December 3, 1963 Leave: Mexico City, Mexico.....1:00PM
Tuesday Via: Pan American flight #501
Arrive: Guatamala City, Guatamala.....2:30PM

It will be necessary to change planes at this point.
Check in with Pan American for your continuing flight
to San Salvador.

Leave: Guatamala City, Guatamala.....4:00PM
Via: Pan American flight #501
Arrive: San Salvador, El Salvador.....4:40PM

December 5, 1963 Leave: San Salvador, El Salvador.....10:55AM
Thursday Via: TACA flight #773
Arrive: Tegusagalpa, Honduras.....11:30AM

December 8, 1963 Leave: Tegusagalpa, Honduras.....12:15PM
Sunday Via: TACA Flight #400
Arrive: Guatamala City, Guatamala.....2:05PM

December 10, 1963 Leave: Guatamala City, Guatamala.....12:40PM
Tuesday Via: TACA flight #700
Arrive: New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.....4:40PM

It will be necessary to change planes at this point.
Check in with Delta Airlines for your continuing
flight to New York City.

December 10, 1963 Leave: New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.....5:55PM
Tuesday Via: Delta Airlines flight #872
Arrive: Idlewild Airport, New York, U.S.A....9:20PM

All schedules and times of arrival and departure shown
in this itinerary are based on the latest information
available and are subject to change without notice. It
is therefor suggested that all continuing and return
flights be reconfirmed and times of departure and arri-
val double checked at each city.

END

Mr. Henry A. Wallace
Farvue Farm
South Salem, New York

24 August 1964

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This is a belated "Thank You" for the detailed letter which you wrote me under date of March 9 telling about the prospects for corn in Guatemala. Since you do not have the time to write an article yourself, I have taken the liberty of writing an article myself using the information included in your letter. This will appear in *La Hacienda* sometime in the future, probably in the December issue.

I wonder if you took any pictures on your trip? If so, if you could send us the negatives we could have prints made to illustrate this article. We would return the negatives to you after use.

Very definitely, we would like a photograph of yourself to accompany the short article.

Thanks so much for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Cody,
Editor

LA HACIENDA

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cc:Dr. Wilson Poponoe

MRS. HENRY A. WALLACE

Farvue Farm, South Salem, N. Y. 10590

[May 20, 1966]

Dear Dr. Poppeno,

I hope this finds you well and carrying on your good work - I am sure you are as busy as ever.

We have been trying to work out some plans for the future with the thought, particularly, of carrying on Henry's past interests.

Our lawyer, Mr. Ackermann who has charge of the Wallace Genetic Fund would like to know more about the work which you and Mr. Wallace have

MRS. HENRY A. WALLACE

Farvue Farm, South Salem, N. Y. 10590

been carrying on both
in Honduras & Guatemala.

Would you be kind enough
to give them a very short ex-
planation of this work.

Very warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Howell

May 20" 1966

(Mrs. Henry A.)

Mr. Leonard Ackerman

Wesley Schulman & Manning

1625 K Street N.W.

Washington D.C. 20006

[April 22, 1966]

Farvue Farm
South Salem, New York 10590

Dear Dr. Popovici,

On going through Mr. Wallace's files I find your July 28th letter with the enclosed program for the Escuela Agrícola in Tegucigalpa.

I don't know if Mr. Wallace was able to answer this or not but since I know he wished to continue this work if at all possible I would suggest that you go ahead along the lines of the program Mr. Freytag has prepared - using the \$2800⁰⁰ as you suggested.

I feel sure the Wallace Genetics Foundation will be able to help through the year -

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South Salem, New York 10590

Since I am not familiar
with the work I am glad that
we can rely on yours & the good
judgment of others - to carry on -

I hope you are well, do
write & tell me how you are,
and if it is too much trouble
let us know how the work is
progressing -

Sincerely yours,
G. Wallace
(Mrs. Henry G.)

April 22nd 1966

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 November 1965

Dear Enrique:

A couple of weeks ago I received a note from your good señora ~~saying~~ that brought joy to our hearts. She said that you were recovering nicely from an operation in Bethesda and hoped to go home in about two weeks. Assuming that you are back at Farvue Farm I am sending this letter there, but am sending also a copy to Mrs Wallace at the address in Washington which was on her envelop.

We want you back in the game. Things are going along well down here but we need you, and just think of how much pleasure and satisfaction we can get out of this work. Corn and strawberries.

Regarding the letter, the transplants which I made in August of the ones you sent down in January are coming into fruit and I have sampled several of them. I like the flavor. Better, I think, than Lassen. George Darrow says this is not an ideal elevation for strawberries; they develop better quality at 6000 feet, so I put about 50 runners up on the slopes of volcano Acatenango with Arturo Falla, at about 6500 feet, and I went up there the other day to see them. They are coming along well, but not yet in fruit, ~~with~~ the cooler climate and consequently slower growth. Arturo, who is one of our best horticulturists, knows that this is an experimental variety and will not "release" it until we have another year's experience with it. About that time, if it looks good we will ask you to name it for us and let us pass it around.

Speaking of strawberries, just a few minutes ago an Indian came to the door with a box of about 10 lbs of berries, of which we bought a pound to make ice cream. I asked him what variety it is, and he said "melocoton". That is the name of the big yellow peach we grow here. I asked him what other varieties he is growing and he said "three: Redonda, Morena, and Japonesa". Let George Darrow figure those out. Which reminds me to say that some folks in the States say that I am hipped on systematic pomology; that we dont need it. In my work here on the temperate zone fruits, I dont know what I would have done without the works of Hedrick, Beahc, and others. When we find an apple tree here which is producing unusually good fruits, it helps a lot to know what variety it is. An apple over at Chichicastenango has been attracting much attention locally for the past several years. The owner gave it his own name, Juarez. With the aid of Beahc, "The Apples of New York", I feel sure I have found that it is Ben Davis. With this information, we are better prepared to plan for its future in tropical America. Incidentally, several people have asked me where they could get Ben Davis trees in the States. I tried several of the biggest nurseries and they wrote that they are no longer propagating Ben Davis at all. Not good enough. But maybe we should grow it down here for a while, as our people dont yet know much about quality in apples, and Ben Ben Davis is a lрге, good-looking fruit and keeps well. I am not going to push it, however. It may push itself until our people come to know a better apple, which they will do in the next 10 to 20 years. We have some good ones in the experimental planting at Quezaltenango. I was over there a month ago and sampled fruits of Red Delicious, Yellow Delicious (which takes on quite a bit of red color in that climate, believe it or not), McIntosh, Jonwin (very promising) and several others.

I dropped on Milton Lau yesterday. He has been working on Manlio Castillo and Sandoval about the Wallace Corn Program. Some days ago I got word that 150 good-sized sign boards had been put up on the plots, telling the Indian world that the Ministerio de Agricultura was cooperating with the Wallace Corn Program and that these plots had been fertilized by Fertica. Chico de Sola has been very anxious to know that Fertica was getting credit for the fertilizer. I am trying to get some photos to send him, and you. It isn't easy.

Milton checked up with Castillo about the expenditures. He doesn't yet have a detailed statement but we do not think that matters very much (though we are going to stick to the job until we get it). I did not think that much of the \$2000 which we turned over to Castillo and Sandoval had been spent, but Milton told me the following: From the beginning, we planned to put a man on the job, and pay him about \$150 a month. You will remember this. Well, the Ministerio put Urbano Martinez to handle the program - a man both Milton and I believe is pretty good. At the start, they paid him out of the Wallace Program funds, saying that the Ministerio was going to take him over, that is, on their payroll, just as soon as possible. They put through a nombramiento, but apparently it is still being processed (that's a nice term), so Urbano has been paid out of your funds to date, and the money is just about gone.

Milton and I do not feel too badly about all this. We think Urbano has done a pretty good job, though not along the lines you and I had originally contemplated. You know all about this. I think we have really had our money's worth. A lot of Indians - not quite the kind you and I had intended to help, in some cases, but still good bets - have acquired a great interest in fertilizers. They are not so impressed, as yet, with the synthetics Castillo has put out. I have written you about this. Urbano told me (and I told you, I believe) that the Indian bites one of Castillo's seeds and says right off the bat "this corn will not make good tortillas". This has led me to believe that I think we should in the future - until we know about the value of the local synthetics - limit our recommendations to good locally selected corn and plenty of fertilizer. I do not mean to say that we should continue to finance the local program; I believe we will get more out of our money over in Honduras, but we have got the Ministerio interested in corn improvement, or rather, increased production per manzana, among the Indians, and this is really something. And I believe we can see that this trend is continued. I think the government will advance money for fertilizer, as they have done for wheat. (And it looks as though wheat is on the skids, to a certain extent). But the big thing is this: the Indians are waking up to the tremendous importance of fertilizer, and they are going to find some way to get it. Better varieties of corn will doubtless come along with this trend. Selected local seed, and the synthetics poco a poco. Maybe they will find that the synthetics do make tasty tortillas after all.

I expect to get over to the Quezaltenango region again within a couple of weeks, before most of the corn is harvested, and I will give you another report.

All good wishes, amigo, from Milton and myself. We believe you will be down here again next year to push things along.

Siempre su muy afmo amigo y seguro servidor,

July 28, 1965

Hon. Henry A. Wallace
Farvue Farm
South Salem, New York.

Dear Enrique:

When I came over here from Guatemala ten days ago I brought along your latest letters which have served as the basis for some interesting conversations with Dr. Muller, Mr. Armour and George Freytag. Out of all this has come the enclosed program which George has prepared and which we think worthy of your consideration.

The situation, as we see it, is this: We have not needed to use, in Guatemala, even half of the money you have provided to date. This because the program as originally envisioned was taken over by the Ministerio and much of the cost has been carried by the sale of seed which could not be placed in the hands of Indian farmers (as originally intended) due, I suppose to lack of man power to get out among the small farmers and make necessary arrangements. Of course this is regrettable but I do not see how we could have done any better, under the circumstances. We must be satisfied with the small amount of money which has been spent (by you), and the fact that much good seed has been planted with fertilizer which we got through the good offices of Don Chico de Sola.

Personally, I believe worth-while progress has been made in the highlands this year -- the region to which other programs have given little attention, because (as I have been told) it has been felt that the national economy could be boosted more rapidly by working with the big farmers on the coast. This may well be true, but you and I believe that our Indian friends on the mountainsides deserve something. Let's stick to this doctrine!

But to come down to the situation here in Honduras. You have written that you believe George Freytag is capable

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of doing good work. What do you think of using \$2800 of the \$5800 of your money which we still have in hand, along the lines of the program which George has prepared? I am for it because I feel sure it can be carried out effectively -- I can not see how any serious complications can arise. I know this region pretty well -- I have been in close touch with it for 25 years -- and I feel confident that we can get good cooperation from the small farmers. I have worked with many of them myself.

We discussed the matter of asking them -- if results of the first season's work are satisfactory -- to reimburse us for the seed and fertilizer. You will advise what to do about this, but personally I am not in favor of telling them, if they agree to cooperate, that they must pay us in some way -- except with regard to a small amount of seed. If there are any strings tied to the deal they are going to be suspicious.

George Freytag is going over to Guatemala shortly and has promised to spend some time in the Quezaltenango region and look at some of the plots Manlio Castillo has under way. I tried to do this before I came over here but Manlio told me the man in charge had left for a month to attend some sort of a short course so I could not get the names or locations of any of our cooperators. I am leaving here tomorrow, to spend a few days with Chico de Sola, then back to Guatemala. I will get in touch with Manlio Castillo just as soon as I can, and I understand Milton Lau will be back from vacation some time in August. Incidentally, George Freytag has assumed, in making up his program, that we are not going to pay anything for the fertilizer we use. We can not assume this. But we still have plenty of cash in your fund to buy it.

Ever faithfully yours,

Wilson Popence

Encl.

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller
Dr. Milton Lau
Don Francisco de Sola

Jan. 25, 1964

Dear Don Wilson,

I have letters from both you and Director Muller about Proyecto Wilsonio. Both are encouraging. Don Chico has two checks made out to the Escuela for this project, totalling \$2000. By June or early July I can probably get some more money although I would like also to build up a fund for 1965. Continuity is a great thing. Continuity, simplicity and one pointed determination with adequate man power and money. I think Chico sees the same as you and Bert and I. I am so glad that Bert said "I begin to feel enthusiastic about this."

Am delighted that you will stay for the March meeting. This is all important. Ed Wellhausen will also be in on our meeting. Before we begin to fill in details we must get Wellhausen's judgment. Also I hope we can get the judgment of of Brothers Felix and Carl (also perhaps of the top man at Huehuetenango- Most Rev. Hugo Gerbermann M.M.-Padre Gerbermann for short I assume). I am inclined to think that Brother Felix may meet you and Mr. Derektor and myself at the 11 a.m. TACA arriving at Guatemala City ~~at~~ on Friday, Feb. 28. Brother Felix told me on the phone that it now takes only 4 1/2 hours to drive to Huehuetenango. ^{the mayknollers may furnish the automobile} We can have Saturday up in the mountains listening and acquiring knowledge and drive back at our leisure on Sunday or fly back early Monday morning (I hope in time for the opening of the 10 th Annual Proyecto Cooperativo Centroamericano para el Mejoramiento del Maiz.) I would judge from Director Muller's letter that he would expect to have our real get-together on March 3, Tuesday. Wellhausen seems to think that the Guatian V-301 as developed by the IAN at La Aurora from an Oloton base may be just the corn for us at your altitude. George Freytag, I believe has other ideas. Lets develop a care ful out line when we get together. As you say, manpower is all-important. A man with both tact and drive and knowledge. It took so long to develop this kind of person in the USA. I shall bring Wellhausen's most interesting letter when I come.

Director Muller says in his letter "We are all enthusiastic about the project." Now we must build on this enthusiasm and maintain it by wise actions. It will be the mean little details which will cause discord. So lets keep an open mind. Adelante! Arriba! Que viva Proyecto Wilsonio.

I think I mailed the strawberry plants on Dec. 12. I wonder just what day they were put in the ground.

I wonder if this visit will disenchant me. I shall stay till March 7 and leave early in the morning. It depends on Chico whether I go over to El Salvador for a day. If you put on a good show for me I might be tempted to spend the best years of my life in Guatemala. I am just beginning to get up steam.

If the ground is thawed out on Feb. 27 I might be tempted to bring more strawberry plants with me. However, they would not be of sorts adapted to the tropics. Would prefer to wait till next fall. This time we must get the precise address and name of your nurseryman so that I do not make a mistake again. I am eager to meet Eugenio Schieber's Father. So many plans- so much to do.

*a faction of records
E. Schieber*

Feb. 19, 1964

Dear Don Wilson,

Your letters of Feb. 16 and 17 make me very happy. Yours of the 17th in which you agree with me on the desirability of your flying up a day or two in advance appeals to me greatly. You can learn a lot prowling around by yourself that a caravan can never learn. Ask for Brother Felix. I spoke to him most favorably about you. He has seen your place at Antigua but has never met you. As I mentioned before, he himself has done a little work inbreeding corn with a Padre in Lancaster County Pa. I liked what I saw of him. He comes of French Canadian ancestry but was raised in Brooklyn.

There is enclosed a letter from the Presbyterian. You know Rosene, the Friend. Let me also suggest for the Ambassador's party, the Mary knoller who lives in Guatemala City, Father Thomas F. McMahan. Also Sr. Carlos Anleu the extension man. Lau sounds might good. Also L.H. Rhodes of AID and perhaps Stewart I think Weinstein is head of AID and I suppose will be there ex-officio.

As to whether you fly back from Huehue on Monday or come earlier by car back depends on how we find the roads, etc. We can delay the decision.

Recuerdos calorosos,

Henry A

I never did agree with Freytag and Muller on the improved corn only. The dramatic demonstration will be fertilizer. I am delighted you are with me on this.

The package deal- good seed corn, good fertilizer, the right use of aldrin and other insecticides.

I am glad to see the flexibility in your approach.

When the White Yucca has water it has fine
flavor. Was it still producing in March. I thought
the world Yucca ones produced in Sept. & Oct.

FARVUE FARM SOUTH SALEM NEW YORK

March 17, 1964

Dear Wilson,

Your letter of March 10 makes me very happy. I trust justifiably so. The acre yieldⁱⁿ in both Sacatpéquez and Chimalténango for the past 5 years seem to be very low. Therefore a good place to produce results. Suchitepéquez has yields more than twice a high.

I am sure Don Chico will be delighted to furnish the ton of fertilizer. If not, we shall buy it. Are you writing Don Chico? If you have not, I shall write him. But I think you had best do it because you ~~are~~ are in better position to indicate to whom to deliver it and when and what composition. I would suggest what Chico has on hand. A 14-14-14 would be excellent. Or 14-20-10. Let Marcial decide how much per acre. Or cuerda. I would say to err on the high side. Lets triple the yields at once.

Fertilizer and Aldrin are vital. And possibly DDT or something of that nature applied by hand against the cogollero beginning when the plants ~~are~~ are perhaps 18 inches high. Marcial will know.

I would still like to see Milton Lau turned loose with a budget of \$200 to produce seed for trial in 1965. However, this is completely up to you. You and Bert Muller run this show because you sign the checks. If Chico and I and Milton Lau can help, O.K. - ~~USE~~ US.

I am sure yields of 80 ~~tons~~ ^{bu.} per acre can be obtained on the more level land.

It would be nice if Don Chico could furnish the fertilizer in 20 pound plastic sacks. With 16 cooperators this would mean ~~320~~ ³²⁰ pounds. I doubt if 20 pounds to the cuerda is ~~enough~~ ^{enough} fertilizer. Perhaps Marcial has in mind ~~large~~ ^{large} plots.

I hope you find Hugh and all your other relatives in the best of health and spirits.

You made a wonderful host. I always enjoy being with you. Our chief trouble is finding the time and strength to live up to our inspirations.

Can you find out how Mrs. Stilman (was that the name) made those marvelous fried hors d'oeuvre out of the Yucca root? What machine did she use for the slicing? How did she fry? Wonder how Yucca compares in economy of production with corn per acre. Yield per acre? Yield per hour of man labor? How high up will it go? Going up will it overlap with the potato coming down? There is necessity for real study of these starchy roots in the Caribbean from a competitive economic point of view. Also on the basis of vitamins and quality of protein. I will bet that Hugh has the answers. By the way what does he think of Victor Green's work at Belle Glade, Fla. ?

If we get off the ground this year, I shall hope to get together funds for next year through Bert Muller (the Escuela-God Bless it).

Three rousing cheers for Marcial. But what about Samuel? Cannot you use him too? Perhaps Milton can.

Cordial regards, atentamente su seguro
servidor con abrazo y todo,

Henry A

April 29, 1964

Dear Wilson,

I received in the day's mail without letter a draft of a plan sent from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in a Honduras envelope. The Plan is entitled "Plan de Demostraciones de Maíz Para el Altiplano de Guatemala, Patrocinado por el Sr. Henry A Wallace."

I had looked on this as Proyecto Popeno and not Plan patrocinado por Wallace.

It is even spelled ogt on page 3 "Para iniciar el programa, el Sr. Henry Wallace pone a la disposición la cantidad de US \$2000 y el Sr. Francisco de Sola los fertilizantes necesarios para el mismo. La cantidad de dinero anterior se destinara preferencialmente para la adquisición de semillas, proporcionar la construcción de silos y trojes; y en premios."

Regarding the premios, "Los premios consistiran Q.100., Q 50, y Q25. Se establece, asi mismo, el 'Trofeo Wallace' para el agricultor que obtenga el mayor rendimiento en los Campos de Propagacion."

You will doubtless find a copy of this in the mail when you get back to Antigua.

I had felt that any Trofeo should be Trofeo Wilson Popenoe. Also I had felt that the terms used in the plan should play you up not me. I am not out for credit or prestige of any kind.

I only hope that I will be in position to furnish the \$2000 year after year. I suspect it will take more than \$2000 next year. I hope the quantity of fertilizer required will not dismay Chico. The plan is certainly far more ambitious than you and I visioned.

It is marvelous to find the various groups pulled together in this project. So I should not kick because my vanity is hit in reverse (if you get what I mean.) I wanted this done through you and Muller and the school.

I am sure, however, that you and I owe a great debt of gratitude to Milton Lau. Without him working through Bolaños, this could never be done. He is all out to get seed propagated and properly stored and put to use in a big way in 1965. So I guess you and I were too small minded.

I think of your house in Antigua and your joyous personality and send you all the best while I work cross pollinating strawberries in my little plastic greenhouse. Slowly I learn what the strawberry should be like in Guatemala. I know it should not be what I sent you. My guess is that most of them will not take the summer humidity.

It is marvelous to get acquainted with plants under many conditions.

In a few days I shall plant within 200 feet of the house quite a corn breeding plot which is based 50-50 on corn belt corn and tropic corn. I shall hope to have some crosses by fall which will interest Milton Lau no end. He has a constructive yet inquisitive mind, a creative mind which wants to make something happen- (hope this does not get him into trouble).

Bienaventurado sea su trabajo,
Ojalá que su nombre viva en la tierra,

Enrique

May 18, 1964

Hon. Henry A. Wallace
Fervus Farm
South Salem, New York

Dear Enrique:

The Saviour of our Corn Program, Milton Lau, met me at the airport in Guatemala City on my arrival a couple of weeks ago, and a few days later we had a good session at his office in the City. I have no hesitation in calling Milton the Saviour because, as you have written, he has whipped the program into such shape that it will keep everybody happy and at the same time achieve, in the long run, the objective of those naive missionaries, Wallace and Popcoe, which is to increase the yield of corn per acre for those friends of ours, the Indians of the highlands, and at the same time, and for the same reason, pay good dividends on the money you are putting into the project.

And speaking of projects, please dont hamstring this one by refusing to let it be called the Wallace project. Where one man might sit up and take notice when Milton told him about the Popcoe project, 100 (or more) are going to sit up and take notice when told about the Wallace project. "Ay, que le parece? El gran señor Wallace, padre del Maiz Híbrido en los Estados Unidos, ha venido a Guatemala, y esta financiando un proyecto destinado a incrementar la producción de maiz en las pequeñas fincas de los indios de la altiplanicie".

And the fellow who gets the "Trofeo Henry Wallace" will be the man that shook the hand of the man who shook the hand of Henry Wallace. Think what that will mean to him. A satisfaction and motive de orgullo, almost equal to that which I derive from wearing the Vice-Presidential shoes.

I waited to write you until I came over here and talked with Bert Muller. I believe Milton has worked up some sort of advisory committee on which Bert and I will serve. There is no problem connected with having Bert handle the money through EAP. This simplifies things at your end, and creates no difficulties here.

Hon. Henry A. Wallace

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May 18, 1964

I go back to Guatemala on the 31st instant, and during June will hook up with Milton for a tour or two of the trial plots. No need for me to do this, but I must make some sort of gesture so Milton won't throw me off the committee. Except that I am so much interested that I will just simply have to keep in close touch with the project throughout the growing season. And as for funds necessary to construct trojes and all that sort of thing, we do not need to cross that bridge until we approach it. All we have to think about right now is those plots; to see that they get the proper care and the necessary records are kept. At least this is the way I visualize it.

As for the strawberries, Fairfax OP is now in fruit; I ate the first one just before I came over here. A fine large, well-formed berry. Runners are coming on rapidly. Perhaps none of the hybrids you sent is the ultimate thing for Guatemala - if there is an ultimate thing for any place - but I think these plants will serve to stimulate interest in new strawberries for Guatemala and I will try to see that they do so.

You asked about those yuca chips which Marjorie Stillman served you. It is just a question of rabbit pie. First catch your rabbit. When you have the yuca, slice it very thin and fry it in good hog lard, not cottonseed oil, just like you fry (or used to fry, when we had hog lard) Saratoga chips in deep fat. Just that simple. Nothing to it.

I will write again when I get back to Guatemala. Mientras tanto, and always,

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc: Dr. Milton Lau
Dr. A. S. Muller

*though not in
increasing volume*

FARVUE FARM SOUTH SALEM NEW YORK

May 22, 1964

Dear Don Wilson,

What a joyous lift to the spirit your letters give!!
If you think my name will help, O.K.

Through Bert and Chico's cooperation via the Escuela I hope to be able to siphon in the needed funds year after year. The joy of keeping a project of this sort in action should cause me to live many years. It is so good to think of you and our patron saint, guardian angel Milton Lau on the job, furnishing the all-essential first hand personal touch.

By the way what happened to the man (largely Indian) who work^{ed} with Melhus. I ~~met~~ met him at your house. I hope he fits into the picture somewhere. However, under the enlarged Lau-Castillo-Sandaval approach I suppose he does not.

In brief all I can say you and I are very fortunate to have Lau take us over.

It will be a miracle if the strawberries fit the Antigua climate. None of them had any blood from Louisiana, California or Florida. No Missionary. I would not expect them to fruit during January and February and probably not in March. Now when the rains come we shall see if they develop much rust, leaf spot etc.

If you wish I can mail you somewhat better prospects in the way of seedlings in October. By the way the Fairfax open pollinated was from a pistillate inbred selection out of Fairfax. It has been very late here.

At the moment I think of you in your lovely house, properly taken care of by Maria.

Con afectuosos recuerdos,

Enrique

*with more nearly
proper blood.*

July 26, 1964

Dear Don Wilson,

Your letter made me very happy. Four plots well planted, well supervised are a start. I am glad to have your assurance that no money has been wasted. You and Bert Muller and Milton Lau will ride herd on the money with genuine understanding and true latin american courtesy.

I assume there will be some money left over at the end of the year. At any rate tell Bert I shall send him the \$2000 for 1965 whenever he gives the word. I have a great respect for Muller's shrewdness and ability to discover which things come first.

If you see Chico you might tell him that the First National City Bank of N.Y. in April of this year put out a very nice pamphlet entitled Central American Common Market - a statistical and economic study by countries. No doubt Chico either inspired it or at any rate has seen it. He sure does get around. Tell him Mrs. Wallace and I are leaving for Iowa on Sunday October 11 and shall return on Sunday October 18. On Wednesday, October 14 I am stopping off to see the Roswell Garst operation on my way to Harlan, Iowa. He has the biggest seed corn plant in the world.

My strawberries as I told you did not have in them a single variety adapted to the area south of New Jersey. But they were all I could get out of the ground when I got back in December. It is not surprising they developed leaf spot. It will be interesting to see if they live through it without spraying and will be in shape to produce berries by January.

What a magnificent closing salutation you have, derived no doubt from some latina stenographer

So igualmente

E. Enrique

Siempre su muy afmo y SS,

Oct. 27, 1964

Dear Don Wilson,

Just received the very well prepared report of Milton Lau. I want Wallace Genetic to expand the corn work through the Escuela. Am prepared to write an additional check at once if you deem it wise. I would like to accumulate a little money ahead. "Continuidad" is our motto and I do not wish my untimely departure from worldly affairs to interfere. To that end I have asked a good corn man 26 years younger than I to sit on the board of Wallace Genetic.

Should I send a check made out to AID to Milton Lau so he can act with speed if he needs to?

I would like the Escuela to finance some work in the Republica Dominicana in corn.

Also I am exceedingly desirous of seeing the George Freytag work at Monte Uyaca expanded in cooperation with the Lau-Castillo-Sandoval complex. I am especially anxious to see Helminthosporium resistant strains developed. It might be that some potato work should be started.

Please let me know just when and to whom I should send strawberry plants. How many?

I had hoped to see you Dec. 3 at Victor Greens party at West Palm Beach but unexpected duties have cropped up. I cannot come. I so much wanted to see you.

Tell Bert when you see him that I very much want him to come out to the farm (only 50 miles north of N.Y. City. I can meet him at the train at Katonah (New York Central) and return him thereto. Or if Dr. Roberts of the Rockefeller Foundation would take him out to his home at Chappaqua I would drive over there and pick him up. We have some "continuidad" planning to do for Freytag's and the Indiginista's sake. No not "indiginista" because that suggests an aficionado de los indiginas. But you can guess what I mean. I mean business and want to help. Would like to help in both the R.D. and Guatemala.

All the best amigo mio,
abrazos etc.

~~Emrique~~
Emrique

When he comes to N.Y. City

[Mrs. H.A. Wallace
4733 Woodway Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C.]

[Oct. 15, 1965]

Dear Dr. Popov,
Just a note to tell
you how deeply Henry regrets
not being able to answer your
good letter. He is recovering
nicely from an operation in a
Washington Hospital - N. I. H.
"National Institute of Health."

We hope to go home in about
two weeks

We both look back at our
wonderful visit with you
in old "Antigua"
with appreciation for your
many kindnesses.

Sincerely
(Mrs. Henry & I) D. Wallace