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SECOND INTER-AMERICAN FOOD CONGRESS

BOX 954, MIAMI 43, FLORIDA, U.S.A.

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Dr. Geo. Borgstrom

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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March 5, 1959

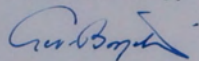
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am approaching you about the possibility of inducing you to participate in our Second Inter-American Food Congress and give a paper on the future prospects of the processing of tropical fruits.

We are also having a day-long session in this field and we would be honored if you would consider to preside this session.

Yours sincerely,



Georg Borgstrom
Program Chairman

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SECOND INTER-AMERICAN FOOD CONGRESS

Miami, Florida June 7-13, 1959
Preliminary Program

A. Paper:

I. Quality Control

- A. a) canned food (animal products, fruits & vegetables)
- b) frozen food
- c) cereals
- d) meats, poultry

B. Control laboratories

C. Sampling problems

II. Processing of tropical fruits

- a) mango (canning, freezing)
- b) guava
- c) pineapple
- d) banana (powder, flake)
- e) juice, nectars and concentrates

III. Poultry Processing

- a) sanitation
- b) broilers (raw material)
- c) freezing
- d) use of antibiotics

IV. Sugar Uses

- a) candied fruit - technical session
- b) confectionery technology
- c) bulk handling of sugar

V. Coffee and Cocoa

- a) Soluble industry
- b) aroma and flavor
- c) cocoa fermenting

VI. Nutrition

- a) infant feeding and processed products
- b) reconstitution of milk solids to "fresh" milk
- c) fish meal protein
- d) yeast as food
- e) nutritive changes in food processing
- f) protein composition in indigenous foods

VII. Fish

- a) freshness tests
- b) freezing problems
- c) frozen fish for canning
- d) shrimp bacteriology

- VIII. Cereals
 - a) new flour milling techniques
 - b) breakfast cereals
 - IX. Dairy Products
 - a) milk powders
 - b) filled milks
 - c) casein production
 - X. Buildings and equipment
 - a) Basic principles in the building of food processing plants
 - b) electronic control equipment
 - XI. Sanitation
 - a) poultry processing
 - b) water requirements in canning and freezing
 - c) Salmonella hazards
 - XII. Packaging
 - a) Cans
 - b) Glass packaging
 - c) Thermostable plastics
 - d) Food packaging for air transportation
- B. Panels (Roundtable discussions)
- I. Sanitation (equipment, operation and organization)
 - II. Poultry processing
 - III. Diet deficiencies and the potential role of processed foods (in various areas)
 - IV. Soybean flour as human food (industrial exports, uses)
 - V. Fish flour in bread

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 March 1959

Dr George Borgstrom,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing.

Dear Doctor Bprgstrom:

Your letter of 5 March has just come. I would very much like to take part in the Second Inter-American Food Congress at Miami, June 11 to 13, but I have a commitment to take part in the annual meetings of the Caribbean Region, American Society for Horticultural Science, in Costa Rica, at precisely this same time.

In any case, I do not consider myself well qualified to present a paper on the future prospects of the processing tropical fruits. My work for the past half century has been in connection with the production of tropical fruits. I believe we have made a little progress in that field. In Mexico they are getting ahead with processing; right now they are trying to get started here in Salvador and Guatemala. As I see it, the problem is, production of sufficient quantities of fruits of uniformly good quality. I think I had better continue to hammer away on that angle. Or are we putting the cart before the horse? I dont know. But I feel sure, when we have sufficient production of good material it wont be hard to get money and equipment to do the processing. The ICAITI of the ^{the}United Nations is at work right now in Central America, with a view to establishing processing plants.

Yours sincerely,

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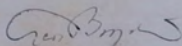
April 6, 1959

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I understand your difficulties in attending, already being committed. But I wish to tell you that the productional phase of tropical fruits is equally important to us and we most certainly will return with our request next year for the third congress we are holding. This is an annual meeting and I hope to be able to induce you to attend.

Yours sincerely,



Georg Borgstrom
Program Chairman

GB/c

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 April 1959

Dr George Borgstrom
Michigan State University
East Lansing.

Dear Doctor Borgstrom:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant.

Again I want to say that I am sorry other commitments will not permit my taking part in the forthcoming meeting.

If I am here next year I would very much like to take part in your annual meeting. I am not thinking of flying to the moon, but there are other possibilities. The actuaries have mentioned one, which I don't like to talk, or think, about.

The more emphasis you can put on food production in the tropical parts of the globe, more particularly, tropical America, the better. When you fellows stop to reflect on the fact that we are getting some 12 or 15 bushels of corn per acre down this way; and when you stop to reflect on the fact that there are tremendous areas still not producing anything, some - a lot - of which can be made to produce when we bring to bear the latest techniques and those which are going to come to light within your time, probably, I am not afraid of our starving to death within the next century or two. A chap from CARE was here yesterday and told me how many potatoes and how many bushels of corn and how much butter and cheese you fellows are hoarding up there - because you can't eat it. There are tremendous possibilities in these as yet not fully developed countries (I refuse to use the word underdeveloped; it always smacks of those poor "underprivileged" children).

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe