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"Casa Clark"

71. CALLE ORIENTE No. 144

SAN SALVADOR

EL SALVADOR, C. A.

Wednesday 7 AM.

DEAR ^{WILSON} BERT ^(Miller)

Ho, Ho, Ho, see where your Rover Boy is now. The German pension was booked solid, so I'm here shackled up with the Griggses, & very nice people they are too, Engineers & Army helping the progress!

Tomás has been very fine in showing me the city & Santa Tecla; just now I'm waiting for a driver & car from the Ministerio to take me out in the campo on a regular horticultural tour.

Yesterday afternoon Tomás & I had tea with that delightful Srta. Von der Wöl, or whatever Miss Seiminger's married name is. What a wonderful group of tropical plants there is there!

Please accept my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown to me by you both.

Gratefully,
J.

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
July 22, 1963

Dear Wilson:

There is no change in my plans, everything is just as originally scheduled. World Travel just confirmed my reservation on AVIATECA for Tuesday, August 6th, so I shall see you then.

Hugh has delivered the hats and the bouillon cubes; all are nicely packed in an old Mallory Hat box that my mother had for just such an emergency. I told Hugh that I planned to bring some of the rooted rose stocks that Dr McFadden has been working on. He said to advise you so that you could make arrangements at that end with the Minister of Agriculture. Of course, they should have gone with Ziegler to EAP direct, but he said he had too much gear !!!

My retirement, thus far, just feels like annual summertime leave, but I'm sure that I'll really appreciate my new-found freedom next autumn. After a visit here to dentist, eye man, medico and so on, I'll be ready to leave for foreign parts once again.

Louie has told you that I am working seriously at my Spanish; just now it seems hopeless, I feel that I'll be like Rocinante-- and just stand there!!! At least two sessions every day are spent reading aloud FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA. I find the text extremely interesting, in addition to the good that I derive from reading aloud. I read very loud in the privacy of my study to force myself to enunciate with care. I continue to listen to Linguaphone records every afternoon, too.

Lewis Haines is all fired up with the idea of my doing the two books you suggested; I am looking forward to that work myself, so I am hopeful that it will eventuate.

Many, many thanks for your kind invitation...I'll see you on August 6th about lunch time. If I can bring anything else, please write to me.

Vaya con Dios ,
john

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
July 29, 1963

Dear Wilson:

I have just finished a coffee session with Luis at the College Inn, and I have my instructions in hand. I shall make every effort to comply.

Everything is in order, yet I am surprised that you had not received my confirmation by the time Ziegler left Guatemala. I hope that you did receive that letter later.

Something just went out of my life, my English Ford dealer in Tampa just left with my little white Capri that carried us so comfortably to Winter Park and back. I felt, that because of my plans to travel rather consistently for a year or more, I should turn it in for credit memo, which I did, and I'm bereft !!! I'll recover, but I have lost one of my best friends ???

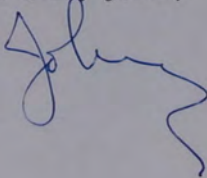
At eight this evening, and for four more evenings, Sra Ralph Leighty has agreed to take our daughter Karen, and me for an hour of Spanish tutoring. I have been reading all summer, and now our favorite Borinquena has said she will make us talk out. Puedo recibirlo pero no puedo transmitir! Possibly she can shake us out of our self-conscious dolórum. Both Karen and I had plenty of college Spanish, but to speak out, ah, that is the problem.

Hugh brought me the parts for weather instruments, and I shall see that Caseres about a visa later this week.

It's very hot and humid here, Ziegler said he noticed it very forcefully when he got off his plane, and I remember the same feeling upon returning from Caribbean lands other years. I am certainly looking forward to tierra templada, which I have been reading so much about as I bask under this priceless air conditioning.

I'll see you about noon on Tuesday, August 6th.

Cordially yours,



1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
January 20, 1965

Dear Wilson:

I hasten to send this clipping with the thought that some member of your family might like to have it.

It is with great pride that I re-read this story as I prepare to send it along. You must be bursting with fatherly delight, and rightly so. A worthy young man with an illustrious name is cutting his swath in the field of tropical agriculture. I consider it a great privilege to have you both as friends.

The peculiar markings on this paper indicate column positions for the article that I am working on now. 20,000 words on gardening in the Deep South for an encyclopedia that READER'S DIGEST is compiling. This assignment keeps me at this ancient Underwood every day. It is always a thrill, as you so well know, to see these things in print, that I will accept each new assignment that comes along. Sure, I'm delighted to have the pesos too.

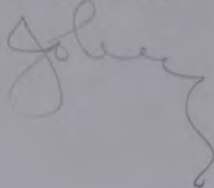
The other day I saw Herbert in World Travel, so I assume that he and Mary are with you. Mary is such a pleasant lady, that I know you'll enjoy the Wolfes as guests. Herb did not tell me whether or not they would go on to Zamorano.

My reason for being in the travel office was to start inquiries about spring garden tours to the British Isles. Now, I am receiving brochures, and most attractive they are, too. After several free-lance jaunts, I have decided that I should like to have someone handle my bag and make my reservations for a change.

All of this, despite the fact that I am still nurse maid to our hypertensive apoplexy case. Mother gradually gains a little in the speech department, and coordination of extremities is excellent, but, as you know, this is discouraging business. Of course, we never know, so I am working on my plans with the idea that, somehow, I might be able to travel.

Congratulations upon Hugh's great honor, Wilson, enjoy your yanquis, and please plan to have a steak with me at Easter time.

Cordially yours,





aan boord vliegtuig
on board aircraft

datum June 3, 1965
date

van J Watkins
from

naar W Popenoe
to

Dear Popè:

43 degrees in London
83 degrees in NYC
93 degrees in Gainesville, so you see that we are
very grateful for our air conditioning here at home.

This is to report that you were right, as usual. Three weeks with retired, well-to-do, bi-focalled grandmothers with a superficial interest in gardening is all right, but I'll take my trips with Popenoe and Benitez in a VW!!! The Girls were fine but there is that eternal waiting, those endless, inane questions, the ceaseless chatter., so--- the next trip I shall return to free lancing.

The gardening situation seems pitiful to me. Most of the great estates are now in the National Trust, with a few notable exceptions like Cunard and Guinness, and there are no young men coming along. They all go into industry, have no interest in gardening. I can't see the way out.

Oxford was a great let-down, the dirty jeans, the long, curled hair, the black leather jackets, the white girls with the negro men--- it was all too depressing.

London, as you well know, is a GREAT GREAT city, there is no gain-saying that our 8 days there were wonderful. The parks, Chelsea flower show, the buildings, the food, the legitimate theater combined to make the week pass most happily.

Ireland, Wales and Scotland are most delightful, with Armour's beloved Edinburgh Botanics, the jewel of the lot.

Hope your book is going well; I have not seen our galley proof yet- maybe it will come along before autumn!!!

Best regards,
john

MONA HOTEL LTD.

P.O. BOX 4

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JAMAICA, W.I.

[C July 1965]

TELEPHONE: 76183-77755

CABLES "MONA HOTEL JA."

Dear Bozë:

Having a fine time, wish you were here! It's good to see all of our boys again. Good to hear them give these solid research papers, good to see how well they have fitted into the world scheme!

Yesterday, I (with 3 friends) realized a 16-year-old ambition when Vernon James, Supt of Gardens, took us in his Land Rover to Cinchona Estate via Newcastle Barracks! What a trip, what a fantastic person this James, a Local Product, educated at West Indies, London U, Kew, D.G. Bot + Mo. Bot. This colorful personage must be immortalized in biographical form. His unique! Wolfes, John Boz, J. Lynch, & all the rest are having a fine meeting, but wish you + Hugh were here as well! Had a couple of short chats with Arnson, will see him again ^{together, I hope,} we can now get famed Blue Mountain coffee in instant form.

Best wishes & deepest gratitude, John H. H. H.

* 5½ MILES FROM KINGSTON * OPPOSITE HOPE BOTANICAL GARDENS * SWIMMING POOL * TENNIS COURT *

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
January 23, 1967

Dear Pópé:

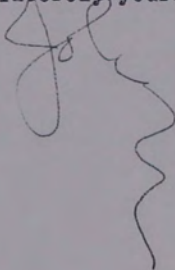
Enclosed is a memorandum that is self-explanatory.

I look forward to receipt of your manuscript, together with papers from 3 others, and the photographs which I have requested from Hanson and Winters. Yes, we want a shot of *Lancetilla*; where shall I request one?

No, Hugh did not forget the clock. I telephoned to Bill Barnes, and he said that the young doctor had been in and had all the details. Barnes will start $\%!$ $\%!$ work soon, and Hugh will check upon his return from Vietnam. I'll telephone to Hugh later if you say so.

Maybe you'd like to have Bob or John or Hugh serve as your proxy in completing details for publishing our book. I do not want the complete responsibility for the final decisions-- three ideas, in concert, are always better than the thoughts of a single nut! I certainly do not want you to come to Gville if you wish to remain where you are. Do as you think best.

Sincerely yours,



[Watkins]

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLANT INTRODUCTION
Committee for publishing the Proceedings
MEMORANDUM

TO:

R. Armour, El Zamorano, Honduras
W. Popenoe, Antigua, Guatemala

FROM:

J. Watkins, Chairman, 1811 NW 6th Ave. Gainesville, Florida

DATE:

January 23, 1967

SUBJECT:

Committee Meeting

At 2 PM on March 7, March 14, or March 21, the committee will meet at my home. Mr Armour will designate the date that will be best for him. If Dr Popenoe cannot be in Gainesville, I suggest that he appoint a proxy.

I shall advise Rose Printing Company of the date so that they may send Mr Jorge Gómez to our meeting.

We shall select photographs to be used, and pass upon presentation of the articles as they have been edited and re-typed. We shall approve paper, type font, binding material and jacket.

An important aspect of this meeting will be final conversations between Mr. Armour and Mr Gómez.

After the meeting Mr Gómez will take typescripts and photographs with him to Tallahassee, Mr Armour will carry edited original manuscripts, and carbon copies of final copy to Escuela Agricola Panamericana for filing.

[Watkins?]

Antigua, 27 January 1967

Dear Juanito:

In working on my material for the Proceedings of the Plant Introduction Symposium, I have also gone over Ruerson's and Dunlap's papers, copies of which they gave me at Zamorano. Both of these papers are extremely valuable contributions. They will go down in horticultural history.

There are a number of typographical errors in the copy of Dr Dunlap's paper which he gave me. Perhaps they were corrected in the final draft he gave you; or you could correct them yourself. But just to play safe, I am going to mention a few, viz.:

p. 4. Would it not be more correct to say that Mr Armour is a graduate of the Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh. Or that he was trained at the Royal Botanic Garden - it carries more prestige than "Scottish Gardens"

p. 5. Oil palms. 9,000 acres in Honduras and 16,000 in Costa Rica; doesn't that make 25,000 instead of 35,000? Unless there are 10,000 additional acres in other regions in which case this should be made clear.

p. 6. Mangoes. I think we now eliminate the g, don't we?

p. 7. Abaca varieties. I think the common names of 6 varieties Harry Edwards brought to the Americas are spelled: Bunglanon, Maguindanao, Tangongon, Libutan, Ruteen, and Sibaba.

p. 8. Next to last line. Gigantochloa

p. 10. Coffee. C. stenophylla.

p. 11. Lychee: I would add that many air-layered trees of the Brewster variety were distributed as well as seedlings.

Antigua, 30 Jan 1967

Prof. John V. Watkins,
Gainesville, USA

Dear Juanito:

Your note of the 23rd instant. I will have my paper ready this week. I am still not happy about it. I have written it three times. Still not happy. I'll write it over again this week and send it along.

Francamente, I really would prefer not to take part in that Committee meeting. There is so much about me in some of the papers that it is highly embarrassing. I will appoint any proxy you suggest. Just name one.

As for a good photo of Lancetilla, I suspect they have excellent ones at La Lima. I wonder if anyone who was there, the day we made our visit, took some good ones. There seemed to be quite a few cameras in action. I think Bob Armour will be able to line things up. I have some old ones here, taken in the early days. I wonder if one of these might not be worth while? If you think so, I will go thru my collection.

Many thanks for checking on the old clock. Hugh wrote, just before he left Gainesville, that he had inquired and that he figured the clock might be ready by Easter. Gracias a Dios, we are in ~~hurry~~ at all. (By the time we get it, that clock will really be an antique).

Hastily yrs,

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
February 17, 1967

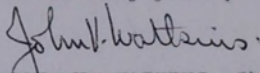
Dr. Harold F. Winters
New Crops Research Branch
United States Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Dr. Winters:

The many, excellent glossy prints for PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLANT INTRODUCTION arrived today. For your diligence and good taste in selecting these fine photographs, please accept my sincere thanks. The book will be outstanding for its illustrations.

Committee members R. Armour and W. Popenoe, who will receive copies of this letter, will fly from Central America to help select illustrations and participate in final arrangements for publication. This meeting will take place at my home on March 14th.

Gratefully yours,



JOHN V. WATKINS, Chairman
Editorial Committee for
Publishing the Proceedings

Antigua, Guatemala, 23 Feb 1967

Professor John V Watkins,
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Juanito:

Thanks for sending me copy of your letter to Harold Winters, anent photographs sent by him. This reminds me to mention once more the matter of fotos from Lancetilla.

It must have been about ten years ago that David Radler, who was then handling publications of the Research Dept at La Lima, prepared a very handsome brochure on Lancetilla. He showed me the dummy, one day in Tegucigalpa. There were lots of fotos, good ones. This brochure was never published, I feel sure, but somewhere (presumably at La Lima) they should have the dummy and presumably the negatives. How about your writing Dunlap at 321 St Charles Avenue (United Fruit Co. Bldg), New Orleans, and ask him to see if he cant send you half a dozen from which to choose. Since we have money for plenty of illustrations, several nice ones of Lancetilla would be in order, dont you think?

I will probably be arriving in Gainesville several days before the March 14 meeting. I may ask you to meet me at Waldo or the airport, probably the former.

Faithfully yrs,

Wilson Popenoe

MEMORANDUM

April 29 1967

To Don Pöge -

From JOHN V. WATKINS

Thank you for your note of the 21st saying you would mail proofs to Rose. I guess it's best to follow their instructions; then they can collate corrections from all editors. Mail others to Rose. I'm glad I'm through!

Thank you for saying that ours will be a valuable book.

Yes, you're right, talk with Bob in June about needed copies.

Arrangements will have to be made with Rose to act as postal agent

In Reply to Above: for the books as copies will go all over the world! Aronson will have to negotiate a separate contract on the mailing.

I hope that I may see you in a month.

Cordially,

J.

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
32601

April 17, 1967

Rose Printing Company
Box 2275
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

re: Production AH
Job No. 8401
Galley 24-41

Transmitted herewith are corrected galley 24-41 plus copy, which I received on April 14, 1967. As before, the printing is excellent, and most of the corrections on the galley are for stenographer's mistakes.


Starting with galley 35, the addresses or ~~jobs~~ ^{places of employment} of the scientists appear incorrectly in italics. Please see galley 1, which is correct.

Although you did not so indicate, I assume that galley were airmailed to Dr Armour and Dr Popenoe, as I requested in my letter to you dated April 10, 1967. We must await their corrections.

Please advise me if the index will be made by a staff member there, or if I am to finish the index.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Dr Armour
Dr Popenoe ✓


JOHN V WATKINS
for the editorial
committee

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
32601
April 29, 1967

Rose Printing Company
Box 2275
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

re: Production/rmg
Job No. 8401
Galleys 42-57
MS 146-236

Transmitted herewith are corrected galleys 42-57, plus copy, which I received on April 25, 1967. As before, the printing job is excellent. This completes galley-reading for me.

I shall be pleased to receive samples of headings set in various Janson caps, probably not boldface.

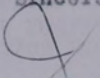
Mr Jorge Gomez answered my query about page numbers on the index when he called on me on April 24, 1967. Mr Gomez stated that your staff would page the index, for which I am very grateful.

In this last batch some of the scientists' addresses appear incorrectly in italics. Italics for job or title-OK, but institution or address appears in regular type face. See Ryerson article.

Frontispiece, Figure 1 requires the photo-credit Meyer and Figure 10 needs to be credited to Larks. See photo-credit printed for Figure 17. This is correct.

cc: Dr Armour
Dr Popenoe ✓

Sincerely yours,


JOHN V WATKINS
for the editorial
committee

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 May 1967

Prof. John V. Watkins,
1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Fla 32601

Dear Juanito:

Herewith three batches of proof. The first one came to me from Bob Armour, which had been corrected by you. I think this is the batch which I received from Rose direct, corrected, and sent back to Rose direct, realizing too late that it should have gone to you.

The last two batches came to me from Rose. I had one of them corrected and ready to send you, when the final one came so I held everything until I had read the final batch.

As far as I know, you should with this lot have everything which has been sent down here, with this exception: I believe there were two or three galley's lacking in the lots sent here. Therefore, if you find some missing ones, it is because they were left out of the shipments made by Rose.

Judging by the first lot, which had gone thru your hands and was corrected in red (I did mine in blue pencil) you are doing a much finer job of correcting than I would have done. I guess you will still have some work to do in connection with the headings of some of the papers. There is some mighty fine material in this proposed publication. I believe it may have a rather wide sale.

I am flying up to Boston June 3 or 4, to attend an EAP Board meeting. Might stop in Gainesville a few days on the way home, but not long, if at all. It would be about June 10.

Siempre su muy atto y afmo amigo, QBSM,

MEMORANDUM

To

W.P.

From JOHN V. WATKINS

May 19 19 67

New Heads, (#1) are beautiful. I'm sure you'll like.

Can't get action on #3!

Book may be running thru presses June 12 or so, if
you come here, I'll take you up to see.

J.

In Reply to Above:

1811 NW 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
32601

May 19, 1967

Rose Printing Company
Box 2275
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

re: Production rmg
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
Transmitted herewith are all corrected galleys, plus copy and illustrations, and approved new headings. I have marked these "SAMPLE A". Reset all heads in this type face.

Please proceed now with page proof, and submit these to me, not to the other members of the committee.

On March 28, 1967 I forwarded a request of Mr Francisco de Sola, San Salvador, El Salvador, C.A. for an estimate of the charge for imprinting the names of certain persons in the lower right-hand corner of the book's binding. Submit this estimate to Mr de Sola, with a carbon copy to Dr Armour.

cc: Mr de Sola
Dr Popenoe ✓
Dr Armour

Sincerely yours,


JOHN J. WATKINS
for the editorial
committee

Antigua, Guatemala, 19 June 1967

Prof. John V. Watkins
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Juanito:

~~Here is~~ a batch of proof which was awaiting me when I returned from Boston a few days, sent by Rose with instructions to return it to you, which is as it should be.

I have gone over this proof twice. There are two major points I feel deserve attention. First, that "seal" of EAP on the title page. This is not the seal of the school. I think it is one Bill Pasdook fixed up when he switched from the original diploma to the new one he gave with the title of "Agrónomo". In the first place, "Labor Omnia Vincit" was not INC. 1941. "Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" was, and in the second place, you don't put your apartado number on a seal - not even the Great Seal of the United States. I think we simply must get Bob Armour to send up the official seal of EAP - a new die was made a year or two ago, because the old one was about worn out. This is the seal used on official documents and used to be used on all diplomas, after being impressed on one of those big gold seals.

The other major point is: that picture of Wilson Pápeno on his way from Honda to Facatativa. This has been worrying me a great deal; I am sure the brethren will say it looks like a boy scout on vacation. I have a better one (enclosed) which looks as though I had really accumulated some material for shipment to the USA. I enclose this picture, together with caption, and I do hope you can throw out the other one and use this. Please please try to do this.

Siempre su muy afmo. y SS

January 19, 1971

Dear Popé:

Well, here I am in the "old ladies' home" that you continuously warned me against, and loving every minute of it. This is indeed Shangri-La, as near to heaven as I ever expect to get. As you judge from the engraving, this is a luxury facility and livin' is easy. Every possible amenity is supplied cheerfully, expertly, and adequately. Fortunately, the location is in the center city, so that residents can walk to most places that they need to go. I am so relieved to allow the little white Anglia to stand; sometimes I don't crank her up for a week or so.

Ofcourse, I miss my few Gville friends, but the campus and the city are well left behind. I couldn't care less. I try to keep up my correspondence with the folks back home, and I'll try to do better in answering your fine letters. I have been remiss because of the move, the packing, the necessary physical examinations, Christmas, and my deteriorating health. Right now, I'm in the throes of trying to establish contact with a fresh set of medicos. Every physician is so jam-packed that he feels that he can't take on another patient. I have found a fine g.p. who has seen me and will run some tests (before you receive this) and try to keep this frail corpus breathing a few more gasps.

My room, 710, with my things spread about is truly home, my balcony (I'm on the other side of the building) looks out over to the Gulf of Mexico beyond the shining Manatee River. On the shore grow such tropical goodies as Mangifera indica, Cocos nucifera, Persea americana and others too numerous to list.

I saw John Popenoe for a minute at the Miami meetings last autumn, but as I did not tarry long, and as I did not sit in boring sessions, I met comparatively few others. That Miami Beach is not for me, I don't blame you for not coming.

Already the girls (and boys) have had me lead horticultural walks around the beautiful, spacious grounds, telling the residents what the names of their tropical plants are. This is the only time I have gardenized since my retirement seven years ago. It didn't hurt much, and several persons went down town and bought my book !!

Sorry that I won't get to see you at income tax time, as I had looked forward to talking with you again, but it's not to be. I was surprised to learn that the Armours are to return to Scotland. I'm sorry that I made my trip there in 1970, before thier re-establishment; else, I might have seen them.

Very best wishes from Juan Benigno.

[X/11/72]

Dear Popi:

Your fine letter of October 5th was most welcome as you are frequently in my thoughts. I am glad to know that you are still healthy, though I agree that age is terrifying. I suffer great pains in my legs & so I sympathize with all sufferers, believe me.

Bob Spinner, never a favorite of mine, did poorly by EAP & I'm sorry. Government would maybe fine for him. I loved his wife, who must put up with a lot.

This envelope is from the fine de luxe Cruise ship Pennsylvanian, in which I rounded South America. At lunch on ^{one of the shore excursions} ~~in the morning~~ I thought of you & your great & good friend Golo-Blaza & your honor. Patagonian fjords were most enthralling & the lights on Tierras de Fuego were from oil wells, new in 1972. Life aboard luxury lines in 1972 is most pleasant. I met lovely people, still correspond with them. Played gin rummy every day for nickels, never had so much fun in my life.

Brazilia was a thrill & Panama a disappointment, Rio was crowded, ^{too many} ~~carica~~ ^{extra last summer} They from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska. This inland passage cruise in July, again, lovely fellow-passengers & gin rummy every day. I felt sure that I mailed you a card somewhere along the line. Possibly I'm mistaken.

Life here at Arbory Towers flows along. Little John was elected president of the Residents' Association & I fight the battle of trivia when I'm not napping, playing cards or shuffleboard. A couple months ago b; six; SIX; !!! manatees swim up our estuary, quite near to our sea wall!! What a thrill for the residents to view these huge, friendly sea monsters.

I never see Rescuers, get doubt that the history has been published. Late in November I plan to bus to Gainesville to witness the progress that has taken place during my absence of two years. Your devoted friend,
Juanito 10/11/72

Election Day in the US of A
November 5, 1974.

Dear Pópö:

Thanks for your super letter of October 29th. Although I shall try, this typing will not equal yours.

Yes, as you see from the contents, I do my share of traveling. I was a late starter, so I have to try to make up for it. This Russian ship is a super vessel upon which I had a most delightful cruise. Karen & I are booked on Mermoz for a Christmas cruise to Mayaland, during which, I'll visit the principal ruins; then in March I plan on Leonardo da Vinci to Med. & the Near East, health permitting. Y'all did the right thing to let Ed have Nuestros libros, I 'spose he's right about changing the title, and I hope this will enable Ed to sell all of the copies. I'm surprised to learn that he's still going.

Golby told me that ASHS will meet in Guatemala in July. Although I have not attended meetings of late years, I plan to telephone to him for details, then I'll go 'long to la tierra de primera eterna. No doubt, I'll be able to see my dear Pópö. Incidentally, when Kissinger succeeds in opening Cuba to yanki tourists, I hope to be on that first cruise ship. I do love that island, La Perla de las Antillas.

I no longer am President here and I have discontinued my feature, Plant of the Week. For this age group, it was a lost cause.

Wolfes sent a card from Istanbul, and I get the idea that they were headed around the world. I never see Gainesvilleans (nor Bradentonians, either, for that matter) yet I don't seem to miss the contacts. As the GI said, 'All I want is a faint recollection'. My pension appears in my checking account each month, and that's all anyone can ask.

Thank you, and best wishes; see you in July.

Juan Benigno.

[John V. Watkins]

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Itinerary
 Prepared For

MR. JOHN V. WATKINS

Wed.
 Sep. 4

BOSTON

Proceed independently to Commonwealth Pier #4 in time to sail on the MAXIM GORKI.

Embarkation Commences at: 2:00 - 3:30 PM

THE MAXIM GORKI SAILS AT: 4:00 PM

Cabin #58 has been reserved on board.

A large table has been requested. Please reconfirm your dining room reservations with the Maitre D' after the ship has sailed.

Thur.
 Sep. 5
 and
 Fri.
 Sep. 6

AT SEA!

Sat.
 Sep. 7

QUEBEC

Arr: 9:00 AM

Dep: 8:00 PM

Sun.
 Sep. 8

MONTREAL

Arr: 8:00 AM

Dep: 6:00 PM

Mon.
 Sep. 9

SAGUENAY

Arr: 10:00 AM

Dep: 3:00 PM

Tues.
 Sep. 10

GASPE

Arr: 9:00 AM

Dep: 4:00 PM

Wed.
 Sep. 11

PRINCE
 EDWARD
 ISLAND

Arr: 8:00 AM

Dep: 6:00 PM

Thur.
 Sep. 12

AT SEA!

Fri.
 Sep. 13

BOSTON

Arr: 8:00 AM

Proceed independently to the Lenox Hotel where accommodations have been reserved until September 16th.

NOTE: PLEASE BRING ALONG SOME "PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP" WITH YOU I.E. BIRTH CERTIFICATE, OLD PASSPORT, ETC.

BON VOYAGE!

Schedules in this Itinerary are correct at the time of writing. They are subject to change. Please make your own reservations at each stopover.

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CROISIÈRES
PAQUET

~~to~~
Back home & glad to be here!
January 7, 1975

Dear Pöge:

One of the highlights of my Maya cruise was our visit to the village of Copán, after we had toured the ruins there. That picturesque town, so clean, so colonial, so unspoiled was a delight. The Hotel Marina served us a delicious native meal in the patio, which we all enjoyed very much. The modern, luxurious marina area was sumptuous.

Fine cruise companions were met here Jim Mc Clamrock from Geville. I think you had met Jim. Cuna Indians on San Blas were a revelation. See you next summer.
Happy 1975 from Juan Benigno.