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Hotel Antigua

Dear Mr. Popenoe - Antigua, Guatemala, C. A. Jan. 25, 1973

We had the pleasure of meeting you and Mrs. Popenoe when we were here for a short visit a year ago. We like Antigua so much that this year we shall stay until April, and would like very much to call on you and Mrs. Popenoe again at your convenience.

I want to discuss with you the possibility of bringing out a new edition of Dorothy Popenoe's book on Antigua, to be printed here in Guatemala and put on sale locally. The Harvard University Press will be glad to release the copyright to a publisher here, and I'm sure the Oxford Press would do likewise should it be necessary. So many people have enjoyed my own first edition that it is about to fall apart. I have had it since it was published in 1933.

Looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Popenoe again - Sincerely,

GUATEMALA BILTMORE - CAMINO REAL - HOTEL ANTIGUA

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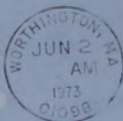
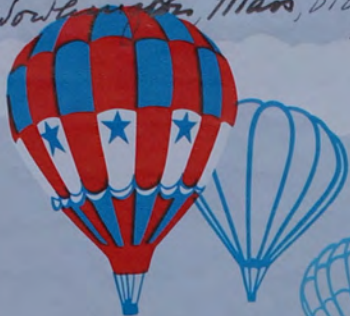
Dear Mr. Popenoe -

June 12th, 1973

It was good to hear from you and to have your approval. My husband, who helps unveiling hitherto unsuspected talents to me, has designed a cover for The Book which I'm sure you'll like. I'm coming to Antigua June 12th and I'll bring the mock-up for you to see. The estimate is \$75 a copy, using the finest paper, for 3000 copies. The publisher is very glad to be able to undertake it in the slack season, so it will be ready to go on sale by November. I want to go over with you the means of getting it into Guatemala and distributed for sale there. We'd like to keep some copies for certain travel agents who are our friends. The selling price will have to be figured later.

I'm only coming to Antigua for a couple of weeks, hopefully to see how Finca Pauchita is doing. Of course Ed Shook is in charge, and

Mrs. Jon Wiig
Worcester, Mass, 01098



Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala
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Additional message area

There couldn't be a better person
for getting things done - He says the
rainy season is under way at last,
so Guatemala will be a flower
garden -

Warmest regards from us both -
yours

Francesca Wiig - now known
as Parichip

6/9/73
Dear Dr. Poppenoe -

Here I am home in the Hotel and glad to be here. Tom follows in a week.

I have a mock-up of the format of the Book and it awaits your

approval. Tom designed it and I'm proud of him! The publisher plans to get it out next Fall.

Hoping to see you -

Yours

Francesca Wiig

Judge and Mrs. Jon Wiig

6/23 (1973)

Dear Wilson -

I'm bringing my granddaughters to see the Casa del Olidor this afternoon, but please do not disturb yourself for Alice, if you're busy. Condit's can show us around.

I talked to Tom and he says the publishers would like to print out The Book this summer, without combining it with a translation that will have to be separate.

I've corrected Tom's misspelling of your name very firmly!
We leave next Thursday to avoid 4th of July traffic.

Hasta luego
Frankena

Judge and Mrs. Jon Wiig

Dear Alice & Wilson -

Tom sent this first copy ahead, saying that his eyes hurt, yours are to see it till he brings the whole order down. He designed the format, and I'm proud of him.

Also, I wish he'd hurry up and get here!

Quinn tells me you're not feeling very well and I'm sorry. I'll pay a call when you're up to it.

devotedly,

Francesca

12/6/73

Judge and Mrs. Jon Wiig

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4 April 1974

Memo to Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

L.E. Traynor, Cdr., U.S. Navy (Ret.), has my power of attorney to act for me during my absence. His address:
Edificio CASA
7a. Calle "A" 7-11 Zona 9
Guatemala City

Telephone 67197

This is in the same office
with Sr. Carlos Hegel, our
architect.

When the books arrive he will bring 1,000 copies to you for storage.

He will make arrangements for placing the other books on sale at the places we talked about this morning.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

I look forward to seeing you, all of the family in July.

Hastily,

Jon

Dear Mr. Pope -

5/10/73

but you think we are fly. by. night
I'm writing to let you know that we are
awaiting a final estimate from the Stud-
ley press on the publication of Albrothly's
book. It happens that I received from
Bob Heizer a copy of his book on a
possible find of Cabrillo's grave marks
and the format seemed to my husband
to be exactly what was needed. I gave
Ed Shook another copy of the same
book and if he and Jerry have re-
covered from their move to Sto. Domini-
go and can lay hands on it, you
might like to pass on it. It was put
out by the Univ. of Calif. press and,
although not in hard cover, is a
fine example of paper, printing, and
format. The original text of Albrothly's
book would fit nicely. St. Domingos

Additional message area

It's so beautiful here in Worthington
right now that we can just bear to
stay away from our Finca Pauchita
in Parrachos until Ed informs us
that our drilled well is in, and the
rains have begun, so that you can
start his plantation of Xmas trees!
Mean while we say in all sincerity
Wash. to winter.
Lucy Moffat Wiig

Mrs. Tom Wiig
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artist will show us several possible cover designs to choose from, keeping to Spanish Colonial themes, and using as a title: "The Story of Antigua Guatemala." Don Barber's biography will be omitted but Dorothy's own preface will be included. A new title page will be in order along the lines we discussed with you.

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23 Mayo 1974

Dear Wilson:

Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc., have written to Studley Press, Dalton, Massachusetts, asking if they would be interested in publishing a paperback of THE HOUSE IN ANTIGUA. Harper & Row's paperback division are unwilling to undertake the job, but the company is "willing to relinquish the paperback rights" if Studley is interested,--which they are not.

Studley has asked me if I would be interested in view of our publishing the recent edition of Dorothy's book. Francesca has a copy of the book. It is, of course, extremely interesting for us.

Before making additional inquiries, etc. we would like to have your thoughts on the matter.

I don't know if my second lot of the books have arrived in Guatemala. No word from Cmdr. Traynor of anything definite. I wish they had arrived before I left.

Francesca will come down in June or July if Carlos Hegel reports enough progress on the house on Callejon del Sol to make her visit be helpful.

We are busy as bees here and in good health. Glad to hear that Anne Yancey and her friends found quarters of yours. She is a peach.

Affectionate regards from us to Alice, Sally and you.

Cordially,

Jon.

Dear Wilson and Uwee.

[May 25, 1970]

I'm not returning to Guatemala in June as I told you because Tom and I are celebrating our 50th anniversary and the children & grandchildren are making it a big party. Also one grand-son is getting married in Honolulu Aug. 11th, and I do want to be there. The bride is a beautiful Japanese girl, the ceremony, Buddhist. Wouldn't miss it for the world. I can go to Honolulu by way of Antigua to see to our new home there. You were dears to ask me to go to Honduras with you in June. Please may I have another chance?

Harper & Tork, who hold the copy right on Adam's "House in Antigua" wrote the Studley Press they would release it if Studley wanted to bring it out, so Studley promptly got in touch with Tom, and he wanted to ask what you thought Wilson. I have a copy, but Tom's never read it. I read it years ago, and remember thinking it rather poor. Anyway, I read it through last night and told Tom I thought it even worse! Very dated, historically inaccurate, and the part about bloodly reads like a reference for a business executive job. Not a

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25th anniversary



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w/1 of her genius for friendship. I
think Adaline was being paid by
the word, as publishers used to do. At
any rate, I know Ton wouldn't con-
sider it without first reading it and
getting your opinion too - (seeing
if you would approve or not.)
Love to you both and to Sally.
Devotedly,
Francesca

Antigua, Guatemala 30 May 1974

Dear Jon:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd, and one from Francesca received the same day, I definitely am not in favor of reprinting Louis Adamic's "The House in Antigua". As Francesca points out it is not accurate historically - he populated the house with a number of important families whom we have no reason to believe ever lived here. This has on several occasions caused me some embarrassment. At the time Louis wrote the book, right here in our house, I argued with him about several points and made him mention in his MS that I had objected to several of his statements, but he said he was not so much interested in historical accuracy as he was in painting a romantic picture of life in those early colonial days. I have several times explained to friends that the book is really a "historical novel". So don't let's encourage anyone to get out a new edition!

I have been sorry to have no word from Commander Traynor, as yet, regarding the shipment of "The Story of Antigua". The delay has not mattered a great deal, however, because there have been every few tourists of the right kind for the past six weeks or so. Lots of hippies who according to Arturo Pellecer the best taxi driver in Antigua sit in the park, drink water from the fountain, eat bananas and sleep on the park benches.

Night before last the Pensativo overflowed its banks up at the bridge where you cross over to the highway going to Guatemala, and there was a torrent down to the plaza or central park which eliminated a refrigerator in front of the

Hotel Contreras - I don't know where it came from - and dumped a foot or two of mud along the main street which they have bulldozers trying to clear away this morning. It is a repetition on a small scale of what happened to the first capital on Guatemala (which we now call Ciudad Vieja) in 1541 and five years ago we had a similar flash flood which took away part of San Juan del Obispo. Not much water along the front of your property and nothing but two or three inches of mud in front of our house.

Since you are not coming soon and we have news that mangoes are ripening in our splendid orchard over at Escuela Agrícola Panamericana Alice and I are flying over there tomorrow and plan to stay a couple of weeks if all goes well here in Antigua. Perhaps we can all four drive over there some time in the autumn, after the rains are over; November and December are fine months all over Central America.

Don Willever still has 40 copies of Dorothy's book on hand. As you know, he is offering them at \$2.50 but not many people interested in books come to his shop.

Alice joins me in warmest regards to you both.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Dear Alice & Wilson.

June 8 -
[1974]

It was good to have your news in your letter of May 30th. I was especially glad of your opinion of the Adamic books - rotten. A letter from Cars Canfield to Tom released the paper back rights, but of course now nothing will be done. Tom still hasn't read it - too busy farming.

I'm coming June 26th with my granddaughters & staying at the Hotel for about 3 weeks - Naturally I want to see how the house is coming along, and especially I want to pick out plants in that heavenly Falla garden to be put in our garden later as Don - is it Arturo? - so kindly offered.

The Story of Antigua hasn't reached you - 2 good copies - because Larry Trainor, acting as our agent got them through customs and has them at his house, but can't clear our car through customs, which is

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The only vehicle big enough to
carry them. It's been recalled
twice but Larry thinks he'll get
it before I arrive. As soon as he does
he'll deliver the books.

Thank heaven the flood did no
more damage than it did!
Hasta la vista. Love
Francesca

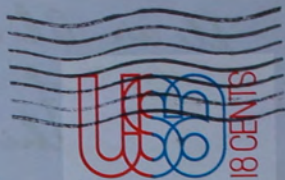
Dear Alice & Wilson-

6/21/74

All of a sudden a letter from our architect, Carlos Hegel, advises me not to come at present because of the damage by the flood. He is moving to Gua. City because commuting as he has been doing between his home in Antigua and his office in Gua. City is too difficult. He tells of typhoid shots being required, pool closed, etc., so it is certainly not the time to bring a granddaughter for a pleasure trip! He thinks by August it will be all right, and of course I'll let you know. Maybe I'll get to meet Marion at last!

Commander Traynor has only just got our car out of the clutches of the aduana, and

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Additional message area

you should be receiving the
books very soon, if you haven't
already.

Love to you both.

Francesca