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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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February 18, 1972

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

Dear Doc:

I have received your letters of February 7, 9 and 15 and have noted all that you have to say, particularly, in the latter letter, about Mr. Chandler. His papers have already gone to Hugh and we shall proceed as rapidly as possible, using the proscribed channels. I will also send a copy of your letter to Hugh.

We are beginning to put into operation some of the recommendations of the report but the road is very rough, in spots.

Your comments about the rains in Antigua make us wish that we could have a bit of your luck. It is very hot, dry and dusty here.

Regarding Justo, Rie and I see him daily and can report that he is working in the evening, grafting, just now. Last night he was grafting mangos and Professor Salas was with him. The latter, by the way, is a very enthusiastic fieldman. Justo, when writing of luxurious quarters, was perhaps referring to our servants' room where he spent his first night! Rie was especially kind to him and was carrying out towels, bathmats etc.!

Raising the prices on rooms and meals hasn't had much effect thus far, except to have some of the visitors use the Casa Huespedes kitchen and prepare their own meals there. This week we have three rooms filled at Casa H. The auditor arrived and we have Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Kemp from Oxford plus a botanist Dr. Styles with their expedition, also from England. They are all with the Commonwealth Forestry Institute. There is also a tree climber, at present living in the servants' quarters at an empty house.

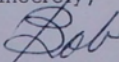
Rie has taken the negatives to town (Tuesday) and will be bringing Alice's photos when we come over in March. This, by the way, will of necessity be a very brief trip, with just two days there. I will be attending judging events on those two days and we will stay in the Biltmore for the sake of convenience to location. I plan to leave the car at that very excellent Mercedes Agency.

-2- Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Thank you for your suggestion that we stay with you in Antigua, and we hope to be able to see you and Alice in any case.

With kind regards to you and to Alice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", written over the printed name "R. P. Armour".

R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

May 3, 1972

Dr. B. A. Krukoff
P. O. Box 352
Smithtown, New York 11787

Dear Dr. Krukoff:

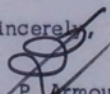
I have received your letter of April 26 regarding the three cases of books. I can appreciate how Mr. de Sola would not be in a position to have these forwarded to EAP.

Under the circumstances I believe it would be best for us to request the good offices of Dr. Wilson Popenoe in making the necessary arrangements, which can perhaps be done through the office of Mr. Arturo Falla in the city.

In any case Dr. Popenoe would have to investigate this possibility first and then advise us. By means of a copy of this letter I am asking Dr. Popenoe to look into this possibility for us and then call your Guatemala City office (2-1540 (or) 2-8451) to advise what, if anything, can be done. You may also wish to visit Dr. Popenoe, in Antigua, in June, should you have time during that brief visit.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

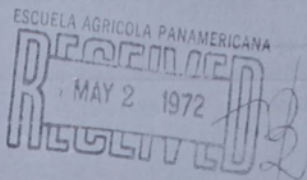

R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe

P. O. Box 352
Smithtown, New York 11787

April 26, 1972



Dr. R. P. Armour, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras


Dear Dr. Armour:

I regret that it was not possible again for me to visit your place. I am now in the states and I am going to Europe, and will be tied up for some time. I will be for a few days in Guatemala in June.

In this connection, let me know whether you want three cases with botanical agricultural books forwarded to you for your library. I approached Chico de Sola on this but had no response. Apparently he does not want to have them forwarded. I hope you will give me someone in Guatemala to whom I can turn over these carton cases so that they can be forwarded to you.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


B. A. Krukoff

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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May 9, 1972

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

Dear Doc:

Just a rushed note to acknowledge your letter of April 29 and to say that I will be away from EAP May 12 - June 3. I will attend the meeting in New York on the 16th, where I will be seeing Hugh of course, and then on to Washington and a two week vacation before leaving from Miami June 3.

Both Hugh and I sent you some mail via Dr. W. Chandler and I presume he has seen you to deliver this, or sent it in the mail. Dr. Chandler may also have mentioned that we finally decided not to offer him the Assoc-Director position. His background, specially in the area of accounting, was really not strong enough and of course a rather marked lack of Spanish could have created problems.

I was in San Jose over the weekend and saw Hernan and his wife. They tell me Sally is doing fine but actually they had not seen her very recently.

Best regards to you and Alice,

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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8 June, 1972

Mr. Jan Dill
15 Ave "A", 20-60, # 5, Zona 13
Guatemala city, Guatemala.

Dear Mr. Dill:

From correspondence received from Dr. Dutcher and also a telephone conversation with him which I had when I was in New York in mid-May, we have learned of Mr. Dutcher's post-doctoral assignment to San Carlos University in Guatemala, as part of the Tufts Universities' Latin American Teaching Fellowship Program. As representative of LATF in Guatemala, Mr. Dutcher has suggested that I write to you expressing our interest in the possibility of having the assignment transferred to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Honduras, if this were at all possible. I understand he is to be writing to you to explain his reasons for a preference for the Honduran assignment, should this be possible, as indicated in a copy of his letter to me dated 10 May 1972.

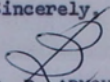
We understand, of course, that should this request be authorized there will be a need for the EAP to negotiate the necessary financial arrangements, as indicated in the second paragraph of his letter.

We feel very confident that Mr. Dutcher could carry out an intensive, as well as interesting and profitable program at the EAP and since we have students from more than 12 countries studying here at any one time, there is a great opportunity provided for spreading agricultural knowledge over a wider area of Latin America through such contacts, as well as the information received by our students from field practice techniques Mr. Dutcher might introduce during his assignment here.

In order to let you know something of our school I am enclosing a copy of our last annual report and should you wish to have further information about the EAP, I feel sure that our Director Emeritus, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, who makes his home in Antigua at the following address: Calle de la Nobleza No. 2, Antigua Guatemala, will be more than glad to further explain the reason why we feel Mr. Dutcher would benefit greatly from a fellowship program carried out at this school.

Should it be necessary for us to submit a formal request in another format we should, of course, be glad to do so.

Sincerely,



R. F. ARMOUR
DIRECTOR

cc: Dr. R. D. Dutcher
Dr. Wilson Popence ✓

12 June, 1972

Dear Alice and Doc,

I am sorry to be so tardy with a letter, especially after interesting letters you sent to me. However, the time since I left EAP on 30 March has been more than hectic...a killing pace. I stopped at Dotty Allen's in St. Louis, only to find her in really sad shape...she can't walk without a cane and inside the house gets about by balancing herself from wall to wall, doorframe to doorframe etc. When she tries to get up from a sitting position on the bed she very often falls backwards...she, of course, had histoplasmosis, from either bats or zopes at Tela..then tremendous amounts of antibiotics...also, and this is my sister's version, probably a severe stroke...Ginny, a nurse, says that all I told her leads to a pattern of a severe stroke rather than overdosage of medicine, as Dotty believes...Dotty also has gout and one of her ankles is grotesque...she says the pain was so bad at times that she was completely bedridden...especially when the gout attack was in her hip area. She believes that she has some medicine, from a Miami doctor, that is helping...but Ginny says that in gout there are periods of remission, often even for years, and then it hits again, harder than ever...a form of arthritis...Dotty's speech is often slurred too...especially when excited or overtired. She can't see at all well and drawing seems to be completely out...her hands are not too good for writing and that is why she usually types...we did, however, have some wonderful chats, between laughter and tears often.

At home in Wisconsin I had some real headaches! Mom's hospital, where she has been for ten years, merged with the Lutheran Hospital and both religious groups sold out to the community...because of the merger the community did some re-arranging and it meant moving Mom's entire floor..patients, furniture, nurses etc., to the other hospital. The new place is very much nicer from the point of view of scenery, being on a lakeshore from which Mom can see water skiing, motorboats of all types, fishing etc., from her window. I had to drive 135 miles daily on superhighways for the first 17 days...to see Mom for three hours....later, after moving to my cousin's home, I had only 42 miles daily....and my brother, David, gave me his Cadillac Sedan De Ville so I went in style. It was a late spring in Wisconsin, very cold and rainy so I didn't get to see lilacs, peonies etc. The hyacinth had started, also iris and crocus...but I really saw lovely spring things after we left Washington later in May...I did my work in the National Archives in Washington the 15th and 16th and Rob and I finally got together and started our vacation drive to Florida on May 18...we stayed in the Shenandoah National Park that night and reached Beckley, West Virginia, where I was born, Friday night the 19th. We stayed there, touring their gorgeous state parks, until May 25...that night we drove to Knoxville and spent the night at Gatlinburg, the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park..which Rob liked better than anything he saw...the dogwood was out..violets, flame azalea, mountain laurel etc. Rhododendron not yet....but he truly enjoyed the wildflowers, many new to him..as well as the gorgeous forests...we got to Miami on

Alice

Monday, May 29th, after 11 days of a real vacation...rushed though it was...then, in Miami, the whirl began...Rob had a huge list of things to buy for EAP and for himself...and another list of appointments...the best of which was with the Ryder Truck people where he got them to agree to give us two secondhand vehicles yearly...like the first two he got from them...and which you may have seen...

We are considering bringing Justo Lopez home to Guatemala when he finishes about mid-July...depends on how Rob can work out his schedule since he has to teach, beginning in August, and everything depends on how much he can get done...

Rain is threatening, I have a huge washing to do, plus one already on the line and tonight we are giving a farewell dinner for Wolfenbargers...we have 6 invited in addition to the Wolfenbargers...and the possibility of a Japanese scientist and his wife joining us, from Nicaragua...for a total of 12...so we won't have an early night...yesterday was the Student Dance for the "recitas"...a huge affair...Don Juan left for Spain on Thursday, for 6 weeks...and Cornejo is filling his position...

Sorry Alice found so many things lacking, for baking etc. I brought chocolate for cakes back with me, also chocolate bits for Brownies. I went to town to shop on Friday but it poured all afternoon and I was simply stunned by prices at the supermarkets...must have returned about 25 items after taking them from the shelves and looking at prices! But I have the house reasonably stocked now...not with what I would like to have but with what I could afford. This economic thing here in Honduras becomes more serious daily. By the way, we had a note from Carlos Cortes in Hawaii and he and Stella had a little girl, 5 lbs., 14 and 1/2 ounces, Leilani Isabel.

Must dash now...but shall write at leisure one day soon.

Lova, Virginia

Among items - 18 T-shirts for Don Jean's department, 60 work-bee and tea Queen in my handbag!!!



HOTEL

GUATEMALA BILTMORE

La Reforma y 15 Calle, Zona 10 - Guatemala, C. A. - TELEX: 4140-HOTBIL GU - Cable Biltmore

16 June, 1972

Dear Alice and Doc,

Doc's letter to Rob got here just about the time the Wolfenbargers would have been giving you my letter. We were sorry to hear that the Costa Rican trip was "unpleasant" because we are afraid that can only mean Sally. Whatever, we hope it all worked out well.

We are having the wildest weather here! Fierce winds for the fourth day, with today's the worst of all. Every door and window in the house has to be battened down. Today we had early morning drizzle and it has looked threatening all day...but rain has been scarce for over a week...

Have just had a delightful two-day visit from the Mittaks, so that he could continue the Herbarium Photo project. He has now taken a few short of 600 photos and says that those already mounted, framed and hung at the School have caused great interest and enthusiasm. What a charming couple they are. I gave them lunch at our house yesterday and we went to the Dining Hall last evening.

Since Casa Huespedes is in dire need of fumigation, we had the Mittaks stay at Casa Popenoe and I have been stripping and airing over at Casa H. On Monday the Sanidad team of EAP moves with their insecticide. What happened, I believe, was that the British botanist, I forget his name, was forced to dry all of his plants at Casa H. for weeks..because Toño's wife wouldn't let him into the Herbarium with "dirty material"...thus, Casa H. developed a fine insect population and some of the sheets are actually eaten to ribbons! I got home in time....I think! Although Ronald Kemp says he saw a mouse disappear behind a mueble and he just managed to cut a bit of the tail! The botanist was there in March, before I left, so I just wish I had realized how bad things were then...anyhow, that's the way it goes when the insects invade..no great loss yet...just sheets...

Cornejo is now Inspector and the night before the Freshman Dance on Sunday, two Costa Ricans put dummies in their beds and took off! I think this was a "prueba" but Rob doesn't fool around...sent both boys home on Monday! This is newer than last year's method whereby they paid Dining Hall workers to sleep in their beds in the dorms...but Don Juan wasn't fooled! What a world...and the U. S. government sent a strong note to the Honduran Government and demanded a payment of \$50,000 for damages done by university students to U. S. buildings and equipment on the Dia del Estudiante..Rob's hair is greyer...old Juan Manuel was interviewed on his birthday and he told them what to do...find the ones causing trouble for the government and eliminate them! He said that he had an easy time because of the peace enforced in the nation by the old General's strofing hand.....

GUATEMALA BILTMORE - HOTEL ANTIGUA - EL CAMINO REAL

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Mom has settled down beautifully in the new hospital, for which we are all so grateful. And my niece writes from Hawaii that she completed her first year of college with straight A's...so there are good items of news at times...It is quite difficult for my brother Robert and for me because we are so far from Mom and feel we leave so many of the burdens for my sister and brother in Wisconsin. But we try to make up for this by sending money to be used for the hundred and one odds and ends always needed...Life just isn't the proverbial bowl of cherries!

Speaking of cherries, I can't tell you how many pounds Rob and I ate in the States! We just couldn't get enough. I wish they could grow really gorgeous cherries like the Ming here...meantime, we've had fine watermelons...season ended just after we got home so we had 6 all told...

Saturnino, returning after his 11-days absence, has persuaded Heckle and Jekle to remain completely aloof too..no more begging for tortillas soaked in water! But each night, about 7:00, they continue to give a concert of whistles and calls...from the same spot on the lake..so Rob thinks there might be a nest...

We have just received that marvelous book, A Distributional Survey of the Birds of Honduras, by Burt Monroe, Jr., It was first out in 1968, October, so I would imagine you have seen it. What a help in my bird watching ventures! Hugh is mentioned in it quite often..Paul Allen, Mark Trafton, Captain Ross, C. M. Shaw, Dick Washburn, Archie Carretc. Doc Dunlap too...The book makes one realize how much is yet to be done...

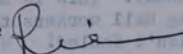
The physiography, geology and soils sections are rather interesting and Rob and I have been taking turns with the book...

Prof. Torres Yufra has the athletic groups in Don Juan's absence...he is a very good fellow and well liked...I don't know of a harder worker unless it is Torres...and Torres-Yufra always seems so eager to learn...

I really must attack a mountain of desk backlog...it never gets less...how can it when Rob comes home to toss more onto the heap!

Made chocolate cake with 7-minute frosting for lunch yesterday...all I can tell you is that it disappeared very fast, with Theresa, Concha and Trino having their pieces today! I also had Northern beans, those lovely white ones...in my special brown sugar recipe...all I lacked was beer, also called for...but I had some Mogen David blackberry wine to pour over the pork roast! Mittaks eat very little but she was telling me that they both had amoebus plus some other parasite..he said he fought the amoebus for over 3 years...they are thin...but she also said she doesn't have to cook because she has a cook who is completely trained after 1 and 1/2 years. I should have such luck! Mine, once trained, run off to Tegucigalpa! And when I am here neither Amparo nor Stella show much enthusiasm for the kitchen! Leave it to Rie is the motto! I don't mind but would prefer more desk time...and they'll get theirs when I trot off to Scotland for 6 months again!!

Much love to both of you...I hope all is well, in every way...

Rie 
and Rob, too!

July 3, 1972

Rev. Arturo C. Mertens
Santa Lucía R. L.
Km. 144, Carretera Panamericana
Aldea El Novillero
Santa Lucía Utatlán
Sololá, Guatemala

Dear Father Mertens:

I refer to my letter of March 7 and the activities of Justo Lopez during his stay here.

I enclose a copy of his activities in the Animal Husbandry Department, which he completed on June 24. Since then, and until July 31, he will be busy in the following study areas where he has requested additional time, at the end of the six-month period.

These are:

ANIMAL INDUSTRY:

Pig Section
Veterinary Section
Artificial Insemination

HORTICULTURE:


Use of Pesticides and Fungicides

Please let us know what travel arrangements should be made for Justo on or after July 31.

Needless to say Justo has, I believe, absorbed a great deal during his stay here and I believe he has matured a little also. We hope you will see the difference in his post-EAP performance.

With best regards,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Director

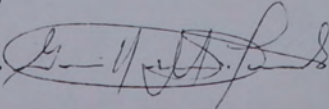
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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Departamento de Ganadería

Mayo 12, 1972

MEMORANDUM:

A: Ing. Candelario Ríos P.

DE: Dr. Guillermo Torres Y. 

ASUNTO: PROGRAMA DE TRABAJO DEL SR. JUSTO TUNAY DURANTE EL PERIODO DEL 8 DE MAYO AL 24 DE JUNIO.

SECCION DE CERDOS: (8 Mayo - Mayo 12)

- 1.- Reconocimiento de razas
- 2.- Cruces de razas
- 3.- Manejo y alimentación
- 4.- Asistencia de partos
- 5.- Control de enfermedades
- 6.- Sanidad y registro

SECCION DE VETERINARIA: (Del 13 al 18 de Mayo)

- 1.- Pruebas de brucelosis
- 2.- Pruebas de tuberculosis
- 3.- Prevención y control de enfermedades
- 4.- Uso de equipo

SECCION DE ESTABLO: (Del 19 al 21 de Mayo)

- 1.- Ordeño manual y mecánico
- 2.- Uso y limpieza del equipo
- 3.- Sanidad y registro
- 4.- Alimentación

SECCION DE PRODUCTOS LACTEOS: (Del 22 al 27 de Mayo)

- 1.- Procesamiento de leche
- 2.- Fabricación de queso
- 3.- " " mantequilla

SECCION DE PRODUCTOS LACTEOS: Continuación

- 4.- Fabricación de Helados
- 5.- Registro de curva de pasteurización y otros
- 6.- Sanidad y manejo de equipo
- 7.- Prueba de mastitis
- 8.- Prueba de grasa

SECCION DE GANADO DE CARNE: (Del 28 al 30 de Mayo)

- 1.- Alimentación
- 2.- Monta controlada
- 3.- Diferenciación de razas
- 4.- Manejo y registros
- 5.- Evaluación de forrajes

SECCION DE AGROSTOLOGIA: (Del 31 de Mayo al 2 de Junio)

- 1.- Reconocimiento de pastos y leguminosas
- 2.- Métodos de propagación
- 3.- Climatación de pastos
- 4.- Valor alimenticio de los pastos
- 5.- Palatabilidad de los pastos

SECCION DE TERNEROS: (Del 3 de Junio al 4 de Junio)

- 1.- Manejo y alimentación
- 2.- Control de enfermedades
- 3.- Usos de registros
- 4.- Descornamiento y eliminación de tetas supernumerarias

SECCION DE RASTRO Y CARNES: (Del 5 de Junio al 7 de Junio)

- 1.- Diferentes métodos de sacrificio
- 2.- Cortes y clasificación de carne
- 3.- Destace
- 4.- Cura de jamones y preparación de productos
- 5.- Usos de registros

SECCION DE AVICULTURA: (Del 8 de Junio al 10 de Junio)

- 1.- Alimentación
- 2.- Destace
- 3.- Prevención y control de enfermedades
- 4.- Sanidad y manejo
- 5.- Registros
- 6.- Equipos

SECCION DE TOPOGRAFIA: (Del 12 al 14 de Junio)

- 1.- Nivelación
- 2.- Mediación de terreno
- 3.- Construcción de planos
- 4.- Principio de riego
- 5.- Taller de granja

SECCION DE INSEMINACION: (Del 15 al 17 de Junio)

- 1.- Asistencia de parto
- 2.- Manejo del ternero recién nacido
- 3.- Uso del catete e inseminación
- 4.- Palpación

SECCION DE CONCENTRADOS: (Del 19 al 24 de Junio)

- 1.- Balanceo de formulas
- 2.- Preparación de concentrados
 - a) Aves, b) Cerdos, c) Ganado lechero y de carne, d) Equinos.
- 3.- Reconocimiento de los ingredientes alimenticios
- 4.- Obtención de formulas y registros
- 5.- Manejo del equipo



JUL 17 1972

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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July 11, 1972

Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe
President, Board of Trustees
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Center for Tropical Agriculture
2001 McCarty Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Hugh:

As I believe you are well aware one of the end results of the work done by the Review Team last year was to provide the students with a ready made "Pliego de demandas y inquietudes". The most recent "round" in this area is attached for your information.

I also wanted to let you know that, in direct relationship to the above, we have been able to obtain the assistance of two technicians from Spain, through an application made over a year ago to the Spanish Embassy in Tegucigalpa. These two professors, in the area of agronomy and animal husbandry (soils and poultry specialists respectively) are here under an arrangement with the Instituto Español de Emigración and CIME. Their basic pay is provided by the Spanish government, rather like a Peace Corps arrangement, and we provide housing plus \$150.00 per month as maintenance stipend.

The two men in question, with their wives, arrived last Thursday and, after they have settled in may well make a useful contribution in Agronomy and Animal Husbandry Departments without being on the EAP payroll, as such, the \$150.00 being paid by voucher. Travel arrangements are also taken care of by the Spanish Government. Tour of duty is for two years. The addition of one man in Agronomy will placate the students somewhat but there is no doubt that we will have to replace Dr. Freytag when he leaves on August 15. At present we are looking for a man with strong genetics and plant breeding background. It now seems possible, from the candidates available, that this post can be filled by September 1.

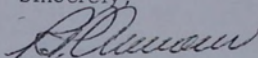
-2- Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe

Also, in relationship to reduction of teaching staff, our commitment to LASPAU scholarship students, sponsored by EAP, and of which there are five at present, all previous to the Review Team Recommendations, is something I should like to discuss with you at length, certainly no later than the December meeting but anytime previous to that date would be preferable. Our present "image" with LASPAU is, as you know, not of the best.

Thank you for all correspondence recently received. At present we are busy with 5-year budgets, AID/Grant reports and AID/Grant request for Fy 1974.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

Attachments

Señor Director:

Hemos solicitado esta reunión con el propósito de exponer nuestros problemas e inquietudes como actuales estudiantes de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Como son problemas que insiden directamente en nuestra formación profesional, y cuya gravedad requiere acción conjunta del profesorado y la Dirección, es que hemos querido invitar a los profesores a que oigan la exposición de nuestras razones.

Primeramente voy a hacer una exposición de nuestras inquietudes principales:

En primer lugar está lo referente a la escasez actual de profesores y lo que la Dirección está haciendo para lograr la reorganización del plantel de profesores, tanto en lo teórico como en lo práctico.

La falta de personal ha llevado a que la situación del trabajo en el Departamento sea francamente mala. Nunca se nos da una explicación completa de los trabajos realizados en el Departamento, ni la mejor forma de llevarlos a cabo. No se sigue un plan de explicaciones prácticas en los diferentes cultivos del Departamento o de las diferentes actividades realizadas en él, y de las que el estudiante podría sacar mucho provecho para su futuro profesional. Se está desaprovechando la oportunidad de que el estudiante siga paso a paso el desarrollo de los cultivos.

Al estudiante no se le da una motivación del trabajo, una explicación de los cómo y por qué de los trabajos que realiza. No se le brinda la oportunidad de tener al maestro a su lado para que oriente sus inquietudes diarias en el campo o de que aprenda o experimente en algún cultivo de su interés. Se le da más un trato de peón que de estudiando, anteponiendo la producción a la enseñanza, cosa que en un Instituto de educación nunca debe ocurrir.

En cuanto a la organización del trabajo, en lo que se refiere a distribución y planificación del mismo, deja mucho que desear.

Se debería planificar los grupos de trabajo de tal forma que todos los alumnos participen de todos los trabajos y actividades del Departamento, y si se presentare un caso de especial interés, todos los alumnos deberían estar presentes, para aprender y practicar en el mismo.

No se ha dado énfasis en la enseñanza y práctica de las modernas técnicas de cultivo, dejando que el alumno salga sin haber practicado las técnicas que deberá usar en su trabajo.

Se debería realizar, además, con los alumnos, los análisis económicos de los cultivos, abarcando todos sus aspectos, como son: preparación de terrenos, semilla, fertilizante, productos químicos, maquinaria, mano de obra, rendimientos, mercadeo, etc, que nos serán de gran utilidad en el futuro.

También se deben realizar con frecuencia conferencias de temas agrícolas de actualidad. En vez de realizar trabajos que puede realizar la maquinaria de la Escuela se pueden incrementar al número de horas dedicadas a la enseñanza en el campo.

Estos son los puntos sobre los cuales queremos conocer la opinión de la Dirección, y son el motivo por el que nos hallamos aquí. Quisieramos que se nos de una explicación sobre cada uno de los puntos propuestos.

REUNION 19 DE JUNIO DE 1972RESOLUCION DE PROBLEMAS EN TRABAJOPUNTOS:

- 1- REORGANIZACION DEL PROFESORADO DE LOS DEPARTAMENTOS.
- 2- EXPLICACION DETALLADA DE LOS TRABAJOS REALIZADOS EN EL DEPARTAMENTO.
¿COMO HACERLO?
 - A- DAR EXPLICACION PRACTICA POR CULTIVOS.
 - b- DAR LA MOTIVACION DEL TRABAJO.
 - C- DAR ORIENTACION A LAS INQUIETUDES.
 - D- DAR OPORTUNIDAD DE QUE LOS ALUMNOS APRENDAN Y EXPERIMENTEN SOBRE CULTIVOS QUE ESTEN INTERESADOS.
- 3- ORGANIZACION DE LA DISTRIBUCION Y PLANIFICACION DEL TRABAJO, TOMANDO LA FORMACION DE GRUPOS COMO MERA^{MENTE} NOMINAL PARA PODER TODOS PARTICIPAR EN TODAS LAS ACTIVIDADES DEL DEPARTAMENTO.
- 4- DAR ENFASIS EN LA ENSEÑANZA Y PRACTICA DE LAS ACTUALES TECNICAS DE CULTIVO.
- 5- HACER ANALISIS ECONOMICO DE LOS CULTIVOS, PRACTICAS AGRICOLAS, ETC. CON LOS ALUMENOS.
- 6- REALIZAR CON MAYOR FRECUENCIA CONFERENCIAS RELACIONADAS CON TEMAS AGRICOLAS.
- 7- COMUNICACION AL ESTUDIANTADO DE LAS RESOLUCIONES TOMADAS POR LA DIRECCION CON RESPECTO A ESTOS PROBLEMAS.



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Dr. Hugh L. Popenoe
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Alumni Association (AGEAP) Relationships:
Between EAP and its Board of Directors.

Dear Hugh:

The attached Newsletter (No. 11; Abril 1972) although bad enough, is just one in a series which has been issued over the past three years or so.

With specific reference to the marked passages on page three, of the newsletter, it becomes a question of how long we should allow this to proceed without a rebuttal. On the other hand, unless wisely handled, an answer can, very often, only add fuel to the fire. It is for this reason that I have refused to enter into polemics, as far as the Administration of EAP is concerned.

Since this letter openly attacks one of our Board Members, however, it is only right that you be informed of the situation.

On the whole I believe it is a valuable object lesson to point out that Alumni Associations, in Latin America, do not necessarily follow the U. S. pattern of assisting the Alma Mater in every way possible.

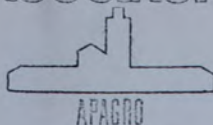
With best regards,

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

Attachments



UNA ORGANIZACION QUE AGONIZA

Todos los Agrónomos hemos sentido la necesidad de organizarnos y contar con una Asociación que nos represente. Se han dado pasos importantes en varias Regiones del país, pero todas las inquietudes, han quedado en este plano, y casi en su totalidad, han desaparecido, con excepción de la ASOCIACION PANAMERICANA DE AGRONOMOS, que pese a no tener colaboración sino de unos pocos colegas, continua su ya larga agonía.

¿A qué se debe esta apatía?

Las causas, son fáciles de encontrar. Fuimos formados en un ambiente y con sistemas que fomentan todavía más, el ya tradicional sistema individualista de los latinoamericanos. Pero qué ha sucedido con todas aquellas buenas intenciones que hervían, en las mentes de los líderes de cada una de las diferentes promociones?

Cada persona resolvió como pudo su programa, más apremiante.

En general podemos decir que la situación económica de la mayoría no es un problema.

Entonces la respuesta es obvia.

Ahora este conglomerado está formado por pequeños, medianos y grandes burgueses.

"HACER, ES LA
MEJOR MANERA
DE DECIR"

José Martí

CONTENIDO

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- 2 - Striptease Zamorano
- 3 - Qué hace en la Junta de la E.A.P. el doctor Jorge Mejía Salazar?
- 4 - Una voz en el desierto

PROXIMO NUMERO:

- Ley que reglamenta las Profesionales Agronómicas y Forestales.
- Balance "APAGRO"

La situación del país, de su escuela, el aporte a la sociedad y su propia superación, son cosas de poca monta.

Verdaderamente son
"Profesionales boyantes económicamente, con mentalidad de mayordomos"

Estábamos convencidos que la Asociación, se nutriría del vigor de las nuevas promociones; sin embargo, es triste, pero verdadero, que muchos jóvenes Agrónomos, no tienen ni el empuje, ni el tiempo necesario para reforzar o sustituir a aquellos que nacieron viejos y cansados.

Lo único que podemos asegurarles a los burgueses apáticos por naturaleza, y porque nada les falta en su vida muelle, es que la Asociación Panamericana de Agrónomos, no tendrá un entierro de tercera clase, al cual ellos no asistirían por no estar de acuerdo, con sus prerrogativas, ni con su decadente mentalidad.

La minoría que cree y hace, continuará con la bandera en alto. Esperamos las manifestaciones de los Agrónomos, que deseen al menos con sus comentarios, estimular a este grupo que por sobre cualquier dificultad continuará luchando, por el bienestar de todos.

STRIP-TEASE ZAMORANO

Nos ha llegado el Informe Anual 1971 del Secretario General de la AGEAP, en donde nos enteramos del "Strip-Tease Zamorano" de cada año, en donde se debatieron asuntos tan "importantes" como:

- "Resolución N° 2. - Se acordó gestionar lo pertinente al anillo de graduación de la E.A.P., que se recuperará el simbolismo del anillo volviendo al original....."

- "Resolución N° 7. - Que se cobrarán las cuotas a través de una Agencia de Cobranzas - se ha hecho pero solamente se conoce un caso del exterior...."

- "Resolución N° 10 - Se aprobó enviar \$100.00 al Capítulo de Colombia y apoyo moral en su lucha por intereses profesionales...."

Como podrán darse plena cuenta, con Resoluciones como las mencionadas, es para morir de risa. Esperar que gente sería viaje a Tegucigalpa a estudiar un problema de modelo de anillo, o a estudiar un problema de pago de cuotas a la AGEAP, o ir a recibir el apoyo moral cuando un grupo de Profesionales honestos e idóneos se debaten en la solución de su futuro, es creer que estamos viviendo la época del Rey Luis Capeto, que lo cogieron jugando con un reloj en los momentos de la revolución francesa.

Mientras la AGEAP, no luche por conquistas importantes como:

- El Presidente de la AGEAP tiene que hacer parte de la Junta Directiva de la E.A.P.

- Mejora y ampliación del curriculum de la E.A.P.

No puede la E.A.P. continuar siendo el Kindergarden de la educación superior.

- Lograr un convenio con la Universidad Autónoma de Honduras, equitativo para los egresados de la E.A.P. y no el "leopino" que actualmente está vigente.

- Acción a través de la O.E.A. para el reconocimiento y promoción a nivel continental.

QUE HACE EN LA JUNTA EL DOCTOR
JORGE MEJIA SALAZAR?

Para muy pocos Agrónomos es conocido que el doctor Jorge Mejía Salazar, Presidente del Banco de Bogotá, sea Miembro de la Junta Directiva de la E.A.P.

¿Qué hace por la Escuela?

No lo sabemos

¿Qué hace por los Agrónomos?

Nada

¿Qué hizo en la lucha por la Ley que reglamentó las Profesiones Agronómicas y Forestales?

Nada

¿Qué hace por la APAGRO?

Nada

Balance

UNA VOZ EN EL DESIERTO

En la pasada Asamblea (VII del 30 de Enero/72) el colega Alvaro Jiménez Castro, planteó el "Reconocimiento o equivalencia de asignaturas profesionales para Zamoranos en la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. - Se da a conocer una disposición de las autoridades de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras en el sentido de no dar equivalencia a Zamoranos que deseen entrar a la Facultad de Ciencias Agrícolas de la Ceiba, para obtener el título de Ingeniero Agrónomo".

Es obvio que esto suceda. La Escuela está estancada. La Junta Directiva la forman unas personas que van de vacaciones a la E.A.P. una vez al

año, y aportan unos dineros para pagar menos impuestos.

¿Qué hace el Director para proyectar la E.A.P. a donde los visionarios Paddock y Morcillo la llevaban?

¿Qué hacen sus egresados?

Estudiar modelos de anillos.

No permitamos que la E.A.P. continúe estancada.

✓ *pc. Nelson
Rousse*

Santa Lucia Utatlan
Solala, Guatemala
July 16, 1972

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Dr. Robert Armour
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana

Dear Dr. Bob:

Thank you for your gracious and complete letters. I just hasten now to tell you that I would like to fly Justo home to give a little style to the finish of his fine course there. I will be inquiring about the flights when I go to mail this and will be noting my preference at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you again, and I hope we will be able to send you a regular student in the not too distant future. We are an agricultural cooperative in the process of developing sons of this community for immediate opportunities in field administration for the development of their own community, yet, given the situation of Guatemala's only agricultural school, we have no place to send our boys.

Very gratefully yours,

Arthur Mertens

Rev. Arthur Mertens

P.S. I have learned that SAUSA leaves Tegucigalpa at 2:pm and arrives here at 3:30pm. I have suggested to Justo that he buy his ticket ahead of time and reserve passage for July 31. We will meet him here. I enclosed a check for him to make the purchase. I am sure you will see that the details are arranged. Thank you.

A.M.



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

Dear Bob:

My schedule now looks as though I will be able to come to the School about August 15 for a week and we can discuss the proposal requested by the USAID Mission then.

In the meantime, the idea of more facilities rather bothers me because this cannot help but increase the long term maintenance costs. Perhaps if we moved toward accepting more students, this might be one way to get additional dormitory space built. At any rate, we will be able to discuss it when I am there. Mr. Ashley will probably accompany me to the School.

Best regards to you and Rie.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh

Hugh Popenoe
President, Board of Trustees
Escuela Agricola Panamericana

HP:lh

cc: Dr. Catherine Collidge
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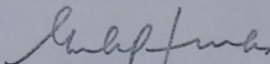
Mr. R. P. Armour
Escuela Agricola
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Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. Armour,

Thank you for your letter of June 20th addressed to Mr. Eli M. Black. We are pleased to be able to be of assistance to EAP, and hope that all is well at the school, and that the wonderful work being done by the Escuela Agricola Panamericana continues to grow.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,



Philip Fuchs

PF:rb

[August 1972]

Good Morning! Hope you have a nice day...am planning to wash....
and then, this evening, when its cool, I plan to defrost the refrigerator.

The ladies who come Saturday are:

Miss Dorothy Zimmer, consultant, Kansas City Schools
Miss Louise Zimmer, Director of Elem. Educ. for Kansas
City Schools
Miss Bettie Stapp, Principal
Miss Elizabeth Morris, Specialist and Consultant

Sounds like a formidable group, as Dr. Zimmer's letter said.....

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Doc: As you can see Sr Puyol had already written to me - this is for your files -
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OCT. 2, 1972

Agosto 26 de 1972

Sr. Edgar Puyol Perdomo
221 E. Division St.
Rivers Falls, Wisconsin
U. S. A.

Estimado Señor Puyol:

Hago referencia a su atenta carta de Agosto 16 y a la vez lo felicito por las recomendaciones y notas sobre sus estudios hechos en la Universidad de Wisconsin.

En vista de lo anterior puedo apreciar aún más su problema actual de falta de fondos. Para la obtención de becas hoy día especialmente en los Estados Unidos, como seguramente es sabido por usted, es algo difícil aunque no debe ser imposible, cuando se trata de un nivel de Post-grado.

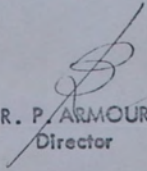
Sus primeros recursos siempre deben ser con sus profesores y el consejero para estudiantes internacionales que generalmente existe en las Universidades de Estados Unidos. Una vez exploradas todas estas posibilidades, otra que se me ocurre son las becas otorgadas por el " Land Tenure Center " de la Universidad de Wisconsin, o de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA).

Las fuentes más frecuentes que ocupan nuestros graduados para seguir sus estudios son las becas del AID, Fundación Rockefeller y Fundación Ford. Sin embargo en todos esos casos es necesario hacer los arreglos de beca antes de salir de su puesto anterior, en vista que solo son otorgados bajo el apadrinamiento de alguna institución oficial que, en primer lugar, solicita la ayuda financiera para el empleado seleccionado para estudios superiores en los Estados Unidos.

También es posible a veces obtener "Assistantship " en la misma Universidad para seguir estudios de Post-grado, pero generalmente estos arreglos solamente se hacen al terminar estudios de B. S., en la misma Universidad.

Espero que la información dada será de alguna utilidad, aunque temo que el problema de financiar adecuadamente estudios hoy día se está poniendo cada vez más agudo, pero es nuestro sincero deseo que en su caso se logre la meta deseada, especialmente cuando sus estudios de post-grado son tan prometedores.

Atentamente,



R. P. ARMOUR
Director

cc: Sr. Amado Pelón C.

RPA/omb

Alice: you would adore my
newest ducklings! So cuddly and
bright yellow.

Tuesday, 19 September, 1972

Dear Doc and Alice,

I had every intention of sitting down to write all details of the Panama trip, just the minute I got home! However, after good health for the entire grueling (and I mean grueling) trip, a bug hit after we were home....and I, for one, was simply drained of strength. Never have I had such a stomach!! Rob threw his illness off in about 24 hours but Rie...never one to take medicine until the absolutely last resort.....got her just desserts.....no pun intended! As a result, I am still feeling quite weak in the pins but with so much desk work staring at me I must take the bull by the horns.....Rob, also buried under a landslide at the office, and with a week-long visit from Simon Malo imminent, says, merely, "Tell Doc I will write eventually..."

Now....for the meat of it all.....first of all, you were every so right to decide not to attempt the trip! Not only was the three-day car trip, each way, very wearying, but the three days in Panama were enough to kill anybody.....the Panamanians go day and night, nonstop! And they had so many activities laid on for us that we barely had time to make the frequent clothing changes so necessary in that wet, damp, dripping atmosphere.....and we need not mention sleep.....there was very little!

Organization was spectacular because we were met at the border, in Migracion, with a program, phone numbers of all Zamoranos in David, a map etc. Said and his committee had truly surpassed themselves.....thus, it was doubly sad that the turnout from other countries



was so very disappointing.....4 from Honduras, 6 from Costa Rica, 1 from Nicaragua, 1 from Ecuador.....and that was it!!!! The Panamanians had worked at least for 6 months with planning etc, had expended a great amount of energy and fantastic amounts of money.....

Highlight of all events! Your speech!! Really, Doc, it just made the day on Saturday.....you never saw such a change in an audience..... they laughed, were tearful.....applauded, and, in fact, tumbled over themselves getting to the stage after all was over, to tell me how great it was and how much it meant to them.....two men who were particularly moved were Humberto Vejil and Ocampo..the "diputado" from Costa Rica....in fact, the latter took the microphone and made a speech about you...over radio and TV....I had the good fortune to be able to begin to tape the program from the moment your speech finished so got Hugo Cortez' speech.....and Ocampo's words...etc. will be bringing it over to Guatemala because there was so much you will want to hear..... I stayed in a corner of the platform throughout the morning's events and with the cooperation of the radio technician there I got quite a good tape.....although conditions were not ideal for taping.....Said Diaz son, at home, taped directly from the TV and radio and Said says his tape is perfect.....

We were really surprised when the Minister of Agriculture decorated Rob with the Order of Vasco Nuñez Balboa. It was a completely unexpected thing for us and Roberto Vanegas, United Press representative in Honduras, says he will release it all to the press just as soon as

Hotel Irazú

the official citation arrives.....we have the

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HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL MANAGUA

APARTADO POSTAL 3278 - OCTAVA CALLE SUR OESTE - NUMERO 101 - MANAGUA - NICARAGUA - CABLE ADDRESS: INHOTELCOR



medal but not the papel..... I bought a set of photos to bring over for you.....they were all excellent...just now I have loaned Amado my set so that he can do a bulletin board display here.. I must reiterate that your speech was just the perfect climax and meant more to everyone than anything else.....they listened with interest to Major ~~Viterbo~~ Roberto Diaz Herrera, the president's representative...and I admit that he was very good, for a military man speaking of things agricultural! The local alcalde was grand... a real comic who enjoyed the events so much that he came to all of them, including the barbecue at Viterbo's farm on the last day..... about 300 at that! What an event! Everybody was feeling no pain and Rob had a real struggle late in the afternoon when he had to give the thank you speeches, (Master of Ceremonies)..supervise the gift giving etc. They were all yelling, "demerito", "Baños"..... and like phrases.....the group photo looks like a "morning after" ad for a liquor company...but it was all very successful....except for the disappointing turnout from other nations.....however, people like Paco Matamoras sent cables.....a gesture we felt was truly indicative of quite a bit of culture and education on Paco's part..... all cables were read over the TV and radio.....Roberto Huertematte, by the way, is very ill.....could not come....hospitalized recently and seemingly not getting on too well.....Luis Tergas, who came from Ecuador, is in terrible shape with an ulcer problem....skin and bones! Poor Amado was worked like a slave.....he will be telling you all the business details and intrigue.....poor Roberto Vanegas was attacked in Panama City and had about \$400.00 stolen..Amado was with him and

on 2 evenings when I heard the story!



Amado raised this from \$200 - 400

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HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL MANAGUA

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was thoroughly shocked because he thought the lad, about 12, had knifed Roberto when he saw him go down. They came on to David anyhow, although late, and Rob asked them to play it down because the local Panamanians felt so bad about it all.....poor Roberto was very shaken and the sad thing was that some of the money was from the Honduran government for they had asked him to buy some equipment for their lab.....

Roads in Panama and Nicaragua were excellent and the San Ramon-Punto Arenas road in Costa Rica is ready to be opened....when it is, it will make the trip much easier....however, nothing is ever going to change the problem with the Interamerican Highway in the San Jose-Panama border area.....Cerro del Muerto is paved but is having landslide trouble.....we went over it on the way down in sun and lovely, clear skies.....I took many notes about the vegetation, which we found most fascinating.....coming back, we hit fog and heavy rain in areas...plus one landslide....had to wait for about 10 minutes.....talk about cold! I made a bathroom stop at 11,000 feet and got a sore throat as a result because rain was dripping on me the entire time and the wind lashed like a knife. In the Platanares-Palmar Sur area there really isn't any road....as fast as a section is ready, rockslides tear it up.....and the Rio Terraba (really a furious river) is tearing out the bank on one side.....they have a real problem to cope with and have already

What oak did you call those?



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and the Director to go... but the...
things, say "no"... there were...
More soon. Much love. Rita

HOTEL
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spent a fortune....Hernán says he believes it is a losing battle and they will eventually have to route the San Jose-border highway by way of the coast....and give up! An expensive proposition....we enjoyed it all as a great adventure but wouldn't care to repeat that Southern Costa Rica bit until there is a solution to the road problem....we were hit by a rockslide but, luckily, the rocks ^{merely} took the paint off Rob's door in spots and made slight dents....Mercedes B. must have tough steel because one of the rocks was a five-pounder! It was a frightening experience and one is uneasy through the whole area....in comparison, the infamous "Tapon" in Guatemala was child's play.....

Am baking a cake this a.m. so must begin now...Rob wants to go to Tegucigalpa in the p.m. if Dr. Guilbert can see him...he had the sad luck to break another toothand I broke the wing of my glasses... without glasses I get headaches when doing desk work.....Rob came home to 59 exam papers to be corrected, 4 pages each! So he spent Sunday cooped up with those....I did one section for him....Salas had given the exam for Rob while Rob was away....they are teaching this course in turns...Salas has a month just now.....had 8 people at the Guest House over the 15th....Mundo Ramirez, wife, children, in-laws, from Nicaragua...he used to run our Dairy....EAP grad. you will recall. Things in Teguc. are the usual mess...teachers on strike again and nothing settled at Ceiba.....the professors there are saying they cannot be fired....and there was a bomb in Virgilio Carias home when



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he went back to try to take over...so he didn't stay long. The professors
have a lawyer now....and **Manfredo Fajardo** is the prof. spokesman....Arnaldo
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seems to be the word because the **UNAH** rector wants the professors to stay
and the Director to go....but the **UNAH** student groups, who seem to run
things, say "no".....there were no parades for the 15th.....
More soon. Much love, **Rie**



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spent a fortune.....Hernán says he believes it is a losing battle and
they will eventually have to route the San José-border highway by way
of the coast....and give up! An expansive proposition....we enjoyed
it all as a great adventure but wouldn't care to repeat that Southern
Costa Rica bit until there is a solution to the road problem....we were
hit by a rockslide but, luckily, the rocks took the paint off Rob's
door in spots and made slight dents....Mercedes B. must have tough
steel because one of the rocks was a five-pounder! It was a frightening
experience and one is uneasy through the whole area....in comparison
the infamous "Tadon" in Guatemala was child's play.....

Am baking a cake this a.m. so must begin now....Rob wants to go to
Tegucigalpa in the p.m. if Dr. Gilbert can see him....he had the sad
luck to break another tooth.....and I broke the wing of my glasses...
without glasses I get headaches when doing desk work.....Rob came home
to 29 exam papers to be corrected, 4 pages each! So he spent Sunday
cooped up with those....I did one section for him.....Salas had given
the exam for Rob while Rob was away....they are teaching this course
in turns....Salas has a month just now....had 8 people at the Guest
House over the 15th....Mundo Ramirez, wife, children, in-laws, from
Nicaragua...he used to run our Dairy....EAP grad. you will recall.
Things in Teguc. are the usual mess....teachers on strike again and
nothing settled at Ceiba.....the professors there are saying they
cannot be fired....and there was a bomb in Virgilio Carrías home when

crotons..I found Nicaragua beautiful and the long drive around Lake Nicaragua is sensationally beautiful..huge open areas with beautiful cattle in the fields along the lake...Lake Managua, too, was splendid...the views from the 7th floor of the Intercontinental, as you know, are awe inspiring...we shared that floor, by the way, with Howard Hughes, once again in residence. Rob and I did much speculating about what he and Tachito are up to....could it be that they are going to build a canal? Doc, wine, and all the best, was \$3.50 a bottle in David. We got marvelous ones at the store across the street from the Hotel Nacional..and then brought our own bottle to the table at the hotel! Brought our hearts to be unable to load the car with wine! By the way, in Costa Rica and in Honduras they didn't even inspect our luggage.....but did they ever spray our car with Shelltox! That was at the Honduran entry on return... Have a total of 16 to care for just now.....Love, Rie

By the way, on our return trip, having gone to Panama by the Darien route we turned off to come back by way of Granada.....and Masaya. We didn't go into Masaya, just bypassed it, but found that entire route so lovely...many nice about vegetation and shall sort them soon but both sides of the road were lined with trees...there were poincianas etc. The whole area was alive with present. Good news, huh?

Hotel El Estan

Rob found this hotel convenient because it was on the sidewalk out, on the way home. But it was dirty.

Newspaper account says the date industry in Coachella Valley is "picking up"; a great Texas "conglomerate" moved in, took over the packing and distribution of the crop, introduced common sense methods (number of separate brands was reduced from 300 to 25). At the same time a stroke of luck; you remember that the date industry in Algeria was in the hands of French; 2 yrs ago the Algerian govt "Nationalized" the industry and forced the French out. The French in France, who had always eaten a lot of dates, refused to buy any more from Algeria and began to buy from America, so last year France imported \$5,000,000 of dates from Coachella valley! 98% of all dates marketed in the USA are from that valley.

[not attached to Armoue's
letter but next to
it in papers - no date]
- M.T. Stecker



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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September 20, 1972

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

Dear Doc:

I know that Rie has already written a long letter telling you all about our trip to Panama.

We thought you would also enjoy reading the speech by Hugo Cortes and I am enclosing a copy of this for you.

With best regards to you and Alice,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. F. Armour'.

R. F. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

Enclosure

Discurso pronunciado por el Agr. Hugo Cortés en ocasión de la III Reunión Internacional de la AGEAP, celebrada en David, Chiriquí, Panamá el día sábado 9 de Septiembre de 1972.

Distinguidísimos Visitantes y Coterráneos:

Al aceptar Panamá, por intermedio de la Provincia de Chiriquí, ser anfitrión de esta memorable Convención, nos confió el honor de abrir materialmente nuestros brazos y hogares y espiritualmente nuestros corazones para decir con individualidad a cada uno de los visitantes " Bienvenidos al Valle de la Luna " .

De igual manera, Honduras abrió el Valle del Zamorano para que la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana escribiera, por medio de cada egresado para toda la América Latina, una historia que no tiene tiempo; para que se materializara una hermandad que no reconoce fronteras y para que se diera a cada trabajo agrícola el toque personal y humano que es el sello de presentación que nuestra Alma Mater grabó en nuestras personalidades al entregarnos un Diploma por medio del cual confió en nuestra preparación académica para actuar con acierto y decisión en nuestra vida profesional futura .

Como miembro del grupo de 1947 son muchos los recuerdos que vienen a nuestra mente y nos agradecería dedicar parte de este espacio para recordar anécdotas o bien a gozar actualizando algunos sobrenombres cariñosos de nuestros compañeros; ameno sería también decir algo de las travesuras estudiantiles, de los Profesores, de los trabajos en los diferentes Departamentos, pero con ello casi impediría que se le diera el verdadero valor a lo que, en realidad, agiganta la labor socio-económica de la EAP en la historia agrícola contemporánea de la América Latina .

Como todo niño que crece y llega a adulto, asimismo creció la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, haciendo realidad los sueños -visionarios en ese entonces- de nuestro insigne primer director, el Dr. Wilson Popenoe, y así es como vemos hoy que no existe prácticamente empresa agrícola de prestigio en Latino América en donde no haya laborando un zamorano .

Al decir "laborando un zamorano" queremos precisamente significar eso: que está dando de sí: su intelecto, su sudor, sus anhelos, su hombría, su cariño, haciendo con ello realidad el "Labor Omnia Vincit" que llega a ser parte del ser de cada uno de los egresados que la escuela forjó.

Porque al decir "el trabajo todo lo vence" estamos poniendo en práctica la primera lección que recibió nuestro grupo del Dr. Popenoe al iniciar clases con él en 1944 cuando aprendimos en el aula, la máxima que más adelante nos habría de servir como faro para guiarnos a todos: "nadie puede dirigir un trabajo si él mismo no es capaz de hacerlo mejor que las personas bajo su responsabilidad". Las subsecuentes graduaciones ponen de manifiesto que el Zamorano ha tenido siempre Directores de gran prestigio y valía.

Otra prueba fehaciente de que la semilla que ellos han sembrado ha dado frutos con creces es la fructífera labor que desarrollan los zamoranos aquí en Panamá, país que lucha incansablemente por explotar con eficiencia nacionalista y al máximo, sus recursos agrícolas. Es así como los encontramos formando parte en todo engranaje de organización agropecuaria: en puestos directivos, en funciones de mercadeo, en labores de producción, en la ornamentación, en el comercio, en la banca, tanto en el Gobierno como en lo privado, y, además, en organizaciones internacionales.

Hermanos de América: como dije antes, la simiente sembrada por la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana seguirá siendo buena y fértil.

Honrar, honra, y el recibirlos hoy a Uds. lo corrobora. Con la emoción propia del momento, demos gracias al Creador por todos los logros alcanzados.

Hugo Cortés J.

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there goes the longed for rest we planned for Saturday and Sunday...plus 59 quizzes on Rob's desk! He never will catch up! Selection Committee has been meeting every day at Casa Popenoe and that long task is well along now.

INTERCONTINENTAL SUPERVISOR

Much as I love mail, it irks me when I am unable to devote enough time to my typewriter. Lately, I have been having visitors right and left. Johnsons came for one afternoon... Fidelina two mornings..her daughter-in-law, Janet and baby Arnaldito for two mornings...and so it goes. I get the breakfast dishes washed and get my ducks fed and watered...then, as today, I wash or arrange flowers or, or, or, ad infinitum! Where does the time go? Yesterday it was baking...for Rob's meeting..all h... broke lose regarding the Ceiba matter when the Rector of UNAH finally moved Carias to a different job...that after the students by a 13 to 10 vote had decided to fire the teachers at Ceiba...now they have decided they want to get rid of the rector! Sum total is that Ceiba continues closed and Arnaldo Burgos and his compañeros are just hanging around waiting...all of this latter according to Mama....

expressions of how much their brief stay here was enjoyed. They sent us a duplicate photo (Betty Stapp) and I am hopeful that Louise Zimmer will be sending slides one of these days because she mentioned that she was having some made.

I have just completed a four page single spaced letter to Doty. We both feel a bit whipped yet, from the long trip, and poor Rob had to go to Tecucalcates this afternoon to inspect a warehouse of household and office supplies to be auctioned by the U. S. Embassy tomorrow. Ordinarily, Jacobo Selaya would have done this but his brother, (Jacobo, too), died of cancer this week and Jacobo may still be in San Pedro. Also, poor Jacobo had the sad news that his brother, Luis, has had a severe heart attack and is hospitalized in San Pedro. Monte Dixon is to go and do the actual bidding tomorrow, after Rob comes back to say which items he believes EAP can use. It is a terribly hot afternoon and we are again in the unfortunate position of a drought...from Tuesday, September 2, there hasn't been enough rain to call a mist....Rob and Rios continued to be so concerned about the cattle, as well they might be. If we can't make hay in December, after failing to do so in August, it will be slim pickings indeed. By the way, Simon Malo gets in tomorrow, for week, so



As you see, I believe in using hotel stationery even though it be after my trips. It's good advertising for them, too.

Tomorrow I have Leslie for piano in the a.m., and must bake a cake for Amparo's daughter, Veronica, who is having a birthday. I told Amparo to bake it herself, using my kitchen, but she implied that theonly cakes worse than mine are hers!

Just read where 8 Hondurans are going to INCAE this term, among them, Roberto Bunzli, EAP graduate.

Amado has his bulletin board displays up, about the Panama meetings and I loaned him our 8 x 10 and 5 x 7 photos...there were enough to change the display twice! So you see what you have in store for you if we do get over there in October.

Heard from Virginia Radspinner and they have a house in Jacksonville. Said that Rad didn't have a job yet but this surprised me because I had understood he was going to go back to study at Gainesville on a post-doctoral fellowship...he must not have managed one...wanted to study Environmental something or other. You know, the new "thing"!

Imagine Alice found plenty to keep her busy once she got there. I think of her often when I use the chocolate, spices etc. that she so kindly gave me. Hope all goes well with the Tegucigalpa house...renting is such a tricky business. We are still hoping we won't be faced with that problem when Christy retires next November...1973.

Rob said he ran into Mr. Marsh's former secretary, in Teguc., the other day., lives in Miami and says they have two Fruit Co. reunions a year, in Fort Pierce..July 4 and Sept. 15. She had just attended the latter and Hogaboos, among others, were there...

Tuesday, September 5, Teguc. had such rains that many areas of the city were flooded. We had a good rain out here then, too.; however, that was the last...the night we left for Panama...the morning of the day we left, the ducklings under our kitchen window hatched. There are 4 yet...really cute. Santos and I cleaned the house this a.m. after finally enticing Ma Duck out for a bath!

Just heard from my niece, Debbie, and she is back in Kentucky to begin her second year of college. Seems that Hawaii has a policy of not admitting mainlanders to their university....they are trying to eliminate them in every way possible..hard for her because it would be nice if she could stay ~~there~~ while my brother is stationed there...

Really must tend some other knitting now..am ripping linings out of old curtains with the idea of having them to use in new ones for our Guest rooms, before Board members come in December...they take the brunt of the sun...

Hotel Irazú

EN EL KM. 3 DE LA AUTOPISTA AL COCO — TELEFONO 22-84-11

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All of these domestic details must fascinate you, Doc, but I write them with the idea that Alice will be reading this too and perhaps she is interested in my daily doings....Much love to both. Rie



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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October 23, 1972

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

Dear Doc:

No doubt Rie has been in contact with you before now, since our return from Guatemala.

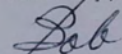
I wanted to answer your letter of October 5, which you also mentioned during our visit there, regarding "Mack" Palmer. I know of him, and I believe I met him once in Tiquisate but I doubt if we could use him here.

Regarding the "Wallace Prize" we need a reply on this "Pronto" but certainly no later than November 20. I enclose some background material on this which also gives the address of Henry's daughter, who has shown most interest in the fund and the prizes it provides.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Regards to Alice and you from us both here,

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

P.S. - Have just received copy of your letter to Lou Williams, that should do the trick! Rie bought 6 copies of the Diario El Grafico that day so that we would have your picture with M. Palacios - we also displayed it here at EAP.


RPA

Antigua, Guatemala 26 October 1972

Mrs. Leslie Douglas
4733 Woodway Lane N.W.
Washington DC 20016.

Dear Mrs Douglas:

The use we have been making of the income from the Henry A. Wallace Memorial Fund has not given the results we had expected. It had been Mr Armour's feeling - and I had fully agreed with him - that a prize of Five Hundred Dollars would stimulate our boys to work hard on some particular project in a field particularly interesting to them, and turn out a paper which showed that they had increased their knowledge to an extent which was going to be very useful to them.

This has not really proved to be the case, in our opinion. There has not been much competition for the prizes, and the papers for which they had to be given have rarely shown enough original research nor have they brought out enough new information of practical value. I feel sure Mr Wallace would have been disappointed.

Since I was the one who had been most closely in touch with Mr. Wallace's activities in Central America, and feel that I knew what he wanted us to do with the money which had^{he} given us and which has been so materially increased since his death, Mr Armour has asked me to write you, asking if we can shift the use of this fund to scholarships, in one way or another. During most of my 17 years as Director of the school, I had money from the Rockefeller Foundation to give scholarships every year to three or four of our best graduates to the United States, where were able to build upon their

excellent vocational training by preparing themselves for useful work in more specialised fields, to become teachers or workers in experiment stations and the like. It was not Mr Wallace's idea - nor ours - that all of our graduates should go in for that sort of thing - from the very start Zamorano was to be a vocational school - but every year we graduated several boys who had the right kind of ability to make good plant pathologists, or soil scientists, or specialists in some other field we need a few specialists in every country down here.

The results of the program we carried out with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation have been really excellent, and we are carrying it on but not to the extent we were able to do in my time since the Rockefeller Foundation has changed its policy and now is only backing post-graduate work. Mr Armour wrote you last year that it would be fine if the Wallace Fund could be used for a scholarship of the kind we have been giving, but it is not my purpose to bring up that problem at the moment. What Mr Armour wants me to ask is this: Can we switch the use of the Wallace Fund from the annual prizes we have been giving, to scholarships? To give a scholarship for one year at a University in the United States (and it takes two years for one of our boys to get a B.S. degree) means at least \$2500. Here is another idea. The Board of Trustees have raised the "tuition" or "matriculation" as they call it, - which was practically nothing in my day, to \$400 and it may be raised still higher. Every year we have many promising applicants who cannot pay this. How about using the earnings of the Wallace Fund to help some of these boys? This is just my idea - neither Mr Armour nor the Board has been consulted about it, so all that I would like to ask now, and Mr Armour needs to know before 20 November, is if we can switch from prizes to scholarships. If you folks approve, Mr Armour will not need to give any prizes this year - they must be announced at graduation on the 4th of December.

I must not make too many suggestions regarding scholarships. I have retired from the Board of Trustees and have no voice in school affairs. But as I have mentioned, Mr Armour has asked me to take it upon myself to consult you regarding the use of the Wallace Memorial Fund because I am the only one who was familiar with Mr Wallace's views regarding the objectives of the school from the very start. Before we had even started construction, Mr Zemurray (who, as you know, was President of the United Fruit Company) sent me down to Washington. "I want you to go see my friend Henry Wallace, who knows what kind of school we ought to have." I went to the Senate Chamber and waited for Mr Wallace to come out to lunch. He invited me to lunch with him, and he elaborated at length, and enthusiastically, regarding our plans. What he wanted us to do was to ^{teach the boys} work, and to work with their hands, and to take pride in manual labor. He said if we could do that, he would be satisfied. And he maintained this attitude up to the end. Of course we were not only to train the boys to work with their hands; we were to teach them modern agriculture, but we were not only to teach them in the classroom, we were to show them, ourselves, how to do the job, and then tell them in the classroom why we did things that way. Nearly all of our teachers worked with the boys on the job, as well as in the classroom.

Perhaps I bore you with all these details, but I could not resist the opportunity to tell you how devoted we were to Henry A. Wallace and his philosophy of agricultural education in Latin America. We put it into practice, and everyone says it has worked.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popcoe -
Director Emeritus

November 10, 1971

Mrs. Leslie Douglas
4733 Woodway Lane N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mrs. Douglas:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 3, which has just been received.

You, and the family, will be happy to know that the "Henry A. Wallace" Memorial Fund, at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, now stands as follows:

Capital:	\$ 28,250.00
Interest:	<u>3,259.58*</u>
Total:	<u>\$ 31,509.58</u>

*A maximum of \$1,500.00 will be disbursed in December 1971, for the three Annual Wallace Memorial Awards.

As far as these awards are concerned we consider the capital fund to be adequate, and self sustaining, under the present awards program. If, at some future date, the family wishes to consider some other type of award; a U.S. University Scholarship for one year perhaps, then the program could perhaps be adjusted to that without any great additional capital outlay.

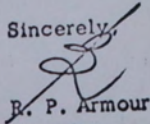
The School (EAP) also has its own aims, supported by a development program and you may wish to know more of this sometime.

Our graduation is on December 4 this year and Mr. Rodman Rockefeller will speak on this occasion. We would consider it a great honor if you, or any of your family, could be with us on that occasion.

-2- Mrs. Leslie Douglas

Your continued interest in the Escuela Agricola Panamericana and its programs is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

October 25, 1972

Mr. Robert Erney
Erney Vineyards, Inc.
Rural Route 1
Wapato, Wash. 98951

Dear Mr. Erney:

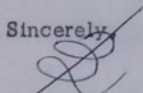
I enjoyed our chat in the Howard Johnson Motel Restaurant last Wednesday morning and it seems to me that there may be something that can be done to produce some of the Rubus spp soft fruits in Central America, which are now so much in demand for the U. S. market.

We look forward to having further contact with you on this subject and it would be useful if you can supply us with some of the more obvious specifications, Brix, Color etc., for such fruits.

Meantime I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Wilson Popenoe in Antigua, Guatemala, who, as I mentioned, has maintained his interest in this particular area of tropical fruit production for over fifty years and who, I feel sure, would also be interested in this possible development of temperate zone fruits for the U. S. market.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

October 31, 1972

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

Dear Doc:

A copy of your letter (October 26) to Mrs. Leslie Douglas has just been received. I realise it was rather a difficult letter for you to write but I believe it will do the trick and I thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

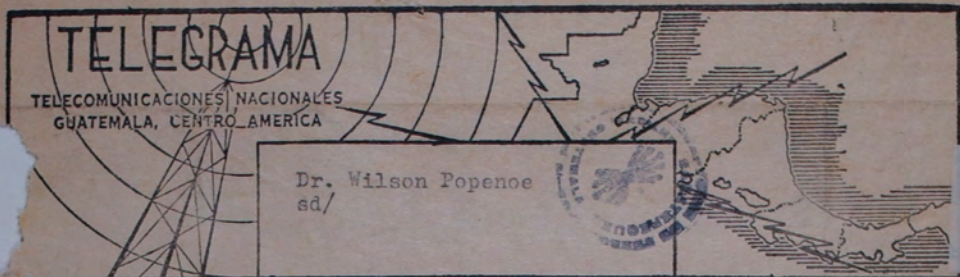
Things are now winding up - or should it be 'down' to graduation day on Saturday, December 2, so we are all very busy. Perhaps, however, Rie will have time to write you a more newsy letter before she leaves for the U.S.A. towards the end of November.

Meantime she joins me in sending our very best regards to you and to Alice.

Sincerely,

R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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Tegucigalpa Honduras 3 nov/72.

Esperando llegada ustedes noviembre 27-28 stop carta sigue.

Armour Eap.

Antigua C., 4 Novbr 1972

Mr R P Armour, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Bob,

It was good of you to send the radiogram advising that you will expect us on the 27th or 29th of this month. I think it will probably be the 28th but will advise you definitely later. Alice is very pleased that you want her, for it gives her much pleasure to do something for Rie - and you too!

Naturally, the letter mentioned in your radiogram has not yet come thru but if there are any questions in in I will answer them promptly.

Kermit and Dorothy Adams spent the day with us yesterday, along with two CalPoly friends who are on sabbatical leave. They did not think they would be visiting Zamorano. I told them if they did, the sooner the better as you were going to be mighty busy toward the end of the month.

I shall bring over a little paper-back which I think you will enjoy reading - probably in January! The life of Booker T. Washington. Kermit gave it to me, because he thought Booker Washington's problems in connection with founding and running his very successful school would remind us our life at Zamorano! Incidentally, Kermit said yesterday if the Board would stop paying big salaries to hire fund raisers who had remained "in residence at the school" for a whole week (Martz and ~~Harry~~, It seems to me) and would ^{put} you on the job, potential contributors would be more likely to contribute.

Siempre so afmo

November 4, 1972;

Saturday, hour 8:40 and Leslie

Burgos is due at 9:30 for piano class.

My dear Doc and Alice!

Have been waiting to write to you until I got copies of the photos I ordered from Amado. They just arrived so shall get them off at once. Rob tells me you will be over for graduation so at least one house will be run well! Thanks, Alice... and, Doc, I know Rob feels you are an asset for receiving the hundreds of guests and keeping conversation going! This frees him for umpteen other things!

I am hoping to get across to Wisconsin to spend a couple days with Mom; if my ship goes into Baltimore this will be easy because I get good, overnight train connections to Chicago. A lot depends on the snow and ice..the former has already fallen in abundance at home. A few days would mean much to Mom, and to me, for I may not have her for many more years. Her birthday is November 22nd. It is so heartbreaking for me to see her there in that hospital but at least she has every luxury and can watch TV, read magazines and newspapers and write (print) letters with her left hand...and the huge lake outside the hospital windows provides much to see in any season...but 11 years is a long time...my sister's birthday is November 24 so I rather hope I can be home on or near those dates...Luis is going to get space for me on the first ship after November 20 so it will be a near thing...

Here at our house I have gone through the place like a whirlwind, doing a big, general housecleaning...got new curtains for one guest room...washed rugs, cleaned the overhead storage unitstook apart all beds and dressers, cleaned them and then sprayed for insects....a really general overhaul...do this twice yearly...pictures come down and, in general, things look like a hurricane struck, for a few days...washed bedspreads and then the government decided to send the "cuchillo" down our road so when I brought things in from the line they had half the dust of the Danli road on them!!

Two bits of news...Wilma Burgos, who is in Washington for a special AID course, tells us that one of her classmates is Oscar de la Fuente, the nice fellow who sent you the flowers. Wilma is going right up in her profession and AID just gave her another raise..Rob's loss at the office was surely AID's gain with that lovely girl. Wilma had to fly out to Texas and then to Florida to interview EAP boys studying at U. S. universities..as practice, during her course, because her job is interviewing for scholarship funds....she met over 22 EAP boys in Texas alone....another item of news, Sadot Vanegas

U. Fruit Co. sanitary engineer, who did EAP's inspections every 6 months, has retired, because his coffee farm in Costa Rica is earning enough so that he no longer needs to work. His replacement came through the other day, a Honduran who worked for U. F. in Guatemala for 15 years... but his name escapes me...By the way, Sadot's wife, Leah, almost died recently; some sort of bladder infection it seems and she was hospitalized for 3 months, according to the man who came through here to do Sadot's old job.....

Rob has taken his 15 Falmonex pills and is midway through the 58 Diodoquins. The amebas thing isn't funny...hope I escape...best news is that November started off with a bang on Wednesday when we had a good cloudburst..followed by lighter rains and then another good heavy one last night...Rob had begun to make hay from every available inch of land and out at the airport he got over 400 bales off the area around the landing field...The boy of 2nd year had the "Elotada" down at the lake, Saturday, a very successful event. We didn't go because Rob was feeling "wonky", as they say in Scotland. But I sent a mystery box for their "rifa" and included 11 items such as deodorant, three packs of cigs., ~~cashew~~ nuts, candy, cookies etc. Rob didn't feel he could face the food at the outdoor picnic. Wednesday after his class, at 4:15, because he didn't have time to take a regular class period, I went up and ran his 72 coffee slides, plus African Oil Palm, and Cacao series he made in Venezuela...The boys were most attentive and it is to their credit when they come to something like that after hours...Rob had meetings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 4:15 to 6:00, and 7:00 to 10:00...so we were both weary...I made pumpkin dessert for the Thursday afternoon meeting and sent over a Jack-O-Lantern I had made...Torres was so intrigued...he liked the idea of using all of the pumpkin I believe!

Graduation is going to see the local Minister of Agriculture as speaker. They dumped it into Rob's lap and I am glad Edgardo accepted. He is a very nice person and a personal friend of ours. He was our houseguest when he was president of CSUCA and we found him to be a very intelligent fellow. It was a near thing because yesterday Rob had to have the programs in...nobody realizes what goes into all this program printing, tickets, invitations, menus, housing etc. Let alone the job of plants and grounds cleanup! It isn't as bad this year because there isn't much high grass around..and if there is, Rob and Rios snag it for hay!!!

The little Johnson kids, Mark and Judy, come over just about daily and are the nicest children...so interesting...and avid readers...they've borrowed every magazine and book I have! The other afternoon, when they found me typing the monthly newsletter for the Board, they were so interested in that transcribing machine and had to listen to the earphones! I don't always get as much done as I would like but their visits are welcome breaks. Wednesday night we had 45 children in for treats...the entire Escuelita, all dressed up for Halloween...my lantern was a big hit and I took color photos. You should have seen our porch, after the rain, and all those feet! I mopped three times and hadn't gone through the muck! And Santos had a fit the next day because they had traipsed all through "his" flower beds!! Anyhow, never a dull minute...and this week was hectic...off to my piano class now..for Diatonic Intervals, Majors, Perfects, Augmented, Inverted!! Sound familiar, Alice?

Much love, I think the photos are so good and wait until you see the color ones I took...am having copies made for you...Alice and I look like two film stars, in *Technicolor* — Love, *Rae*



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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7 December, 1972

Dr. Hugh Popenoe
Chairman, Board of Directors

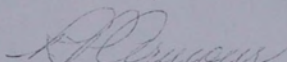
Dear Hugh:

I refer to our conversation of Sunday, December 3, and to our failure to submit Prof. J. Pineda's report in time for the November 9 Executive Committee Meeting.

As will be noted from the Minutes of the October 17 meeting (Page 2, Paragraph 5) it was our understanding that this was to be submitted for discussion at the December meeting. There is no indication that a November 9 deadline was given, as was the case for other papers requested, such as the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. account analysis.

I regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you.

Sincerely,


R. P. Armour

RPA/rma

cc: Board members

located. He also noted that there is some conflict in the cost accounting system, and mentioned the possible need for a machine system which could be arranged in Tegucigalpa. It was finally decided to ask our auditors Peat, Marwick and Mitchell to analyze the problem and to try to make a recommendation for the December meeting of the trustees.

Mr. Armour also mentioned the very strong alumni reaction to moving the Alumni office from Tegucigalpa to Zamorano, and especially from the Columbia group in an open letter to the Director. Mr. Zepeda the Director of the Alumni office is presently on leave, and probably will not continue. There followed some discussion on the advisability of the Alumni body or the School providing and paying for the Secretary of their Association.

Mr. Armour next brought up the subject of general student unrest and distributed a circular which takes up several points covered by the Review Team Study, and ends up by asking for the Director's resignation. The Director stated that he thought it would be helpful to have a policy statement from the Board on the general subject of School rules and regulations, and disciplinary action. After considerable discussion of this important matter, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was then

VOTED: To prepare an appropriate statement which will provide the Director with the proper authority to take the necessary action at the School in cases of emergency arising from student disorders, and that this statement be approved and signed by the President.

The subject of tuition was next discussed in depth. Mr. Armour circulated to those present a copy of the report by Julio Pineda, Admissions Secretary. It was noted that the projected increase to \$400 for the tuition in January, 1973 has already caused a shift in the number of applicants who complete their papers, and is resulting in more city-oriented boys. Mr. Armour noted that ideally he would hope the tuition would not exceed \$300. Mr. Malo is writing a position paper on the tuition picture, and it was requested that Mr. Pineda do the same from the staff viewpoint. The President announced that the question will be put on the December meeting agenda.

Mr. Gardner and Mr. Demarest reported next on the Development situation. Mr. Gardner first made comments on the investment picture and read excerpts from a recent letter from John Blewer, our investment manager. It was noted that the present concept called for monthly payments to the School of \$28,000, this being a co-mingling



motor lodge

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Miami, Dec. 11, 1972.

Dear Doc: These are the confidential papers which I promised to send to you after the Board Meeting.

I am sure it will come as a surprise to you, just as it did to Ric & I. Incidentally I was informed that my resignation would be requested by Hugh, on the Sunday morning immediately after the Graduation - while you were away at Jorge Mejias.

It is sad, I feel, that a fine institution like the EAF does not have a better administration at the Board level. Decisions are made very often at the minority, or even individual level. First you, then Paddock, next Bert Mulla (who now comes back on a temporary basis after Jan. 8, 1973) know me, have left under somewhat of a cloud.

I do not deny that I have used delaying tactics on some of the Review Team recommendations & you know this

I do feel the charge of "unsatisfactory performance" warrants more clarification than was given.

Anyhow this is all water under the dam now. I am glad it is over - Ric has never been happy at Zamorano & the whole thing, in that sense, comes as somewhat of a relief & release for us both.

I am fearful of what may now happen at ~~EST~~. I prepared a "Final Report" for the Board & I will try to get a copy of this to you later.

Ric joins me in wishing Alice & yourself a very pleasant Christmas in Antigua & we will try to call in on our way north sometime in the New Year.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Bob.

P.S. We return to Zamorano, from Miami, on Dec 24th, to begin packing & putting our affairs in order there. Z

Antigua, Guatemala 27 December 1972

Dear Bob:

Your material from Miami dated December 11 arrived duly and I thank you for sending it promptly. It was a pretty hard jolt both to Alice and myself - not quite so much if a surprise as it would have been had we not known that you had prepared your resignation to present at the Beard meeting in Zamorano a year ago if things had not gone right.

Hugh came down to spend Christmas with us, though I think his primary purpose was to see if I could suggest any promising additions to the staff.

You mention that all Directors, up to now, have left under something of a cloud. In your case, I really don't believe you need to feel that way. Alice and I have talked about this a great deal. Your standing in Honduras, and in other countries also, is excellent. You have nothing but friends and admirers in Tegucigalpa - all the government officials and the diplomats from everywhere. When people ask me why you left, I am going to say that you had your own ideas of what you wanted to make out of the school, and were doing a fine job of it. But the majority of the Beard did not see eye to eye with you, and you preferred to offer your resignation rather than give up or alter materially the program on which you had worked so long and effectively.

I won't write more at this time. You know how Alice and I feel toward both of you, and you realize that we are deeply hurt by the denucement. I wish we could talk with you about your plans for the future but from what you wrote Hugh I gather you have already made the decision and are heading back to Scotland, but I definitely

have the feeling that you will return to the tropics, maybe in FAB
or something of that sort. Incidentally, Hugh says things are simply
booming in Brazil.

We are expecting you to come over to see us before you sail; we
wish you could have the good fortune to get that stateroom we had
on the Polar Argentina!

With deep affection from us both,



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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7 December, 1972

Dr. Hugh Popenoe
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As requested in paragraph six of the Minutes of the November 9 Executive Committee Meeting, I hereby submit my resignation as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. I also accept the conditions of severance pay as indicated in paragraph 7 of the same Minutes and would only ask that consideration be given to the rights under the Death Benefit and Retirement plan after ten years of service, and, also, that some consideration should be given to repatriation to Britain if this can be conveniently arranged by ship.

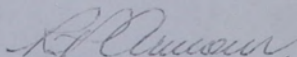
My almost nine years of service with the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana have been most pleasant and I consider that period of the first four years that I was Director, 1968-1971, fruitful years in every way, both for the School and for myself. As I stated verbally, last Sunday, December 3, I would agree that I have not carried out certain recommendations of the Review Team report, either as rapidly or as completely as the Board may have wished and, in this sense, I would indicate that my errors have been those of omission because I honestly did not feel that the outcome would be beneficial to the Institution. I would state, very simply, that my one error was in not presenting my resignation on December 6, 1971, when, indeed, I was prepared to do so. Only a serious misjudgement of the climate of the Board and the intentions of its members prevented me from placing it on the table at that time.

I believe that the School has great potential, but, as I have stated many times in the last few years, Schools or Colleges are not built of mortar and stone but, rather, are the result of the beneficial interchange between people commencing with the Board of Directors and terminating with the student who comes to gain as much knowledge as possible, to prepare himself for his chosen profession. Communication, particularly between Board members and the Director, has long been one of the weak points of our School and I would hope that this could be corrected in the future.

- 2 - Dr. Hugh Popenoe

As my final report as Director I have submitted one or two observations on the attached sheet and these may be of general interest to Board members when they begin to discuss the very important question of giving the School a new administration and a new Director.

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour

RPA/rma

cc: Board members

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Executive Committee Meeting

November 9, 1972

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Escuela Agricola Panamericana was held on Thursday, November 9, 1972 at 9:30 a.m. at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, Massachusetts.

There were present Dr. Popenoe, Chairman, Dr. Coolidge, and Messrs. Fox, Gardner, Kimberly and Weeks and Trustee Malo.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was then

VOTED: To approve as distributed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 17, 1972.

The Chairman then brought up the subject of the 1973 budget and asked that guidelines and figures be prepared and submitted at the December Trustees' meeting.

The disposition of the recently acquired "Buenos Aires" property was then discussed briefly, and the Chairman referred to Mr. Armour's letter of November 2nd. This matter will be discussed further at the next Trustees' meeting.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the subjects presented in Dr. Malo's report of October 31st to the Trustees, terminating in a review of the performance of the Director. It was the sense of the meeting that he was not performing satisfactorily, and that it should be recommended to the Trustees that his resignation be requested following the School graduation in December.

The Chairman, in response to inquiries as to a replacement, advised the Committee that Mr. Albert Muller (formerly Director) might be available again, on a temporary basis. It was agreed that Mr. Muller be approached as soon as possible to determine his availability, and that the Chairman discuss terms of employment subject to Executive Committee approval. The Chairman was then asked to set up a search committee to look for a new Director, in which connection a job description will be required. The Committee felt that the nationality of the new Director should be left open, as well as his academic degrees, and that he should be hired on the basis of a five year term. As for severance pay, it was the sense of the meeting to offer Mr. Armour one year's salary (cesantia in Honduras involves two months notice plus one month for each year of service, up to eight months). The Executive Committee will negotiate with Mr. Armour at the time of the graduation in December.

In connection with the foregoing discussion, and in view of the small affirmative reply for the Zamorano meeting, it was agreed to change the date to December 9, and the place to be Miami for the December Trustee meeting, in the hopes of getting better attendance.

There followed a discussion of the purpose and objectives of EAP, and Mr. Fox's draft was reviewed. This statement of purpose and objectives was considered generally acceptable. In paragraph one under objectives, it was the sense of the meeting that reference be to Spanish-speaking students from western hemisphere countries excluding the U.S.A. and Canada. In paragraph two under objectives, reference should be made to the three-year program leading to the Agronomo degree.

The level of student tuition was reviewed next. The Committee discussed the advisability of a loan-subsidy program, and asked that Mr. Putnam's student loan plan be studied to determine its present applicability. A proposal should be presented at the December meeting.

With respect to the Development program and office, Mr. Gardner was asked to make a recommendation to the Trustees at the December meeting.

The By-Laws revision was also mentioned briefly, and will be discussed at the December meeting.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

John W. Weeks
Secretary-Treasurer

E. Zamoraño,
Jan. 1, 1973

Dear Doc:

I feel sure that the mail I sent you from Miami came, something as a shock to you, as it did to me, & I hope I partially prepared you for it by my remarks when we left on the morning of the 8th. I do not accept the charge that my performance was "unsatisfactory" at any time but I presume they mean I acted too slowly on some of the Review Team Recommendations - to this I plead guilty - & with good reason.

In any case that is all over now & we can only hope that the "transition" which is to take over - of & when they can fill these 3 slots, will be able to do a better job for EAP. I still have, as I know you do, a very great affection for the School & I would hate to see its present prestige damaged in any way. Only time will tell.

Meantime Ric & I must think of the future & I have planned a series of interviews in Europe for the first week of March (3-10) when I will visit London, for ODA, Paris for UNESCO & Rome for FAO. Luckily, as you know we all met D. Boerma, Director-General FAO here on Aug. 22 last year & this may help. We plan to leave EAP towards the end of this month (January) as I officially terminate my services Jan 15.

Sept Mueller is arriving on the 8th so we will have a week together before School starts. We will motor over to Guatemala, where we will spend the month of February & part of March also - at least until I return from Europe.

Both Ric & I have thought it would

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be pleasant & convenient to rent the little house across the street, that you rebuilt for Marion. Should this be available & you are willing to rent for a short time this would give us some time to get organized before the trip north & also give me an opportunity to brush up on Guatemalan agriculture - particularly the temperate fruit business & perhaps the Mobile School program if this can be arranged through Kermit.

Even if the house in Antigua is not available we would I think come in any case - perhaps you can suggest alternative accommodations there, or I may take a small apartment in the city. We have several pieces of furniture (colonial) etc that we would like to leave with you & Alice & we will have these trucked over from Honduras.

Please let us know what you think of the idea Doc & since time is of the essence & we must know before the 15th please just call yes or no & we can work out the details after we arrive in Guatemala. As I say we should leave here about Jan 20- or 22nd depending on how long packing & last minute arrangements will take.

1972 was not the best of years for either the Popovers or the Ambers & we can only hope that 1973 will see a great improvement for all.

Rie joins me in sending our greetings of the season to Alice & to you.

Sincerely,

P.S. Rie has said I ought to make it clear that if the house is available we plan to bring it for it that will be needed. &

Antigua, 3 January 1973

Dear Bob:

Your letter of the first has just come. I assume you received the note I sent to Zamorano after I received your letter from Miami. Beth Alice and I are delighted at the prospect of having you across the street from us, especially since the neighbors' kids finished their stock of cohetes and bombs last night most of which have been incinerated (as our Sanitary Inspector used to say) right under our bedroom window. About 12 days and 18,000 items in all, I would estimate.

Alice says to tell you that the only furniture new in the house is the dining set complete with sideboard. If you don't bring everything else needed we will pull a few chairs etc. out of the Casa del Oidor, and we may wait until you come to pick out a refrigerator because I want to know what brand to get; Margot Dressler says the ones made in Nicaragua under license from one of the big outfits in the USA are all right but I doubt it. Incidentally, if your things don't arrive along with yourselves we will put you up in the old house until they come. Incidentally, we do not expect that Marion will be using her house before the end of this year (I was going to say next yr but suddenly recalled that it is now 1973).

We do not suggest your taking an apartment in the City. What for? Like yourself, I am not sorry to see 1972 behind us. Somewhat like elf Fritz, the butcher in Milwaukee about whom I have told you, when asked How's business? replied Well, if tomorrow would be as bad as today shall have been I'm ruined.

There is still time to exchange letters unless the mails are as slow as they have been these past two weeks.

Ever yrs,

January 15, 1973

Mr. Frederic Rosengarten, Jr.
7700 St. Martin's Lane
Philadelphia, Pa. 19118

Dear Mr. Rosengarten:

I was pleased to have your letter of January 1, and to know of your interest in the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana and its programs.

The donation of \$100.00 is sincerely appreciated and we are enclosing our receipt number 33696 as requested.

First of all, before discussing the remainder of your letter, I must inform you that I have recently resigned from my position at EAP and actually to-day finds me in my last day "en funciones". Dr. A. S. Muller has arrived to take over as Interim Director, for a few months until a new Director can be appointed.

Regarding macadamia nuts, in Honduras, I believe Dr. Popenoe's comments are quite complete except that it is probably not accurate to say that "and eventually died". In fact I believe they still continue to grow at Lancetilla and bear some fruit, although the trees tend to spread out, vine like, and are covered with aroids and lichens in that tropical rain-forest situation. The elevation of El Progreso I would put at 125 ft.

One further report from Honduras, which should be included is concerning several trees which were planted in 1949 at the San Juan Experiment Station, Siguatepeque, Honduras. This was a sub-station of the Tropical Research Department, U. F. Co., La Lima, Honduras, and has subsequently been handed over to the Honduran Government (Desarrollo Rural) or Dirección General de Agricultura. These trees have done much better. Development has been normal, if somewhat slow, at that elevation (about 2,500 ft.?). I plan to be passing through Siguatepeque, on the way to Guatemala towards the end of this month and will check up on the trees and those statistics concerning this report, at that time.


-2- Mr. F. Rosengarten, Jr.

Concerning the Allspice (Pimenta dioica) I do know there is only one such tree at Lancetilla. It was introduced in the early 50's but I would have to try and check on the origin of the seed. Lancetilla is fairly well abandoned now and the information might be difficult to get. Since there is more time to think about this I will try to get what information I can and pass this on to you.

Thanking you once more for your kind interest in EAP.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



R. P. Armour
Director

RPA/aml

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Antigua

P.S. - I may be reached c/o Dr. Popenoe at his Antigua address during the months of February and March, 1973.

RPA.

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FECHA: Saturday, 20 Jan, 1973

A: Dr. Wilson Popence

Dear Doc: happily, Mr. Lorn Green from ESTIMA in Miami (but with his office in Guatemala City just now) came out this afternoon for a visit. He handles export stuff for EAP from U.S. A. when a hurry is needed. He has a Manager in Miami and he is actually President of the firm...anyhow, to make a long story short, he is carrying 100.00 lempiras to you (\$50.00) so that you will have money to pay for our furniture which is leaving here on or about Tuesday on a Tintori negotiated truck. Tintori told us that it is to be paid in Antigua when our things reach you so we want to be sure you have our money for the payment. And, of course, since we don't know what it will cost, we will pay you any additional needed when we see you around February 1.

We just hope Mr. Green gets to you with this money before the truck comes with our things.

We are packed but Rob still doesn't have all of his paper work done. He is on that Annual Report yet but with so many interruptions he just can't get it finished. People keep swarming to the house.

Here at EAP things are not going too well for Bert but Simon Malo is going to feel even worse than Bert! The Canary Islanders Simon insisted on sending here, because of the money involved, went to Bert today and said they want to go home. They said they are already B.S. grads and wanted to study Fruit Culture and there is nothing here for them. I guess I already told you the pig man, Galo Galo, with a Masters, resigned. By the way, Cojulun, with his Masters in General Ag. and ~~DE~~minor in Fruit Processing (Food Processing) is back. Other than long locks that blow in the breeze, he has ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.

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not changed.

We still plan to be at Siguatepeque with Mittaks for a couple of nights enroute but are now setting February 1 arrival in Antigua as our target. If we get in late in the afternoon, most probably, on the 31st., we will spend the night at Lorn's home in Guatemala City and drive up to Antigua the morning of the 1st.

We are really looking forward to our stay in Antigua with pleasure.

I am bringing everything but the kitchen sink! Am even bringing our lantern from the light post outside.

And loads of new stories Henry Guilbert told us when he visited on Thursday.

Until February 1 then.

Affectionately,

Rie

Rie

Love to Alice...

We just hope Mr. Green gets to you with this money before the truck comes with our things.

We are backed but Bob still doesn't have all of his paper work done. He is on that Annual Report yet but with so many interruptions he just can't get it finished. People keep waiting to the house.

Here at CAP things are not going too well for Bert but Simon (who is going to feel even worse than Bert!) The Canary Islanders insisted on sending Bert because of the money involved, went to Bert today and said they want to go home. They said they are already U.S. grads and wanted to study Fruit Canners and there is nothing here for them. I guess I already told you the old can, also Galt, with a basket, resigned. By the way, Cojuna, with his baskets in General A's and B's (in Fruit Processing (Food Processing)) is back. Other than long looks that flow in the breeze, he has ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, INC.

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Saturday Afternoon, January 6, 1973

Dear Alice and Doc:

We got Doc's first letter yesterday, followed most promptly, today, by the second, the one in which you say we will be able to rent the house. We are very relieved at this latter news since Rob really wants to stay in Guatemala for February and March....plus whatever days in January we can manage..the latter depends on how quickly this packing job goes. I am pleased that Rob plans to see Dr. Urrutia again and have a second throat culture and the followup on his amoebas case. That way, if need be, he can plunge into the cold of Europe a bit stronger than he has been for the last couple of years.

I am pleased to hear the Dining Room is furnished but don't worry about anything else. We wanted to give you all of our "old" furniture and feel that if you didn't want to keep it in Marion's house, after we leave, you might want it for yourself. We will be bringing the Velasquez chair, of course. We have two beds (Roll-aways) with three mattresses and will be quite comfortable on them...have a bedside table...several lamps, rugs, baskets, stools, the long bench from the porch, two tables and a screened kitchen cabinet...also, we have a set of shelves which are ours....I am packing sufficient dishes etc. for two....but thought we'd keep meals simple and use a hot plate.

About the refrigerator, don't go to all that trouble. If you really want to get one anyway, Rob suggests the small apartment size model that Sears sells is lovely and probably cheaper....we have an apartment size one in our home in Scotland and find we never needed more than that size, even when entertaining....

I am bringing my Mexican lantern, from Zimapan...plus other lamps...we are not too certain if the current is 110 but think it is because I once gave Helen a toaster, back in 1960..... bringing our desk, too -

Rob finds clearing the office hard going because everybody keeps coming in to express "pesame". Torres and Torres-Yufra have taken it particularly hard...and Gary, surprisingly enough, wanted to quit. Here at the house I have had a stream of watchmen, "humildes" of all kinds etc. Armando came back today and was so shocked. He is most upset but I think he hates the thought of Bert coming...he is so particular and was always upset because Bert wouldn't do the correspondence. They will all just have to adjust to the new Director and his two Associate-Directors! What was such a shock to them was having that letter from Hugh asking them to suggest candidates for a new Director and the two Associates...before Rob had even come back to put out his notice...I am afraid Malo, Hugh and Kitty don't have the tact that Pa Popenoe had!! They have so much to learn, but, since I had no illusions about any of them I am not surprised by all of this....well, my New Year's resolution is not to mention any of this when I see you...I have had my own personal calendar since this December and to me they rather

*Rob made it and wants to leave it to you
Marion is staying at Burger's home meantime, Pa sends to us*

overshadow all of the EAP bits and pieces...I can leave that to the men...

A very dear cousin, Dorothy, had broken her heel and had come home from hospital and was in a wheelchair when she died suddenly. I feel absolutely dreadful for her husband since they have no family...and it happened just before Christmas. The other, perhaps more touching because the man is so young...our age...my cousin, Ralph, the only one ever to visit me at EAP, went out on the Tuesday before Christmas and slipped on ice. Passersby called an ambulance but he came to and refused to go to the hospital. He went back into his apartment and on the Thursday the caretaker noticed that his Dry Cleaning, which had been delivered, was untouched outside the door. He went in and found him dead. He had been a great favorite of mine..had a Masters from the University of Wisconsin, spoke several languages, had been an Ensign in the Navy in World War II. He had battle fatigue, South Pacific, and was never very well or happy after the war but I was so fond of him. All of this has been a great shock to Mom, especially since she can't leave the hospital and feels unhappy when loved ones go....

1973 must be better. For a long time I have been worrying about some way to get a job so that I could complete my remaining 13 quarters needed so that I can be eligible for Social Security. So I hope Rob settles on something where I can find work...my years as a teacher don't count but I hate to see the other quarters go for naught...a check each month, after 62, wouldn't be bad!

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3 months

We will be staying one night with the Mittaks at Siguatepeque, on our way over to Guatemala...They were so upset when Rob told them we were leaving EAP...He is especially worried because he had put a joint plan into his budget for next year and has doubts if Rob isn't here. The same goes for a joint venture Rob worked out with the British Commonwealth Forestry Institute for EAP.

As plans are now, we hope to send the truck with the furniture, first. And we are hoping there won't be a lot of trmites...we are going to rent through Schmidt and Tintori...we will bring bedding, towels, dishware etc. in the car with us....all of our other things, packed in trunks and chests, we must leave here at EAP, in the room off the Auditorium entrance. Radspinners things were there for 3 years and were o.k. when unpacked, so I hope for the best...but wonder about all of our linens, china, good silver etc. There is no other alternative because Rob doesn't want to ship our things home to Scotland only to decide to come back out to Latin America...I, for one, hope it will be Europe instead, but guess that is a remote possibility....

The truck

I don't know why I am wandering on with a letter when the place is in an uproar and the house looks like a disaster area...I must get to it..actually, I have very arthritic hands just now...had not one twinge the entire time we were away so we wonder if this lakeside could be more damp than we realize. The pain started the second night we were home...everything is very dry here but there was a light rain early a.m. Friday. I hate to see the cattle in the fields...everything is brown, brown, brown.

We had so many Christmas cards from former students of ours in Nicaragua. It is sad to think that perhaps many of them are now dead. We are wondering about Mundo Ramirez, for example, Humberto Vegil etc. What a tragedy that was..and is. Tegucigalpa has many, many refugees.

See you in late January but we will wire when we have an exact departure



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Additional message area

Bill and Bud — have called
Nixon Smiley to tell him and to
ask him to write a paragraph
or, to help with notification — Dot's
sister can't cope with the 100's
of letters stacked up since Dec.
some unopened — I am writing
note to help — will write in
detail in at home and



The Gardens, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline

D.2211

Dear Bob & Alice,
I hope you are well.
I have just received your letter
and was glad to hear from
you. I am well and hope
all is well with you.
I will write you again soon.
Love,
Dennis

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Thursday, May 24, 1973

I am trying out my cousin's typewriter this a.m. And I hope I can manage without too many errors. Rob has been sending me so many messages for you that it is high time that I get them on their way.

First, Rob sent the enclosed note for you about Paddock's book...he told me, over the phone, that he was shocked at some of the things he saw in it...for example, the snide reference to Doc Dunlop, as Rob noted, "even the name spelled wrong"...Rob wondered if the book is poor because Liz rather than Paddock's intelligent brother had been co-author.

The other item, enclosed, is a report from Walt Hodge (one page of it)...Rob had lunched with Walt and Jasper Baker. Walt seemed hopeful that the Hunt Memorial Botanical Library might publish Dorothy's diary of their Far East experience. Walt is to be writing to me about this... for contacting Dorothy's sister etc.

Jasper Baker gave Rob a copy of Walt's recent report on *Lancetilla* (March) and asked me to send you some of it...Rob stated that I should be sure to say that I am sending it without Walt's knowledge...so please don't quote it, Doc, or mention that I am doing this...It must have been sad for Rob to discuss this with Walt...and I know it will hurt you and all of those who loved *Lancetilla*...but how could the company let it go on like that? Sounds as if the invaders wouldn't have found such good conditions when they did get in.

You might want the entire report, Doc...if so, you could write Walt at 9515 East Stanhope Road, Kensington, Maryland.

About EAP, my letters indicate that the forest fires were set in four spots at once, when they knew Bert had let the labor go and no students were there....Rob had always kept a special fire watch and staff up there over Easter weekend....but the people are out to get revenge because of all the things they don't like at EAP now...Concha wrote that the cheapest and only vegetable the people can buy is yucca....she, of all people, who made off with baskets of vegetables every time there were guests! But it was men who set the fires, they tell me. Just so they don't start on buildings next.

Rob is in London just now, staying with his friend, the Supt. of the Royal Parks...they went through school at Edinburgh together and have remained close. Bob (Hare) is a severe diabetic but has the biggest job in horticulture in the British Isles and does beautifully. Rob is going on to our home in Scotland eventually but I have had to abandon my part of the vacation trip, meantime. Am having real problems with all the elderly members of the family...two of Dad's cousins...one of whom I am staying with...she is not at all well since her sister's death early this month...the other, age 77, is just a pain in the neck but I can cope...Mom is another problem because of the on-again, off-again negotiations to sell her hospital....I average 175 to 180 kilo00 meters driving most days...just hauling cousins around from drug store, to bank, to grocer, to hospital etc. Not an easy time but there is nobody else...

Copied from wall hanging in bar of Boder's restaurant, one of Wisconsin's ~~finest~~ finest... taken there for lunch by an 84 year old friend the other day... she loves a good laugh and insisted on my reading this aloud in the bar! One of my lighter moments on this journey... thank God for people like Ella May... she stays young... had a Tom Collins and got very gay! She is a character... from one of our old pioneer families....

The horse and mule live 30 years
And nothing know of wine or beer.

The goat and sheep they also die
And never taste of scotch and rye.

The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 years is mostly done.

Without the aid of rum or gin
The dog at 15 cashes in.

The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in 12 short years it croaks!

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nog
Then dies - at 10.

All animals are strictly dry
They smile live and swiftly die.

But sinful, ginful, rum soaked men
Survive by three-score years and ten
And some of us - a mighty few
Keep drinking till we're 92 !!

As they unknown but honored -

From Hallet Hodge
Lancetilla report
sent May - 1973

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but rather for trial and conservation of germplasm, minimal care is quite appropriate. The great majority of the plants maintained in the garden consist of woody trees and shrubs. Such plant types are largely self-maintaining, provided that the minimum care given assures protection against competition from weed species, predation or destruction by man and/or his animals, and protection against infection from pathogens by such practices as minimal pruning of damaged limbs, etc.

I found the plant material in the garden to be in reasonably good shape, but I was shocked to find: - a) cows grazing freely in the garden; b) pigs rooting wherever they chose to go; c) saddle horses tethered at several points in the garden; and d) youngsters (apparently members of the family of the "caretaker") with machetes freely cutting and eating stalks from the old clonal collection of sugarcane. Additionally, I observed several "requis" of mules, passing along the main trail through the garden, being allowed to stop to graze in the area of the palm collection. Perhaps intended to facilitate entrance of animals into the garden, I noted breaks in the protective barbed wire fencing (opposite the garden workshop). It was quite apparent that animals have been wandering about in the gardens freely for some time, for they have been using the open area beneath the former guest house for occasional shelter. A germplasm collection of this kind should never be permitted use as a pasture. Worst offenders are the swine which can easily kill herbaceous or shrubby material outright, and may even do serious harm to such arboreal species as palms. I noted that these animals had been very active in the outstanding avenue of Cuban Royal Palms, where they had obviously been foraging for fallen palm fruits, and damaging the shallow root systems of these plants in the process.

Besides general all-around protection of garden species against damage, the next most important item is the maintenance of a basic inventory of the species growing at Lancetilla. From the nature of this activity, maintenance of such a catalogue is best assumed by research personnel who usually are more familiar with scientific references and the general techniques of plant identification. I recall that a list of plants of the Lancetilla Garden was published by the Company some years ago. Presumably this was based upon an active card catalogue and a detailed platte map of individual plantings. Such a map is essential for reference, especially when plant labels become lost. The label situation is presently in very poor shape. The original heavy iron labels, many of which are now uprooted and misplaced and mostly illegible, must have been very expensive. Since the garden was never meant to be primarily a display garden, there is actually little need for such labels. There are far less expensive and simpler ways of identifying plants in a garden. If no platte map of the garden exists, and if the present labels are the only source of information on the garden materials, then I would

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others 30 and 35...says they just get a notice in their pay envelope and that's it...no farewell, no appreciation etc. But she is protected for she says they can't do that with union people in the plants themselves....what a world! Imagine Bert is now safely out of EAP and his tarea over...and with a nice fat pay envelope for letting everybody run the place! Rob should be seeing T. Grieve and others at the Garden....will let you know his news from there....I miss him but "que sera sera" and I must cope with family....Love to all...hope you are well....Rde

Ria

JK!

June 4, 1973 88° degrees and the

countryside is alive with Bridal Wreath, tulips, iris, peonies, lily-of-the-valley, columbine, Jack-in-the-Pulpit---etc. etc.

Dear Doc and Alice:

A few moments from my killing schedule to write to two dear ones....I simply had to stay at home from the hospital today because I was exhausted. Am staying on here in Wisconsin and Rob is enjoying gardening in Scotland, long walks, visits to Dunfermline's wonderful library, trips around to visit all the family etc. We have had another terrible blow because Honduras passed a new law and now, in addition to the income tax deductions, they are taking an outright 10% of our money each month. They are doing that to money sent overseas as salary and I do not see why they had to call Rob's cesantia payments that...and now, today, the dollar went even lower, for the 4th slump this 6-week period...where will it all end? I will remain here with Dad's 71-year old cousin...the heat is intense but rains continue at intervals...the land is just saturated and huge areas cannot be planted yet. News from EAP continues to be negative....just horribly upsetting things but there is nothing Rob, Doc, Kle and Alice can do about any of it. And Rob was told in Washington that Lancetilla is going to go to the Honduran govt. Mr. Ryan, of course, predicted the same for EAP. I had a houseguest for Saturday and Sunday, a girl who has been with Kimberly-Clark at Neenah for 27 years...and did I get an earful about Kimberley and the way his company is run...she said he used the same tactics there...then came the predicted strike and now neither he nor anybody else by that name even comes near the place! She thinks he is scared silly by the hatred for him....also says they are laying off and firing office and research people right and left.

43, HALBEATH Rd.,
DUNFERMLINE,
FIFE, SCOTLAND
Fri. 8th JUNE, 1973.

Dear Doc & Alice:

How are things in Antigua, Guad?
When Chico de Sola called the other day, from
London, he said that a Mr Hodgson had recently
been assassinated - is he any relation to Mr Stillman?
Chico also said that Kermit Adams had been
named director & I am looking forward to hear-
ing more news on this ^{from} you.

As you know Ric is still in the States
(Wisconsin) & will await my return then after
I finish in London. It looks as if it might be
mid-July before I can finish up everything here.
We shall see. I am going down to London for
a few days next week, to visit ODA & UNESCO
offices & should be back for our ROYAL HORTICULTURE
AGRIC SHOW (EDINBURGH) on June 19-22. This is
the main Scottish Ag. Show held annually in
Edinburgh & it includes horticulture.

Incidentally I don't know when I have
seen British farming look better. Highly mech-
anized & very efficient use of herbicides & fert-
ilizers are making the crops a joy to see.

Departments too & we have several fine parks here (Including A. Carnegie Memorial Park - "The Glen"). Still a lot of very good horticultural work to be seen there.

The seeds I am enclosing, Doc, are for Arturo to try. When you visit San Sebastian next please take them along. They are things I believe he has not tried previously & they may prove a "hit" as something new in the potted flower line.

How have the rains been in Antigua? When I spoke to Chico yesterday he said they had been very much below average in El Salvador so far & there was some anxiety about the coffee crop.

It seems to me there are opportunities for import of fruits & veg. into Britain, from C. America perhaps. Melons are coming in from Israel & Fuerte Avocados, also from Israel are priced US\$.50 each, very good, uniform fruit though.

Our own garden here is really not too large, about 35 x 110 ft in an enclosed garden at the back, plus a small area in the front. Even so it has taken me the best part of two weeks, working a little each day, to get me & it in shape. I am glad to report we can both be given a fairly good clean bill of physical health now! I have also been doing a lot of walking, which helps & just generally "re-charging" the batteries. Best regards to you both, Rob.

30 July, 1973

My dears, Alice and Doc,

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I know you are both feeling abandoned by this negligent correspondent but never in my life have I spent a more hectic and frustrating two months. But, at last we are settled in this fascinating, different city..Reston.

Rob flew in from Scotland on July 15. By the 18th we were packed and ready to leave Wisconsin. It was difficult for my cousin who is 71, and for Mom who had grown accustomed to my daily visits. It was rather heartbreaking at the hospital, for so many of the old people there, all Mom's friends, had begun to ask me for little favors and had looked forward to having me stop to chat when I escorted Mom, with crutch, on her daily long walk along the corridors and out onto the lakeside patio. Most are in their late 80's and late 90's....other than one young woman with multiple sclerosis, Mom is the youngest, at 73. Some asked me to help put a bed jacket on...others wanted a seam sewn...Martha wanted her nightgown sleeves removed...there was water to change in flowers etc. It was the novelty of having somebody other than a nurse do it! And I grew to love so many of them...the nurses are terribly overworked and they are short of staff in the Aide, Licensed Practical and graduate R. N. areas....so they, too, welcomed my daily three to four hour stint... And Mom gloried in saying to everybody, "Rie"....Also, the nurses are so busy that they can give her merely the regulation short walk, three times daily, down her corridor...but I could take her to the coffee shop where she got to see maintenance people on their "break" and hear normal conversation and joking from one and all...we toured the kitchen, the church, the library, craft rooms, and took long rides, via wheelchair all around the walks in the area..she was enchanted. And I regret having gone only once a year for these 11 years.....It was, however, pleasant for me to see how busy Mom is...there are movies and bingo,,craft afternoons, concerts, soloists, church three times a week, and a library on wheels,so Mom changes books and magazines often, to supplement her own subscriptions...they have TV etc. What pleased me most was that Mom, Tillie and Mrs. Bump, (the latter a tiny lady who is annoyed, at 97, because her roommate flaunts her 103 years) eat together in the lounge each evening....I won't bore you with more of my hospital summer...but I felt you would be interested. I learned, in spite of persistent urging from nurses that "you should be in this type of work", that it is not for me...my tension headaches were a daily occurrence and it is because I have too much empathy...I calmed down by playing the organ in the chapel, for Mom, who enjoyed hearing all our old family favorites...things Dad and I used to play.

By July 18 Rob and I had the car repacked and were off...we drove south through Wisconsin and into Illinois and then, via turnpikes and tollways all the way, crossed Indiana, just about at the lake shore, Pennsylvania, Ohio, (in reverse order), beautiful Maryland and on into Virginia....we spent the Wednesday night, 18th., near Ferrysburg, Ohio, just beyond Toledo and by the next evening we reached our motel at Springfield, Virginia, about 15 minutes south of D. C., where we stayed until we found an apartment.

Tuesday, July 24, we moved in and that afternoon we had to hurry off to D. C., because Rob had an appointment with Gale Plaza at 3:00. I waited on a park bench at the foot of the Washington Monument park, near Constitution Avenue and Rob and I managed to enjoy a wonderful, although too brief, tour through two of the Smithsonian's newer buildings. Rob's visit with Gale was delightful but Rob says he found Gale thinner and very upset at what has happened at EAP concerning discipline and the long hair...none of us can do anything about this but perhaps Gale P. intends to, for Rob says he was so dismayed by recent happenings. They had a long chat and Gale feels, with Rob, that the Nixon government will be a "do nothing" one for the remainder of the term...he felt it was a great tragedy....I was interested in this attitude because I found, out in W&SP country, that people in our agricultural area couldn't care less about Watergate and chalk it up to just more dirty work by politicians and "they're all alike", "What about Kennedy and Chapaguddick?" The Middle Westerners are all more concerned about the spring floods which caused late corn planting, poor apple year, good cherry season, and the price of beef! And, "did you get your haying done by July 1?" "How big are your tomatoes?"

Rob is in D. C. today, for lunch with old friend, Jasper Baker. He takes a commuter express bus, right from our door....our apt. is delightful...I can't believe it! We look out over one of Reston's many golf courses from our dining room and living room windows....scenery is spectacular and the whole model city is a dream...Reston is 7,600 acres in Fairfax County, the most heavily populated of Virginia's 96 counties...Land development for Reston began in 1962 and the first townhouses were on sale by 1964. There is a 1,000 acre industrial park, opened in December 1964. In October of 1967 Gulf Oil Corporation took over financial and operational responsibility for Reston. There are now 20,000 inhabitants and 31 townhouse clusters, 16 apartment developments, two condominiums and over 1,400 detached homes. There are over 50 business firms and the U. S. Geological Survey moves from Washington to its new home out here this month...The beauty of the place is difficult to describe and Rob and I were commenting that surely autumn and spring will delight the eye! There are red, white, win, black, post, blackjack, chestnut oaks...hickory, maple, beech, poplar, locust, sassafras, dogwood, and gum...holly shrubs, partridge berry, pipsissewa, and tree-club mosses.

I will have no difficulty finding a job and working out my remaining Social Security requirement....We are busy writing letters to straighten out where bank statements should go; change of address notices have to be done; we must send for our things from EAP and we are fortunate in that Reston is 5 minutes from Dulles International Airport! The apartment has an extra bedroom, so plan to stop once we have the furniture!

Golfers going by keep distracting me....and the lovely, huge old oak across the fairway beckons in the late evening sunlight....

-3- Alice, you will be interested in how I will manage the apartment with no help...there is an electric dishwasher, automatic garbage disposal unit in the sink, and a washer and dryer in the kitchen...today, for example, I did the washing and ironing, cleaned the place, typed five letters for Rob etc. Even sewed on one button! All of these conveniences are a must when I go out to work....I would like to teach but if that isn't covered by Social Security, since I wasn't teaching in December 1957, when it became effective to cover teachers, I will try for the Geological Survey...They were housed in 30 different buildings scattered around Washington, Maryland and Virginia...Gulf Reston constructed the building out here and they leased it to the government for 20 years. There are 105 acres of land with the building but even now there isn't room for a portion of the Paleontology and Stratigraphy unit and the Map Distribution facility. Most fascinating place...we are 18 miles west of Washington D. C., but drive in to Gale Plaza's corner, 17th and Constitution, in 40 minutes. Not at the rush hour peaks!

Rob says to tell Alice he was grateful to her for going by the bank to see what was happening with our check from them....it seems that the Manager was unable to get the Lempira check certified and a long delay ensued....

Yesterday we attended services at the United Christian Church here, an interesting experiment in the ecumenical movement... *Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ and Church of Christ all together!* Wonderful sermon on the "Peter theory" (a new book) - that man finds his own level of incompetence! Tomorrow I go to D. C. with Rob on the Commuter Bus and hope to set in a few hours research at the national archives. Must get a new typewriter ribbon. The machine by the way, continues to work beautifully. We hope this find everyone there well, busy and happy. By now surely the drought is broken, although not in poor Africa. My arthritic hands continue to be my only problem - a minor one for only my former guide in my Copperplate hand is gone - Much love,
Pie

August 27, 1973

Dear Doc and Alice,

Just a note to thank you for the speed with which those pictures came our way. That is above and beyond the call of duty! We are risking enclosing a five-dollar bill, instead of sending a check which could be a nuisance when it comes to cashing it....and thank you again for all your efforts in helping launch the "consultant".....He really is busy since they have given him mountains of material to read...and, being separated from his library, all crated at Zamorano...he has written to people like Dr. George Weber who sent off materials to him at once...and then he went to the USDA and got loads of materials needed....walking those halls once so familiar to you, Doc! Rob's part of the mission is Fruit Crops and Tree Crops....and I, for one, am glad to see him back in his field.....there are still trousers for field work to buy...plus some other odds and ends to refurbish his wardrobe, untouched in our nine years at EAP, while we saved and sacrificed for the Mercedes! If for no other reason than the air conditioning, I am finally convinced the sacrifice, financially, was worth it...for it is 95° here today and the pollution index is such that there is an alert for folk with respiratory and heart conditions....we have nothing else to show for the Zamorano years, but Rob says the car is worth it! And, once I get some clothes for autumn weather, we'll be all set. I have an excellent position...at \$517.00 per month, for a 35 hour week...off at 12:30 noon each Friday....right here in Reston....in Washington, an equivalent job is \$900.00 monthly but when one considers two hours daily commuting, plus \$48.00 bus fare for the 20 days per month, one isn't ahead....and my job has so many prerequisites in addition to the fact that I will finally be working off my 39 months needed to complete Social Security....I will work 7:30 to 3:30 daily except for the Friday 12:30 noon closing....really fine hours for that salary and I get Health Insurance for both of us plus a free \$5,000 life insurance policy and an annuity Trust Fund to which I contribute %6 of my weekly salary and the firm contributes 8%. My cumulative contributions plus interest are returned to me when I leave....Now the question is, will I like the work? I will be composing letters, from Claims Analysts' notes, and editing letters composed by girls in a correspondence division...for nine years I have composed letters for Rob so this shouldn't be any different, except that I will be paid, unlike EAP! Will keep you posted on my "career".....

Have such stacks of correspondence that I don't know if I ever will catch up but want to have things fairly well cleared up before I report for work September 11, the day after Rob's Sept. 10 departure....am having address labels printed, to use as change of address technique....but it is a slow process...am also trying to cut our 350 card Christmas list this year....ridiculous!

Rob says he will be writing Doc soon but just wanted to be certain, with me, that we thanked you promptly, for all your help...especially since you had been so busy with guests....this golf course under my window is a real distraction as I sit at my desk...you must come stay! I know you would enjoy it....let me know when to call for you at Dulles! Just hope Sally is fine...give her our regards...have written Julia but haven't heard yet...am a bit worried for she was ill when we left Guatemala...and had her facial cancer operation coming up...also their move! Have you heard?

Dear
Dor + Alie,

Tuesday
25 September, 1973

If you don't mind, I will
get a note longhand. I did
55 cases at the office today
in 7 hours - 8 to 12:00
and 12:30 - 3:30 now - I
find it interesting but
must somehow manage not to
sit and pore over the fasci-
inating details from hospitals
and physicians in the 50
states!! I must select the
main facts I need and get it
on with it! Today, for one
case I mailed letters and
checks to five different doctors
and hospitals - over 13 checks
and thousand^(\$'s) involved -
they expect you to handle 50
a day so on my third

week I feel I am
holding my own with
younger men and women and
love my \$517.2 weekly!

Bob is having a marvellous
field trip - Montez Bay area,
Ocho Rios, Mandeville and
farms, farms! Some notes
from his letters, for I am
certain he won't have time
for a detailed letter - ↓

Sept. 14 letter "Tower Isle Hotel -
Division of ISSA and Bros. Ltd."
"Weather continues hot
and sticky - sea breezes
cool at night --- this is the
off season for tourists -- rates
are about halved --- the
Sunday issue of the "Daily
Gleaner" kept me busy for

a few hours Sunday ---
I had my first salt fish
and ahee yesterday -- also
baked breadfruit --- the
locally turned mango juice
is --- good but the avocados
I have seen as far as of
doubtful quality --- beef,
when we have it, is usually
imported from U.S.A. --- haven't
dared to try that other
favourite native meat
dish -- curried goat! ---
Lots of bikini's here ---

Sept. 20

Montego Bay
Hotel Monteville

" -- nice buffet - baked
breadfruit --- going to Busby
and Zena Harvey's at
8:00 tonight. Heavy rain -

September 21, 1973

Montego Bay

" -- we may see some
avocadoes today -- so far
we have been concentrating
on citrus, coconut and banana,
the latter 'mainly a "catch
crop" -- a very interesting
visit with Zena + Busby
Harvey --- they are
both fine and Busby is a
spray 71 --- " (end quotes)

Dear Doc + Alicia I do
hope these notes from Rob's
letters will prove of
interest to you -- my own
news here is less exciting.
Jasper Baker is looking out
for me and called yesterday.
He is also handling the
details for moving out

belongings from EAP to D.C. -
Jasper, who is now a Vice-
President, is a longtime
friend of Bob's and he
was of great assistance
to us when we were settling.

Weather varies - yesterday
was an Indian summer
type day with 85° - today
is drimal, cold, overcast
and has a tang of autumn
in the air.

We do hope you come stay
with us once our household
belongings arrive! Am just
awaiting the splashdown of the
Skylab astronaut, after 59
days - on color TV!

Much love, Ric

I HOPE YOU
GOT
700 AVOCADO PITATOS
MADE NOW

YOUR ARTICLE, Doc



Jamaica Pegasus

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TELEX: 2178 - PEGASUS - JA.

Friday, October 5, 1973.

Dear Doc & Aliee:

How are things in Antigua?
Rie has been keeping me informed, from your letters, of some of your news & I note that you have too many cars using the 'Street of the Noble Ones'. The same can be said for Jamaica with its 160,000 cars now for just over 2,000,000^(2 million) people. 856 deaths per 100,000 cars. The island is still beautiful & nothing can spoil a view of the Blue Mountain range, as seen from the sea, at this early morning (6.30am) hour.

I am all packed up & we will soon be ready to leave for Palisades airport, which you also remember I am sure. The old Myrtle Bank Hotel is burned down of course but a few of the old landmarks, such as Devon House, remain.

I spent a very interesting day on Wednesday, out at the Jamaica Agric. School, which is now at Spanish Town. Very fine buildings, put up with World Bank funds, but not a patch on Juan Bruno for organization & accomplishment, although I am glad to see that some practical work is done.

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This staff, if you include about 30% temporary staff, is more than twice the EAF total of even my day, so perhaps they are ripe for a visit from Greenman et al, to reduce it to "ruinate" as they so quaintly say around here.

Bananas, which were on good flat land in your day, I am sure, are now pushed up into the hills by sugar cane which, in turn "ain't doin' so good". Banana quality is poor & they are having marketing troubles because of it. Everything is boxed, Honduras styles & they have one modern boxing plant near Pto. Antonio.

The boys out at Hope Gardens are still doing an excellent job & the Gardens, although "raggle toothed" from losses of some of the earlier specimens, are still in fine shape. Horticulture at M. J. Agrie (Hope) is also in good shape with fine grafted nurseries of pimientos (allspice) etc. They now want to do something with avocados & mango, on a commercial scale, & recently they had a group from Israel here, to advise them on the former.

Bushy & Zwa Hawey, up at Mandeville, wish to be remembered to you & loved recounting the old days at Tela. With best regards to you both,

P.S. Tasted some good mangoes the other day! Dob



How long
since you two
got one of
these !!?

these !!
Falling leaves,
glorious brisk
air and
beautiful sunny
days — seemed
all combined to
make our first


[Oct. 1973]

Treats you
to a lot of fun!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Love,
Dae

autumn in
22 years
lovely! And
how I am
enjoying the
World Series on
color TV! I
was an official
scorer for years
and never could
see enough

baseball. 
love, Bie

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Wed. Night
Nov. 7, 1973

Dear Doc and Alice

Just a note so that
we keep in touch. We
are both busier than
ever - and the office
wants me to work
overtime every Saturday.
It's time and a half
about \$10.00 an hour
but I can't take it
every weekend and
evenings too!! There is
surely money to be
made easily! I have
learned much about
the insurance business
in a short time but I

wish they wouldn't act
miffed when I say I
can't come in every Sat.
One needs some time off!!
I earned \$67.00 in 7 hrs.
Saturday! Incredible! And
Rob's rate with the Bank
is \$110. a day plus ex-
penses - when in the
field! Seems the thing
to be is either a
consultant or insurance
(health) clerk!! But
one should think about
saving for retirement when
still able to work -

Weather has been sheer
bliss! Have convinced
Rob to love Virginia and
West Virginia as I do!
Will drive to West Va. to

my birthplace for thank-
giving with three lovely
ladies - our 1927
neighbors in West Virginia.
It is hunt time, cider,
apples, falling leaves
and color, color!

Rob got my bird feeded
up today, on our balcony.
The view over the golf
course is perfect with
the pattern of colored
leaves against the
clear sky - and there
is a nip in the air now.
But leaves don't crunch
underfoot yet - you
must come stay with
us if all things ever
come! Rob lunched
with Jasper Baker and

Captain Murray Tuesday.
Jasper says some things are
in a warehouse in Tela -
no ships after a big blow-
down - Jasper says he
believes the company is
on its way out of the
 doldrums - Black was
here in D. C. for visits
at the State Dept. etc. All
going well seemingly.

Rob saw Luis Mucillo's
daughter at the Interamerican
Bank when she is an
employee - about 1/2
block from Rob's World
Bank Bldg.

Avocados at .59 each in
the supermarket today!
Believe it? Dropfruit to

for \$1.00 !! But we
beat apple and donut
rider !!! What a
surprise !!! Rot's sister
returned, after 4 3/4^{hrs} with
Alexanders in Scotland,
on Nov. 1 - they had
really big parties -
a tea in the afternoon
plus evening ceremony,
presentation and dance!
We wired flowers -
she was 60 that day
and the orchestra had
played Happy Birthday
too! We are having
the house in Scotland
rewired because the

Govt. offered 75% of
the cost if done before
June 1974 — to en-
courage safety seemingly.
With Christy to be at
home now it will give
her something to keep
her mind occupied —
we are also having windows
replaced — but no gov't.
grant for that!

Tom Breene had an article
in Bob's latest Royal
Botanic Society Bulletin —
on palms — African oil in-
cluded — Bob plans to
send it to you when he
can tear himself away
from his calculator.
Love, Bill



Rob (and 600
other people) had
a fascinating
evening at the
Pan-Am. Union
last night.

Reception and then
the film, about
Nicaragua, made
by Lithgow of U. F. C.
(and paid for by
U. F. C.) - Ed McCann,
Jasper Baker, M.

Black - three former U.S. ambassadors to Honduras,

[Dec. 1973]

Best Wishes
for the Holidays
and Happiness throughout
the New Year

With love,
Rob + Ree

old Mrs. Somers,
and on and on — all
there!

Mr. Black spoke —
also, of course, the
host, Sevilla Savage —
Dale Phage was
out of the country.
I had to miss
the whole show
because of my
office schedule
out here 24
miles from downtown

D. C. Rob
stayed overnight in
town.



ALL THIS IN THE EVENING PAPER TODAY

By the way, I had forgotten an affair and event interesting thing about our good friend, Jova - former amb. to Honduras and now named amb. to Mexico. He is the great-grand son of Spain's last governor to Puerto Rico and Jova's mother was born in La Fortaleza - what an interesting thing it is to be

here at the very
hub of international
affairs and events.
Weather continues
very mild - can't
believe it! Moscow
had its first
snow of the season -
our 20 trunks
and crates came
Nov. 28th. so we
now have that great
unpacking chore.
With my 8-3:30
day in the office
I find my letter
writing curtailed.

Merry Christmas
Friend
I find my letter
day in the office
with my 8-3
reporting day.
now have that
day. 28th. so we
and extra time
for so trouble
now of the
had its first
shown is! ~~the~~
very well - ~~and~~
Nathan's business
affairs and every
but of ~~the~~
here is the way

Forgive the dreadful
deterioration ^{which} my
scrawl ^{Robert & Anne} - a ^{god}
cry ^{now} from ^{my}
being in London
8 years in a
Convent school
and daily work
in my "Copperplate"
But if arthritis
comes with ^{it}
concerning ^{to} take
for wife ^{Robert} sent
it's tall - I
on ^{Margaret}
begin ^{S.K.} but
Happy holidays -
after a few

lines the writing
goes. We've heard
from Roberts (Furber)
now in Boston -
living in Andover -
also heard from
Trafton - living
in Miami - Harriet
teaching Spanish -
brief note from
Chico with thanks
for info Pet sent
on mangosteen -
Happy holidays -
Pie

Reston, Virginia,
9th January, 1974.

Dear Doc,

At long last I have some free time to begin a letter to you. The Jamaica project is nearing completion, as far as report writing is concerned, and our luggage having arrived safely about six weeks ago we now have our apartment in livable condition and lacking only a few finishing touches.

Both Ke & I enjoyed your letter of a few weeks ago & also the card, with Christmas greetings, sent by Alice just recently. The weather here in Virginia has been a very pleasant surprise to us, usually quite mild & rather pleasant, although we did have a brief snowfall just before Xmas although we did not have a white-Xmas as such. To-day is a bright, clear wintry day with brilliant sunshine but temperatures in the mid-30's, - something you experienced in Antigua just last month I understand. Willie Mittak also wrote to say that they had experienced close to freezing temperatures for a period there.

As I indicated in the card I sent you from Kingston, Jamaica I enjoyed my sojourn there very much. We are not allowed to discuss the contents of our mission but, in general, I believe you would be surprised by how much Kingston, and other major

centres of population have changed and, in contrast, how very little the countryside - and rural life in general - has altered over the past 25 years or so. The only basic change in agriculture - and not a good one in my opinion, was that banana cultivation has been chased up into the foot-hills - where it often appears as an intercrop or catchcrop - and sugarcane - which displaced it in the valleys - is now in trouble due to un-economic production and very old factory equipment. What does remain a stable fact - and provides many of the 'staples' of Jamaican life is the great predominance of edible fruits, particularly breadfruit, ackee, Cocoyam & Caimints which, with a few yams, still seem to supply the basic diet - only the saltfish is now imported in great quantity & becoming very hard to get, and expensive, as a result. Jamaica still has the charm of a truly tropical island, as I am sure it had for you in your day & only the bananas do not seem as happy as when I first saw the island in 1947.

My work, as a consultant, at the Bank has gone well & I have enjoyed the great variety it brings. So much so that I will consider, later this week perhaps, a more permanent arrangement with the Bank as a staff member.

I need not ask if you have been following events at Zamorano - and of course we have correspondence with several people there yet. Since my own performance was considered, by the Board, as "unsatisfactory" over a year ago I have followed the events of the last year with interest to see if I could determine, in the changes made, - the "error of my ways". This exercise I must confess has left me more confused than enlightened.

One can only presume that a blind following of the dictates of the Greenman Report was what was required but, in these days of economic & energy crises I still fail to see where a disproportionate expenditure, for purely administrative personnel, will solve the problem & improve the academic excellence of the School. I gather that, starting this month, Kervil will finally have his 2 associates & also the services of Julio Rueda as an advisor. There may be enough high-powered thinking then to bring back a few oxen to replace the gas-less tractors mangled in the shop & a few of the faithful laborers to drive the teams.

I have also been dismayed, & enlightened by the quality & tone of the monthly Newsletter. If this is what the Board considers an improvement I am glad I was not asked to provide it. Some of it is certainly not in good taste & I wonder how many Board members (or bothered to verify) the reliability

of "incubus" as it referred to students (September 1975)

On the bright side I am glad to see that Kermil appears to support Don Juan in his work. They will have a hard time next year if the boys are allowed in town over the weekend. I understand that EAP students are already "persona non grata", in some of their former haunts. However, should the director, or one of his many assistants become preoccupied by this situation no doubt a visit to the school psychologist will put things right.

I have seen Jasper Baker frequently, since coming to the Washington area & he keeps me up to date with the doings of the old United Fruit Co (U.F.C.) & I also had occasion to see Mr. Eli Black, at a reception, at the Panamerican Union recently, however, there was little time for chatting.

One item about U.F.C. - which I am sure you are aware of, is that they recently sold the Baskin-Robbins Ice cream Co to an English firm of caterers (J. Lyons & Co). This took place during the last week of Dec. and, given the depressed state of the N.Y. Stock Market, at that time, I was somewhat surprised that a sale would be made just then. However, on checking up in 'Forbes' magazine for further details I found the following:

- 1) Baskin-Robbins shares were quoted at \$7.25 but sold to Lyons Co for \$18.50 each

3)- Sold these shares for 83% of \$45,000,000 or \$37,350,000

A)- This shows a profit to U.B., for the 6yr. period, of \$25,350,000 on the B.R. stock transaction alone

So - maybe there is hope for the old firm yet ~~Doc~~, although I have to admit it is not bananas - it can't be said to be chicken feed either!

As far as I can tell things continue to go quite well for the company in Honduras (JRCO) but just the other day I also heard that the Reforma Agraria law had been revitalized & may have more teeth than previously - particularly in relation to unused lands. We shall see.

Should my travels ever take me to Central America I will be sure to call on you & Alice in Antigua. In these days of energy shortage the pace of the Antegüenos is just what is needed to bring a touch of sanity to our sorely troubled world.

Keeps well Doc and please keep us posted on events in these parts - We do appreciate your letters!

With sincere good wishes for a happy 1974, to Alice & you, from us both.

Bob.

Reston Va.

Fri, January 26 [1974]

Dear Doc:

Both Ric & I were very pleased to have your long letter of January 15 and to have all your news from Antigua - & of Gauricus also!

We were sorry to hear you had been unwell, however, & we hope that, by following 'doctor's orders' this has now cleared up. Certainly we wouldn't want you to have a repeat of that Gainesville experience of 1961 - had long ago that seems now - & of course it is so true & 13 years have slipped by since then.

From your letter I can see that you know Washington DC - & its Virginia suburbs, well & we are growing to like it also. as obviously you do! Things are rather built up in certain areas of course but many of the stately homes remain. One, quite near here, where we enjoy visiting is Morven Park - now owned by a trust & opened to the public during much of the year - it is only a few miles outside Leesburg. Ric will send you a brochure on this soon. Others in the area still remain. Those now on FAA (Dulles airport) are also open to the public & others remain in private hands, mainly horse farms as this is great Fox and hound country of course.

So - as I hinted in my last letter we have decided to settle down here and I officially

join the permanent staff of the Bank (IBRD) next Monday (Feb 4). This will ensure that I can continue my interest in Latin America, particularly in the agriculture of the region & hopefully I can still be of some service in that area. On the average I will be travelling a minimum of 90 days in the field each year and, hopefully, may pass through Guatemala one day when I can pay a visit to Antigua.

Returning now to your letter, I am of course extremely interested in news of the School at Zamorano. The last I heard on the matter of increases - was that none would be given this year but I am not sure whether this would affect Don Juan or not. At least the \$15¢ is again much stronger abroad so this should help Don Juan when he changes his dollars to pesetas.

I was particularly interested in Dr Louis Williams' remarks re - Antonio Molina - they are almost ludicrous when I consider that, during Bob Muller's time (1962-67) he was almost blackmailing us into giving Antonio increases 'commensurate with what a good Ph.D in botany could get in Chicago'. I believe he is now overemphasizing, however, the true status of Antonio's education & ability but it does point up, what I said many years ago, that Antonio does not teach our students very accurate concepts of botany & his scientific name spelling is atrocious - when one considers his very wide, and excellent field experience & practice.

You say Kermit has become popular with staff & students alike & this is fine - no doubt he can balance or juggle these two balls for a while at least. The problem is that two other 'balls' also require attention - EAP Board & AGEAP - the latter more so since as it requires recognition & more importance from the former. Whether Kermit can keep all four balls up in the air is what we shall just have to wait & see. From my own experience what I can say is that it is a thankless - if not a helpless task.

From Amado Peleu's last newsletter I see that they are enlisting even the aid of the wives of graduates to raise funds. This poses a problem in Latin America where each donor, of no matter how small a contribution, feels that the EAP is then indebted to him. We saw this when these graduates would then visit the School & expect very special treatment. This can cause difficulties. I understand that attention to visitors, as such, at the School is now on a distinctly economy basis & if this is the case, as evidenced at the last graduation ceremony then they could be in difficulties. Undue influence & a paid 'vote' for "¡feliz el solerino mío" - at student selection time can also cause problems. I have always felt that, come what may, the EAP must retain its fiscal autonomy & I would hate to see any erosion of this. To say the least it would make it more difficult

for Kemik to operate & still satisfy everyone.

Another point in your letter I must remark upon is your assessment of Miguel Avedillo. I am so glad you find him worthy. He had a very bad time at the start & was prejudged by staff & Board Members alike because of his reserved manner. As you say he is very sound & I am glad we were able to keep him on in spite of the adverse & unjustified criticisms of a year or so ago.

After these past few months doing consulting work I am now looking forward to getting back to a more permanent routine, but the extra free time has been useful in order to get us properly settled here & also to know something of the surrounding area.

You have not mentioned Arturo Falla, & his horticultural ventures, in any of your recent letters Doc & I wonder how he is doing now. Perhaps the energy crisis has cancelled some air-cargo flights.

Incidentally I don't know exactly Louis Williams' definition of "the big board" (NYSE Exchange) but United Brands is still quoted in the NY Times at least - see clipping from Jan 22, attached. Other clippings show what some colleges think of student loan programs & increased tuition etc.

Best wishes in sending our very best regards to all.
Sincerely, Bob.

18 Feb. - 1974

Dears,

sleep with

Just a quick note
to tell you Rob's
next assignment is

I
bad
so
are
mitten's
woolen

Mexico — leaves
February 25 — returns
March 10 — at least

her's getting nearer
to Guatemala! They

will be checking on
some ?

R. ARMOUR
Apartment 201
11667 Charter Oak Court
Reston, Virginia 22090

irrigation projects — The
irrigation expert (in
his 60's) doesn't
know Spanish so Rob
will do the talking
plus his own job
which is to check
on all the crops —
He loves the IBRD
(“bank”) and Am so
glad he chose it.
More soon — a “busy bee”
(pun)



Dearest Doc - How well
I remember how we
celebrated your 1973
birthday!! Confronted by
cards with chess sets,
a home, fishing gear
and their study, I chose
the latter since so many
of your 82 (?) years
were spent in writing!


[March 1974]

Hello there!
Happy Birthday!
And many, many more--
May each one
find you happier
Than you've ever
been before!

Love,

Bob & Ric
March 1974

(P.T.O. ↓)

When Bob's Uncle
Dod (George) reached
89 on Feb. 3, he
announced that
he is confident
of reaching
100 -  for
him!! That's a
good philosophy -
A very happy
birthday -
Rie

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Additional message area

FNDLY, Rio
 Mochis - the latter, on
 the Gulf of California, should be
 interesting - Torreon, Mexico City
 and Tampico - the latter probably
 well known to you - Thanks for
 all those nice photographs, received
 Friday. I still hope to see you
 write something about Arturo's
 marvelous avocados! So get busy,
 Doc! I love my beautiful Nest Virginia
 but must admit that Virginia, too, is lovely.

Sunday, 3 March, 1974

Dear Doc and Alice,

It is one of the loveliest days we've had this year - in the 70's, and the golf course below our balcony is busy! Iris crocus, forget-me-nots, daffs and aconites have all come and gone. Rob called from Mexico one night last week. He had been out in the field & house, but was finding it all most fascinating. He had been astounded to find Mexico where they stayed at a Holiday Inn, to be a city of near 400,000 - although we are not to discuss "Bank business", I am sure I can tell you of the areas they will be in after the Baja California stop - (new to Rob) - In Sinaloa they will be at Culiacán and Los

Dear Doc + Alice
I came out here 2 hours early, to meet Rob, because I didn't relish the idea of coming nearer to at night when his plane is due in from Dallas. So, I have brought my writing portfolio, and, if I can keep my eyes off the passing parade of people, I can get some notes written. I had this item on Honduras copied from a paper Rob brought from the library - had analysis but seemingly quite true. El Morasculo will fit very well in this scheme of things. Both he and Ryan had been urging greater participation of the Honduran govt. etc. at EAP - and predicting 'nationalization' - They had long urged Rob to hold short courses for Honduran farmers - even working out the program and what their financial support would be. Rob has no less than 8 letters from various EAP folk (to both of us) and one sadder than the other. Sadly, they say that Dizon, Pereira + Perez are running EAP to suit themselves, with Pereira considered the "real Director" while they scheme rings around Robert - Julio himself

March 9, 1974

8:00 at Dulles Airport

(continued from page 18) social'. This is certainly in line with López Michelsen's thinking, and perhaps even ahead of it (though it is probably not shared by all the generals). But it does imply that if anyone so widely regarded as a reactionary as Gómez Hurtado should win a presidential election, the armed forces might have to think seriously of taking action before they were involved in further guerrilla warfare or civil strife.

Honduras: odd man out

Renewed incidents on the border between Honduras and El Salvador, and incipient 'Peruvian' tendencies in Tegucigalpa, suggest that stability of any kind in Central America is still a long way off.

Since the beginning of this year there have already been two incidents along the land and sea frontier between Honduras and El Salvador, in each of which one man was shot dead. One involved a Salvadorean fishing vessel and the other (according to Tegucigalpa) a group of Salvadorean smugglers — and in neither, the Hondurans said, would the Salvadorean authorities cooperate in investigating the circumstances.

This does not augur well for 1974, but should hardly cause surprise following the collapse before Christmas of peace talks between the two countries in Mexico City. Despite reports that a new round of talks was being scheduled for April, nothing has been arranged, nor is likely to be in the immediate future. The two sides talked themselves into a deadlock from which there is no visible exit at present. The Hondurans will not consider any other topic until the border issue is settled, while the Salvadoreans are desperate to get Honduran border restrictions lifted so that normal trading can be resumed with Costa Rica and Nicaragua along the Panamerican highway — closed by Honduras to Salvadorean traffic ever since the 1969 war. The Hondurans, however, are not going to give up what they feel is the only bargaining weapon they have against El Salvador.

The border issue has proved a totally intractable problem. About 20 per cent of the frontier area is in dispute, with El Salvador claiming four areas of some 50 square kilometres which the Hondurans say is their territory appropriated over the years by Salvadorean squatters. This of course is the heart of the dispute between the two countries — the dense population of tiny El Salvador bursting into the wide open spaces of underpopulated Honduras, taking over land and irritating the

The dispute spills over into the islands in the Gulf of Fonseca, as well as into every aspect of relations between the two countries. The Salvadoreans were outraged by Honduran demands for massive 'compensation' in respect of the 1969 war, and irritated by Honduran 'obstinacy' over the Central American Common Market (CACM). This 'obstinacy' is understandable, however, since Honduras reckons that its economy, the weakest in the area, was seriously damaged by the CACM's free trading arrangements; it will certainly not return to the common market — even after the border dispute is settled — unless it is granted specially favourable terms.

This outcome of last year's efforts to resolve the quarrel is a serious setback for those who saw General Oswaldo López Arellano as the man capable of breaking the deadlock when he ousted President Ramón Ernesto Cruz in December 1972. Indeed López Arellano, whose first *golpe* was carried out in 1963, was widely seen as a leader who would stop all the 'nationalist' nonsense of the Cruz administration, come to terms with El Salvador and bring the CACM back to life. He was sharply attacked by the Left all over Central America as the man of Washington and the big multinational companies, who would bring back political stability and a well-oiled common market. His meetings during 1973 with President Arturo Armando Molina of El Salvador, under the auspices of President Carlos Arana of Guatemala, appeared to confirm him in this role.

In the event, however, López Arellano has begun to display wholly unexpected symptoms of 'peruvianism'. Not only has he adopted just as nationalistic a line as Cruz in dealing with El Salvador, but he has also instituted a number of reforms at home which, although mild by most standards, have alarmed his one-time admirers among landowners and businessmen. For example, the agrarian reform law introduced last year did not seriously threaten the basic interests of larger landowners, but they nevertheless opposed it strenuously. Earlier in the year, in fact, a number of peasants were killed in clashes with troops evicting them from land they had seized near the Nicaraguan border in the northeast. Later, however, the government issued 'Decree No. 8' which legalized land settlements, against strong opposition from landowners.

In the new year the President carried his reform plans a stage further. Announcing a 15-year national development plan, he said it would provide for more 'important changes' in various fields. This would include not only land reform — 'agricultural communities' would be set up in an effort to abolish both *latifundia* and *minifundia*, in what would appear to be some form of cooperative venture — but also government support for trade union collective bargaining, a minimum wage

next page

② wrote to say
he had been
asked to stay on
as "advisor" -
the latest news
Jays wonder was
Dixon's - third
marriage, in
San Antonio - and
the subsequent
"shooting up" of
his office by
second wife
Stella, from ^{whom} she
was supposedly
divorced - things
haven't changed -
Freddy wrote that
the last of the
waiters had been
let go - alone

③ With 26 more laborers.
Tullini Serra wrote that
poverty and illness in the
villages is at crisis
stage and that the stealing
is fantastic all over EPP-
Lan so relieved that it
is not Rob's name they
hate - but I regret that
EPP has come to mean
hate among the very
people who worked so
hard and indeed built
it - you 'have probably
heard all of this yourselves,
especially if you have
spoken to people there
lately.

Sunday

I certainly didn't get
far at the air port last
evening. a couple from

④ Boston, just in from a Puerto Rican - Virgin Island vacation; began to chat - as they were to leave on Rob's plane; they talked to me right up to his arrival - 10:45 - quite late! Rob looked grand - very tan and even so enthusiastic about all he had seen and done. A highlight had been the San Juan del Rio stop, near Queietan where Rob and I had once stayed, in the heart of that lovely grape country. He had found the vineyards absolutely

⑤ marvelous for his horticultural
heart! We both love that
area and had stayed at
La Mansion there just
last May, enroute home.
You and Alice must fly
up once Christy vacates
our guest quarters! You
could talk and talk!!
Some of the haciendas
Rob visited were incredible -
complete with milking
parlour for 340 cows!!
and he says they were
spick and span with
all the latest equipment -
although the homes
themselves had the old -
world charm and great

⑥ Cool, shaded corridors
of the traditional Mexican
ranchos — we talked
until 2:00 a.m. and,
after lunch at the
Marriott today, took a
stroll around to see
the early magnolias,
gentian, fuchsia
and a tulip or two —
Rob is now asleep and
I am continuing to attack
the mail stacked on
our desk. Typing is
fast but noisy —
by the way, Alcira's
letter might interest you

⑦ so I am enclosing
it - confident that
she will never find
out! She was always
such a special friend
of mine - but "would
never say lie" -
makes me feel like her
mother!! This letter
is becoming bulky and
I will send some
clippings in another
envelope - especially the
one of the Jova's, from
the Mexican papers -
Much love,

Rie

Laramie, Feb. 27 de 1944

Dear Mrs Armeur:

Recibimos su tarjeta de Navidad a fines de Enero aquí en Laramie. No hemos podido escribirles por tener muchas ocupaciones.

Salimos de Porto Alegre el 23 de diciembre para Iguazú; allá pasamos la Navidad conociendo las Cataratas de Iguazú; quedamos muy satisfechos de haberlas conocido. Hicimos un recorrido por la América del Sur. El 26 llegamos a Asunción Paragway; continuamos viajando a La Paz, Bolivia quedando en cada lugar 2 noches así conocimos algo.

Aquí tomamos 2 taxis para ir por tierra y conocer el Lago Titicaca; tuvimos buen viaje hasta llegar a Puno. Allí teníamos reservaciones para quedarnos y seguir en tren pero como había huelga resolvimos coger un carro grande más los 2 taxistas íbamos algo incómodos, con 10 valijas grandes y 6 de mano, así

llegamos a Juteaca. Era 31 de diciembre,
los hoteles llenos pues llegamos de no-
che. Las choferes fueron muy buenas, en
cuanto llegamos nos acomodaron en
una miserable Pension pero antes
fuimos a conseguir boletos para viajar
en bus.

A las 4 a.m. estábamos en la estación
así viajamos a Areco. Siguió el día fui-
mos a conocer los Ruinas de Machu Picchu
es de todo el día. Quedamos encanta-
das. Eramos más de 300 turistas, la
mayoría Europeas. Siguió el día 2 de sus
no pudieron dar cupo en los aviones
así que muchos quedamos para el 3

La Altura de Bolivia y Areco nos afectó
mucho. Paul y Evelyn se enfermaron, a
Jay le empezó a sangrar la nariz desde
el primer día hasta el 5, día y noche. Con médicos
a cada lugar que llegabamos; hasta que
le dieron una transfusión en Tegucigalpa
se alivio.

Un día pasamos en Lima, George con-
trató un Taxi y así conocimos toda la



ciudad, a media noche salimos para
Panamá y llegamos a Honduras, Tegucigalpa a la una de la tarde del día
5 de Enero -

Como tenía que sacar mi visa que-
damos unos días, a Zamosano sube-
dimos quedar 3 días. Pasamos con
las Pinedas, vimos a las pocas puse-
mas que habían quedado pues la
mayoría estaban de vacaciones.

Salimos el 11 para Nueva Orleans
y el 12 estábamos con mis suegros
aquí en Laramie.

El 14 puse George los niños en la
escuela y a continuación buscamos
casa que hasta el 1° de Feb. nos
pudiéramos pasar. George tenía urgen-
cia de dejarnos instalados pues él
tenía que irse pronto para Madison
lo cual hizo el 5, tal vez viene
unos 3 días en marzo; él tiene
que permanecer allí hasta Junio.

Los niños se van ^{por escuela} los mayores a las 7:30
y regresan a las 3:30 p. m. Paul y Ede-
lyn a las 8 a m y regresan a las 3:15
ellos van muy bien sacando buenos

ntas. Yo quedo con los quehaceres de la casa, como hay toda comodidad termino en la mañanua; en la tarde, escribo, zurzo ropas y ves television-

Bueno Mrs Armour: Le pido disculpa por no haberle escrito de Porto Alegre, allá sí me quedaba tiempo para lavar, planchar, cocinar etc. cuando acordaba era de noche y estaba cansada. Tuve trabajadora era dador de cabeza así que resolví estar sola. Tuve una amiga vecina Brasileira muy buena que hemos sentido dejarla.

Ojalá que pueda escribirme y me cuente como está Mrs. Armour y dl.

Pienso que pronto vendrá primavera y eso me alegra mucho, el frío y los arboles sin hojas no me gusta. Se que aquí es bonito el verano y ojalá que podamos gozarlo-

Mis suegros estan bien, nos quedamos a 7 cuerdas y con frecuencia me llaman por teléfono. Melvin, Jay y Eduardo, todos los días pasan a verlo-

Con cariño de,
Alcivia

OUR LOVE TO DEAR ALICE. HOW I WISH WE COULD SEE YOU BOTH. I OWE HER A SPECIAL LETTER OF HER OWN... SOON.

August 15, 1974

Dear Doc and Alice,

Rob was so very pleased with Doc's long letter. Just now he is really tied up in the Washington office since there are only five people from their 14-man division there... it is vacation time and that plus missions really cut down on Staff. He is doing editing of another man's work while he is on holiday... plus completing umpteen reports of his own after that long (6 week) stay in Brazil. He will be returning to Brazil again in September, for a month. He enjoyed the work in Mexico and Colombia but just now Brazil projects are numerous and he is to be in charge of his particular one, about which he perhaps wrote to you.

We invited Al and Kay Chable to lunch on Sunday and took them to the Marriott at Dulles Airport... a lovely hotel and restaurant with a gorgeous lake on the grounds... in a charming Fairfax County setting... Al has been transferred to Washington meantime although he could now retire if he wished. He seems to be enjoying his position and has certainly had an interesting career. We found him looking rather old and his health isn't perfect since he has constant digestive problems. Kay is as beautiful as ever and looks like a model. Rob had a surprise visit from young Chique de Sola at World Bank where Chique was a member of the team from El Salvador here negotiating for one of the El Sal. projects... I don't know details since bank work is never discussed.

Now that Rob got me an IBM Executive perhaps I can point out my letters more regularly and get my arthritic hands in shape. My older typewriter, purchased in Antigua, needed too much hard hitting and wasn't helping my fingers... but it is surely a grand old machine and has the Spanish symbols, often a help.

We've had fine letters from Avedillo, from Turrialba and a long letter from Roberto. He will make a good horticulturist some day. Events in Washington have been dismaying and I think we have just driven from office the finest president since FDR. The new man is a rather silly, ~~very~~ talkative character who will be much to the liking of the press... not an intellectual and surely won't lend dignity to the office... on an international level he could prove to be a disaster. The increasing power of the press and TV worries me... pounds away at o

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3 Sept. - 1974

Dear Doc + Alice,
Bob and I thought
you might enjoy
this copy of our
letter from Bare
awan. Bob leaves
for Brazil ~~(Oct)~~
September 10 for
a month and
hopes to stop in
Guatemala for a
day, to see you,
on his return
trip. He already
has permission to do so

and will send
you detail, nearest
arrival day — I
go to Johns Hopkins
in Baltimore on
Sept. 15 for a
September 16-17-18
overhaul. I have
not been very
well and my
thyroid just
seems to have
quit. I have gained
20 lbs. since last
July — just no
pep, energy — no
memory — really
sluggish!

from Korea is economist, Flatjord from Norway is our Hydrologist; Van Dillwyn, from Holland is our Forester; and Ramsey from England is our Project Manager. We also have 7 associate expertos, all from Holland. Besides, there are experts from WFP, WHO, UNESCO and UNICEP; and a big CARE medical team headed by Dr. Sutterland.

Well this will be enough for this time. Now that we have moved out, ^{Castro's} Cuba we hope to remain in frequent contact. Hoping to hear from you soon

Send letters to:

Dr. A. B. Awan
Kantor Perhutani
JL. Gajah Mada 33
Solo, Indonesia

Bari

Will keep you posted
on results. Hoping it's
just a change in
medication



Solo, Indonesia

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Kantor Perhutani

Dr. A. Bari Awan

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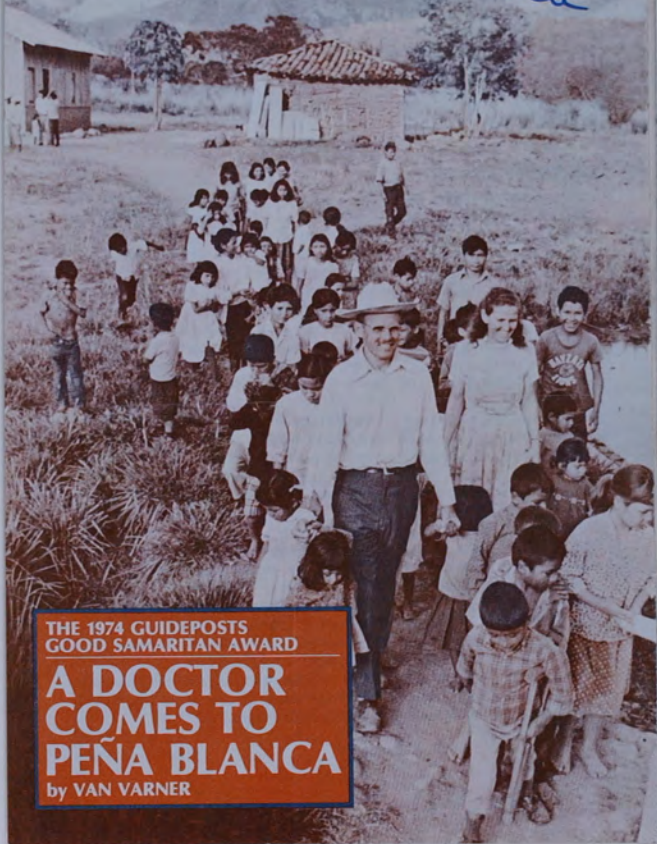
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THE 1974 GUIDEPOSTS
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**A DOCTOR
COMES TO
PEÑA BLANCA**

by VAN VARNER

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He's skinny and waggish and wears a sweat-stained straw hat. He spins off statistics about world starvation and detailed descriptions of his experiments in processing high protein foods. He recalls in sadness the kids who couldn't survive, such as the skeletal five-year-old who crawled to the Youngbergs' jungle hospital and who days later, knowing, went into the chapel to die.

That is Stephen Youngberg—Guideposts' Good Samaritan of 1974. He's the 54-year-old physician who went into the Central American jungles of Honduras to take medical help to people who had none, and then discovered that medicine was only the beginning of the job.

He's the man who is working in what seems a remote outpost—remote because we cannot telephone him there and because the jungle is foreign to us.

His is a different world. It's corn being ground for coarse tortillas and every man with a machete sharpened for the fields and self-protection. It's sticks-and-thatch houses that the wind pushes through. It's breadfruit trees and teakwood and ceibas with their roots dangling 40 feet in the air.

In the high jungle region around Lake Yojoa, Youngberg's compound lies surrounded by squatty banana trees which from the air look like green corduroy. The place is called Peña Blanca—White Rock. That's where the Youngbergs—Stephen and his wife Verlene—came with their two sons and two daughters 13 years ago, hacked out a space in the jungle for four buses loaded with medical equipment, put up their tents and an awkward dis-

pensary, then waited for their first patient to wander in. He came three days after their arrival—and within the year some 17,000 other Hondurans had found their way down the mountain trails into the clearing.

It sounds like an astonishing number, and it is, but the Youngbergs were not astonished. They were expecting those hordes of patients—in fact, they'd been praying for them to come.

Even back 30 years ago at Loma Linda University in California when he was studying to be a doctor and she to be a nurse, they had prayed for the time when God would lead them to a place where, in their words, "the need was the greatest."

For a long while they worked among the poor people of Tabasco in southern Mexico. The land was low there and the climate hot. Youngberg got hepatitis twice, malaria three times, and when he developed tuberculosis, he had to get out or die. So they scrambled north to Verlene's home town of Harlingen, Texas, and when he was well enough Stephen Youngberg opened a medical practice there.

But soon he was packing his medical bag and crossing the Rio Grande on Sundays to help out in a Matamoros clinic. It was there one Sunday that a rich Dallas man came in seeking emergency help for his son who had a painful tooth abscess. Youngberg helped the son and eventually, in 1959, the Dallas man helped Youngberg found the Pan American Health Service, a non-profit, charitable corporation.

While money was being collected for the health service, the Youngbergs went out looking for the place

Left: Stephen and Verlene Youngberg with children from their orphanage in Honduras.

(A)

to which they were supposed to go. They made five trips of exploration before hitting upon the Peña Blanca property, but by then there was no doubt that Honduras was "it." It's a poor country, economically sixth from the bottom of all nations. It's mostly rural and 80 percent of its 2.8 million people live on subsistence rations. It has about 500 doctors, most of them in the cities; there was none in the Peña Blanca area.

During their first months in Honduras the operation went according to blueprint. People came in with their intestinal problems, lung infections, ugly tropical sores and machete wounds. The doctor gave injections, delivered babies, pulled teeth. Verlene gave advice on hygiene, opened an informal school.

Yet neither Stephen nor Verlene knew at the beginning just what they faced, what the staggering financial drain would be or what the real problems among the jungle population actually were. Originally, because of his own fight, Youngberg had hoped to concentrate on arresting tuberculosis. But, as he said to me, "What's the point of curing a woman of TB only to have her starve to death?"

Food. Not just hunger, but starvation. That was the big problem. Especially among the children. There were few cows for milk. The diet was chiefly corn and sometimes beans. The local practice called for the working father to take the greatest share of the food, give a lesser share to his wife, and what was left would go to the children. Day after day, children were brought to the compound, creatures shriveled by malnutrition. And

so it was that when the long day was ended, Youngberg would sit in his tent by lantern light, studying about nutrition, about growing food and the mechanics of processing it.

And from his efforts have come awesome accomplishments. When you visit him at Peña Blanca and see what goes on there, in spite of the obstacles, you begin to perceive the size of his achievement. The buildings on what the doctor calls the Peña Blanca "campus" are not imposing. They have a tatterdemalion look, as though culled from a scrap heap, which they probably were.

One is not a bona fide Schweitzer-type unless he is a scavenger and Youngberg is a super-scavenger. By keeping an eye open in the area, by systematic far-reaching forays, he has managed to acquire steel pipes and vitamin pills, cots and sheds, bake ovens, bran dusters, clothes. Many a time he has knocked on the door of some industrialist in the States to hear an amused, "You again, Doc?", but come away with an expensive cast-off peanut sheller. Then he's had to scrounge up the enormous amount of money it takes to ship almost anything to Honduras.

When I arrived at Peña Blanca, the doctor's long-planned food industry was about to go into operation. There were several multi-leveled sheds of massive, complicated machinery, all artfully begged for and ingeniously assembled, all designed to turn out high-protein food products which will be sold—and given away—to help stamp out malnutrition in the area.

In another part of the campus, which took years to clear, is the out-



Left to right: Verlene supervises a meal; Stephen picks up a patient, does dental work at clinic. Their mailing address is: Box 191, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, C.A. 3

patient clinic. In the dozen years since its construction, thousands of mountain people have come through its doors.

And then there is the nutrition hospital, a painful, hopeful place to visit. This is where the kids arrive in various stages of starvation. I saw them at mealtime, 40 of them, lined up at long tables, eating in eerie silence. It takes months sometimes for them to learn to smile, much less laugh or make any lively noise. Many of them die and are aware that they're dying; and many of them who live find that they are orphans.

The Youngbergs had never planned to run an orphanage, but they'd never planned to run a food processing plant either. So they ran an orphanage. In time they realized it was not wise to mix the children who had been restored to health with those who were still struggling. That discovery became the genesis of the 850-acre farm acquired three years ago in a valley 65 miles away.

Today there are 70 orphans at the farm, going to school, to church, learning about agriculture so that someday they can farm for themselves and teach others. They are not up for adoption. Youngberg knows that people who adopt usually choose the "best" children. He doesn't want that. Besides, he wants

them to grow up as educated, contributing citizens of their country.

In the same civic sense, the farm is used to teach adults modern agriculture. Beginning last spring, 20 families came to live and farm on an acre of land for six months each year.

To hold this empire of activity together requires about 30 paid employees, including Stephen and Verlene, their two married children (the other two are at school in the States) and several American couples who have chosen to join them. The rest are all Hondurans. Each person, Stephen and Verlene included, is paid the same amount—room, board and \$25 a month.

What the Youngbergs have done in Honduras is monumental and it has taken a lot more than dedication and selflessness. It's taken guts and ingenuity and skill and drudgery. It has also taken God. Long ago the Youngbergs asked the Lord to lead them there; and when He did, they kept on trusting in Him totally. Whether they were down to their last bag of flour or down to the deadline for the money to buy the farm, they asked, confident that they would receive.

An outstandingly good neighbor, Dr. Stephen Youngberg is Guideposts' choice for the 1974 Good Samaritan Award. ◀

29 September, 1974

Among the 120 people who received my duplicate "Letters from Honduras", there are many who have written to inquire about their demise. It is only fair to offer an explanation of my long silence. During the Zamorano, Honduras years, the answer to the constant pain of what I called "arthritis" was bufferin, heating pads, traction, a back brace for one year and, above all, my own formula for keeping busy...teaching, playing the piano, typing, staying on the run among the three houses, going for long walks in the fields with Nicky, arranging flowers, doing table settings, place cards, giving parties for students, staff and visitors, tutoring, teaching piano, and on and on.....

However, in the past two years, my hands, arms and neck have had increasingly painful periods with numbness and pins and needles...work was no longer the answer and I was finally driven to the Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore for six days of incredible tests...with some surprising results...among other things, "carpal tunnel syndrome in both arms..pain and paresthesia in the hands in the area of distribution of the median nerve, caused by compression of the median nerve by fibers of the flexor retinaculum"....and, as if that isn't enough, "degenerative spinal disease...area of 5th, 6th and 7th cervical vertebrae"...the former to be relieved by surgery should my arms not improve after wearing a cervical brace for three months, to relieve the latter condition..so, I haven't been the best correspondent in the world..with good reason!

We have been happily settled in Reston, Virginia, since July of 1973, while Rob is based in Washington, D. C. with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank. He travels a great deal and I have time for my great avocation...historical research in the U. S. National Archives...

Rob was in Jamaica 10 September-5 October, 1973; eight stops in Mexico 25 February-March 9, 1974; Cali and Bogata, Colombia, 25 April-May 3, 1974; six stops in Mexico, May 13-24; Brazil and Colombia, June 2- July 11, 1974; July 22-26 - Mexico again and Brazil, September 10 - October 5, 1974, due home on our 17th anniversary!

As many of you know, my Mother has been hospitalized for 13 years and I keep this sort of medical information from her...it was marvelous to spend two months with her last summer...but I won't be able to get home this autumn as planned.

In summary, it will be quite some time before I return to the Newsletter for 120 of you...but I will attempt to get out our annual Christmas notes, especially to those of you who have corresponded with me for thirty years...