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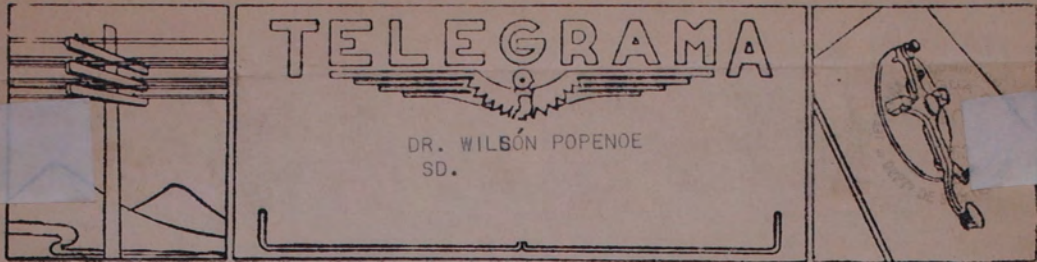
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TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS, 10 DIC-63.

RECUERDOLE NOTA GERENTE TELA RAILROAD.-

ABELARDO BU L.

Antigua, 1 June 1967

Dear Arturo:

Still have a bad pain in my shoulder but it is clear that no bones were broken. I can appreciate sufficiently what your family did for me that day - I would probably still be lying up there on the roadside - and I can't tell you how fine it was to call on me that evening.

I spent three days in the tierra fria with Vorhies, Atlas and the very able agr engineer from San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) who knows as much about fruits as he does about tractors and ditches. There are almost no peaches in Quezaltenango this season. The apples look good; I am especially impressed by JONWIN from California. I brought you a young graft of the Guinoc crab from Honduras which I believe may do well with you. At Enrique Aguirre's place, San Andres Semetabaj, there are several interesting things; especially a white cling melocoton (large peach) which tastes awful darn good. There were only a few fruits on the tree and I think they will all be gone by now. When I come back I think we ought to get busy on the melocotones, canning clings. I heard on this last trip that there are some fine ones up in Semetabaj, Hushuetanango, but they are all shipped over into Mexico. I doubt that they are any better than those we can get nearer here. But I think you and I ought to get into this canning cling business - you doint the business and myself sitting on the side lines and enjoying it.

George Darrow's magnificent book on strawberries has come. Reading it, I get just what we got out of his letter: It is good to have young plants from a cold climate. But not really essential. We should not grow plants for more than one crop. This is what we used to do at Zamorano. And we must grow varieties which are built for the tropics.

Missionary, Klondike, Florida 90 (we don't know enough about it yet) and probably some of those new ones from California like Tioga. I am for sticking to Missionary and Klondike until we know better. As George says, if we can put the young plants in cold storage over the winter, down here - that is young runners grown locally - it might be a big help, but I don't see how many people can do this. I believe our answer is young runners with nice white roots; not too sandy soil, with plenty of organic matter; plenty of water in the dry season; take off one season's crop (maybe quite a few months down here, with our minor variation in length of days) then take off some more runners and do it all over again. I think maybe my ratio here in Antigua (7.5 pH) isn't too good; we used to do better at Zamorano with heavier soil of 6.5.

My Red Ceylon peaches are beginning to drop but will be maturing for the next month or more. I doubt that they are as interesting as Okinawa but if you want them, send someone to get them in the next two weeks or so ~~because~~ Jorge Benitez has his eye on them. I have told Concha and Juan that if you send for them, you can have all that are available.

I probably won't stop in Florida on this trip; I want to get back here before the peaches are all gone. But I believe we can get most of the new peaches from Glen Saint Mary. I will write George Taber and find out. The Haley people up in Tennessee are not much interested; George Taber isn't either, any more, but I think I have sort of got him on the spot, where he feels he will have to take care of us as far as he can. Since interest in peaches is so keen in Florida right now, and since we do not have a price list from Taber in several years, he may have most of the new ones in which we are interested, and I will try to line him up for a shipment at the end of the present year.

Siempre su afmo y muy atto SS

ENSAYOS AGRICOLAS, S. A.
FINCA EL NARANJO
CHICACAO, SUCH.
GUATEMALA, C. A.

Apr. 13, 1973
Cet

Dear Dr. Pope

We purchased a new piece of Rio
Ixca for Macadamia and I am
extremely busy in organizing the work
on this piece (there is not a single
ranchero on this piece as yet) etc.
I am leaving for USA toward the
end of April and I have only two
days (Apr 22 & 23) in which I can
show you Narango - El Salvador. If
you could come for lunch on Apr 22
then you will see Narango in the after-
noon. After spending a night at Narango
we will go to El Salvador if you

will leave for Antigua at Noon.
For various reasons it would be
very difficult for me to entertain
Mrs Poyenoe.

If you are coming then
please send me a telegram
(urgent) at Newark immediately
as our post office is very poor

Saludos

BAH

ENSAYOS AGRICOLAS. S. A.
FINCA EL NARANJO
CHICACAO, SUCH.
GUATEMALA, C. A.

CEICINA GUATEMALA
12 CALLE No. 8-45 ZONA 1
APARTADO 473

April 19, 1973

Dear Dr. Pozessor

I did not hear from you & I assume
that you will be unable to visit Nakaz &
Salvador on Apr. 22-23. I will get in touch
with you in July on my return from the
States

Attached are clippings which will be
of interest to you & Dr. Shook.

Sincerely

BAK

December 5, 1974

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Popeave,

I hope this note finds you well. You have remained often in my thoughts since the last wonderful visit I shared with you, now almost two years ago. I look forward to the possibility of another visit in the near future. My new husband, Ed, and I plan to journey to Central America for the Christmas holidays, possibly staying through the end of January. Our first stop is Guatemala City on the twentieth of December. I am happy that I shall have the chance to share your beautiful country with Ed. We will be sure to cross the mountains to Antigua and will hope to be lucky enough to find you at home and with a spare moment. Ed has enjoyed hearing about you both and about the days my father spent at your lovely home. We are hoping that sometime soon it will be possible to compile a book of some of the

Tropical Fruit Portraits he began in those days
along with parts of his journal of adventures.
Meanwhile we both look forward to our own
adventures in the same land.

With best wishes always,
Love,
Camille



Zamorano, May 16th

Dear Doc,

Enclosed herewith is a letter covering cemetery lot at San Antonio which is self explanatory. As letter is of a business nature I have typed and am leaving a copy with Amado for possible future use when I am no longer here.

Paddock fired Ortega a few days after his return and letter is now gone. Apparently there will be no replacement for the immediate future.

On a trip to San Antonio Saturday a week ago on my school horse (Tritan or some such name), the horse caught his foot in a hole between two rocks, Paddock jumped and struck his knee on rock cracking knee cap, and is now laid up with cast on entire leg. Fernando Fernandez has been made acting dean. Mrs. P. still in N.O. That's about all the news.

It was a real pleasure to visit your old haunts around here with you.

Sincerely,
Dave.

Ahtigua, Guatemala
July 31, 1961

Dear Dave:

Sorry to be so slow in answering your letter of 16 May and sending you a check for the equivalent of lemps 26.50 which please find enclosed. As suggested by you, I'm making out a simple power of attorney for the Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana or any representative named by him. This covers the matter of Paul Standley's burial and any other two persons which the authorities at the School would like to name when the time comes. I rather imagine the space still available after Paul Standley's death will not be utilized but that does not matter.

You have been very good in taking care of these arrangements and I'm sure Paul appreciates what you have done. Doris, who came through here some days ago, told me you have already left the school and have gone to San Pedro Sula to take charge of the American school there. Not having your exact address I am sending this letter to Zamorano. I hope you will find the work at San Pedro very much to your liking.

Very sincerely yours,

Hotel Jupiter
Colatina
Estado de Espirito Santo
Brazil, Sunday 16 August 1959

Dear Wilson:

Your letter of April 14 last finally caught up with me in Rio, about 10 days ago, when I was making preparations to come up to this place, where I am with a group, as usual, carrying out a food consumption survey. We will be at this place, at the above address, until September 30, 1959.

After that, I will return to Rio de Janeiro, where my office address is:

Escritorio da FAO
Rua Jardim Botânico 1008
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

I was interested to read your letter, and learn where you and Helen had been this past year. It sounds so very interesting. The Canary Islands arouse my curiosity, ever since a survey in which I took part in Cuba in 1953, in a rural area in the central part of the island, where the negroes were the white-collar people, and tall freckled redhaired or blond people with blue eyes, either from Galicia, Asturias, etc. or from the Canary Islands, were the dirt farmers. They were liable to come home at noon from their farms to their homes, covered with red earth. That made me think of course of the Conquistadores, who would never have done such a thing. There is something of the same in Costa Rica. The odd thing was that in both Costa Rica and Cuba, they talk the same kind of Spanish, in which the diminutive is made by adding "ica" instead of "ita" (if the adjective is feminine, that is). In fact, as you know, the Costa Ricans are therefore called "ticos". Well, they also "tico" in Cuba, as well as Costa Rica, and likewise in Colombia, but nowhere else that I know of, in Spanish America. The Canary Islanders, if I remember, also "tico"; I mean, in Cuba. There are ^{also} apparently rival islands in the Canaries, for some of the Cuban families descended from islanders of one place warned us about those from another island, whose name I forget. Did you learn anything about these things there, or Helen, with her gift for languages? *Spanish about the "tico" ing, and the island rivals. When were the Canaries settled, and from what kind of Spaniards?*

Does Spain already have avocados? That is, did you introduce good varieties, or were these the first? I would certainly like to hear first-hand your impressions of things in Israel.

I could not agree with you more, about your school garden manual. I am sorry that it was not my fate to remain on the job in Guatemala. I have not seen the final version, and so do not know how far they may have gone to wreck such a good beginning. It was fine that you did so much, especially because you are so very busy, having now retired.

Since I last saw you, I ^{have been} was in Rome, Washington, and then Mexico for 5 months, The last month or so was in a place called Cunduacán, State of Tabasco, in June 1958, when it was very hot. I came out of there with hepatitis. After that, I was in Colombia for two weeks, and then for 11 months in Argentina, the last half of that time in the Argentine Chaco, where it was hot and ~~savvy~~ swampy, so that there was not only great heat but humidity. Of course every new place is interesting, but so are cool places. Then I was briefly (5 days) in Paraguay, and arrived in Brazil on 3 July; and here I am supposed to remain until 30 June 1960, although I wonder if I will like that much heat. I did not mind heat once, but do now, that I am getting no younger.

My most interesting experience this past year was reading, for the first time, ~~the~~ Charles Darwin's "Voyage of the Beagle", an account of a 5 years' journey around the world, about 4 of which years were in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, a journey he began at the age of 22. I suppose you read that book ages ago. If I had, I would not have appreciated it. I do hope that this letter catches you in Antigua, where I hope that you and Helen are feeling fine, staying still for a bit. I wish that I could accept the ~~staying offer~~ offer of that little room, 22 by 44 feet. *I'll take a rain check. I am so glad to hear you are working for FAO, please parcel. My best wishes to both, Carmen*

Junio 25/61 / Madrid
Edificio España 4-D
Madrid

Dear Wilson.

I've read me your letter when I came back from a trip and I can't tell you how I felt. Helen represented the nicest period in my life & I feel older & sadder now that she is gone. I had called several times the Lopez de Vega to find out if there were any reservations in your name but seemed rather strange to get negative replies.

As you say she didn't suffer but we shall all regret that her life was short when she still had so much to give us. My sister Martha whom you met in Castellón, died last January & my brother finds it hard to go it alone. Spaurke-like he refuses consolation & mourns her loss, the only sister free to offer care & companionship, to which he was so accustomed. We feel for you, Wilson, and if you do come to Spain for your work, do look ^{us} up, I've been looking forward to your visit & I really feel I have lost a sister.

Let us know if we can be of any assistance
Un abrazo fuerte Este

Antigua 1 agosto 1962

Dear George: Probablemente volare a Tegucigalpa en Taca el 11 del mes en curso. Si no le alcanzo a ver antes:

La Jonathan de Juarez, talvez es Ben Davis. La pera de la "vecindad del Dr. Malina, Cantel) es muy buena. Conseguí una ciruela en San Bartolome que dijeron es Mariposa. Magnifica! Grande y de buen sabor, igual a Sta Rosa.

Pedi varios catalogos para Ud de viveros en los E. E. U. California Nursery Co. desea saber cuantas posturas (plantas) de las uvas americanas vamos a necesitar para diciembre proximo. Pueden suministrar 6 or 7 variedades deseables. Yo voy a ver si no podemos sembrar en Zamorano o lo menos 10 de cada una para reemplazar las muscadinas que Kacelmal sembró inutilmente. La gran mayoria ya estan muertas. Hagame el favor de darme una idea, en cuanto yo regrese, del numero que Ud pueda pedir.

Fui a San Sebastian el domingo pasado. Arturo Falla tiene muchas ganas de consultarle a Ud respecto a

aguacates y frutales para la parte
este de la finca. Ojala pueda Ud
visitarlo un dia de estos.

Mr Craggs tambien esta esper-
ando una visita, con motivo de ver
las macadamias. Yo fui el domingo
pasado, hay una nueva entrada a
la finca de Craggs, La Providencia.
Un poquito despues de pasar Km 42
han abierto un trecho ancho que va
a dar a la antigua "carretera" de
La Providencia, algo cerca a esta.

Fui a ver los manzanos en Chimal-
tenango. No hay muchas arboles pero
las manzanas son grandes y dice la
senora alemana del Cafe Bohemia,
muy buenas para la cocina. Pase
por Parramos y localize varios palos
del aguacate mexicano. Lo dicen
matuloj y no aguacate, y dicen se es
silvestre en Gytopa. Me parece dudoso.
No hay ni flores ni frutos del matuloj
en Parramos actualmente.

Probablemente llevaré mas visitantes
a Chichi y Panayachel el proximo
weekend y viernes (semana entrante, los
dias 9 y 10.)

Siempre su apmo
W Popano

19 April 1963

Dear George:

In your letter of 26 March you asked that I take up with Chico de Sola the possibility of his accepting the Presidency of the Board at this time. I have just come from a two days visit with Chico, during which he agreed to do this if it is the desire of other members of the Board. Since he may not have time to get in touch with you before the meeting I am sending this note with Bert. I consider Chico's acceptance vital to the future welfare of the school, since you have excellent reasons for not wishing to be considered at this time.

Chico and I both feel it would be splendid if one UFCO man could go on the Executive Committee, either George Gardner or Franklin Moore.

Sincerely

Wilson Perence

Antigua, domingo 1 de diciembre 1963

Dear George:

Creo que Ud ya sabe que los arboles de Bountiful Ridge están para llegar cualquier dia. Desd~~oruna~~adamente, yo tendré que ausentarme desde pasado mañana el dia 3 hasta el dia 10, para acompañar al Sr Henry A Wallace, ex-Vice Presidente de los Estados Unidos, a San Salvador, Tecucicualpa (donde Mr Wallace va pronunciar el discurso de fondo en la graduacion de la EAP) y re-resando aqui donde pasará dos dias. Si los arboles llegan durante mi ausencia, y no podrá Ud esperar mi regreso, entonces deseo darle unas indicaciones, como sigue:

En primer lugar, Ud ya sabe que todos los arboles para don Francisco de Sola had sido despachados directamente a él. Los que llegan serán para nuestro programa aqui.

Todos las uvas y frambuesas son para don Arturo Falla, como Ud ya sabe. El domingo pasado fui a San Sebastian y Arturo tiene todo preparado. Antes de darle a él otros plantas, hay que hacer lo siguiente:

Sembrar aqui en mi sitio, donde Gonzalo tiene preparado cinco hoyos, un peral Beurré Bosc, y cuatro hybrid crabs, un USDA 1225, un Rescue, un Martha, y un Custer. No caben mas.

Entonces, yo tengo comprometido con la señora Marion Clason, para sembrar en una su propiedad cerca a La Suisa, un peral Bosc, 1 manzano Wealthy, y tres crabapples, de las variedades que Ud escoja (las que tenemos en mayor cantidad).

Despues, si Ud lo creo conveniente, escoja un numero conveniente de cada frutal para sembrar en Quezaltenango, y quizas

dos Bosc y dos Seckel para Molino Helvetia - que tal le parece?
Y si Ud desea sembrar algunos arboles en otra parte, muy bien. Esto
lo deje en manos de Ud.

Entonces, todo lo Ud crea conveniente para don Arturo Falla,
con parte los crabapples en la Finca Sebaastian a mas o menos 5000
pies, y parte arriba cerca a Calderas a 7000 - es decir, donde
estan los manzanos etc que le dimos el año pasado.

En fin, Jorge, Ud sabrá mejor que yo cual va ser la distribución
mas aconsejable de los arboles en general. Haga lo que le parezca
conveniente.

Si yo no le alcanzo a ver antes, me pondré en contacto con
Ud inmediatamente despues de la salida de Mr Wallace. Posiblemente
la remesa no llegará antes del 6 o 8 de este mes, y todo podrá
esperar mi regreso de Honduras.

Siempre su afmo,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

20 Sept. 1971

Dear Doc:

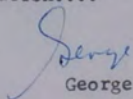
Sorry, not to have gotten around to answering your letter of Aug., but as you know I'm not much at correspondence. What I mean is I love to get letters but Boy!, what a struggle to write one!!

I imagine the sweet corn seed I sent off to you in the mails finally got through? It just goes to show that the longest distance between two points is by Airline. Also another modern axiom: The faster you fly, the longer it takes!

I was up to N.Y. and Washington the 1st. of Aug. to attend the Am. Society of Agronomy meetings. There were over 1,500 registered (which if they all paid what I did means over 15 grand to help pay bills) and they announced that 2,400 were in the ballroom for the Dinner. That was lots of cigarette smoke! Anyhow if you listened to one paper at a time (thank God it wasn't possible) it would have taken something like 6 months time. I managed to sit on on a couple sessions that were interesting (and a lot more that weren't), one on International Agricultural Education...seems like over 40% of the graduate degrees given in U.S. Universities last year were given to 'foreigners' and the main criticism (other than the excessive number) was that they were being trained to work in the U.S. and not in their home countries. Personally, I think it would take several atom bombs, no less, to wake up the American Educational institution to doing something about it!! Is there no hope for the future?? I sat in on one session of the graduate students sessions and was considerably impressed (contrary to the rumors I had heard about hippies and such) on the calm, reasonable, and intelligence of the sessions.

By the way, Washington, our Capitol, is a beeeautiful place. The Capitol Building, Library of Congress, etc. That would be a good place just to spend a vacation....

Best wishes to you both,


George

Antigua G, 11 April 1960

Dear Hal and Jean:

How good of you to put us on the list for the New Yorker! We are enjoying it greatly and should have thanked you ere this. But as you know, that wascal Hugh was afraid there wouldnt be anybody up there to pay the rental for his cap and gown when he got that Ph D, so I had to go; and once there, it occurred to us it might be an oportune moment to run down State as far as Key West and sample various Mollusca in various forms. What a time we had! Hugh and I had scarcely spent 48 consecutive hours together in some years.

Not long ago Chris Hempstead flew me up to the Polochic, to look at the land he bought on the shore of the lake. I have written Hugh about it. Maybe can be used profitably in a combination of coconut palms far apart and pasture below. And I am thinking now of pili nuts. These guys down here say there isnt any market for them in the States. There wasnt a market for bananas or for tomatoes or for grapefruit a century ago. Times change and we change with them. Put that back into Latin; I used to could do it as we day in Kansas.

Helen and I hope you will remember that our little guest house is always ready for you, and everything will go fine if you remember that the C on the faucet stands for Caliente and H for Helada. Come down whenever you can, mit or mitout Hugh, but preferably mit. I am trying to line up that guy for a trip to Peru in July, by the way. If you two havent seen Machu Picchu, why dont you come along?

Always yrs

903½ East 60th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
9 November 1957

Greetings to you both,

It was wonderful hearing from you!! Yes, I can imagine that your move to Guatemala was terrific - I don't see how you did it! Did you move all the furniture too? And going through customs with it all must have been a nightmare! Are you living in the back part of the house at Antigua - the part you modernized for yourselves?

I am very sorry to hear about Betty Bowman. It is hard to believe that she is gone. She was a wonderful person.

Congratulations on all of the grandchildren. I presume from your letter that Hugh is not married. Nice that he will be in Guatemala and near you both. John never writes but I think he is still in Florida. What is he doing now? And where is David?

Who is Director at E.A.P. now? How is Dr. Standley? What have you heard from the Williams'? I have never heard what happened to Walter Schullstrom - do you know where he is? And where are the Julio Moellers now? And did Hernan Fonseca get his M.S. at the University of Florida? Where is he now? Are you going to keep your little house at San Antonio? I will never forget the Good Friday that I spent with you up there!

Our Central American plans have been altered somewhat. We leave here on December 14th and go to San Diego to spend Christmas with my parents there. Then on the 26th we fly to Honolulu to be with Yolanda's family for a couple of weeks. I will gather some of the data I need for my dissertation in the coffee growing area of Kona. I am going to compare Extension methods used there with those used in Guatemala and the ones used in Costa Rica - point out how culture makes a difference. After Hawaii, we come back to California and then head south - this will be in January. Through the Instituto at Turrialba (where we will stay in Costa Rica) we have been trying to make arrangements for our sojourn in Guatemala - which we hope to have on our way south to Costa Rica. We will be a month or so in Guatemala. What is a good pension in Antigua? We have been told that the Pension Mertines (Martines?) in Guatemala City is good. Do you know anything about it? We would love to see you both, and we hope that you will still be in Antigua when we get there. I know that you will like Yolanda. We have been married now for 2½ wonderful years.

Do write again when you can. What can we bring down to you from the "States"? We see Kate Staley and Margery Carlson once in awhile. They told us about seeing you.

*Aloha mi
Harace*

Heredia 21 de Marzo 1942.

Dr.

Dr. Wilson Ropense

Antigua Guatemala

Estimado y Respetable Dr.:

La presente es para saludarle y deseando que se encuentre disfrutando de buena salud rodeado de sus familiares.

Doctor el objetivo que lleva esta carta es para pedirle un favor, que no se imagina usted cuanto le agradeceré por el resto de mi vida, lo que me llevó a que yo le escribiera es debido a las buenas recomendaciones que me dió un egresado de la Escuela del Zamorano en Honduras, actualmente yo soy alumno de la Escuela Normal Superior de Heredia, en el área de Ciencias Agrícolas y este año es el último y para poder obtener el título de profesor en esta área, tenemos que presentar una tesis, relacionada con un tema del área en que uno se especializó, y yo he escogido el tema

"El cultivo del mango", por lo cual deseara que me mandara información referente a este cultivo. Yo tengo material pero el que tengo es demasiado poco como para empezar a realizar una Investigación Bibliográfica y si me fuera posible también práctica pero este último creo que se me va a hacer imposible debido a el poco tiempo que tengo, pero no perderé las esperanzas de ser incluido en el programa que desarrollaré, lo práctica aunque sean experiencias de finqueros que tienen este cultivo

pero en pocas extensiones.
En espera de su contestación, le envío mi dirección
Isidro González Hernández : barnet 70-1073
Escuela Normal Superior
Depto de Ciencias Agrícolas III^o
Heredia Costa Rica.

Se despide de usted su amigo y seguro servidor
(suyo) Isidro
Isidro

P.O. Box 646, Ponoka Alberta.

July 9th 1963

Dear Doctor Paul Papanal,

You sure will be surprised to hear from me, I worked for your Father on the date ranch N.E. of Thermal, you spent a few days with me at the ranch, you wanted to visit a couple of friends on the west side, so I took the pony and buggy for our transportation. You introduced me to your friends we have been good friends ever since. I do not know where they have vanished to.

I enjoyed your letter while you were working for the Tunitics Organization near Washington D.C. around 1947 my wife Bessie E, her name before marriage was Bessie E. Kofer, her parents lived in Pasadena 787 N. Wilson.

This will surprise you too, we caught the Pasadena street car, we were going to Monrovia to look over the old spots I knew in 1912-1913. at one of the bus stops a middle aged lady and a small child boarded the car, earlier the lady told me how her little charge lost her sight.

You were sitting up near the motorman, the car had a steel pipe for support of the roof. Bessie was sitting to the left of you, I was standing in front you, we both had a hand on the pipe. When I looked at you I said to my

self that man looks like Paul Popenoe but it must be someone else. We watched you walk across the north parking lot we figured on your being unable to climb over the partition dividing the parking space and the tracks. On Saturdays the crowd attending the races was smaller due to the Baseball crowd taking about - age of that day for a big attendance. You made it as you didn't show up, not while our car was waiting. Citation was supposed to win that day, he won a couple of races earlier in the week. He was the winner by a length.

I have been doing some writing up of Genealogies, first was my Father's family, started it in 1939 just as the 2nd world war commenced. The story has been acclaimed by many in authority as a splendid and interesting story. My brother and I come in for a fair share of the remarks, my brother died now, we were born in Winnipeg on the same date, in 1885
Rd in 1887.

I will mail the story and this letter in a 5¢ stamped envelope. By doing this you give the Post office authorities a chance to examine the package if necessary.

I watch the Ladies Home Journal for your articles on broken homes, you do a smart job of it. I thought and said to Bessie I am going to write to Paul and tell him you want a divorce, I know she does not but so many are asking for a divorce so is becoming a habit. By the way we will have a good discussion later

Sincerely J. Arthur Robb

Gran Hotel Paris,
La Ceiba,
Honduras.
12.12.72.

Dear Doctor Popow and Alice, I wanted to write and say how much I enjoyed your company at the Escuela and how pleasant my stay there was ^{as a} result. I also thought I should pass on hotel information to you which might benefit other itinerant beings like myself! The Bolivar is undergoing re-construction and re-furbishing ^{at} the Americans say, for an indefinite period. I therefore stayed at the Hotel San Pedro, near the railway line. The rooms are comfortable and adequate, but the air-conditioning is so noisy it makes one feel as if one is trying to go to sleep in an industrial plant working at maximum capacity! It costs $6\frac{1}{2}$ \$ a night - the food is not too good. I'm afraid I weakened and had dinner and breakfast at the Sula Hotel, which was very good. The Sula has 4 cabanas near the swimming pool, which they let for ~~at~~ \$11 a night - I know this is still expensive but it might be useful for you to know - they look like ordinary hotel rooms but are perhaps rather exposed and noisy.

The ride from Tegucigalpa to San Pedro was very interesting and so was the ride from San Pedro to La Ceiba this morning, but it took $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours. It's amazing how lush the country becomes and how very bright red the earth is as one approaches the coast. Today I saw papayas, guavas, mangoes, grapefruit, oranges, fire-apple, coffee and oil palm growing and coconuts. I was ^{and bananas} met by a man from Standard Fruit today who ^{PAV} ^{of} the bananas in plastic bags

and eliminated a great deal of incidence of disease. In order of importance for standard are banana, pineapple, grapefruit, broom and they don't audifali branching out into any other growing activity.

I was very lucky with the contact I had at the Bank of London and Montreal. He was a terribly nice Honduran who gave me more fascinating information about the Honduran economy and helped me with bus stations etc. - I was most grateful. Here too in La Ceiba the BOLAM manager is very kind. I leave for San Pedro tomorrow and go to Guatemala on Thursday or Friday.

I felt I might have given Doc the wrong impression when I related my story about having to persuade the grey horse to move. It was really only joking - I would never ever push a horse to do any thing that was too difficult or too frightening for it - the grey pony simply stood completely immobile on a level gradient every now and then and would not move in any direction but home and I felt it was an essential part of his education that he be persuaded to move in the direction I wanted, which demanded nothing of him - he wasn't even frightened either, just perhaps a little obstinate.

Further remembering Doc's distaste for statistics, I wanted to remind him of Winston Churchill's famous remark, which I am sure Doc knows already - it is "There are lies, damned lies, and statistics"!!

Many thanks again for your hospitality and help and take the greatest care with the butter milk cultures - I'm sure they are very tricky to manipulate!

very best wishes.

Janet.

Antigua, 29 April 1971

Dear John:

For a long time we have been wanting to try Owen's tea. The other day in Quezaltenango we saw a package of tea with a big KRAFT label, but it said down below in small type that it was Producto de Guatemala and it was far too good for Chirripece so I figured it must be Owen's.

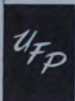
This tea was really excellent, way ahead of Mister Lipton's, to my way of thinking. We want to get a pound of it, best quality (as Bob Hempstead always said), and we ~~don't~~ want it in bulk as Alice she can brew better tea than the one-cup bags deliver. I wonder if you could ask Owen (I am not sure of his address) if he could arrange to leave us a pound at Chris Hempstead's one of these days, together with bill, and I will send him a check on the Banco de Londres etc. We drop in at Chris' place every few weeks.

We have been away from here an awful lot, but I hope to stick around now, in order to do some work on the temperate zone fruits as they come in season. I am collaborating closely with Arturo Falla and we are making real progress with pears and peaches. I may try to get down to the Retalhuleu region before long, to see what they are doing with that fine chicezapote, variety Prolific, which I have brought from south Florida on two occasions. It is a winner and we must get it established in Guatemala, even tho it is slow work. If we get down to Retalhuleu we may pass by Mocá and Panama.

Siempre su afmo



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July 18, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Wilson:

We have certainly enjoyed and appreciated your letters--in addition to the information they've given us, they have kept our enthusiasm for the trip at such a high pitch that we have a hard time keeping ourselves under control until the day of departure. We have our passports, have made our reservations via Aviateca, and have started our series of shots per your instructions. We were somewhat nonplussed to have the book thrown at us when we asked for the smallpox vaccination. The nurse told us that in the interests of good-neighbor relationships, we should purify ourselves to the extent that we'd be incapable of carrying any disease into the country. She thereupon shot us in the left arms for typhoid and in the right for polio. We return for followup treatment the coming two Fridays, so if we arrive in Guatemala somewhat wan and stiff-armed, you will know it's all in the interest of hemispheric cooperation.

We had lunch with that dynamo Hugh yesterday, and talked with him over the phone again last night. Archie Carr suggested we apply for grant aid in establishing cooperative publishing arrangements between our Press and those in Guatemala and Colombia. Hugh seems to favor the idea if we can present it in a tangible form, so we have done our best to present a worth-while project.

You have no idea how we are looking forward to the week or so we shall have with you before you take off for Honduras--that sight-seeing tour you offered for \$6.00 a day as against the standard \$10.00 sounds mighty good to us!

As things now stand, we, along with the various items you need, plan to leave Gainesville Wednesday, August 1, and Miami, August 2, arriving in Guatemala around noon. Your face will be a beautiful and reassuring sight on the first entrance into a foreign country of your devoted friends

Lewis & Helen
Lewis and Helen

Dr Popewe -

[1965]

Sorry we missed you - here are
two pictures of the Marquíz de Aycinena
which Mother had - the miniatures
Tio Rafael Pined has at Los Charcos
and I'm sure he would loan them
to you or Xasarik for the portrait
you mentioned you wanted. Mother
sends her best - would like those
back someday - and says - when
are you coming to the finca??

See you soon - your house is
more beautiful than ever -
Best regards - Lucy

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May 2, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 NW 2nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I so thoroughly enjoyed hearing from you - almost a month ago, I'm afraid to acknowledge, and to learn of all your activities in New York. Thank you for all your help, the article in the Miami Herald and your active participation in the New York Botanical Garden tour next October. It will be hectic, but fun and interesting, and I hope you know by now that you can count on all the help I can give. The Club's January-June '65 issue featuring Guatemala is very nice. We ordered about 500 copies of it for distribution to key people.

I have taken two groups to visit your house since the last time I saw you there. One was a group of the eleven most active members in three winning clubs of the Advertising Association of the West contest based on the theme "Know Central America". They were all entranced and delighted. This group is giving us on a silver platter, the equivalent of half a million dollars worth of free space and time in newspapers, TV, radio, magazines, etc., in the 11 western states of the United States, not counting the talent of the people involved, which is top quality. This group belonged to the "juniors" and came to Central America at the invitation of the tourist bureaus of the various countries. All of them are returning "as soon as possible", three of them in December, and want to spend most of their time in Antigua.

The other group was the Mayor of Torrance, California and his entourage of twelve. Torrance has just become the sister city of Guatemala City, and their trip, although hectic, too brief, and surrounded by too much protocol was fun too, and I'm sure will bring us many visitors from that area. The press representative who accompanied them is coming back for a month possibly in December too, and also fell in love with Antigua and my favorite house - yours.

I was in Antigua today with Mother and nine children, looking at properties for sale. Fernando Pullin has

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bought the real Bernal Díaz house on the corner, and the one next door that has the sign on it is for sale. Area of 2,800 square meters at Q7.00 a meter brings it up to Q19,000 odd, which is a lot of money for a property that really has little to offer - no fountain, only original saguán floor and stone bench and pillar bases.

Still not crossed off my list of urgent things to do is a letter to Dr. Haines asking him to send me, personally, a copy of "Guatemala, the Land of the Quetzal", as well as a list of other works the University of Florida Press I understand has recently issued. Thank you for calling it to my attention.

Do you remember a newspaper clipping you gave me months ago regarding the importance to tourism of permitting filming in various countries such as Italy, Spain, Greece? I have worn it threadbare in my efforts to convince local authorities of the importance of this. We have a company here now who tried to film a feature film using the Semana Santa processions in Antigua as main background. Permission had verbally been granted, a supervisor had been named and was on the job for a couple of days, when mysteriously permission was revoked "por órdenes superiores" and since then the producer and I have spent hours talking to various high ranking officials trying to convince them, but so far the answer is negative. It is discouraging!!

I have, in my usual fashion, rambled on too much, but I did very much enjoy hearing from you, and hope to see you here very soon. Please try to make time to come up to the farm for lunch or at least a cup of coffee or something. Mother and Dad, but especially I, would love to see you here.

My best regards to you and Hugh, and again, thank you for all your help.

Judy

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MONUMENTO A LA PAZ
MONUMENTO DE LA PAZ

October 8, 1965

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have not answered your letters because I have been ever hopeful of being able to drive over to see you - but that has been impossible.

Yes, I received the Aycinena photographs safely, and Mother put them away with others she has.

Mother and Dad have been away since early September and we don't know when to expect them back. Dad was not too well, and we finally talked Mother into going to New York with him. All reports are very good, Dad has new glasses and can see very well he says; they have been resting, eating at all their favorite restaurants with the results that they have each gained about twenty pounds, and a friend who saw them reported that they both look fine and years younger than they did when she saw them here three months ago. So we are all hoping they will stay longer and really get a good rest. But I had to take my vacation in order to take care of the then maidless household, my younger sister and my children. I've rather enjoyed being domestic again. Unfortunately my vacation has expired and I'm on leave of absence without pay - until Mother and Dad return.

I was so glad to hear you were on the Junta Asesora de Turismo. Everyone knows of your love, interest and knowledge, not only of Antigua, but of Guatemala itself. I have been meaning to come over to talk with Guillermo Arzú and Arturo Lazo, and Coronel Bercián, and a few others, but simply have not been able to. I really do need 144 hours daily.

The New York Botanical Garden group will be descending on us very soon, and whether or not I'm officially back at the office, I'll be here to help in any way I can. I'll keep in touch with Witchy Hayter and Mary Piñol and if you know of any way that I can help, please let me know. For mail purposes, my address is Apartado 80-A, and the phone at home is 680433.

Zona 10

Hope to see you again soon, and discuss plans for Antigua. Till then, best regards, to María too.

Heicy

Dear Dean

at this address

P.O. Box 9, St Johns

Antigua West Indies

You should find some news

Herbert Kreis - St Johns

West Indies. Economist - a few -

She is grand daughter of Pres,

Garfield - I used to justify

him in his baby car carriage

in Mass. Ave. in his good

old days. It has been

lecturing - economic - about

of your universities

Take a chance. M.D.



Dr. Wilson Perceval

Antigua

Guatemala

MISSENT TO ANTIGUA

9/17

Dear Doc:

I was delighted to hear from you and know all goes well (except sin pisto) at the School. Mr. Bates said he saw you and you were busy as a bee.

Apparently a tremendous parade and celebration here in city over the weekend. However, took advantage of the time off and went down to San José so missed it all!! It was wonderful down there except a bit hot and I think the change does a persons a world of good.

Miss Schaffer is still at UNICEF and I attach the booklet you want. She sent one for me also.

Let me know what I owe you for the things you ordered - or you will be back for me to give it to you. We are still having a blasted fuss with owner over water and I told Luis Felipe yesterday we should do a well and just take it out of total payment. I think we will investigate that this week, as after all rainy seasons end.

Not a good deal of news here except a new robbery each time you read the paper. Held up Tiq. paymaster last week; Empresa Elec. one this past day or so; opened safes in Farmacia Klee, etc. etc. Ted Holcombe and Mauricio Bostick are in Boston conferring no doubt about our fate here in Guatemala.

Bill Taillon was in this a.m. and he was pleased to hear about the livestock dept. being rejuvenated. Everyone was distressed to see the school go so to pot. Again this year, the same deal re the exams. Paps with young hopefuls trying to locate when and where. However, the school sent us a schedule at our request which made it so we could tell them where to go anyhow.

The Hollidays will soon be leaving Pto. Barrios. Finish up end of this month. I guess Stahle will take over, but have not heard for sure. Maxine and Ed Spence are getting settled in Tiq. And Dana got off on vacation yesterday. He said his chauffeur could run me down to Barrios if I decided to go to the despedida for the Hollidays. I'll decide that when time gets nearer.

Lots of saludes,

Marion

8/23/62

Dear Doc:

Hugh was in yesterday and he said you might be interested in what I had learned about grapes so you could "look, see" in Honduras.

The nursery man here has available following, ranging from 3.00 to 3.75 per plant, injertados and climatized to Guatemala (so he says). Non injertados cost 75¢:

Italia
Moscatel
Florence Red
Tokay red
Bedretazzo
Rosa de Peru (dark) (nursery man recommends)
Malaga
San Fernando

Bob Fulton was here (Research Dept. LaLima) and he says IAN has been experimenting with grapes in Teguc area. He recommended Labrusca (Concord, Niagara or Delaware). He told me to go to see Dr. Schieber at IAN here and see if he cannot get some plants (parras) from IAN in Honduras. Since Dr. S. is in USA til next week I've not had my chat yet. Bob used to work with fruit experimental places before coming down here and is most interested. He's from Michigan and apparently have grapes abundant there.

Hope you are enjoying your trip. Meantime, Imparcial announced EAP exams for here-22 Mazatenango, 25th here city, etc., but did not give hour or place so we have been inundated with boys asking where to go, and we know just what was in Imparcial. I feel sorry for the boys as they feel frustrated not knowing place or hour or what to do to be able to take exam.

Saludes,

J. G. G. G.

2 August 1965

Dear Doc:

I will mail this to you both at the school and in Antigua, as I think you are still in Honduras, but it is hard to keep up with you.

Dr. Eduardo Tschen, the dermatologist at the Centro Médico, wants to buy some plastic grafting tape and he cannot locate it anywhere. He understood that you knew where it was available. It has no adhesive material and he says is special and will not stretch. He is grafting roses at his place in San Lucas.

He will appreciate it if you can give us this data. I suppose don Jorge could let us know, but I do not know where to locate him now. Is he with Kern?

Lots of saludes,

Marion

probably not

Marion Hatch



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St. Ignatius Loyola Convent
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July 8, 1973

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

My sister May Blaine passed away peacefully in the Lord in my presence on June 18th. Please remember her in prayer. She cherished her association with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Sister Marie Catharine

Casa de Las Mil Flores
3a Calle Oriente No. 15
Antigua
Guatemala, C. A.

My dear Helen,
I am so happy you
are here and will be glad to see
you - how about coming here
for a cocktail and then on to
Hotel Antigua for dinner

Ashley Mack, Hazel Vainid
with whom you met here
& a friend Miss Okejima a
Japanese are with me &
it is a night they are sure
to have Maricota please
just tell Pedro - hoping
you can come Gross Matilda

Mon. June 17, 1963

Letter #4

404 S.W. 2nd Ave

Dear Tocayo:

This last week-end has surely been a happy one for me.. naturally.... Hugh is home! He was in his usual good spirits that are always evident after a trip to Guatemala, and brimming over with news of the trip and you. Obviously, from hearing him talk, the high point of the whole trip was the project in Salvador where you both spent most of the day on horseback! He said that I would have enjoyed it immensely had I been along. The next time you two do something like that, you had best look around and see who's behind you, for, after hearing you both, I'm highly tempted to become a stowaway! Although, I imagine I had better find out what the penalty for "stowing away" is nowadays before I do anything drastic, hmmm? Hugh said that you were working like ten horses and that it was, from your looks, agreeing with you; that you had never looked better!

Now that hot weather is here to stay, I have been wearing my huipiles quite often. They are always cool and always look so fresh. Chris and Joannie sent a beautiful white one for me, which Hugh brought with him on this last trip. Several people have commented on how attractive they are; which pleases me no end. If I'm not careful, I'll be looking so "Guatemalan" that the "Floridians" won't recognize me! Which, of course, I wouldn't mind a bit... seeing as how I'm a female of the species and thrive on compliments! By the way, I've found a dress pattern that I believe will be a perfect compliment for the gray material you gave to me. I have also located a very competent seamstress. (Mrs. Hegan went back to work.) This new woman has recently completed two summer dresses for me and she does a truly beautiful job. I probably won't have the gray dress made until early fall. At any rate, you will probably see it this winter.. if you don't, I'll send you a picture.

Wednesday, June 19...

I had to take the letter out and do some work and, somehow, never had time to finish it. After reading over the above, that part about sending you a picture of the dress reminded me. I said I would send you some pictures, but I will have to have the camera fixed before I will be able to take decent pictures of anything. I plan to have it done soon, though, and will forward you the first pictures taken. Promise!

Hugh brought back 25 lbs. of coffee with him this time. He plans to roast and grind it soon and I can hardly wait. After months of Sanka and Maxwell House, it will certainly be good to have some "coffee" again! I am truly spoiled in my eating and drinking habits..... thanks to the Popenoes!

Did Hugh tell you I had finally managed to make friends with Montejo? I wrote him all about it, and, since it's rather amusing, thought you might enjoy hearing about it. Mrs. Marchand brought all the children in the office on Saturday. I was doing some extra typing down here and, for the most part, was trying only to ignore the children and the noise.. not become a part of it! Monty was busy exploring the toy drawer, (which is near the typewriter), all the while keeping his distance and glancing shyly my way from time to time. He located a large baloon in the drawer, but couldn't figure out how in the world to blow it up! After obviously debating with himself for five minutes, he decided to "take a chance" and asked me to do it for him. I

should have looked before I blew, for after I finished blowing it up, I measured it and it turned out to be 46 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length! As I told Hugh in my letter, "I knew I was full of hot air, but this was ridiculous". However, Monty and I are now on good terms, and that's the most important thing.

I want to get this in the mail today, so will close for now..

FRIDAY... JUNE 21, 1963

This is horrible.... I can't seem to get this letter mailed for love, nor money, nor the best of intentions! I did want to tell you this as I think it will please you. I am taking Spanish a couple of times a week. More fun... I am enjoying myself so much. We work on grammar and vocabulary for about 45 minutes and then converse solely in Spanish for the remainder of the time. I am taking from a private tutor this summer and hope to enter a regular class in the fall. Wish me luck. Hope the next time I see you that I will be able to speak simple Spanish with you..... at least! For instance, "Hablo español con mi professor todo el tiempo!" Is that correct? I'm just guessing, but hope it's right. At least, you have the general idea.

Hugh has been working very hard. He is teaching that course again! By "that" course, I mean Soils Chemistry. This is the one he taught twice a week in the fall, plus labs. This summer he teaches it every day, plus two labs a week. However, despite the hard work, he looks well and is in good spirits. Besides, I am always trying to lure him out to the beach or canoeing on the week-ends. This has been (in spite of all his trips) a perfectly marvelous summer. I have never been happier, nor worked so hard.

Take care of yourself and write soon. My best regards to Chris and Joannie, should you see them. Much love from,

Gene

P.S. Please excuse all the mistakes... I know this is a hodge-podge letter, but thought you'd rather have that than no letter at all.

Wed. June 26th

I am still trying.. at least, this way, you get all the latest news. Hooray for me! I finally finished Hugh's sweater that I have been laboring over for so long! I finally had to tell him what I was doing and he didn't really believe me..... he will tomorrow night when he sees it, I'll bet! You're quite right, it's for elderly women... I won't try anything like that for some time to come! I received your letter yesterday.... sounds as if you have a very busy summer planned. Bet you will be glad to have the Smiley's with you for awhile. Do you remember the palms you gave us? They are doing splendidly... one almost died because I didn't water it often enough, but finally came around. Write soon.

404 S. W. 2nd Street
Gainesville, Florida
August 2, 1963

Dear Tocayo:

Well, working hours are over for the day, but since I haven't found the energy to get up and go home yet, thought I would write you a few lines.

Carolyn and I have been deserted! Dr. Marchand is in Mexico on his vacation, both assistants are gone, I took Judie to the plane in Jacksonville yesterday and the lab boy is on vacation. Carolyn and I have been left to hold the office together until their return and we are two of the lonliest little girls you would ever hope to see. Outside of wanting some company, it really isn't too bad. Although we have more responsibility, the pace is a little slower with the rest of the staff gone and we can do things more at our leisure.

Not only is the staff gone, but to add insult to injury.. Hugh has also been away. He left for California on July 25 and spent that week-end in Lake Tahoe with Sally and her family. From Lake Tahoe, he went to Palo Alto to attend conferences, lectures and etc. He is giving his lecture tomorrow morning. It will surely be nice to have him home again. Every time I think of him being in Africa for a month (or so), I swear I get cold chills up and down my back!!

Wish you could have been in the office the other day. Early that morning, as I was getting ready to come to the office, I overturned my coffee... on my spanking clean uniform. Since I didn't have time to get another one ready, I had to "make do" and in a hurry. So, I put on a white blouse, white shoes, and my beautiful brown and white Guatemalan skirt. I received so many compliments that I have been sorely tempted to overturn my coffee every morning! Dr. Marchand said it was most attractive and that I could wear it any time I wished. However, we work with so many strong solutions around the office that I don't think it wise to wear something so nice every day. But, once in awhile it does make a very nice change.

I know that Dr. Marchand has already written you about the lovely vase you sent him, for he asked me to address the letter and post it when I sent mine. However, I wanted to tell you that he was very proud of it. He has it on his desk top in the lab so that everyone may admire it..... and everyone does! I think the sight of that vase during this last week has only served to make him more anxious than ever to begin his vacation. He really needed one, for this has evidently been one of the busiest years we've ever had down here. As you so aptly phrase it...I think he needed a chance to "re-fuel his spirit". And Mexico is the place to do it..... if one can't be in Guatemala. I thought I had best amend that last statement! Ha, ha.

We are all in need of vacations down here. The pace has been so hectic and fast that we are all nervous and irritable. Seems like this is the time of year that everything piles up. Things are so bad no peace and no quiet... that I told Hugh I was on the verge of, and about ready to "hie myself to a nunnery". I am teasing, naturally, but goodness, for some peace and quiet... and relaxation.

When I was in Mike's Book Store the other day, I saw a paperback copy of "El Cid" and bought it. Thought I would compare the book and the movie. I rather thought you might like to read it when I finish, so, if you would, let me know and I will send it on down to you.

Thinking of El Cid makes me think of Spain, and Spain makes me think of something that I would like to talk to you about. You know, Tocayo, when you were here, you and I spoke several times of my coming to Antigua for a visit. I know, from your letters and from hearing Hugh talk, that this is going to be, and has been, an exceptionally busy summer for you. Besides doing your regular work, you have had and will have so many people there that I know it will be impossible to add to your load. My own pace has been swift this summer, but I can triple mine in my imagination and know what you have to contend with! Also, I am quite sure that, in the very near future, you will be making plans for your trip to Spain and that will take even more of your time. Truly, just ~~****~~ knowing that you wanted me to come for a visit if it was possible meant more to me than you know. Besides, through your letters and Hugh's letters, I am becoming a very well-travelled woman.... in a vicarious manner, to be sure; nevertheless, it is more than I had ever anticipated. I would, however, like for you to do two very important things for me... no, three. 1. Take very good care of yourself until you are back under our watchful eyes once more, 2. have the most wonderful time of your life in Spain.. and 3. write me as many details of your trip as you have time to write. I know you will have little time once you get started.. but whenever you can. I only wish that Hugh had the time to take off and go with you, for I'm sure it would make the trip twice as enjoyable for you and it would be wonderful for him.

Whether I can find the energy or not, I think I had best end this letter and go home. I have a lot of housekeeping projects lined up for this week-end and had better get started. Take care of yourself and write when you have a few spare minutes. My regards to the Hempsteads when you see them. Much love from;

Hena

Saturday, February 1, 1964

Dear Tocayo:

This is your bad correspondant reporting in... I hadn't realized just how long it had been since last I wrote. It has, however, been a very busy time as you will soon see.

The material you so thoughtfully sent is, as usual, wonderful and I am going to have it made up just as soon as the seamstress has some spare time; evidently, this has been a busy time for her, also. Thank you so much for sending it. At times, when I don my lovely black hat, a huipile and a Guatemalan skirt... with my hair in one long braid down my back, I feel so Spanish. And what a nice feeling it is, too!

The three of us spent Christmas together. I imagine Hugh has already told you about getting the Volvo for my Christmas present from him! I wasn't surprised, of course... just astounded! With a few minor hysterics on the side. Hugh and I have both been so impressed by the performance of the car. To sum it up; it incorporates many of the best features of the V.W., Mercedes, and the Porsche. What else could one ask of one wonderful car? We finally sold my old car a few days ago and are planning to use the money to make some changes on the Volvo and also to get a really comprehensive insurance policy on the new car. When you come back home, I think you'll really enjoy being chauffeured around in this car. It's much like the V.W. and I know you like those.

Carlos Montoya gave two performances at the University about two weeks ago. Wish you could have been here to see him, for think you would have enjoyed him as much as we did.

"ANOTHER FAMOUS POPENOE HITS GAINESVILLE!" By the name of Paul this time. He and his wife stopped here for about two days coming from Miami. Hugh called to let me know they were here and that Paul would be lecturing that night. I heard the lecture, saw the man and, sure enough, Pure Popenoe! through and through! He really gives a terrific lecture; the auditorium was overflowing and people were sitting outside on the stairs listening to him. Everyone enjoyed him immensely. I really wish I could have met him.

Hugh is working hard, as usual and, as usual, much too hard. However, when the weather permits, we have been going out most week-ends. Hugh has been teaching me to shoot and a wonderfully patient and excellent teacher he is, too. I seem to have some natural ability for shooting, or at least, thats what Hugh says. At least I usually hit in or around the bullseye. We are going to join the local pistol and rifle club, and, with more time and practice, I hope to enter some matches in the near future. Hugh being such a master shot himself gives me lots of incentive to keep on my toes and ~~strive~~ for perfection.

STRIVE

Hugh had some good news for me the other night... news that immediately conjured up visions of raw oysters and the best carne con chile in the whole world. You'll be coming home soon. He said that he didn't know exactly when, for you had a couple of projects going that precluded your making a definite date at this time. By the way, whatever happened to Spain? Tell you what... you make your arrangements to go, then I'll join the Peace Corps and meet you there! What you think? Have you heard from the woman there that always sends you the hats? How is she getting along now?

I'll read this over for you and get it mailed. Let me hear from you soon. Much love,
Hena

Let us know as soon as you
get to London. We can't wait to
see you both!!

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Dearest Helen

We have had a frantic
time moving from our
flat into a bomb damaged
house. There have been endless
quarrels & fights with our architect
& builder - quite exhausting -
besides making curtains &
selling our house in the
country & moving all the
furniture from it into this
house. In the middle of all

" the middle the head master
of Andrews boarding school
told us that Andrew was so
unhappy that he couldn't
be responsible for him.
It really has been an appall-
ing time. Andrew is now
at a day school in Brooklyn
& happy & relaxed for a
change. I will tell you
all the details when I see
you this summer. Margaret
is a medical student at the
Middlesex Hospital & a doctor.
If you are in Europe now
& don't know where we are I
will never forgive myself for
putting off writing! Best love to
you & Wilson Norma

June 7

Merck

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 July 1940

Dear Norm:

On July 4th I met Wilkerson of American Cyanamid who told me he had visited you and talked over tropical fertilizer problems. I am glad to hear it. I like the Cyanamid people and I think in general we have obtained excellent results from Cyanamid. In Colombia and Jamaica they have not been too well satisfied with it and have gone back to Sodium nitrate. They think on dry sandy soils Cyanamid does not break down well.

My particular reason for writing you now is to ask your opinion on one or two points. I have been talkined with Carlos Davila of the Chilean Nitrate outfit; they are trying to push the sale of their products in Guatemala. I find they are now offering a type of nitrate which they call Sódico Potásico in addition to the standzrd 16% Sodium nitrate to which we are accustomed. They state that this Potásico type contains, in addition to the usual 16% of nitrogen, 14% of Oxido de Potasio or Potassium oxide. Is this a good form of potash? What do you know about this form of Chilean nitrate?

At the moment I am on loan to Merck and Company and indirectly to the U S govt ~~working~~ to further the work of quinine production on the West side of Guatemala, in the coffee zone at elevations of 3000 to 6000 feet. It is a very interesting job, and incidentally has a fertilizer angle. On soils which have been worn or eroded we are probably going to need some nitrogen, and perhaps something else. So far I am inclined to think nitrogen is the only lack. Since the Cinchona tree likes a somewhat acid soil I am inclined to favor Ammonium sulfate as a fertilizer

as against Sodium nitrate or Gayanamid. What would you say? Cinchona is a humus-loving plant which grows naturally in rich organix soils in the Andes, and is said to thrive best on a pH of about 5 or 5.5.

You know the Guatemala West Coast soils, for they are the same in origin (I refer to the coffee zone) as our Tiquisate soils on which you have done plenty of work. How do they stack up in general, so far as phosphorous and potash are concerned? Would you be inclined to suspect a deficiency of either, when trees such as coffee and Cinchona (they belong to the same family, you know) fail to grow well?

I hope you can find time to give me some information on the above points. It will be greatly appreciated.

I havent been over to La Lima for more than 18 months and dont know much about things over there; Dunlap is on the job and I believe they are still varrying on quite a few frtilizer trials as well as invetigations on some of the newer banana pests. My own work for the past couple of years has, as I have previously told you, been more along the public relations line and I dont know when I am going to get back onto bananas 100%. When Mr Pollan was here last month he asked me to spend some time this autumn going over Zapote and Garrucha, which I dont think have been visited since the days when you and I were over in that neighborhood together. Tiquisate got blown down two weeks ago - we have about 18,000 acres planted there now, and they say the loss available and unavailible was more than 2500000, one of the worst blowdowns in my Company experience.

I hope you are all well and flourishing. Best regards to the family.

Sincerely,

April 14, 1968

Dear Wilson -

I was most pleased to receive your letter giving me the latest information about yourself. Fair & I think of you often and of the many good times we spent together in Central America. It hardly seems 42 years ago that I arrived in Tela. It was the beginning of a very exciting career for me.

Yes, I was called back to Purdue as Dean of Agriculture to give them time to select a new Dean. I was quite heavily engaged in consulting work and was not anxious to return to academic work but I couldn't turn the President down because Purdue had been awfully good to me over the years. I am enjoying the job more than I thought I would and it is quite different than being Director of Research. However, I believe the Director's job is the tougher of the two.

At most, I can hold this job only a year because at that time I reach compulsory retirement age. I'll go back to my consulting as soon as they find a replacement for me. I don't ever expect to retire from work, but I like consulting work because I can set the pace to suit myself.

Just before returning to Purdue I had a nice trip to Australia, New Guinea, Papua, and New Britain. It was a very interesting trip. I was searching out land for large agricultural development. The areas I got into were quite wild and undeveloped. Reminded me of some of the exploration work I did for United Fruit in C.A. Iain doesn't like for me to get so far away from medical help but I ~~never~~^{never} think of that. My health is still real good.

Best regards from both of us
to a wonderful friend,
Sincerely
Norman

La Lima, Hond.
May 15, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenc:

We have often thought of you since we learned of your loss. Recently we heard you were in Zamorano & wish you had extended your visit as far as Lima, so we could have seen you.

When we reminisce about

our life in Zamorano, which
has been one of the pleasantest
periods of our lives, we
remember how much Mrs.
Openoe contributed in convinc-
ing us we should move
there. It was on one of our
visits to Zamorano when
you offered Paes a job that
she enthusiastically
transmitted to us, her

Love for that valley.
We are grateful to her —
and to you — for those
years.

We imagine you are just
as busy & active as ever. May
you keep well always.

Cariñosamente,

Osvaldo & Ida

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Dearest Bar - Our stay in Greece is nearly July 20.
over, and I have waited to write you until I could
tell you about it. We have loved Greece, and we have
been blessed with abnormally cool weather, until today, on
our return from Rhodes. Frank hired a car for
Mycenae, Corinth, etc. & we saw these ancient places
of such great interest. That evening we were fortunate
to see two plays in the old theatre at Epidaurus - The
Frogs, and Cyclops, very well done, & to see them there
was a delightful experience. We could not get in to a
hotel at Nauplia, & so had to drive back to Athens
that night, arriving at 2 A.M. - We have enjoyed the
museums in Athens - especially the National, with its
rich collection from Mycenae, & some beautiful sculptures.
Then we took the 5-day cruise, but we were on
the Aegean, the vessel of the Semiramis. That is one of
the most interesting things I have ever done. We loved
the little street shops, not as elegant as the Semiramis, but
an old British vessel, with wonderful décor - We had most
comfortable cabins, excellent deck space, and very good food
and a charming & interesting guide. In Crete we had a
man for the Palace who was very good. That was thrilling
to me - to see that place, & I, for one, like the restorations.
For otherwise it would be just a jumble. I'm afraid we
did not do as much as you did there. It's special
considerable time in the big museum, but did not

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Probably we did not "do" Rhodes properly, as we stayed in the town, & did not go to the rocks. F. went swimming, but the strong beach did not appear to us.

We have 2 more days here - and tonight we see the Parthenon under a full moon - We want to go back to the museum, too. This is the first hot day we have felt the heat unduly. I had an air-cond. room before, but this time they can't give me one. But a fan helps. We leave on the 22^d by boat for Bari - Train to Naples, for a few days - 3 in Ravenna - & then Rome for 10 days. F. wants to really work there to prepare for Prin. Then Sorì - & there he will have to read papers of the students, who had to work this summer to get full credit. In Athens they are staying at the Caeco City - a B class hotel, new, near here - They could not afford to stay at the Athena Palace, which looks very nice - But they will have to use simpler places for the entire quarter.

I had a letter from Lillian from Florence, but I don't know where she is now - probably Switzerland, to be cool - I don't believe we will be able to meet, much to my disappointment. But she will be in Eng. in Sept., & I don't want to go there until I go with the students in late Nov.

I wish I knew what to do when F. leaves me on Sept. 3. I used to be so bold about going around alone, but I'm not any more - But I do very much want to see Portugal.

4) and I think I'd like to get a tour
 like Impressus there. You suggested the
 Canary Islands for a warm place. How did
 you get there or from where?

I'd love to hear from you, and news
 news of your family. If you can, do
 write me -

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 Via Barnaba Oriani 11

Aug. 14-29 - Villa Le Rondine
 Sorì (Prov. di Genova)
 Italy

The A.I. is almost completely new; to me
 now. Mrs. K. Kah resigned, after
 turbulent years. Wonder who will be
 curator of pts. now - She received the
 Spanish gallery, that used to be so fine,
 hanging big, late Italian things - The
 Museo is still there. Ah me!

Much, much love to you dear -
 If F. knew I was writing he would see
 his best, as I do to W. soon -

Par

Robert Lamantia's classical handwriting
 your letters were easy

go to the one you wrote about, nor to the Calladus, nor to
 Theco's birth place - I should have liked to, but the taxi
 fare was \$10, so we passed it up, or used it for something
 instead on a beautiful, sandy beach - I loved every
 island, each one so different - When we got back,
 we left right away for Delphi - The local bus time
 was not good for us, so Fi rented a taxi, & the
 drive there was beautiful - We loved Delphi, one
 of the highlights for us. We stayed in the cute little
 Apollo hotel, all under the venerable plane trees.
 It surely is an awe-inspiring spot.

Then after 2 days there, we came back by local bus
 to Athens & left that afternoon for Rhodes. You did not
 care so much for Rhodes, but we found the old town
 fascinating, and as near Turkey as we could get.
 We loved the day we had there on the cruise and were
 glad we planned to go back. We could not, alas, get
 in to the Hotel des Roses - But we stayed at the
 Sofitel, new, actually a school to train for hotel work
 a lovely garden, & meals out under gigantic plane
 trees. We loved wandering around in the old town
 within the walls, & saw the most primitive of living
 surprises when you think of a luxury hotel half an
 hour away. We have enjoyed the Acropolis Palace, across
 from the museum. They have been very kind to us, in
 storing our big bags when we have gone on trips, & letting
 us have a room free for a few hours in between trips -
 The food is excellent. Dinner-portion is about \$5 a day -
 Breakfast is good, but we haven't had a good one in Greece -
 We enjoy a rest in the Plaka, Santis, where we have had
 very good Greek food, meze, etc, and with an
 open courtyard - We have managed very well with
 French or English. I did try to learn a little Greek &
 the alphabet & few I left, but I didn't work at it

Rome Aug. 6 -

AIRMAIL

United States Lines

Dearest Dad - Your letter of July 7 sent to Athens, finally reached me here on August 4. It was sent to Naples, then here - pretty good forwarding service - It was so good to hear from you, we adored these! Meanwhile you must have had a letter from me - mailed July 22 - telling you a little of what we did - The island cruise was one of the loveliest things I have ever done - And how I loved Aegea! But to answer your letter: Lillian is in Florence - She was a month in Ravello, then Florence, for quite a stay. Aug. 30 she goes on a beautiful tour of Black Forest, Aust. Switz. etc till Sept 14. Then Bruges - England, Seals home Oct. 14. Lorraine was in S.A. Home now, tho' Michael is to be married - I am sure you loved having your mother's accent with you, and it must have been wonderful for them. - I do hope things are going better for Sally. She must have been baby now. - Yes, we were intrigued by the doodle chains. Frances wanted to buy one - Didn't know they were just for married men - We missed the changing of guard. And I wear mostly a pair of flat shoes - but they've been fine - Had a pair of silly white ones on the shoe st. in Athens. I wrote Lil to see if I might join her on her big dress trip, as I tho't the dates would be right for me after F. leaves me - But a letter today tells me she is going with a Mrs. Ferguson, a Boston lady

She has met & liked in the pension in Florence -
if Mrs. F. can get a place. So I've given that up.
It is just as well, I think. I plan now to go
to Surtzgrund for a couple of weeks - a place
in the Rest Town near the beautiful sounds of wood -
I want to be cool for a while (this Rome is
bad, & Greece was wonderful) then Cannes -
or I hope to sail from Cannes to Lisbon
on Sept. 30! It seems quite exciting to me -
So - will you have time to write me any hints?
Where did you stay in Lisbon? I hope to get
tours out from Lisbon. Then I want to
work my way back to Paris via Spain -
You mention a hotel you liked in Madrid,
but did not name it. Do you think Esther
Kang would want me to turn up? I don't
want to do very much travelling about, it is
so difficult on trains with luggage - etc.
I'd adore to see Avila & Toledo again, & I've
never been to Salamanca - Perhaps I can
get places via the tours you mention -
ATESA. I plan all this as if I had
all the money in the world - but I do not
think I will be over this way again, &
I'll use some of my savings as if
necessary. I will know tomorrow if
I can get the sailing. I tho! that a
smart way to get to Portugal - easy for
me. And besides I adore boats.

I can't bear to leave Frauch - He spoils
me, besides, for travel alone - as I do
nothing except go along - He meets his
students on the ship at Naples to go back
to Greece on Sept. 4. But she joins the
Prun. group in Paris in late Oct. &
early Nov., I guess it is.

I don't know yet where she'll be in
Switz., so Bar, dear, if you can
write me to Sorì I'd greatly appreciate it -
Our dates there are

Aug. 15-29. Villa le Rondini
Sorì, Prov. di Genova
Italy.

How I wish you could be in
Port. & Spain with me!

Lots of love, Bar dear,
& do give my best to Wilson -

Par

Frauch sends his best to you - all.

P.S. I need a hotel with either French or English! So if yours
in Madrid is Spanish only, I'm afraid it wouldn't be so good
for me - where did you stay in Lisbon?

P.S. Just now at Italian time, find I have a passage
Cannes to Lisbon - so I'm going!

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Cannes. Sept. 2. ~~Sat~~

Dearest Bar-

I have been wondering if you ever received my letter I sent from Rome on Aug. 7. We have changed our plans and addresses a couple of times, so I may have missed some mail. So if I repeat, please forgive me. If I told you I was sailing for Lisbon from Cannes on Sept. 30. I hope to have about a month, and want to return to Paris by way of Madrid to see the Prado + I hope to get some bus tours out of Lisbon to see some places in Portugal. So if you have any suggestions, perhaps you will write me. I hope to be here until I sail - my address is Hotel Suisse, Cannes.

In Lisbon I'm using Wagon-lits / Cook - Avenida da Liberdade 91

Sori was a disappointment. It was a pension run by English, + it was so frightfully British we didn't feel we were in Italy. We cut our stay short a few days there. There were no walks to take, traffic noise was frightful (it is everywhere), and I couldn't go swimming off the rocks - So I picked Cadenafrica, Lago de Comos, out of the Best Town. We did not like it at all - Very touristy - Poor hotel - I could never have stayed there 2 weeks - So, we came to Cannes. Mrs. Sharon, a friend of Franck's, had found a hotel for us, + tho' we came 2 weeks ahead of time, they could take us in. It is about 1/4 block from the sea, has a garden to sit in, wonderful food - and I'm sure I can be content here, even without Franck, until I leave on the 30th. Franck left yesterday to meet his students on the "Olympic" in Naples, + go on to Greece -

We had such a wonderful summer together, one of the happiest of my life. He spoils me terribly, + is such fun besides - I wrote you that Helen was in Florence. She is now on a Lingelbuss tour of Austria, Switz, etc. - until Sept 14. Then she goes to Bruges - + England + sails home in early October. Sept. is a good month in Cannes. It thins out, + the weather is supposed to be delightful - It rained yest., most unusual - There is a C.S. church here, + Mrs. Sharon is a French lady married to an American, who is delightful. She is a practical nurse - They took us to dinner the other night. But they left yest. for a vacation in Switzerland. Their daughter + her family lives in Geneva +

Today the beach is full of bathers. You see many bikini's, + I'm so old-fashioned I don't see how anyone can appear so almost nude - I'd love to go in, but not alone, and my bathing suit with a skirt would appear as funny, no doubt, as the black-stockinged era. Tho' at home trunks were showing suits like mine - I am weary of seeing people going around with so little on. They are not pretty to see -

Dearest Bob-

Cannes, Sept. 5.

Yest. before I mailed the enclosed to you, I called for mail at Cook's or there your letter of Aug. 22 awaited me - We have changed our places so often that it followed me from Sorri to Coma to here - So I waited until today to write you again = I have a reservation at the Hotel Florida in his town, which sounds fine - out of Port Louis - and meals at Amer. House, which suits me, being alone, & not able to go out at night. I'm using Wagons-Lit/Cors' Ave. de la Liberdade 91 as my address. See write your driver, but he sounds too expensive for me - I have a folder about "Swift Tours", & I may have to use them. They do it by bus. See note the places & suggest.

Thanks for the addresses in Madrid. I plan now to go (it's sprinkling a little in Cannes! on Sept. 1) in the garden & a drop or two (falls) to Madrid from Lisbon - & stay a few days. I'd like to go to Salamanca, & thence to Paris, if there is a good train. But I do not plan to go anywhere else in Spain - I'd like to see Avila & Toledo again, tho'. So if I can get towns out of Lisbon, & perhaps out of Madrid & see the museums in Madrid, I will be content.

I gave up going to Switzerland, and as I wrote you Coma was a big disappointment. Cannes is really a lovely spot. The Swante Blvd. on the sea, etc., & back of it the lesser streets that seem so like Paris. This hotel is really very nice - delicious food - and it is wonderful to have a garden to sit in. I can walk to Croisette and watch the people on the beach, and the types walking in the gardens & these surely are types. These first days without Frank are not any too easy. But I have to learn sometime that happiness does not depend on persons, and maybe this is a good time for self-discipline - I'm being very lazy in the morning. It's funny, but even after 5 years (is it possible?!) of retirement I still have a guilty feeling if I'm not doing something all the time, or if I'm really lazy in the morning. I think Hilian knows how. By the way, her address until she sails in early October is Amer. Ex. London. If you should want to write her - I haven't heard from Helen Mackenzie because she had no addresses for me - She is thoroughly immersed in S. Yarmouth life. Mildred wrote me that I had the wedding announcement of Michael Anderson, married in Independence, Ia - you doubtless rec'd one, too, I hope he will be happy. It always seemed to me he had a raw deal as a child & youth. Calloway writes of the terrible head-wind they had in N. of. And the 14 hrs. of no electricity was something. too they had no water in their hotel.

This cloudy, rainy weather is unusual here, or dit- But it's heavenly cool. I hope to go to Grasse one day and to Vease, & to Tourrettes, which has become quite an artists' colony. F. I went to Vallouris before he

left, where Picasso started all the pottery making -
 you see dreadful stuff - including his -
 But it's a cute town -

Thanks every so much, Bar dear, -
 for your suggestions -
 I am so sorry about Sally - I hope things will
 work out more happily for her -

Devoted love always

Pat

Did I tell you Jim Sailing on the
 Conte Grande, Ital. - here, Sept. 30 -
 It should be fun -

(The following text is a dense, handwritten letter, written upside down relative to the rest of the page. It is partially illegible due to the handwriting and the angle of the page.)

... I have to leave something that happens...
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San Mateo Milpas Altas
Sacatepequez
Guatemala G.A.

Dear Family and Friends,

Please excuse this mimeographed facsimile of a letter. It is the result of a mountain of correspondence vs. all we have to do here. We are now living 5 miles from Antigua in San Mateo Milpas Altas, a beautiful little village, high on a mountain top overlooking four volcanoes. The houses here are set back from the streets or paths among small farmed plots and many trees. About three-fourths of them are of cane and mud construction with thatched roofs and one-fourth of adobe blocks with tile or lamina roofs. There are no stores, electricity, phones or cars. Things are so peaceful and quiet that there is grass growing in the streets. It is a scenic paradise but life is very hard for the villagers.

We chose San Mateo for several reasons: 1. It is a small town, only 647 people including all those scattered out on its hills. We wanted to work in a small community because of the special quality of relationship this can offer us. 2. It is an economically poor town. About 15 years ago a soil conservation law took a great deal of the town's land out of cultivation (all that over 30° of incline). This has been a serious economic blow to the town. The town is further handicapped by not having transportation to it. There is only a very bad road that the busses or trunks won't travel. 3. San Mateo is in the department (state) of Sacatepequez. In this department there is no office of agricultural extension—thus without volunteers it would have none of the services or information that are available from Guatemala's ag extension service. We are working as volunteer agents of the Instituto Agropecuario Nacional (IAN) and the director has promised to continue our work—at least with the 4-H clubs we will start. 4. The town had a VISA volunteer a year ago and they very much wanted another. Also they had several immediate desires to which a volunteer might apply him or herself—one of them being a need for water. 5. U.S. AID has made a study of the Guatemalan Highlands and found that their greatest economic potential lies in the production of deciduous fruit which could then be sold through the Central American Common Market at a very good price. Because San Mateo had so much of her land prohibited for cultivation purposes, it seemed like this land might provide a great possibility for the introduction of fruit tree production if permission could be obtained to plant trees using proper conservation practices.

The day we arrived in San Mateo I went to pay a visit on one of the men who had been very nice to us on previous visits to the town. In our conversation he said that the next day was his day to work on the water project. Being quite interested in the fact that the town had started the project, I asked him if I could go up and work with him the next morning. Hence on our first complete day in the village I was able to start to work on a community project. Four days later, after working every day on the project up to that time, Mary and I had to go to the Capitol to gather up things that our director would bring up to finish our move. While there, I went to CARE because I remembered that during our orientation, the director of CARE had said something about a Food for Work program that they administered for the Alliance for Progress. Well the long and the short of the story is that with the help of the men in CARE I was able to write up the proper kind of request so that I could get our program for SM o.k.'d by the Food for Peace officer of AID in one day. Thus we were able to bring with us when we returned to our village the powdered milk, rolled wheat (mush), flour and oil. After a meeting of the town in which the program was explained to the men and in which they agreed to bring the wood for the oven and one penny each for each day of rations received, Mary and I started on our first project. For the next eight weeks Mary made bread every day, many days aided by people wanting to learn how to make bread and I worked up at the water project either in the morning or the afternoon. This gave me the opportunity to work beside practically every man in the village as each man gave his days of work for the project. Each evening the workers for that day would bring their wood and 1¢ and wood receive 1oz. of powdered milk, 1oz. of mush, and a 2 oz. roll for each member of the family. It was a wonderful project to start our work as it certainly facilitated getting acquainted and yet we didn't have to assume the roll of directors but worked under the town leaders. December 19th was the day of inauguration for the project. The Mayor of the municipality under which SM falls came up to declare the official act along with the governor of the department. Mary worked with the women's club in town to buy, carry, prepare, and serve

a fine fiesta and I worked with the men to sweep the streets, trim the hedges along the streets and decorate the municipal building. It was a very festive day.

During the water project, I used the $\frac{1}{2}$ days I wasn't spending up at the spring to start work on a vegetable garden which will serve as an experimental and demonstration plot for my work here and at the same time serve our own needs for vegetables. I am trying now to obtain some very fine experimental potato seed, the four varieties of which have shown to resist a very serious potato fungus here in Guatemala. Also IAN has promised us some improved varieties of corn and beans. There is an agricultural club in town and they have agreed to collaborate in making the demonstrations. Each one of the farmers will plant his own demonstration plot being responsible for using the latest recommended practices of fertilization and pest control which I will instruct them in following the recommendations I have received from IAN. The club will be watching carefully and evaluating the results of these demonstrations. The club is considering forming a seed bank if they find the new seed significantly superior. Thus they would hope to make the seed available to more people by loaning it out and having it paid back by an equal amount of seed plus an interest of perhaps 25%.

While I find the direction of my work to be mainly in agriculture Mary feels her main emphasis will be in various aspects of education. One phase of this is the possibility of a town library which is now in the talking stage among the town officers. A number of people have been coming to our house to borrow the few pamphlets we have and we feel a real need for a source of information and reading material. Presently, because there is no written material in the town (no one can afford a news paper) after the people leave school they become illiterate---just because there is nothing to keep them in the practice of reading. Also, this situation gives little incentive to attend school or have literacy classes. The library would be a way to provide information on agriculture, nutrition, child care, etc. not otherwise available to these people.

We really love our work. The Guatemalans at all levels have been wonderful to us--- from the government ministers under whom we work and with whom we collaborate to the humblest farmer or street vendor. Hardly a day passes here in the village when someone doesn't bring us either flowers or some kind of vegetable or fruit. Men have even offered me land to farm when land is at such a scarcity for all. The mayor of the municipality under whose jurisdiction we fall invited us to the municipal Christmas fiesta in Antigua and again to a New Year's Eve Party. As you might well imagine all this makes us very much at home here in our work.

Love,

Paul + Mary
Paul and Mary

P.S. We 'd love hearing from you.

[Jan. 1974]

Dear Alice and Wilson,

We are going to have a
cocktail party on Tuesday,
January 15th, at 6:30 in
honor of our guests from
Fairfield, the Longstreets. If
you feel up to it we'd
like to have you come. One
day, while they are here, I'd
like to show them your casa
and have them meet you both,
in any case.

Paul tells me you are feeling
better, Wilson — good news!

Always,

Pete

Antigua, 18 May 1967

Dear Ralph:

Yours of the 12th rec'd a bit late, but I send this in reply, by mail, and will confirm when I go over to the City in a few days.

Naturally, I shall be delighted to go along with you and Chuck Attlee et al, on the 23rd. I accept your invitation to pick me up here in Antigua at 8 or 8.30 on the morning of Tuesday, ~~Monday~~ 23rd.

Tidno said the region of Huitan, not far off the road between Quezaltenango and Huehuetenango, is a good apple region. Probably you have it on your list. I hope we can pass by there en route.

No doubt you have someone lined up to show us the list of the trees at the experiment station in Quezaltenango - we ought to check some of those things. I am particularly interested in the Jonwin apple. And by the way, George Roeding told me (I spent a day with him in March) that we ought to have the Wickson hybrid crab; one of Etter's productions.

I have just been in correspondence with George Darrow about strawberries. We will do well to talk about this. And the grapes.

Cordially yours,

1926 South Blvd.,
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I received the copy of the letter you wrote your friend in Salvador today. Thank you very much for this favor. I am most grateful. I'll let you know what happens.

Rene Soucy came by and spent 5 days on his way home from Mexico. I enjoyed his visit very much, we did a lot of laughing and talking. Certainly we mentioned how you added to our enjoyment at Margoth's. He has been writing two books in Mexico for the past year. Before that he was in Venezuela for a year, and two years in Turkey--so he had much to talk about.

Lorraine is visiting Frances in Oregon this month. I am sure they are having a nice cool time--that is better than we are having here. It is very warm--at least 100 degrees for the past few days.

I leave Thursday for a brief visit with some retired friends I met in Venezuela. They now live in the Valley. I think I'll drive down. Since my car is air-conditioned--it won't be worse than staying in the air-conditioned apartment, I hope.

School will be starting soon--so my visit will be short. I decided not to go to Puerto Rico this summer--maybe at Christmas.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Affectionately,

Rita

1926 South Blvd.,
Houston 6, Texas
July 1, 1962

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Just received a long letter from Rea. She delivered your message to me, Thanks I thought maybe you would like to be brought up to date on some of our old friends:

Rea Soucy is still in Mexico City where he is writing on his second book. Wrote that he wanted to finish it--take the books home (Rhode Island) and type them--then go to New York and get a part time job and find a publisher.

Frances Buchholz is visiting her family in Colorado, expects to go back to Oregon to teach again this coming year.

Lorraine has not been well, and is resting on a lake in Montana.

Lou Nelle Miller and her husband adoped twins in Guatemala (so I heard) and are now in summer school in California.

Dick Bean (so I heard) and Shela are still in Chicago where he is teaching. They have her two children from Salvador, and are expecting their second child

I had one letter from Margoth, I answered it, but have heard no more from her. She mentioned all the family except Roberto.

Did you see Dr. Dunn? When I called him last year, it was not for a position for me, it was to tell him I thought you would enjoy a letter from him. Rea had written me that you were out of the hospital, in the apartment, and that your son was away for a few weeks. I thought you might enjoy hearing from your old friends. At that time he said he was coming to Houston--to see his brother, and they would see me. He asked me to call them when I finished talking with him--I did--and they promised to call when he came to Houston--but if he came--he either did not call me--or I was away. Sorry I did not get to meet him. I would like nothing better than to go back to Latin America--but at my age--I think I better stay here. I know what the Old Ladies Homes are like here--and I don't know about them there. When the time comes I can no longer make my living--I guess I better stay where I have a few friends to bring me a cold can of beer now and then. The children (my ex stepson and family) are in Puerto Rico now and want me to come there--I did get a contract--but the salary was so small--I could not live on it--and was told that--with the contract.

This summer I am working at the University and enjoying it. I'll finish my nedexd Social Security Quarters--so that will help some at the Old Ladies' Home. School teachers in Houston are not covered by Social Security--that is the Public School teachers are not.

I had promised to go to Puerto Rico in August, but I doubt that I'll go now. Son telephoned me last Monday morning insisting that I come, but that was before I knew that I was going to move. Our apartment building was sold and they went up on the rent--so I better stick around and find a cheaper place to live.

Can't think of any move news. I hope that you are well and enjoying life.

Adios,

Ritz

1926 South Blvd.,
Houston 6, Texas
July 18, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thank you for your nice letter. I was delighted to hear that you are feeling so much better and are working. I realize most of us are lost with out work.

I do hope that Roberto has settled down--ad we both know--he could certainly use some of it. I have heard no more from Margoth. I hope she is happy, but I doubt that she is--since she wrote that she has to do all her own work, and that she missed her country. Did she keep the little farm? Maybe she can go back there someday.

As I wrote you, Dr. Dunn's brother lives here. I have not met him, but I have talked with his wife. Dr. Dunn plans to move to Dallas some time this year. I wonder if he likes retirement? I wouldn't, I am sure.

I asked Internation for their listings. They came Friday, but I waited a little late to get interested. Salvador needed a director for High School--but I don't qualify for that. I should go on and get my Masters', but I am too lazy, I think. I am more than half finished with it--since the book I finished last summer will be my thesis.

This is not an answer to your letter, because I do not have it at the office, but I would like to ask a favor (I seem to do that often). If you have the opportunity--will you please find out from Mr. de Sola who is president of the school board this term. Mrs. Escapini still wants me to come down and live with them and teach--and I am more than ready to do just that--but I must have a job too. I came here from Salvador to finish my Social Security Quarters--I hope I have done that this summer--now I am ready to go back to Salvador--or Latin America, if I can find a place I can teach for the remaining years. Any information you get will be appreciated.

Best regards,

Rita

Answer 2 Aug 1962

311 W. Surf Road
Ocean City, New Jersey 08226
May 2, 1974

Dear Wilson:

We were most pleased to receive your letter, and to learn that while time marches on, things are still reasonably well with you.

Years ago it was impossible to conceive of being 70 or 80 years old --- that was for other people -- and now you at 82 and I approaching 70!! But I have often said we should be thankful to have lived this long, many don't make it.

Senility, I believe, covers a lot of territory and takes many different forms. The chief, of course, is that of the mind and the body. One is the natural slowing of physical ability. One doesn't scramble up and down stairs or ladders like one used to. One doesn't walk quite as fast and the old wind doesn't hold out like it did; and there are a few aches where there used not to be. One can learn to live with all that.

The other is that of mental deterioration. One is inclined to be forgetful and it takes a little longer to think things out, but unless some physical deterrent has occurred, I can see no reason why a person as immensely active as you have been cannot continue to nourish those with whom you came in contact from the wealth of knowledge you have acquired throughout your lifetime.

I have seen people who, when they are retired, lose all interest in anything. Their job was routine, but it was all they had and when they were deprived of it, they had nothing -- no hobbies and no other interests. In my opinion, this is a worse form of senility. Well, enough of that.

You mention the "Old House". By coincidence, our neighbor next door, who recently became a widow, travelled extensively with her husband. She was fascinated when she learned of Dorothy's and your work in the "House" for they had visited there a number of years ago. We lent her our copy of Louis Adamac's "House in Antigua" which she read from cover to cover. Who is taking care of the place now? I guess old Maria has long gone to her reward, although in my eyes she seemed a permanent fixture. We were sorry to learn of the hippie invasion. I guess no place is sacred. I hate to feel this way because people dress and look differently. If only they

would behave like humans instead of animals and respect other peoples' modes and ideas, I think we could respect and perhaps understand them better too. I recall that several years ago you had to close the House because of thievery and vandalism. It shocks us that people who presumably seek culture can demean themselves by desecrating the work they came to see and that took so many years of dedication to create.

Your comments on Sally concern us. We have known for some time that she had problems but we never knew just what they were. Apparently she has spells of elation and depression. I guess there is a scientific name for it, but we hoped it was a passing phase and that she would outgrow it. Apparently she has not. We do hope the responsibility of having her with you won't be too much.

We are now in our fourth year of retirement and enjoying it immensely. I am in excellent health except for a rather painful gouty left knee which slows me up some. I should be flattered for I am told that such ailments supposedly effect the wealthy or is a result of high living, neither of which, unfortunately, is true. However, bicycling is a good substitute for walking and we do that whenever the weather permits.

We have just returned from our fourth winter in Englewood, Florida. Ruth and I had the opportunity to visit there on one of my last business trips in 1970. We were so impressed with the area that we have spent the last four winters, January through March, on Manasota Key off shore from Englewood. We have a 17' boat which we use in the summer up here, and trail down to be used in and around the Gulf of Mexico fishing and taking exploration trips in the area. This is something both Ruth and I enjoy and our friends too when they come with us. Fishing up here usually is quite good in the ocean and bays, but we were disappointed this year in Florida because of the Red Tide, an ocean organism that kills fish by the millions and drives the more sensible ones to uneffected waters.

As for Betty, we almost have to write her off. About every two years or so we get a note and so we grab the bait and send an epistle about all that is going on around here and ask a bunch of leading questions to get the old ball rolling. The result -- a complete two year silence. So we are little more up-to-date than you. I have to admit I'm no ball of fire when it comes to writing letters, although, as Ruth says, when I do get going I don't know when to stop..

Ruth, my most able secretary, is typing this for me so that you can read it. A teacher at school once told me my handwriting resembled the wanderings of an inebriated spider. I regret to say the poor insect has not yet sobered up.

I am leaving two lines for Ruth to say whatever she would like to add.

In the meantime, continue to take good care of yourself and speaking of 82, many more happy returns; I just hope I will be able to make it.

Affectionately,

Maurice

Hi there ---

What more can I add ???!!!

We WERE happy to hear from you. Let's not backslide and we'll do our best to keep our end going.

We always get a nice note from Marion and Nancy at Christmas which keeps us fairly up-to-date with them and their families. They are tremendous gals -- digging in and taking over for both parents. Many would falter, I'm afraid. We still, I anyway, have not given up hope of taking a trip west to visit with them.

We have heard little about Hugh. We know he had a terrible accident some time ago, but understand he is doing well now. Is he still at the University in Gainesville? If so, we should look him up sometime. We would appreciate a bit of news about him and his address.

Take care and let us hear from you again.

Affectionately,

Ruth

311 W. Surf Road
Ocean City, N. J. 08226
Christmas - 1974

Dear Alice & Hilson:

I am afraid my Christmas letter to you this year is not a happy one. My dear Maurie passed away under open-heart surgery on September 26.

It was quite a shock to us because the only symptoms he complained about was a slight shortness of breath. He had gone into the hospital to have this checked out and they discovered that the left ventricle of his heart was calcified to the size of the lead in a lead pencil and the valve that controlled this ventricle was calcified so that it did not seat properly. They operated and made two by-passes and replaced the valve, but apparently his heart was enlarged and the muscle was too weak to start pumping on its own after being taken off the heart-lung machine.

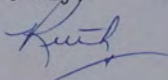
I miss him terribly. Everything we did was with or for each other. But I must keep uppermost in my mind to be grateful that he did not suffer any pain and that he died with dignity.

I plan to stay in Ocean City and will try not to make any hasty decisions or changes. So many have and regretted it later. Lyn and Doug are very good to me and we visit back and forth. Randy is six years old, in first grade, and growing into a handsome young boy. My friends too have kept me busy. After the holidays, I'll do some volunteer work and keep myself occupied.

Isn't it ironic how sadness and misfortune seem to come in bunches. Mother died last year, Maurie this year, and my Dad will probably go fairly soon. He is 86, in a Nursing Home, barely knowing what day it is and just existing, very unhappily.

But -- enough sadness. I look forward to hearing from you and getting news of you and yours. I am hoping for a happier New Year and I wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous, and healthy 1975.

Fondly,



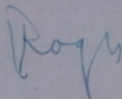
September 23, 1941

Dear Helen:

Here it is; raw linseed and if desired color with red ochre then saturate surface and allow it to stand for 24 hours after which wipe off surplus and wax once with any good wax such as Johnson's. Apparently it is not necessary to wax after the initial one. Hilda advised me that her tiles were made out of the same material that pottery is made of, that means nothing to me but it may to you.

Hope this will be helpful.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rogers".



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Doctor Popenov:
Recall our conversation
pertaining to the Emeralds?

Spaw

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3/22/61

Dear Miss Popenoe,

Travelling as quickly and as far as we have confused me. Now that I'm finally back at my desk, it seems as if months had passed since we unhappily said good-bye to you and Doctor Popenoe. On the other hand, Antigua is very much on my mind and close to my heart and, as such, seems near in time as well.

A great deal transpired between our personal adieux and our return to the States. We met many charming,

intelligent and some dedicated people. Of the places we visited, by far the most impressive was the school ("al servicio de las Americas"). George and I were only two of many who missed you and the Doctor at the formal ceremonies and the informal gatherings.

It is such a beautiful school and so worth-while and endeavor. The graduation was lovely and quite emotional, even for us. The dedication to Uncle Jeff was meaningful and simple. If it had been in any way overdone, Aunt Catherine would never have kept her composure. As it was, she was tongue-tied and nervous but very happy, I think.

Unfortunately, we saw very little of Tegucigalpa. I would have enjoyed roaming through that old city. But we left day early and returned to Guatemala in-time to catch a jet back to New Orleans.

Personally, the climax of our trip was in meeting and staying with you and the Doctor. You were both so very kind to include George and myself as your guests and we will ~~with~~ always be grateful. It is so rare an opportunity, to learn of a way of life and of a country through the sage reflection of people who understand them and who care. Nothing that I saw with you

will be forgotten. We hold a deep
admiration for the work which
you have accomplished and the
work which you pursue.

Affectionately,

Sarah

P.S. I still hope that our
shared secret will be
realized.

4/6/61

Dear Doctor Popenoe,

George and I were so sad and shocked to hear of Mrs. Popenoe's death. She was such an impressive and lovely person that we grew very fond of her during our gay visit. We feel very lucky and privileged to have known her, if only for a week.

Mrs. Popenoe had the perceptiveness and intuition of a warm-hearted person. And she sensed that we might be expecting our

first child even though we
seriously doubted that we
were so blessed. She did
me the big favor of not
mentioning this marvelous
idea, especially to George. In
return, I promised her that
I would let her know as
soon as I did. I'm truly
sad that I could not tell
her personally, but happy
on the other hand, to impart
our little secret to you. She
was right in her early
conjecture and we are
ecstatic.

You are the very first
person outside of close
family to know this.

Goodness! my father doesn't know it yet. So please don't mention it in letters to Tia. It seemed such a good example of Mrs. Poppenoe's feeling for life, her warmth that I wanted to tell you.

You are very much in our thoughts. And we will never forget the wonders of Antigua which you showed us. Please remember us if you ever come to the East. You will always be welcome at 2555 Waterside Drive, N.W. [Wash, DC.]

Affectionately,
Sue

Saigon, Viet Nam
June 19, 1961

Dear "Dor":

Doug and I were so saddened
to hear of your recent sorrow. Our
thoughts and prayers have been with
you ever since Mother wrote us. We
all loved Helen very much. With love
and sympathy,

as ever,

Jeddy

Box 32

470 145

San Francisco Calif.

Antigua, Guatemala, 18 Nov 1960

Dear Tom:

Since there was to be a meeting of about 20 of the FAO people (United Nations) here at our house, I waited a few days to reply to your last letter, as I wanted to see if there is any possibility of your getting into that organization. I had been told that they were in need of horticulturists.

So day before yesterday I talked with Mr Robert L Davee, Regional director of UNICEF, whose address is United Nations, New York. He has charge of all the work of UNICEF in the Americas. You know what this means. Mario Jalil, one of our Zamorano graduates, who was sent by us to Florida where he got an M S, is now in charge of school garden work in Central America - based here in Guatemala. I shall be seeing him again shortly and will see what he thinks about the possibility of your getting into FAO. Mr Davee seemed interested; I gave him your address and told him something of your background. But I do not feel too hopeful. If I were you, I would not wait around too long expecting to hear from him. Things are not going too smoothly these days. But I think it might be worth while for you to write Mr Davee, giving him your address in Scotland if you go home in the near future. Tell him of your background - I told him a few details - and if you are still interested, say so. FAO pays good salaries and the prerequisites are fine.

You say you have tried Turrialba. Have you been in touch with Alfred Butler? He has recently been at the banana Conference on the Ivory Coast, I hear, and might know of something. I have thought of Venezuela, but the situation down there does not seem to be too good right now.

I suppose the Company is paying your transportation home. In this case, if you do not get anything lined up in a month or so, I imagine it might be best for you to go back to Scotland and see what turns up. I think there will still be opportunities in tropical America, but just at the moment the situation is difficult as you know as well as I do. I think I have mentioned the possibility of Florida. S John Lynch, who is now in charge of the Palmer Nurseries at Osprey, near Sarasota (his address is Osprey) has just taken on a big job and has hired one of our Zamorano graduates, Simon Malo of Ecuador, as an assistant. I have the feeling that Florida might offer something for you. It might pay you to stop there on your way home. I could give you letters to two or three people.

Ever yours,

My Dear: Dr. Papenoe + Mrs Helen Papenoe

I received your send that 30 Lp.,
to me, and thanks very much
for your good kindness good
hand to help me, that I am
so poorly living. Yours always
be great reputation of the human
-ity ⁱⁿ of the world. I like all of
your family as my own -
Parsons and be a Brotherhood
and sisterhood. I am never forget
yours treated me liked the lovely
children so happy to I ~~with~~ ^{with}
yours. I will come up to see
yours again so we can
enjoy a nice good food
in all time.

Sincerely yours servant
Wing

11 - March - 1954

[Signed by _____]

Regliasce, Genova, Italy

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My dear Paul [Popense]

Between one thing and another I did not find the way to write sooner: so please excuse.

I am enclosing a Postal which was returned to me ; I cannot see why, some time ago.

I have tried my best to push the investigations on the Date Palms in Libia, but whether much will be accomplished this season I do not know, and I am unable to give you the address of any body who understands any thing about them, there being none. I have insisted that such investigations be entrusted to a competent person who ought to work on nothing else, but I am afraid that my advice will not have much luck.

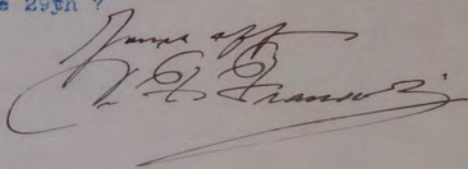
For my part I have made application (and am going to obtain) a grant of land, just outside the limit of the Oasis of Tripoli, about 6 kilometers south from the harbor, at the junction of the two Railway lines, one proceeding East to Cyrenaica and Egypt, and the other south towards the Sahara . Although it is called Desert, that land is just like the Oasis in richness and depth of soil, in abundance of water, 30 - 60 ft deep, which by electric pumps is now raised much cheaper than by the aboriginal methods (one Centesimo for one cubic Meter !). Of course one must put up windbreaks, and I am planning a belt 150 ft wide all around the property, which will also supply a good deal of fire wood.

If everything proceeds as I wish, I hope to be able to go down there early in October, with Guide, and start operations at once. But at the beginning we will have to specialize in early vegetables of every description (Potatoes, Tomatoes, String beans, Peas, etc) which can be obtained there just as early as in Egypt (much earlier than in Algeria and Tunis, or in Sicily). At present it takes about 40 hours from Tripoli to

Rome via Syracuse, but in a few months there will be faster steamers playing between Tripoli and Syracuse, and it will take 6 or 7 hours less. You are well aware that the market for such kind of produce is practically unlimited all over Europe, but you may not know that Italy is now far away at the head of horticultural experts above all other countries. In 1913 ~~#####~~ Italy exported Lire 242 million worth of Fruits between other European Countries and the United States, and about Lire 100 millions worth of Vegetables. And both Experts are growing all the time. In the same period the ~~###~~ Fruit Expert of France was only 98 million francs! Although geographically in Africa, Libia, on the horticultural stand point will rather be for us a "stretching" of Sicily, and its ~~#####~~ possibilities are simply immense. Other cultures of Tropical and semitropical Fruits are going to be developed by degrees, but at the start one must depend on ~~###~~ what can give immediate results.

I am going to send to Mr. Fairchild copy of a much condensed Report which I submitted to our Minister of the Colonies, and will ask him to communicate it to you. Although written in Italian, I suppose you will not find much difficulty in reading it.

I am also writing to Wilson today or tomorrow. Did you hear that Camille was happily married on June 29th?



Antigua, Guatemala 21 July 1974

De todo mi aprecio:

Business first, and probably that's all this time, since my multiples quehaceres don't allow me sufficient time to loaf these days, even though I get up at 6 a.m. to have more time to dedicate to that pleasurable occupation.

Pero sucede una cosa: I am trying to bring together all possible material on the origin and history of the avocado, palta in your language. I have promised to collaborate with Dr George Zentmyer of the University of California at Riverside in a lengthy paper on the subject; he is, and has been for 25 years, involved in the study of *Phytophthora cinnomoni*, the root disease which has destroyed thousands (sic) of acres of avocado trees in California. The answer may be a resistant rootstock, and this we may find in the wild avocados, of which there are three horticultural races, the Mexican, the Guatemalan and the so-called West Indian which is really South American. We have satisfied ourselves as to the origin and distribution of the Mexican and Guatemalan races, and we have found indigenous trees of the so-called West Indian in Costa Rica and Panama, and so have reason to believe this geographical form of *P. americana* extends into Colombia and probably Ecuador.

Now here is the point: we have not done enough work in Colombia and Ecuador and probably won't be able to do enough, and I have been wondering if there is not someone in that region who might have some knowledge regarding avocados. It occurs to me that you have mentioned Victor Manuel Patiño, and that you think rather highly of him. I have his "Historia de la Actividad Agropecuaria en la America Equinoceal" which strikes me as a mighty scholarly work. But I don't know how interested he is in the Botanical Documentation Units of Colombia. I am morally certain

that wild avocados may be found on the lower slopes of the Sierra Madre de Santa Marta, probably also in Antioquia and elsewhere. Do you think Victor might have some knowledge on this subject, or know someone who has botanised extensively in Colombia in rain forest regions at elevations between 1000 and 4000 or 5000 feet? I myself have been in Colombia plenty but never looking for wild avocados, only cultivated ones. Incidentally, the first account we have print of the avocado, anywhere, is in the Suma de Geografia of the Bachiller Martin Fernandez de Enciso who saw cultivated avocados in one of the little valleys, I think probably the one we now call Don Diego, which come down from the Sierra Madre de Santa Marta and empty into the sea not far from the latter town. Incidentally, the Bachiller is supposed to have been the man whosmuggled Balboa over to Panama in a barrel maked Carne Salado or something like that. I bet Balboa wished later on that he had stayed in Santo Domingo.

If you think it worth my while to get in touch with Victor Manuel Patiño can you give me his postal address?

When shall we four meet again, - in sorrow, sunshine or in rain?

Siempre su muy atto y SS

Casa Popenov.

August 30, 1948

Dear Human Things,

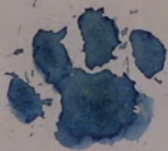
We are being very well cared for by the servants. Valentina had a couple of minor stomach aches soon after you left, but I think they were caused only by imperfections common to infants. She is well, soft and slick and growing very beautiful.

I, Gustavo, am dictating this to Sylvia. Of course I understand and speak perfectly, both English and Spanish, but my writing is, as you'll see below, limited to catones.

Valentina, being young and kittenish, will no doubt purr all over the place to welcome you home. I shall be very proud and aloof, because I want it thoroughly understood that you can't walk in and out of ~~my~~ life and affections at random. Being no ordinary alley cat, I demand all the respect and consideration due me in my position - a gentleman of distinction.

Incidentally, I practice my "haughty look" daily.

Val and I, the undersigned, wish you a very good and hasty journey home.



Punta Gorda, Fla. Mar. 14. 1919.

Wilson Popenoe,
Washington,
D.C.

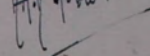
Where are you? I'm going to send this letter to Washington, for it appears by the notice in our local paper that you are back in the U.S. Well, come along and tell us what's the matter with our avocado trees.

If you were here right now, you would have a memory of us that would never be forgotten. The air is delicious with the perfume of the orange blossom and the songs of the mockingbird at night while the moon is full, 'tis a joy beyond words.

You'll come when it's dark and silent and you wont know us at our best.

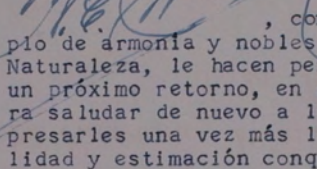
Well --if fate so ordains---so be it.

Don't you think this is great?
Too old for me, however. Widow, plenty of \$.



*El Secretario Privado de la Presidencia
de la República*

Se complace en saludar muy atentamente a los esposos Popenoe, y particularmente rinde a la dignísima y fina señora doña Elena de Popenoe sus más expresivos agradecimientos por las atenciones que hubo de dispensarle durante su reciente visita a ese lindo lugar denominado El Zamorano, y en el cual se riega además de las simientes de una fecunda enseñanza, la simiente de su alto espíritu que significa bondad, dignidad, inteligencia y trabajo.

 , confiesa que ese bello ejemplo de armonía y nobles empeños del hombre con la Naturaleza, le hacen pensar en la posibilidad de un próximo retorno, en cualquier forma que sea, para saludar de nuevo a los esposos Popenoe, y expresarles una vez más los sentimientos de cordialidad y estimación con que siempre sabrá apreciarlos.

Guatemala, 21 de Septiembre de 1949.



El Embajador de España
Particular

Zegun galduta 12 de Febrero de 1956

Señora María Elena Z. de Pajuelo
El Zamorano

Muy señora mía:

He recibido su amable invitación para almorzar el próximo viernes día 17 en su casa de El Zamorano siembroue muy agradable poder asistir.

Al darle las gracias por su delicada atención le encargo salud de mi parte a usted y aceptar el testimonio de asistencia de mi esposa, I. I.

V. V. Centalillo

San Antonio de Oriente, 27 de enero 1952.

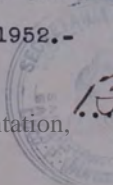
Sr Dr don Wilson Popenoe y Sra.-

El Zamerano.-E A P.-

Para su conocimiento me permite transcribir el punto de acta que literalmente dice:

"ACTA N^o.4.-Sesion extraordinaria celebrada por la Municipalidad de San Antonio de Oriente, En su Salen de actes, a veintinueve de enero de mil novecientos cincuenta y dos.-Presidio el Sr Alcalde Municipal don Luciano Avila Aguilar, con la asistencia de los Srs.Regidores 1^o y 2^o Dionicio Gaitan y don Carlos Alenze, del Sr Sindico Crisante Garcia, de los Consejeros Rivera y Rodriguez, per ante el Srio que autoriza.-1^o.-Abierta la sesion.-La Municipalidad per unanimidad ACORDO:DECLARO VECINOS ILUSTRES AL DR WILSON POPENOE y Sra y BENEMERITOS DE ESTE PUEBLO, per sus grandes virtudes y bondad desinteresada, puesta a prueba en distintas ocasiones, per el adelanto cultural y progreso de este pueblo.-2^o.-que la Sria envie al Dr Popenoe certificacion de este acuerdo y ne habiendose mas de que tratar se levante la sesion.-Sellos.-Luciano Avila.-Dionicio Gaitan.-Carlos Alenze.-Crisante Garcia.-Andres Rivera G.-Nazario Rodriguez.-B. Ayes Rojas.-Srio.-"

Extendida en San Antonio de Oriente, a los veintisiete dias del mes de enero de 1952.-


B. Ayes Rojas
Secretario Municipal.-



CONSEJO SUPERIOR AGRONÓMICO

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Madrid 29 de Mayo de 1958.

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Sr. D. Wilson Popenoe.
Rancho California.
ALMUÑECAR. (GRANADA).

Mi querido amigo: Recibí su atta. carta de fecha 23 del cte. y contesto a ella con sumo gusto, pues tanto Pepa como yo recordamos a Vds. con mucho cariño.

Ya veo que siguen enviando a Vds. puas de variedades de aguacate, y veo el apuro para encontrar patrones en que injertar los que envía Magdahl. ¡Lástima que se pierdan! Yo pregunto a Vd. si sería posible injertar en algunas ramas de los aguacates del campo de Motril para tener madera para otros años. También pregunto a Vd. si cree se podrían poner las estaquillas en arena húmeda para enraizar y conservar madera para próximas injertaciones.

Yo estaré en Madrid para las fechas en las - cuales estarán Vds. en el Hotel Lope de Vega; pero lo que no sé es si Pepa estará aquí o en Almería esos días, cosa que

sentiríamos los dos.

El expedidor de las semillas de Macadamia era R. A. Hamilton.

A Luis Sarasola que nos acordamos mucho de sus magníficos nísperos, que adem's probaron nuestros familiares a los que gustaron muchísimo.

He dado órden para que le envíen a Vd. el folleto sobre suelos de España, de mi compañero Tamés.

Con un fuerte abrazo para todos Vds. se despide su affmo.
amigo,

Marcos Ruíz S

[1960/1961]

Dear Wilson,

I understand that Helene has written, however I also want to say how happy our visit with you made us feel. Now I understand Lee Adams's often expressed desire to live in Guatemala. I have visited countless Colonial buildings, but have never passed several days in any. Though I am no scholar, I love history, especially when it becomes real as in your house. Only two other experiences in my memory rank with this one: a night in the Cappuchino monastery hotel at Amalfi, and a stay at a Zen Temple in central Japan.

My photographs turned out well, and I intend to have copies made of the 'portraits' of Maria and Toya to send them. The enormous collection of orchids which you gave us, as well as the ones we collected, are every last one mounted, as are those from Mssr. Pacheco and from the Costa Rican rain forrest. The thought and hope that you will before long come to see what became of your plants will help us keep up with such a collection. Perhaps one or two plants of the ones you gave us still show no new growth, but they will.

We were sorry to miss Hugh, and hope he also will visit us soon. I want to know what you think of a particular house. Thankyou again, Wilson.

Wm

Berlanga de Juco a 5 de Marzo de 1961.

Wilson Popeuse
Director de la
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Ceguegalpa Honduras.

Muy Señor mío y muy estimado en Cristo: Me
permite dirigirme estas letras por mediación de
Sr. Anastasio Izquierdo. Espero sepa dispen-
sarme por ante el problema que le expongo
en el impreso adjunto no me queda más re-
medio que dirigirme a personas, tales como
Sr. W. La estima que tiene a Sr. Tomas
de Berlanga, me da confianza para
esperar de una limosna. Nunca pueda
interesar a otras personas. Mil perdones

por esta ingratitud.

Le saluda atentamente en Cristo

Esteban Posa
Padre

Muy respetable Sr. Puzos: Aprovecho
esta ocasion para enviarle mi saluda mas
cordial y esguera que en lo posible atienda
la llamada de nuestros parientes a todos los
que sienten algo hacia la historia de
esta villa de Beaulieu, y para el Sr. de
Goy Thomas.

Respetuosamente le saluda
Eustacio Puzos

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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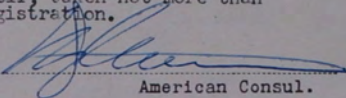
American Embassy
Guatemala, Guatemala
May 17, 1961.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua

Sir: You are cordially invited to come to this office and renew your registration.

If you cannot conveniently come to this office, to have your registration renewed, you may fill in the attached blank, stating therein any new facts which may have developed since your original registration in regard to the person to be notified in case of death or disability, marriage, birth of children, cause of continued foreign residence, change of local residence, and other matters, and mail it to this office. Two passport size (2½" x 2½") photographs of yourself, taken not more than six months ago, are required to effect your registration.

Very truly yours,


American Consul.

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April 23, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

At the request of Mr. Graham Gooding we are pleased to give you herewith some information on the cultivation of grapes in the Valle del Cauca.

You mention particularly the viniferas, which are called Moscatel, locally. There are several types of white grapes cultivated in Bolivar, Valle for wine making: the Chasela, Italia or Riesling Italia, Pinot Gris and the Palomino, Spanish type. Apart from these the following types are grown to some extent for the wine-making industry: Cillegiolo, La Pino Negro, Baco 37-16, Baco 2-16, Seibel 81-16, Thallezy-Luyoz, Barbiera, Reina de los Viñeros, Perla de Csaba, Uva de Oro, Sangiovese, Blanca del Cile, Tokay. However, only the Pinot and Moscatel are cultivated outside the municipality of Bolivar.

Apparently the Niagara is not cultivated at this time, or if it is, it is called by another name. It may be what is known here as the Blanca Cristalina, and it is not grown to any great extent.

The Isabella is cultivated in the Valle mostly for table use, and very little of the production goes into the wine-making industry. Apparently only one of the wine producers here uses grapes exclusively and the others depend greatly on the orange and blackberry for their wine base. There are 22 wine producers in the Valle, but only 10 of any importance, and it has been calculated that this industry consumes only about 10% of the total grape production. This, of course, is due to the fact that it is possible to sell the grapes at a very attractive price for table use.

A census taken late in 1960 and in 1961 indicated that at that time there were some 137,300 Isabella grape plants in the Valle del Cauca, and of these, 127,300 were in production. Some 495,000 kilograms are produced per year at a cost of about 1.40 Colombian pesos per kilo.

TELEGRAMA

Antigua G, 20 febrero de 1964

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GUATEMALA

LLEGARE LUNES PARA CONSULTARLES ASUNTO INVITACIONES RECEPCION

Y VIAJE HUEHUETENANGO

WILSON POPENOE

Release for Wednesday a.m.'s
April 1, 1964.

Minneapolis, Minn. -- Are you braced for that stealthy annual attack of "spring fever" when the first balmy days tiptoe in?

Ever since the 1860's, when sulphur and molasses were first recommended by doctors as a spring tonic, people have sought some potion to shake off the symptoms of so-called "spring fever." But don't be April-fooled, advises the medical department of Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

Spring fever isn't a fever (the boss suspects this already); neither is it laziness (maybe he won't believe that). You don't need tonics; your blood doesn't need thinning. That seasonal yearning to stretch out under a tree or put your feet on the desk doesn't mean you need more rest.

Instead you probably need a few hot baths and more exercise - lively exercise - to shake the lassitude out of your anatomy. And you almost certainly need a prompt change in diet. You should help your body readjust as quickly as possible, so you will be less vulnerable to a possible early heat wave, when 85- to 90- degree weather prostrates as many people as 95 to 100 degrees does in midsummer.

What really happens to you, the insurance doctors explain, is that in winter your body speeds up its fuel consumption rate, or metabolism, to fight the chill. Your appetite calls for more and heavier fuel-foods. Your body builds up larger stores of energy elements, to meet cold weather demands.

Then comes the warmth of spring. Suddenly you are like an automobile trying to run on too rich a gasoline mixture. Your ambition refuses to chug up the slightest hill. It just wants to pull to the side of the road and park. Your brain goes dead.

Normally your fuel consumption or metabolism requires ten days to two weeks

to shift its gears down to the lower rate needed for warm weather. Your body's other two temperature adjustments - perspiration and blood circulation - are quick acting but are not adequate to take care of a major seasonal temperature change. Usually you keep on eating for awhile at your winter rate, and this further handicaps the readjustment.

Therefore at the onset of the "spring fever season" you should change promptly to a warm-weather diet - more salads, fruits, vegetables; less starches and fats. Unless you have some restricting impairment, take plenty of vigorous exercise in the open air, to burn up the excessive accumulation of energy material that clogs your body machinery. Fruit juices are the best spring tonic, because of their laxative effect. Clean out the "carbon," and readjust your "carburetor mixture" to warm weather. Your normal "pep" will soon return.

Incidentally but importantly, says the insurance company's health bulletin, any time you run an actual temperature it is not "spring fever," but possibly something more serious, and a doctor should be consulted.

Dearest Pop -

[March 16, 1967]

We were most distressed the week before last to find you had to leave early because of Sally. We do hope that things are straightened out & going more smoothly.

Had a long, long letter from Carol & have written her as I believe she needs some moral support. She doesn't sound good at all & I feel horribly about it.

After all my years of living here guess what's happened to me! Was feeling poorly the last time I saw you & didn't seem to improve so finally went to see the doctor & the verdict is - I'm allergic to dust & I'm now on anti-histamines & feeling fine.

We went to Salvador last weekend & were killed with kindness. Never got to bed until the wee small hours. Had luncheon Sunday with the de Solas. What a lovely home & what charming people. He saw your present to him (your Agricultural Dept paper). He is thrilled with it & I don't blame him at all. Takes no time at all to drive now with the road paved. We went the old road & came back the new one (marvelous views).

Have a promise from Ed - we will look in Antigua before we leave. Haven't had any luck in getting him beyond the looking stage but may be hell fallin love with something.

Off for home the end of the month but will hope to see you in June & for a longer time than last year. Much love from us both

[1970]

Forgot to mention that I have been busier than usual because my best maid, Stella, has been unable to work since August 28. We were moving mattresses (three of us together) when she twisted the wrong way somehow and X-rays showed her 3rd and 4th lumbar vertebrae herniated. She was really in agony. But how I miss her! Helen really trained her right. She can still work circles around her younger colleagues. However, Amparo, her sister, trained by Dotty A. is good too.

What worries me is the thought that at Stella's age her back might never be right again. Let's hope all goes well. So, another big doctor and X-ray bill for us.

By the way, Marian must come with you by all means. She will enjoy it. Will leave my two rooms ready but Casa Popenoe is always there waiting. Your home. We have Dr. George Weber here Nov. 2-12 and then, at the end of November, I leave by ship, from Tela, for my checkup. Will meet Rob in the U.S. sometime after graduation.

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[Feb. 1970]

Dr. Robert F. Heizer
Full Professor, Dept. of Anthropology
CALIFORNIA Indians, Excavation of La Venta (Olmec site)
in Veracruz, Mexico. Ph.D. from U.C. (Berkeley) 1935.

Dr. John A. Graham
Associate Professor, Dept. of Anthropology
Mesoamerica, Maya Epigraphy
Ph.D. Harvard 1963

I am under Dr. Graham, but we are sponsoring me for graduate work.

NO SE TRANSMITIRA LO QUE SE ESCRIBA BAJO ESTA LINEA.

REMITENTE _____

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Hermanas de la Caridad de Santa Ana
Llorente de Tibás
Provincia
Madre RAFOLS 14 de marzo de 1973
San José, Costa Rica

Sres. Alicia y Wilson Popenoe

Antigua

Muy estimados amigos en Cristo:

Ayer me llegó su amable cartita certificada con el cheque, que hoy he cambiado, alegrándome, por la amabilidad y cortesía de Vds. Anteriormente, Hermana Rosa Elena, a su regreso de Guatemala, también nos entregó 20 dolares de Ustedes. El cambio, sí, está a 8'57 por tanto, he cobrado 857 colones ahora, y 171'40, la vez anterior. Dios les premie su gran caridad. Las monjitas, todas, muy contentas con el obsequio y se empleará según diga M. Provincial en útiles para ellas, claro, lo que más convenga.

Hace tres días, hablamos con el Dr. del Chapui que vino por Sally. Nos indicó, que podíamos llevarle las pinturas pero que en cuanto a verla, tenía que ser con el permiso del Dr. Alfaro que la visita. Ella, sigue diciendo que está bien y nada necesita.

En cuanto a su ropa y demás enseres personales, todo ha quedado recogido hasta que Uds. vengan. No nos molesta, por tanto queden tranquilos que lo guardaremos hasta que puedan venir.

Tendré mucho gusto en verlos por aquí cuando sus obligaciones les dejen libre para realizar el viaje.

Hasta que ello sea, les saluda en nombre de esta Comunidad que mucho les aprecia.

Afectísimamente.

Hermana Asunción Pharis

PABLO WEISS Y CIA. SUCS.

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29 de Agosto 1973

Mi muy querido Dr:

Tengo el placer de acusar recibo a su atenta y cariñosa carta del 21 de los corrientes, recibida el día de hoy.

Para sorpresa nuestra, Diana pudo casi sin ninguna dificultad, traducir el contenido de la misma, por lo cual se siente muy orgullosa. Piensa matricularse en el Instituto de Cultura Interamericano, con el fin de adquirir mejores conocimientos en el Idioma Inglés.

Estamos muy contentos con el anuncio de su próxima llegada. Ojalá esta vez puedan quedarse más tiempo con nosotros.

Es una suerte que nuestro pequeño obsequio haya sido de su agrado. Alice nos dijo que ese es su color preferido, así es que procuraremos ver si aún quedan de ese mismo color y estilo.

Esperando nos avisen la fecha de su llegada, reciban mucho cariño de mis viejas y un fuerte abrazo de

TELEGRAMA

Antigua 12 de tiembre 1973

PENSION LA POSADA
COBAN, ALTA VERAPAZ

Dos señoras californianas amigas nuestras llegarán lunes diecisiete
favor reservarles dos cuartos ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

POFENOE

710 So Bob Knoll
Pasadena 91106
O.S.A.
Feb 9th 1975

My dear Wilson,

Very many thanks for your numerous letters. I was most interested about the drain pipe and the steps which were erected on the Bob's lot. What a pity it all has to be built over we might find all sorts of interesting objects.

I had to revise my will and also had to get myself a new attorney as the one who wrote my original will has completely disappeared off the map. I wrote to him with a return address quite an important letter and received no reply. So have taken the advice of a friend & have obtained a man who I think & hope is stable. He wants a Xerox copy of the deed to the property in Guatemala, so at your convenience could you get a Xerox.

No plans have come as yet, but as I simply ~~must~~ get to England before I start building I suppose there is no immediate hurry. But I would like to start next Sept or October when the rains are over.

We were having a lovely mild winter and then it turned cold and we have had much needed rain.

likely not much water in the cellar as the
wind was coming in the other direction

I hope Sally's back is better a back ache is
completely exhausting

Have not seen anything of Vera for about 3 weeks
she is engaged in preparing for 4 lectures. The
bankruptcy case & filing an income tax return +
visits to the doctors. So her time is well occupied
I talked to her on the phone the other evening. She
seemed quite cheerful and well.

If the magazines do not arrive regularly please
let me know so I will write about them.

With the depression not so many people seem to
be travelling but if there is anything you or
Alice want especially please write as someone
always seems to be going to Guatemala.

Did Guio get into his house for his New
Years party? I often think about the lovely day
in the country and the delightful fire-me at the
molino Helvetia it was a joy.

Vera + I both had delightful letters from the
priest who was so kind to us at Boban. He says
that with the new road they are getting many more tourists

Have you been to see the jade by the man who
had the exhibition that lived at the Bank, I thought

Sabemos que es Ud. muy amigo y querido en España y nosotros queremos a nuestros amigos

CENTRO CATALAN
DE GUATEMALA
13 Calle "A" 7-19 Z. 10

"FIESTA" DEDICATED TO THE AMERICAN COLONY IN GUATEMALA

THE CATALONIAN CENTER (a regional association of Spain) extends its cordial invitation to you and your family to the FIESTA dedicated to the American Colony in Guatemala, on Saturday next the 6th of May - at 9 p.m.

There will be American and Spanish Shows.

Thank you in advance for your attendance and please accept our sincere greetings.

FIESTA DEDICADA A LA COLONIA AMERICANA EN GUATEMALA

El Centro Catalán (Asociación regional española) tiene el honor de invitar a Ud. y familia a la FIESTA dedicada a la Colonia Americana en Guatemala que tendrá lugar el próximo sábado 6 de Mayo a las 9 de la noche.

En el transcurso de esta fiesta se presentarán dos "shows" americanos y españoles.

Quedamos anticipadamente agradecidos por su asistencia.

CENTRO CATALAN DE GUATEMALA
LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA

present government will have to name a competent Director, one in whom we all have confidence. This is our immediate problem, and we do not seem to be making much headway. I still believe, however, that the right man can be found in Guatemala. If not, I believe we can find one in some other Latin American country, and I have been looking into this angle up here. There seem to be two angles, first, the man will need a higher salary than has been paid recently, and secondly, he will need assurance that the school will be kept out of local politics - in other words, that he will have some sort of security, which would be secured through the naming of a Junta de Regentes with no political connections.

Talk this over with the Minister, if you think it advisable at this time. He knows that I am ready to do anything within my power to assist. I believe the Ford Foundation would be willing to help, once there is reason to believe that any money put into Barcena will be of permanent benefit. Everyone knows that Guatemala needs a school of vocational agriculture on somewhat the same basis as Zaobzano. The Ford Foundation right now is putting money into a similar enterprise in the Dominican Republic. Our job in Guatemala, as I see it, is to get a competent Director, name a Junta de Regentes who will stay behind the school and keep it out of politics, then go ahead.

When I return to Antigua next month I will call on you, to see if you wish to arrange for a talk with the Minister.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Muy estimado señor Director:

Refiriéndome a su apreciable carta del 19 de abril, que tuve el honor de contestar el 4 de mayo, deseo manifestarle mis profundos agradecimientos por sus conceptos respecto a los proyectados trabajos de la Universidad de Florida en esa zona de tan gran porvenir, El Peten, y en especial por lo que Usted ha hecho, y está haciendo, para facilitar las investigaciones ya emprendidas por por nuestro tecnico guatemalteco, Victor Urrutia, con quien acabo de pasar un par de dias en Uuxactun, donde, gracias a ~~xxxxxx~~ las finesas de Usted, señor Director, ^{Victor} está bien acomodado y gozando de todas las facilidades ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ necesarias.

Talvez conviene dar unas explicaciones respecto a nuestros deseos. Yo nací en Honduras y hice mis estudios secundarios en Guatemala. Ahora mi campo de accion, como Director del Centro de Agroicultura Tropical en la Universidad de Florida, es abarcar dentro de nuestro extenso programa { que cuenta con el apoyo de Fundaciones importantes en los Estados Unidos } y siempre que sea del agrado del Gobierno de Guatemala, un programa de investigacion, con fines muy practicas, en El Peten. Durante los últimos cuatro años la Universidad de Florida ha llevado a cabo investigaciones con miras muy practicas, en ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ las orillas de lago de Izabal, con la cooperacion de don Cristobal Hempstead. Los resultados de ~~xxxx~~ estas investigacions, si no nos equivocamos, han de ser ~~may~~ aplicables a varios problemas en el Peten. Y quiero repetir, ^{en mi opinion} que ese departamento tiene un gran porvenir agricola. El FYDEP está dedicado a la realizacion de las potencialidades

de esa gran zona, que todo el mundo sabe sostenia muchos miles de habitantes ~~xxx~~ en la antigüedad, pero ahora, por falta ^{de} por técnicas agrícolas modernas y momentaneamente por faltas de comunicancicon, no está jugando un papel importante en la vida economica de Guatemala.

~~Nosotros, los del Centro de Agricultura Tropical DE LA~~
Universidad de Florida, como ya queda dicho, apreciamos mucho lo que Usted ha hecho para facilitar el trabajo de Victor Urrutia, ~~xxx~~ y ^{si} merece la aprobacion del Gobierno de Guatemala, quisieramos continuar ^{nuestras} esas investigaciones, poniendo en el Peten, en años venideros, otros tecnicos, quienes a la vez de adquirir conocimientos valiosos respectos a la agricultura en las vastas tierras de la tropica Americana, ayudarian en el desarrollo agricola del Peten.

Yo espero regresar a Guatemala en el mes de julio, con el deseo de tratar ~~nuestro~~ programa con Usted y otros personajes del Gobierno, ^{y otros per del go} para cambiar impresiones y averiguar si les parece conveniente que continuemos y extendemos ~~nuestros~~ estudios en el Peten, y cabe agregar que no necesiramos ningun apoyo financiero, ^{unicamente} sino ^{de la clase} la colaboracion que Usted tan generosamente ^{ha prestado} nos ~~ha prestado~~ ^{en} la actualidad. La cual, estendiendose, resultaria en una ayuda al desarrollo del Peten.

Siempre su muy atento y SS,



Dr Louis Ziegler
Mrs Martha Gomez
~~% Office of Advisers to Foreign Students
McLarty Hall U of F
Gainesville, Florida~~

Dear Mrs Gomez: Dear Zieg:

We need, for a mist propagator for ornamental plants
here, the following -

3 only ♀ 1/2" Thompson mist fittings, ~~3~~

Please be so kind not to buy these at Baird Hardware Co, ~~fast~~
packed securely, & place in Best's suitcase.

Thanks you very much,

Mr. Popeno:
Samsaran.

Estimado amigo:

Me falta espacio para
llevar los arbolitos. Lecho agradece
re entregarlos al portador.

Se estoy muy agradecido por los futuros
ricos frutales.

Seu affmo amigo

Maximiliano H. Hartung

Respecto a puas de California; talvez el Sr Magdahl tiene amigos en aquel Estado. Yo tambien los tengo. pero Ud recordará que era muy difícil cuando yo estuve en Almuñecar, y ahora van a suprimir la colección de varieties de otros países que tienen en la Facultad de Agronomía en Los Angeles. Voy a ver si puedo dar con algún amigo que tendrá interes en mandar puas a España. En Florida podemos contar con mi sobrino - y entre parentesis, el no es amigo del Booth 8. Dice que es productivo pero la calidad no es buena. Yo le he contestado que doctor Ruehle, jefe de la Estacion Experimental, me dijo sin vacilar, que en sembraria Lula, Booth 8, y Waldin para fines comerciales, antes que cualquier otro aguacate.

Respecto del trabajo de Wallace y Lunt sobre clorosis, está en Volume 75 de la American Society for Horticultural Science, 1960, y esto casi seguro que no seria fácil conseguir un separate. El Volume 75 cuesta \$6.50 y no creo que valga la pena, solo por este estudio - un resume con nada nuevo. Si Ud tiene el Yearbook de 1949 de la Calif Avocado Society, busca la p. 131 donde dice: "There is no leaf spray nor soil treatment which is satisfactory for the correction of this nutritional disease. The only thing known which will be of any benefit is to dry the soil well between each irrigation. Maintaining the soil moisture at too high a level will make the chlorosis worse. Drying the soil may improve the situation but will not necessarily correct the trouble entirely".

Wallace y Lunt no ofrecen otras ideas muy importantes. Ud Recordará que mi hijo Hugo recomendó azufre. Hugo va estar aquí para la noche buena y voy a tratar este asunto con el, pues en su capacidad de asistente profesor de suelos en la Universidad de Florida, está mas o menos al día en cuestiones de química de suelos. Tambien deseo consultarle a Hugh respecto a azufre en la tierra de tarros. Yo creo que se podría usarlo, pero sé en que porcentaje. Creo que será provechoso mezclar algo de estiercol de oveja bien podrida en los hoyos de plantacion, aunque el nitrógeno no falta, realmente, en esas tierras - por el momento, a los menos. La cuestion de acidificar el agua de riego me parece interesante, y creo que lo ensayaria; talvez con sulfato de amonia y talvez agregando azufre. Ud dice que despues de cada riego el daño aumenta notablemente en los viveros. La humedad excesiva debido a la textura de esas tierras de haza.

Mangos? No creo que debemos dedicar much attention, comercialmente; pero me gustaria que Ud conseguiera de Orotava unos 6 injertos de Haden y otras buenas varieties, solamente para que Mr Magdahl algun día pueda comer un mango producido en el Rancho California. Respecto al lichi, el problema es mas difícil. Si yo podré venir directamente de Florida en Marzo o Abril, trayendo una dozen de acodos con raíces buenas, seria una gran cosa. A ver que dice Dios.

No mas para hoy; pero en cuando esté aquí mi hijo Hugo a fines del mes voy a tratar varios puntos con él y le vuelvo a dar los conceptos de los tecnicos de Florida.

Siempre su muy afmo,

article on Citrus in Central America after he was down there with me a couple of years ago. He is the authority up here, I feel, but I dont think he has time nor likes to write much.

BEEF CATTLE. You folks know all about this subject, but how about getting Dr Cunha to do this one, or have one of his men do it, and the same would perhaps be true of

DAIRY CATTLE FOR TROPICAL AMERICA. This should really be written by a man with considerable experience in the tropics, but I cant think offhand who he is. I dont believe there is anyone at Turrialba. Dr Cunha might have some good ideas in this connection; if not, I believe we can scare up some one in Central Amrica who is qualified.

RICE. This should certainly be the subject of a monograph but offhand I dont think of the right man to do it. He must be some one who has grown rice - maybe in the Cauca Valley of Colombia.

To conclude this lengthy letter, I dont suppose I have covered the whole field of monographs but I didnt start out to do that. Just to give you a few suggestions as a starter. And I believe with a little build up in some cases - it will not be required in all - we can get really good men to contribute these monographs, when they realise that they will be read (or can be read) by some 25,000 subscribers in tropical America, and kept for permanent reference. I believe you mentioned that you might bind them together in book form, which would be a swell idea. And it seems to me you could do this at a very reasonable cost, because the type would already be set and it would not cost an awful lot to run off 2000 or even more copies of each monograph. Such a book at a very low cost would make a hit, because my tropical friends dont think much of patting out \$13.50 for ~~for~~ any agricultural work, no matter how good.

Faithfully yours,