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Doc and Alice:

Rob has had to go off to town for a 2:30 meeting with the President of Banco Fomento. He wants me to tell you that he will come over to tell you the news when he gets back, and he estimates their return about 6:00.

Unfortunately, Toñio returned with the Mercedes while Rob was taking a siesta and the girls didn't tell us he was here. So Rob begged a ride to town with Ronald Kemp...that hot, dusty ride in a Land Rover when he could have gone in the air conditioned car! Toñio had parked it far back so he wouldn't hit laundry the girls had hung in the garage and we couldn't see the car.... and, of course, they never thought to tell Rob as he went out of the house!!

I am doing the hand washing this afternoon because what with 10 sheets I will need my whole morning tomorrow for the rest. But I will come over with Rob whenever he gets home. Do not even think of an offer for us to eat there with you...we all need to get to bed early tonight methinks! Rob will need to after this latest flying trip!

Rob wonders if the AID man from Washington will arrive tomorrow after hearing of the Golbe...we shall wait and see and I am going ahead with planning my dinner Wednesday night. Ronald and Tony say they can't come but we will perhaps find three others to make up the group...

I miss the mail and newspapers which come at noon usually... Rob is hopeful that they will come out later today in the Carmelita because the radio continues announcements that all comercio etc. is normal...

Haddy d. m. Thanks for getting all my furniture back...and you shouldn't have gone to the trouble of cleaning it up...my two could have stirred their bones a bit!!!

Rie

American Airlines

In Flight... DALLAS/WASHINGTON D.C to Mexico City

Altitude; TOO HIGH (32,000 ft)

Location; JUST OVER NASHVILLE TENN. - OR SO the pilot tells us - 11:00am -

Dear Doc: Have just finished a second breakfast, since Rui served me one at the more normal hour of 6.45 back in Reston - this one on board may well serve as lunch to-day, although I am not at all sure what plans they have for us after we leave the Dallas/Ft Worth area as it will then be about noon (local Texas time that is!)

Speaking of time I seem to have been very short of it recently & have really meant to get out a decent letter to you long before this, instead of the occasional card I have been shooting off to you & Alice during my travels. Also "time-wise" I always wanted to tell you of one of the vicarious pleasures we had by working in Washington. As I walk my one measured block along Pennsylvania Ave (one block from where M^rN lives) - i.e. between 17th & 18th Sts. - I pass a bank which informs me, in electrical dotted glow - the day - exact time & temperature, thus ensuring that I have all the requisite data before reaching the W.B. Office at the corner of 18th & 17th Sts. Incidentally, I was only back at work this time last, after my return from Mexico City I expect

American Airlines - (2)

In Flight...

Altitude;

as per page (1)

Location;

to be at home base for the month of August. This particular trip - which will take me to the offices of FAO/UNEP in Mexico city & then out to Cuadras, Tabasco State, for a few days, is being done at the request of FAO & concerns a "Zamoran" type school - sounds familiar to you I am sure Doc! Anyway the best I can do possibly is to say "beware of review teams - and flee for your life when they come on the scene"

Incidentally have you heard anything of Dr. J. Wayne Kelly recently? Margaret Muller (Berle's sister) who is spending two weeks with us at the moment mentioned that he (Kelly) had rented a house from Dr. Greenman until their own was built. I had been hoping for more news of Zamorano after you return from your mango eating expedition & I hope you didn't have to bargain with the Turcos from town at the \$ps. 10.00 a tree rate. The Bank had an economic mission in Honduras recently & Fabian Portilla - late director of INIA went along as a consultant. They brought back their own views on Zamorano, after a visit by a few

In Flight...

Altitude;

Location;

team members there & of course you would note it mentioned in the news letter.

My last 6 weeks trip - 4 in Brazil & 2 in Colombia was very interesting indeed - particularly the latter 2 weeks in Brazil when we had Dr Ed Wellhausen on the team. He was inquiring after your health Doc & may get by to see you when he is in Guatemala, during the latter part of August I think it is to be - anyhow I asked him to drop you a cable a few days ahead of time if he plans to go out to Antigua. Ed is a real gentleman & a pleasure to work with. As you know Mr Wellhausen died a few years ago & his own health was critical about that time (he had a severe attack of phlebitis) anyhow he is in fine shape now and like you enjoys walking as a means of exercise. The Brazilian project concerns agric. research, on a wide scale, & I may become eventually, more involved in this area.

In a few days time I will have completed my first 6 months on the permanent staff of the Bank (Aug 4) & the time has passed quickly. I find the work pleasantly varied & interesting

In Flight...

Altitude; P.S. The wild Sabouchnia
seuileandra of
Location; Brazil are striking!

and the staff are a pleasure to work with. The fact that I have been able to maintain my Latin American contacts of course has meant a great deal to me. Others, whom we met in Brazil incidentally were Sam Treiberg, Luis Marciano, Luis Montoya & Jose Marull. I believe I also mentioned seeing the Ol Chable family just before they left Brasilia & of course I learned that George Heytag had gone to Puerto Rico to work in the USDA bean program there. Margaret Muller told us that George passed through Gainesville recently - that he was tanned & looking well & had even put on a few pounds - which he sorely needed.

Hopefully, during my second six months I can sneak off to Guatemala for a day or two & see you & Alice & have a real chat & exchange of views & news! Unfortunately my calendar always seems to indicate Mexico or Brazil and but perhaps I can request a day or two's stop over on the latter when I have some leave due. I imagine we will go to Scotland towards the end of 1975, or early 1976, for our first long home leave. With best regards to you & Alice, Bob.

R P Armour

Antigua G, 7 March 1959

Dear Bob:

Trying to settle down for a few weeks and get the garden in order. After that year around the Mediterranean, we got back just in time to spend Christmas at home and they fly off to California for a month, whence we returned a week or so ago. Now it looks as tho I may have to go to Venezuela - as you probably have heard via the grapevine - for a few weeks only.

Two or three items to mention: primero, the meeting of the ASHS, Caribbean group at San José de Costa Rica in June - I dont have the exact dates in hand. I had a fine talk with Ernest Casseres in Mexico City, going both north and south, and he is working hard to get up a good program for the Costa Rica session. I assume and believe that you will be present, mit señora. You will of course hear from Ernest direct. Incidentally, he said he expects to move over to Cuba in August. I dont think this is confidential, but maybe we had best keep it under our hats, in view of present conditions in the Pearl of the Antilles.

Now about plants: We have a magnificent show of amaryllis at the moment. Pretty darn fine flowers. We are going to save a lot of seed - if it matures properly - and try to get these beautiful plants more widely grown in this neck of the woods. I brought back from California half a dozen varieties of the best new carnations, rooted cuttings; if they survive, and so far they look promising, carnations are worth our interest here in the highlands. They do well except that we have too many "spits" as you and I would say. We also brought back some geraniums. I dont think anything very much better than those we can already pick up around the country. But a fine genus, and worth more extensive - or more common - cultivation in the highlands here. We have lost a lot of ground on orchids, but if we go to Venezuela I am going to bring back a couple of dozen clumps of those labiata forms which they ^{have} in that country and which, to my mind, are just as good as most of the hybrids, so far as us amateurs are concerned. I dont go in for the new forms at 15 lbs sterling each, back bulbs. Hugh Craggs, whom you may have met over here, and who has a magnificent orchid and anthurium and gloxinia et id genus omne nursery at Palin, is extremely interested in those Hawaiian frangipanis. How are yours doing? They are very slow here at Antigua, but I have seven of Mr Moir's set left and growing, poco a poco. I want to get some more of the good Hibiscus varieties; they have them at Zamorano, or did have them; Paul Allen brought a fine lot from Florida a few years ago. Hombre, you ought to see what they are doing with Cameillias in California; at the Huntington Gardens near Pasadena they have 1200 varieties, and since my time, 40 years or more ago, the camellia has become perhaps the most popular ornamental flowering shrub. You would love to see them.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to you and the señora, if you can get away for a few days when we are here in Antigua, come over and stay with us. Plenty of room, always, and lots to see and talk about.

Ever yrs,



CORREO AEREO

March 25, 1959

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I was pleased to have your letter of March 7th which gave us news of your activities since returning from the Mediterranean area. We feel sure that both you and Mrs. Popenoe will enjoy your visit of a few weeks to Venezuela.

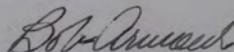
As far as the ASHS meeting in Costa Rica is concerned, I still don't know if I will be going "mit or mitout" Senora! A lot will depend on how busy we are here during June. Rie is on holiday during the middle part of June and if I do go it would be possible for her to go, too. (Rie is teaching in the Junior High School of the American School here.)

I was interested to have all your little news items concerning ornamental plants both in California and Guatemala. I think there is a possibility that we might be able to do business with Hugh Craggs on some anthuriums and gloxinias. I have mentioned this idea to Paul Allen as I understand that you are to be going over to Palin with him. Our Plumerias are perhaps growing a little faster than they would in Antigua and we are sending you 11 cuttings of 9 varieties with Paul Allen...as per attached list. Also, 18 roots of 6 of the Canna varieties and 100 root stock cuttings of roses are included. We hope that Paul is able to get these through the Aduana all right.

Rie joins me in wishing Helen and yourself a pleasant Easter holiday. We regret that we can't get away at the moment but look forward to an opportunity to come over and see you sometime.

Chico just returned from the U.S. last Saturday but is going up to New York again next week. He asked me to send you his best regards and mention that he will have more time to write later. I include a list of the plants we are sending with Paul.

Sincerely,


Bob Armour

Enc/



CORREO AEREO

#	5710	1	CORTE PLUMERIA	SALMON PINK
#	5711	1	"	" KIKAPUA WHITE
#	5713	2	"	" IKI MOIR PINK & WHITE
#	5716	2	"	" KEAUKAHA PALE PINK
#	5718	1	"	" ANINI PINK & WHITE STAR FLOWER
#	5719	1	"	" KAUPIKO DWARF LAVENDER
#	5722	1	"	" DEEP PINK
#	5723	1	"	" GRAVEYARD YELLOW
#	5724	1	"	" SCOTT PRATT RED

100 CORTES ROSA MACHO

3	BULBOS	CANNA	INDICA	ROJO	ENSENDIDO
3	"	"	"	ROJO	
3	"	"	"	AMARILLO	
3	"	"	"	ANARANJADO	
3	"	"	"	ROSADO	
3	"	"	"	BLANCO	

Antigua G, 31 March 1959

Mr Robt. Armour
H de Sola e hijos
San Salvador

Dear Bob:

Very many thanks for the plant material you sent over with Paul Allen. The rose cuttings I wanted in order to get some patrones and teach our present gardener Gonzalo how to graft, and I want to say this boy is good and I hope to make a plantsman out of him. I just wish I had enough years left to make about 50 plantsmen. We are lamentably short of good plant propagators here in Central America.

When Hugh Craggs was here a month or so ago he saw the seven plants of Hawaiian frangipani that I brought over from Zamorano - the seven left out of the ten Mr Moir sent me. He said, Oh what will you take for them, I am crazy to have those Hawaiian frangipanis! So when you sent these cuttings, Paul and I took them down to Hugh, for three reasons, (1) He will do a fine job with them, (2) he has a better climate for frangipanis than we have in Antigua, and (3) our little garden is just about full-up and I don't know what I am going to do for more room. If someone would offer me a small piece of ground with water not too far from the center of Antigua and at a price within reason I would grab it so fast it would make his head swim. I would like to make his head swim fast so he would not change his mind and come back and tell me, Es que - and so on.

So Hugh will grow and propagate the frangipanis and try to get them distributed in Guatemala. I will grow the rosa macho cuttings and try to train Gonzalo and have some more roses for our garden. And as for the cannas, I am going to start all over again and try to get more cannas growing in Guatemala. It is rather interesting that of all the varieties I introduced here in the late 1920's, two have held on and have become very popular here. One is what is now called Salmon Queen, which we introduced as Howard and Smith No. 14 and the other is ~~richard~~ canary yellow of which I have lost the name - perhaps it is Richard Bird. The "Grand Opera Series" (and I talked last month with the man at Howard and Smith's nursery near Los Angeles who helped make them) don't seem to hang on too well; they die out.

We have a magnificent lot of those hybrid amaryllis in flower right now. We are going to save seed, in the hope that someone might be interested in growing some bulbs for sale. This is a good strain. I visited ~~some of the nurseries in~~ California who are growing these things and I don't believe they have anything better.

Paul Allen says you are still thinking of going back to Scotland. I can't blame you, but we shall miss you greatly. I don't know how we are going to get even 20% as many plantsmen as we need here in Central America. I hope to drop in on you some time before autumn, and you know if you and Ric are able to run over here for a few days at any time, we will be delighted to have you with us - if we are here. And as I think I told you, except for that week in Costa Rica in June and a week in Mexico in July, when I have promised to help Ernesto Casseres with his short course in tropical horticulture (OEA Project 39) we expect to be right here. I better stay right here if I ever hope to finish that Manual of Tropical Fruit Culture in Spanish!

Helen joins in warm regards to both of you,

Sincerely,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Antigua Guatemala, 11 January 1960

APARTADO 93

Mr Robert P Armour
H de Sola e hijos
San Salvador.

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Bob:

Mr Turnbull asked me some months ago to get him some raspberry plants for his new place at Cuernavaca - about 4000 or 4500 feet. I just simply didnt know what variety to get him; Virgil Scott had some raspberries at Toncontin which he got from California, and which to my surprise did well - for a while. I wrote, and they are gone.

It then occurred to me that the best bet is Rubus glaucus, and I told Mr Turnbull not long ago that I would see if you could not send him some plants. I hope you have them available at this time. If you do not, can you prepare some for him? His permit (enclosed) is not good indefinitely, but he could easily get a new one.

You know how good Mr Turnbull was to all of us - I am not sure worked under him, but I did for many years, and it gives me pleasure to do something for him. I enclose the correspondence with instructions. Will you see what you can do? No problem about expense - we will take care of that. If you are able to make shipment, write him as requested and send me a copy. You might also give some cultural advice.

I now have cuttings of Dahlia maxoni, double white and double lavender. These plants grow 15 feet high. I want Chico to have this at Los Andes - it might also do well at Altamira. The single for is common here around 4000-6000 feet. If no other opportunity offers I am going to deliver a batch of cuttings before long to Mr Franklin who will get them over to you.

Best regards always,

Sincerely

March 11, 1960.

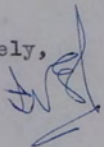
Mr. Robert P. Armour,
c/o H. de Sola e Hijos,
San Salvador, El Salvador.

Dear Bob:

On my return recently from New Orleans I found your letter of the 9th ultimo regarding the raspberry plants which you good people sent to me. Some of them look like the extremely cold weather here had been too much for them; others, just a few, will, I believe, pull through - if I only get just a few, it will be sufficient as I can from those, of course, get more.

It was nice hearing from you. Sure I remember your visits to the Turnbull farm in Honduras. I hope I can see you and Dr. Popenoe and Mr. de Sola sometime. I might take a trip down your way within the next two or three months.

Sincerely,



Dr. W. Popenoe, ✓
La Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe: Had a nice letter from you recently which I will reply to "próximamente". Lots of "recuerdos" to Elena and to you.

Sincerely,

Martin Connolly just phoned. He is headed for Guadajara - Henry Stegall died -
Todo bien aqui. Afmo Walter

1112 N.W. 1st. Place Apt. 16
Gainesville, Florida
November 29, 1960

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I have just returned from a visit with Hugh at his office in McCarty Hall; that gives the clue to the present location of the Armour "Tropical Homing Pigeons" (as you were sure we would be). To put it in a big nutshell.....You were right ! You were so right ! You were so very right !

Farming in Scotland just didn't seem very pleasant, or even profitable, after having been away for so long and we both feel we'd be much happier working in the Tropics.....with people we know and like. We spent 5 months touring the British Isles--it would be more accurate to say swimming around in the rain, fog and cold drizzle....what a summer for us to see ! They say it's the worst they've had in 20 years.....and I've been away 19 of those years...just my luck !

The decision to return to school was a difficult one but since I married a secretary-teacher-typist I thought I could put her to work this way.....(Doc, don't believe that ! Ric.)

If I'm to have a career in Tropical Horticulture some additional formal education can only be an advantage-----and I've always been interested in having more detailed knowledge of Citrus Cultivation.

I hope to be accepted here as a student, starting in February, if you don't blackball me too badly on the enclosed form. I should be most grateful if you would complete the form and return it to the address shown on the reverse side.

We are told that these forms should be returned before December 20. Incidentally, Hugh, when I saw him a few moments ago, was looking in the pink of health, very enthusiastic about his Tropical Resources Center idea and looking forward to being in Antigua for Christmas with you and Helen.

We heard from Margoth the other day and she was pleased about a letter she had received from you; she told of the death of Jaime Fla....we were sorry to have this news as we always felt he was a tragic, pathetic and most unhappy person. It will be a difficult time for Mrs. Fla.

We look forward to having news from Helen and you; we are also eager for news of the Fruit Co. since all we know is that the stock is at a new low and many of our friends in Costa Rica no longer work for UF.

Sincere thanks for your assistance with the "Confidential Report".

Sob
R.P. Armour

Antigua Guatemala, 3 Decbr 1960

Dear Bob:

As far as I am aware, you have done just two smart things in your life, (1) marrying Rie, and (2) giving up the idea of raising Ayrshire cattle, or Shetland ponies, or Toggenburg goats and hot-footing it back to this part of the world.

In other words, your letter of 29th ultimo gave Helen and estes su seguro servidor tremendous satisfaction, and I have filled out the yellow form (how many of those forms I have filled out, but none with such pleasure as this one) and am mailing it; and if anything further is required, I will hop on Aviataca and come up there and talk with my old buddy President Reitz.

When you write again, tell me howfar you plan to go with your academic education. Hugh will warn you that I never got very far with mine, but times were different 50 years ago. I am so glad Hugh is there; I think he can be useful to you, and so can Bert Muller. I think you did very well in choosing Florida, for a number of reasons. I will explain these when I get up to Miami next Semana Santa for the annual meeting of the Caribbean Region, which of course you and Rie will attend; I am looking forward to that meeting because I have worked in South Florida a good deal, beginning in 1914 -you were pretty young then.

As to local affairs, beginning with the death of Jaime Plá, Margot's son-in-law Calvo seems to think not all the facts have been established. I have heard from Chico recently, anent what he thinks is a new system for training bladders but as far as I can see the new system simply involves two strands of wire instead of three and posts farther apart. As you know, the University students have been raising quite a bit of Hell in this part of the world. I just hope Zamorano wont join. I asked the boys at the Esc Nal de Agr in Nicaragua why they went in for the strikes of the University students, because their school is not a facultad of the university, and they said "compañerismo".

Us old Ufers as we call ourselves, cant quite figure out what is going to happen. Bump is here in Guatemala City, on his own; Bill Taillon ditto; Mack Palmer ditto. We call ourselves the Farm Rejects. I have been in contact with Tommy Grieve for a month or more. He is out, as you know, and I have been trying to find a job for him. So far without success and he has just written that he is going back to Escocia to wait and see what shows up. I am still trying to get him a job with FAO. I just cant understand why they are letting so many of the old-timers go, if they intend to stay in agriculture. Alone with quite a few others I wish the Good Lord in His infinite wisdom had told me to sell my shares about two yrs ago. I could have gotten out with a whole hide. I cant now, as Hugh would say in his best Cracker lingo.

Helen joins in affectionate regards; before Hugh leaves for his Xmas with us. That scoundrel will probably blow in here at 6 p m and eat 2-1/3 lbs of beefsteak they fly off the next morning with his pal Chris Hempstead for the Alta Verapaz; but do a little briefing before he leaves so he can tell me what your plans are.

Ever yours,

1112 N.W. 1st. Place
Apt. 16
Gainesville, Florida

December 13, 1960

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I was pleased to have your letter of December 3 and to know that I have done at least two smart things since I made your acquaintance. I must confess to never having seen (or heard of) a Toggenburg goat before, but I am not partial to goats in any shape or form.

It was good of you to fill out the university yellow form so promptly and I trust it won't be necessary for you to make a personal plea to Dr. Reitz on my behalf; however, I have actually no news as yet as to whether I am to be accepted...nor in what standing. I am hopeful, however, that I will be accredited with two years of work for my practical experience. Subjects such as "American Institutions" seem inescapable but it may be possible to take them during the summer term.

Hugh and Prof. Muller have already been a great help to me and I am fortunate in having quite a few friends at the university.

You ask how far I plan to go with my education but I really have no plans beyond working for the BS degree in horticulture. They offer a course here in "Fruit Crops" with a major in Fruit Crops Research; this allows opportunity for further studies if desired.....in my case this would depend largely on how long the BS degree takes and then the state of our finances and Rie's patience! My aim, like that of so many others it seems, is to work with one or another of the international agencies such as FAO, preferably in the Latin American region. However, all this is really just so much conjecture until I have earned my degree.

You will be glad to see that U.F.Co. stock has edged up a little during the past few days, 16⁷/₈ yesterday, but I can well understand how you find it difficult to fathom many of their recent policy changes. We can only hope that these will all turn out to be for the best in the long run.

Rie and I still aren't too sure if we will be able to attend the meetings in Miami in the spring as much will depend on Rie's job.....she has to keep us both in beans and rice.....and also what classes I will have by then. Let's hope it's during spring vacation.

As you suggest, I will talk over our plans with Hugh before he leaves on his Christmas holiday to Guatemala.

Rie joins me in sending our very best wishes to both Helen and you and we hope you spend a happy holiday season in Antigua.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Amour

January 11, 1961

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

Since Hugh's Christmas plans were altered, and you can't blame Dr. Keitz since he tried---see attached clipping---I had no opportunity to give Hugh the news briefing you had mentioned in your last letter. Actually I have very little additional news to report from this end and at the moment I'm awaiting notification from the university indicating how long I'm to attend classes here. The course I have chosen is that of Fruit Crops with a major in Fruit Crops Research which gives opportunity for further study if and when I have the time and ability to take it.....I have several electives and hope to take Hugh's course on Tropical Soils as one of these.

I heard from Mr. Pansoit the other day and he indicated there might be openings with FAO, as horticultural advisor, in about a year or 18 months. This might fit in with my plans but it will be time enough to consider after we finish here.....

News from Paul and Dorothy was that they were spending Christmas in Singapore and had completed work in the Philippines, Borneo and Sarawak. They were going to Malaya next. Florence and Ben Birdsall had come over from Jakarta that day and the Dr. Allee's were also coming from Jakarta to spend Christmas in Singapore.

we drove to Jacksonville on December 27 for another visit with the Permars. It was a pleasant afternoon and we thought Joe had sparks of remembering when names like Doc Poponoe and Joe Chu were mentioned. He seems to "light up" and sometimes says a few words to indicate that he remembers something.....Mrs. Permar seemed in good spirits and one realizes how much company and mail mean to her.....

We were pleased to have your unique Christmas card and Rie wondered if Helen had painted it.....

Rie is to begin work February 1 at the University Hospital in the Microbiology Department. She has a nice office just off the wing of laboratories and says the work seems varied enough to be interesting...the hospital is spectacular----one has to see the facilities to believe it... Rie likes the idea of her own private little office after spending all of her days, for ten years, with students.....

We're comfortably settled into our little apartment here and are ready for visitors so when you find yourself this far north be sure to call us.

Spent a long afternoon with Humberto Cisneros as our guest and really had a wonderful time. Rie and I talked away in Spanish a mile a minute and Humberto had so many laughs over Rie's conversation---she talks Spanish as she learned it from the "sacapin" at Altamira. She keeps threatening to go to a Spanish class nights---and clean up her Spanish conversation.....

Enjoyed reading the life story of your brother, Paul, in the September Ladies Home Journal; you're in the story, too, as you probably already know.....

Am enclosing a few clippings.....

Sincerely,
Bob Amos

Dearest Doc,

Wednesday
August 1, 1962

How I've missed you!

It seems ages since you left us and to tell the truth there haven't been any stimulating conversation sessions without you! We hear via the grapevine that you're a busy beaver and your letter would certainly confirm that fact.

We enjoyed reading of your various "doings". I've spent every night in the Agric. Library with Rob and every day in my dull office routine. Big news is that Rob has been awarded the Ford Foundation Scholarship so he will have his masters without my monetary contribution! Guess I'll retire!!

We had a nice farewell visit with you + Rhodie and they ^(whooops!) were most happy to go to Zamorand.

By the way, Margoth got her divorce in May. Unfortunately, it all ended in great humiliation for Margoth since Romeo evidently announced his engagement to a Nicaraguan girl before Margoth even knew of the "other woman's" existence. ^{Rob says Margoth is}

desolate and afraid to return
to El Salvador and face her
friends who will say, "We
told you so" — as friends always
do! Bert Wolfe has been in the
North all summer but Mueller (Bet)
gave Pat some news of Guatemala and
you darling old wanderer! My love!

FIRST FOLD

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Apr. 16 11:22 A.M. 1962
Genius & Co., S.A.

Don Wilson
Calle de la Palapa 2
Antigua, Guatemala

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SECOND FOLD

has been great — not a drop of
wine since you left!! It's been a
blistering summer. My only news of Mae
is that she told me she got "let-
a-cuted" while turning off Hugh's
radio during a storm. "Bout knocked
meh tee' out my top of my hair!"
Love, Don. Ric

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March 9, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Tegucigalpa, D.C.

Dear Doc:

I received your letter, of to-day's date, early this afternoon. As you suggest we will get the material of Capulin cherry off to Dr. Demko as soon as possible.

Your check has now been deposited and I enclose our receipt No. 14949.

I have some seed of Cleopatra tangerine here for Mr. Stillman's brother-in-law. Since it is a small package I am sending it along to our Agent, Wadi Handal, in the hope that he can give it to you, with this letter, before you leave for the airport. I would greatly appreciate if you can see that it gets to Mr. Stillman's house and he can take it from there.

As always we enjoyed your visit to the School, brief though it was and both Rie and I wish you a very pleasant and successful trip north.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob".

R. P. Armour
Assistant Director

Encl.

My dear Doc, March 29, 1961

Sometimes, when words are so miserably inadequate, it is really better just to say, "We're so very sorry." We know you will understand our hearts are with you. Both Rob and I shall always cherish the memory of those happy days at your home, almost a year ago, when Helen was such a perfect hostess and made us feel so at home! Our lives shall always be immensely richer for having touched here.

Doc, there can always be a bed ready and waiting for you at our wee apartment - anytime you want to come and stay!

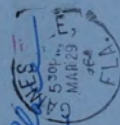
Rob has his nose deep in books these days and we hope it will pay off in June so that they'll "re-evaluate" his case and take him out of these stupid sophomore courses which waste his time and have nothing to do with the work he really loves and wants to do. Actually, he loves the university and Sails,

Ag. Econ. + Entomology, but he detests
"American Institutions and Math." Enough
of that - we've had many fine
letters from Chico and he keeps
us posted on farm affairs etc.
I have missed Altamira as
terribly - "My Heart Lies South";
indeed - The laboratory work

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is fascinating but letters from former
students make me long for the class-
room.

Again, Doc, accept our sincere sorrow
over your loss - we shall all miss
her - all ways and always.

Much love,
R. Aronau

Gainesville, Fla.
12th May 1963.

Dear Doc,

Your fine newsy, and amusing letter of the 24th April was like a breath of spring to us here. This was appropriate as we are in the "Spring" trimester but since summer temperatures have come to Gainesville with a vengeance during the past week we no longer have the weather to go with the scholastic calendar.

Rest assured that we are both pleased by the news of the appointments to the board of the "Escuela" and we look forward someday to remedying the omission of the appropriate toast you suggest.

We were interested in your news of Altamira & I am sure you would enjoy your visit to San Salvador, brief though it was. We regret you received such harsh treatment by the "gente" during the Semana Santa parade Doc but at least they were, as you say, most democratic in their taste for wallets.

I spoke with Bert Mullen here before he left for Zamorano & as he had also spoken with Messrs. Ziegler & Watkins I am sure he was able to confirm their determination to visit you this summer as planned. When I passed on to them they both

showed me their ² "Health Certificates" as an earnest of their desire to leave on schedule.

Yesterday we received a card from Dr. Wolfe. He mentioned being impressed by the quantity & quality of flowers in Spain, particularly geraniums & roses in Granada, & lilacs in Madrid. Granada had been cloudy & cold, otherwise they had sunny

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weather in Madrid & Seville. He mentions eating cherimola for the first time in Alvarado on May 6th.

I have been back at school for two weeks now & the pressure is on - though I must confess I see little change between undergraduate & post graduate studies. I see Hugh frequently & he looks well so I can assure you he is neither in Alaska or Siac. He says he hopes you are behaving in standing all best wishes.

24 abril 1963

Mr. Robert P. Armour,
No. 1112 North West 1st Pl.
Gainesville, Florida.

Recordados amigos:

En mis manos desde hace días las gratas noticias tuyas del día 7 del que corre. He tardado en contestarles para poderles suministrar unos datos interesantes. Recibí ayer un radiograma de nuestro mutuo amigo y colega, Bert Muller contándome los resultados de la reunión del Board of Trustees en New York y éstos son los siguientes:

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§ Estoy seguro que Uds. celebrarán conmigo estos nombramientos y únicamente tenemos que lamentar que no va a ser posible destapar esta tarde una botella del legítimo Oporto y servir a Bob su acostumbrado Old Parr.

Pasé la Semana santa en la Antigua sin mayores desgracias que lamentar, con excepción de mi cartera que me robaron y la cual llevaba mi licencia de manejar el volkswagon y 56 quetzales en efectivo. Francamente eso no era nada porque todos los forasteros ahí presentes perdieron algo incluso pasaportes diplomáticos y otros documentos en ciertos casos. Viva la Democracia!! Pasé dos días con los de Sola en San Salvador donde encontré a Chico algo deprimido con motivo de la muerte del buen don Herbert la semana anterior. Debido a este acontecimiento Chico no pudo asistir a la reunión de New York. Fuimos a Alta Mira pero el tiempo era corto y no logramos revisar todo. Lo que más me interesó fueron los macadamias de los cuales tiene unos seedlings ya en producción y los que me parecen extraordinariamente prometedores. Chico ya no está pensando en Pilli nuts sino en el cultivo de macadamias comercialmente. Me ha invitado a pasar una semana con él antes de regresar a Guatemala Feliz y proyecto hacerlo el fin de mayo cuando debo estar en Antigua para llevar a cabo la primera gira por los altos en busca de ciruelas, duraznos, etc. El 1 de abril asomaron en el mercado de la Antigua ciruelas muy maduras de una variedad que creo se puede identificar como Methley. Mis sinceras felicitaciones por los múltiples honores que Ud. está recibiendo como consecuencia de su excelente record hasta la fecha. Favor de decirle al Dr Ziegler que estoy pensando en los mejores lugares de Guatemala para ver los cítrí en cuanto él me honre con su visita. Le voy a escribir dentro de poco para tener la seguridad que no ha perdido las ganas de realizar el proyectado viaje a Cent. América.

Aquí en la Escuela todo va bien. Hay una buena cosecha de mangos en perspectiva y estamos rempujando piñas diariamente y una infinidad de productos hortícolas. Nunca en mi puerca vida he visto tantos y tan grandes debollas y tomates, hay lechugas, apio y todo lo demás. Estoy comiendo tantas ensaladas que empiezan a salirse por mis orejas.

Si Ud. todavía honra con su presencia las aulas del McCarthy Hall favor de saludarme al profesor Wolfe y al Profesor Watkins. Supongo que Hugo estará entre Uds. ahora, pero si tuviera que basar mi conocimiento en noticias de él no sabría si anda ahora en Alaska o en Siam.

Siempre el afectísimo amigo y servidor,

Wilson Popenoe

[ROBERT ARMOUR]

Zamorano 15 Sept 1962

Dear Bob -

I am trying hard to find an experienced man to head our horticultural department here. Last night when I was doing my home work at 2.50 a.m. it occurred to me that Tommy Grievé's job might be playing out - you will recall that he wrote us before I left Gainesville that things were not going well with the Blue Boys. Tommy may already have gone to another job. If not, and he would be interested in coming here, I would very much like to hear from him. I do not have his full address here. I have written him at Bluefields, Nic. but he may never receive it. I therefore enclose a copy and will be greatly obliged if you will mail it to him. I am sure you must have his address. Read the letter, please. In case nothing comes of this lead, see if you can think of anyone else who might fill the bill. - I plan to leave here about the 26th for Antigua - a few days - then I have to go to New York for a Board mtg on Oct 8th. If I am not delayed here I hope to stop in Gainesville a few days on my way to N.Y., but I am in the hands of my friends and they sometimes change their (and my) plans.

Affectionate regards to you both.

W. Pope

P.S. The reprints "Temperate
Zone fruits for the Central American
Highlands" has also been received.
This makes a very valuable "bench
mark" for these studies. I wonder
who will come forward to do the breeding
work you mentioned in enclosure? R.

Jamesville,
Sunday Afternoon
June 16th 1963.

Dear Doc, your letter of June 5th, from Antigua,
was received here last week. We were sorry
to hear you had a bout with the flu during
your stay in El Salvador but I hope you
enjoyed it otherwise. I know Chico greatly
enjoyed having you there & he spoke enthusiastically
of the trips you were able to make
during your visit & particularly the meeting
of the "Amigos de la Tercia" group on Carlos
Alvarez's return from Hawaii.

I am sorry, and disturbed, to learn of
the slow & disappointing growth of many of the
temperate zone fruits at Los Andes. Although it
is really no more than a continuation of the pat-
tern established during the years I knew them,
just after planting, we always felt that as soon
as they got their roots spread they would snap
out of it. I certainly agree with your general
observations regarding micro-elements & I am
wondering if the possibility of nematodes in
localized areas has been sufficiently studied.
Here again of course it is just a stab in the
dark & eliminating possibilities rather than
pin-pointing definite causes. I hope I shall
have a chance to see the trees again in the near
future. As for the strawberry leaf spot I am
sure that can be largely controlled with "Captan"
or a similar fungicide but of course costs
enter in here if application has to be at all

Referring now to Zamorano Doc I certainly welcome, & appreciate, your advice on the matter, & I do realise, as you have pointed out, that Chico is in "the drivers seat" as you say. I am certainly in agreement with the remarks you made concerning salary & I am content to wait until November now to learn of any concrete offer which can be made by the Board at that time.

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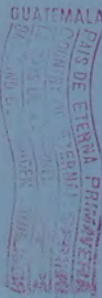
We have also noted what you



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have to say about a car &, although we were hopeful this one would last us 10 yrs, at the same time we realise there is no reason to expose our selves to inconvenience in maintenance etc. if we can make previous arrangements to avoid this. I certainly appreciate your warning & we will see what we can find out before April.

Ric is in Wisconsin at the moment having left on Tuesday to see her mother & have a medical check up with her doctor - she will be back shortly. We are in sending our very best wishes,
 Bob Armour

Studies (under Drs. Fogge & Crist) has finally gone to Costa Rica so presumably Lancelotta has lost out - if so - too bad I feel. Gainesville, Fla
Best regards from Sunday June 30th
us both Bob & Kie

Dear Doc,

Your fine letter of the 19th arrived early last week and we were glad to have news of you. Kie arrived yesterday and is feeling fine. The doctor said she must exercise more - and had probably been too careful since her operation. So we plan long walks of an evening, which I enjoy, & we hope she can swim in the University pool during the summer.

Ray Watkins was also pleased to have heard from you and, as luck would have it, I was in his office early in the morning as he was preparing to teach his last class; after 37 yrs, it was a memorable occasion for him I am sure & I hope his students appreciated just how important it was for him. He looks forward to his trip to see you later this summer & has been brushing up on his Spanish.

Doc, our car is an Austin Cambridge MODEL A.55 (1960 Model). Servicing should be routine & things like the fan belt & wiper blades could be carried as spares. Tires should present no problem. The matter of gasoline might be more of a problem since high leaded ones don't work well & we have found American (Oil Co.) unleaded types best here. As I recall only Standard Oil & Shell are available here, but I could probably

do a little checking on that from this end. Incidentally, there is a very good agency for Austins in San Salvador (GARASE CLANE) on Avenida Roosevelt. British Motor Corp (B.M.C.) sports car models are usually popular in these countries & it may well be there is a B.M.C. agency in Tegucigalpa.

I was speaking to Mr. Sharpe about Chico's Los Andes problems the other day & he too seemed to think that the question of neu-

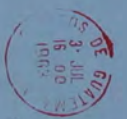
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today should be checked out. Incidentally, he was pleased to have your reprint Doc. Prof. Wolfe has allowed me to do some searching in the library this second half of the trimester on the subject of Beach Nutrition with particular reference to the Los Andes problem. I thought Chico might get something of interest from the report when it is finished. From to-day's "Sun" I see that the tropical location for the Organization for Tropical

Gainesville, Florida
8 September, 1963

Dear Doc:

Both Rie and I were pleased to receive your letter of September 1st. the other day.

We can see you are still busy "fence mending" in Tegucigalpa - at the same time loading some unwanted crotons on the unsuspecting public!

We really enjoyed these meal time conversations with Juan Benigno Bert Muller and yourself and now we see Juan was responsible (?) for Bert knowing Rie's wishes concerning the Lake House.

Bert spoke to me a few days ago concerning that conversation and he confirmed what your letter had told us, i.e., Bert is in agreement that we should have that house allocated to us. Bert also mentioned that he would be talking to members of the board concerning my appointment so I presume the groundwork is now fully laid for November 9th on that detail at least!

You will be relieved to know, Doc, that Mrs. Jurkiewicz did receive the orchids in fine shape and that after filling out her own collection she had some duplicates which the Orchid Society here sold and made \$12.00 on. She also asked me to let you know she will be writing you soon now to thank you personally and feels terrible about not having written sooner.

Incidentally, Doc, speaking of cash matters we can now give you the final account on the Reitz baggage shipment (\$32.19 less \$15.00 = \$17.19) We had quite a time convincing Mrs. Reitz that the matter had been taken care of by you but she finally succumbed...although assuring us that "Wayne just won't allow him to pay that huge sum I know it must have been!" "Oh, that is simply wonderful of Wilson." She kept trying to find out how much it was but finally gave in graciously.

School starts tomorrow and Rie started work on Wednesday so we are both plunged once more into the stream of Gainesville university life which will, we hope, deposit us safely on the banks by early April.

Hoping you continue to enjoy the "rude" health you exhibited on our visit, Doc, and hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely,
Bob *Bob*

P. S. Your "boy" Hugh had already wandered to Africa before we got in so we have the hip flask here awaiting his arrival.

Dear Doc:

This is Rie writing to give you more news on Paul and Dotty. By great good luck, we saw them for an entire day the day before we were to leave. They had just come home a half hour before I asked Rob to drive by their house so I could see it and there they were! We then spent the day, from 10:00 in the morning until 4:30 with them. Dotty looks simply fine..she has gained weight, is tanned and walks very well although still fighting a bit on the balance problem. But, it is hardly noticeable now. She says the doctor in New Orleans said she had a rare kind of TB but she, and the doctor in Tels, still feels it was a fungus. The news about Paul is dreadful. Dotty took me out for about a half hour to tell me since Paul does not mention it. It is hopeless. He is dying and dying slowly. They removed one growth from behind his bladder and some from his intestines but now it is between the wall of his stomach and the outer wall of the abdomen. There is nothing more they can do and, although Paul has told Dorothy where he wishes to be buried etc. he has not given her any idea about how to dispose of his book s etc. and this seemed to be bothering Dotty very much . They are both most courageous and Paul hides his pain well. But at times he simply has to clutch his stomach and leave. He is terribly thin and it hurts one to see his eyes with such a look of pain and longing.....I wish there was better news, Doc, and I know how you must feel since I, too, am so very fond of Paul. Dotty is carrying everything well but she is heartbroken at the irony of Paul's old mother living on and a helpless invalid...and yet Paul must go. It could be two years. It could be less. I am very glad we were able to see him. I think you should go soon....All my love, Rie *Rie*

Doc, please don't say anything about Paul since Dotty says he is trying desperately hard to keep people from knowing.

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Gainesville,
Sunday Evening
22nd Sept. 1963.

Dear Doc, your long newsy letter of the 13th arrived yesterday, Saturday, so I imagine the P.O. officials did celebrate "Las Fiestas Patrias" with traditional vigor. Your check for \$17.19 was enclosed Doc & I thank you for this - the more so perhaps when you didn't altogether approve of the way we travelled - actually the choice was not sure in this case but rather a question of taking a PAA flight or being late for school here.

I was interested to have news of the school - from Beauty Queens to nurseries & particularly to know that the latter will be in good shape for next year. Mike Merale seems to be working out very well & I look forward to seeing something of him when he arrives here in Nov. Doc Zigler has already asked me to meet him at the Airport & this I will be glad to do.

We have no news of your "wandering boy" to night except that I did talk to a pretty, & apparently knowledgeable secret. ary in Dr. McSmith's office the other day & she said Hugh would be gone six weeks returning on or about Nov. 15th.

I was glad to have such full &

first hand information on ³ Sara Burgos' baby. China had mentioned the birth but did not have details.

I'm not sure if Bert would have the information on Marco Julio Cabezas but he has just returned here from the Univ. of El Salvador (Medical Faculty) where he has accepted a post - to start sometime early next year. He seems very happy & satisfied with

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the arrangements. Talking to Simon Mado the other day he mentioned that he would possibly go to Homestead after he graduates - at least he has been considering such a move.

Almost 15,000 students are registered here this trimester so Gainesville is bursting at the seams. Incidentally, Alachua Cty. is now officially WET but it is thought it will be early in the year to be a dry county. Love you & Frankie & myself, Sincerely, Bob

Gainesville, Fla.
28th Oct. 1963.

Dear Doc:

"Homecoming" is over for another year & apart from the ignominious loss of our football team to L.S.U. (14-0) a good time was had by all. We attended the Agric. breakfast at the Hub on the Saturday morning & they had a record turn-out of over 200 people.

Earlier in the week we heard a fine lecture given by Dr. Heggen, of the Geog. Dept. on the subject "Exploring in Honduras." Dr. Heggen dealt mainly with the area of pine savannah north-west of Catacamas. We met Juan Benigno at this lecture & he came back to the apartment for a cup of coffee afterwards so we had time to discuss his experiences of the summer at leisure. After seeing Mike Morales here for a day or so he plans to take off for Jamaica for two weeks before Thanksgiving.

All our Central American correspondents confirm that you are looking exceedingly well Doc & of course this warms the cockles of our hearts here & Rie & I are very pleased to know that Jamaica has "completed the cure" for you after your stay in Gainesville.

We both noted what you had to say about the Nov. 9th meetings and, as I have said before, I feel we can leave it up to Chic & Berl. I do feel that, even irrespective of the salary level of the final offer to be made, we should perhaps just leave any role Ric may have at the school until such

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time as she is more acquainted with it & thoroughly rested. She would of course be glad to help in any way on a voluntary basis but we do feel there is no need to make it a condition of the initial appointment. Ric had already indicated to Berl. she would be willing to help with the entertaining of guests & this may well keep her busy enough again. Doc for your... & friendship, Sincerely, Bob.



You're nice to think of
Nice to know -
And it's a PLEASURE
Saying so!



Hi Sweetie! 11-7-63
I hope you're
behaving yourself!
Thought your
reticent son might
fail to give
you this clipping -
Rob attended
the lecture and
said it was

grand - while I
had to miss
it and stew
away at a
meeting of 23
clacky old
women! Am
enjoying my
job in spite
of the fact

"underdeveloped" and "per capita
income seems to indicate" — not
only that — they use "ultimate
goal" constantly! They're full
of gobbledegook — and, further-
more — one of them had the
audacity to ask me where he
could go today — I almost told
him! But — me no smokee,
no drinker — no speeky evil!!

I've missed you very much.
The doctors finally discovered why
I'm so full of nervous energy
and false pulse rates — plus
3 little heart spells recently — I
have extreme hyperthyroidism —
if 6 pills a day won't help, they
will operate — that's the story
of my life! Be sure to come
see us before you trot off
to Europe — after all — it's "pretty

that "my 3
men" - (an Associate
Professor, a Ph.D.
candidate and
a student from
Sidea) - drive
me up the wall!
And (you'll
snort) they
use "challenge"



damn seldom " we
see you. Take care -
be good.

Love,

Rie

P. S. Am' giving
a few Saluda
over a yellow
I bought last
week -

"Pretty damn seldom where
my bags. He no fly."

"Pretty Damn Seldom..."

By J. P. McEvoy

I REMEMBER when I was little how my mother used to say that a soft answer turneth away wrath, but I always thought Father's system—a gay answer—was better. Later I discovered the best system of all, and I don't mean *no* answer; for you don't get anywhere in married life not having an answer. You only get accused of being an old sourpuss.

It was a Chinese traveling in this country who evoked the magic formula which makes quarreling almost impossible for my wife and me. One day, late for his train, he rushed over to the baggage room in Grand Central Station, threw his check on the counter and demanded his bag. The attendant couldn't find it. As precious minutes went by, the Chinese finally could stand it no longer. He pounded the counter with his fist and yelled, "Pretty damn seldom where my bag go. She no fly. You no more fit run station than godsake. That's all I hope!"

Before hearing this, when anything of mine got mislaid around the house, which was every time my wife tidied up, I used to scream like a wounded banshee. But now I

merely yell, "Pretty damn seldom where my papers go!"

In the old days my wife used to come back snappily with, "If you put your papers where they belong, you'd know where to find them!"—which is sheer nonsense.

I found the only answer to such a remark was, "You no more fit run house than godsake!"—which put her in her place until she learned to retort, "That's all I hope!"—stopping all argument dead in its tracks.

In the silly old days I used to moan, "Why don't you fill out your check stubs properly?" Now I just say, "Pretty damn seldom where my money go. She no fly." And I get just as far as I ever did—which is exactly nowhere.

As for the children, we never quarrel anymore about who is spoiling which. One of us merely looks at the other and says resignedly, "You no more fit run children than godsake!" Which nobody can deny.

Well, there it is. Pretty damn seldom where your happiness go. She no fly. But if you don't try this next time instead of quarreling, you no more fit run marriage than godsake. That's all I hope. *J.P.M.*

Gainesville, Fla
Sunday Afternoon
Nov 3rd 1963.

Dear Doc:

Thank you for your revised "Notes on Temperate Zone fruits Cult. in the C.A. Highlands" which arrived the other day.

Having read it over thoroughly I see it brings us yet another step nearer to having a recommended list of varieties for the area. It is certainly important to get this information down and then refine it as more information becomes available - just as Jerry & you have already done once in this case.

Perhaps you will have already sent me to W. Sharpe but, if you haven't I should like to show him this copy and discuss the part concerning peaches with him. I know he already has a lively interest in our Central American problems with temperate fruits and of course we hope this will continue.

Incidentally I have heard from several sources, your son Hugh among them, & on several occasions that our new Provost for Agric. is most interested in strengthening Latin American ties with the Univ. of Fla and, on the occasion of a welcome address he gave at the Agric Breakfast - in connection with Homecoming weekends, he again stressed

this point.

I see Hugh occasionally, & briefly, since he seems to have been extremely busy since his return from Africa. He was pleased to get the silver hip flask & when I took it to him seemed surprised, & touched, that you had been able to locate it for him & get it up here so - if your "wandering

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"boy" doesn't always find time to write I'm sure you can, never the less, be assured of his thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending the flask. We are enjoying some glorious autumn weather just now and we hope it will continue. Katy attended Alpha zeta initiation the other night & seemed particularly interested in it. Tom being initiated into the fraternity, I hope to hear from Ric & myself, Bob.

And a kiss for the
holidays - Ric

Gainesville,
Sunday afternoon
15th Dec. 1963.

Dear Doc,

Your long newsy letter of Nov. 26th did both Ric & I the world of good. We must, of necessity, keep our nose fairly close to the grindstone here so that news from outside, especially when so wittily portrayed as in your letter, is indeed like a breath of fresh air & a pleasure to read. I also found the supporting material concerning the school of great interest & I thank you for sending this along Doc, as it gives me a very good insight into the school's operations for the coming year.

As you suggested I also had a long chat with Hugh concerning the subjects of "discipline" & "automation". Although I am not "agm" the latter, within reason, the matter of discipline interests me & concerns me more. I don't believe I would want to comment on the present situation before knowing more about it but certainly one aspect of it which Hugh told me about here, is somewhat disturbing. Suffice it to say, I think, that I am all for firm discipline & I tend towards the "old school" in this, if that is the way it is to be labelled. Needless to say both Ric & I are looking forward to being in Gainesville next year.

The best news Hugh gave us

is that we may expect you here about Ric says Gainesville

hasn't been the same without you & we both miss these Sunday afternoon visits to your apartment, so we look forward to your return.

We are now nearing the end of another busy trimester & at the moment Lee is proof-reading my term paper on "Citrus Maturity" for Dr. Ziegler. I have learned a great deal about citrus culture from him this trimester as I am also taking a course (FC439) under him on that

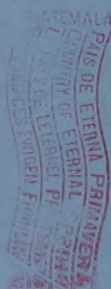
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subject. Next trimester I will be taking Heigh's course on tropical soils (S&S400); a citrus course under Dr. Kregdon & a course in Land Economics under Dr. McPherson. Incidentally I have just finished another course in Agric. Economics under Mr. Allegier. (the "good U.S. man gone wrong" - as I think you once said) I wish you success for the coming Christmas season, Bob

We look forward to
seeing you here
soon, Doc. Time she
fly! Ric

GAINESVILLE,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
5th JANUARY 1964.

Dear Doc,

We are so glad that you are
able to spend a few days with Dorothy &
work on the tribute which Paul so richly
deserves. We look forward to reading it in
the first issue of 'Citrus' to come out under
Barry Awari's editorship.

We spent a quiet, though pleasant,
Christmas & New Year holiday season here as both
Ric & I were working throughout the holiday,
Ric in her Bureau of Economic Research
& I in the Ag. Library on my thesis. By
working over the holiday I have been able
to make up for some of the time lost when
the pine-nuts failed to germinate. I suspect
they must either have suffered extremes
of temp. (hot or cold) during the air journey
or the Miami Quarantine officials were
over zealous with their fumigation process,
despite the fact that a Univ. introduction
number was used. Anyhow I am now
well advanced with my new project which
is an attempt to find out something about
the vegetative propagation (by cuttings) of some
of the commercial varieties of citrus which, so far,
have proved difficult to root by this means.

Bert Muller arrived here on the 19th
and we saw him that evening at the party
given for foreign students at the Florida Union.
He was looking very well & Zamora certainly
seems to agree with him. We had another chat
at his home later, just before he left to go
to Gainesville on Thursday. He showed

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us several pictures which had been taken
of the graduation ceremony & the "entrega" of
the San Antonio house - I am sure you are
familiar with these as you appeared "dapper
as ever" - on some of them!

As you know we see little of Hugh
as he keeps extremely busy while he is here
but, starting tomorrow I will at least see him
3 times per week as I am to take his (\$25400)

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tropical soils course. I am taking it as an elective
& I am looking forward to it. My other two courses
will be one on "Land Economics" and the other,
on the Taxonomy of Citrus, under Dr. Ryzdorn.
This should round out my education at the
U. of S! I see quite a lot of Juan Silva but,
as his program is now with Ag. Education, the
curriculum is not influenced as much by Fruit
Crops (E. M. Sharpe in particular) as you had wished
with the best regards from us both, Bob.

Dear Doc:

February 3, 1964

Your letter of January 22nd, *in answer to my letter,* which had followed you from Tela, was quickly followed by your long and interesting report on your trip Uyuca and general thoughts on the future horticultural program at the school. Incidentally, if these 25 minutes still aren't up the name of the conifer sent in by E. D. Merrill, is Metasequoia glyptostroboides. We were also given

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a specimen for Lancetilla at about the time you got yours at the school and, although Lancetilla is no place for it, as you know, it was still alive the last time I was there. I am going to file your letter for future reference as I am sure it will be a great help to me as soon as I arrive and for the years to come. Incidentally, there is somewhat of a cloud on the horizon concerning our move to Zamorano since Bert informed us, during his Christmas visit here, that the Board, i.e., Chico de Sola, wanted to reserve

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the Lake House as a guest house. With Bert's authority I wrote to Chico on the subject letting him know of Rie's rather strong feelings on the matter and, since we understand Chico has been out of the country since January 12th, and perhaps did not even receive my letter, that is as the matter stands at present. To quote Sir Harold Caccia, "You can't stand up for your government unless you can stand up to them." But we're not sure at the moment, whether Chico will appreciate this philosophy. In any case, should he ask your opinion, I believe you well know our feelings on the matter from the dinner table conversations at Zamorano last August. We spent a delightful evening with your brother, Paul, his wife, Hugh and President and Mrs. Reitz. Paul's lecture that evening, before a standing room only audience, was sensational, to say the least. Little remarks such as "Modern girls are like films that are poor--underdeveloped and overexposed," kept the college young folks in stitches....the evening was most enjoyable especially because his every gesture and expression reminded us so much of you....too bad you couldn't have been there to join in the question and answer period. I asked, in front of Hugh, thinking perhaps he might have wanted to ask it, "What is the best age to marry?" The answer was 20 to 25 years of age so your wandering boy is already ten years behind times.....but that does not seem to phase him in the least....and he is exactly the age at which I married Rie...however, Hugh did gracefully remark to me that "you and Rie are the best example of a later marriage working well." We think he is trying to improve on our record....as you know, I am taking Hugh's Tropical Soils course this semester and I am enjoying it immensely. He has an excellent course outlined, supplemented by good illustrative material which he used to the best advantage. We look forward to seeing you in March. By the way, Rhina and Jose have a new son, Sergio. Margoth was married on Dec. 27th in California and is now Mrs. Gene Flood. The stork is due to call on Juan and Yolanda Leiva any hour now...they, too, hope for a son.....Best regards from both of us. Affectionately, Rob and Rie

Gainesville,
Sunday
Feb. 16th 1964.

Dear Doc,

Your letter of Feb. 7th was received here last week. It was good of you to reply so quickly to my last epistle.

We were interested to have your news, & news, on the house situation at Zamorano and like you we can only hope that it will be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

I will be interested to hear about the Coru Conference proceedings of March 2nd-4th and what they have to say about Mr. Wallace's venture. Incidentally does he have a good hybrid suited to the higher elevations in Guatemala? The Rockefeller (ROCAMEX) hybrids we were using in El Salvador were suited only to the "tierra caliente" region so if Mr. Wallace has some suitable material for the higher elevations there may not be such a "conflict of interests" after all.

I have been seeing a great deal of your son Hugh recently - though mostly in classrooms & lecture halls! Apart from

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the 3 hrs of class period in the Tropical Soils course we (he went with me) heard him lecture on the topic of "African Landscapes" at a meeting of the Geography Club held in McCarty Auditorium. Last Thursday I also heard him lecture before the Citrus Club & that same evening he had

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yet another speaking engagement at 8:00pm. So you see your son is very much in demand as a lecturer and, in this respect, can be said to be following in his father's foot steps.

We lifted the first of the citrus cuttings yesterday & it looks as if I will have some interesting data to discuss in the near future. Best regards from us both. Bob



Saturday, June 13, 1964

Dear Doc:

It certainly seems more than just 2 weeks since you left and lots of things, mostly routine, have happened during that time.

As you know, we had the Peace Corps during the entire week immediately following your departure and things went fairly smoothly during their visit. Actually, I think Rie saw a great deal more of them than I did. Some additional planning would no doubt make these events work more more smoothly and, if they are to be a regular part of the Peace Corps program, perhaps this should be done. I was glad to be able to meet Mr. Williams, Head of AID and Mr. Mayfield, head of STICA, both of whom came out and participated in the weeks program. Mr. Knox, the Charge d'Affaires, also gave a very fine talk and I note from a recent copy of El Dia that Mr. Knox has recently been appointed to Dahomey, Africa. I should think he would be an excellent choice as Ambassador.

Now for the Horticultural Department which is what you wanted to hear about in the first place! With Bert's visit to the U. S. being advanced from the 4th to the 9th, things were brought to a head and we discussed and drew up a formal plan before he left (discussed it with the 3 professors). The plan is as follows: for the next 6 months, i.e., until the end of the school year, the department will function with Juan in charge of ornamentals and also as titular head (Jefe Interino). Mike will remain with Fruit Crops and Alfonso agreed to remain in Hortaliza for the further 6 months period. All three departments come directly under my supervision for general planning and Juan is responsible for day to day operations. This way it takes some of the "weight" of Juan's great planning mind off the other two boys and they seem happy with the arrangement--even Alfonso who, to give him his due, is cleaning up Juan's mess in the hortaliza.

In January and "Dios mediante", as you would say, we plan to give full charge of the department to Juan and also switch the other two boys to give them experience and a break from their present duties. I hope the department will be sufficiently organized by then that Juan's influence will be felt less and things will go smoothly--or as smoothly as can be under the circumstances. I am particularly pleased that Mike is to get a chance to work out the year with his fruit tree nurseries and also establish much of our new plantings.



We have been averaging about an inch of rain each afternoon for the past 5 days so things are somewhat soupy here at the moment and while it is good weather for planting we could do with a dry day or two to take care of the weeds.

The plums at Uyuca are coming in fast now and one tree, of Satsuma (?) reached a record 275 lbs. of fruit. The Reina Claudia type is also ripe and although there has been some splitting, perhaps due to the very heavy rains, we have a fair crop of these also. Peaches just aren't anything to write home, or to Antigua, about and we still lack a good peach for that elevation. Let's hope Mr. Sharpe comes up with something really good soon.

The asparagus has been excellent and there has been enough for everyone including the students. Mangos, though not a heavy crop, are coming in nicely. We harvested our first Hadens this week and a few Amnis are also ripe. Fruit fly damage has been minimal so far.

Incidentally, Mr. W. F. Huppke, who has a commercial planting of Zills and Kents on the other side of Tegucigalpa, (I believe you know his place well, Doc) puts no faith in malathion for *Anastrepha* control but tells us he gets very good results with the Bayer product, Laybasin. I would like to try some here and compare our results.

The village, and school, of Jicarito continues to grow by leaps and bounds, and the other night we went to an "Esfuerzo Morazanico" meeting where the raising of funds for an additional 2 classrooms was discussed. Your friend, Cappy Fiallos was there and gave one of his heart rending flowery speeches--we only hope he will also give the ternero he promised for the raffle at the Kermess tomorrow--the better the day the better the deed, as my mother would have said in Scotland.

Your dear friend Alfonso Blandon passed through here briefly the other day, so briefly in fact that I don't believe he cost the school a penny this trip--not because he didn't try. Bert had briefed me thoroughly before his departure so all I had to do was to cross swords and say, "No." I am finding that is a fairly handy word around here! Blandon goes to Nicaragua to work on his thesis for two months, then will be back here to teach the 3rd trimester on August 17th. David Lee left this morning on 2 wks. vacation in Florida, taking Monty Dixon's "Playboy Club" (Bunny) key with him--and such is life at E.A.P.

We look forward to your next visit and, to quote you in a letter to your friend Oton Jimenez, I trust we won't have to wait until "los zanates vuelvan blancos". This interesting remark I obtained from reading the rather fine letters in "A Homage to Standley" published



by the Chicago Museum of Natural History.

Rie is patiently awaiting the arrival of her dog, Nicky, from El Salvador today, Saturday, and I hope the truck gets through in this heavy rainstorm.

With best regards from us both.

Sincerely,

Bob
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Doc: I will add the "Ultimo Noticias", hoy, Lunes, 15 Junio. First of all, the truck did not get through yet! A telegram arrived Sunday morning with the news that they had broken down, somewhere on the other side of San Miguel...."send help". So, David left at 7:00 yesterday in another truck to rescue them....My yardboy, Jesus, is along supposedly taking care of Nicky....but I shudder to think of what may be happening to the dog....if they don't arrive by noon today I shall be a wreck....they have been gone since Thursday morning.....

Yesterday was a nightmare of visitors....we had invited Ian Creighton and his family for the day. He is Sub-Gerente of Banco Atlantida.... all went well and we were having a nice visit until 11:00 when a team of cinema people arrived from Japan...to take movies of the school. There were six in the party and Gustavo took them around for the first hour...we then took them to lunch and Rob had to spend the rest of the afternoon with them. Then, when they left, about 4:00, 6 other individuals wandered in so I loaded up the cart with gin etc. and they stayed for about an hour....by then all the glasses in the house were dirty so Rob and I went to the club for a drink and sandwich....they make wonderful, hot sandwiches....at 7:00 we dropped into bed, really exhausted....Rob laughed about the Cine men....they went to the dorms to take pictures of the boys and Rob found one boy with a really sexy novel and even sexier pictures....they managed to hide it before the cameras rolled....what a day! They took boys to the fields for pictures, too. Today they are to be in El Salvador doing photos there. I hope we can arrange to get a copy of the film for the school....it would be the least they could do one would think....

Hope you are well and behaving....miss you terribly and wish you would come back...having quite a Monday here since 6 men just went into our bathroom and yanked the tub off the wall....what a mess and what a smell! We're flooded....and 6 guests arrive tomorrow--a coronel etc...oh, well, they all gush about how they love it here so your amateur hostess isn't doing too badly....Love, Rie

1 July, 1964

Dear Doc:

Mail delivery doesn't seem to be too good just now as your letter of the 5th only reached us here about a week ago.

Thank you for the Bountiful Ridge Catalog as this will help me to keep the varieties on Mt. Uyuca straight - I hope. It is not an easy job but "un paso adelante" is that we now have about 50% of the concrete markers for the terraces made and these should be all in place before your August visit. The next step is to check what we have on each terrace, label, and redraw the map. We have received a fair amount of fruit this season so far, mostly of the Satsuma variety, but this week we had a nice lot of the larger, thick red fleshed variety*. Splitting has not been a problem this year, although there was some on the yellow Reina Claudias. What has been a problem is brown rot. Peaches were almost a total loss because of it and any bruised plums quickly get it if kept any length of time in storage. As far as peaches are concerned we can only agree with your peach expert that they have no flavor.

This leaves the crab apples and pears still to be harvested and heard from. I rather fear the pears may be ripe before your arrival but I am going up to Uyuca tomorrow and will know more after that trip.

June has been excessively wet with us here (10.50 inches instead of the 6.25 average) and this is the cause of some of our disease troubles on Uyuca as well as severely delaying the field work down here at the school. George Freytag can't get on the land with machinery, of course, and even in the nurseries our hoe work has been help up for days at a time. The nurseries certainly reflect this situation and are much too overgrown with weeds for my liking but we are helpless until things dry out this month. On the other hand, we have been lucky in getting our avocados, citrus, bananas and plantains established during this wet spell. All look well and we have few planting losses. Most of the fruit trees grafted in 1963 have also gone, with the exception of some late mangos, and I am not sorry to see them go as the nurseries were in a poor state.

Wet weather has also hampered vegetable growing of course but the area looks presentable nonetheless.

The Farm Shop class started a week or so ago under Dr. Solstad and is shaping up well--the boys are enthusiastic. It means we lose ten boys in horticulture but we must cut our cloth accordingly.

Getting back to your letter of the 5th, Doc, there are a few points I wish to answer:

- 1) Julio Pineda's chicken flocks are not producing fertile eggs as yet but will be doing so in 2 months time and we will attend to Mary Sheehy's order then.

24 August, 1964

Dear Doc:

We are glad to know you will be over here by about the tenth of next month. Bert tells me you want to live in the Staff House this time but as that is full don't forget we always have a room waiting for you at the Lake House where you can also feel free to come and go as you please.

Thank you once again Doc for making me a member of the American Pomological Society. I look forward to receiving their publications and hope to have a long and pleasant association with them. Speaking of long associations we were pleased to have a letter from Dr. Weber this week in which he enclosed a clipping from the "Alligator" concerning his retirement from the university after 42 years service--surely a record.

We have been somewhat confused here concerning the arrangement for Lancetilla and the role of the School in them and I, for one, was certainly relieved to hear that the School will have no direct administrative duties for the Station under the proposed agreement. Being well acquainted with some of the administrative headaches at close hand I just could not see how we could do justice to the job from this distance and what we want for Lancetilla is a new lease on life rather than the application of the stultifying tourniquet any tighter. Under the plan you mention, and I hope we can discuss it when you come, I see no reason why it should not have a wonderful comeback, given adequate funds, and prove a valuable field laboratory for Tropical Studies at the University of Florida.

Incidentally we had the visit of Ramon Valmayor last weekend and he told us that the Botany Dept. at the University of Florida was sadly depleted and there was talk of Paco Bendana coming back on the staff to teach. Juan Aguirre, a Cuban boy in Ag. Economics, arrived here yesterday, from Gainesville, to join the staff. He is taking Blandon's place and seems enthusiastic. He is married, to a Cuban lass and has a baby son. Capote, the other Cuban who is to join us for Meat Processing, is due to arrive before the end of the month.

I already have comparative data for 3 of the pear varieties on Uyucu and the information on Kieffer may be in before you arrive--if not you will have a chance to taste that delicious variety when you come! We find that a 10-14 day ripening period after picking gives best results.

We are interested in having the Key West apple and we might try top working a few of the crab limbs to it in September. They are certainly the cleanest thing we have. I would like to see it eventually on the Malling stocks but until we get those started perhaps we can carry it over this way.

We will certainly welcome the 100 slips of Palin pineapple and we have some of that sandy land you speak of ready or it as we didn't manage to fill it up with the material we had here.

I am sure you will see some improvement in the Hort. Dept. when you come but there is still a great deal to be done and we are still too over-extended to do a really good job with what we have. I hope we can trim this down to where we can do a better job in a smaller area and not necessarily lose any production in the process. Meantime there is still a lot of mess to clear up.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Doc: Spent the afternoon running a projector for Rob's 2-hour lab in Fruticultura II....he showed his coffee series. I teach Monday afternoon for 2 hours, III year boys....elective English....am not using the Laboratory and Bert and I had a few words over that...but I just couldn't see using it....and an exam I gave them proves they need something else more than lab. work.....time will tell....nice to be back in the saddle again.....Nicky is fine...got over his operation in great style. Dr. Matamoras did a nice job when you consider that Nicky is 70 in our age calculation....He sleeps most of the time but enjoys a nightly jeep tour of the school...also a Sunday morning tour...and he manages to keep the ducks off the lawn if he's around... had a letter from Chico today. Said he hopes to be over soon..

Love, Rie

Rie

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Antigua, 27 August 1964

Dear Bob:

Mighty good to have yours of the 24th, which came yesterday, and to have Rie's assurance that Nicky, at the same canine chronological age as I am in the human field, is as fit as I am. Maybe we will both last as long as Doctor Weber.

I am happy that you are collecting data on the pears, especially as to how they should be ripened. I am curious to know how Orient shows up; I can't forget that the first specimens I picked last year seemed quite satisfactory - about 300% better than Kieffer - but the later ones seemed to bear out the Florida opinion that Orient hasnt any flavor. I think I told you that I feel Orient in a cool climate may be better than in those hot Florida summers. The same can be said of you and me.

Milton Lau wants to go over to Los Andes and see just how you did such a wonderful job on that Mora de Castilla. I have written Chico, asking him if we can come over by car about 12 or 13 Sept. If he answers in the affirmative, we will drive over, and then a few days later I will continue by plane to Tegucigalpa, bringing with me some scions of the Key West apple, and also a few of Wealthy, Chestnut Crab, and Methley plum, all of which are doing well in my garden here. I will try to bring the pineapple slips also but am wondering how I am going to get them past the Sanidad Vegetal boys in El Salvador. The ample pockets on my raincoat will perhaps handle the apple scions.

Ramon Valaguer paid me the compliment of calling on me and we had a fine talk about horticulture in the Philippines. Doc Solstad and family also came in for a brief chat. Not counting casual visitors I have had six people in our house and guest house for the past two and a half months. Today is the first time I have been alone since I can't remember when, and tomorrow Mrs J Hillis Miller and Edith Pitts come for a week. I shall be very glad to have them, for they are fine people, and J Hillis Miller, inspired I believe by Edith Pitts, put the University of Florida in the Latin American field.

I was interested to read what Rie had to say about the electronic English business. Julio Pineda was here some days ago and told me he thought it was useful, but wasnt as necessary with small groups as it is with very large ones.

Bert writes that I can stay in the Von Wald house, under about the same arrangement as I used to have at the Lake house before Bert took over. I think this would be the best thing from your standpoint, as I shall probably be in Zamorano for six weeks or even more, between Sept and December, and if I was in your house all the time it would keep you from taking in others - especially since Bert seems to be planning a pretty full house in Sept and Oct. I will of course want to spend a lot of time over your side of the road, if Rie's cook puts out pretty good hamburgers.

Tell Rie I hope Nick is like Milton Lau's dog. Yesterday I went to their gate; out came the house girl with a big dog. Does he bite? I asked? No, he bit the cook but as a rule he doesnt bite people.

Affectionate regards to you both

Dear Doc:

Sept. 3

[1965]

Just a quickie to tell you
to be sure to bring your
"glad rags" since I know
see the grapevine that you
are invited to ~~Ula's~~ Mefia's
wedding Sept. 26th in

Teguc. Rob & I are *Jadrino*
y madrino! Much rain
here! My geraniums rotting
as you predicted! Read
final proof of your Ciba
article on Paul - looks great.
Petrona having 3 operations in
Polyclinica. I took her in

yesterday. Am collecting money
 for her bill. Have 125.00 lempes
 so far. Expect you'll want to
 give something. Bert + Rob each
 gave 50.00 — Mrs. Moreno 25.00
 See you soon — have daily breakfast
 with us at least! Maria Alvarado
 will care for you in Casa Va wald
 if you insist on staying there. Love, Ric.

← Primer pliego aqui →

VIA AEREA
 BY AIR MAIL
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 PAR AVION



Dr. Wilson Sotomayor
 Calle de la Hotelguia

Antigua
 Guatemala
 C.A.

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Nombre y dirección del remitente:

Tegucigalpa
 Honduras
 Apartado 93

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 HARA UN SOBRECARGO O SE MANDARA
 POR CORREO ORDINARIO



Para ab.

I will have more memoranda
on the subject of discipline
later I hope. Sincerely,
Dec. 14, 1904

Dear Doc,
Your letter of the 7th
was received on Friday. I am very
glad to know you enjoyed the
Palm Beach meetings & I have been
reading about you in the Miami
Herald!

Bert has already left for
Florida, yesterday Sat. 12th, so
either that Tampa stop over is
a long one, some wires are
crossed or I don't know who's
kidding whom! Anyhow I hope
he had a nice holiday and
comes back refreshed to discuss
discipline with calm!

Now for news of graduation
& board meeting. I really have
no great deal of news about the
latter of course - except what Bert
told me. In attendance were
Tom Cabot, Jorge Mejia, John Weeks,
Chico & Bert ^{Stettman}. This requested that
most of our betterment programme
(except fencing & boundary line work)
be ~~switched~~ ^{referred} over to an A. I. D. request.
I understand M. Cabot wants

too happy about us selling
surplus production such as eggs,
or even trying to produce enough
for self sufficiency, as in corn,
at the detriment of teaching.

M. Cabot seems to have aged
since I last knew him but both
he & M. Cabot were extremely
friendly & nice. John Weeks
I was meeting for the first time,
also Jorge Mejia (& his brother Jose)
I enjoyed meeting them both &
I think the school is certainly
fortunate to have them on the board.

Oh yes! & M. Stettman - I
was forgetting him - and how
could I. He seemed "my
Bravo" at first - & mad as a
hatter about Pan American Airways.
He will tell you all about this
no doubt as he plans to be in
Antigua in January. Anyhow
he mellowed later & seemed
pleased with the meeting - perhaps
because they did not cut out
his New York office.

Para abrir la carta, córtese aquí

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The graduation ceremony itself everyone seemed to agree, went very smoothly indeed. We had a cool, even cloudy morning.

St. Balcazar Munzon, a very fine fellow, really added fire to the proceedings with a tonal warbling, poetic & eloquent political type speech which was long on melodrama but short on basic concepts - the crowd loved it - but don't ask me what his message was or if he got it across!

Primer pliegue aquí →

The campus & farm grounds were in tip-top shape for the event & even old timers such as Julio Pineda & George F. Say they seldom had seen it looking so well so I feel sure you would have approved of the traditional clean up job.

A committee of dept. heads, plus Juan J., Julio P. & Alfonso Torres & myself are working on the replacement of the old building with the new one. (wa)

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Dr. WILSON POPENOE,
CALLE DE LA NOBLEZA,
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GUATEMALA C.A.

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Nombre y dirección del remitente: R. P. Amador
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knows anything about your son-in-law's name. I will ask Robert if he

- 2) I am certainly interested in getting some Eucalyptus deglupta started here and we may have an opportunity to go down to the North Coast soon and pick up the seed personally. When we do, I will make sure we get enough for distribution as well.
- 3) Harvesting of the Spathodia companulata seed is already underway.
- 4) I look forward to receiving the seeds of Red Ceylon and Saharanpur peaches and I hope we can get both these varieties started at Uyuca.
- 5) We were glad to know your scions of apple and avocado got through safely and I am keeping an eye on the performance of "Nena" here this year. Incidentally, we have included one row of this in the new planting.
- 6) It was most kind and thoughtful of you, Doc, to enroll me as a member of the American Pomological Society and I shall be glad to carry on from there.

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And now I must close for the present, Doc. Rie joins me in sending
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Sincerely,

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My brother, Robert, has just been assigned to Quantico, July 21st, to begin Senior School, which means he will then be up for Lieut. Colonel. I am so proud....what is your son-in-law's name....I will ask Robert if he knows him.

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Zamorano
Monday morning
Dec. 25th

Dear Doc,

[1964]

Amado leaves for the land of the quetzal tomorrow so I will ask him to take this letter to you, thus avoiding the vagaries of the Central American mail service as well as saving eight cents which is always a delight to any Scot.

Your letter of Dec 20th was received here on Christmas day.

I am glad to see they won't be taking the *Esquipulas* plants before May - that will give them a better chance of survival & gives us more time to prepare the shipment.

Regarding graduation, our letters must have crossed in the mail, so you will have more news by now. Bert did not comment to me on the economy drive, and indeed it doesn't seem too consistent with some of the deliberations of the Board meeting. Incidentally our copy of the minutes was received here Dec 2nd so I imagine you have received yours now also Doc. Bert did mention to me that N. Cabot was critical of sales of surplus & the idea of having so much emphasis on production rather than teaching in some areas.

I agree that economy is needed & I think it is time we had a thorough

Check up on Marshall operations - for instance Julio Riquelme tells me they use 21,000 eggs a month - if correct that would be 3.5 eggs per day per person - this seems high.

In ganaderia we have already been able to reduce the use of concentrates by 6,000 lbs per month & perhaps more can be done there. Capote seems to work well (new broom?) and we hope this continues. As you know we were in critical shape in the creamery but with the arrival of Aurelio Revilla, on Dec 17, things have improved there so that crisis is over for the time being - I've even got them to cool the milk directly after milking - a simple process but one which was being neglected before - also the milk cans no longer sit out in the sun & dust at the "estable" door all day. There is still a long way to go in that department, however. We have received the 6 young cows & 1 bull of the Brown Swiss breed, bought with A.I.D. funds thru Desarrumal, or rather the Bruce Toments, & they look very fine indeed. I am glad we have some good blood of this breed back in the school.

We gave parties for staff (4.00 pm - 6.00 pm) and students (9.30 pm - 2.00 am) on Christmas eve. (Ric returned on Dec 21st) & we had 18 students on campus. Both parties were a great success & much appreciated.



January 4, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Your letters of January 1st, with checks enclosed arrived here safely thanks to Amado's good offices.

We have deposited the checks as requested, to the accounts concerned, as you will note from our receipts Nos. 14518 and 14519 which we now enclose.

Dr. Muller will be answering other points in your letter, concerning the picture frames, on his return.

Sincerely,

Bob.
R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encls.

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller
Acct. Department

*P.S. Doc. I will also be writing to you, later
to-day, concerning items in your letters to me.
B.*

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Nº 14519



January 5, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc,

Your letter of December 28th was received in the mail yesterday and I also have your letters of Jan. 1st, brought over by Amado, to answer.

We are sending you a copy of the minutes of the Dec. Board meeting enclosed with this letter. I imagine the other material, as marked with asterisk on Mr. Weeks' covering letter, will eventually reach you.

I couldn't agree more that a thorough going investigation is needed in the kitchen here, it is merely a case of who should bell the cat. At the risk of being chosen I am going to suggest it be done anyhow.

I note you are still expecting the Wolfes on Jan. 9th. Should there be any change in their plans to come here on Jan. 15th please let us know.

The deliberations of the Disciplinary Committee are now complete and we have drawn up a list of recommendations. I was interested to know that Barcena has a 'reglamento' similar to ours. No matter what the rules are, however, if you don't carry them out they are worthless.

Talking of Barcena you have certainly taken on a big job Doc but I am sure, given the right backing, you can do it all right. The position at Catacamas here seems similar. The question arises, - just how often do these institutions have to be bailed out, and will we always have someone like you around to do it?

As I wrote in my "official" letter of yesterday the checks have been deposited as per your instructions.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

On the matter of furniture apparently Amado and I got our signals somewhat crossed. My interest is to pay for the pieces which Rie selected, other than the lovely "bandeja" which we understand to be your gift to Rie and, as such, is greatly appreciated and treasured by us both. This leaves 2 pieces unaccounted for and, if my memory serves me right these cost you a total of 25 lempiras. This amount therefore I am going to credit to your account here and we will be "square" as the saying goes. This, of course is a rather depreciated state to be in these modern days but we never really be 'square' with you Doc as you have done so much for us so don't worry - and we won't either. Incidentally all the pieces of furniture you picked up during that famous Danli weekend have been greatly admired and now Tom Cabot wants me to find a "tabla" for his cottage in New England.

Rie is very grateful to you for the two sheepskins and will be writing to thank you personally Doc.

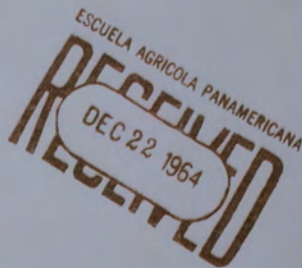
It doesn't look as if we will see you in the spring, you have so many projects in hand now, but if you get as far as Los Andes why don't you come on over and see us? Chico is having a Centennial Celebration of the firm in April (his father would have been 100 this year) and all old employees are going so Rie and I have been invited. Perhaps, if this combines with your Los Andes visit, we may meet you there. I hope so.

Sincerely,

Bob

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PAN-AMERICANA, INC.
ROOM 1301
140 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

December 17, 1964



To the Board of Trustees:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting on December 5, 1964.
2. List of Trustees, etc. as of December 5, 1964.
- *3. Director's report to December 5th Meeting.
- *4. Financial statements as of November 30, 1964.
- *5. Operations & Maintenance Budget for 1965.
6. List of suggested names for new Board Members. Mr. de Sola asked that these names be circulated for your comments.

Please take note that Tuesday, May 11, 1965, has been tentatively selected as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Trustees to be held in New York or possibly Boston. It will be appreciated if you will advise the Secretary whether this date is convenient.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Weeks,
Secretary-Treasurer

*Included for those persons who were not able to attend the meeting in Zamorano.

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Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc.

Board of Trustees Meeting - December 5, 1964

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc. was held on Saturday, December 5, 1964, at 2:00 P. M. in Zamorano, Honduras. There were present Mr. Francisco de Sola, President, and Messrs. Cabot, Mejia, Muller, Stillman and Weeks.

The President declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order.

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 20, 1964 was waived, and they were declared approved as circulated. The Secretary then discussed the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 8, 1964 and requested an amendment to the vote concerning the purchase of an annuity for the Director, in order to provide more clarity. Therefore, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 8, 1964 with the exception of the vote concerning the Director's Annuity which is amended to read "To purchase an annuity for Professor Muller which, including social security benefits, will provide him with annual benefits of approximately \$3,750 for nine years, and \$2,350 thereafter, and that the cost of this insurance be paid during the next two years."

The Treasurer then gave his report which included the following:

1) He advised the Board of the suggestion of the School's auditors, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., to consolidate all the Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc. accounting in Honduras. Inasmuch as discussions with the auditors, United Fruit Co. and School personnel seem to indicate that this is feasible, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was therefore

VOTED: 1. To authorize the Treasurer to effect the transfer of the Boston books of account to Honduras on or about January 1, 1965, to be consolidated with the accounting system at the School.

2. To give authority separately to Messrs. John W. Weeks, Albert S. Muller and Monte Dixon to sign on the School's account at The First National Bank of Boston, and to cancel previous signing authority.

3. That the Treasurer be authorized to investigate the purchase of a fidelity bond.

2) He requested approval of action taken individually by the members of the Executive Committee to a letter dated July 24, 1964, requesting approval to transfer up to \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund to the School's account at The First

National Bank of Boston in order to meet special School expenses. Therefore, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the action taken by the Executive Committee on July 24, 1964, referring to the transfer of up to \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund to the Corporation's account at The First National Bank of Boston.

3) He presented the analysis of investments in the School's Endowment Fund dated November 2, 1964. These showed a book value of \$5,138,711.36 and a market value of \$7,643,660.29. Estimated income for 1965 from these investments is \$247,000. A discussion followed on the composition of the portfolio. Mr. de Sela discussed the advisability of considering certain Central American investments for addition to the portfolio.

4) A cash budget analysis for 1965 was discussed, after which, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to instruct the Old Colony Trust Company to transfer up to \$45,000 from the principal account of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc. to the Corporation's account at The First National Bank of Boston, through April 30, 1965, if needed to meet the operating expenses of the School.

The Director then presented his written report, a copy of which was provided for all Board members. In addition to a general discussion on his report, the following specific matters were taken up:

1) Staff salary increases were presented, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the following salaries, representing in total an increase of \$4,300, effective January 1, 1965:

Director	Albert S. Muller	\$15,000	(increase \$1,000)	
Professor	George F. Freytag	7,500	"	300
Professor	Abdul S. Awan	6,300	"	300
Professor	Juan J. Leiva	5,100	"	300
Professor	Candelario Roca P.	5,700	"	300
Asst. Professor	Victor A. Munoz	3,300	"	300
Assoe. Professor	Carlos R. Pinel	4,600	"	600
Business Manager	Monte C. Dixon	6,600	"	300
Chief Clerk	Lionel Lozano	2,400	"	600
Chief M. & S. Clerk	Victor Narvaez	4,500	"	300

2) Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve an operations and maintenance budget for 1965 totalling \$490,000 expenses, or \$370,000 net operating expenses after taking into account \$120,000 income from AID Grants, Sale of School Products and matriculation fees.

3) Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was then

VOTED: To approve betterments totalling \$2,000 for 1965 as follows:

a) To complete boundary survey	\$1,500
b) Replacement of outside fencing	<u>500</u>
Total	<u>\$2,000</u>

4) Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To authorize the Director to sign papers with the Fortin family regarding water rights settled by court action, with the recommendation to the Director to try to obtain a settlement including the right of first refusal in case of sale and untransferability of water rights.

5) Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To establish the office of Alumni Secretary and to authorize the Director to hire a Secretary to be compensated at the rate of approximately \$5,000 annually, and to put into motion a program which will ensure active fund raising in all the communities served by the School through the Alumni Association system which was approved in open meeting of the Alumni on Friday evening, December 5, 1964.

In connection with Alumni fund raising activities, it was reported that the group from El Salvador had raised \$7,114.00.

6) The Director also reported that Dr. Gamble and Dr. Eagle of the Ford Foundation's Mexico City office had just recently visited the School. They appeared most interested in the following areas: Library, Staff, Extension Work and Alumni Association. Ford already has received a library proposal from the Director. It was suggested the Director write Ford regarding the Alumni Association, Permanent Secretary, etc., and advise them of the estimated cost of operating this program (approximately \$12,500 yearly).

7) Statements concerning the AID Grants and showing expenditures to date in 1963 and 1964 Grants were reviewed. The request to AID in 1965 was also discussed and will total \$525,000.

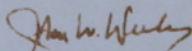
The President next discussed the question of filling vacancies on the Board of Trustees, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To elect Dr. Lewis M. Roberts of the Rockefeller Foundation to fill the vacancy of Dr. J. G. Harrar, which term expires in 1966.

Mr. Stillman discussed individual contributions, which amount to \$14,400 thus far in 1964, and emphasized the need to maintain the New York office. A resolution was then taken by the Board to authorize Mr. Stillman to investigate the preparation of a yearly brochure covering the Director's report, a financial summary, etc., to be used in fund raising activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
5:30 P. M.

Attest a true copy.



John W. Weeks
Secretary-Treasurer

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Roberto Ramirez	Honduras	President Banco Central.
Jose Bueso Arias	Honduras	Industrialist and Agriculturalist; former Minister of Economy.
Jorge Manuel Dengo	Costa Rica	Director Hydroelectric Plant; former General Manager of Fertica, S. A. (fertilizer products).
Jaime Solera B.	Costa Rica	Industrialist, leading citizen, former President Banco Central.
Joaquin Vallarino	Panama	Managing Director, Coca Cola Company. Banker.
Alberto Samper	Colombia	Turrialba.
Rodman Rockefeller	U. S. A.	
Jack Duncan	U. S. A.	W. R. Grace

Zamorano.
19th January 1965.

Dear Doc:

Some good things have been happening at the School recently so I feel I should write & tell you about them.

First - discipline. Bert approved, with some reservations about 9.00 pm "lights-out"; all the amendments & recommendations of the committee which worked on the "Laplan-puts" during his stay in Florida. However, even when the students raised a question about one hour less of study he sticks to his guns & that is the way it now stands. The other big item was Sunday morning inspection. We started these off again last Sunday with one professor ^{used down} & Don Juan was satisfied ^{with the result.} Since our committee had also recommended the forming of a permanent 5 member disciplinary committee this was also accepted by the director & we had our first meeting yesterday afternoon. I believe it will work well & will be very effective in putting a little more back bone into the general disciplinary standards. Members of the committee this year are Bert, Don Juan, Cornejo, Juli Pineda & myself.

Chico was here over the weekend, arriving Saturday noon & leaving Sunday 10.00 am. Quite a whirlwind trip but we

got a lot out of it I think. At least he was able to talk with the boys working on the Alumni Assoc. Statutes & straighten out a few points. He had really come over to visit Manocal ranch at the invitation of Mr Fox (U.S. President). He also went down to San Aljo to spend the night with Hank Ludette (who returns in April) & also visited Lancelotta briefly.

We greatly enjoyed the visit of your friends (the Brothers Young & their wives). Dr & Mrs Wolfe arrived here on schedule & having been spending a restful few days. We will go up to Guinope in the morning & then they leave for the States on Thursday. They had greatly enjoyed their Guatemala visit with you. A Mr & Mrs Gregg, friends of Charlie Stillman, also visited the School over the weekend - you may know them.

Things are also much improved in "Cremencia" since Revilla arrived on the scene & we now have excellent cheese once more, plus some delicacies like cottage cheese etc. Meats, especially quality of cuts, have also improved under the direction of Fausto Capote - long may this continue. Luis goes on much the same but is now well enough to go on vacation. I understand!

Hope all goes well with you in Antigua. Don't work too hard.
Sincerely, Bob.

February 2, 1965

Mr. George C. Roeding, Jr.
President,
California Nursery Company
Niles District, Fremont, Calif., 94536


Dear Mr. Roeding:

Further to my letter of July 27th last year records on your rose varieties, based on their performance at this location, were kept for the last six months of 1964 and the results have now been compiled.

The enclosed tabled presentation gives the information in resumé form and on a comparative basis within the varieties listed. Although January 1965 figures are not included I took the rough draft of the report in the field to compare notes against actual performance. Despite the fact that we are now 3 months into the dry season (the plants are under irrigation, of course) I find the terms used in the report to be accurate.

Of all the roses received, I might point out, the variety "Tropicana" has been a hit in the already extremely rose-conscious community of the capital, Tegucigalpa.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

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cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Hort. Dept.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.

<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>VIGOR</u>	<u>FLOWER PRODUCTION</u>	<u>DISEASE RESISTANCE</u>	<u>COMPARATIVE RATING *</u>
Forty-niner	Moderate	Good	Good	4
Fashion	Excellent	Excellent	Good	5
Arlene Francis	Weak	Moderate	Poor	2
San Francisco	Weak	Poor	Moderate	1
Pink Parfait	Moderate	Excellent	Moderate	3
Tropicana	Excellent	Moderate	Good	4
Granada	Moderate	Moderate	Good	3
Starfire	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good	5
Saratoga	Good	Excellent	Good	4
Queen Elizabeth	Good	Moderate	Very Good	4
Duet	Excellent	Prolific	Good	4
Golden slippers	Excellent	Prolific	Very Good	5
Royal Highness	Moderate	Moderate	Poor	3
Chrysler Imperial	Moderate	Good	Good	4
Circus	Weak	Prolific	Poor	1
Mojave	Moderate	Moderate	Good	3
King's Ransom	Good	Moderate	Very Good	4

* 1 = Very poor - not adapted to local conditions.

2 = Poor - not considered sufficiently suited to local conditions.

3 = Fairly Good - gives moderately satisfactory results under local conditions.

4 = Good - well adapted and competitive with all other varieties.

5 = Extremely Good - of superior vigor and gives outstanding results under local conditions.

Marzo 2 de 1965

Lic. Carlos Humberto De León
Ministro de Agricultura
Palacio Nacional
Guatemala, Guatemala.


Estimado Señor Ministro:

Acusamos recibo de su atento mensaje (No. 68) de fecha 24 de Febrero en el cual nos informa que el material de mango se había extraviado.


En vista de que nuestro Director Emérito, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, se encuentra en la Escuela en estos días y hará un viaje a Guatemala el 10 de este mes (aproximadamente) consideramos que, para evitar otros contratiempos, será mejor que el Dr. Popenoe les lleve este material y lo entregue personalmente al agente de cuarentena vegetal en el aeropuerto de "La Aurora".

Esperamos que estos arreglos sean convenientes para ustedes.

Atto. y S. S.,



R. P. Armour
Sub-Director



cc. Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. A. S. Muller



April 12, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Doc:

From your last letter I am glad to see that the chairs arrived safely.

Amado left for Antigua on Saturday last (10th Apr.) and will bring back the Crocker prints at which time I will deposit the \$17.00 to your account.

Incidentally, even with the Willhauer paintings paid for, your account with the EAP now stands at a credit balance of Lps.232.34 as of 8th April.

I hope to get off a personal letter to you over the Easter week holiday. I am going down to San Alejo on Thursday, to say goodbye to Mr. Lindellie who retires on the 24th and I hope to get in a side trip to Lancetilla if at all possible.

With best regards to Hugh, yourself and your co-author Dr. Wolfe.

Sincerely,

Bob
R. P. Armour

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director



May 14, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc.:

At long last I can take up my correspondence with you again at Antigua as I understand you would be due there this week.

First I wish to refer to the copy of your letter to Ernesto Casseres, dated 22nd April. I do not wish to "capitulate" easily, as I am well aware of the enormity of the task a permanent editor for the proceedings would have. Also by studying the matter thoroughly the group as a whole are more liable to agree to the necessary editorial committee who would make the work of the editor more pleasant, and less voluminous!

Presuming we can get a committee then the matter of choice of members would largely be guided as to the practicality of where and when they could meet.

Another point I see as important is this. If we are to discuss printing costs what are the comparative figures? Ceiba, per 75-80 page issue costs seventy (70) cents US currency per copy for printing costs only (We supply the paper from EAP as you know.). It would seem that this would be a suitable basis at least for a comparative cost discussion involving the possibilities of other countries.

One point, which may be transitory in nature, is that Imprenta Calderon (Tegucigalpa) have lost their best man and the new one is an unknown quantity to us so far.

I am not at all sure what has been done previously about defraying costs for secretarial work etc. but if there is a strong editorial committee to uphold the rules of articles submitted perhaps this could be held to a minimum.

In summary, I would say that I agree in principle with your letter but we should be able to speak on the basis of facts concerning printing costs etc. I have lots of "motivos" but none that are "ajenos a mi voluntad" in this matter.

Now for some news of the School. We had our first good rain of the season on the 25th of April (0.64 inches) and then another half inch on May 1st followed by 1.30" on May 11th. This, as you know is an ideal situation which permits of good land preparation and field work.

Uyuca has responded well to the early rains and the apple grafts are now beginning to grow. We should have a fair crop of pears and apples and an excellent crop of plums which have responded well to fertilizer and pruning. I believe we can prune even more severely next year but we are going to have to throwout the trees. "Moras" should be a good crop and we are propagating some 200 more plants of Dr. Darrow's selections.

Our first fruits of pineapple, bananas and plantains are coming in from the new plantings and we hope to increase these this year as vegetative material becomes available.

The vegetable garden, thanks to Alfonso, looks well and we harvested 250qq of onions from approx. 0.9 of a manzana this year. We sold 50qq at Lps.15.00 per qq for a total income of Lps.750.00 and of course we still have onions coming out of our ears and enough for School use all year. Yellow Bermuda gave highest yields but of course the old stand-by Louisiana Red Creole will keep better. Just now we are enjoying fine crops of canteloupe and watermelon.

Our fruit-tree nurseries still leave much to desired and this year we are at least getting away from intercropping in established orchards. Mike will rotate his nurseries with Alfonso in the same general area. We are considering a five year rotational plan which calls for 2 yrs vegetable crops; 2 yrs fruit tree nurseries and one year fallow (cover crop).

-3- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Buildings are popping up all over the place, and have to be seen to be believed, so come over and see us sometime soon. Bert said something about you coming over in June with Hugh so just name the day and we will be expecting you.

I enclose receipt No. 15193 from our accounting dept. which cancels out our "negocio" with the prints. They arrived here safely, thanks to Amado and Rie is now having them framed.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and with best regards to Hugh and yourself.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encl.

P.S. - Your letter of May 12th just received. I will get going on the Amboina seed right away - Hope we are not too late.

Original—Blanco
Duplicado—Amarillo
Triplicado—Azul

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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NO SERA VALIDO SI CONTIENE ALTERACIONES O RASPADURAS

Nº 15193

Division of Tropical Research
Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras
May 21, 1965

Mr. R. P. Armour
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado #93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. Armour:

In reference to your letter of May 17, 1965, we regret to inform you that in view of large sales this year we have no seeds of the Amboina lechee (Litchi chinensis var. Amboina) available.

Next year, when available, we will be glad to ship these seeds to you.

Yours very truly,

W. G. C. Forsyth

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May 25, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Just a short note to let you know the outcome of our request for Amboina Lechee seeds from Lancetilla. Unfortunately, with changed days at Lancetilla, everything seems to be sold this year and we will have to wait for the next crop. Meantime I will keep a check on when it comes in so that we don't miss next year.

With the rainy season now well established here planting has begun, and also the race to keep ahead of the weeds. Things are going smoothly and Bert will be back to-morrow, Wednesday, in the afternoon. However we understand he is to leave the next morning for Costa Rica so we really won't see much of him before Monday.

Looking through my file on plant material shipments Doc I seem to have lost the information, and tag, for shipping out the budwood of the Nena avocado to Hawaii. To avoid further delay I wonder if you could repeat this for me. I am sorry to have lost your first note on this.

We recently had the pleasure of seeing maestro Velasquez on film, a picture on Honduran artists made by ESSO S.A. (Honduras) and very good indeed. He can now add that of "actor" to his many faceted career!

Hope you have Hugh with you now but I understand how very busy he must be.

With best regards from Rie and myself.

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

May 26, 1965

Dr. Ernest H. Casseres,
Secretary-Treasurer,
American Society for Horticultural Science
Londres 40, O.E.A.
Mexico 6, D.F.

Dear Ernest:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 21st inst. which was received here yesterday.

I appreciate that you must have the proposed editorship of the Regional Proceedings (Caribbean Region - ASHS) clarified in advance of the Kingston business meeting this July.

My own position is stated clearly, I think, in a letter I wrote to Dr. Popenoe on May 14th and I now enclose a copy of the part dealing with the matter of editorship of the Proceedings.

In other words you may submit my name for nomination and I hope there will be sufficient discussion to make the work of the editor, with his committee, as efficient and as effective as possible. Also I would hope that other names would be brought forward for nomination so that the group could decide from a slate of nominees as to who best could serve the needs of the regional group as editor.


To me the matter of comparative costs and convenient meeting place for the editorial committee have not yet been sufficiently studied to be sure we are doing the best possible in this matter of editing the proceedings.

-2- Dr. Ernest H. Casseres

As to time limitation I imagine 3 yrs. would be a minimum and would be sufficient for getting the ground work done in reasonable manner.

Since Dr. Popenoe has also taken a close interest in this facet of the society's organization I am sending a copy of this letter to Antigua with the suggestion that he forward any comments he may have concerning this, or my previous letter, directly to you.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encl.

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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Zamora
10th June 1962.

Dear Doc.

Many thanks for your long letter of June 1st which arrived the other day.

I will probably be writing you a more "official" school letter soon but meantime I just wanted to let you know that I had discussed Pedro's (Mejia) case with Bert. He doesn't want to carry him longer than June 30th. He will have finished in Horticulture by that time & I may get him back in Agronomy for a few days to see more of the actual corn planting work. It is all so

2.

highly mechanized here now that this is probably not of too much practical value to him, but he should know about seed treatment, fertilizer application etc. I snaked him ⁱⁿ on "Fruticultura I" & "Botany" but Bert wasn't too pleased about the latter. However, he has allowed Pedro to stay here longer than I at first thought possible.

Our plum crop, after a very promising flowering, has been rather disappointing but flavor is good this year & little or no splitting. I think we can attribute this later to frequent rain showers.

with no dry spells. The
rainy season started off
gently but consistently & apart
from one downpour of 4.65 inches
last month this must be one
of the best "planters" rainy
seasons on record. We had,
at yestudays reading, a
little over 11 inches so far.

Work goes on apace &
in horticulture we are in
the midst of plant distribution
in agony they have all
the silage crops in & have
made a start on the corn.

In "ganaderia" the new
man, Tom Burton, has taken
hold well & is getting things
moving. We should have two
large new pastures, with improved
grasses, covering that very wet
section of Monte Redondo by the end
of the year. More later. Bob

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AEROGRAMA
PAR AVION



De Wilson Popenoe.
CALLE DE LA NOBLEZA
ANTIGUA
GUATEMALA

Primer pliegue aquí →

← Segundo pliegue aquí →

Nombre y dirección del remitente:

R. P. C. Museum
Aptdo 93, Tegucigalpa,
Honduras C.A.



LAS CARTAS AERAS NO DEBEN CONTENER
ANEXO ALGUNO; DE CONTENERLO SE
HARA UN SOBRECARGO O SE MANDARA
POR CORREO ORDINARIO





June 11, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

We refer to your letter of June 1st and your query concerning Pedro Mejia of Chichicastenango.

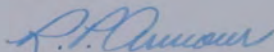
Pedro has been carried here as a special student, since his arrival on February 26, so will have completed five months stay at the School by the end of this month. I have discussed the case with Dr. Muller and he has agreed that Pedro should continue here until June 30th at which time he would return to Guatemala.

During his first three months here he worked in the Agronomy Department, under the supervision of Dr. Freytag, and mainly on corn cultivation practices and breeding. For the past six weeks he has been in Horticulture, mainly in the vegetable culture section, but will return to fruit culture to get more grafting experience before he leaves. He will also have the opportunity to see some mechanized corn planting.

We have asked Pedro to advise his sponsor in Guatemala so that arrangements can be made for his return by air and you may also wish to get in touch with Padre Casas advising him of these arrangements.

Pedro has got along well here with the other boys and we hope his practical studies will be of use to him in the future, and particularly in relation to the corn program in the Guatemalan highlands.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller

Junio 21 de 1965

Ing. Diego Serpa A.,
Director de Núcleo,
Universidad de Oriente,
Jusepin, Estado Monagas,
Venezuela.

Estimado Ing. Serpa:

En la ausencia de nuestro director, Dr. A.S. Muller, la copia de su Oficio N° DNJ-208 del 8 de Junio, dirigido al Dr. Wilson Popenoe, ha sido referido a este despacho para su debida contestación.

Hemos recibido tambien una nota del Dr. Popenoe en la cual nos indica que podemos contestar su carta directamente.


Nos parece que si los jóvenes referidos en su oficio son peritos ya no les conviene tomar el curso regular en esta institución y sería entonces de recibirlos como alumnos especiales por un curso corto e intensivo sobre viveros.

Posiblemente con mas datos sobre su edad y educación previa podemos juzgar mejor si les interesaria tomar nuestro examen de admisión.

No estoy seguro si usted planea ir al XIII reunión de la ASHS (Sección del Caribe) para celebrarse durante la primera semana de Julio próximo pero, en caso que sea así, Diego, podemos platicar mas del asunto en esta ocasión.

Con un cordial saludo a usted y su familia.

Sinceramente,


R. P. Armour
Sub-Director

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller
Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Concerning the Wolfes' visit he wrote, in a Christmas card, that they expected to arrive here, from Guatemala, on Jan. 15th and stay until the 21st. If this is so they would only have 5 days - and not 10 - in Patzún. We shall see.

As far as I can tell nothing came out of the Dec. board meeting on the matter of discipline but we here, on the committee, have finished our deliberations & Juan S. is now typing up the revised copy which we hope will receive the Director's approval. We have also made a list of recommendations, but I have little hopes of seeing these accepted. Anyhow, I will be more than content if we merely strictly abide by the regulation even now in force. I think I already told you we now have authority to reinstate the Sunday inspection & this will be a big help. I won't say we're gaining much ground but at least we have ceased to lose it so rapidly. I'm sure will tell.

The weather is lovely here just now & our friend, Miss Naylor whom you know, from California, is enjoying the Zamborano climate to the full. We took her to Guinope yesterday, paid our respects to the Hardy family & their Spanish crab. With our best wishes for the coming year,
 Ric & Bob

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
SUCESORES

Casa Fundada en 1896

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

REPORT ON RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN SAN SALVADOR

During the last few months San Salvador has been subjected to earthquake tremors in different intensities. On May 3rd. at 4:03 a. m. a strong earthquake of 8 degrees intensity, in the Scale of Mercalli-Sieberg, caused much damage in the area around the Ilopango airport and Soyapango villates, as well as Santo Tomas, Villa Delgado and a few others in the Eastern and Northern perimeter of San Salvador.

Prior to the severe earthquake, and in view of the apparent danger, the Government had established a special National Emergency Committee to take care of; displaced people, resettlement, health and reconstruction. After the earthquake an official survey has given the following statistics:

- 1)—About 5,000 houses destroyed and 3000 partially damaged which account for roughly 40,000 people without roof. About 150 deaths and more than 1,000 people injured.
- 2)—The Emergency Committee, Housing Authorities, National Army, assisted by the British and North American Army contingents have all put up provisional camp sites for about 1200 units. The Salvadorean Red Cross assisted by International Red Cross also has participated helping with provisional housing.

The reconstruction program has now been set forth as follows:

- 1)—Immediate construction of 3,000 provisional cabins to house 3,000 families from one to three years.
- 2)—Construction of 5,000 houses or apartments within the next two years.

Additionally 3,000 apartments of minimum requirements will be built at a cost of about € 4,000.00 each.

The total cost of housing damage is estimated at about € 6,700,000. millions. For a Reconstruction Program the National Housing Authority has recently obtained a credit of € 7,500,000.00 from BID. Banco Hipotecario de El Salvador obtained a credit of € 2,500,000.00 from Banco Centroamericano de Desarrollo.

The cost of damage to public buildings including reconstruction is estimated in the order of € 11,000,000.00. This must be financed by the Government from its own resources or by external financing.

Many schools as well as health centers and markets need repairs. The cost of adding

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water, sewerage and drainage to the new areas under construction will also be heavy.

One of the crises arising from such a situation is lack of raw materials at hand, as well as labor. Crash programs of instruction are being carried out by the Ministry of Labor to instruct masons, carpenters, plumbers, etc.

The Government has constituted a special Executive Reconstruction Committee consisting of: The President of the Republic, The Minister of Economy, as well as two people chosen by the President from the private sector. One of our partners, don Ernesto de Sola has been designated as one of these two members representing the private sector.

A census made on industry in the metropolitan area of San Salvador shows a damage in capital goods of about ₡ 5,000,000.00 and an additional ₡ 1,000,000.00 in raw materials and finished products. The commercial and service enterprises have been damaged to the extent of about ₡ 2,000,000.00. In summation the total cost of damage plus reconstruction costs is estimated to be close to ₡ 80,000,000.00.

This sum is expected to be contributed in the following fashion:

From private sector about	₡ 21,000,000.00
From special Government reconstruction bonds	6,500,000.00
Taken from National Budget	<u>12,000,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	₡ 39,500,000.00
From external sources	<u>₡ 38,500,000.00</u>
TOTAL	₡ 78,000,000.00

To all outward appearances normality has returned. All offices, factories, banks, and commercial establishments, schools, hospitals, are again functioning. However, there is still a certain amount of nervousness caused by continued tremors which although slight are of course ominous reminders.

We are pleased to inform our friends and correspondents that this House suffered no great material or personal damage and furthermore that our personnel was equally fortunate. In those cases where it was deemed necessary emergency aid has been given to all of our people.

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS, SUCESTORES

San Salvador, Mayo 1965.



June 22, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

I now have your letters of June 12th and 15th to answer plus the one to the Director, dated the 15th. As you may know Dr. Muller left for San Pedro, Guatemala and points north on Friday June 18th and he may have had an opportunity to talk with you while in Guatemala.

Answering those addressed to me first I will take the various points in sequence as they appear.

1. E.A.P. guest book and official seal. I will take up these matters directly with Franklin Moore as you suggest.
2. ASHS meetings in Jamaica. I am very sorry we won't be seeing you there but I hope to see John Smith et al from Guatemala and I will do my best to find out about the alligator with the black bow-tie.
3. University Microfilms Inc.: as you suggest we will hold the package from this firm for you here. Both our agent in town and the library have been asked to be on the lookout for it.
4. You will be pleased to know that Pedro Mejia may stay one month more at EAP. Specifically to get more experience on tractors at the request of Padre Casas himself. His new departure date from here is now August 1st approx.

I saw Pedro working an International 460 diesel (largest of the wheeled tractors) in the field last night and Padre Casas would have been proud of his performance.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

5. Plants for Esquipulas: We have noted your advice on this and will try to keep fresh material on hand as we propagate the species they are interested in.
6. Chamaedorea elegans: I do hope you found some of those at Coban. We could do with some here and I always recall the one you had in your office next door - I saw it first in 1947!

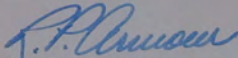
We too have been having good rains here, a quarter of an inch or so each night, good planting weather but a little difficult for controlling weeds.

7. I have handled the correspondence with Diego Serpa and sent you a copy.
8. The matter of Anonio Molina's visit will have to await Dr. Muller's return but as far as I can see there is no conflict as to dates, teaching schedules, field trips etc. and Antonio is willing to go if needed. I agree it would be good for the School especially if it could be publicized.
9. We hope to see you over here in late July and I can give you the news of the Jamaica meetings at that time.
10. We were interested to have your news about Doris Stone and to know that she remains interested in the School.

That seems to cover your correspondence Doc and after this lengthy epistle I had best leave our own news for a later date.

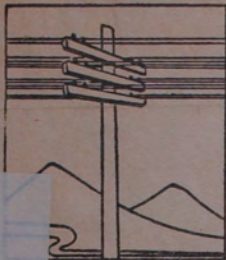
With kind regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller

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DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE



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TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS 28 JUN.65.

DIRECTOR DUE JULY 2 STOP RE MOLINA SUGGEST YOU ADVISE BOTANIC AS PER YOUR
JUNE 24 LETTER STOP DIRECTOR CAN CONFIRM EARLY JULY.-

ARMOUR.

Antigua, 29 June 1965

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd and the telegram which came yesterday. It is mighty pleasant to see the way you take care of details.

I am today writing the N Y Bot Cdn that they can count on Antonio's cooperation on the tour, and I am sending them a copy of the note I sent you, asking that they give the school this sort of recognition in connection with their propaganda. And I will take care to see that during the tour and after EAP gets its share of credit; and I think the job will be mighty good for Antonio also, because he will meet in an intimate manner some important botanists. This will be good for his future, I am sure. And I think Louis Williams will get something out of it too.

I wish I were going with you to Jamaica. I am sure that is going to be a fine meeting - probably one of the best we have had. I guess you wont meet many of my old friends over there, but please, my regards to any that you do meet!

I am delighted that Pete Mejia is staying another month or so to become the first tractor driver in Chichicastenango. Two days ago Jorge Benitez and I were there, on a 3-day tour of the highlands studying the temperate zone fruits (and what a lot of information we gathered!) and I dropped in on Padre Casas to tell him that I understood Pedro is coming home July 1st. He said something about his learning to drive a tractor but I didnt get the point. I think when Pedro comes back here I can get a good little piece of publicity for the school by having his picture and a write-up in Prensa Libre. Which brings up this item: Why not get Pelen to take two or three photos of Pedro riding a tractor with a good set-up in the background. And maybe one of Pedro in the midst of school buildings with some other students - not too many, and all guatemaltecos. All this comes to mind because of the write-up Chico sent me of the load of lumber the school sent to El Salvador. Be sure to have Bert in the pictures, alongside of Pedro. And I think a statement from Bert which I can quote in the write-up, pointing out what EAP is doing for Guatemala and emphasizing its pleasure in having this opportunity to help the Indians. I think I can do a job of writing up this business in such a way that it will be of value to EAP and will please the Board.

I think I will be able to get a good batch of Chamaedorea elegans from Chris Hempstead and will sooner or later put a lot of them in your hands. Good idea. I have a letter from Justino de Azcarate asking me if I will come to Venezuela for 6 to 8 months to put the temperate zone fruit program on its feet. They have dropped Rios and I guess have no one on it. I might go for a shorter time; after thinking it over I will write you about this - probably sending a copy of what I write Justino.

Marion, Dick and two kids go home Friday; Nancy and family, five of all of us, July 5th. Sally and one stays on, until about the middle of July. Ever yrs,



July 14, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

When I arrived back from Jamaica, on Monday 13th, I found your letter of June 29th awaiting me.

The meetings went very well but we missed your presence. John and wife were there, also Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Burt Colburn and Prof. Watkins. Although not so high-powered as Venezuela the preparations of the local committee were adequate. The turn out, at 160, was the highest ever and some 29 papers were presented.

On the field trips I was particularly impressed by the work being done on banana breeding and also basic research on allspice (pimento) problems.

I asked several people about the alligator with the black bow tie but, apart from hearing he was a "bogey-man" for children in the Kingston area I got no further. Mr. and Mrs. "Bushy" Harvey old U.F.Co. employees - he worked with you in Research at La Fragua farm, are now retired and living in Mandeville. They promised to continue the search for information on your alligator story.

The business meeting, held on the Tuesday, went just as you would have wished it, and the Editorial committee was formed with the three members previously considered. The board of nine members was also formed and this includes the editor. The regional president, of the previous year, presides for one year, as does

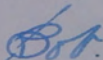
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his vice-president. Also on this board are the Secretary-Treasurer the finance-committee chairman (Burt Colburn) the Pres. and Vice president (regional) for the coming year and 2 members at large who are elected and rotated with 1 & 2 year terms. Clery Salazar was elected for 2 years and Dr. Alvarez Luna (Mexico) for one year at this time.

The proceedings, for 1964, were delivered to us at the meeting and I had hoped to get a copy to you through Dr. Cowgill. However, he didn't manage to get a copy before leaving Kingston on the Sunday. I imagine Ernesto will now mail a copy to you.

Your future plans, I see, are guaranteed to keep you busy for the rest of the year but I hope we can see you over here soon.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

July 24, 1965

Mr. Franklin Moore,
Secretary,
United Fruit Company
30 St. James Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02116

Dear Mr. Moore:

I was very pleased to have your letter of July 15th and to realise that you had remembered me from my days at Lancetilla.

Regarding the visitors book for EAP I have had opportunity to discuss this with both the Director and Doc Popenoe, who happens to be visiting us this week. I will answer your questions in the numerical order in which they appear

1. Yes, high grade paper (100% rag) is preferred.
2. Plain paper; no lines
3. No treatment on edges; our present book is also plain in this respect.
4. We agree on the price range given.
5. We understand delivery would be approximately one month after order is placed.

-2- Mr. Franklin Moore

We will require the words "VISITORS BOOK" on the hinge binding (rear edge) of the book and the words:


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
on the front cover. I believe this latter should appear clearly in the photographs sent with my last letter.

Please place this order for us, as soon as convenient, under the specifications given above.

Thanking you for your interest and attention to this matter and with best personal regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

 cc: Dr. A. S. Muller
Dr. Wilson Popenoe



August 16, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Thank you for your long letter of the 7th which arrived yesterday, and gave all the news of your Los Andes visit.

Bert is not expected back until about the 20th, at the earliest, and when he left he was not sure how long he would be in Washington.

I entirely agree with you on the pruning of the "moras" as proper removal of the old wood, to ground level, is essential for maintaining good production. It could be that with the overcrowding, caused by poor pruning, they also find it difficult now to get out the old canes.

How did your Baldwin pears ripen up? Those you left with me here took about 9 days, at room temperature, and had fine flavor. I agree with you that they would make a respectable canning pear for these regions and also for the Venezuelan project. We have another fine batch of Baldwin pear fruits here just now and also some 12 persimmons. We will see how those ripen up.

At Uyuca we now have some 4 terraces for "moras" made and the planting of some 81 young plants (of the Darrow selections) will be completed next week.

Bananas are now coming in, with four stems harvested so far, and we are now ready to put in more material of pineapple -- so far most of the current crop have been stolen so this is a sure sign we don't have enough!

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Juan Leiva has presented his official resignation and will go to work for the Costa Rican government on their fruit program. He wants to leave Sept. 1st and I think this could be arranged. What do you think of Simon Malo for the job and do you think we could get him?

I hope Hugh plans to visit here and spend some time with us. There is no need to put up at the hotel "Boston", or any other, so long as we have rooms available at the Lake house.

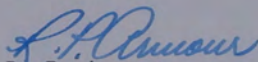
Carlos Burgos came in Saturday and will spend two weeks.

Bert and I have just received invitations to the 19th Anniversary meeting of "Amigos de la Tierra" to be held at Altamira. I am sure you will have too. It's a pity we can't go, either of us, but I don't see how we can make it and of course, starting to-day I am now teaching. I understand Chico leaves on the 9th Sept. but he didn't seem too sure if he could get over here before then. Perhaps Bert could arrange to go over and see him on Aug. 28th and kill two birds with one stone.

Things are going well and, with less rain for the past two weeks we have been able to get things cleaned up nicely.

Your grandchild Katie should come to EAP; we have "15 savores" every day!

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director



August 21, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

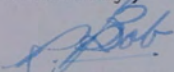
Just a short note to acknowledge receipt of your two letters, of August 17th, addressed to Dr. Muller.

From Dr. Muller's last letter I understood he will not be back before the end of the month so I am sure you will have a reply early September and the matters you bring up can probably be discussed with Chico at that time.

My last letter from Chico indicated that he would leave, for the U.S.A., on Sept. 9th and that he was doubtful if he could come over before then.

Hugh arrived last night. He is in good spirits and looks well. This morning he is out looking at Carlos Burgos' soil profiles. He will be able to spend a restful weekend with us before his interviews with AID officials in town on Monday.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller

September 2, 1965

Mr. Alfredo Ferrand
P.O. Box 4831
Lima, Peru.

Dear Mr. Ferrand:

Your letter of June 12th, after being sent to Antigua, has been referred once more to this School for appropriate action.

Dr. Popenoe retired from his position as Director in 1957. However, he is still Director Emeritus and maintains an active interest in the School. His present address is:

Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dr. Popenoe has asked us to forward some budsticks of the "NENA" variety to you as we have several trees established here at the School.

We plan to make this shipment by PAA during the week ending Sept. 11th and the package will most probably leave from Tegucigalpa on Wed. Sept. 8th. There will be no charge for the budwood itself, but as soon as we know the freight charges we will send you a copy of the air waybill and you may reimburse the School in the amount shown. Cheques should be made out to:- Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Inc.

We trust that the budwood will arrive in fresh condition and allow you to establish the variety "Nena" in Peru.

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



September 9, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Dr. Muller arrived back on Friday the third and since then I have been catching up on personal mail.

I now have your letter of August 20th to answer and also a note about Esteban Urbina O. as well as a copy of your long letter to Ernesto Casseres.

Referring first to your letter of the 20th you had not mentioned that I should write to Chico direct on the matter of proper pruning for the "moras" but I will do so now.

I am very sorry that you did not have an opportunity to sample the Baldwin pears but I am sure, when you do, you will agree they are the finest thing we have in that line.

Juan Leiva left on the 31st and I gave him your message. He of course gratefully accepts your offer of help at any time and I have no doubt, these jobs being what they are, he can do with it. Although there is still a lot to do in the department here I feel that Juan left it in better shape than when he took it up a year or so ago and for this, I think, we can be thankful.

With slight reorganization we plan to carry it on, with just the two asst. professors and myself as nominal head, until the end of the year. This will give us ample time to look around for the right man. No easy task, even so, as you noted in your letter to Ernest. The human element is very often our scarcest resource at this level.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

We will take care of shipping some material of yuca and camote to El Carbon for you and I hope Esteban can get some of our good varieties established there. We don't have papaya seed at the moment but perhaps that can be sent later.

Latest news from this end is that Lino has been offered the position of director of the San Andres School of Agric. in El Salvador. He is over there at present and will return only long enough to pack his bags here and will leave on or before the 20th as planned.

We are having the longest, and severest "canicula" on record I should think and although it is fine for hay and silage making it means irrigating more than usual.

I am going over to Belize on the 15th and will spend a day or two picking a few boys for January (Class of 1968). I have been to the airport frequently but this will be my first visit to the town itself.

Can you get over to see us before you leave for Venezuela? I imagine you have a fairly full program from now until the end of the year but perhaps you can fit in a visit before the group comes down from the N.Y. Botanic Gdn. Mimi Guirola never did get over for more furniture it seems.

With best regards from Rie and myself.

Sincerely,

Bob

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

P.S. Your letter of the 3rd just came in - I will answer it soon.



September 14, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

As I am leaving for Belize for a few days tomorrow, the glorious "quince", I hasten to get out a few lines in reply to your letter of the 3rd Sept.

Your Quiché Injun continues to do fine. He is so quiet that is why nobody notices him but he is doing well - even stood to attention at Sunday morning inspection the other day! I believe he has gained a great deal here. He is now a master tractor driver and should have no difficulty with the John Deere. We have him back in horticulture at the moment to practice some more grafting but he is helping to fill the silos in the pm.

About the Baldwin pear trees you offer for Honduras. I don't know if you mean to put them out to individual growers. If so Mr. Hardy at Guinope would be about our one and only bet and his land is a little low. If you wish we can readily fit some more in at Uyuca by removing a few worthless "Pineapple" pears.

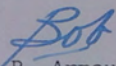
Thank you for the reprint on the "Ficus retusa - Nitida Complex" by Ira T. Condit. I will go over this at leisure at a later date and make comparisons on the trees you mention. I will get it straightened out for your next visit, but at the moment I would say that the ones over by horticulture dept. gate are F. retusa var nitida but that the avenue ones must be F. waringiana rather than F. retusa typica. We shall see.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

The "canicula" has ended at last and we have had some good rains starting last Saturday. The wind storms, accompanying the rains we can do without but damage, so far, has been slight.

Incidentally we had a weekend visit from "Cigar" Rupert Eden of Utila 2 weeks ago. He says he is an old friend of yours and that you would appreciate the use of the apodo "Cigar" in this case. He spent two nights with us and he seemed to enjoy his visit thoroughly.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Antigua G, 16 Sept 1965

Dear Bob:

Well, we have successfully passed the Quince with *no desgracias mayores que lamentar*, and now for another eleven months we will not have the drums rolling and the bugles blowing at the Escuela Normal de Señoritas next door. As far as I know, your Escuela Primaria at Zamorano does not spend 3 weeks prior to the Quince training to march in the procession at Tegucigalpa. But when all's said and done, I don't think that training is too bad; the kids get quite a bit of discipline out of it and I believe some *amor patria*. The Paso de Ganso yesterday was quite interesting.

Now that yesterday's visitors are off my hands I can settle down quietly to answering your very interesting letter of the 9th which was deeply appreciated.

Thanks for taking care of Esteban Urbina. I may be all wrong in wanting to help him, but you will have a hard time convincing me. I have just been hearing some compliments (?) to the effect that Mr Wallace and I have "the missionary spirit". My answer is that there are too kinds, and don't confuse them. Two young Mormons came in the other day, and talked about their work. I ended up by inquiring, "And just what are you all doing, to help these people along practical lines?" "That isn't our business; we are here to preach the Mormon religion, and nothing else". In my opinion, it is one thing to save our souls, and another to save our bodies. I am afraid I go along with the latter more than the former. Or to be more inclusive, *mens sana in corpore sanum*.

No more preaching in this letter. I am glad you wrote Chico about pruning the moras. I am afraid he is counting too much of the technical ability of Pedro. Pedro argues, of course, that they harvested a thousand quintales of moras last year. You and I might argue that if they had been pruning properly they might have harvested fifteen hundred. Maybe Chico won't get your letter in time to get action right now; I wonder if he got off to Boston on schedule? I have not heard from him. I also wonder if Hugh is in Managua? I haven't heard from him either. But I probably shall, one of these days.

About that Baldwin pear: I did have a good chance to sample it at Zamorano a year or two ago, and it tasted to me like a pear. Which you cannot say about Pineapple, nor about LeConte and some others. The boys at Gainesville say Hood is just as good, but they think there may be some faults in the tree. I have enough faith in Baldwin to have ordered 100 trees for later delivery - perhaps December - as I believe I have told you. I will place them with people here who will take care of them, and wait for results. (The missionary spirit). I am not sure that Chico has this variety; if he doesn't I will try to put some in his hands - if that doesn't mean sending them to Boston!

I hope you will be able to line up a good horticulturist before long, to take some of the load off of your hands. I am sure you have more than you ought to be doing, at present. I have a letter from Ernest, dated 8 Sept, on which I note he sent you a copy. He says that you advise that the cost of publishing the proceeding is practically on the basis of the \$2000 this last issue cost. I assume that would be the case if you got our a book of 276 pages, as was done on that Venezuelan edition. It seems to me I heard when I was last at Zamorano that Ceiba cost \$1.25 a copy, about 125 pages. If you hold down the Caribbean Region to 125 pages, as I feel we ought to do (but others may not agree), it ought not cost \$2000. If it does cost \$2000, we sure will have to hold down some of the boys who see a chance to get their scientific papers published, whether or not they are really important contributions to tropical horticulture. I feel there were several of this sort in the Venezuela volume, dont you?

You have tackled a big job on that editing, but it is very much worth while and you are not afraid of big jobs. If you should find that you need some help on prooreading, and I can get away, I would be happy to come over there for a couple of weeks at the appropriate time and help out. I had quite a bit of experience on proofreading and putting a magazine thru the press when I ran the Journal of Herpetology for a couple of years, back about 1920. I guess getting our a journal isnt much different now from what it was then - except the cost!

I dont blame Ernest for wanting to get out from under some of the work of ASHS; he has done a noble job, and it is high time he had some relief, but I do hope he wont feel that he has to step out entirely, for - as I have written him - I fear his idea that the Board of Directors will take the load off his shoulders is a sueño dorado. I have never found that is easy to unload work on Committees. Except in a case like your present one, when the Committee really boils down to one man! Wolfe and Jimenez will undoubtedly make it much easier for you to turn down many papers which are offered, and that will be a big help in one way - you wont have to take all the kicks personally. But I'll bet you a dollar the parent ASHS doesnt publish all the papers submitted and another dollar that they dont have much trouble turning them down, since the blame is spread on a Committee, not on one man.

You mention the dry weather. We sure have had a dry year over here, to date, and I afraid some crops are going to suffer. Hugh probably told you when he was in Zamorano that Nicaragua has been hit pretty hard. I remember one year when I was down there the rice crop was ruined because of dry weather and no irrigation. And it happened once out at Catacamas, also.

The Venezuela job is up in the air. I have just written them again. I dont know whether they never received the program I sent when I was last with you, or whether they dont want to work on the basis I outlined. You know the Fundación does not give away trees at Macapo. It may be their idea is to run a nursery for temperate zone stock and sell it. If so, I doubt that I can do much for them; I cannot go down there and operate nursery for a long enough time to turn out trees ready for transplanting, and I dont see anybody in the local picture who can - except Martin at Macapo and I assume they would now want to switch him to Mérida. And another man like Ríos wont help. I will probably hear from them before long, and know what is in the wind.

Don Flester is back - I had a good talk with him a few days ago. He has brought down a young professor from Cal Poly who is to help with truck crops and the temperate zone fruits. I do hope they will put him in Quezaltenango where he won't have to spend so much time in the office, but I haven't heard anything about this. If they keep him in Guatemala City we won't have much chance of developing a good nursery in the highlands. It is discouraging, to see a man like Don, who is a first class field horticulturist, tied down to a desk in the City, but I doubt that Don is able to spend a week out of every month in the field. So far as I saw during the first six months of this year he did not spend 3 days a month in the field. I can't blame Don; I blame the bureaucratic system.

Jorge Benitez and I are going over to Quezaltenango tomorrow - if Jorge shows up - to have a last look (for this season) at the apples and pears and the nursery he left over there. On Monday I plan to go down to the Barcena school; they are talking again about doing something. One of our grads, Guillermo Padilla, came over here last week, fresh from Gainesville where he has just taken his Master's (I am sure you must know him, tho perhaps he wasn't there in your time); He would like the job at Barcena. He is 34 yrs old, has ten year's service in Salvador and here after passing thru Zamorano, and I'll bet could handle the job if he had backing. That is the problem - and backing of course means two things, a little money and support when the kids refuse to work in the field or join the University students on a strike to get rid of a professor in the Univ - not necessarily at Barcena. These sympathy strikes are hard things to handle. They had one in Ecuador when I was down there about 192; the Director was a good man but the kids wanted him out. I asked the Minister if the govt could not back up the Director; he said they simply couldn't, because if they did the railroad union and the dock union at Guayaquil would go on a sympathy strike and tie up the whole country's economy.

The N Y Herald Tribune published an article entitled "Guatemala; Another Santo Domingo?" which I understand is causing some of the people who are planning to come down on the October tour of the Bot Garden to say they will not make definite commitments as yet. If we have any trouble here, and anything more comes out in the U S press, I fear the whole thing may have to be called off; but I hope not. I believe everything depends of developments here during the next 4 weeks.

News from Spain is to the effect that they are going strong on avocados, Hass and Ahaheim, but the Mediterranean coast is building up so fast with apartment houses for winter residents, and hot dog stands for year round tourists, that there soon won't be any land left for avocados, winter truck crops, or anything else. Just like southern Fla.

When the new Guatemalan students are selected, I wish you would ask Pelen to let me know who they are. Best regards to Rie and yourself; I hope to get over there within the next month or two.

Faithfully yours,



September 24, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th, describing, among other things, the glorious "quince" in your beloved city of Antigua.

Chico got off to Boston on schedule and Bert has already heard from him from Harvard. Seems as if they are going to keep him busy there.

I heard from Hugh when he was in Nicaragua with Dr. York and I replied to some questions he had concerning our graduates there.

We do have a fairly good man lined up for horticulture and Dr. Muller will interview him early next month. I needn't add more at the moment except to say that he is a Florida man with U.F.Co. experience and a good background. I'm afraid it will be the same old story that we can't offer enough to get him. We shall see.

On the matter of ASHS (Caribbean Region) Proceedings and their editorship I am with you all the way. Our only difficulty this year is that we can't slip in a sheaf of new "ground rules" for papers already submitted. We, as a committee, have the ground rules drawn up and we are now almost ready for the final draft. It is my hope that they can come into effect for next year's meeting. Not only will they curtail the size of the proceedings but also, hopefully, the length of the technical work sessions at the annual meeting.

For this year we will just have to do the best we can. Ernest is backing me up and we have already eliminated the discussion sections, requested by the Jamaica committee.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

By reducing pages I will try to get the price down as much as possible this year. Along these lines I am going to send Dr. Wolfe one or two articles and see what he can do for us. If you come over here within the next month or two I should be only too glad to have you and your strong and learned hand to the wheel of editorial trimming.

I know the Guillermo Padilla you speak of and I was quite impressed with him at Gainesville. I don't know how he would be in the field but he might be a good man for the Barcena job. Only thing is, as you point out, the political set up can often break, even good men, like matchsticks.

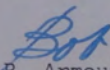
I hope derogatory news releases don't spoil your Bot. Gdn. tour in Guatemala. Antonio Molina is all set to go -- incidentally will you be giving further details as to when he should arrive, where to stay etc.?

Regarding the Guatemalan "aspirantes" for January 1966 I have asked Amado to do the necessary.

Too much rain here at present, otherwise everything is under control.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

P.S. - Regarding the grapes I will drop you a note on that subject early next month.

September 27, 1965

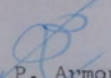
Dr. Ernest H. Casseres,
Secretary-Treasurer,
American Society
for Horticultural Science
Londres 40, O.E.A.
Mexico 6, D.F.

Dear Ernest:

I have your letter of September 21st with enclosure of the CPCS newsletter. It is interesting and they seem to be putting out a lot of effort to get new members etc.

I don't think we should worry. If there is room for two groups then it is a good thing. If there isn't then the weakest will eventually go to the wall. I don't believe, with our link to the parent society, there is any fear of this in our case.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Editor,
Caribbean Region, A.S.H.S.

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



October 8, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

To-day I want to reply to your letters of 28th September, not only the one addressed to me but, in part, a few items from the one addressed to Dr. Muller where questions of general interest can be answered from both.

First of all let me say how deeply shocked we were here to learn of the death of Nancy's husband. As requested in your note I have passed this information on to those old hands here who know Nancy well. I never had the pleasure of meeting her husband Bob but I can well realize the heartbreak and pain of this sudden bereavement. We do not have Nancy's address here but, on behalf of Rie and myself, please express our deepest sympathy to her at this time.

We do not know of course when you would return to Antigua but I presume you are back there by this time. In any case, I have no alternate address and this letter may await your arrival.

Regarding the "faculty house" (as it appears on the contract), the foundations are now in and we shall very soon be seeing the walls grow apace.

I am glad to say we had little or no storm damage here apparent from redoing 1/2 kilometer or so of fencing on the vega. As you know we rechanneled the Caparrosa during the dry season this year and straightened out the bed of the stream behind the tractor shop. This has resulted extremely well and it does not, or hasn't up to now, break it banks by the bamboo. There was no loss last month to either pineapples, bananas or grapes.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

We were interested to have news of Padre Casas and to learn of the acquisition of an apple orchard. I will be glad to take Pedro up to Uyuca with me next time and show him what little we know about pruning apple trees in the tropics.

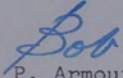
News from Chico is that he is very busy studying, and enjoying it. He had been having dinner at the home of Mr. Wm. Coolidge (uncle of Katherine) and had spotted a set of rare botanical books there which he would like to get for our library (English (?) Botany of English Plants by James Smith London 1797).

As you may know Bert left on the 1st and will not be back before the 12th at the earliest. He plans to have a meeting with the executive committee in Boston either to-day or to-morrow.

The weather here has been much drier again so we have been doing our best to finish up the silos. We are on our last 300ton silo now and I hope this will be completed by the middle of next week. With the increase in the beef herd the making of silage is becoming more critical for us each year. I believe we have to increase the quality and lower the volume.

Rie joins me in sending our warm regards to you and the family at this time.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director



October 28, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

I imagine you are up to your ears with enthusiastic botanists and horticulturists right now and I am sure you are enjoying the stimulating company and conversation as a result. I too am sorry that I couldn't be with you and Antonio on some of these trips.

This is merely a short note to acknowledge your letter of the 14th. We hope Antonio arrived on time and we have every reason to believe he would do so.

We would be glad to have the 100 Smooth Cayenne pineapple slips at any time. We already have 1500 of the Jamaran variety planted this season and we plan to put in 2000 more. There is still room for your contribution, however.

Referring to your earlier letter I must admit that things are rather static with grapes at the moment but we do have some comparative pruning methods set up and I will, as you suggest, increase fertilizer levels. Interest in grape culture is not lacking amongst Peace Corps Volunteers here and we have been able to place a great many plants in this way, particularly in the south of the country.

Still nothing definite on a new head for the horticulture department. Things are going well and our fruit tree nurseries show improvement over last year. As you know we did not get Rarden but we now have a new candidate in view, also a Florida man with his M.S. and his speciality is Ornamental Horticulture. This would be a new, and perhaps refreshing, departure for the department.

Rie joins me in sending our warmest regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

November 4, 1965

Mr. Franklin Moore, Secretary
United Fruit Company,
30 St. James Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02116

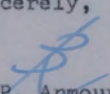
Dear Mr. Moore:

Further to our correspondence on the subject of the visitors book for EAP I am glad to report that this is now safely in our hands.

It is indeed a handsome volume and I am sure that it will do justice both to the School and its own predecessor which, we found on checking its pages the other day, records the visitors during the first 21 years of the School's history. This old book will be retired on December 31st and safely stored away. Who knows what the new book will record in its pages during the next 20 years but we hope that your own name will grace one of its early pages.

Thanking you again for your kind interest and helpfulness in this matter.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



November 15, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

I am sure Dr. Howard Scott Gentry needs no introduction to you, as you are old acquaintances. However, Guatemalan mails being what they are, plus the fact that I want you to have this letter when Dr. Gentry visits you, I think the best thing is for him to take it along to Antigua.

The main purpose of this note is to enlist your help, through Dr. Gentry in giving us a few pointers as to whom, among the plant explorers among your acquaintances, you would wish to see meet here next year (Dec. 1966) at graduation to take part in a symposium on the subject of "Plant Introduction". The idea, for the symposium, is Chico's and I am not sure just how much he may have hinted to you about it. If it is still a secret, please keep it so, among ourselves, but I think we should have your ideas as to our list of invited speakers. I have already gone over this list with Dr. Gentry here but if you have any other suggestions, either as to speakers, or areas for discussion I think it would be good to go over those with Dr. Gentry.

The main purpose of Dr. Gentry's visit to Guatemala is to collect kidney bean (Phaseolus vulgaris) specimens. Since you have a rich variety of "native" beans in Guatemala I am sure he will find lots of material available. Perhaps you can guide him to the most promising areas, however.

I have checked with the library here Doc and we do not have "Areas y Paisajes del Noreste de Honduras" by Helbig. As you suggest I will now try to get a copy through the Banco Central.

We are in the midst of the big annual clean up for graduation. When can we expect to see you over here for the big event?

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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November 4, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Doc:

It seems, and is, disgraceful to be answering your last letter, of late September, in November but things have been really hectic around here recently culminating with the visit of the Ford Foundation group during Oct. 17th to 23rd and the visit of Mr. Fox and Mr. Gardner on Monday of this week.

You will hear all about the Ford Foundation when you arrive here later this month but suffice is to say that the group worked extremely hard and produced a worthwhile report. All that remains is to act on it, or some of it at least. We shall see. Messers Gardner and Fox were well impressed with the School and I think further UFCO. support will be forthcoming. I had occasion to mention the Lancetilla-Smithsonian proposal and he (Mr. Fox) seemed in favor of it, at least to the extent that he thought it a good idea to invite Dr. Challinor to outline their proposal to the Symposium delegates here later this month. An invitation to Dr. Challinor, in this respect, has already gone out.

Regarding the symposium I wish I could tell you that Ticho has confirmed acceptance of our invitation - actually our letters crossed badly in the mail out, on the strength of his last one to us we shot of the cheque for \$1,300 in the hope that this would leave him in no doubt of our interest in having him attend. We expect to hear from him again soon.

I think your exposition of the role played by Lancetilla, in your letter to Doc Dunlap, is excellent and I don't believe I have anything to add. We are at last having some commercial citrus grown on the north coast, near Cortes, and this owed its beginnings to Lancetilla's plant propagation work. I will suggest to Dr. Dunlap to include this if he has not already done so.

There will be a great deal to discuss during your visit and we all look forward to seeing you at the end of this month.

With best regards to Hugh and yourself.

Sincerely,

November 14, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popence
1722 N.W. 2nd Ave.
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Doc:

Since we haven't heard from you for some time we are wondering what your travel plans are and when you will arrive here.


A recent letter from Dr. Wolfe indicated that you had gone to California and we assume that you might not be back in Florida before making the trip here later this month. In case you are now in Antigua and have not received my last letter regarding the Symposium (Nov. 9th) with a copy of the program enclosed we are sending another copy to Antigua with a copy of this letter.

The boys in the '66 Graduating Class have chosen Dr. Harrar as their "padrino" and what with the extra special graduation address which we know you have prepared for them, and which both they, and we, are looking forward to hear, the class with our 1000th graduate should have many lasting memories of their graduating day.

Both Dr. Muller and I would like to see you here a few days early if possible so that we could talk things over. Ernie Casseres will be here from the 26th.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. A. S. Muller



9th. Dec., 1966.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

With reference to the recent Symposium on Plant Introduction held on Nov. 30 - Dec. 2nd. you will recall that Prof. J. V. Watkins was named editor of the proceedings to be published.

Several delegates had questions concerning their papers, and one or two have still to be submitted in the original typescript. All papers, not previously submitted and all questions relating to the proceedings should, therefore, be forwarded to the following address:

Prof. J. V. Watkins
1811, N. W. 6th. Avenue
Gainesville, Florida, 32601

We feel that the symposium, the success of which was largely due to your active participation, has left much of lasting benefit here at this School and that the Proceedings will be a milestone of great significance in this field of plant science which it was our joint desire to promote.

With best wishes and the seasons greetings.

R. P. Armour
For the Symposium Committee.

c.c. Prof. J. V. Watkins.



December 21, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doc:

Your letter of December 15, was received yesterday. Like you, there hasn't been too much "rest for the wicked" around here since we had three short courses, with a total of 80 people, plus professors, which followed on the heels of graduation. The last of them, an OIRSA group, leave today.

You will notice there has been some correspondence with Mr. Robert Wallace and, since I forwarded your copies to Gainesville, I will send others now to Antigua to make sure you are up-to-date on this subject. It seems to me an excellent opportunity for him to get to know the Wallace Genetic Fund program at first hand.

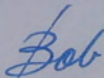
We will see that Mrs. Fick gets her letter today. I am sure Polo will be glad to ride over with it.

Dr. Muller is expected back about the 11th I believe. So far we have no word from Kitty Sears that she plans a visit here.

Take care of yourself, Doc, and do try to get a real rest soon.

Rie joins me in sending our very best wishes for a happy and healthy 1967.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour

RPA/rma

December 5, 1966

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

December 8, 1966

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

Pastor Martínez
Hotel St. Moritz
Comayagua.

Comayagua, 11 de Diciembre de 1,966

Mr. Albert S. Muller
Director Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa.

Muy estimado señor Muller:

Acuso recibo de su muy atenta carta de fecha 21 de Noviembre, conteniendo una invitación especial para mí, sugerida por mí siempre bien recordado Mr. Wilson Popenoe.

En realidad me he sentido muy orgulloso con esta invitación para los actos de la XXII Graduación, que tuvo lugar el domingo 4 de Diciembre. -Desgraciadamente esta invitación o sea la carta me fué entregada hasta anteayer, y ya no era tiempo.

Siento muy de veras no haber estado presente, y una vez mas les agradezco la amable atención que han tenido conmigo, ya que yo tan humilde he recibido tan grande distinción.

No obstante yo de corazón me siento siempre presente en esa querida Escuela; y en cualquier otra oportunidad que yo sea llamado, inmediatamente -siempre Dios mediante- trataré de vencer obstáculos para saludarles personalmente.

Sin otro particular, aprovecho la oportunidad para saludarle muy respetuosamente, rogándole lo haga al Dr. Popenoe; prometiéndoles saber apreciar para siempre los buenos recuerdos que de mi humilde persona han hecho, y que yo no he hecho nada para merecerlos.

Con las demostraciones de mi distinguida consideración y aprecio, me suscribo de Ud. con toda atención, atto. seguro servidor,

Pastor Martínez García
Pastor Martínez

COPIA ENVIADA A D^o WILSON POPENOE: 21 DE DIC/66.



December 21, 1966

Mr. Robert B. Wallace
Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wallace:


In the absence of the Director, Dr. A. S. Muller, your letter of December 12, 1966, has been brought to my attention for reply.

Your letters to Dr. Popenoe were forwarded to his Gainesville, Florida, address, Apt. A., 1722 N. W. 2nd. Ave., Gainesville, Florida, on the same day they arrived here; however, in a recent letter received from Dr. Popenoe in Antigua, Guatemala, I understand that he is to spend a month in California and then return to Antigua. This would indicate that he will be in Guatemala at the time of your visit.

We feel certain that you will be hearing directly from Dr. Popenoe as soon as your letters reach him. In order to best coordinate your itinerary, in which Mr. de Sola will also be most interested, perhaps it is just as well to await the return of Dr. Muller here and we can keep in touch with Dr. Popenoe and Mr. de Sola from this end. In this respect, notification of your Merida address might be useful for keeping in touch concerning last minute details.

We look forward to seeing you here in February and are confident that a suitable itinerary for your Guatemalan and Honduran visits can be arranged.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Assistant Director

RPA/rma

cc: Mr. Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popenoe (Antigua) ✓
Dr. A. S. Muller



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

December 30, 1966

Prof. John Vertrees Watkins
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Fla. 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:

Thank you for your informative letter of December 20th received here yesterday.

You are to be complimented on some very fast editorial work! Since our letters crossed in the mail I am presuming that, ere now, you have received the copies of the papers you mention plus that of Dr. Ryerson which was sent at the same time.

As a matter of interest, and for your files, I am including copies of the two group pictures which were taken here plus necessary identification of same.

Concerning funds available for publishing I believe we are in a healthy position with a balance, as of December 31st 1966 of \$7,963.30 (Seven thousand, nine hundred and sixty three dollars 30/100) these funds pertain to Rockefeller Grant G A/AGR 6602. No doubt you will incur certain postage expenses etc. but, subject to confirmation of the Symposium Committee, I would suggest you go ahead on the basis of \$7,500 as being available for publishing of the proceedings. As you know Don Chico mentioned the possibility of requesting additional funds if necessary.

A copy of this letter goes to the other member of the editorial committee, and also to Don Chico, requesting his advice as to the role of the Symposium Committee (composed of several EAP Board members) in the ultimate allocation of these appropriated funds.

Meantime, for your convenience, I would like to point out that any contractual partial payments, invoices or incidental expenses you incur involving editorial and printing costs be presented for payment to:

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.
Apto. 93, TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, C. A.
(Ref: PLANT INTRODUCTION SYMPOSIUM).

At this point, and without wishing to place undue responsibility on the editor/chairman of the editorial committee, I would suggest that the three member committee meet only once (April-May 1967?) to decide matters of policy relating to the following:


- a) Format and presentation
- b) Inclusion of pictures not directly related to presented papers.
- c) Distribution and price of copies to be issued to libraries etc.

The actual date for calling such a meeting, and the agenda of same, are matters which are entirely in your hands and I merely offer these suggestions to evoke comment from the other committee members.

With reference to your question as to whether galley proofs should be presented to authors I believe this is always advisable where time permits. Perhaps in the case of Israel and Hawaii we might consider presentation of the editor's corrected and revised copy rather than a galley proof.

With best wishes for a prosperous, and editorially successful, New Year.

Sincerely,


R. D. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Don Francisco de Sola
Dr. A. S. Muller
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Antigua. ✓



31 December 1966

Dear Doc:

From your recent letter I note that you will be in California for a month and then return to Antigua to spend the month of February.

You will have noted recent copies of correspondence that Don Chico and I have had with Mr. Robert Wallace and, particularly with reference to Don Chico's last letter you will see that plans call for Mr. Wallace to be in Guatemala on February 22nd. Naturally we are hoping that you will still be in Antigua at the time of Mr. Wallace's arrival.

Another matter which I would like to take up with you, that of permission for the Sección de Comunicaciones Agrícolas, Departamento de Antioquia, Colombia, to reproduce your FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA and what would be the conditions of any agreement you might wish to make with them. I had really meant to take this up with you while you were here in December, but, as you know, we were much too busy for this. I am enclosing copies of the entire correspondence in case you wish to answer Mr. Molina directly. If not we will be glad to pass onto him any decision you may wish to take on this matter.

Sincerely,

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R. P. Armour

Agosto 10, 1966

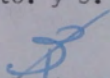
Sr. Felix Molina
Sección de Comunicaciones Agrícolas
Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento
Medellín, Depto. de Antioquia, Colombia.

Estimado Sr. Molina:

Con referencia a su atenta carta de fecha Julio 26 será necesario que consultemos primero con el autor, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, y nos comunicaremos de nuevo con Ud. cuando tengamos la contestación del autor.

En lo que se refiere a nuevas publicaciones de esta Escuela solo existen las que estan publicadas en la misma revista CEIBA, dos veces por año. Dicha revista está en el No. 1 del Vol. 12 para el año en curso.

Atto. y S. S.,



R. P. Armour
Editor CEIBA

cc: CEIBA



REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
DEPARTAMENTO DE ANTIOQUIA

SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA
Y FOMENTO

Medellín, 26 de julio de 1966

Señores
Editores de la revista CEIBA,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa,
HONDURAS.

Apreciados Señores:

Entre las personas interesadas en fruticultura aquí en Antioquia existe interés por conocer la publicación del Dr. Wilson Popenoe sobre FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA aparecida en el No. 4, Vol. 3 de la revista CEIBA, de febrero de 1953.

Quisiéramos saber si esta Secretaría pudiera hacer una reproducción de tal escrito y bajo qué condiciones. Así mismo nos permitimos solicitarles información sobre nuevos estudios que haya publicado la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana en el ramo de fruticultura, especialmente en lo relacionado con agrios y mangos.

Agradeciéndoles la atención que les merezca la presente y las insinuaciones que Uds. tengan a bien hacernos sobre nuestra proyectada publicación, nos repetimos de Uds.,

atentamente,

FELIX MOLINA
Sección de Comunicaciones Agrícolas



REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
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SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA
Y FOMENTO

Medellín, 27 de agosto de 1966.

Señor
R. P. Armour,
Editor de CEIBA
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa, Apdo. 93,
H o n d u r a.

Apreciado Señor Armour:

Muchas gracias por su atenta carta
del 10 del presente.

Quedo en espera de sus noticias
cuando se haya comunicado con el Dr. Popenoe y a sus órdenes
en esta ciudad.

Atentamente,

FELIX MOLINA
Sección de Comunicaciones

January 11, 1967

Prof. John V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist,
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:

We are enclosing a copy of the circular letter, to all delegates and observers, which was brought back by Dr. Muller on his return from Florida and then run-off here. I trust you will find it in order. A copy has now gone out as per instructions.

For your own files I am also including a new address list, which includes observers as well as delegates. This is also being sent out to all names on the list and this has been done at the suggestion of Dr. C.A. Schroeder, California.

Referring now to the functions of our committee, Dr. Muller filled me in on all the details of his discussions with you and also informed me of what has been done so far. I approve whole heartedly with the arrangements and I think you have done a very efficient job with the utmost despatch.

Regarding our, one and only, meeting-to-be I believe we have to "make it count" and be sure we are in a position to answer any questions you may have by that time. I have permission to come up to Gainesville for a day or two when you call the meeting and funds are available for this trip from the existing Rockefeller Grant. I understand that Dr. Popenoe, who receives a copy of this letter, will shortly be in Gainesville and the only really fixed commitment I have during the next few months is for the second half of February when I must be here in connection with the study I am engaged in at present.

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Once again let me congratulate you on being so "quick off the mark".

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Encls.

R. P. Armour
For the Symposium Committee

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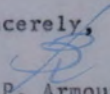
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R. P. Armour
For the Symposium Committee

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLANT INTRODUCTION

A Progress Report

No. 1

To: All Delegates and Observers-

GREETINGS AT THE NEW YEAR.

Arrangements for publication of our Proceedings are virtually complete. Rose Printing Company of Tallahassee, Florida, has contracted to produce the book. This outstanding house will be responsible for the complete work- printing, binding, and mailing. Specifications call for a book that should be not only handsome but useful. We hope that all of you, as well as scientists of the future, will be pleased with the bound volume.

A call has gone out for black and white glossy prints to be used as illustrations. It is planned to present 20 full-page halftones in a signature near the center of the book.

All manuscripts at hand have been edited, and we shall go to press when the others are received.

The Editorial Committee for the Proceedings,

J. V. Watkins, Chm.

M. Popenoe

R. P. Armour

Gainesville, Fla.
January 9, 1967.

cc: F. de Sola

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PLANT INTRODUCTION SYMPOSIUM

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 1966

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Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 enero de 1967

Don Felix Molina,
Sección de Comunicaciones Agrícolas,
Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento,
Medellín, Depto. Antioquia, COLOMBIA

Distinguido señor Molina,

Don Roberto Armour, Subdirector de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, me ha mandado la correspondencia con Ud respecto a una reproducción de la obra "FRUTICULTURA CENTROAMERICANA". Me es muy grato avisarles que no hay ningún inconveniente en que Uds reproduzcan esa obrita. Sin embargo, quisiera manifestarles que durante los últimos 15 años han habido muchos progresos en la horticultura tropical, y sería de desear que se agregue unas notitas, sobretod respecto al cultivo comercial del banano; las variedades ahora mas recomendables de ciertas frutas, y la multiplicación vegetativa. Como podríamos hacer estas ediciones al texto? Un apéndice? Con mucho gusto yo le mandaría los datos necesarios.

Esperando sus noticias, a la dirección: Wilson Popenoe, Primera Avenida Sur num. 2, Antigua, Guatemala, Centro America, me quedo

Su muy atto. y SS,

Wilson Popenoe

copia al señor Armour.

W.P.

Antigua G, 15 enero de 1967

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

Dear Bob:

Replying to yours of 31 December, I enclose a copy of a letter I have just written to Sr Felix Molina at Metellin. I think it is pretty decent of them to ask permission to reprint Fruticultura Centroamerica - so far as I know we have no copyright on material published in Ceiba. You will note that I suggest I send some additional notes which I hope they will accept. I would particularly like to add something about the veneer graft which has practically superseded all other grafts so far as we are concerned, and I would send them the drawings which were used by FAO in "El Huerto Escolar". They were made by Dotty Allen and are excellent - as they would be!

I think I have told you that I have written Robert Wallace, inviting him to be my guest here in Guatemala. I have no reply from him yet.

I enclose a letter for Ella Fick. Does she get her mail at the Zemorano Postoffice? If so, you could put a stamp on the letter and leave it there. If you are not sure, someone might take it to her as you so kindly arranged last time. I am interested in finding out if she would eventually - after a long visit to Germany - like to take over the running of our house here, when Maria is no longer able to handle the work. Maria is getting pretty feeble but will doubtless insist in sticking to the job until she dies in harness.

Best regards to all,

Sincerely,

January 31, 1967

Prof. John V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist,
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:

Thank you for your letter of January 23rd and also for the memorandum to your committee.


With regard to the latter, and a suitable date for the committee to meet I suggest March 14th at 2:00 pm. I hope this will also be suitable to Dr. Popenoe.

Concerning expenses incurred I enclose our cheque No. 1406 in the amount of \$35.00 (Thirty-five dollars U.S. Currency) payable to Della's Typing Service and cheque No. 1407 in the amount of \$25.00 (Twentyfive dollars U.S. Currency) made payable to you as petty cash to cover postage etc. You may account for these latter expenses by ordinary petty cash accounting noting payments received and expenses made indicating briefly how these were incurred.

I believe your idea to use Mr. de Sola's brief introductory remarks to be a good one and I am sure Doc Popenoe will agree that this is preferable to a preface by the committee. I will write to Chico in this view and get his remarks to you as soon as possible.

Please advise if the March 14th date is quite suitable to you.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encls.

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 February 1967

Mr Robert P Armour
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Teacigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bob:

Referring to your letter of 31 January to Professor Watkins, copy to me:

It sounds as though you fully expect me to attend the Committee at Gainesville on March 14th. Allright. I have told Professor Watkins that I would prefer not to come north at this time, but Hugh has written me that it may be necessary for me to come up take care of my Income Tax return, and that would be as good a time as any. I cant do the job very easily without Hugh's presence, and he writes that he expects to return to Gainesville about that time.

Now another matter: That paper I have been working on, to be put in the Proceedings. I have felt in my bones that there was something wrong in the situation, and I woke up to it last night. I should not have a paper published along with the others. It would be in very bad taste. In the other papers presented, there were many (often undeservedly) flattering comments about my work as an agricultural explorer. It would be just like it was at the banquet; Chico got up to propose a toast to me; everybody else got up, and just by force of habit I started to get up too, when Chico was good enough to indicate it was just the thing to do! I should not make a speech at the Symposium, one reason being that everything I had planned to talk about was discussed, and more appropriately, by others. For example, in my first draft of my talk (I have worked on three and they get worse every time) I had planned to discuss the work of the U.S. Dept of Agriculture, which Knowles did in extenso and much better than I could have done it. Then I thought of talking about the work of an agricultural explorer in the field, and realised that times have changed and agricultural exploration is not conducted today as it was in my time, and probably shouldn't be.

You mention that the Proceedings will be started off with some introduction remarks from Chico. This is the proper thing, especially because I am sure I am right in assuming that the idea of the symposium originally was his. If I am wrong in this, it doesn't matter. I am sure he was the major factor back of it all, and should be the one to make the opening remarks. And the more I work on writing a paper, the more I find I really have nothing to say that wasn't said, and better said, by those men who have recently worked in this field and are up-to-date. So in the words of one of those New York humorists, Include me out.

Ever yours,

copy to Prof. Watkins



February 20, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Just a note to thank you for all your wonderful hospitality and lively "chat" during my recent two day visit to Guatemala.

I spent Wednesday afternoon at Don Chico's office and then came over here by small Cessna 'plane on Thursday morning. Chico agreed thoroughly with the arrangements for Robert Wallace's visit, which will, by now, be history with you of course and we will be awaiting his arrival here on Thursday. While on the general subject of corn trials I was fortunate to meet Ben Birdsall at the San Salvador airport early on Thursday morning and we discussed his program there. He now has over 6,000 cooperative plots a year (rice, corn, beans and sorghum) but he also has the co-operation of over one hundred "tecnicos" to keep check on them for him. He seems very pleased with the results so far.

A short note from "Juan Benigno" has just come in. He is looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on March 14th.

Dr. and Mrs. May were due to arrive here yesterday but were not on the 'plane. Perhaps they will come in to-day.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. P. Armour".

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Zamorano.
Thurs. 23rd March
[1967]

Dear Doc:

Semana Santa has begun & everything is quiet around here. Armando is "long gone" of course so I must ask you to put up with my "letra de puño" on this note which Al Radespinner, who leaves today for Jacksonville, will take with him.

Your note of the 18th arrived yesterday Doc. The Hubbard roots are all taken care of & left with Amado, for Antigua, last Saturday (18th)

We will handle your expense account of \$135.⁰⁰ as you suggest and credit it to your account. Monte will send you a note on the transaction no doubt.

We are doing quite a bit of work at Uruca these days - enlarging the "nora" planting, doing some thinning out & also some badly needed pruning. If we can follow through with some fertilizer now I believe we can get some returns in the way of fruit for the mess hall.

Maestro Velazquez has finally come through with a better price for 2 pictures for the dining hall - \$250.⁰⁰ each, so I think we should let him go ahead on that basis - I will write Kitty Coolidge accordingly.

Radespinner is also taking up with him, either to mail or to leave with you, should he go to Gainesville, another copy of Vol 9 of the ASHS (Tropical Region) Proceedings.

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this is to replace the copy borrowed from Hugh's bookshelf for Mr. Goney, during my visit last week.

Bert leaves for Washington on Tuesday of next week and will be gone 7 or 8 days I suspect. He is not sure if he can visit Gainesville this trip but, if he does, I imagine it would be on the way south.

No forest fires on the property this year so far, although lots in the vicinity of course. Easter week is always the crucial point, as you well know. Our own fire fighting crews are organized & ready & I am glad to say that the government men to be doing a better job this year also.

Hoping you are spending a restful & interesting time in Gainesville. Please give my very best regards to Hugh. I am sure he would have lots to talk about on his return.

Sincerely,

Bob.

February 20, 1967

Dr. Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director
Agricultural Sciences
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Thank you for your kind letter of Feb. 10th.

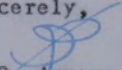
I have just returned from a visit to Guatemala and El Salvador where, apart from discussions with Ing. Javier Becerra, Educador Principal, Zona Norte IICA, I also had opportunity to discuss the progress of our study with Dr. Popenoe and Don Francisco de Sola.

Both these committee members agree that an April committee meeting, in Guatemala, would be both beneficial and convenient. Dr. Popenoe plans to be in residence at Antigua and Ing. Robles will, as I stated, be attending the IICA sponsored "Teaching Methods" course in the Guatemalan capital (April 9-15) Don Chico believes he can get over at that time and will doubtless contact you soon on this subject.

My trip to Guatemala was quite fruitful and, in general, the study is going well. Dr. Stacy May's arrival has been delayed a day or two but we hope that he can spend some time with our faculty committee on curriculum studies here and also give more general advice and counsel concerning the school's interrelated production - teaching function in the three main operational departments.

Thanking you for your helpful interest in the progress of our present study.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Mr. Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Ing. Leonel Robles
Dr. Albert S. Muller

April 5, 1967

Prof. J. V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist,
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:


Regarding Jesus Patiño Navarrete's paper which you will have ere now I would advise as follows:

1. It requires such extensive editing that, if accepted it would have to be practically rewritten. It contains a few thoughts about International Plant Quarantine worth recording.
2. If you decide not to use it it would be appropriate to say that, unfortunately it arrived after the deadline stated in my letter to him.
3. As a committee member my proxy vote goes on the side of your best judgement, without further consultation.

I received your note the other day and will await estimate from Rose Printing Co., on additional work required by Don Chico, before placing the revised order as you suggest.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

April 26, 1967

Prof. J. V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist,
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:

I arrived back here in the office on Monday, after being absent two weeks on a trip to Guatemala and Mexico, as I believe I mentioned during my Gainesville visit.


The past few days I have got out the most urgent reports plus about half way through the proof-reading. Rie has paved the way and this is a great help as I can concentrate more on the scientific names etc. I hope to have the proofs on their way to Dr. Popenoe by the end of this week. I will keep you informed.

Concerning the correspondence you sent, Dr. Imle's does not require an answer of course and Dr. Meyer should just be informed that the matter of NO reprints was a committee decision. I believe extra copies can be made available to delegates at a nominal charge and this should calm the waters. Regarding the change in title suggested for Dr. Meyer's article this could still be done, could it not, if you think this is advisable and would make him happier. Use your own discretion, these are mere suggestions and you may write him accordingly. I enclose his letter to you for reply.

In general I like the format of the proofs, don't you? I believe we will have a handsome volume when finished. Please ask Rose Printing Co. to submit an estimate on additional work requested by Mr. de Sola, so that we can pass on this.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encl.

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

R-1-10

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the highest-mountain in the West
Indies my books say it is DIABLOTIN.

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Wire John Smith

MEMORANDUM

April 10 1967

To Wilson

From JOHN V. WATKINS

Please correct these proofs in a color not yet used & airmail them to me. Rosehill not proceed until they receive these proofs.

J.

In Reply to Above:

John V. Watkins
1811 N. W. 6th Avenue
Gainesville, Fla. 32601

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FECHA:

28th April

A:

D^r Wilson Popehoe

Arrived back last Sunday.
Thank-you for the hospitality
that Sunday (9th) in Antigua.
Very busy here with Ford
Report plus proof reading for
2 Memorias

I attach a note from
D^r Johnson which indicates
"Steveni" should be changed
to STEPHENS will you please
do this - I have already indicated

DE

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.

the initials as requested by
D^r Johnson - Regards Bob

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April 17, 1967

Professor John V. Watkins, Chm.
1811 Northwest 6th Ave.
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear John:

I am hoping that Winters caught the missing initials for Stephens on the listing of the McMillan Expedition to Manchuria in 1934. I asked his office for the initials, but didn't get them, and somehow couldn't find them here. McMillan gave them to me over the phone once and that memo is missing. Anyway, they are "J. L." and it is "Stephens". I believe I had it "Stevens" in the list, unless Winters corrected that. The addition of the initials and the correction of the spelling could be done without too much difficulty in page proof, if you are not already past that.

Best wishes.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'KAR.' with a flourish at the end.

Knowles A. Ryerson
Dean Emeritus

KAR:em

cc: Robert P. Armour

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April 28, 1967

Prof. J. V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

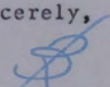
Dear Prof. Watkins:

Further to my letter of 26th April I have now corrected the first set of proofs you sent to me and these are being mailed* to Dr. Wilson Popenoe to-day with copy of this letter. Pages numbers on this lot of proofs are B-2-55 to R-1-19 plus the Ing. Patiño Navarette paper.

Yesterday I received, direct from Rose Printing Co., a duplicate set of these proofs, which presumably can now be ignored, plus a set of pages R-1-20 to R-1-37 but with R-1-30 missing. I will write to them direct on this point. I will correct this later set of proofs, with lead pencil, as I did the first set. Should these also be sent to Dr. Popenoe or does he also receive a set direct from Rose Printing Co? Please advise.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Antigua

* Por separado, Correo Certificado.

May 3, 1967

Rose Printing Company, Inc.
Industrial Park / Box 2275
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sirs:

Please note that, under to-days date and by registered air mail I have returned the following corrected proofs:

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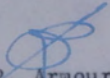
Title:- Plant Introduction

Pages:- R-1-20 to R-1-29 and
R-1-31 to R-1-37

On receipt of these proofs it was noted that page R-1-30 is missing.

Corrections have been made in lead pencil.

Yours sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Prof. J. V. Watkins
Dr. Wilson Popenoe

May 3, 1967

Prof. J. V. Watkins,
Consulting Horticulturist,
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:

Under to-days date, see attached,
I have just returned page proofs, as indicated, to
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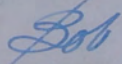
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(with reference to writings of Frank N. Meyer) should
be made consistent at the beginning of each paragraph
Ref. paragraphs 5, 6 and 7.

On galley R-1-36 I saw no reference to the
illustration to be used for Dr. Elmer Johnson's
article but I made no comment on the proofs. No
doubt you have already checked out these references
to illustrations where applicable.

I now await the third (and final) batch
of proofs from the printers.

Rie joins me in sending our very best
regards to you and Mrs. Watkins.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

May 9, 1967

Dr. L. M. Roberts,
Associate Director,
Agricultural Sciences,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of May 4th.

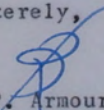
In order to comply with the suggested calendar, for submission of the final report, I will mail copies to you no later than Monday 15th. In this way you should receive them on or before May 20th, thus giving 15 clear days before the June 5th Board Meeting in Boston.

Thank you for your clear and specific reply in answer to my question regarding the position of negotiations with the Univ. of Honduras and Honduran Government. The instructions of the committee, on this matter, will be closely followed.

The first rough draft of the budget proposal is now complete and the final report is being drawn up.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Ing. L. Robles
Sr. Francisco de Sola
Dr. A. S. Muller

May 16, 1967

Professor J. V. Watkins
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:


Thank you for your note of the
10th inst.

I have still to receive the last set of
proofs from Rose Printing Co. but will avoid all
possible delay when they do come. Provided of
course this is before June 3rd when we leave
for Boston.

Regarding the Tallahassee trip I would say
go ahead, if you can manage to get away. If Dr.
Popenoe can go with you so much the better. We
will set aside \$100.00 for expenses against this
account. As for timing of the visit I leave this
up to you of course as you are in close contact
with the printers and know when it would be most
beneficial.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Dr. W. Popenoe -
Symposium

*Thanks for your letter of
May 3rd. I look forward to
seeing you in Boston (on May 4th
Sunday?)*

Saturday, June 3, 1967

Dearest Doc,

Sorry I haven't time for more than a "shortie" but am going in to the HISA plant to work, on the way to the Airport to see Rob off.....

Thought you'd like to see these pictures of Ella Fick's farewell party....given at our home May 18, co-hostesses Rie and Fidelina Burgos.....

Ella was so very happy that day....hope she is making the right decision....guess it's easy to give advice when it isn't your own marriage going through these doldrums...but I hate to see her go...really enjoyed our chats.....

Sorry I have been a very poor correspondent but have been rather deeply involved with the Proc. of Am. Hort. Soc., as you perhaps know. Am in final stages of printing work now...but it has to go through final press with umpteen errors in word divisions in the English sections.... every time I make Oscar Mencia, linotypist, change a word division, he makes 3 new errors in the line itself...so after about 5 times on one line I say, "To H...with it"let it go as is.....anyhoocoo, I am hoping it is better than it once was....there is surely some improvement.....and I have dedicated every waking hour to this job for 10 months.....have made 10 fine friends in the taller of HISA (Suarez-Romero new division)

Much love and have a fine board meeting.....am typing in haste so this looks worse than the book will look.....

Always,

Rie

June 23, 1967

Prof. J. V. Watkins
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Prof. Watkins:


Having just received a copy of Dr. Popenoe's letter to you, of the 19th inst, I hasten to include a sample of the official school seal, mentioned in Dr. Popenoe's letter.

As you can see the outline of Zemurray Hall, the main building, does not show up well and perhaps they can get a better idea of building outline from the other seal. I realize this is going to up costs again but I agree with Dr. Popenoe that it should be done.

Since I only arrived back here on Wednesday, 2 days ago, and I am somewhat swamped with a number of things I have asked Rie to go over the final proofs and I will get these in the mail to you on Monday, 26th June.

With best regards,

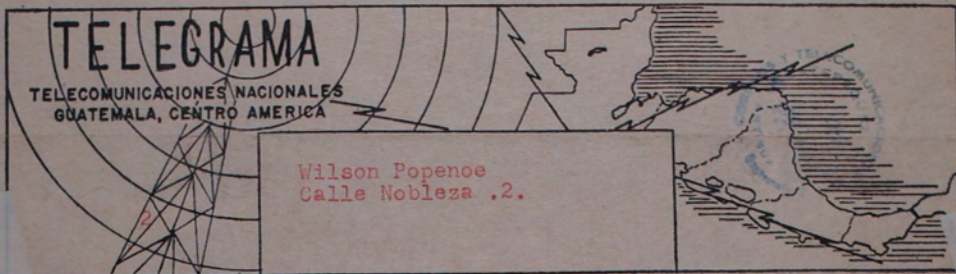
Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encl.

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. A. S. Muller



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Tegucigalpa Hond., 29 Jun-67

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TELEGRAMA

Antigua, Guatemala 30 junio 1967

ROBERT ARMOUR

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Edificio Banco Atlántida

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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WILSON POPPNOE

Antigua, Guatemala, 30 June 1967

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

Dear Bob:

I have just rec'd copy of your letter to Prof. Watkins, dated the 23rd, and the enclosed post card from him.

I am glad you approved the correction regarding the seal of the school. It would have been a disaster to have used the one which was devised for the diplomas after I left Zamorano. I note that John asks that this matter and the picture of me be taken up directly with Rose. It seems to me that someone will have to make a drawing of the official seal, don't you? Of course I don't know how well Rose is equipped for such matters.

As for the picture of myself, since we are going to be tied up for a week or so on the seal business - and since there are quite a few corrections to be made in the proofs which you mention and which I reviewed also, I should think it would ^{not} involve any delay if they throw away the halftone they have of me and the other jackass, and substitute the one I sent John, together with the new caption. As far as the expense of this change is concerned, I will be only too glad to pay for the new halftone and setting type for the new caption.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

copy to Prof. John V. Watkins

Antigua, Guatemala, 30 June 1967

Prof. John V Watkins,
1811 N W Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Juanito:

Re erring to your post card, and the suggested changes in the Proceedings of the Symposium:

I have received copy of Bob's letter to you, 23 June, in which he sends an impression of the correct seal; he agrees that this change should be made. As to whether this arrangement should be made direct with Rose or through you, I assume this is up to Bob. You suggest that we deal direct with Rose but I cannot see just how this can be done, as someone will have to make a drawing of the seal - or something like that. I am not familiar with the procedure.

As for the picture of myself, I have this morning received a wire from Bob saying that this change (as suggested by me) is not advisable, because of cost. Of course I have replied by wire, that I am in complete agreement. Stet. This is not a matter of importance, but I believe both Bob and I feel that he seal must be right. As Bib writes, the present seal, used at Zamorano, does not show the main building, Zamarray Hall, very clearly, but I should think that it would be easy to copy this from the letterhead of the school, copy enclosed (though you doubtless have plenty of them in your files).

I am sorry I have made so much trouble for you. You have already done a vast amount of work on this project, as I can realise from the relatively small amount of proofreading I have done. But I believe the book contains a fine lot of material of permanent value, and will be kept in many libraries.

Ever yours

John Vertrees Watkins
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N. W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Fla. 32601

GAINESVILLE
JUL 1 1963



Whilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala
C.A.

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Pögi:

[June 1968]

Proof + all letters rec'd. Matter referred to R.P.A. As we are ready for press run, I do not feel that I, an outsider, should take action. Please resolve matter with Arnau + Rose direct; not through me.

Wish we could buy at the Thomas Hotel!

Cordially,

John

John Vestres Watkins
Consulting Horticulturist
1811 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Fla. 32601

20 June
[1968]

a short note from

RIE ARMOUR



Dear Doc,

Here is the
~~quotation~~ for each
of 2 of the book
series. Rather than
send the booklets
to you I am en-
closing samples of

their size,
Please select
size + type
paper wanted.
Good offer I
think.

Love,
Rae

Antigua, 1 July 1968

Dear Ric:

Many thanks for sending over the samples of paper and the quotations. I think the price is quite reasonable, much lower than they asked here in the City. You ask me to select size, type and paper.

As to size, I feel sure the larger one will be better - the size of the INDE bedsheet, dont you?

I think I like the Bond 16 better than the Base 45 which is slightly glossy. They suggest Base 70 for the carátula which I assume is the cover. This will do, but if you could ask them to use a heavier material, light brown in color, I would prefer it, and would pay any additional cost. On the cover, toward the bottom, the following should be placed:

Wilson Popence

Traducción al Español per
Licenciado Juan José Falla

As to type, I did not find any samples in the envelop, and will leave this to you. I dont suppose there are many choices anyway. If they have the type we used in Central American Fruit Culture, this would suit me very well. I think this type is larger than you have been using in some of the recent issues of Ceiba. If they are figuring the price on the basis of small type, and type of the size mentioned would increase the number of pages and therefore the price, I am perfectly willing to pay the additional amount.

So please to ahead and turn the MS over to them. I sure appreciate your help on this little job.

Affectionately,

Antigua, 12 July 1967

Robt P Armour Esq
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bob:

Your highly interesting and useful letter of the 6th was awaiting me on my return yesterday from three days on the temperate zone fruit campaign - mostly in Tecpan and Mazatenango. We have decided to go in for "canning cling" peaches - going to whip Del Monte in the Central American common market (and thereby hangs a tale; the Costa Ricans have stopped Kern from selling their jugos in their country, because they are putting some California concentrates in their products - ergo, they are not wholly Central American and not entitled to free entry because not wholly from the Common Market territory). We have melocotonas in this country which of the same type as the California clings (which latter will not grow here, as you know) and we are going to select out the best ones and propagate them.

The figures for productivity of Baldwin pear are very heartening. I think I told you that I brought in 100 trees of Baldwin last year and they are growing beautifully at 6500-7000 feet. And I have discovered that the "Kadman" pear - which I just simply couldn't figure out - is really the Hood, which Benitez and I planted at Helvefia (Tecpan) in 1930 and which has done beautifully there. The Ministerio has a fine nursery of it at Chimaltenango. Ralph Sharpe says Baldwin and Hood are the two best hybrids we have, so far; but there are two or three new ones now entering the field in Florida. We will get them.

I await with interest a letter from you about the Panama meeting. Presumably no very definite action was taken on AFHS affairs because

neither Ernesto nor Chico was there. Ernesto and I have been in corres-

ponde ce about the work in connection with the Proceedings. I tol' Ernesto that with your increased responsibilities at Zamorano I did not see how you could devote much time to the printing job. I dont think Rie should continue to do all the work without compensation. I assume she hasnt even had gasoline to make all those trips to the printer. I suggested that we ask you to continue as Editor, and pay an assistant to do the spade work. Ernesto said he was all for this, and we wondered if Rie would not continue on an employment basis. Both Ernesto and I think this would be the way to handle the job, and I feel that by cutting down the size a bit (as I am happy to see that you have done on this last issue, which you say is off the press) and by getting some more money out of Sponsor memberships, we can finance the Processings without running ahead of our financial capacity. I believe we are going to get a \$100 Sponsor membership from UFCo Foundation, and we are asking that it be from year to year, not sily for one year. I believe we can get it. And I feel sure Kitty will stay in the game at \$50 a year. And woulnt Chico and Charley Stillman and Tom Cabot and one or two others do the same? I believe we can easily built up these Sponsor memberships to \$1000 a year.

Incidentally, I believe by September (which will be plenty of time to get it into the Panama Proceedings) I will have a paper bringing down to date the situation in re the temperate zone fruits in this part of the world. I would like to see this go into the Proceedings, and because I have kicked so much about the size of the latter and cutting down the expense, I guess I should contribute \$100 to this issue - so you wont have any chance to come back at me, saying "Here you want to cut down the size of the Proceedings, and the first thing you do is to throw in a lengthy paper which boosts up the cost."

Bob, you sure are soundly practical. Maybe it is the Scotch background. I dont care what it is, but I sure like it. I refer to cutting down space between the lines and using smaller type wherever it is the practical thing to do.

I have just read with interest the minutes of the Boston meeting, which have been slow in reaching me because Johnny Weeks, rightly enough, sends everything to Gainesville, and Hugo, unrightly enough, is very slow in forwarding my mail. Chico has written about the two meetings of the Executive Committee, merely mentioning that I could see that the committee has been active. This is good news, and better still your statement that they have made you responsible for: tuition fees, curriculum, and economic possibility. I guess that pretty nearly throws everything you lay which is just what we wanted. As for tuition, I believe you have been thinking in terms of \$500 per annum, to be the same each of the four years. I believe this is right. Knowles Ryerson has just written that if we charge \$2500 for the fourth year all the boys are going to head straight for the USA when they finish the third. And I am inclined to believe we ought to forget giving the present "Agronomo" degree at the end of the third year. Make it a straight four-year course - if you get everybody (the universities) to agree - or can get the Ministro de Educación at Tegucigalpa to back us. No boy is going to be satisfied with the "agrónomo" business if he has a chance, at the same price, to become a bona-fide Ingeniero. Dont you feel that way? You know I feel about going ahead to the Ingeniero basis: I have been afraid we would cut down so heavily on the practical training that our graduates would lose some of the popularity they have gained, I mean the popularity of Zamorano graduates, as being the only graduates of any college in C A who know how to do the job because they have done it. I believe we can accomplish the desired objective, if we can keep the boys from thinking too much about the degree

and the highly-paid bureaucratic jobs they are going to get on graduation. Galo Plaza is right in thinking that we must fight shy of bureaucracy. But the thing which has sold me on the four year course and the degree is the thing you pointed out: it is widely admitted that our grads are better prepared, from all angles, than the grads of many agricultural colleges, but they are the victims of unjust discrimination because they do not have the degree of Ingeniero or the USA equivalent, which I believe is generally considered to be the B.S.A.

I have become involved in quite a few important matters around the end of this month which will prevent my leaving here. I am having to write John Popenoe today that I cannot meet him at Lamcetilla on the 24th, to spend a week there. I had hoped to go via Tegucigalpa and see you at that time. I think the best opportunity, now, will be when I go over to Leonorcita's wedding about 25 August. I hope you can gold some Baldwins on the tree until then - bit of course that is not too important. I would like to visit Los Andes while in El Salvador to see what the temperate zone fruits are doing.

With those meetings of the Executive Committee, and your splendid activities here in C A, I do not feel that we need to hurry in having a session with Chico, do you? I am not too sure that I ought to remain too much in the picture, anyway. There is not much that I can do, nor much that I should try to do - except to back you up in every way. That "Fund Raising" memorandum of yours is the most practical thing we have had to date. That budget presented at Boston was certainly not realistic. I shall be much interested in seeing what the alumni think about the tuition rate, if they are expected ^{to} contribute personally toward scholarships.

Always my warmest regards to you and Ric,

Faithfully yours,





July 18, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

I have just returned from the Panama meetings which were excellent. The entire group of delegates missed your presence badly and expressed this on more than one occasion. Ernie's absence was also frequently noted and especially so at the business meeting.

The local committee did a really fine job, especially Ing. Carlos Landau and Juan Ferrer. Ing. Demaris Chea also did a great deal of the work in Panama City.

We had 32 papers presented in 2 days! This gave us 4 days for field trips, which were excellent and well organized. Most impressive perhaps was the visit to the 7,000 acre citrus planting of Citricos de Chiriqui. Florida has nothing to fear from that venture I'm afraid. They have made several serious and basic errors which is going to limit their production and increase costs. One grave error is that they took 50% of their orange budwood from seedling trees in the Boquete area!

Eduardo Jiménez, as you may know, has left Turrialba and gone to Brazil. Simon Malo was, I am glad to report, appointed to fill this vacancy on the Editorial Committee. In this way Doc Wolfe and Simon can work together in Florida and relieve Rie somewhat. Incidentally I am exceedingly glad that this is my last year as editor. As you know it is exceedingly difficult to get the printers in Tegucigalpa to do really accurate work. Secondly there is a tendency in the Tropical Region (ASHS) that more not fewer papers be printed in the Proceedings even if they haven't been presented at the meetings. This was brought up as a proposal, from the Peruvian delegation at the Wed. evening business meeting. I am against it and the

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final decision, of the group, was to pass it to the executive committee for study. Luckily I think we can publish this year's (1967) Proceedings and still remain solvent.

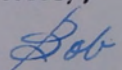
Speaking now of the Symposium you will be glad to know that they will use the seal as shown, attached. To-day I am going to write to Rose giving them the list of names for personalized copies. This, I think, should complete that phase of the symposium.

At present we have a group of 5 visiting from the Facultad de Agronomia, Univ. of Costa Rica. Hernan Fonseca is among them, also the Dean of the Faculty.

We are wondering when you are coming over to visit us. Are you going to Lancetilla with John? If so be sure to come up here after that trip.

Rie joins me in sending our very best regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director



July 26, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Thank you for your long letter of July 12th.

I was interested to hear that Kerns have finally got their "come uppance" as we would say, in regard to use of imported nectars in their so called, locally manufactured brands. I noticed that "Monarch" were doing the same thing in Panama and I wondered how they get away with it. I was also interested to know that we can now consider the "Kadman" pear to be Hood. It does begin to look as if Hood and Waldwin are the best pears we have, so far, at least.

I believe I gave you a brief run down on the Panama Meetings in my last letter. I would like to fill you in on a great deal of detail, verbally, sometime however. Perhaps in August if you come over after the wedding.

Regarding your paper, bringing up-to-date the position of temperate zone fruits in this area, I would urge you to consider publishing this in the 2nd number of "Ceiba" this year (Vol 13) This would get it out about 8 months before the ASHS Proceedings Vol 11, and frankly we couldn't publish it there anyhow as our new rules say it has to be given at the conference to be included in the proceedings. The only thing is we would like to have your paper here by Aug. 15th Doc. so that we can get "Ceiba" out on time for once.

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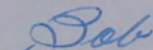
I think we can possibly hold some Baldwins on the tree until Aug. 25th, or a few days later, when you come over from San Salvador and, to show our willingness to cooperate, we will accept your paper for "Ceiba" at that time also!

On the matter of tuition rate I have just completed a survey of first and third year boys here, and shall do second year to-day. So far the majority are in favor of \$300 per year and feel that 75% of our students could afford to pay this figure. Among the graduates many feel that \$500 dollars is the right figure but that no more than 50% of students could pay this fee.

As far as the budget goes I agree we still have work to do there, especially in the area of income. As far as expenditures are concerned we are actually requesting smaller annual increases for the period 1967-72 than has been the case for the period 1961-67. I agree, of course, that the heavy expenditures of the last few years have put the school in a much more favourable position, if a 4th year of study is contemplated at the higher level.

Rie joins me, as always, in sending you our very best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Antigua, 10 August 1967

Mr Rpbet P Armour
Tegucigalpa.

Dear Bob:

What a relief! I refer to that seal of the school which is going on the cover of the Proceedings. It is really a lovely job; I wonder how it was made. I have rec'd also the list of people who are to have their names stamped on the cover, so it looks as tho the job is just about finished. I am a bit afraid Juan Benigno got a bit tired of it before he got through, but when I get up there I'll try to make him feel allright about it. I suppose you will stock the book at Zamorano, or perhaps it will be better to have it available somewhere in the States, - Gainesville for example. None of my business. But later I will want to buy a few copies for my family and friends.

I am planning to fly over to San Salvador on the 24th instant; I stand as a testigo at Leonorcita's wedding on the 26th. I am thinking of flying over to Tegucigalpa a day or two after that. Dont hold up CEIBA for my report on temperate zone fruit varieties. I'm not sure I will have all the information I need before late September and I wont have any trouble in getting the report published somewhere. I am glad to hear that you have been able to hold down on size and therefore cost of the ASHS proceedings, and the restriction on publishing papers wh are not presented at meetings is a darn sound idea.

Your notes about the price for tuition are interesting. You are getting at the thing from the right angle, which Charley Stillman did not. And I sure like your idea of getting a lot of help in the form of scholarships, tho you know I dont think we can count on my money from the grads

themselves, do you?

I like your diplomatic statement that we still have work to do in the area of income. Very neatly put, Bob. What I would have said, in my blunt manner, is that it is up to the executive committee to get right down to brass tacks. There is so much money around, I just don't see how we can fail to get what we need.

So Eduardo Jimenez has moved to Brasil? Hugh says there has been quite an exodus recently, but Armando Samper has resigned in Bogotá and is going back to Turrialba. Hugh was thru here a week ago, by the way, and brought lots of news, including clippings from the Costa Rican newspapers and a foto of Chico and Herman and others at the time Chico "swore in" Herman. I think Herman was a very fine choice. I have been wondering, by the way, if the real hope we have for staffing EAP under the new academic set-up will be thru getting Ph D's like Herman rather than gringos. They are more likely to stay, it seems to me, and they will fulfill the requirement of a high-powered staff which we have to meet if the degree we give is to be respected. Bill Paddock had this figured out, but he was counting too heavily on gringos, perhaps. Men like Herman and Carlos Burgos and if we could get them, Morcillo, will do the job. Of course I am in favor of some foreigners (non Latin-Americans) too, but I doubt that we can expect to make it 50-50.

I think it was a very good move, putting Simon Malo on the editorial committee. I'd like to see him become an active and important element in the Tropical Region, wouldn't you?

Chico writes that he is arranging for me to stay with Claud Horn while in San Salvador. He wouldn't let me go to our favorite hotel, the Imperial. Pelen can tell you why. I'll send over word before I head for Tegucigalpa. Don't let the boys eat all the Baldwins mientras tanto.

Best regards always, to Rie and yourself.

Faithfully,



August 15, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

With reference to a copy of your letter to Don Chico, dated 10th August, and the matter of the Wallace Memorial Fund, I wish to advise as follows:

- 1) These funds (\$14,000) were deposited in a savings account with the Banco Atlantida under cheque N° 1473 on July 7th, see copy of Mr. Dixon's letter of July 7th, to Banco Atlantida (attached)
- 2) The type of account being used is a "DEPOSITOS A PLAZO FIJO" account which will yield up to a maximum of 5-1/2% interest on deposits of more than 2 years duration (See copy of letter from Banco Atlantida to Mr. Dixon dated July 10th 1967, attached)
- 3) Mr. Weeks was informed of this transaction on July 12th by letter from Mr. Dixon (copy attached)


Concerning appropriate use of the funds 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

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the limited income accruing to such a small fund. Up to now of course I have been presuming that the EAP would be requiring thesis work of its graduates by 1972, under the 4-yr program. This would facilitate selection of suitable recipients of the prize but does not necessarily preclude the prize being given to outstanding students of our present 3-yr curriculum. Certainly it would seem a reasonable goal to raise the capital of the fund from \$14,000 to \$25,000 by 1972 or earlier.

As for implementation of these goals we might write up a proposal for Mr. Robert Wallace, after there is general agreement here, at Board of Trustees level, as to how they recommend that the proceeds of the fund be utilized.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Attachments

cc: Don Chico de Sola
Dr. A. S. Muller
Mr. M. C. Dixon

COPY OF FADED CORRESPONDENCE

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high acid content]*

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Tegucigalpa Honduras

July 12, 1967

Mr. John W. Weeks, Secretary-Treasurer
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana, Inc.
Room 1006 - 75 Federal Street
Boston, 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Weeks:

I acknowledge your letter of June 22nd concerning the Wallace Genetic Fund, and the contribution from the National American Wholesale Grocers' Association.

Dr. Muller has sent a letter of thanks to the Rudy Treuenfele Educational Foundation for the \$3,000 library donation, and the amount has been included in the restricted funds on our books under the heading "Library Fund (FTEF)".

In order to receive the highest rate of interest possible on a savings account locally, a "Deposito a Plazo" has been established at the Banco Atlantida with the Wallace Fund money, and a copy of their letter in this connection is attached for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Monte C. Dixon
Business Manager

MCD

Enc.

CC: Dr. Albert S. Muller

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BANCO ATLANTIDA

Direccion Cablegrafica "Bancatlan"

Casa Matriz: Tegucigalpa, Republica de Honduras

Julio 10 de 1967

Sres.
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Inc.
Edificio Banco Atlántida, 5o. piso
Tegucigalpa, D. C.

Atención: Sr. M. C. Dixon

Estimados señores:

Nos es grato avisar recibo de su atenta del 7 del corriente acompañada de un cheque por US\$14,000.00 el cual, de conformidad con sus deseos, hemos utilizado para establecer un Depósito a Plazo de 6 meses, con intereses al 4%. El Certificado respectivo, No. 2843, fué entregado el día sábado a su Gerente de Negocios, señor M. C. Dixon.

Sobre este particular, nos permitimos informarles que estamos en la mejor disposición de aceptar nuevos depósitos a plazo y les damos a continuación el tipo de interés que en la actualidad estamos pagando sobre los mismos:

De 1 a 6 meses	4%
De 6 meses 1 día a 1 año	4 1/2%
De 1 año 1 día a 2 años	5%
Mayores de 2 años	5 1/2%

De Uds., atentamente,

Manuel H. Nasralla
Vicepresidente

MHN/lcb.

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Tegucigalpa Honduras

Julio 7, 1967

Señores
Banco Atlántida,
Tegucigalpa, D. C.

Muy señores nuestros:

Con la presente nos es grato acompañarles el cheque # 1473 emitido a favor de Uds. y contra "The First National Bank of Boston" por la cantidad de (US\$14,000.00) CATORCE MIL DOLARES para que se sirvan depositarles a la cuenta de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Inc. en cuenta de "DEPOSITOS A PLAZO FIJO".

Como se comprenderá los documentos por retiros que se hagan de esta cuenta, deberán indispensablemente llevar la firma del Cajero y contra-firmados, ya sea per el Dr. Albert S. Muller, Director, o por el señor M.C. Dixon, Gerente de Negocios.

Aprovechamos la oportunidad para suscribirnos de Uds.,

Attes. y Se. Se.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC:

por

M. C. Dixon,
Gerente de Negocios.

Anexe.--

cc: Dr. A.S. Muller
Cash Papers
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MCD/rac.--

September 18, 1967

Lic. Jorge Fidel Durón
6a. Calle No. 906
Tegucigalpa, D.C.

Dear Lic. Durón:

It was a pleasure to have an informal chat with you last Wednesday and, like Dr. Popenoe, we appreciate your continued interest and support for the EAP over the years.

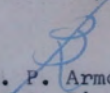
As you requested I have prepared a short memorandum outlining the information given during our meeting.

I also enclose the following which you requested:

- 1) Copy of Decreto #47 of 1942 under which the EAP operates in Honduras.
- 2) Copy of list of all Honduran graduates of EAP and their addresses.

I trust that you will find this information suitable to your requirements and, since Dr. Popenoe was kind enough to arrange our interview, I am also sending him a copy of the memorandum referred to above.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Attachments

cc: Dr. W. Popenoe

MEMORANDUM

To: Lic. Jorge Fidel Durón
From: R. P. Armour
SUBJECT: INFORMAL VISIT TO YOUR OFFICE WEDNESDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER (10:50 - 11:50 a.m.)

INTRODUCTION: As requested by Dr. Wilson Popenoe, during a recent visit to EAP, an appointment was made to enable the writer to discuss with you, informally, the progress of a study whereby the EAP is investigating the feasibility of certain alterations to the EAP curriculum to include all university level requirements for the granting of a recognized degree after 4 years of study.

The present report is being prepared at the request of the addressee and merely outlines the tenor of the conversations and any specific points of information given. No specific opinions of the writer are reflected in the subject matter and it should be repeated here that, in these informal talks no policy statement either on behalf of EAP or its Board of Directors, was made or implied.

REASONS FOR THE PRESENT STUDY: At the request of the Board of Directors of the EAP a survey of the present physical plant and teaching facilities at EAP was made by a study group of Ford Foundation personnel. This report indicated the desirability of conducting a study in order to determine the desirability, and feasibility of the EAP amplifying its present curriculum to include a 4th year of study thus qualifying its students to receive a full university level degree, either B.S. (as in the USA) or its approximate Latin American equivalent.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY AT EAP: This was divided into 3 main areas as follows:

- a) Authority to give, and recognition of, the Ingeniero Agronomo degree. (The EAP at present confers the title of "Agronomo" after 3 years of study)
- b) Curriculum revision.
- c) Budgetary provisions over a five year period based on (b) above.

Under (a) the study commenced with a survey of the legal position of EAP to grant such a degree. This would appear to be circumscribed by the following three documents:

- i) Decreto #47 (National Congress, Honduras Tegucigalpa) 3rd of Feb. 1942, Article 8 page 2, copy attached.
- ii) Ley Orgánica de la Universidad (Decreto No. 170) Page 4, Article 6. (1958)
- iii) Constitution of the Republic. Decreto No. 20 1965 Chapter III Culture Article 157

Preliminary discussions were held with the University of Honduras Officials on 13 Jan. 1967 and, on this basis, an "anteproyecto" was presented by the university. Due to the unique autonomous position of both the National University and EAP it did not appear possible to reach a wide enough area of agreement to warrant further discussion and these negotiations were, therefore, suspended during mid-June and have not been resumed since that date.

b) This area of the study, as indicated, is now complete. Basically it meets the requirements of CSUCA and is the product of 6 months of study of curricula in leading agricultural colleges from Mexico to Peru. The one basic difference is that the strong emphasis on practical training is also maintained. Duration of study under this proposed curriculum is 4 yrs. including thesis work.

c) The budget study has been completed and is at present under review by the board of directors.

GENERAL: The purpose of the present study, as stated earlier, is to investigate the feasibility of changing to a 4-yr curriculum leading to the degree of Ingeniero Agronomo. Naturally no decision can be made until the study is complete. Such a decision can, in any case, only be made at Board of Director's level. As always it is the hope and desire of EAP to maintain its high standards of excellence in education and service to the Latin countries in the area of agricultural development, through education. This goal can only be maintained through complete freedom of action, within the laws which govern its charter, as a private institution desirous of maintaining academic excellence in the area which it serves.

Attachment

JORGE FIDEL DURÓN
RESIDENCIA, ESCUELA LA LEONA
TELEFONO 2-2227
ORIGINAL ESCUELA CALLE ENTRE 5 Y 10 AVES
TELEFONO 2-2026
TEGUCIGALPA, D. C. HONDURAS C. A.

September 20, 1967

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E. P. Armour, Esq.,
Asst. Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Su Apartado Postal,
Tegucigalpa, D. C.

Dear Dr. Armour:

I have received your letter and enclosure of September 18 and wish to say that it was indeed a pleasure to see and talk to you in my office the other day.

The memorandum and information furnished will be most useful to me along the lines of our discussion. You and Dr. Popenoe will hear further from me on the subject.

By the way, I have just received a letter from my good friend, Dr. Armando Bardales, of Castilla Postal 1955, Correo Central, Santiago, Chile, wherein he asks that I obtain for Lawyer Artigas Pulgar information about the conditions to enter the Escuela, years of studies, Curriculum and agricultural programs and needs same just as soon as I can send them.

If it is not too much to ask, perhaps you can order that leaflets and information on these subjects be sent to Dr. Bardales to his address above. It shows how well known your school is even in South America. Please send me a copy of your forwarding letter.

Many thanks for everything and do not hesitate to write or call on me to push our matter forward.

Most sincerely,

Jorge Fidel Durón



September 22, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Doc:

Thank you for the copy of your correspondence with Don Chico and also the letter received from Mr. Baxter. I wrote him some time ago explaining that he would need the equivalent of at least a B.S. degree before we could use him as a professor.

Rie also thanks you for the note to her and also for arranging about the table-cloth which arrived yesterday. She will be writing to you soon and also to Anne Law.

As soon as I hear from Leon Schertler I can make arrangements to see Hernan Fonseca in San Jose and go to the US/AID officials in San Jose with him. I am wondering how you have made out with the officials at the Guatemala Mission with regard to scholarship support. A recent letter from Mr. Weeks seemed to indicate your 5-yr budget might pass if the income side is "firmed up" sufficiently well.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Monday, 25 September, 1967

Dear Doc,

I received the tablecloth and your kind letter on Thursday when two men from the USDA came over from Guatemala. They lunched with us since Bert is in Venezuela.

The tablecloth is an excellent size and I must write to Anne to express my gratitude. As far as the silver coffee bottle cover is concerned.....forget it! That is entirely too much money to spend on a disguise! But thanks for the thought.....

Yesterday Burgos served 1200 lunches to the rodeo crowd and we came out of it without accident. Mario Garcia Salas took a bad spill from a horse...was thrown with great force onto his tailbone....it knocked him out temporarily.....this is one of the reasons Rob and I think rodeos should be left to the professionals.....

Today the plants and grounds crew are busy cleaning up the mess...and believe me it is a mess.....since the Director wasn't home many people ate lunch and napped on his lawn.....leaving the natural Honduran debris hither and yon.....

Last Tuesday night I received the sad news that my brother-in-law had died on a street in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He had a terribly enlarged heart from his Infantry service in World War II so we knew he wasn't in good health....but it is always a shock and he was only 52...my sister is just 44....and they had two of the nicest little girls.... one 13 and one 20.....it will be a hard blow for my sister and she herself is in very precarious health, having had a heart attack at age 39.....the only one of the family to be with Ginny was David since he lives just 40 miles from our hometown....Rob, however, is in Morocco and Viv in California.....distance never hurts as much as at times like these when you feel needed.....

I have spent the weekend in the house, while Rob did the honors by attending the rodeo and the afternoon dance. The floats were beautifully done and the first year's girl won the "Queen" title.....much to the disgust of second and third year....the first year's float was sensational.....featured purple, yellow, bronze and white chrysanthemums grown in their Dept. Mr. Radspinner specializes in this and they had the plastic greenhouse filled...also the class had an experiment set up outside...you may have seen both during your visit.....of course, their float was lovely....Rob said the chrysanthemums were also used on the stage in the Auditorium...they surely chose to bloom at just the right moment.....

Examinations today...and I can well imagine that there are 195 boys who wish they had been studying this weekend.....

I understand Rob will be traveling both to Costa Rica and the U.S. in October. Let us hope that this thing will be settled then.....it seems to have hung over our heads like the sword of Damocles for far too long.....to be or not to be!

EAP managed to win the President's Cup at the Agricultural Exposition and Fair last week...plus 13 trophies including that for the best exhibition stand.....our nearest competitor had 17 points fewer than we...Arnaldo Burgos Sr. won the Brown Swiss Bull Grand Championship with a bull he bought in Wisconsin for 2,000 lemps. EAP won "best exhibitor" and "Best criador" trophies"...one of the EAP graduates, an official of the event, mentioned the fact in the Grandstand.....it is true that EAP entered animals bred here and the others entered purchased products.....from US farms.

Have rambled on long enough. Thanks again.

Love, Rie

November 8, 1967

Mr. Robert B. Wallace
Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries Inc.
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for the copy of your Oct. 31st letter to Mr. Francisco de Sola, and also for the attached copy of a draft proposal for a "Wallace Memorial Fund at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana".

You have asked us for comments on the proposal. My personal feeling is that it presents very clearly an entirely feasible program; it not only represents the synthesis of our thoughts and discussion during your visit, but also will serve admirably, from the initiation of prize-giving in 1972, or at a later date which may be determined, to give suitable recognition to the role your father played in agricultural development in this area and, in particular, to emphasize his special interest in this school and its programs.

I have one observation concerning article six (6) where I feel that the automatic accumulation of excess income funds to the capital account would permit of gradual increases to the prizes rather than to the initiation of projects which might create difficulties of selection and control not required by our Board of Trustees under the prize-giving function.

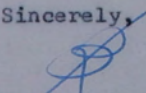
Regarding article 4(c) I would favor the establishment of an awards committee to assist the Board in its annual selection process and to insure that recipients are worthy of the award.

-2- Mr. Robert B. Wallace

As I have indicated, the views stated are personal and are given solely in response to the invitation expressed in the first paragraph of your letter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

cc: Don Francisco de Sola
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. A. S. Muller