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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.



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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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Antigua Guatemala
Sacatepéquez

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I understand that you have retired from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, El Zamorano, and that you are now staying at your home in Antigua.

In the near future this Institute may be required to carry out work - involving an industrial project for fruit and vegetable processing - on behalf of certain clients. It appears that a necessary part of this project would properly demand the advisory service of an expert agronomist, particularly as to:- choice of lands, variety selection and general cultivation guidelines, for the crops concerned.

It is believed that you might be able to devote attention to such matters in the role of specialist advisor to this Institute, on a limited part-time basis.

If such a proposal is of interest to you, I suggest that you be good enough to contact the Director of this Institute - Dr. Otto J. Stern - so that a meeting may be arranged with him when this whole subject could be discussed.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Allchin, Director
Industrial Services Division

JPA/lcb

Antigua, Guatemala
12 September 1957

Dr Otto J. Stern
ICAATI
Guatemala City.

Dear Doctor Stern:

On returning from San Salvador a few days ago I found Mr. ~~Albani~~'s letter of 27 August, asking that I get in touch with you regarding the possibility of assisting you on a project of fruit and vegetable production. Just before leaving San Salvador Don Francisco de Sola had mentioned this same matter to me, and urged that I give you any help I can. This I shall be glad to do.

At the first opportunity - within a week or so - I will call on you to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus



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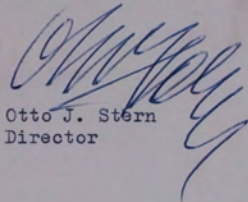
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Antigua Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I received your letter of September 12th and thank you very much for your assurance that you will help us and that you will visit me within a week or so.

To be sure that I don't miss you, I write to inform you that I will be out of Guatemala from the 21st September to the 8th October. If you could see your way to visit our Institute before this date, I would appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,


Otto J. Stern
Director

OJS/lcm

Draft

Dear Doctor Stern:

After having given ^{the necessary} thought to the possibility of assisting you occasionally, I would like to make the following suggestions:

I would only wish to work on projects where I feel sure I can really make worthwhile/^{recommendations} from the standpoint of ~~adaptability of agricultural and horticultural products~~ - soils, climates, varieties of crop plants and their culture. I would probably not wish to make recommendations regarding crops with which I have had no experience in tropical America.

I would be willing to go to any region in which your Institute operates or plans to operate, but I would not wish to tie myself down for long periods of time, I believe this is in line with your own views.

I have recently completed a two months' contract with the government of El Salvador, at a salary of \$1000 ^{per} month, plus \$200 (both converted to colones, which ^{total} ~~amounted to a total of 3000 colones~~ per month). I would be willing to do such short-time jobs as you ^{might, from time to time,} ~~may~~ have in mind, for a ^{an} honorarium of \$35 (U.S. currency or its equivalent in any local currency) per day, plus ^{all} expenses of travel and subsistence. In view of the fact that I am reliably informed that consultants frequently receive \$50 per day I believe ~~the~~ ^{my} figure is reasonable. As I told you, I am more anxious to utilise my 40 years' experience in tropical America toward the advancement of agriculture and horticulture in these regions than I am to ^{demand} ~~ask~~ for my services more than I believe they are worth.

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Antigua, Guatemala, 20 October 1957.

Dr. Otto J. Stern, Director,
ICAITI,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Dear Doctor Stern:

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I would be willing to go to any region in which ICAITI operates, but I could not tie myself down for long periods of time, nor do I believe it is your idea that I should do so. Furthermore, I would have to fit the work into my program in general, as I have some other obligations.

I have recently completed a two months' contract with the government of El Salvador, at a salary of One Thousand Dollars per month, plus Two Hundred Dollars living allowance. The latter did not include transportation which was provided separately at the cost of the government.

On the basis of this contract, and what I have heard regarding remuneration for the sort of work you have in mind, I believe it would be entirely fair for me to ask Thirty Five Dollars per day plus all expenses of travel and subsistence. This figure is lower than that which has been received by some Consultants in this part of the world, but my main desire is to utilize my forty years' experience in tropical America toward the further advancement of agriculture and horticulture.

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