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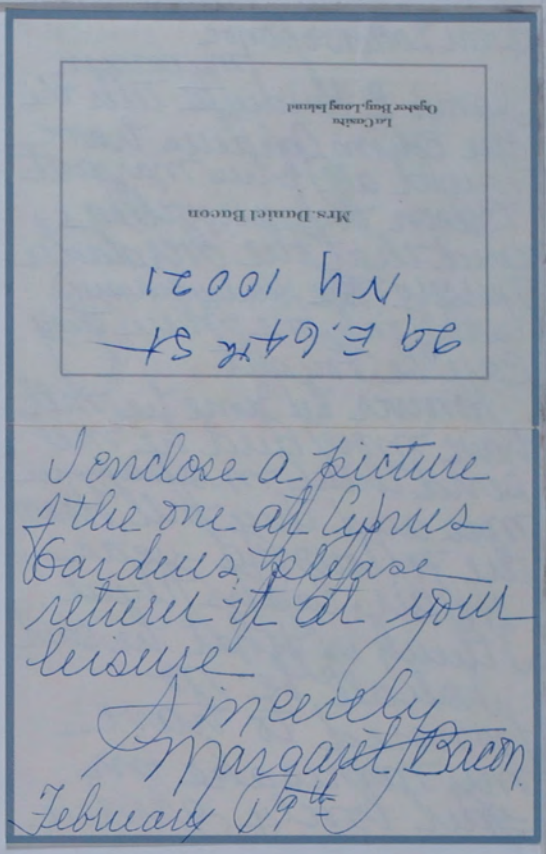
Dear Doctor Popenoe: Feb. 19, 1967

My cousin, James E. Hendry III tells me the Edison Gardens have bought all his Margaret Bacon bougainvilleas, and that the "Everglades Nursery" (the Hendry Nursery) is the only one where they can be bought.

However by June he will have more and he will send them in sphagnum moss and they will bloom the following year - He air-layers them, I think is what he said.

I shall be so honored to have my namesake in your lovely garden



STANDARD CYCLOPEDIA OF HORTICULTURE

L. H. BAILEY

ETHEL ZOE BAILEY, ASSISTANT

ITHACA, N. Y.

RURAL SCIENCE SERIES
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RURAL MANUAL SERIES

May 24, 1915.

Mr. F. W. Popenoe,
Subtropical Laboratory,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I am very greatly obliged to you for the notes on Passiflora. I have depended on you very largely for the tropical things. Mr. Safford and some others have also helped us out. I have made two or three trips to the tropics myself in order to get some general conception of the importance of the tropical productions. The old Cyclopedia was lacking in this regard.

We are now working well down in the letter M. If you have anything ~~in~~ that occurs to you from this point onward that you think ought to be entered under tropical fruits, we should be glad to have it.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Bailey

Kew, England
June 8

Dear Mr Popenoe:

I am glad that you are going on with the articles. I like your plan for them. At this distance, I cannot make you definite assignments, but I will have my daughter give you a list of all the things you mention that have not been assigned elsewhere; and these things you may do for us. I want all these cultural notes original and drawn from American experience just so far as there is American experience.

I am here looking up some Cyclopedia things & will be home in about two months. Yours truly

L. H. Bailey

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ITHACA, NEW YORK

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Address
BAILEY HORTORIUM
SAGE PLACE, ITHACA, N. Y.

Feb. 26, 1940

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
United Fruit Company,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

My dear Popenoe:

On March 2nd I expect to leave by train for Mexico City, arriving there on Tuesday, March 5th. I am going down for the particular purpose of collecting palms, especially in southwestern Oaxaca. My principal quest is the palmettoes or Sabals. I expect to ba also in Chiapas and it would be easy for me to go across into Guatemala for the purpse of seeing Sabal guatemalensis in its native place and perhaps to find the botan palm in the neighborhood of Uaxactum. I understand this latter place would need to be reached by plane from Guatemala City. My journey must be rapid and of course I do not wish to go into the country without making contact with you.

At Mexico City I shall hire me a servant to go with me on my journey. Probably I shall spend about a week in that vicinity before setting out for the south. My address in Mexico City will be in care of Prof. Maximino Martinez, Morelia 61.

I do not know where to reach you now and thought the safest way is to address you in care of the Company at Guatemala City, thinking it may reach you, although you may be on your travels elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Bailey

L. H. BAILEY
ITHACA, N. Y.

April 29, 1940

Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
United Fruit Company,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Your letter of April 17th is on my desk as I come in from Mexico. I regret we did not make contact, but I soon found my time would not be adequate to cover the case in Guatemala. It took me about two months to round up my problems in Mexico, and I only went across the river at Suchiate and spent a day on the other side.

I cannot complete a revision of Sabal without knowing what is in Central America. I am now tied up for many months, but my next trip in your direction will probably be an excursion into British Honduras, thence to Guatemala, then Honduras and El Salvador. I have definite problems in those countries, but of course many other collections I do not foresee will tempt me.

I do not know your home address now, whether in Guatemala or at Tela. Therefore, I am sending this to Guatemala City in the hope it may reach you more or less promptly.

When I go to Central America I shall of course need your guidance and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Bailey

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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

JASPER S. BAKER
GENERAL AGENT

1511 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

May 27, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle De La Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The years certainly have rolled by quickly since our first meeting in Jamaica. I notice that the time has now come for you to retire from the daily life as Director of the school at Zamorano, which you have brought from its infancy in such a fine manner.

We all wish you the very best of health, and happiness as you proceed to your home in Guatemala. I hope that you will continue to call on us if there is anything we may be able to do for you, and do not fail to stop in to see us whenever you are in Washington.

Kindest regards to Mrs. Popenoe from us both.

Sincerely,

JASPER S. BAKER

HOTEL ANTIGUA

Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

2/6/74

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I wanted to tell you what a wonderful treat it was to visit your house. To me it has been the most important thing I've seen in Guatemala.

I am an architect and interior designer in New York and Sarasota, Florida and I lecture to students in design schools from time to time.

Would it be possible to get from you a photostat or print of the plan of the house if one exists. It would be an enormous help.

I consider it one of the really important houses I've seen in my travels around the world.

Thank you again for the great privilege of sharing this beautiful place.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Baldwin

3721 FLAMINGO AV.
SARASOTA, FLORIDA 33581 - USA

131 Taylor Rd.,
Corte Madera, Calif.
April 25, 1959.

Dr. J. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, - Central America.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Some years ago we had the pleasure of spending some three months in Guatemala and we visited your house in Antigua, and we look forward to renewing a visit in that wonderful country. I have just reread Adamic's "house in Antigua" and note that it was your hope to some day study the Indians of the Guatemalan Highlands and it is for this reason I write you at this time.

As a member of the Brigham Young University Archaeological Society, I recently received from them a treatise entitled "Steala 5, Izapa" in the state of Chiapas, Mexico. This original stelae was found by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Geographic Society in about 1941. However, it was after an expedition headed by Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, chief of the archaeology department of the above University in 1954, that the commentary on Stelae 5 of Izapa, covered by the booklet was made. A latex mould was made of the huge stone and the cast made from the mould is now at the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. At my request, the University sent me an extra copy of the booklet which I am sending to you under separate cover, without charge.

The enigma of the origin of the Mayas is one that still baffles the general scientific world, though each year more and more information comes to light about them. I understand the University of Pennsylvania is still working at Tikal, the New World Archaeological Foundation is and has been working the past four years at Chiapas Mexico and others also are working to find concerete evidence and new knowledge of this great people. A new book has recently come off the press by Thomas Stuart Ferguson showing many evidences of interest. The author is a friend of ours and while my book presently is on loan, I should be happy to send it to you to read if you are interested. It shows a map of archaeological sites and their apparent dates of occupation, a most revealing study in itself. Since the Radio Carbon 14 method of dating is now frequently used in archaeology, much concerete information is now available which was impossible some years ago.

In addition to the treatise by Dr. Jakeman, I am taking the liberty of sending you without charge, a copy of the Book of Mormon, which we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,(commonly called Mormons) firmly believe to be the translation of an authentic record of the peoples who came to Middle America and covering specially three migrations; i.e. the first arriving in the New World from the Tower of Babel at the time of the confusion of tongues according to Bible history at about 2500 B.C. The second migration came from Jerusalem, leaving there precisely at 600 B.C. according to the Book of Mormon account and arriving in the New World about 593 B.C., and the third migration left the environs of Babylonia one year later or 599 B.C. With them they brought the language and high culture prevalent in the lives of these peoples according to their own words in the Book of being sent you. The Book of Mormon, in my humble opinion, should be a history books to be studied by scholars interested in the people who inhabited this continent in early times, rather than a book of any religious sect, for as such it is naturally rejected, probably without a fair appraisal of its contents, though much of its content is of a highly religious nature, having been written by their historians in the period covered by the book, from 600 B.C. to 420 A.D. roughly 1,000 years.

If the above statement is correct, then anything found in the area covered by the book must necessarily be dated precisely within the time given in the book, which would be from the Tower of Babel date (about 2500 B.C.) to the end of the book in 420 A.D. The Book ends with the year 420 A.D. which was the date when the peoples were annihialated, those whose history is kept in the book.

I might mention in the Book of Mormon, that the "Book of Ether" is an abridged record of the first migration from the Tower of Babel and though brief, identifies that people as to the time element. Might mention that the Book of Mormon was translated before the advent of archaeology-in 1830, which makes present findings and verified dates even more amazing.

I sincerely trust that the books being sent you under separate cover within the next few days, will arrive in your care and be of some service or interest in your study of the origin of the Mayas, those people whom you know at first hand and with whom you have worked so many years.

I trust you will not think us presumptious if on occasion we might send you anything of interest from here on the Mayas, which might come to us through the BYU Archaeological Society or elsewhere, for which there is no obligation whatever, for we also are interested in learning more about the Mayas.

With kind regards we remain,

Cordially,

Abe & Lillie Bargaehr

A be and Lillie Bargaehr

REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
DEPARTAMENTO DE ANTIOQUIA

SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO

Medellín, 7 de septiembre de 1970 SD-411

Doctor
WILSON POPENOE
Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Acaba de salir el nuevo libro "Fruticultura" y tengo mucho gusto en remitirle los ejemplares por usted solicitados.

Quiero una vez más agradecer la gentil colaboración que usted nos ha brindado; puede estar seguro del beneficio, que sus conocimientos recopilados en la publicación, prestarán al lector

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle los servicios de la Sección.

Atentamente,

Beatriz Barrera Quiros
BEATRIZ BARRERA QUIROS
Sección de Divulgación
Jefe

C.C.
Subsecretario
Jefe División Técnica
Archivo

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REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
DEPARTAMENTO DE ANTIOQUIA

SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO

Medellín, 14 de mayo de 1970 SD-229

Señor
WILSON POPENOE
Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Acabo de recibir su carta y le manifiesto los agradecimientos a nombre de la Secretaría de Agricultura de Antioquia y de todas aquellas personas que se beneficiarán con la lectura de tan interesante publicación.

Le comunico que tendré en cuenta las anotaciones que usted hace sobre corregir los errores tipográficos de la primera impresión. Así mismo le enviaremos los diez ejemplares de la nueva edición tan pronto salga.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar el ofrecimiento de servicios de esta Sección.

Sin otro particular me suscribo atentamente,

DEPARTAMENTO DE ANTIOQUIA
SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO

Beatriz Barrera Quiros

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[ca. 1961]

Señor Doctor
Don Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
GUATEMALA.-

Estimado Dr. Popenoe,

Con vivo pesar he sido informado del fallecimiento de su señora esposa. La fina distinción con que ustedes nos trataron durante nuestra estadía en Antigua hace que sintamos más esta desaparición. Reciba nuestro pesar muy sentido.

Me valgo de la oportunidad para expresarle las seguridades de mi más distinguida consideración.

R. Esguerra B.

Roberto Esguerra Barry

[Newspaper clippings removed]

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

November 3, 1954

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 92
Tegucigalpa
Honduras
Central America

Dear Popenoe:

I'm sorry that my letter to you was accidentally not airmailed. Mrs. Fairchild has just suggested that I ask you for one of the articles, and so I know that she approves of the plan.

There should be a good deal of illustration in our special Fairchild number, and I hope you can submit perhaps two or three more pictures than you expect us to use, so that we may begin each article on an odd-numbered page and end it on an even. That saves us expense in making up the separates.

We hope for definite localization and dating of pictures, which may well include friends and companions all named if possible. If the scene is interesting, aside from the persons shown, it should be described, and plants distinctly shown should be named if possible.

Your brother is writing on Fairchild's connection with the Journal of Heredity. There will be various other interesting contributions. The present members of Fairchild's old office will all write on their own travels, and the older ones will do likewise if they wish, for the idea is to indicate how the tradition of foreign plant exploration has been carried on down to the present time. Fairchild's own books are largely autobiographical, and we wish to supplement them.

I am certainly pleased to find you so enthusiastic about our enterprise. There is no dead line yet and I shall let you know (if necessary) as soon as we have to set one.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Bartlett

H. H. Bartlett

HHB:mot

April 22,1965

Dear Dr. Popenoe;

I recently ran across an unusual tropical fruit in a local market and I naturally thought of you.

The flavor of this ugli fruit immediately captured my imagination. I find it superior to any citrus fruit I know and feel that it may have potential in fresh and processed form. I don't recall seeing anything like it at Lancetilla or anywhere outside of a Boston fruit market. It is also not mentioned in any literature available to me here.

Are you aware of the Ugli fruit and its history? I wonder what Ugli fruit wine would taste like?

I am busily plugging away on my thesis,hoping to escape permanently from MIT by Fall. There is a good chance that I may spend the summer at INCAP again which suits my just fine.

Even in this unhospitable artic climate an occasional reminder of better things and better places gets through- such as the Ugli fruit. Had the opportunity to talk briefly with Hugh at Gainesville this winter and hope to see him in Guatemala this summer. Also,looking forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Best regards,

Bob Bates

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE SCHOOL OF FORESTRY

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601

December 12, 1969

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Centro America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Enclosed is the relevant information I was able to collect on avocado oil studies. Without an extensive literature search, this material is all I'm aware of. I hope it is of some background value.

I have also obtained some recent information on Florida grape production from John Mortensen (he's a son of the AID Mortensen). It would be quite valuable to Guatemala if some of the more promising grape cultivars were adaptable to the highlands. John would be glad to make genetic material available to you.

Your short Gainesville visit didn't allow us to catch you for a Department Seminar, but we hope to have that opportunity in the near future. Some of the 1969 wines are coming along quite well and I'll reserve some for your approval.

Season's Greetings for you in hopefully tranquil Guatemala.

Best regards,

Bob

R. P. Bates
Assistant Professor

RPB:nhb

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WATERMELON AND GRAPE INVESTIGATIONS LABORATORY

POST OFFICE BOX 388
LEESBURG, FLORIDA 32748

December 4, 1969

Dr. R. P. Bates
Food Science Department
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is information on four grape varieties that Dr. Wilson Popenoe may want to try in Guatemala. I am sorry I forgot about sending this to you sooner. We could supply him with cuttings of these if he so requests.

Very truly yours,

John

John A. Mortensen
Associate Professor
(Associate Geneticist)

JAM/lm
Enc.

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 January 1970

Dr Robt P. Bates
Dept of Food Science
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dear Bob:

I cannot thank you enough for the information onnavocado oil which you sent on 12 December. I have discussed this matter over the phone with Dr Villece of Kerns-Ducal (which as you know are combined and - I understand - controlled by W R Grace and Co) and tomorrow I am meeting Villece and the new head of this outfit and am going to lend them this material. In view of the government program here, it is likely we may have a lot of avocados on hand ten years from now. I dont know what we are going to do with them, and neither does anybody else. Yesterday I visited a two-year-old orchard of 4500 trees out near San Raimundo, Sacatepequez. I believe there are about a thousand acres already planted in Guatemala.

I am suggesting that Villece (a Univ of Fla man as you know) undertake a serious study of the possibilities. Avocado oil primarily. There is ample material available in this country to do more than has been possible in Californiaand Florida. Before the new orchards come into production we can find out what can be done commercially.

Thanks also for the grape material. We are not making much progress in this field - there is not much interest - but I am going to keep on plugging.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Guatemala,18 de Septiembre de 1,965.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala.

Estimado Doctor:

Con todo respeto me dirijo nuevamente a usted,para saludarlo en unión de mi hijita y desearle un completo bienestar.-Desde hace varios días deseábamos escribirle para agradecerle de todo corazón,la atención que se sirvió brindarnos cuando tuvimos el gusto de estar en su casa;crea Doctor, que pasamos un rato muy agradable,el cual hubiéramos querido prolongar,pero esperamos volver a visitarle,si es que no tiene usted inconveniente;deseamos volver,pero si está de acuerdo,llevaremos nuestro almuerzo para almorzar con Ud.,de acuerdo?,nos avisará que sábado ó domingo podemos visitarle nuevamente? ojalá;lo deseamos de todo corazón.-

Ud.no imagina Doctor,qué hizo revivir en mí,el rato que estuvimos en su casa,volví a vivir tiempos de mi vida pasada,fué un rato feliz,le seré franca,sentí que estaba con mi padre;como le conté, tiene tres años de haberse ido al cielo,pero sentí volver a verle, algo muy parecido le encontré,no en la parte física propiamente, pero un algo que tanto me agradó y me hizo feliz por un rato creyendo ver a mi padre otra vez,lo mismo le pasó a mi hijita que era la adoración de mi papá;por eso le ruego Dr.que nos permita volverle a ver;ya le explicaremos todo al estar allí.-

Le cuento que la semana entrante empiezan los exámenes de mi hijita,y el primero de Octubre los de mi Escuela,pero cualquier sábado ó domingo podemos estar con Ud.solo espero que ordene y llegaremos.-

Mientras tenemos el gusto de estar otra vez con Ud.sírvase aceptar nuestro cariño y justo respeto.-

f. Noemí Batres Sosa
Noemí Batres Sosa

Se me olvidaba,le llevaremos las fotos.-

Guatemala,30 de Agosto de 1,965.-

Doctor Wilson Popenoe

Antigua Guatemala.

Doctor Wilson:

Con todo el respeto que merece, me permito el honor de saludarle y desearle,al mismo tiempo,un completo bienestar así como mucho éxito en sus diarias investigaciones.-

Por medio de la Prensa Libre del 25 de los corrientes, me enteré de la ardua labor que Usted ha llevado a cabo en la Ciudad de Antigua,como lo es,restaurar conservar y mostrar al público esa reliquia colonial.-

Créame Doctor que yo ignoraba que,en Antigua,hubiera algo tan grande e interesante,despues de sus ruinas;y,estoy sumamente interesada en conocer su residencia,si es que usted me lo permite,pues siempre he admirado las bellezas coloniales.

Quisiera que usted me indicara,si es que sus ocupaciones se lo permiten,qué día me puede atender,para llegar a conocerle personalmente y charlar un rato con Ud.-Soy una humilde Maestra, interesada en saber algo,más de lo que me ha dicho la Historia, de ese pasado glorioso.-

Actualmente,soy Directora de la Escuela de Niñas No.58 "Panamericana" de esta Capital;en donde,con algunas compañeras de trabajo,comentamos algo sobre su persona y les indiqué,que yo deseaba conocerle personalmente;por todo ésto le ruego me indique si me permite el honor de visitarle en su Casa.-Iré acompañada de mi hijita Liliam,quien este año,en Octubre,si es que Dios lo permite,se graduará de Maestra también.-

Mi nombre es: Noemí Batres Sosa;mi dirección: 31 Avenida # 9-49 Colonia Centro América,zona 7.-

Doctor:anticipádamente ruégole disculpar mi atrevimiento en enviarle la presente,pero no podía dejar de hacerlo,ya que tengo deseos vehementes,de conocerlo y aprender Historia Objetiva.

Con todo respeto me suscribo,su atenta servidora,

Noemí Batres Sosa

Noemí Batres Sosa.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
1530 P STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

March 30, 1962

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wonder if you are interested in purchasing a copy of A Catalog of Maya Hieroglyphs by Eric Thompson. As you know, it was published by the University of Oklahoma Press, and the Institution purchased 500 copies for distribution to its Omnia and Selective Libraries and to its special archaeology mailing list (you are on this list) at the special price of $10.00. The regular selling price is $20.00. Will you let us know whether you want a copy reserved for you at the special price.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Bauer

Mrs. G. Philip Bauer
Director of Publications

Chicago Horticultural Society and **Botanic Garden**
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Chicago, Illinois 60603
312/332-2868

December 13, 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Calle de Santa Clara
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

My family and I will be in Guatemala from December 17 to 27, 1973 to photograph plants. This is a working trip but we would very much like to stop by and pay our respects if possible.

When I was talking with Dr. Williams before he left for Honduras he told me the Flora of Guatemala was about complete, except for the composites and the ferns. Hope that it gets done before progress has taken care of all of the native vegetation.

We will telephone after we arrive to see if it would be convenient for you for us to stop by sometime during our stay. If not, we certainly would understand; in any case, Merry Christmas and the very best for the new year.

Sincerely,

Virginia Lewis Beatty
URBAN PROGRAMS

VLB:mjh

March 2, 1959

Dr. Wils on Popenoe,
Guatemala, Honduras or ??

Dear "Doc",

If I wasn't so darn sure of the caustic comment, even tho truthful, I'd get in reply , I'd say-"this is a voice from heaven". I suppose no T.T. e ven got closer than the pearl on the inside of an oyster shell-to the "pearly gates" so don't go saving your pennies fo r a box seat. Anyway, in a more sens ible mood (I am but the typewriter ain't)- I hope you really weren't disappointed in not getting one of our famous V and X cards this year. Honest- I didn't s end you one and the reason-simply I didn't know your address.

To go back a bit, I read in Hacienda that you had retired and the guy who had taken your place was someone I didn't know. However, they - the Hacienda bunch- didn't say what you were going to do. I knew you wouldn't be sitting on the porch with your feet cocked in the air, bedroom slippers, a Scotch and no cigar but whether you were going to retire to that little village above the school or where-well, nobody said anything and you thus didn't get the annual wishes. Shucks-think of how much postage you saved.

And, talking about postage, I'm hoping for a reply but you can try your own hand at our address.-If you send it via International Air Mail, it costs 25 cents from the US and should be addressed to the American Embassy, P.O. Box 259, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Wherever you are -maybe in Latin America-it may cost more than 25 cents; I know it costs 4o cents from Haiti. - We have another address which may or may not work if you are outside the U.S.-that is, USOM to Ethiopia, APO 319 , New York, N.Y. and that costs 7 cents -same as regular air mail from the U.S.

I've just returned from a field trip thru some of the so-called coffee forests of Ethiopia and when I got home I found the newest volume of the Proceedings of the Horticulture Soc. and found your address as Antigua. How come ? Same house ? Seems to me , the last time I talked to you about it you had tried to turn it over to the government and there was some trouble. That was back in the days of the Communistic President-and, I presume , it looked like it might be taken anyway. Anyway, I hope it's the same house and that you didn't succeed of getting rid of it. And, I hope you or your family hangs on to it for ever and aye. But, to get this thing over with, that's why a copy of this letter is going to Antigua. I'm sending another to the school in the hope that they forward it. - I know better than to ask you what you're doing because I know what you ought to be doing, and, just maybe you are doing it. So- when does the newest edition of Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits come out ?

On the writing business, I see that Stanley and somebody else have done some more on the Flora of Guatemala. I just ran across that in the last few days, too, but I don't know where. Again, how come ? I thought he was in Honduras, at the school-doing some teaching, anyway. Is he still there ?

I'm certainly doing what me English teacher said I could use more of-unity. Because Stanley reminds me of the conditions under which he first went there. And, if you haven't lost all your prestige with the school, maybe I'd like to do the same. Not that I'm so rolling in the green stuff that I couldn't use more of it but I'm quite fed up with this foreign aid stuff . If the U.S. taxpayer knew more of what went on behind the scenes and what rat-holes his money is being poured into, there would be a more realistic approach put on this idealistic stuff.

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Art

Arthur W. Bechtel

March 2, 1959

Dr. Wils on Popenoe,
Guatemala, Honduras or ??

Dear "Doc",

If I wasn't so darn sure of the caustic comment, even tho truthful, I'd get in reply , I'd say-"this is a voice from heaven". I suppose no T.T. e ven got closer than the pearl on the indide of an oyster shell-to the "pearly gates" so don't go saving your pennns fo r a box seat. Anyway, in a more sens ible mood (I am but the typewriter ain't)- I hope you really weren't disappointed in not getting one of our famous V and X cards this year. Honest- I didn't s end you one and the reason-simply I didn't know your address.

To go back a bit, I re ad in Hacienda that you had retired and the guy who had taken your place was someone I didn't know. However, they - the Hacienda bunch- didn't say what you were going to do. I knew you wouldn't be sitting on the porch with your feet cocked in the air, bedroom slippers, a Scotch and no cigar but whether you were going to retire to that little village above the school or where-well, nobody said anything and you thus didn't get the annual wishes. Shucks-think of how much postage you saved.

And, talking about postage, I'm hoping for a reply but you can try you own hand at our address.-If you send it via International Air Mail, it costs 25 cents from the US and should be addressed to the American Embassy, P.O. Box 259, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Wherever you are -maybe in Latin America-it may cost more than 25 cents; I know it costs 4o cents from Haiti. - We have another address which may or may not work if you are outside the U.S.-that is, USOM to Ethiopia, APO 319 , New York, N.Y. and that costs 7 cents -same as regular air mail from the U.S.

I've just returned from a field trip thru some of the so-called coffee forests of Ethiopia and when I got home I found the newest volume of the Proceedings of the Horticulture Soc. and found your address as Antigua. How come ? Same house ? Seems to me , the last time I talked to you about it you had tried to turn it over to the government and there was some trouble. That was back in the days of the Communistic President-and, I presume , it looked like it might be taken anyway. Anyway, I hope it's the same house and that you didn't succeed of getting rid of it. And, I hope you or your family hangs on to it for ever and aye. But, to get this thing over with, that's why a copy of this letter is going to Antigua. I'm sending another to the school in the hope that they forward it. - I know better than to ask you what youfre doing because I know what you ought to be doing, and, just maybe you are doing it. So- when does the newest edition of Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits come out ?

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Antigua, Guatemala, 14 April 1959

Dear Art:

Yours of 2 March. I am writing with a reasonable degree of promptness to try out the APO idea; we use it for mail to our friends in the Embassy at Madrid and it works beautifully. I dont know why it shouldnt work equally well to Addis Abeba; probably better than trying to put a letter in the mail here in Antigua, addressed to Ethiopia. I have enough trouble trying to explain, here, where Israel is; and as for Cyprus!

Yes, I retired - or rather, I was retired , I prefer to put it in the passive, tho there wasnt really much passive resistance on my part, and i mediately thereafter I took a contract to organise a program of fruit improvement in El Salvador, then I went over to Spain where Helen and I made our headquarters for a year, while introducing and eettablishing avocados and some other tropical fruits on the Mediterranean coast. In our spare momentswe flew over to Israel where the boys wants me to tell them how we grownbananas in Central America, then back to Spain to continue avocado work, then to the Canary Islands where we got the Haden mango started, then we came home and went to California to see how the avocados are coming along; and now in a few weeks I go down to Venezuela to organise a fruit program for the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza then I go to Costa Rica to talk at the annual meeting of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci, on "Fifty Years with Tropical Fruits". Yep, there's nothing like retirement. Read the morning papers, go out and prune the rose bushes, good lunch, good siesta, then over to the club to play Kelly pool until dinner time. Fine life.

You ask about the newest edition of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits. I dont dare write one in English. Those boys up in California and Florida will punch it so full of holes it will look like a sieve, so I have just signed a contract to do one in Spanish for Salvat Editores of Barcelona. The boys in California and Florida wont be able to read and criticise this so I will just sit back and laugh at them.-- Paul Standley is still in Honduras; he stayed with me at the school for 7 years but when I left he went into Tegucigalpa to live; he hasnt the strength left to do any real work, but he likes to be consulted and he is still in fair health.

I hear Ben Birdsall is going to your country soon. He has been head of the agrl work of ICA in Salvador for the past 18 months. I know Ben pretty well, 'cause his first job in tropical America was as a soil surveyor under me in Tela, at whichtime his wife was my secretary. Ben was 7 years at Tingo Maria and some time in Panama. He is capable. I dont know whether his coming over there leaves you up for a transfer or no. I'll be on the lookout for openings over here - really there are plenty of them and if I were you I would try to get into one of the ICA outfits in tropical America. I am with you; this is the part of the world which we ought to give major attention, we need it but we need continuity. I dont like this business of switching a fellow around every 2 yrs. I'll try to send some black bwans via Bill Cowgill. I want to wait until I can get up into the highlands where they have the big ones, it only takes 18 to make a pound, more or less.

Best regards to both of you, and I hope we may see you here.

Ever yours,

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
TOLEDO 6, OHIO

Department of Sociology

23 September 1963

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I really want to thank you for taking the time to let me know that my name is not black mud in Latin America. I am still terribly ashamed over my poor behavior, and will not forget your generosity in playing it down.

"Plumers' colic" is exactly what my doctor said when he examined the ulcerations around my mouth and throat. He had never seen a case in an adult who was not professionally associated with the use of lead. The first suspect causes proved negative, and as yet no specific reason for the poisoning can be established. I am having regular examinations of my gums to make sure that the concentration is lessening and not continuing to build up. It seems that the "tropics" can't be blamed for this one.

Now that the Tikal Project is swinging into the final phases of its program we are all pleased to see a functioning museum, and many fine publications in the offing. The success of the Project is obvious, and all are pleased at the pleasure which it has brought to so many. I am glad that you enjoy the diggings, and I sincerely hope that our ill-omened meeting will find itself under a "more lucky day" as the Maya would say. It is a distinct privilege to know you, and now I can fully understand why everyone speaks so highly of you.

I am most sincere when I use the Latin expression " your faithful servant," and I can only hope that I may someday be of some service to you.

Most sincerely
Marshall Becker

DAVID M. BECKETT
5273 SHORE DRIVE
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

February 9, 1967

Dear Sir,

It was a great pleasure to meet you this morning, and I am most honored that you had time to visit with me.

Your advice will be most valuable, and make it possible for me to make a far better survey than I should have been able to before.

If you should ever care to be our guest in California we would be delighted.

Again thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

David M. Beckett

Dear Doctor:

attached is copy of circular on U.S. income tax applying to pensioners -

EOB

May 24, 1957

PERSONAL
Mr. E. N. Leonard, Treasurer
United Fruit Company
80 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Leonard:

As requested in your letter of May 17th, we give you pertinent information in connection with Dr. Popenoe's Plan pension, as follows:

1957 Credited Plan Earnings - 3/31/57	Contributions thru - 3/31/57	Contributions to Date
$4377.75	$154.11	$7279.75

Yours very truly,

E. O. BECKSTROM

bc: Dr. W. Popenoe - Through error, we collected contributions for months of April and May which we will reverse and refund you accordingly.

EOB

COPY

T-3421

Boston, Massachusetts
January 31, 1957

TO TROPICAL ACCOUNTANTS:

Pensions

Pensioners retired under the terms of the Retirement and Death Benefit Plan who are neither residents nor citizens of the United States and who do not reside in countries having reciprocal tax treaties with the United States have become subject to a 30% United States withholding tax on a proportion of their pensions which the Internal Revenue Service deems to have come from sources within the United States.

In order not to reduce the actual amounts received by these pensioners, a supplemental pension equivalent to the amount of the tax withheld will be paid to each such retired person by the Company for which he last worked. This means that the interested pensioners will receive two checks in the future. These checks will be enclosed in the same envelope and will be accompanied by a letter of explanation in January.

The total of the supplemental pensions for account of each division will be charged monthly by debit advice from this office described as, "Miscellaneous Supplemental Pensions paid during the month of_____for your account." The total of these advices should be absorbed in Form 840 Account 69 under the heading "Miscellaneous Supplemental Pensions." Form 377 distribution will be Code 314-Miscellaneous.

L. S. SISTO
COMPTROLLER

Copy to: Mr. E.N.Leonard

GUATEMALA CITY,
CENTRAL AMERICA

CABLE: PANAMHOTEL
TELEPHONE 26807

October 16, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It's been a while since we met on the plane from New Orleans and I hope the stewardess has forgiven us our libations on the trip.

Anyway, I've not forgotten your book problem and during my calls I did mention your plight to Sr. Cienfuegas at Libreria San Carlos (5a Ave 10-53, Zona 1) and he thought he might well be able to help you get any books you might want. I know that Sr. Cienfuegas is quite up-to-date on our publications and you might well pay him a call if you wish. I am sending Sr. Cienfuegas a copy of this letter so that he will know who you are and I know he will show you every possible courtesy as he did me.

By the way, I will be in Tegucigalpa at the Hotel Gran from the 21st to the 24th and shall be more than happy to see your men there if you wish. If you think it wise, please drop me a line in Tegucigalpa.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to visit you in Antigua. I've heard marvelous things about Antigua and, in particular, about your house... perhaps next trip.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to help.

Best personal regards,

Tom Begner

Thomas L. Begner
Area Sales Manager
Collier-Macmillan International

CC: Sr. Jaime Cienfuegas
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707 NORTH ALPINE DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

Dear Dr Thos Paperna

Since one visit to your home early this year (February) we have intended to send a picture of our Avocado — finally here it is — my pressure-at 6 feet — is only for measuring purposes. It was planted in 1929 I understand but we are not sure as to its size then — anyway its a beautiful tree & would be much larger if we weren't forced to prune it regularly to keep some yard for ourselves — The trunk of the tree is near the left edge so the picture shows about ½ the tree width —

Thank you both again for being so courteous to us when we appeared outside your normal visitors hours —

Sincerely

Jeppy & Dandy Bell

June 11-1972

Mira 12 de Junio de 1957

Señor Dr Dn

Wilson Popenoe

Muy distingido y respetado Doctor

Para mi fue sorpresa muy alegre al saber que me dice que Jorge ha pasado con Usted, una sactisfación muy grata para mi que hayán conbersado largo con su segundo padre que es para mi hermano.

Muy apreciado Dr mi hermano le ha informado de la muerte de mi papá, si nos quedamos sin madre ni padre asi es la voluntad de la divina Probidencia, y ese bacio nadie recompensa, es cosa natural mucho hemos sufrido, la ~~ausencia~~ de el, pero llego su cartita tan consoladora no esperaba sus letras que gratitud para mi, y le agradesco infinito su sentido pésame pero Dr si no es molestarle le ruego que esta cartita que me ha escrito no sea la primera ni la ultima siempre arame saber de los mios que gracias á Usted estan bien. Pretor Alfonso me ofrecio que adiz donde el padre y á conocerles á sus hermanos no se por que no ba fasilidades si parece que tiene, hojala Dr interbenga por este asunto tambien importante que benga la paz en toda en el hogar desde que ellos le reclaman justo que se una con su familia cuando estuvo Jorge con Usted ubierasido magnifico que se ubieran conosido pero tengo confianza en Usted Dr que arreglara y aya armonia

Si Doctor fue de grande sactisfación para nosotras leer sus letras y quedamos contentas rogando á Dios su buena salud y larga vida, disculpe todo lo malo de esta letra

Recibe los saludos de mi hermano para la Sra Elenita su fma amiga S. S.

Alejandrina Benites L.

Mira 26 de Dbre de 1959

Señor Doctor

Wilson Popenoe

Muy apreciado y respetado Dr.

solo por el aprecio que siempre esciste para Usted me pongo á escribirle con estas letritas mal formadas saludandole muy atentamente á Usted igual á mi señora Elemita deseandoles unas felices pascuas un prospero y feliz año nuebo, asi le deseamos de corazón que la Divina Probidencia le tenga con felisidad en su hogar

Doctor le iba á escribir á España saludandole ~~que~~ creyendo que estaba alli todavia mi hermano Jorge me escribio contandome que ya esta en Antigua y que se ben muy á menudo cuanto me contento con esta noticia, si me lo be saludele mucho ael y á toda su familia que despuesito le escribire aunque esta cartita ba á llegar á destiempo de las pascuas, pero no importa Doctor cumplo mi deseo de saludarle y felisitarle por todo, quien bien le aprecia y le respeta yo y mi hermana Isabel

Su afm S. S. Alejandrina Benites L.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
APARTADO 93
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 enero de 1960

Recordada Alejandrina:

Su apreciable carta del 26 de diciembre acaba de llegar, y nos ha dado muchísimo placer el tener noticias de Uds una vez mas. Elena y su servidor hablamos a menudo de nuestros amigos y amigas ecuatorianas, y no dejamos de esperar que podremos regresar a ese querido pais dentro de uno o dos años.

Le quiero decir que Jorge viene a vernos cada rato - cada quincena mas o menis, y él y yo viajamos de cuando en cuando a las zonas frutícolas del pais. Yo estaba en la casa de ellos hace pocos dias y Jorge me manifestó que al fin han hecho un nuevo presupuesto y él va tener suficientes fondos para hazer un buen vivero de frutales otra vez; el año pasado vendieron unos 50,000 injertos, creo que fué, y quizás podran hacer cosa igual este año. El trabajo de Jorge ha sido y sigue siendo de mucha utilidad para Guatemala. Talvez él ha contado a Uds que hubo una reorganización en el Ministerio en agosto pasado y no sabiamos si iban a continuar el trabajo de Jorge o nó, pero felizmente todoaha salido favorablemente. Temiendo que podria resultar al contrario, yo estaba buscando otra colocación para Jorge, posiblemente en El Salvador, pero está mejor aqui, sobretodo porque su hijo todavia está en la Facultad de Agronomia, estudiando para ser Ingeniero Agrónomo.

Elena y yo pasamos el año de 58 en España y Israel y las Islas Canarias; el año pasado yo trabajé un rato en Venezuela y en Mejico, pero ahora creo no vamos a salir tanto; sin embargo me gustaria regresar a España antes de terminar este año.

Elena se une conmigo en muchos recuerdos a Ustedes, deseándoles un felix año 1960.

Siempre su muy afmo

Antigua, Guatemala, 4 March 1959

Dr Joseph M Benkert
The Ambridge High School,
Ambridge, Penna.

Dear Doctor Benkert:

Your letter of 24 February has just come. I am passing it along to Mr William C Paddock, Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, who will tell you if there is any likelihood of the school being able to furnish accomodations for several weeks - I know they are having a hard time to house the staff at present. But Dr Paddock will tell you about this.

I do not know of any grants or subsidies available to such research as that which you have in mind - so far as Honduran sources are concerned. The Director de Recursos Naturales, who is one of our graduates, would undoubtedly give you his blessings; and he might be able to suggest some place where you stay at reasonable cost, in the Department of Olancho, which is a virgin field in many respects. There is an agricultural school at Catacamas, based more or less on the program of Escuela Agricultura Panamericana. It has been in operation some five years no and is located in a very interesting region.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Sorry we missed each other in Guatemala

I have been on the farm with my brothers for over two years but plan to settle in San José early next year.

George has retired from the navy and works for the Sandia Corp. in Albuquerque, Dick is with Texaco in Puerto Rico.

Do let me know if you should come to Costa Rica. I read a very interesting article of yours in La Nacion recently.

I hope you and yours are all well.

Kindest remembrances

Dora Bennett

[PO Box 206
Puntarenas/Costa Rica]

Muy Felices Pascuas
y Próspero Año Nuevo

[Dec. 1972]

8207 Pickard Ave. N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87110

A very Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year to you all, my dears.

Sorry you have not heard from me for such a long time, but I have been ill, and unable to write. However, I have been here with George and Polly since July and am feeling much better. After undergoing all sorts of examinations, etc., nothing can be found basically wrong with me.

My left eye was operated on for cataract in November and three weeks later I went down to Curu for Christmas and to spend a few weeks. It was very pleasant but evidentally I did too much, and took ill suddenly at the end of January and am now leading the life of an old lady instead of the person I used to be!!!! Now that I am learning to be my age, all should be well.

I plan to leave here for California in January where I will spend a little time with Elsie and hope she will go with me to Costa Rica.

Please let me hear from you. I am sending this early in hopes that you will not already have sent my card to Costa Rica.

Love and best wishes to you all,

Dora [Benne #3]

ADMINISTRACIÓN DE RENTAS
OFICINA DE CONTRIBUCIONES
SACATEPEQUEZ

CLUB ANTIGUEÑO

No. 65 Por Q 20.00

Recibí de don Wilson Popenoe

la suma de Veinte Quetzales exactos

por 2/. de su ingreso como socio.

Antigua G., 29 de noviembre de 1963

Amarilla Berrueta
Tesorero

ANTIGUEÑO
TESORERIA
ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

Impuesto del timbre en declaración trimestral, Orden Número 1129

ADMINISTRACIÓN DE RENTAS
OFICINA DE CONTRIBUCIONES
SACATEPEQUEZ

CLUB ANTIGUEÑO

Nº 67 Por Q 9.00

Recibí de don Wilson Popenoe

la suma de Nueve Quetzales exactos

por 27 de seis cuotas correspondientes

de Dic. de 1.963 a Mayo de 1.964

Antigua G., 29 de Noviembre de 1963

Amanacia Berrueco
Tesorero

Impuesto del timbre en declaración Trimestral, Orden Número 1129

ANTIGUO
SE RE
ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

CLUB ANTIGUEÑO
ANTIGUA G.
GUATEMALA, C. A.

29 de noviembre de 1.963

Señor
Wilson Popenoe
Ciudad

Estimado señor Popenoe:

Con instrucciones de la Junta Directiva del Club Antigüeño, comunico a usted que en sesión celebrada el día 26 de noviembre fue aceptada su solicitud como Socio Contribuyente de este Centro Social.

Atentamente.

POR JUNTA DIRECTIVA

Secretaria-Auxiliar

CLUB ANTIGUEÑO
SECRETARIA
ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

SANTA MARTA COLOMBIA. 21 de NOVIEMBRE 1957.

Dr. WILSON POPENOE.
LA ANTIGUA GUATEMALA.
CENTRO AMERICA.

MI estimado director

La presente tiene varios motivos, por los cuales hoy le escribo, recidenciado ya en Guatemala que a mi parecer y por lo que tanto se presta para el estudio, de la Fruticultura, fue la nacion que mas le agrado a Ud siendo una lastima que no hubiera sido Colombia y de ella la costa Santa Marta por ejemplo, pues para nos. los graduados seria una gran fortuna tener de consejero al que fue Director Emerito de la Escuela y que forjo nuestro destino.

Dr. uno de los motivos por los cuales le escribo , es sencillamente para saludarlo y felicitarlo por su labor a travez de los años en los cuales estubo al frente de la Escuela, no sabe cuanta alegira nos da que hubiera sido usted y no otro el director que conocieramos en Honduras .

Otros de los motivos Dr. es de averiguar por intermedio de Ud pues debe saberlos, que hay de cierto de esos contratos que estando todavia en la escuela nos decian que se podian consegui guir con una compañia americana que tenia plantaciones de Cacao en el, Congo y Brasil. Dr Colombia es un pais que tiene un gran porvenir en el cacao, su produccion actualmente no llega a men menos de la mitad de sus necesidades de su mercado. Pero eso pasa por falta de personal adecuado para ese cultivo de ahi Dr. que teniendo tierras aptas para este cultivo pero incultas lo mejor seria hacer una especialisacion que a la vez con el trabajo le resulte ventajoso. Y creo que si hay una compañia que da esos contratos.

A si es que si Ud sabe algo al respecto ojala me envie datos y la direccion a donde penda el contrato.

Por aqui Dr. todos a ecepcion de uno estamos dedicados a la agricultura y haciendo plata tanto Miguel Diaz Granado como Acosta estan dedicados a la ganaderia de ahi Lazaro D G Pacheco, Pepillo Barros, Linares , Infante, Luis Fernandez Monrroy estamos dedicados a los cultivos .

Por mi parte ya tengo dos fincas de guineo o banano que llevan mi apellido desde la siembra increible verdad ?

Bueno Dr no lo molesto mas y ojala me indique algo al respecto a la direccion

Alberto Bermudez
Carera 2 # 20 26
Santa Marta Colombia.

Antigua Guatemala, 11 January 1958

Sr don Alberto Bermudez
Carrera 2, num. 20-26
Santa Marta, Colombia/

Dear Alberto:

It gave me great pleasure to have news of you, and through you, of the other samarios who graduated at Zamorano. We are proud of the record which our graduates are making.

I believe you would do better to get experience in the cultivation of cacao at Turrialba, rather than in Africa, or in Brasil. I believe conditions of climate and soil and other factors are more similar in Costa Rica, more similar to yours in Santa Marta or other parts of Colombia. I do not know just how much attention is now being given to cacao in Turrialba; previously they specialised in that crop and Ovidio Duarte of the Republica Dominicana went there to study. I suggest you write to the Director of the Intituto Interamericano de Ciencias Agricolas, Dr Ralph H. Allee, at Turrialba, asking him if he can offer you a course of instruction; and if he cannot, does he think George Bowman, who was for many years working on cacao with the United Fruit Company in Costa Rica, and later was at Turrialba, and who is now now managing some cacao properties, might be able to use you. You might also talk with Mr Strange at Santa Marta, regarding the possibility of getting some training on United Fruit farms in Costa Rica or Panama.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
1511 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

28th May 1957

Dear Doc:

I believe the old saying goes "Well done, my good and faithful servant". But certainly this is not potent enough for the wonderful career you have had, and for what you have done for our dear old Alma Mater, UFCo. Your fame as an agricultural wizard will live forever - and needless to say, I hope you do too.

I have many fond memories of our Company association, not the least of which is the fact that you always made my office in Boston your headquarters. You told me many times, and so have quite a few others from the tropics over the years, that that was one spot where you always felt welcome, and were not immediately asked "when are you going back".

It just does not seem possible you are going "out to pasture", but you certainly have earned your retirement and I know you will live every minute of it to the fullest. And remember, when you come to Washington this office will always be your place to sit and talk over old times. And make those visits frequent, because I myself have only a little over five years to do.

Good luck, and best wishes to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself.

Most sincerely,

Charles F. Berry

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala.

San Salvador, 7 July 1957

Mr Charles F Berry
United Fruit Co.,
1511 K St NW Washington D C

Dear Charley:

It was mighty good to hear from you, for you are one of the few ties left with those "dear dead days beyond recall". You are quite right in saying that your room in Boston was almost my headquarters there; for one reason I always felt welcome and for another you were usually the first one down in the morning, and when I came in from Washington on the night train, and got a bowl of oatmeal and a glass of buttermilk at Hood's on the way up Federal Street, I usually landed at the officejust about the time you did.

I am here in Salvador, on a two months contract with the governemt to help develop a fruit program (not bananas!) after which I go back to Antigua to see what next. I may sit down first and write a book, or we may go travelling first and sit down afterward to write a book. Anyway, I will be glad to get back to Antigua in September where I wont have to write on this portable Royal which I bought when Victor M. Cutter was President. That sort of dates the machine, doesnt it?

Charley, Boston didnt seem the same after you left. And then when my beloved Tom Barbour died I sort of lost interest in Boston altogether.

Though it wasterribly hard to tear myself away from Zamorano, which I had watched grow from an abandoned pasture into a stately institution, on the whole I am happy to look forward to a few years during which I can tackle a few of the jobs I haventhad time to tackle. On my pension, Helen and I can not only live comfortably in Antigua, but we can be patrons of the arts and sciences and support (some) of the widows and orphans. Warmest regards to Jasper and yourself; I'll be dropping in on you one of these days to talk old-timer stuff.

Ever yours,

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
30 ST. JAMES AVENUE
BOSTON

RICHARD W. BERRY
VICE PRESIDENT

December 31, 1964

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am pleased to enclose a Steamship Service Annual Pass for you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and joyous New Year.

Sincerely,

Berry

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

Let's use it! WP.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR SELAMAT HARI NATAL DAN TAHUN BARU 1960

Again we greet you from Djakarta, Indonesia, the Republic with 3,000 islands fringed along the Equator. We are now "over the hill" on our first two-year tour, so in another year will be planning home leave through Europe which will take us around the world. The year has passed quickly and the pain in our hearts caused by severance from our beloved Latin America has eased somewhat and we are gradually becoming assimilated by the Far East - Asia.

With a large program and many new people the administrative load has kept Ben close to headquarters and our travels have been limited. The annual meeting of the Agricultural Chiefs of the Far East Region took us to Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam. What a difference! At a Latin American meeting nearly all attending were old friends, but in Saigon only two were acquaintances and former Latin American hands - W. C. Tucker from Tokyo and Donald Ritter, Manila. On deck for the meeting from Washington were our friends Messrs. McIntosh, Middaugh, and Orrben, so we really weren't complete strangers and it didn't take us long to feel at home with the others. Saigon has good hotels, is an interesting city, the meeting was successful, and we were very well taken care of and entertained by the USOM staff, so it is a memorable experience. For any of you who might be coming to this part of the world, don't forget Saigon. On our return we stopped a few days in Singapore, our closest shopping center.

Ben has made two inspection trips since then where Florence has been allowed to tag along; one was made by car traveling through the western and central parts of the Island of Java, passing by picturesque extinct volcanoes, miles and miles of rice fields, tea and rubber plantations, coffee, cacao, coconuts, tobacco, soybeans and peanuts, lots of bananas, plantains, and many kinds of tree fruits. There were no tractors, but hand labor with water buffalo and Zebu cattle for work animals. The more important cities of Tjirebon, Tegal, Pekalongan, Semarang along the north coast, and Bogor, Bandung, Surakarta, or Solo, and Jogjakarta in the interior of the island were visited.

In September we flew to Bali, known as "The Island of the Thousand Temples" and "The Island of the Gods". You have all heard of the Balinese dancers and they are all that is said of them. We saw all the important dances, cremations, temples galore. We spent part of the time at the Bali Hotel in Denpasar and part on the beach where we swam in the Indian Ocean. A great art colony (painters) has developed on Bali and it is also famous for wood carvings. We bought a few, of course, but a tall one called the Garuda dancer is Florence's pride. Bali-Hinduism, the important factor in the people's lives, is evident in their wide variety of colorful ceremonies and celebrations and the omnipresent temples.

From Bali we flew to Surabaja, the capital city of East Java, and spent a week studying agricultural problems with one of Ben's Extension Advisors and his family stationed there. In November we spent a week with another Extension Advisor and his wife in Palembang, the capital of South Sumatra Province. Now, we have seen three of the three thousand islands. How long do you think it will take us to see them all?

We are planning to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays in Singapore for a change, rest and shopping.

The fact that we do not write regularly does not mean that we do not think of you often. We miss you all and hope that Christmas mail will bring word from you.

Our best wishes to each of you,

The Birdsalls

U.S.O.M. to Indonesia
Amembassy
Djakarta, Indonesia

Dear

USAID to El Salvador
c/o American Embassy
San Salvador, El Salvador, C. A.
March 0, 1965

Dear Wilson:

After an absence of almost six years we are again assigned to El Salvador. We drove from Washington, D. C., had a delightful trip and arrived in San Salvador the afternoon of February 17th. Adele Moore, Dinty's widow, came with us and is visiting Helen and Claud Horn.

We left Washington February 6th and spent the first night in Spartanburg, S. C. Reached Montgomery, Alabama, the afternoon of the 7th and stayed with my sister and her family until the next morning. Went on to Bastrop, Louisiana, and spent until the morning of the 10th with my parents, brother and family. That night we were in Temple, Texas. On the 11th we reached Laredo, Texas, bought car insurance for Mexico and Central America, got through customs and were in a very nice motel, the El Rio, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, by 5:30. The night of the 12th we were in San Luis Potosi, the 13th in Puebla, the 14th in Oaxaca, the 15th in Tehuantepec, the 16th in Coatepeque, Guatemala, and the 17th in San Salvador. 3,790 miles with no trouble whatsoever and good roads all the way. We highly recommend the trip - why don't you try it?

We are staying in the Wager Pension owned by our dear friends, Mother Wager, Lillian and Bessy, and feel so comfortable and at home it's hard to want to set up housekeeping. We've been house hunting daily and now believe we have found one we want in Colonia Escalon near the Hotel Intercontinental. It has a beautiful view of the Volcano San Salvador - not as lovely a view as we had before, but very pretty. If all of the little repairs and painting are finished as promised, we will be moving in a couple of weeks.

Ben is getting started in his work. He will be working with the El Salvador Government agencies of research, extension, supervised agricultural credit and the private industry sector having to do with the manufacture, importation, sales and servicing of the fertilizer and agricultural chemical industry.

Hope you and yours are well and happy, that you won't forget us and will write once in awhile, and if you can ever come this way you will let us know.

Hasta la vista,

Ben and Florence

Apt. 609, Harbor South
1766 Cape Coral Parkway
Cape Coral, Fla. 33904
October 14, 1973

Dear Alice and Wilson:

Los trotomundos, the Birdsalls, are about to make another sojourn down your way. That is what Dr. Menalco Solis calls us, Los Trotomundos.

When we were in Guatemala last May, Jerry Coughlin of Quinonez Hnos. in San Salvador, told me about the Ninth Food Production Conference that was to be held in San Salvador Nov. 5-8, 1973. He stated that there were to be some special invitations and asked me if I would accept one. He mentioned the fact that several others who had made contributions to El Salvador agricultural productivity would also be invited. Anyway, we talked some more about the meeting just before I departed from El Salvador and I promised him that I would accept the invitation.

So we have made our plans and leave here for San Salvador Nov. 2. We are bringing with us Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Keifer who have become very good friends of ours here in Cape Coral. He has an engineering background and ended up with his own business before retiring. They made packaging equipment. We will show them as much as possible of El Salvador.

We leave for Guatemala City on PAA 210 Friday Nov. 9 at 9:40 am and arrive at 10:10 am. We will make our headquarters at the Biltmore as usual. Since the Keifers were originally interested in Guatemala, we have planned a trip to Chichi like we did last May.

So, we leave the City Saturday morning for Antigua and if you folks are there, we would like to take them by to see your house and we would like to invite you folks to have lunch with us in Antigua and you choose the place. OK? After lunch we will take off for Chichicastenango and the Mayan Inn for the nite and the Market Sunday morning.

We will return to Lake Atitlan for Sunday nite and the boat trip to Santiago de Atitlan Monday morning and back to the city that same afternoon.

When we arrive in Antigua, we will take them on the city tour before coming by your house so we will have that out of the way and can visit you and have lunch liesurely.

It occurs to me that perhaps you may be going to the Food Production Conference in El Salvador and we will have a chance to see you there.

If this reaches you in good time, perhaps you may have time to answer and let us know if you will be there for Nov. 10 so we will have the information before we leave.

Hoping to see you two again very soon.

Siempre,

Ben

I did so enjoy meeting you, Alice, and am looking forward to being with you and Wilson again. Do hope that Sally is doing allright. Hope this is enobgh notice so that you can be free to be with us November 10. Love to all,

Florence

Cape Coral, Florida
November 26, 1973

Dear Alice, Wilson, and Sally:

You know, some disappointments turn out to be blessings. Not being able to find rooms in the City that Friday morning gave us an extra half day and night in Antigua, which we all think was more pleasant than it would have been in the City, and it gave us an extra visit with you that afternoon.

It really was a pleasure being with you and we are very grateful to you for the afternoon tea party and the delicious luncheon the next noon. We, also, always enjoy "The House in Antigua". Muchas gracias.

We had no trouble at all getting in the Mayan Inn in Chichicastenango and the Kiefers got quite a thrill out of the market Sunday. The trip across Lake Atitlan to Santiago was rough but it was fun when we got there.

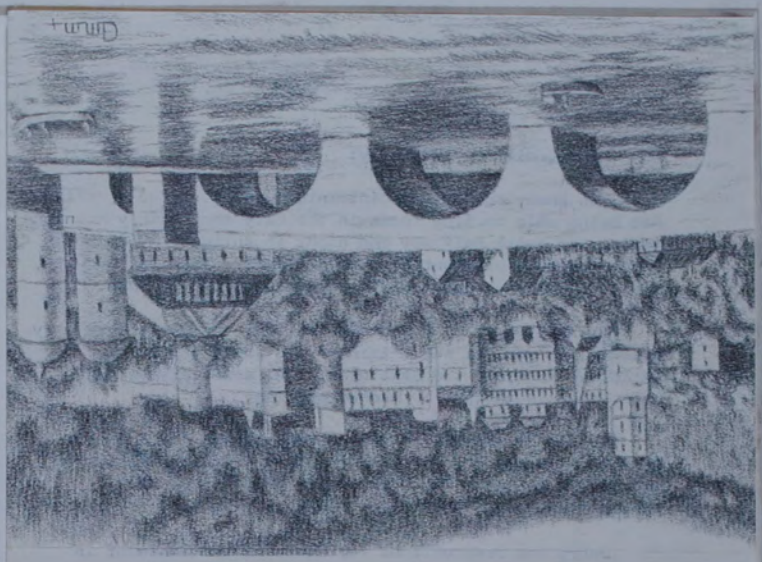
Jerry had reservations for us at El Conquistador in the City, so we had two nights and one day there and we arrived home at 6:00 p.m. the 14th, tired, but happy and thankful for a wonderful two weeks.

We had new wall to wall carpeting installed in our apartment the 19th and believe you me, it is a lot of work getting everything out of the apartment and then putting everything back, but we made it and on the 21st the Schroeders arrived and stayed with us until yesterday. Ten of us ex-A.I.D. employees had Thanksgiving dinner together and really over ate turkey and trimmings.

We do hope that you are all well and we really would be thrilled if you would come and pay us a visit. We could meet you in Miami, so I'm sure the trip wouldn't be too tiring. How about it?

Much love,

Ben and Florence



The design on this note was drawn by Ann Adams, a polio patient, who prior to her illness was an artist. Through perseverance, she trained herself to draw by holding a pencil between her teeth. Each original drawing takes up to two months to complete.

ANN ADAMS
3825 Harbor Oaks Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

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HERBERT BISEN
744 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102
U.S.A.

August 12, 1965

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I am a raw food fruitarian and was recommended by Ted Port to write you because I am looking for a place to settle where I can eat exclusively ~~from XXX in nax mthn tx afax nat xsprayed~~ all year from unsprayed trees.

At present I am thinking of moving to Costa Rica. Not too far from ~~Costa Rica~~ I expect to find everything from coconuts to avocados to berries because of elevation differences within about forty miles. I really know nothing about agriculture, being a ~~xxx~~ management consultant, and therefore I don't think I can grow anything myself but I am told that I can make arrangements with individual property owners to to "eat my meals off of their trees".

Frankly, I would prefer a larger ~~and more~~ place like Montevideo and I do think that the climate and soil would allow fruit growing all year there but the unfortunate fact is that the fruit does actually not exist in sufficient quantities throughout the year to assure me of a dependable supply. Therefore I would have to grow my own fruit and berry supply and I do not feel capable of doing so. However in Costa Rica ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I do not anticipate the problem of getting a year round dependable fruit supply

I should appreciate having your opinion of my project and any advice you may have.

Also, if you can suggest any ideas for making a living while following this method of living, I should be most grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Bisen

HERBERT BISEN
744 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102
EE. UU. de A.

August 25, 1965

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

I am most grateful to you for your letter of August 17th. I am sending you today via separate surface mail several books on travel and fruit. I hope you enjoy them.

I should like to explain further to you what I am trying to do and if you feel that you want to make any comments I should appreciate your advice.

I am one of those persons who has lost about 2000 pounds in the last twenty years in an endless cycle of reducing and then gaining when going off my diet. This has eventually led me to realize that the proper way to live is to eat 100% of your diet directly from the trees. Therefore I have been seeking such an environment where such a natural way of eating is possible together with other advantages of fresh water swimming, beautiful scenery, good climate (no heat or humidity) and attractive female companionship. I have worked as a management consultant through South America and have also travelled through Europe and Central America. As a result I am considering the following places:

Montevideo, Uruguay: Excellent climate, ranges through year from 0° to about 30 degrees Centigrade/hardly ever gets below zero. I find Montevideo the most cozy place of all in the world.

Ibiza, Balearic Islands, Spain: Excellent scenery for walking. Temp. never gets below 14 degrees centigrade. Much fruit grown but all exported and thus little in market. Vacation ground for north Europeans giving good chance to meet attractive girls when they have time on their hands.

Montville, north of Brisbane, Australia: Recommended as best for me by my Astrologer but all fruits are sprayed and too many hot spells and insects. New Zealand, also recommended by my astrologer, may be better because it has no mosquitoes or excessive heat and year round fruit may be possible. Also N. Z. has better chances for fresh water swimming. But I have not been to Australia or N.Z.

near San Jose, Costa Rica: In my trip through Central America I noticed that San Jose was the only market that had jelly coconuts and berries as well as the usual variety of Central American fruits. These two fruits, coconuts and berries together with avocados, are to me, the most important fruits. I did not see berries or coconuts in the other cities and therefore I assume that the San Jose market is the best in the world. I have enquired at the Costa Rican consul and they tell me that about fifty kilometres from San Jose I can live in small villiages (Naranjo, Zarcero, etc.) and eat fruits from the trees all year. The Costa Rican girl is friendly and beautiful. But riding from San Jose to Cartago I found the countryside and peasantry backwards and in misery and depressing. I am also not sure that I will find fresh water clean streams for swimming.

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Can you make any sense of the above? How about my buying land in Ibiza and growing avocados for the European market? Would you want to do this with me? Or serve as my consultant for this purpose. Ted Port still speaks so highly of you that I would be willing to go into such a business with you. I wanted to go into this business in ~~Montevid~~ Montevideo but the agricultural attache advised me against it because it gets too cold there. That is strange to me because the California temp. where avocados grow gets lower. I just heard that French Algerians just started orange groves in Uruguay and are exporting to Europe. Therefore the Ibiza idea seems good.

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15TH STREET AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N. W.
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

PAUL J. BISSET
ASSISTANT TREASURER

July 26, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

We acknowledge your letter of July 23rd advising us that your wife, Helen B. Popenoe, died March 24, 1961. Please accept our sympathy and our assurance that we are available to you for any assistance you may feel we can give you.

In order to replace Mrs. Popenoe on the joint account in the name of Wilson Popenoe or Helen B. Popenoe with your son, Hugh Popenoe, it is necessary that the present account be closed and the balance credited to a new account. Therefore, we are enclosing appropriate cards to be signed by you and your son, otherwise filled in, and your signatures on the reverse side of the blue card witnessed by a third adult party.

I would suggest that Mr. Hugh Popenoe use the word "Special" following his signature on all transactions pertaining to this new account in order to avoid confusion with his personal checking account.

Upon receipt of the aforesaid cards, properly completed, we shall proceed with the transfer of the account and refer any outstanding checks signed by you against the present account to the new account for payment.

You will be furnished a new plastic deposit plate and imprinted checks. Please advise us of your preference in style of checkbook.

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Bisset

Paul J. Bisset
Assistant Treasurer

Enclosures
PJB:CMB

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY
WASHINGTON

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION

March 12, 1919.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
Plant Introduction Field Station,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I have received your letter of the 8th instant and was very glad indeed to get it and learn your views regarding the Guatemalan avocados.

As you know, I have always had great faith in the Guatemalan varieties for Southern Florida and I am glad that you now confirm my opinion.

We shall send to Mr. Hugh Matheson the avocado seedlings, and believe that we can supply him with 200 plants. We shall also send to Dr. Wallerstein the 200 seedlings, as you have requested. We have Mr. Hagemann's address, and will have them go forward at once..

As to Major L. R. Groves, we shall also have the budded plants go forward and if possible will supply the numbers that you have suggested.

I am very glad indeed that you have had the opportunity to go over this whole question with Mr. Fairchild and as you send in your recommendations, we shall

have the plants sent forward and hope that before many years we will have lots of bearing trees of your varieties in Southern Florida and California.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

Peter Bisset

Plant Introducer in Charge of
Foreign Plant Distributions.

B/D

Ave. Juan Ramon Molina 720-A

Tegucigalpa, D C. octunre 24 de 1969.

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

Mi muy estimado amigo:

Tengo en mis manos su gentil envío, el folleto contentivo del acucioso trabajo de nuestra inolvidable Mrs. Popenoe. Ciertamente yo me denti muy honrada al contarme entre las personas a quienes ella daba el noble titulo de amigas. Nunca se me olvidó que nos conocimos en Siguatepeque, precisamente cuando ella frecuentaba aquellos alrededores en la iniciación de su estudio y actividades en relacion con Tenanpúa. Estoy leyendo con interés el folleto. Gracias.

Con la presente encontrará la copia que le ofreci de mi intento de traducción de " The Human Background of Lancetilla" escritas por el matrimonio ideal que Uds. formaron. Tambien incluyo una página de mi libro " Altar" publicado en 1956. Estoy segura que en aquellos tiempos leyó U. ese pequeño trabajo, romántico en verdad como su título. Tambien apareció un poema que se llama"Rapsodia en Lancetilla-"escrito cuando enterraron en la misma colina un niño, Harry Prowse, y que dediqué a Angelita Ustariz, su madre, y aludiendo a que ahi mismo" se habia"extinguido como una esencia," " la dama de aquel predio enamorada"- que no pudo ser otra que Mrs. Dorothy Popenos.

Mi hija estuvo aqui el fin de semana pasado y le conté - muy orgullosa , que U. me habia visitado en sus dominios de El Zamorano En verdad todo eso es espiritualmente muy suyo.

Le presento un saludo a su esposa doña Alicia y para U. toda mi admiracion y afecto,

S. S/ y amiga,

Mercedes L de Blanco

Box 2704 University Station
Gainesville Florida
Agosto 12 de 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emerito
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Calle de La nobleza No 2
La Antigua Guatemala

Mi muy apreciable Doctor:

Fue mi intención cantestarle su carta del 14 del mes pasado, de inmediato; pero ya con los examenes finales a la manos y con el programa relativamente pesado que me había tocado, todo se me hizo completamente estudio.

El motivo demi carta era para cominicar e la resolución de la Escuela con respecto a mi solicitud, quizá ya sea de su conocimiento. La escuela resolvió ayudarme a completar los gastos de mi año escolar con la cantidad de $900,oo, en muchos aspectos superior a lo que yo mismo me imaginé posible, dado que todas las becas habían sido otorgadas.

Para mía ha sido una gran ayuda y mas cuando me encontraba realmente imposibilitado a otra cosa que no fueran préstamos, Yo ya había hablado a varias instituciones pero la mayoría de ellas o no ofrecian nada o ponían el obtáculo de estar yo ya en este país.

Yo ya terminado el verano solo quedo con un remanente de 28 o 30 créditos para graduarme y los pienso completar para Junio tiempo en que se finaliza tambien mi permiso prolongado del Instituto de Fomento Nacional de Nicaragua.

A esta altura considero que mas bien he tenido mucha suerte ya que he logrado la ayuda de la Escuela y la prolongacion de mi permiso de Nicaragua, lo del gobierno americano ya lo habia hablado desde Nicaragua para no tener dificultades posteriores. En lo de mis estudios he progresado mucho a fuerza de mucho estudio y trabajo porque lo de aqui no es de tomarlo facil en forma alguna.

No le quetaré mas tiempo esta vez. Pienso estar en contacto con Ud lo mismo que con la Escuela para cantarle del progreso y la finalización de mis labores aqui lo mismo de los resultados de mis estudios una vez que regrese a Nicaragua.

Sin mas por el momento cuedo de Ud Atto y S.S.

Alfonso Brendon Z.

11 May 1960

NA-BOLOM
San Cristóbal
de Las Casas
Chiapas, México.

Now, who of the oldtimers would ever call you
Herr Professor Doctor Wilson Popenoe.

Hell no. To us you are just : Pop.

So dear Pop,
Thank you so very much for sending the Crick's to esta su casa. They planned to spend one night here, and stayed for two. I like them.

Now, again. Friends have invited me to go with them to Tikal in July. The scedule includes a visit to Antigua on sunday, July 8th. May I bum a midday meal for them & mysel & if you should not be there I can hope that Maria will let me in for a half an hour. He is Nat Burwash, sculptor in wood. & a good one. She trains nurses at Boston hospitals. We have been close friends for about 20 years.
But I want to make it clear that I do not want to im= pose on your privacy. And that if any smart allec comes up throwing my name around and he doesnt bring a card from me, you must know that he is only trying to crash the party.

As for us here at Na Bolom, were are to a great extent dependant on paying guests, but even at that we dont accept the ordinary run of turists. Obviously any friend of yours, wh who comes with a note from you will come with a double A, double 1. recommendation.

And what happened to you and Helen, who threatened to drive through Chiapas ? If you advise me about the date of arrival beforehand then I will sweep a couple of students unto campcots in the archaeological sala, where they can spend the nights with a flock of maya skulls staring at them. Pop & Helen are V.I.P. with us.

Most cordially yours

Mol Pancho

Frans Blom.

P.S. The Indians here call me MOL Panchó.
Mol - old; Pancho they pronounce Panchó!
I like it.

Antigua G, 14 de mayo de 1960

Hochwohlgeboren Ackerbauforscher und Oberhofgärtner Frans Blom,
San Cristobal Las Casas, Chis.

Dear Frans:

I am glad the Cricks found San Cristobal las Casas a pleasant place for a stopover on their long trem from Guatemala to Grants Pass, Oregon (as the boy said to me on the street, seeing their dracas - Ay ay ay, son Orejones (I tink I wrote you this).

El objeto de la presente, despues de saluarle muy atentamente, esperando que se encuentre etc, is to say, in response to su muy apreciable del dia 11 de los corrientes, that we expect to be here on the fecha indicada and probably all the rest of July. We shall be delighted to fix up some tortillas tostadas and frijoles paradas for yourself and friends. When you get near enough tp feel sure of the date put me a 15 centavos telegram naming time of arrival and number of feligreses. If by any chance we should have to go away before you come I will leave word with Maria to take care of you. We have no plans for leaving except that I fly out of here on Monday pxmo futuro for Managua to help the Somosa boys on a little job of fruticultura, but I dont plan to be gone after the end of May. About August 1st Helen and I threaten to fly down to Lima and up to Machu Picchu maybe stopping in Ecuador for a week on the way home. I doubt that you know the Privince of Imbabura north of Quito; just about the loveliest area in the whole lovely Andine zone. And those roasted guinea pigs are fine eating.

As for driving through Chiapas for Puebla , way stations, and eventually Pasadena California; das ist ausgeschlossen. We came back from a drive to Tegucigalpa, D.C., not long ago and I have sworn off. If any prospective future drive involves more than 8 hrs, just count me out. Por ejemplo, TAN takes us to Lima and back for $270 U S cy. Aviateca takes us to Miami and back for $104 U S cy. Not even dem kleine Volkswagen can do it as cheaply.

Ever yours

Mol Wilsón

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March 23 [1961]

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe,

It is wonderful to feel welcome in another country. Thank you for welcoming me to Guatemala and introducing me to the customs, politics, economics and people of this wonderful country. Sarah and I enjoyed every minute with you, and hated to leave.

You were both very much missed at the graduation, where Sarah and I were told by many people of the work that you did at the school and its lasting and important effects in all of Latin America.

Sarah and I hope that you will someday visit us either in Washington or in Yorktown, where the family lives in a North American colonial house with marks of a revolution against English rule, rather than an effort by earthquakes to dislodge the Spanish.

Thank you again for your warm hospitality.

George Blow

287 No. Myers Ave.
Sharon, Penna. 16146
March 26, 1973

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I had the distinct pleasure of my first visit to Guatemala and lovely Antigua last year. Delightful was the tour of your home.

The quality of Guatemalan crafts and arts, the stunning colors, excellent designs impressed me deeply. In Antigua I made purchases at Casa De Los Gigantes and the other shop near by that seem to feauture textiles of unusual beauty and quality.

I am interested in the possibilities of importing Guatemalan arts and crafts and in particular textiles and textile products. Also the very beautiful Guatemalan blankets.

Can you furnish me with names of exporters or wholesalers that I may contact?

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely

Betty Boal

Mrs. Thomas Boal

Our library had Louis Adamic's HOUSE OF ANTIGUA, which was read with pleasure, after seeing the house with my own eyes.

Domingo Boero,
Casilla 2-D,
Angol, Chile.-

El Vergel, Angol,
3 de Junio de 1957.-

Señor
Wilson Popenoe,
Calle Nobleza 2,
Antigua, Guatemala.-

Estimado señor:

Me he tomado la libertad de escribirle porque en El Vergel se ha recibido una tarjeta postal de Ud., desde Honduras, dirigida al Sr. Elbert E. Reed y anunciándole que Ud. había sido nombrado Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Tegucigalpa.-

El Sr. Reed se encuentra actualmente en los Estados Unidos y su dirección es: 717 Lexington Ave., Stockton, California.- Los esposos Reed son esperados en El Vergel, como por el 26 del pte. mes, despues de unas cortas vacaciones de tres meses.-

Muchas veces me ha conversado el Sr. Reed acerca de Ud. y sus actividades, y yo le he escuchado con interés porque creo que Ud. fué quién en el año 1916 se presentó en el Consulado Americano de Iquique, Chile, y yo como secretario del Consulado le acompañó a la agencia de la Cia. Inglesa de Vapores para que le vendieran pasaje al norte.-

Han pasado muchos años, y ahora trabajo en El Vergel como contador y jefe de oficina.- Tendré el mayor agrado en recibir una corta nota suya confirmando que realmente Ud. estuvo en Iquique en la época que he mencionado.-

Lo saluda muy atte. su S.S.-

Domingo Boero

San Salvador, El Salvador
7 julio de 1957

Sr don Domingo Boero
Casilla 2-D
Angol, Chile:

Estimado amigo:

Pues Usted tiene razon, y que memoria! Sí estuve en Iquiquè, la única vez en mi vidañ y si mal no recuerdo el Sr Brett estuvo de Consul en aquel entonces aunque bien puede ser que el estuvo de Consul americano en Arica. No he podido regresar al sur de Chile otra vez, pero ya que estoy jubilado y puedo hacer lo que me da la regalada gana (dentro de mis posibilidades economicas!) bien podria ser que venèria otra vez a Chile, y hasta los lagos. Cuéntale esto a Mr Redd, si ya está entro vosotros, para que no se asuste si yo le caigo encima de repente.

Estoy pasando un par de meses aqui en el Salvador, ayudando al Ministerio de Agricultura en un programa de mejoramiento de la fruticultura nacional. Regreso a la Antigua Guatemala a fines de agosto; ahi tenemos una casa solariega construida en el año de 1632 por el doctor don Luis de los Infantas Mendoza y Venegas, doctor en ambos derechos, y Fiscal de la Real Audiencia. Se asoma uno que otro espanto por las noches, sin hacer daños materiales.

Siempre su seguro servidor,

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

CORAL GABLES (UNIVERSITY BRANCH) 46, FLORIDA

November 3, 1955

HISPANIC-AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Helen Popenoe
Pan American Agricultural School
Samorano, Honduras

My dear Mrs. Popenoe:

I read the enclosed article in Sunday's paper and it evoked most pleasant memories when I recalled that I, though not a VIP, was recipient of that same hospitality just as if I had been. I am sending you this clipping in case it escaped your attention. Even though you have already seen it, you may like to have another copy, perhaps to send on to some of your family or loved ones who would share the joy I experienced on reading it.

At the time I enjoyed your hospitality a few years ago, I was in Honduras to arrange an exchange of scholarships with the Minister of Education. I thought it might interest you to know that our agreement was successfully concluded and ever since we have been exchanging students. Our exchange student from there at the present time is Miss Consuelo da Costa. Perhaps you know her.

Cordially yours,

RSBoggs

R. S. Boggs
Director
International Center

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Enc.

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Lima, 10 de Diciembre de 1957.

Señor Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
TEGUCIGALPA
HONDURAS.-

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Hace cuatro años, becado por el Punto Cuarto, en una visita que hice al Servicio de Extensión Agrícola de ese país, tuve la suerte de conocerlo en la misma Escuela y donde debido a su gentileza pude observar el magnífico trabajo que en Fruticultura realiza Ud. en ésa. Probablemente Ud. ha conocido a tanta gente que no me recuerde.

Después de haber trabajado once años en el Servicio de Extensión de mi país como especialista en Fruticultura me he retirado y estoy trabajando como Asesor Técnico de una Negociación Agrícola que se dedica a la producción de plátanos (bananos).

Como conozco el cariño que siente Ud. por la Fruticultura y la magnifica colaboración que ha prestado a la Fruticultura Americana, recurro a Ud. para hacerle una consulta de carácter técnico, desearía que me indicara basado en su experiencia cuales son los factores que intervienen en la cuaja o formación de los frutos del plátano. En los paises tropicales las cabezas ó racimos de plátanos llegan a tener grandes cantidades de manos, generalmente pasan de 15, mientras que en los paises semi-tropicales como el mío el porcentaje de manos se reduce desde un 20 hasta un 50%. Sin embargo he podido observar que algunos años hay plantas que llegan a dar racimos con grandes cantidades de manos, casi el mismo número que las plantas cultivadas en Centro América.

He realizado ensayos de aplicación de diversos elementos menores, he empleado dosis variadas de fertilizantes especialmente nitrogenados y cantidades grandes de agua de riego (nosotros cultivamos el plátano bajo riego porque no tenemos lluvias en las zonas costeras), pero en ningún caso he conseguido aumentar el número de manos por racimo.

Quisiera conocer su opinión al respecto y que me diera algunas ideas para aplicarlas en ésta.

En espera de su amable respuesta lo saludo atentamente.

Carlos Bohl
Ingº Carlos Bohl.
Asesor Técnico
PACKING HOUSE S.A.

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 enero de 1958

Ing. Carlos Bohl
Packing House S.A.
Casilla 2620, Lima, Peru.

Estimado Ingeniero:

Contestando a su apreciable del 10 del mes pasado (la cual me han mandado desde Honduras, pues actualmente estoy radicado en Guatemala, pero aaldré dentro de pocas semanas para España) me permito ofrecerle los siguientes comentarios:

Dice Ud que en su zona hay plantas que dan racimos tan grandes como los de Centro America. Eso debe indicar que el clima no es el factor limitante en el caso suyo, aunque no creo que el clima de Lima o sus alrededores es ideal para el cultivo del plátano, por falta de calor. Dice que ha ensayado nitrógeno y otros fertilizantes, inclusos los elementos menores. Dice que el riego no ha faltado.

En Costa Rica, aqui en Guatemala, y en varias otras partes se cultivan plátanos hasta alturas de 4000 mil pies, logrando racimos de buen tamano, a pesar de climas algo frescos como tienen que ser a estas alturas.

En Colombia (zona de Santa Marta), en Haiti, y unas pocas otras partes donde las tierras contienen sales en exceso, he visto muchos platanales produciendo racimos pequenos y de pocas manos, aunque a poca distancia, en tierras buenas, la producción comercial era completamente satisfactoria. Ha investigado Ud so problema desde este punto de vista?

Siempre su muy atto y SS

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

Antigua G., 2 January 1958

Dear Amado:

Thanks for sending over the letter from Ing. Carlos Bohl, which I am answering to the best of my ability. It wouldnt surprise me if he is trying to grow bananas so full of salt (because the soil down there is so alkaline in most parts) that they never grow up. They tried this in Haiti some years ago; they never got big bunches and the plants did not grow up and they said it was a new disease, which they named "plant failure".

I had a visit from Julian Haro a week ago - and this refers to your footnote on your letter to Ing. Bohl. Julian told me they are going to hold a meeting on the 11th of this month to organise the Asociacion A ronomia Guatemalteca, and I assured him I would be glad to come over to the City that evening and give them my sabios consejos, and I urged him to follow the example of the salvadoreños and not limit membership to zamoranos only. Chico de Sola recommended this in Salvador and gave goodreasons for it. All agronomos should stick together, where they are zamoranos or not. The Salvador boys have put in their tentative Constitucion that you must had three years of agricultural education, in any school, to belong to the society. I think that is fine. The other day a boy came to see me; he is working at Chocolá and wants a Zamorano beca. He says the peritos agropecuarios from Barcena are telling him, "Baboso, porqué vas al Zamorano para regresar sin título. Vángase a Barcena, para salir profesional!"

Octavio Santacruz came to see me a few days ago. He is working on a government finca near Sn Francisco Zacotitlan and is not satisfied. I told him to go see Nick de Baca and get a job in Scida, and he said he had done so but they wanted to send him to Gualan or San José, "lugares malsanos" and he did not accept. I think he is wrong about that. Get a start anywhere, you are not going to die in a lugar malsano like Gualan or San José (lots of people live there and dont die too young) and then get transferred to a fine job in La Aurora.

About the Casa Cural in San Antonio. On the occasion of our last visit up there Rafaelito spoke to me about the house. I told him I would take it up with the jefes but I think it will take some time to get a decision. Dr Paddock would hardly want to make one at this early stage of the game but maybe we can bring up the question at Boston. Just tell Rafaelito that I am not forgetting the matter but it will be some months before we can expect any decision. And the other house, which belongs to Doña Elena. La Chulita asked for this but we would not want to throw out José Feliciano right now. If La Chulita asks you about it, just tell her you love her in the same old way and you will remind me from time to time, if you think there is any chance of her getting it. If the house were vacant we would give it to her; it only cost us $160 Lemps and we will never have any use for it ourselves; and Chulita used to bring us excellent coffee and friend beans every morning.

Mantenga sus pies siempre en el suelo

16 Diciembre 1957

Ing. Carlos Bohl,
Asesor Técnico
PACKING HOUSE, S. A.
Carabaya 516,
Casilla postal No. 2620,
Lima, PERU, S. A.

Muy estimado señor Bohl:

Su carta al Dr. Wilson Popenoe, consultándole problemas sobre el cultivo del banano, ha sido recibido en este plantel, y la estamos refiriendo al Dr Popenoe en:

Calle de la Nobleza No. 2,
Antigua Guatemala,
Guatemala, A. C.

donde actualmente radica.

Dr Popenoe se retiró de la dirección de este plantel hace varios meses y ahora es nuestro Director Emeritus.

De Ud. afmo servidor,

Amado Pelen C.

Amado Pelen C.
Registrar

Dear doctor: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everything goes fine with you and Mrs. Popenoe. How is your trip to Europe coming along? I will have my vacation probably until middle of April, so, I probably will not see you by the first 6 months of 1958 or more. Hope you have a wonderful trip. Rafaelito Rodriguez asked me about transferring the House in San Antonio for CASA CURAL. Can you give me some information on that? Mercer will take you some Christmas cards. I just gave him one from Mary and Nelson Rockefeller with a beautiful futuristic painting on the back.

I just received a letter from Mariano Roberto Palacios and Cesareo Haraldo Arreaga, of SGIDA, requesting the list of Guatemalan graduates. They want to form a Sociedad Egresados and to award you with a medal and a plaque with all their names engraved. Congratulations once more.

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August 18, 1964

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antiqua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Mr. Popenoe

Thank you for your letter of August 12, and the signed contract giving us permission to reproduce your book, Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits. We are pleased to be able to add this title to our out-of-print book collection.

You are correct, we were advised by the Macmillan Company that the rights in this title are controlled by you.

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Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Bohlen
(Mrs.) Jeanne Bohlen

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Antigua, Guatemala, 1 Sept 1964

Mrs Jeanne Bohlen,
University Microfilms, Inc.
313 North First Street,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Mrs Bohlen:

Your letter of the 18th August came some days ago. I have written my son Hugh Popenoe, at Gainesville, Florida, as per the enclosed copy. I think this may save you considerable trouble in securing a copy of my Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits.

If for any reason Hugh cannot locate the copy I left at Gainesville, I will later in this year take up one I have here. I do not like to trust it in the mails.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

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April 15, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Thank you for your letter of April 4, regarding the selling of xerographic reproductions of your book, Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits.

We would be most happy to supply copies of your book to any interested party.

A xerographic copy costs $18.85 which includes binding with a soft paper cover. Copies sold outside of the United States cost 1/3 more. Cloth bindings are available for an additional $2.25. Shipping and handling charges are additional.

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Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Bohlen

(Mrs.) Jeanne Bohlen
Supervisor,
Book Publications

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Newspaper clipping removed:
"La Profecía de Vogt," by Alfredo Armas Alfonzo

This appeared the day you left.
Best wishes to both of you.
Vincenzo Bonazzi

Dr. Wilson Popenoe - Pass No. 186

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Approved:

C. B. McAuley
Vice President

SIMON BOURGIN

2022 Columbia Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009
Jan. 19, 1973

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just gone through the papers about Louis Adamic's death that I spoke to you about - and which are attached - and I am a little overwhelmed. The story is written so well and so dramatically that one has the illusion, as in a film or novel, that one can and indeed must intervene and prevent the dreadful event before it occurs. I think one also winds up reading these with the illusion that you know more than you do - having learned so much, but whether it was murder or suicide remains a mystery, at least to me. The trouble is any solution is so difficult to accept, knowing Louis.

One has to believe he had become extremely paranoidc in those last months, that the pressures were too much for him, and that, half berserk on that last night, he scattered the manuscript of his almost completed book over the study floor; banged apart the fuel-oil pipeline; poured huge amounts of oil on the outside of the house and over specially-prepared cotton waste and scattered the latter over house and garage; planted fires at various places, and then, the flames approaching, shot himself after he lay down on the bed upstairs. It is quite a lot to believe, but one must believe that, and accept his fears, and accounts of being beaten up, as delusions of paranoia, or believe that he really was being pursued, was in danger, etc. and was done in. I had forgotten how much pressure was on him over "Eagle and the Roots": from his publisher, from his conscience, and most of all from his Yugoslav Government hosts, who were awaiting a glorious justification of Communist Partisan Yugoslavia, and which (Adamic knew) they were not going to get.

You will find two accounts of the entire affair attached. The first is by the Time magazine correspondent. The story was never used. The second account is my own notes from a talk with Congressman John

SIMON BOURGIN

Blatnik of Minnesota, who is of Yugoslav descent and was close to Louis and who has been my friend since boyhood, and who is mentioned in the Time story. The third item is a newspaper clip that, most curiously, I had forgotten about, and came upon by accident while going through some papers, since my return from Guatemala.

So, altogether I am sending you a good deal to digest, and while it will not be happy reading for you I am sure you will want to see it all.

May I ask that you treat these as privileged documents and not pass them on to other parties. The Time story I got from the Time magazine morgue when I worked there, and the Blatnik memo records a private conversation. I wish that I could be sitting with you in your library discussing all of this, but that will have to wait for another visit.

You will probably not be surprised that since returning to Washington wehave spent most of our time trying to get used to not being in Guatemala, particularly Antigua. At different times of the day and night we find ourselves both thinking, and frequently saying, "Why aren't we in Antigua?" There is an ambiance about Antigua that leaves its mark and that, alas, is not to be recaptured without going back. Our days there were very good, but surely the best of it was our two visits with you and your wife, and after that our evening with the Boyers, who enriched our Guatemalan experience in the same way. So you see how much we are indebted to you and Mrs. Popenoe.

We thank you again for your exceptional hospitality, and we wish you both the best of health and good things to come.

Sincerely,

Simon Bourgin

Antigua, 23 February 1973

Dear Mr Bourgin:

That remarkable batch of notes about the end of our beloved friend Louis leaves me convinced that he simply worried himself to death. I say this because I knew him so well - you will recall that he spent some six weeks with me here in Antigua, we sat around the fireplace every evening and talked about life, and more particularly how life must have been in Antigua in the seventeenth century. I came to realise what a sensitive, emotional character he was. He was not married at the time; when he came down here again, Stella was with him and he took part in the inauguration of our school in Honduras and wrote it up in Woman's Day or some journal of that character. He and Stella with with us in Honduras ten days or so, which is the reason I was left so much up in the air when we phoned Stella in New York a few months after the death of Louis and she absolutely refused to talk about the matter. I think perhaps this strenghtened my feeling that it was suicide. If Stella had felt sure that he was murdered I think she would have said so.

I thank you heartily for sending me these notes, which locked up in my safe here at the house and will stay there. We are glad that you folks have such happy memories of Antigua and will be surprised if you dont follow the lead of so many fine people, and buy yourself a little house here in the edge of town, a house with walls three feet thick like most of the 17th century homes; fix it up and as the years go by spend more and more time own here. I have just rebuit a snug little house across from ours, for one of my daughters who is going in for archeology and expects to spend much time here. It is just the right size for two people and only cost me $10,000 plus furniture.

Warmest regards always. Cordially yours

THE WINDSOR

H. S. DUNNING, MANAGER

Montreal, June 21 1895

Darling little Paul. You do not know how much pleased I was to receive your telegram. It is raining hard here, in Montreal but Mrs. Downes, Mrs. Redzie and I have been out to the great and beautiful church Notre Dame. Grandpa and I left mamma in Burlington yesterday afternoon and spent the night in St. Albans and came here this

morning. We expect Papa and mamma here from Burlington this evening. I am saving some different kinds of pennies for you and I will outline the biggest one, so that you can see the size of it. Mamma was so glad when she got the telegram saying that you and Aunt Lucy and Wilson were home safe and sound. We all send much love to dear grandpa and grandma and Aunt Lucy and Wilson. Write me when you can

Your loving grandma
Olga W. Emma

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ANTIGUA G.
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September 14, 1960
San Jose, Calif, USA

Dear Wilson & Helen,

My senior partner in practice here in San Jose Dr. Jack Vogelman and his wife Madys are taking a trip which includes a few days in Guatemala. Madys teaches art at San Jose State College and is on sort of a sabbatical leave to study art in Central America & other places. If either of you are going to be at home or thereabouts I would appreciate any help you might give them.

We have been in practice in San Jose for about 5 years now and enjoying it very much. I took specialized ~~proct~~ training in Anesthesia after completing my internship and now limit myself to giving anesthesia. Three of our four daughters are now in school so Pat has quite a time getting them all ready in time to go. I will write down the Vogelman's Itinerary as they are on a trip planned by local travel advisors - organized to the hilt etc.

Mon - Sept 19 Depart Mexico City PAA Flt 501 - 12 noon
Arrive Guatemala 2:40 PM

Tues Sept 20 Driver quick call at 9AM at Hotel ? - visit Capital National Palace, archaeological museum, footloom weaves, residential district etc.

Wed Sept 21 - Your Hayter Travel escort call at 9AM for drive over mountainous countryside etc. In Antigua - visit ruined convents, pottery workers & weavers. Also a visit to San Antonio Aguas Calientes, an Indian village near Antigua where first weaving in the country is done. Over night in Antigua at RANCHO NIMAJAY.

Thurs Sept 22 - 7AM leave Antigua by motor to Chichicastenango via Solola seeing Indians on way to market, witness their Semi Pagan rites before & inside the 400 year old church of Santo Tomas & browse in open air market. Overnight at Chichicastenango - Mayan Inn.

Fri Sept 23 - By motor to Lake ATITLAN - Board the 10 AM mail launch for a trip to San Antonio Palopo - Return to Casa Contento for lunch. Continue to Guatemala City & Maya Excelsior Hotel - late afternoon

Sat Sept 24 - At the proper time you will be transferred to the airport
leave Guatemala City PAA # 504 3:30 PM
Arrive Merida 5:20 PM -

Maybe Someday Pat & I can take such a trip & visit you people -

Love Wally

Walter M. Bowman, M.D.
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March 9, 1975
San Jose, California

Dear Cousin Wilson,

Greetings from the Casa Bowman in San Jose, California. I haven't seen or communicated with you for so long that I feel very guilty about it. I last saw quite a few members of your clan when I accompanied Dad and Ann to Paul and Betty's Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. There were so many Popenoes of different generations running about that I had considerable difficulty sorting them all out.

The reason for the above lengthy introduction is to tell you that some of us are considering a visit to Guatemala this Summer and of course would like to see you in the process. How this came about is related to eldest brother Richard's proposing to take a sabattical leave this coming year and rent a home in Antigua from a friend of his. My yougest daughter, Jamie (17 years old) then started urging me to spend my summer vacation visiting Richard and you, of whom she has heard me speak many times. It does seem like a particularly attractive idea. Before we did more than just thnk about it I thought I should write you to see how things were with you and get your reaction to the proposal. My vacation is from July6 to July26th so a visit would fall in that time span somewhere.

I almost got to visit you a year ago Last November. I went with the Stanford University Medical School Plastic Surgery Team for a week to the remote village of Alte Mirano in the State of Chiapas, Mexico. We repaired cleft palates and cleft lips in Indians who had never had the opportunity to be operated before. I gave all the anesthetics ably assisted by a Nun at the little Hospital there. From your map you can see that this is not very far from Guatemala. Unfortunately I didn't have the time and couldn't make the arrangements to fly to see you. I did get to Comitan on the Pan American highway, which is pretty close to Guatemala.

I should bring you up to date on my family. My oldest daughter, Leslie, 22, is majoring in Recreation Therapy at San Jose State University and does volunteer work at various places including San Jose Hospital where I work. My second daughter, Carson,21, is a History major at Santa Clara University and is taking her Junior year in Florence , Italy, and having quite an experience. Third daughter Shannon, 19, is a sophomore at Mills College in Oakland. She is interested in working with the educationally handicapped. Fourth daughter Jamie, 17, is a senior in High School and has applied to various colleges, but would like to go University of California in Berkeley where her father matriculated, but hasn't heard from them as yet. My only son, Cameron,11, is in 6th grade and acts like most 6th grad boys. My wife patricia has been very active in politics and is officially an administrative assistant (unpaid) to our mayor, Janet Gray Hayes. She is taking a course in typing and shorthand to help her in her work. Pat hass a Batchelors degree in Nursing from the University of Washington in Seattle ;but hasn't done any Nursing for years.

I am a specialist in Anesthesiology and in private practice with a group of 10 at San Jose Hospital. I do a little politicking also and am on the council of the Santa Clara County Medical Society. For recreation I sing in the local Gilbert and Sullivan Society and do a bit of gardening. We have a good-sized lot and I have some fun with vegetables and flowers.

I hope this rather lengthy note finds you well.

Love from all of us here,

Wally Bowman

c/o Geest Industries (B.W.I.) Ltd.,
St. Vincent,
Windward Islands.
W. Indies.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
Guatemala,
Central America.

4th August, 1959.

Dear 'Doc',

Your letter written in Granada (Spain) dated August 12th of last year came to St. Vincent toward the close of the same month. Profound apologies for not replying 'ere this - just sheer damn lazyness I suppose; anyhow even I would have considerable difficulty in thinking up a valid excuse as to why I had not answered your welcome and amusing epistle of many moons ago.

I had heard you were retired from the school teaching business but it was news you were in Europe - the Middle East advising on Agricultural problems etc. I never realised Isreal had such a considerable acreage of Cavandish - what do;or did they intend to do with 'em, give them to their friend Nazzer ?. Anyhow I can imagine you enjoyed the travelling and advising immensely and since your return to Antigua have had your feet up, a kind of gloating over all the good advise and jewels of wisdom you scattered here and there during your travels.

Right now the Box family are on their way to England (by banana boat) and I shall be staying in Bristol for a month, returning to St. Vincent around mid-September. It's highly probable the family will stay in England for a while longer than myself.

I was in Jamaica December last and met up with the old friend or so. Most of the U.F. crowd in St. Catherines in my days there have passed on. Johnny Fowles (and Son), Busha Hunt, Sharp, Rogerson, MacIlwaine and Percy Perkins. George Catt is Asst. General Manager with M-G-M pictures just outside London. The Butlers as you know in Honduras. Both John and Pat married. A few weeks ago it was found Pat had Hodgekins(?) disease which I gather is incurable; very very hard tough luck on him. He's continuing working and taking his troubles with a grin but he must know the outlook is grim.

Have not seen or heard of Bradshaw for years, Sanderson is I gather still in Golfito but was/is hitting the bottle more than somewhat. Colin Shaw with the Company in C.A. someplace. Cross and Linton(Little Boss) have dropped out of the picture for several years but are I understand stiil in Jamaica scratching a living at this or that. Jimmy Porter is as you probably know Asst. G.M. in Kingston.

Jamaica is quite a place these days and has developed tremendously over the last 10 years. Cost of living sky high. Along the Spanish Town road for a couple of miles out of Kingston is more or less completely industrialised

and they even had a bridge over the Rio Cobre near to Gregory Park station ! Cumberland Pen Estate now belongs to Caymanas, it's partly Lacatan and partly sugar. The Kingston race course has moved out to Cumberland Pen, and the new course is close to the Manager's house and they have a most impressive and imposing Grand Stand - must have cost close on a £1,000,000. I never had opportunity to visit the N. Coast but I gather 'tis a mess, or rather a mess of 'Luxury' hotels, busily grabbing the $ from American tourists. Shame.!!

If this letter happens to reach you in England our address is 158, Stoke Land, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, as I mentioned after mid-September I'll be back in St. Vincent. If at any time you are around either place and we can make contact, well, I for one would be most delighted to see you and have a natter over the good old days, and even to discuss future problems connected with this 'an that.

Regards,

Sincerely,

P.O. Box 129,
St. Vincent.
13th June, 1962.

Dr Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
Guatemala,
Central America.

Dear Doc,

Well, I did answer a letter from you, written I believe, from Spain and when you were on a world tour or something equally exciting. Since that time at least one Xmas Card has been sent and only a stern silence from your goodself.

However I keep on struggling: an' right now I'd like a little information for a friend of mine who is interested in growing a few acres of Avacados pears. So this epistle has a duel purpose; 1. to find out what's happened to you and secondly to glean a little information for if I recall rightly many a long year ago you wrote a treatise on the Avocado.

Anyhow here goes for necessary data.

Location - St. Vincent,
Altitude - rising from sea level to 160'
Soil type - rich loam, depth 2 - 3ft.
Rainfall - 60" - 70" per year,
Area protected from trade winds,
Area has no known drainage problems,
No irrigation water available.

Are there any good quality, good yielding and good carrying variety's suitable for these conditions ? It is hoped to find something suitable for the U.K. market.

Anyhow 'Doc' there are the questions, can you supply the answers without undue trouble of course !!!

I continue working for Geests, who incidentally are making big strides unto E & Fs U.K. banana market - taking the best of it in fact, our only trouble being shortage of bananas to sell.

I have nothing to do with the production side, just purchase and ship. However if the job is not very interesting it keeps me occupied and enables me to live in a most delightful climate, I was in England at the close of last year and the weather just about creased me.

p.t.o.

Here's to hoping you and your wife are keeping very fit indeed and enjoying life.

With Best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe,

Antigua,

Guatemala,

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The House of Antigua,
Antigua,
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as at P.O. Box 129,
St. Vincent,
Windward Islands,
W. I.

11th July, 1969.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
The House of Antigua,
Antigua,
Guatemala.

Dear "Doc",

Somewhere down the line I had a welcome letter from you and which I'm sure was never answered - apologies for the delay.

Too bad you were so close to us at Christmas time, but how you managed to land in Portsmouth, Dominica would be just one of those things which happen to people like you.

I go there fairly frequently, too frequently for my liking - it is a 'dump' in every respect and not even labour like the place - most of 'em have to be taken in trucks to load bananas - and after taken home again. However away from the Portsmouth area there is a lot of interesting vegatation and growth over the Island and it surely has a varied economic existence over the years, Coffee, Vanilla, Cocoa, Sugar, Coconuts and latterly bananas. Also at present a Canadian firm have a timber concession and are busy cutting all suitable timbers. And as far as I can see re-aforestation is something to talk about but not to indulge in.

Dominica itself has a lot of charm and is completely different from the other Windward Islands. Heard an Irishman and a Dutchman discussing Dominica one evening, they both know the country reasonably well; they finally came to the firm conclusion that anyone who had lived there over two years was as crazy as they make 'em. An' I guess thats a fair summing up !.

We go to England for July, August and September and expect to be somewhere in the Windwards after that. Anyhow my usual address will always find me and if by any chance you are around the Caribbean again it should not be too difficult for us to meet up someplace.

With best regards
Sincerely,
Ted Box

NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
A UNIT OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
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ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY
CALDWELL HALL

November 13, 1959

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw
Director
Institute of Nutrition
of Central America and Panama
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Bradfield and I are planning a brief visit to Central and South America during December and January. Present plans, which are reasonably ~~affixed~~ call for our arriving in Guatemala City at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 15 on Pan American flight #503. We are scheduled to leave Guatemala City the next day, Wednesday, December 16 at 3:10 p.m. on Pan American flight #501. I would like very much to have a visit with each of you. In addressing this letter to you jointly, I am assuming that you are well acquainted with each other and I hope that you will suggest a schedule for me which will be the most convenient to you both.

On arrival I could check in at the hotel in Guatemala City; visit Dr. Scrimshaw's laboratory in the afternoon; stay all night in Guatemala City and go out to Antigua the following morning, returning to Guatemala City in time to catch my plane. Or we could reverse this order and spend the afternoon of the first day in Antigua. If hotel facilities are better, possibly staying overnight in Antigua and returning to Guatemala City in the morning for a visit with Dr. Scrimshaw and his institute. Either arrangement will be quite satisfactory with me. I am very anxious to have a short visit with you both. As you probably know, I am especially interested in tropical agriculture and its improvement.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Bradfield

R. Bradfield
Professor of Soil Technology

RB:kd

P. S. Dr. Popenoe: I had a letter from your friend Raymond Crist a few days ago, indicating that he was visiting Guatemala and that he hoped that we might meet there. I understand that he is an old friend of yours. You might keep this in mind in suggesting plans for my visit.

INCAP
Carretera Roosevelt ~~III~~
Zona 11

Guatemala, November 20, 1959

Dr. Richard Bradfield
Professor of Soil Technology
Department of Agronomy
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Bradfield:

We were pleased to receive your letter of November 13th., indicating that you will be visiting Guatemala briefly in mid-December, on what we assume to be December 15th and 16th. We would be glad to have you visit INCAP either on the afternoon of the 15th or the morning of the 16th, whichever is more convenient for Dr. Popenoe.

Since Dr. Popenoe is in a separate city and telephone communication is almost impossible, I am replying without first checking with him. Instead, I will send him a copy of this reply and base our plans on his reply to you.

Sincerely yours,

Nevin S. Scrimshaw
Regional Advisor in Nutrition
Pan American Health Organization, and
Director, INCAP

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

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Antigua, Guatemala, 25 Nov 1959

Dr Richard Bradfield,
Cornell University, Ithaca, N Y.

Dear Doctor Bradfield:

Your letter of the 13th brings mighty good news. We shall all be delighted to see Mrs Bradfield and yourself here in Guatemala. I went to discuss the matter with Dr Scrimshaw a few days ago but missed, though I talked with his Secretary who gave me a copy of the Doctor's lettersto you. This is what I would suggest:

Since you reach Guatemala City about noon, lunch there and look over INCAP and talk with Doctor Scrimshaw. Ask him to send Mrs Bradfield and yourself over here in time to have supper with us and sleep in this old house, not exactly in an odor of sanctity but certainly an odor of antiquity. The following morning we will take a turn around the valley and look at Indian agriculture and talk about tropical soil problems. We will get you back to town in time for your 3.10 plane (get your papers in order before coming over to Antigua).

If Raymond Crist shows up, or you hear from him, tell him to join us hereñtoo; and for Dr Scrimshaw if he wishes to stay over. I wonder if you plan to stop in El Salvador. A number of people there would be thrilled to have a visit from you - they are pretty keen about soils and soil management. I came from there last week and I know.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Dr Nevin S Scrimshaw

American Pomological Society

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FRUIT VARIETY IMPROVEMENT

Box 192,
Clemson, So. Car.
September 3, 1967.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Wilson:

I hope you will forgive me for taking so long to thank you again for such a wonderful experience in your adopted country. I have been reliving it almost constantly since I left there, even in Mexico. And now I talk about it with almost anybody who will listen.

I recently heard from George Kessler and he said he had heard from you. One of these days I will send a story to be printed in FRUIT VARIETIES. Probably yours will get there first.

I told you I would send you a report on my findings in Mexico. Here is a sort of summary of the varieties I found there, beginning in the Mexico City area and going as far north as San Luis Potosi and Lareto. I saw two or three experiment stations, commercial orchards and demonstration plantings for trial purposes. Gerber Co. had some trial plantings for instance, near and north of Queretaro. Out of these will come much worthwhile information in a short time.

Beginning with Chapingo, the Station and Agricultural School east of Mexico. D.F., the apple variety list is: Winter Banana, Jonathan, Jonwin, Gravenstein, Red Rome, W.W. Pearmain, Ornsby, Lodi, Beverly Hills, Naomi (Isreal), and what I thought was Milton. Not until I got as far north as the state of Zacatecas did Red and Yellow Delicious look normal. And north of Aguascalientes the Vinifera grapes (and Italian table grapes) were growing well too. Much wine production also.

In the case of pears, I saw Lincoln, Comice, Red Bartlett, Starking Delicious, Moonglow, Magness, Bosc, Devoe and Keiffer. Some trees were too young to evaluate the fruit.

In nectarines, the good ones included Moorpark, Tilton and "New French". I'm sure there were others too. Peaches were still in the testing stage, but the best of the US varieties were Sunhigh, Burbank Elberta, Fay Elberta (Gold Medal) and Red Globe. I was surprised to see the latter so good, but they did have a cold winter with snow. The Creoles" predominated the scene, selections of several hundred years reseeding, and the canners preferred them because of their fine flavor. I can testify to this, as I ate a whole one in spite or its being a clingstone. Near San Luis Potosi is the largest peach cannery in Mexico, as well as the largest orchard of over 100,000 trees. A fantastic sight!

(over)

The best plums included Nubiana, Santa Rosa, Late S.R., Methley, Burmosa, and Shiro. Also saw young trees of Redhaart and Elephont Heart. I am quite sure that any of the Japanese hybrids would do well almost anywhere in your two countries.

Some English raspberries interested me: Lloyd George and Malling Promise. Sweet cherries looked better than I expected, as they sometimes do not get enough chilling here. These were at San Luis de la Paz.

Tell Arturo that the best table grapes I saw were Cardinal (US origin), Revere and Perlette. These were both large and sweet.

And also for Arturo is the enclosed list of Rose Nurseries in the Tyler, Texas, area. As good as the roses looked in both Mexico and Guatemala, I'd say they could be commercially grown with profit, even more than they are now. (Guess I mean for the flowers)

We are leaving for Europe this week and not returning for a month. From Vienna to Lisbon, and I'll not forget your favorite hotel in Madrid. In fact I'll not forget you, as you are now symbolic with fruit and horticulture everywhere I go. I read the book on my bus ride home, and now I am loaning it to some of my friends.

Are you still as sure as I am that Wealthy and "Juarez" are the same? Now I'm trying to get proof or find a way to check that variety I identified as Milton. This too was near San Luis de la Paz.

I hope you are well and enjoying life to the limit. I'll try to drop you a card from Europe.

Sincerely,

John

John T. Bregger

Hello to the "Staff" + Art!
J.

D. RUSSELL BREWER
111 PUTNAM CIRCLE, N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 31. 1957

Dear Doc.

It was nice of you to think of us to send the card announcing your elevation to the "Emeritus" classification. It is something very well deserved and we both wish you years of happiness in Guatemala. Knowing you, I know they will not be years of idleness for I imagine you have many things that you want to do - things for which you couldn't find time when active in the school affairs.

If you ever get to this part of the U.S.A. do look us up as we'd like to see you. Can meet you at the airport or station at any time and we have plenty of room.

I continue active and am still with the Company I started with seven years ago. Now function as Asst to President and Advertising Manager so am reasonably busy but work under very congenial circumstances.

My boys all married and each of them have children. Seven grandchildren in all. One boy in New Orleans, one in Louisville and one here in Atlanta - so we get to see them all frequently.

Best regards from us both,
Russell.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY
LIFE SCIENCE BUILDING
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47907

August 30, 1971

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Personally, and on behalf of the Purdue University School of Agriculture and Division of International Programs, I wish to express our appreciation for your most generous cooperation and very able contribution to the field phases of our recent course, FIELD STUDY IN INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE - LATIN AMERICA.

I would like to thank each of you individually for your specific contributions and for the cordiality and friendliness with which the students and I were received. But, you are so many - our hosts, guides, coordinators, lecturers and subject matter specialists - that, regrettably, this is not possible.

The visits to all the countries, Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica and Honduras, were outstanding. The spectrum of agriculture presented was very broad. The technical information about agriculture in different environments with distinct management problems was valuable and impressive.

Equally important was the appreciation gained of the importance of differences in social organization, economic and political systems and organization of resources. There is no doubt that the horizons of the participating students have been widened and their perspective deepened. Hopefully, a few will be inspired to follow international careers in the interest of enlightened inter-American relationships.

Obviously, such a course can only function on the basis of good will and mutual interest in international education. We appreciate your frankness in showing and discussing with us your problems as well as your successes, your willingness to take us into communities which have fundamental quality-of-living problems, and your trust in our desire and our ability to judge fairly what we saw and to speak honestly and with human concern of what we learned.

Dr. A. R. Hilst, Dean of Instruction, and Dr. D. W. Thomas, Director of International Programs, join me in thanking you for your part in making this course the success that it was.

Appreciatively yours,

Roy D. Bronson
Professor of Agronomy and
International Agriculture

RDB/ssb

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September 8, 1971

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

For many years, through Paco Sierra, through friends at United Fruit Company, and through Howard and Eunice Ream, I have heard accounts of your many activities in Central America and have almost felt that I knew you.

Can you imagine what a delightful surprise it was to find that you were, indeed, at Zamorano when we arrived there in July and to have the opportunity to meet you personally?

It was just tremendous of you to take the time to talk with my group of students in the Wilson Popenoe Library and to relate to us some of the history of the founding of the Panamerican School of Agriculture. Your explanation of the role of Sam Zamurry and your educational philosophy in the establishment and organization of the school were most revealing.

I had visited Zamorano in 1961 when I worked at La Lima and was thus acquainted with the school. Later, during my term of almost 5 years with the Purdue University Project at UREMG (Universidade Rural do Estado de Minas Gerais) in Viçosa, I was almost daily reminded of Peter Henry Rolfs who established the then ESAV (Escola Superior de Agricultura e Veterinaria) in 1927. He is a true legend in Viçosa. No formal school occasion is complete without the recounting of some of his exploits in the construction of the original school buildings in that remote mountainous area of Brazil.

Isolation, of course, has been the target of criticism of Brazilian educators and foreign development experts, with respect to allocation of funds for development of the university at Vicosa. On more than one occasion, I have argued that isolation is quite possibly one of the real success factors in the pioneering attitude which was fostered at Viçosa. Likewise, more than once, I have been struck with the parallelism between the two schools, both of which are unique and both of which have provided outstanding leadership in agriculture for their broad areas of influence.

I never suspected that there might be a de facto link between the philosophies of the EAP and UREMG until you mentioned your long-standing association with the University of Florida. Now, to know that you were a student of Peter Henry Rolfs at the University of Florida provides a most interesting and reassuring link in the chain of agricultural educational philosophy.

I recall most of what you said about your relationship with "Daddy" Rolfs (the first time I knew he had that nickname) when we were talking in the library patio after the picture-taking. I am also most interested in knowing more of the details of your association with Dr. Rolfs.

If you have a few minutes, and feel like writing about "Daddy" Rolfs to a very interested and appreciative listener, I would most enjoy knowing something of dates, experiences, and how well you knew each other and how you were influenced by Rolfs, especially in terms of teaching agriculture, especially in Latin America.

Again, it was a real thrill for me to meet and talk with you and to share some of your experiences.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy D. Bronson

Roy D. Bronson
Professor of Agronomy and
International Agriculture

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Antigua, Guatemala 4 January 1971

Dr. H.J.Brooks,
U S Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland.

Dear Doctor Brooks:

The last issue of Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest which I have received (October 1970) makes a reak contribution, in the form of the list of pear cultivars and sources of scionwood. This hits me just at the right ti e, for I have a problem.

Uou may have noticed, in the January 1968 issue, my little paper on Deciduous Fruit Varieties for Tropical America. For many years I have been working in this field, - in fact ever since 1916 when I came down here as an Agricultural Explorer for the Office of Foreign Plant Introduction, USDA. As a reference, I will mention that George Darrow and I were colleagues at that time, and both members of H.P.Gould's Sunday School class. (You will have to pardon this old-timer stuff. I have reached the age when it is hard to avoid it).

Now here is my problem. Since I was retired as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana and came home to Antigua, about the only work I have done is to help local horticulturists in the highlands who are interested in Temperate Zone fruits. Though I should perhaps add that I am officially Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture, ad-honorem. Quite a lot of work has been done on apples, going as far back as the 1880s or 1890s. But when I stepped into the picture ten years ago we didnt know what we had. One man, who had the biggest orchar of Winter Banana insisted that it was Red Astrakhan. The chap who had Wealthy had given it his own name, Juarez. These two are the principal

apples we are planting today.

We are having a harder time straightening out the pears. The local folk just talk of two varieties, Larga and Redonda, - Long and Round. Just as easy as that. But as we have come to study Larga, we have found that there are several varieties under this name, and we think the one which ripens earliest is Clapp Favorite. As to Redonda, we think it is Lincoln. I may add that what I have gone on, principally, has been "The Pears of New York." I dont know what I would have done without it.

A few years ago we found another good pear in an orchard at Quezaltenango. I have been watching it for three years, good crops every year, and a good eating pear. Someone said he thought it was Beurré Clairgeau, and it seems to agree with the description and plate in the Pears of New York.

But I am not satisfied. The only way to get these pears rightly named is to grow some authentic material for comparison. I did this personally with Wealthy and was instrumental in the cae of Winter Banana; and we now have authentic material from California and Bountiful Ridge of half a dozen other promising apples, such as White Winter Pearmain and Yellow Newtown and Gravenstein - and incidentally, Jonwin from California. I would like to know what you think of this variety, if you know it. Here it has proved to be a strong grower, tremendous producer, but I am a bit afraid the quality is not quite good enough.

But returning to the pears: I am cooperating with a man here, Arturo Falla, who is perhaps the best fruit grower in Guatemala, He worked for more than a year with Stark Bros in Missouri.

What we need to do, in order to get ahead with this pear business on solid ground, is to get authentic material of Clapp Favorite, Lincoln and Clairgeau and fruit it out for comparison with our material here. Will you help us?

This past week I received peach scions from Florida, 25 scions 8 inches long, in plastic bags tightly tied at thw tops, sent by first class air mail in Jiffy No. 3A shipping bags. The air mail postage was $2.30, which is mighty cheap if you can introduce a new variet successfully at long distance. I have sent avocado scions to South Africa in this way, 12 days. When I was working in southern Spain ten years ago, introducing avocados, I had friends in Florida and California send me scions, five of a variety at a time, in ordinary manila envelops. It cost me about five dollars to get a new vari ty into Spain, Cheap enough. And very recently I have sent scions of our green zapote (Achradelpha viridis) to New Zeland in this way.

How about sending us five 8½inch pieces of Clapp, Lincoln and Clairgeau? I will be glad to cover the cost; but I must add that I am leaving on the 12th of this month for Costa Rica and will not be back here until the first of February. Shipments should be addressed to me simply, Wilson Popenoe, Antigua, Guatemala, C.A. Sent just like ordinary air mail letters. No quarantine certificates or anything. If necessary to put the shipment in hands of the Sanidad Vegetal people here we know them and can handle the matter expeditiously.

Incidentally, I am just writing Harold Winters about Crataegus seeds he has asked for. C. pubescens or whatever it is, has been our only pear rootstock here. He have tried French pear seedlings and think they must have the highest elevations here. We are now switching over to P. calleryana of which we have some 50,000 seedlings in nurseries in this country. We have Baldwin and a few others on this stock 15 years and more of age and they have done very well.

I would like very much to tip up with you on this pear business. You can be of real service and we shall be very grateful.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Pears

N.J. 10 at Peña Di Oro looks good.

N.J. 9 like above.
Guayo says these are the two best New Jerseys.

Aspuac says he uses the sandwich graft as follows: Manzanilla root. Para acuda in center, and Hood on top. This is the only sandwich he says that Hood does ok on Kieffer and Pineapple rootstock.

Guayo says Aspuac has quite a number of trees of this sandwich graft, but since he found out that Hood does well on Pineapple and Kieffer, and did not do well on Manzanilla

Marco Tulio Lemus - farmaceutico. Juan is still in charge -
Marco Tulio - Farmacia Nueva

Tampa, May 11th

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Have Sternbergh sent these pictures taken the day you showed us thru your beautiful and most intersting "house in Antigua". The Sternberghs said afterwards it was the highlight of their visit in Guatemala. Kind regards to Mrs. Popenoe.

Earle Brown

APR 4 1959

'Bout' With Castro Rebels Detours York Flier

An airplane trip to Merida in Yucatan, Mexico, to view the Maya Indian ruins, said to date as far back as 2,000 to 3,000 years before the birth of Christ, turned out to be just about everything other than what was planned by a York business man.

David Sternbergh, who returned home this week after a month's absence, did reach his original destination, but he'll remember an unscheduled side trip much longer than the historically-important ruins of the Maya Indians.

Sternberg's experience was shared by a friend, Earle Brown, of Tampa, Fla., who is a retired employe of the Panama canal.

Sternbergh, who flies his own plane, a single-engine four-place Cessna, picked up Brown in Tampa after the Yorker first stopped in Atlanta, Ga., on business.

On March 7, with a flight plan for Merida, they left Key West, Fla., in ideal flying weather. From Key West, the plan was to fly along the north coast of Cuba, staying between five and 10 miles offshore. They had been advised beforehand by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Washington, D. C., to avoid touching or flying over Cuba because of the tense political situation there.

Forced Down In Cuba

However, about 100 miles west of Havana the flyers encountered stormy weather and, Sternbergh relates, were forced to fly at an altitude of 200 feet. At this point they were over the Cuban coastline, "still heading for Merida," said Sternbergh.

Forced to land the plane, Sternbergh looked for the only available airport which was at Santa Lucia, a government-owned grassy strip located on the north coast near the western tip of the island.

"We had hardly touched the ground when we had a gun pointed at us," the Yorker said. The men behind the guns, the "tourists" soon learned, were soldiers of Fidel Castro's rebel army.

Sternbergh and Brown were taken to the police station in Santa Lucia where Sternbergh said they were interrogated for about three hours.

"It was evident the interrogators were attempting to determine if we were smugglers—bringing in money or munitions for the fallen Batista government or planning to convoy Batista people from the mainland, possibly to Florida or even to Merida," stated Sternbergh, who operates Playland, east of York.

"Even though we were under armed guard for about 24 hours in Santa Lucia everything was conducted under a very friendly atmosphere," the Yorker recalls.

Taken Into Custody

Later, they were placed in the custody of officials of the Compania Operadora Romelales S. A., a copper mining firm, and were the guest of one of its officials, Carl H. Alber, a Danish engineer, who had put up the bail bond for their release.

On March 9, Sternbergh and Brown again were taken to the airport at Santa Lucia where they awaited the arrival of a government plane from Havana.

Sternbergh said the plane arrived about noon "with a Cuban army captain, a pilot and two armed soldiers. They all carried sidearms or rifles."

"Brown," he said, "went in the Cuban plane and the captain rode with me on the return trip to Havana." In Havana they were detained overnight and the next morning "given a sincere apology." Sternbergh relates he and his companion were "informed we could leave—which we did as soon as we refueled."

From Havana, the travelers flew non-stop to Merida, a distance of 485 miles. This trip carried them approximately 135 miles across open waters between Cuba and Mexico, a feat which Sternbergh said is considered rather dangerous in a single-engine plane.

From Merida, the still restless flyers flew south to Guatemala City, a hop of about 350 air miles, and it was there, on March 16, that Sternbergh decided to telephone his wife in York and have her join him via commercial airlines.

Brown stayed in Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Sternbergh returned to York last Wednesday after a trip which took them around the Gulf of Mexico to Tampico, where they stayed overnight, and then on to Brownsville, Tex., "where we went through customs and into the good ole U. S. A.," Sternbergh happily recalls now.

9/28/71

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

My trip to Guatemala was such a pleasure that I just smile every time I think of it. I want to thank you for taking your time to help me on my venture.

Getting cherimoyas into production on a commercial basis still seems to be a ways in the future, but the road looks good ahead. My seedlings and young trees are doing well, and I'm happy with the growth they have put on this year.

During our talks we discussed the "perfect" climate. High temp. and high humidity more or less. Well, this summer in Calif., the weather has been just that. There is a good natural set of cherimoyas all over our valley, some trees are loaded down with young fruit. Two varites, Pierces, and Bays, have four or five well shaped fruit per limb, in some cases. These are extreme examples of a rare year, but it is still quite impressive to me. I'll take pictures and send them to you later in the year. It will be four months until our fruit starts to ripen, but I imagine your two trees are producing well now.

I've been hand pollenating a small grove of trees for Stanley Shepard with great success. With the varites in the grove, (Pierce, Bays, White, Spain, Moroccan, Island Queen, and two of our own seedling varites) all seem to respond to hand pollenation equally. About 80 to 90% take. I also tried mixing the pollen with water + spraying it on, which is much faster, but I have had very limited results so far.

We also talked about the Ashmead Wasp, and its range. You didn't recall seeing it in Mexico, but I saw evidence of it north to Guadalajara, and the people know it as La Plaga. I didn't see trees north of Guad., and none at all in all of Baja Calif. The danger of the wasp scares me. I hope there are natural boundries that halt its spread. Also the Dept. of Agriculture inspects fruit very carefully. Once again, thank you

for your time and ~~hop~~ hospitality, you helped me a great deal, and maybe if you are in California you will have time to visit and stay with us.

Sincerely,
Tony Brown

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Carpinteria California
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April 2, 1971

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you and your wife for your wonderful hospitality and for the opportunity of visiting in your beautiful and interesting home. Such a visit and experience is rare, and I had never anticipated the pleasure would be mine.

Our trip to the countryside was not extensive enough to give me an education, but it did add one more block to my knowledge and understanding of agriculture and life in Central America. As you know, Hugh and I had a most worthwhile visit in Honduras and our stay in Salvador, while brief, was also interesting.

I hope that you and Mrs. Popenoe will visit in Gainesville sometime in the near future and give us the opportunity of returning some of your wonderful hospitality. Please give my best regards to your wife and to Marion and her girls. With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

C B Browning

C. B. Browning
Dean for Resident Instruction

CBB/ets

DREW UNIVERSITY

Madison, New Jersey

December 1, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am collecting material for a biography of Sylvanus Morley.

His diary, though helpful, is far from complete, particularly in the later years, and I must rely on letters by him and recollections of persons who knew him.

Would you be good enough to tell me if you have letters by him, especially those in which he told about his activities? Recollections of him that supplement the material in Morleyana will also be very useful; such material, of course, will not be quoted without your permission.

I shall certainly be most grateful for any aid you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Brunhouse

Robert L. Brunhouse
Professor of History

RLB:cs

Robert L. Brunhouse
39 Green Village Road
Madison, New Jersey

June 11, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Many thanks for your kind note of June 1. I regret that I'll not have the opportunity of seeing you in July, but I understand the situation perfectly. Unfortunately, I had to draw up my itinerary at the last moment without the opportunity of consulting you about dates.

Here's trusting that I may see you on another occasion.

Cordially yours,

Robert L. Brunhouse

La Lima, Honduras
June 30th., 1964

Dr. W. Popenoe
C/O Dr. A. Muller
Escuela Agric. Panamericana
El Zamorano

Dear Sir:

The Scituate Art Association Incorporated of Boston and the United Fruit Company, with the cooperation of the Instituto Hondureño de Cultura Interamericana, plan to send an exhibit of Honduran art to be shown in July, first at the Summer Art Festival in Boston and subsequently in at least four other cities in the U.S.A. Your cooperation in loaning paintings to this project is greatly appreciated, and I feel sure will serve a very good purpose in acquainting the U.S. with Honduras and with its promising artists.

Your paintings are insured portal to portal by the Federal Insurance Company of New York and they are being crated by professional packers in Tegucigalpa to be shipped by Tela Railroad and United Fruit Co. I expect they will be outside the country for 3 or 4 months. When reviews or newspaper articals on the exhibit are available I will have them sent to you, as you will be as interested as I am in the reactions expressed.

Thank you sincerely personally and in the name of the groups for which I am acting.

Yours truly,

Marybeth Buddenhagen

Mrs. I. W. Buddenhagen
C/O Research Dept.
Tela Railroad Co.
La Lima, Honduras

March 8, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The orchids arrived this noon and I am making haste to thank you, though actually you will never know how much I really appreciate them. They are in fine shape and look as happy as can be - the fumigation didn't seem to even make them lose their breath. Although I am neither horticulturist, fiber technologist nor orchidologist, I certainly have as bad a case of "orchiditis" as anyone who ever came down the road, and though I may never be able to identify them I shall certainly enjoy them as I really get more pleasure from the species and botanicals than from the big "whoppin" hybrids, as beautiful as they are. Their beauty and color excite me as much as some folks can get worked up over horse racing.

Getting them ready for sending was a lot of trouble to you for which only thanks seems very inadequate, but certainly there must have been some expense involved in the project and I want to refund that, so please let me know the amount.

My husband has been bitten by the orchid "bug" about as badly as I have so I know he would want me to express his appreciation also and please pass it along to your son for his trouble.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. R. S.) Helen Burt

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,
May 9, 1961.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am sorry that I did not get to see you again before you left Honduras but the time slipped away before I realized that you had gone.

I hope that you will be coming to Tegucigalpa again and that I may see you whenever you do travel here. As a matter of fact I might be able to speak more knowledgeably the next time about Zamorano and perhaps give you some useful information.

You may be interested to know that Dr. Ortega called on me in the Embassy last week to advise me that his services at Zamorano have been terminated.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Burrows

Charles R. Burrows
Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o Ambassador John J. Muccio,
American Embassy,
Guatemala City,
Guatemala.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON
1530 P STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 3, 1950

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Edmund Whitman relayed to me your request for a photograph, and I am delighted to send one along with pleasant recollections of our visiting together in times past.

Cordially yours,

V. Bush

CLUB DE LEONES

LA ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

Mato 25 de 1967.-

Señor
Wilson Popenoe
Antigua G.-

Distinguido señor:

El Club de Leones de la Antigua Guatemala, muy -- atentamente se dirige a Usted, para hacer de su conocimiento, que -- tiene el firme propósito de construir un local para el "Servicio de-Emergencia" en el hospital Pedro de Bethancourt de esta ciudad, servicio del cual se carece y que es de suma necesidad, ya que este hospital atiende a los departamentos de Sacatepéquez, Chimaltenango y - en algunos casos, Escuintla.-

Es por ello que hoy venimos ante Usted, y sabedores de su altruísmo, generosidad y cariño que siempre ha manifestado en distintas oportunidades a esta ciudad; para rogarle su valiosa colaboración en el sentido de que nos proporcione un donativo que será destinado para la construcción de dicha obra, la cual tendrá un costo aproximado de Q.5000.oo entre local y equipo.-

No dudando en ningún momento que la solicitud que hoy le hacemos, encuentre la acogida correspondiente, ya que la obra, ,-sería, aparte del incalculable beneficio para nuestra querida Antigua Guatemala, un homenaje más que el pueblo y las personas bondadosas como Usted, tributarían a la memoria y con motivo del Tricentenario de la muerte de nuestro Venerable Hermano Pedro.-

Oportunamente pasará una comisión de nuestro Club, para recibir personalmente su valioso donativo y mientras tanto reciba nuestro más atento y cordial saludo, junto con las muestras de -- nuestra más alta estimación y aprecio.-

León: Dr. Miguel A. Soto Bustamante.
Secretario.-

CLUB DE LEONES DE LA ANTIGUA G. — GUATEMALA C. A.

May 22, 1967

Dear Dr Popenoe,

We just want to tell you again how very much we enjoyed visiting your Spanish home when we were in Antigua in April. We felt that meeting you was one of the highlights of a very wonderful trip. We followed your advice on places to stay and were very pleased. Guatemala is such a beautiful country, with such warm, friendly people!

When you are in Bradenton again we would consider it an honor to take you to "Louie Pappas".

Sincerely,

Dr + Mrs C. E. Butler
1903 22nd St W.
Bradenton, Fla.

TELEGRAMA

Antigua 17 July 1973

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GUATEMALA

ESPERANDOLE SABADO PARA VER CHARLIE CON LOS DIEZ CHIQUITOS

POPENOE

[Found w/ "Recollections of an Agr Sup't"]

June 9. 1940

Dear Dr Popenoe.

I am sorry that I have been such a long time in answering your letter with the inquiries about the Jewish families in Jamaica. It arrived just about the time we decided to depart for England and we had such a rush & so much to do that I had no time for letter-writing.

There is one man in Jamaica who knows a tremendous lot about the early Jews, and that is an old Mr Andrade, of Spanish Town. He has written a book on the subject, which before the war broke out, was to have been published by Basil Parkes, of "The Times". I would suggest that you wrote to Mr Andrade, care of Basil Parkes. The Jamaica Times, Kingston. I know that Mr Andrade would be delighted to have any inquiries about his people and if anyone can help you to the information you require, it is he. I was

able to help him to one or two facts, such as the title deed for the Port Royal synagogue (about 1670-6). As far as I remember, the first appearance of Jewish names in the records is about 1674-5. They took up land all over the parishes which were then being developed - whether for speculation purposes or for farming I wasn't able, for lack of time, to determine, but they certainly weren't all shopkeepers. Perhaps the modern Jewish farmers are merely following in their ancestors footsteps? Mr Andrade will be able to give you definite information, but as far as I remember scarcely any of the names of the prominent Jewish families today are among the earliest comers. The Lindos came in the 18th century - one of them was in great trouble during the American Revolution owing to his attempts to trade with the enemy through Haiti & Cuba, I think.

We left Victoria yesterday and are now climbing through the Rockies, hence the extra poor script of this note. I suppose we sail from Montreal sometime this week, but naturally we have no definite information.

Have you given up Leaf Spot in despair that you have now left Jamaica? My husband joins me in sending kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,
G. M. Butterfield

Friday
July 7, 1961

Dear Wilson,

Please, please forgive me for not writing to you sooner. I couldn't write immediately, I just could not - although in my heart I was thinking of you and Helen constantly and extending to you my deepest and heartfelt sympathy.

The news of Helen's passing I learned from Helen Parker when I called her in station (Chicago) on my way back to Baltimore after spending almost a month in Kenosha taking care of mother - getting meals etc, which was a very difficult but prayerful

time for me. When I left mother seemed so much better but I am now here again and have been for almost five weeks.

When the news of Helen was such a shock - I love her dearly and her friendship is one of my most cherished memories. I am filled with remorse for not having kept in closer touch with her this past year.

I hope some member of your family is with you for I know how comforting it would be.

Please accept my sincerest sympathy and understanding

lovingly

Marie Butterwick

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IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE
AND CITRUS EXPERIMENT STATION

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

April 17, 1934.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
Research Department,
Tela Railroad Company,
Tela, Honduras, C.A.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

It was certainly very good of you to send me the manuscript of your paper on the history of the avocado.

When I returned to work after an illness, I was greatly interested in reading it, as were other members of our staff. I have taken the liberty of typing a copy for our files, and hope that you will not mind, since there seems some doubt whther it will be published soon. We have noted on our copy that you plan to publish it in the new magazine.

It is very interesting and valuable to have these early accounts translated and brought together. If it should not be published as originally intended, I hope that you will send it somewhere else so that it can get into print. Perhaps the California Avocado Association would publish it.

Thank you again, and if there is anything we can do for you such as sending publications of the Station, etc., please let me know.

Sincerely,

Margaret Buvens

Margaret Buvens,
Librarian.

P.S. I enclose your copy of the manuscript.