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WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES  
INCORPORATED  
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

December 5, 1966

ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

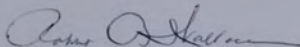
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

At my mother's and sister's request I have gone on the board of Wallace Genetic Foundation. In trying to become informed of its activities I have reviewed certain correspondence you had with my father last year. I know that his and your work with the highlands farmers in Guatemala was close to his heart. I should like to be brought up to date on this program in order better to appraise how much assistance, if any, should be provided by Wallace Genetic.

The bringing up to date is difficult to do at long range. Perhaps we can overcome the distance factor in conjunction with a projected trip to Mexico my wife and I have planned for February. We will be in Merida the night of February 22 and on the 23rd could fly either to Tegucigalpa or Guatemala to meet with you and/or others who are concerned with this project. Our tentative plans call for return to Mexico City on the 25th. What do you suggest?

I might add that philosophically I am highly sympathetic with your approach, as I understand it, of not writing off the little farmer in Central America. At the same time, in view of the limited resources of Wallace Genetic, we have to be objective in our appraisal of just how much of real value we can hope to accomplish.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

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DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

December 8, 1966

ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

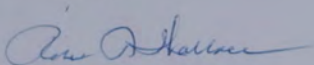
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I hope this reaches you before you have an opportunity to answer my letter of a few days ago. The enclosed is largely self-explanatory. The changes in our thinking came about partly because of the practicalities of the flights, partly because of my mother's thought that we ought also to look up Senor de Sola while we are in the area and partly because we realized we were going to need the extra time.

In connection with our projected trip please don't feel that because we will be in the area from Wednesday to Monday that I am turning to you to develop a schedule that fills our time. Quite the contrary, we will be in the area and at your disposal but with plenty of things that we enjoy doing on our own at such times as there are blanks in any schedule you may propose for us. As I indicated in my letter to Senor de Sola, when we travel we care little for the tourist sights but greatly enjoy getting to meet and know people in their homes, people who are constructively involved in the forces of progress. I should add that if it proves to be inconvenient to you in any way to help us with our plans for this visit please don't hesitate to provide us with an alternative suggestion as to who we might contact for this purpose.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES

INCORPORATED

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901

December 8, 1966

Sr. Francisco de Sola  
H. de Sola e Hijos  
San Salvador  
El Salvador, Central America

Dear Senor de Sola:

My wife and I are laying plans for a trip to Mexico this coming February in connection with which I would like to get down to Guatemala and Honduras to get something of a first hand picture of the operations my father had such interest in. As I am now on the board of the Wallace Genetic Foundation, as well as the Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company, I feel this would be helpful when questions arise with respect to requests for additional funds for these operations.

I have written to Dr. Popenoe to see what suggestions he might have. My mother urged me strongly to write you, too.

Since writing Dr. Popenoe I have checked out and refined our possible itinerary so that it now looks like this: we would fly from Merida to Guatemala City on February 22nd. We need to leave from Tegucigalpa for Mexico City at noon on the 27th. If it is practical we would like to rent a car in Guatemala City and drive it to Tegucigalpa. This way we would be able to see you en route. I am hoping Dr. Popenoe can put me in touch with the people we should see in Guatemala City and Tegucigalpa. Perhaps you would have some thoughts on this. In addition to the visits indicated I might add that my wife and I are keenly interested in getting a better understanding of the countries involved - economic, social and political life and problems. And as time permits I would hope to be able to indulge my weakness for visiting wild, jungly spots to see forms of wild life, particularly birds, that are new to me.

More important at the moment than determining the exact itinerary in the indicated period is the question of whether it is practical for us to drive from Guatemala City to Tegucigalpa. A map I have shows one stretch of the Pan American highway between the two cities as still uncompleted. If you can inform us soon on this point I think we will lay definite plans for the indicated flights and take our chances on being able to see every one that we would like to see.

I wrote Dr. Popenoe at the Escuela Agricola, realizing that he may not be there and my letter will have to be forwarded to him. I am sending him a copy of this letter so that he can be brought up to date on our thinking for this trip. In order to avoid possible confusion between his suggestions and yours it might be well if you send him a copy of whatever you write me and if we then leave it to him, if he is willing, to forward his coordinated suggestions. I have no competence of background either in corn breeding or in corn farming (I am in egg chicken business) so that little time should be set aside for visiting trial plots or discussions relating to the specifics of these subjects except insofar as an understanding of them is necessary for evaluating what the project can hope to accomplish. My interest is far more a general one in developing a clear picture of how and whether a portion of the limited funds of Wallace Genetic can be employed selectively to support a constructive, potentially self-multiplying project answering important human needs in agriculture and that otherwise is unlikely to be undertaken or continued.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 24 <sup>January</sup> February 1967

Mr Robert B. Wallace,  
Doylestown, Penna., E U A

Dear Mr Wallace:

When I wrote you some days ago I told you that I had not yet received a letter from you, but was acting upon what I had learned from our good friend Don Chico de Sola.

Well, this morning your letters of December 5 and 8, sent to Gainesville, came through. I am not very well organized at that end! Or maybe, at this end either.

You plan to reach Guatemala City on 22 February, and you have to leave Tegucigalpa for Mexico City on the 27th. That is cutting it pretty fine. I wonder if you really need to go to Tegucigalpa? Of course all of us would like to have you see Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, and it can be done. Supposing you spent the 23rd in Guatemala; drove to San Salvador 24; one day there; to Tegucigalpa 25th. Yes it can be done. We have to keep in mind that we have to get papers for going through Salvador and entering Honduras. Again, it can be done. I am sure Don Chico's people in Guatemala City can handle this part. Of course I can too, but it will take time which I think you ought to have for seeing a bit of Guatemala. I think Don Chico has made it clear that, so far as the road is concerned, it is good all the way from here to Tegucigalpa.

You write that you have looked over the correspondence I had with your father about the Wallace Program - which was born while we were sitting around the fireplace here in my house. The original idea was to help the small Indian farmers. We felt that the big fellows were getting too much attention - relatively - and as you know your

We can get details as to what was accomplished when you come down. I believe George Freytag has continued very satisfactorily his corn breeding work. Your father was abundantly endowed with the "missionary spirit". My colleagues down here say the same of me, and I am not ashamed of it.

The program, originally, was to set up as many demonstration plots as possible, among small farmers, giving them good seed and some fertilizer. Don Chico de Sola was able to get the fertilizer for us, at no expense to the Wallace program. Your father had planned that we would employ a man to go about the highlands, settling up the plots.

We found that "diplomatically" this was not a good idea, so we put the Guatemalan part of the program in the hands of the Ministry of Agriculture. We did not get quite results we had hoped for, but as I wrote your father, I am sure we got our money's worth.

After setting up the program in Guatemala, we went over to Honduras, where your father decided he would like to set up another small program. Some plots similar to those in Guatemala, and some assistance to George Freytag, head of the Agronomy Department at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, in the field of corn breeding. I do not have figures (a definite report) as to just how much was accomplished at the Escuela; I understand that some seed was turned over to the Peace Corps boys who were to set up small plots among small farmers. We can get details as to what was accomplished when you come down. I believe George Freytag has continued very satisfactorily his corn breeding work.

The problem now is, what shall be the future program? The small-scale program on which we were operating (and on which, I believe, almost nothing was done last year) has been criticized as "having no important impact on the national economy". I do not think it was Henry Wallace's idea to provide a heavy impact on the national economy.

His idea was that it would be a good idea to do something for the little fellows. We have not done as much as we hoped to do, because of various factors we can talk about when you come.

After your father's death, those of us who were involved in the Wallace program, and several others, felt that it would be a fine thing to set up a Wallace Memorial Fund, something of substantial size, from which the earnings could be used to further the development of corn production in this part of the world. Just what form, or forms, this would take, have not been clearly defined; in fact they could not be, until we knew whether or not we could build up a substantial Memorial Fund.

So we are all very glad you are coming down. We know that your visit will enable us to plan a program which will be in line with what your father would have wanted. As I wrote you previously, I hope you will let me know when you and Mrs Wallace plan to arrive, so that I can meet you. I assume you will also advise Don Francisco de Sola, so that he can have his people here in Guatemala City properly informed as to what part you want them to play in your program.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Don Francisco de Sola



WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES  
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January 19, 1967

ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

After hearing from Senor de Sola that, in his opinion we were not leaving enough time for our Central American visit I asked our travel agent to make certain changes. Yesterday I was informed these can be made.

Here then is the new schedule: we arrive at your airport at 5:05 P.M. (from Merida) on Saturday, February 18. We leave from the San Pedro airport in Honduras at 4:40 P.M. on the 25th, a week later.

In Guatemala I will want, of course, to get filled in on the corn project you and my father instituted. Beyond this Senor de Sola suggested I may want to meet with the directors of INCAP and ICAITI and this appeals to me. In El Salvador I am most interested in meeting with Senor de Sola and with Dr. Ben Birdsall. I had lunch on Tuesday in Des Moines with Bob Garst and got filled in a bit on Birdsall's project. In Honduras I'll be interested to meet Dr. Muller and learn what extension of the Wallace-Popenoe corn project is under consideration in that country. I doubt that it is very practical to attempt in advance to pin down an exact itinerary for the week I'll be in the area but, if you think it would be best, I leave this in your hands. Otherwise I'm perfectly content and would really prefer to keep an open schedule until I have had a chance to talk with you after arrival. I assume we should have no problem phoning ahead to get reservations for hotel accommodations pretty much at the last minute. My preference, too, I think would be to rent a car and drive myself to Honduras although Senor de Sola seemed to think I would want to hire a driver. This, too, perhaps we can leave until we get there.

If this leaves questions that need to be answered prior to our arrival please let me know. We will be leaving Doylestown probably on the 11th of February.

I am certainly looking forward to meeting you and to an extremely interesting trip.

Sincerely,

*Robert B. Wallace*  
Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac/dbnr

cc: Dr. Albert S. Muller

Sr. Francisco de Sola EASTERN DISTRIBUTORS OF *Hy-Line* CHICKS

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES

INCORPORATED

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901

January 23, 1967

Dr. Ben Birdsall  
Care of A.I.D.  
American Embassy  
San Salvador  
El Salvador, Central America

Dear Dr. Birdsall:

It happend that I had lunch with Bob Garst in Des Moines the day before I received his letter, copy of which you received.

Other than by implication I'm not sure you could tell from Bob's letter why he was writing me about you. My wife and I are going to Mexico on vacation in February. While down that way I wanted to spend some time in Central America on behalf of the Wallace Genetic Foundation to get a first-hand picture on the Wallace-Popenoe corn project in Guatemala and any other projects of a similar nature that are being conducted in Mexico and Central America. Bob had earlier sent me a copy of the talk you had given on the first two years with your project in El Salvador. This is an exciting work and I am keen to meet you and learn much more about it.

Dr. Popenoe will meet us at the airport in Guatemala on February 18 and we leave Tegucigalpa on the 25th for Mexico City. The interval between will be divided somehow between Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras so that I could judge that we might be in El Salvador around the 22nd and 23rd. We will no doubt be driving between the countries. I'm sure you know don Francisco de Sola. He is an old friend of my father and has offered to help steer me around in my short time in El Salvador. I assume I'll be in contact with him on arrival in Guatemala so that he will know when we can be expected in San Salvador. He can let you know accordingly and we'll keep our fingers crossed that you will be available.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Sr. Francisco de Sola

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DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

January 31, 1967

ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua  
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It wasn't until I got a letter today from Senor de Sola that I learned that my letter of January 19 to you was addressed to you at the Escuela Agricola rather than at Antigua. I am afraid I had failed to indicate to my secretary that I now had your current address. In case this letter has still not been forwarded to you I enclose a copy of it.

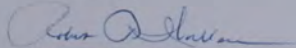
Your letter to me of January 24, of course, was based upon my original itinerary. The only change in itinerary since my letter to you of the 19th is that we leave here on the 13th to go to Cozumel Island, Mexico (off Yucatan) where we will be staying at the Blue Beach Hotel until the morning of the 17th (in case you should want to reach me for any reason in that period).

We are getting tourist cards in advance for all countries.

The last time I was at Farvue Farm I picked up all Dad's correspondence files relating to tropical corn and to Central American agricultural projects so that I could be somewhat better informed on arrival.

Some people that Alston Waring (do you remember meeting him when he was down your way a few years ago?) urged me to look up in Guatemala include: Milton Lau and Leonard Rhodes of AID, Henry A. DuFlon of ROCAP, the Dreyers of AFSC and Alice Shaffer of UNICEF. I imagine you know all of them and that some of them are no longer in the area. In any event, I feel the more people I can talk with who are intimately familiar with the agricultural problems of the area the better able I should be to appraise whether Wallace Genetic can hope to make a contribution of any real significance. My mind is wide open but Wallace Genetic funds are sufficiently limited that I am reluctant to see them expended except where they seem most assured of unusual economic and social fall out.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Don Francisco de Sola EASTERN DISTRIBUTORS OF *Hy-Line* CHICKS  
Dr. Inés de Sola

January 19, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

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Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:rac/Thos S. Muller  
Sr. Francisco de Sola

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES

INCORPORATED

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901

January 31, 1967

Senor Francisco de Sola  
H. de Sola e Hijos  
San Salvador  
El Salvador, Central America

Dear Senor de Sola:

Thank you for calling attention to the fact that my letter of January 19th to Dr. Popenoe had been addressed to him in Tegucigalpa. It is to the Guatemala City airport that we arrive on February 18. Sorry for the confusion.

Needless to say I would be delighted if it turns out to be practical for you to be in Guatemala around the time we arrive as I am sure a joint discussion with you and Dr. Popenoe at the outset would be extremely helpful not only in arriving at the best itinerary in Central America but also in providing me a better idea of possibilities.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe: ✓  
Dr. Albert S. Muller

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES

INCORPORATED

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901

January 31, 1967

Dr. Albert S. Muller  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Muller:

I have now heard from both Dr. Popenoe and Don Francisco de Sola and my itinerary for arriving in and departing from Central America seems to be firm. The enclosed copies of letters to Dr. Popenoe will fill you in on this. Since we will be starting out from Guatemala I can see that it makes sense at this point to let Dr. Popenoe, perhaps together with Don Francisco de Sola, come up with a good itinerary for the time we have within Central America. In any event, I hope I will have the opportunity of meeting you when we get to Honduras.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓  
Don Francisco de Sola

Antigua, Guatemala, 1 February 1967

Mr Robert B. Wallace  
Doylestown, Penna.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thanks for your letter of 19 January, which was slow in reaching me because it was sent to Honduras.

We are glad that you are allowing a little more time for Central America. You do not need to make any hotel reservations. Don Chico de Sola and I will take care of all details.

I will plan to meet you at the Guatemala City airport, 5.05 pm., on 18 February. If Don Chico is there also, we will leave final plans until your arrival here. If he is not there, then I would suggest the following:

I will bring you and Mrs Wallace to Antigua immediately on arrival. The next day is Sunday, so it will not be possible for you to call at IBCAP and Icaiti; we will have to leave these calls until Monday, on which day we can make arrangements for your drive over to San Salvador. I would suggest using a very good chauffeur here in Antigua who has a good car and has worked for me off and on for many years. I quite agree that you should rent a car and drive yourself to Honduras. The reason is this: if you should get involved in any kind of an accident you might be tied up here for some days. The difference in cost is slight, and it is not worth the risk.

I suggest that I drive you and Mrs Wallace on Sunday through the great corn-producing region of the highlands to Chichicastenango, where the Sunday market is really a sight. We could drop in at one or two farms along the way, if desired. This trip can easily be made in a day, but not much less.

Milton Lau, agricultural advisor to AID, and a member of the American Embassy, has worked with us very closely on the Wallace Corn Program from the start and I think you ought to see him. I believe I can line him up to go along with us through the highlands to Chichicastenango, which I think would be ideal. Milton grew up in Minnesota, where his father was an important corn grower, and he has been here in Guatemala for several years, as well as in Peru. If he can not join us on Sunday then we could call on him Monday, in connection with the visits to ICAITI and INCAP.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Chico de Sola; he will have time to advise me if is not in agreement with the above program. I know he will arrange things for you in San Salvador, and plan your trip from there to Honduras so you can catch your plane from San Pedro Sula back to the States at 4.40 p m on the 25th. There is really no need to mention these details as he has, without doubt, received the copy of your letter to me dated 19 January.

Looking forward keenly to the please of having Mrs Wallace and yourself with us,

Cordially yours,

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES

INCORPORATED

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 18901

February 3, 1967

Mr. Eduardo Muyshondt  
Manager  
De Sola & Compania  
Ciudad De Guatemala  
Guatemala, Central America

Dear Mr. Muyshondt:

Thank you very much for offering to meet us at arrival in Guatemala on February 18. I don't have the flight number yet but understand we arrive at 5:05 P.M. We will be coming from Merida so there should be no confusion as to which flight we will be on. I don't believe, however, it will be necessary for you to meet us as Dr. Popenoe had indicated he would be doing so. I am sending him a copy of my reply to you so that if it might suit him better to have you meet us he can let you know. Also, I believe he is planning to put us up in his guest house in Antigua so that hotel accommodations will not be necessary at least the first night.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac

cc: Mr. Francisco de Sola  
Dr. Wilson Popenoe



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ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

February 6, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

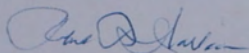
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your letter of February 1 arrived today. Your tentative plans sound fine. Everyone tells us we must be sure to get to Chicastenango. I certainly hope Milton Lau can be with us.

At the suggestion Don Francisco de Sola made I am arranging with our travel agent to take a TACA flight from San Salvador to Tegucigalpa on the 23rd.

We are looking forward to this trip immensely.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Wallace

RBW:mac



# HOTEL DEL PRADO

MEXICO, D. F.

BALSA

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Feb. 27, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

What a wonderful introduction to Central America you gave us in our visit with you in Antigua! My wife and I deeply appreciate all your hospitality and thoughtfulness. After all the raves you must have had over your home over the years it is too much to hope that we could add anything but needless to say we found it utterly charming and fascinating. And most of all I appreciate the time you gave us and the arrangements you made for us to make our time in Guatemala so interesting.

I have just started to attempt to put on paper my observations and tentative conclusions from the series of discussions I have had. In so doing I find I lack certain information on some of the people I met in Guatemala and thought perhaps you could fill me in (writing to my office in Hoxleytown). I need the name



## HOTEL DEL PRADO

BALSA

MEXICO, D. F.

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of the organization Henry A. de Flon  
is now with. I need Tex Keirle's full  
name and position. And finally I  
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I was hopeful this trip would  
provide me a better insight into the  
area, its problems and, most of all,  
some idea of how Balsa Genetics could  
be of help. From the point of view of  
my objectives, at this moment I am  
inclined to judge the trip as highly  
successful. When I get something written  
up I'll send you a copy for your comments.

I was delighted to hear from Dr.  
Hullbansen today that he plans a project  
with the Guatemalan highlands Indians  
that promises to be terrific. Not just  
corn improvement but getting into cultural  
practices as well to work out a broad,  
well tested package of what is needed for  
maximum success with corn in the highlands.

Thanks again for everything.

Best wishes,

Bob Hullbansen

WALLACE HY-CROSS HATCHERIES  
INCORPORATED  
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT B. WALLACE  
PRESIDENT

March 21, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Strawberry book. I am pleased to think it will fill a small gap in your wonderful agricultural library.

My mother has come through her operation nicely although this is the critical week for post-operative complications. I have talked with my sister on Wallace Genetic involvement in Central America and we see pretty much eye to eye. It is a question of getting something written up now but I returned home to find much of high priority to occupy my attention so it may be a while before we can come to any concrete conclusions.

Thanks again for your gracious hospitality and the most interesting visit we had with you.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Wallace

mac

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 May 1967

Mr Robert B. Wallace  
Doylestown, Penna.

Dear Bob:

Two weeks ago I returned from a hasty and unpremeditated trip to the States, so only now am replying to your letter from Mexico City, dated 27 February.

Henry A. DuFlon is with the United Nations, in connection with financial matters I am told. Coen Ter Kuile is Chief of the Fertilizer Program for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, here in tropical America - I don't know the exact range of his territory. ICAITI is the Central American Institute for Technological Investigations.

I fear these data may arrive too late to be of any use to you. I am delighted at the news you gave me, about Wellhausen's project for the highland Indians. I'll bet this has come out of the little project your father started.

I still am thinking about the proper way to use the money the Wallace Genetic Foundation has put in our hands - and may put in our hands. I would defer to Chico de Sola's opinion, of course, but since the amount can not be great I am in favor of an annual Wallace Memorial Prize to be given to a member of the graduating class at Escuela Agricola Panamericana, based upon special attention given during the students time at EAP to the improvement of corn cultivation in tropical America, including a project carried on while at the school.

Warmest regards to the señora and yourself,

Cordially,

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Antigua, Guatemala, 1 October 1967

Robert Wallace Esq.,  
Hi-Bred Hatcheries,  
Doylestown, Penna.

Dear Bob:

Some weeks ago I brought up the matter of the Wallace Memorial fund with Chico de Sola and the administration at Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I have not heard from Chico, but was over at the school a couple of weeks ago and talked with Dr Muller and Bob Armour. It was suggested that a scholarship at EAP might be given, to a young man who would specialise in corn improvement. Bob Armour (who will be Director after the first of the year) wrote me: "Concerning appropriate use of the funds (now \$14,000, which we hope Wallace Genetic will build up to \$25,000) I am still of the opinion that a yearly prize to our most outstanding student in the field of agronomy, and specifically corn culture, if so desired, is probably the best use which can be made of the limited funds accruing to such a small fund".

The \$14,000 was placed at interest in the Banco Atlantida (where the school carries its own funds) and will earn 4 or 5%, according to the time it is left on deposit.

I assume you will be hearing from don Chico de Sola, but I would like to give you my views, as I am leaving today for Gainesville, Florida and will not be back in this part of the world for several months. I feel a major responsibility in this matter, because your father really placed it in my hands from the start. We had to send the money through EAP, for tax reasons, as you are aware.

What I would really like to see is the following: Wallace Genetic to build the fund up to \$25,000. From our talks down here and those which Don Chico and I believe Dr Muller had with your people up north, I am under the impression that you cannot undertake to build it up to \$50,000 or more. Even if you feel you must leave it at the present \$14,000, Mr Armour's program is the one I like. I would not necessarily limit the prize to a student annually who specialised in corn improvement. I would rather like to see the best student chosen in any one of the three departments (if no one had been interested in specializing in corn). What interests me most is having an annual Wallace Memorial prize, which will be announced at Commencement and help to keep alive your father's memory.

With best regards to the señora and your goodself,

Faithfully yours

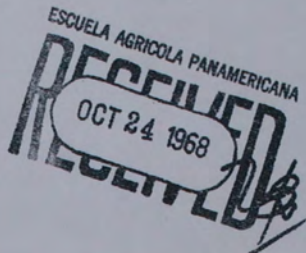
Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus

My address in Florida, probably until the end of the year, will be 1722 N W 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, 32601. Mail sent to Antigua will be forwarded to me at Gainesville but there will be a delay of two weeks or so in reaching me.

cc. ALL BOARD MEMBERS.

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October 18, 1968

Mr. R. P. Armour  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa  
Honduras

Dear Mr. Armour:

Thank you for your letter of September 9th, informing me of the action taken by your board with respect to the Henry A. Wallace Memorial Fund. The Wallace Genetic Foundation would be pleased to have you start the awarding of one or two prizes of \$500 as early as 1969 at the discretion of your board. Other things being equal it would be my guess that the Foundation will extend itself more to make additional contributions to the fund if the award program has been started and is clearly bearing its intended fruits by stimulating competent and useful original research in Latin American agriculture.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

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cc: Mrs. Henry A. Wallace  
Mrs. Leslie Douglas



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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

November 15, 1972

Mr. Robert P. Armour  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. Armour:

Wilson Popenoe has written us that the Escuela feels it might be advantageous to shift the use of the income from the Wallace Fund from awards for outstanding agricultural research by students to scholarships. The family has discussed this and are pleased to give you our blessing in this with the understanding, however, that the scholarships, whether total or partial, be for the purpose only of enabling the most promising applicants to attend the Escuela who otherwise would be unable to do so.

I hope this gives you the extra flexibility that you would like and need. If not or if clarification is desired please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Wallace

cc: Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

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