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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1957

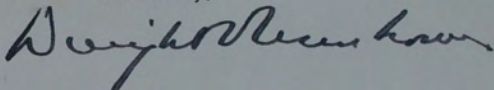
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

From many sources I have heard of the fine work you have done as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, and now I understand that, on the occasion of your retirement, you are to become Director Emeritus. I hope you will permit me to join with the many distinguished Americans who salute you not only for your outstanding contribution to hemispheric understanding through your work at the School, but for your many achievements in furthering sound agricultural practices throughout the world.

The Escuela Agricola Panamericana, of course, excites my admiration because it so practically demonstrates ways in which the technical knowledge we have gained can be employed to increase the productivity and raise the living standards of our good neighbors to the south.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Mrs. Nixon and I join your host of friends and admirers throughout the Western Hemisphere in sending our warmest good wishes to you upon your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras.

We would like to take this opportunity as well to congratulate you upon being named Director Emeritus of the School which, under your leadership since its founding in 1942, has received unparalleled prestige in the countries of Latin America.

Distinguished as you are in the fields of horticulture and agriculture, you have shared your great knowledge with your students. More important still, over the years you have given those young men a deep insight into human nature which in turn will lead to an even better understanding and more friendly relations between the countries of North and South America.

Mrs. Nixon and I look forward to the time when we shall see you again, and she joins me in sending our best wishes for the happiness and good health you so rightfully deserve in the years to come.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

*And we are particularly proud of
our fellow Californian!*

SAMUEL ZEMURRAY
NEW ORLEANS

May 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I regret very much my inability to be present upon the occasion of your becoming Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana and am sure you know how much I wish I could be there to tell you personally that you have indeed done a good and lasting work in turning out hundreds of graduates well prepared for practical agriculture in an important part of Latin America. Ninety eight percent of these boys are active in productive work. Through extension services of various governments they carry what they learned at Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana to thousands of small farmers. Some of them are prospering upon their own farms and serving as pilots for their neighbors. All are in great demand for extension work and teaching in other agricultural schools.

The example you have set has inspired schools in Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Ecuador and other countries to follow the program of practical training which you established in Zamorano, - that is a wonderful tribute to you and a fine advance of the ends and purposes of the School.

We could not have come as far with the work of Zamorano without the complete dedication of many years of your life to it and I am grateful to you and Helen for the enthusiastic way in which you have done it. Now the school is well established and it comforts me to know that you will continue your interest in it and help in any way you can.

I renew here my expression of respect and appreciation for the solid job you have done for the school and Latin America and the assurance that my best wishes and sincere friendship go with you and Helen.

Sincerely

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

PARA EL DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE

Desde Setiembre de 1956 estoy en Louisville, Kentucky, en un entrenamiento general de todo lo relacionado con el cultivo y la industria del tabaco. Estudio con la Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., enviado aquí por la Republic Tobacco Co. de San José de Costa Rica.

Pero aquí, en este vaivén de trabajo, de estudio y de actividades diversas, es donde me siento más "zamorano". Es decir, los fundamentos de mi cultura agrícola y de amor al trabajo, obtenidos en la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, me han servido de perfecta guía aquí, en este gran país, donde la actividad febricitante parece ser la médula de la existencia.

Después de prestar servicio militar en este país y cuando aún distaba mucho de graduar su primera promoción, obtuve la beca que me permitió estudiar dos años en El Zamorano y trabajar otro. Luego retorné a mi patria, Costa Rica, donde bien pronto pasé a trabajar con la Republic Tobacco Co., la principal empresa manufacturera de cigarrillos de ese país centroamericano. El impulso, el brío y el conocimiento que brindó a quien esto escribe la EAP, y en especial la sabia dirección del Doctor Wilson Popenoe, han sido llamas que no ha apagado ni podrá apagar el viento de los años. Antes bien, se han ido acrecentando a medida que he tenido que enfrentarme a la lucha por la vida en diferentes formas y colocado en diversos ángulos.

Soy un convencido de los grandes beneficios que para la juventud tiene un establecimiento de formación de agricultores prácticos como éste que concibieron los directores de la United Fruit

Company, con Sam Zemurray a la cabeza. La Escuela Agrícola Panamericana ha logrado un gran propósito de relieve continental: Unir a los agricultores nuevos de las tres Américas, formarlos y devolverlos a sus países para que contribuyan a las nobles tareas de la producción, promuevan el adelanto agrícola y hagan efectiva la confraternidad interamericana, por el conocimiento recíproco adquirido en las aulas y en los campos de la EAP. Por eso es que quienes hemos pasado por El Zamorano, somos miembros de esa gran familia panamericana de los "zamoranos" a la cual me enorgullezco en pertenecer.

Sea esta oportunidad para expresar mi eterno agradecimiento al eminente Doctor Popenoe que tanto bien ha realizado en la formación de auténticos agricultores, así como por su fecunda labor en el mejoramiento de la agricultura en América.

Guillermo Cruz B.
Guillermo Cruz,
ZAMORANO.

Louisville, Kentucky, Mayo 1957.

WILSON POPENOE

El nombre de Wilson Popenoe está asociado al recuerdo grato de dos ilustres botánicos de antaño, pues me fué presentado por Henri Pittier en el Laboratorio de William E. Safford, en el verano de 1919, en el Departamento de Agricultura de Washington. Estudiaba entonces las especies del género Persea y le interesaban muy especialmente las formas silvestres del aguacate (Persea americana).-

Teniendo noticias por el Doctor Pittier de mi visita a Washington, quiso aprovechar la oportunidad para comentar sobre un posible viaje de estudio a Costa Rica, en el caso de que existieran aquí aguacates de tipo primitivo, como es el caso. Nuestra entrevista, hablada en criollísimo español, fué muy amena y provechosa, quedando decidido su viaje a nuestro país para el año siguiente. Bajo los auspicios de Pittier y Safford, dos grandes figuras de la Historia Natural, se inició nuestra amistad, mantenida de la manera mas firme hasta el presente.-

A mediados de 1920 vino Wilson Popenoe a Costa Rica por vez primera. Ambos estábamos mozos y teníamos la misma devoción por las plantas. Viajando a caballo y a pié recorrimos y exploramos hasta los rincones mas abruptos y apartados, durante varios meses. No nos atajaron los caminos intrínsecos, ni la inclemencia del tiempo, ni las comidas detestables, ni las posadas con pulgas y mosquitos. La satisfacción de encontrar el material perseguido ó las agradables sorpresas de plantas interesantes que aparecían al azar, nos mantuvo siempre entusiastas, optimistas y conformes. Me maravillaba

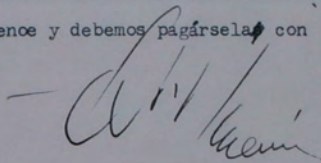
observar que ni los elementos descontrolados, ni la rudeza de la vida campesina de antaño, - de ambiente tan distinto de la vida cómoda y grata de su país - , le hicieran modificar su sonrisa, ni disminuir su habitual buen humor.- Abandonó el país con tristeza, pero satisfecho de su misión cumplida.-

Muchas veces estuvo en Costa Rica después y otras tantas volvimos a hablar de plantas y de proyectos y trabajos suyos. Recordamos también tiempos viejos, cuando todavía lucíamos cabellos rubios y éramos invulnerables a las lluvias tempestuosas, a los caminos fragosos y a las pulgas de las posadas. En un principio era el "intrepid explorer" del Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction del U.S. Department of Agriculture quien nos visitaba. Mas tarde llegó el pomólogo eminente al servicio de la Frutera ó el hombre de Ciencia mundialmente conocido, a quien el Gobierno Americano enviaba en misiones especiales como embajador de la política del "buen vecino". Finalmente, como Director de la Escuela Agrícola Pan Americana, ideada y financiada por ^{Jan} David Zemmurray, pero creación de su mente inquieta y fecunda.-

En 1940 me hizo su obligada visita, como lo hacía cada vez que pasaba por Costa Rica. Estaba entonces en Cartago, operando una pequeña farmacia profesional. Nuestros cabellos eran ya mas blancos que rubios. Pero Popenoe continuaba siendo el mismo, entusiasta, optimista y sonriente, a pesar de algunas indiscretas "patas de gallo" Me habló de su misión por Ibero América para escoger la sede del Instituto Inter-Americano de Ciencias Agrícolas, la mas importante universidad especializada en la agricultura científica de los trópicos del mundo, entonces en proyecto. Confidencialmente me confesó que recomendaría la zona de Turrialba, en nuestro país, por cuanto, en su opinión, allí concurrían las mejores características

de suelo, clima, razas, vías de comunicación y otras. Y tambien por la oportunidad para demostrarle su gratitud al país que tantas satisfacciones le ha dado. Me pareció que exageraba, pues recibíamos mucho a cambio de poco.-

Su promesa fué cumplida. El Instituto Inter Americano de Ciencias Agrícolas se levantó en Turrialba y su labor científica beneficia no sólo a la Agricultura de nuestro Continente, sino al mundo entero. Ha hecho conocer y dado prestigio a nuestra Patria, vale decir, ha puesto a Costa Rica "en el mapa". Los costarricenses estamos en deuda con Wilson Popenoe y debemos pagársela con monedas de buena ley.-



Otón Jiménez

San Jose, Costa Rica
Mayo de 1957.-

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 1, 1957

Dear Wilson:

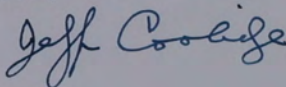
I cannot let your retirement pass without writing you a line to express - however feebly - how much I appreciate the tremendous service you have rendered as head of the Escuela Agricola.

You must indeed be proud of what you have accomplished in the field of agricultural education, and the wonderful example you have set with the School at Zamorano. Again you must indeed be proud when you think of all the graduates for whom you are so responsible and their splendid work throughout Central America.

You and Helen understand so well how all the Coolidges feel toward you both and what a pleasure it has been to know you and visit you in your kingdom. All our best wishes go to you both and we trust you will have even more time than in the past to see us and discuss all our interests.

All best wishes for your future success and happiness in whatever endeavor you undertake.

Most sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

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Director *LUIS CRUZ B.*

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SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Para el Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.-

Entre los forjadores de una nueva conciencia en América, destaca, a mi ver, el doctor Wilson Popenoe, prototipo del educador moderno, con sentido profundo de la realidad de nuestra América y de sus necesidades.

Investigador que consagró sus mejores años a la botánica, lo mismo en los Estados Unidos, como más tarde en la América Tropical, el doctor Popenoe se dió a la gran tarea de mejorar variedades, aclimatar especies de otros climas, determinar el valor nutritivo de nuestras frutas y mejorar las variedades de éstas, a fin de que brindasen un mayor rendimiento económico.

Este solo aspecto ya implicaba, en realidad, un ángulo digno de ser señalado como uno de los aportes más generosos y de mayor valía en nuestro hemisferio.

Pero el doctor Popenoe, un hombre que se da constantemente a sus semejantes, tratando de ayudarlos en las más diversas formas, hubo de asumir su condición de educador de agricultores. De forjador de Caballeros del Campo con un nuevo criterio: formar buenos agricultores que no blasonaran de sus diplomas, pero que supieran lo que estaban haciendo, con criterio moderno, utilizando al máximo los recursos de la técnica y obteniendo el mayor beneficio posible de la tierra sin destruir los recursos naturales.

Más de quinientos muchachos de gran número de países de

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la América Latina pregonan en sus respectivos países las excelencias de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, fundada por la United Fruit Company y formada y dirigida hasta el presente año por el ilustre doctor Popenoe, un verdadero americano en el mejor sentido del vocablo: americano de las Américas y para las Américas.

El mejor homenaje que puedo tributarle a quien como Wilson Popenoe, con cuya amistad me honro sobremanera, es señalar su condición de educador. El ha realizado una obra provechosa y como es investigador serio y responsable, ha penetrado mejor en los estratos de la joven conciencia de las muchachadas del hemisferio y ha sabido convertir a cada uno de sus discípulos en un hombre de bien: capacitado, sano de cuerpo y de mentalidad clara y bien orientada.

Mi REVISTA DE AGRICULTURA ha seguido con atención cariñosa el desarrollo de las actividades del doctor Popenoe, el incansable hombre de ciencia y el sabio guiador de juventudes. Cuando su palabra estimulante ha venido a las páginas de mi Revista, ésta se ha engalanado, como se hermosea la naturaleza cuando en las madrugadas admirables de mi tierra, el rubicundo sol se levanta dorando las serranías y vistiendo de oro los valles inmensos.

No abandona el surco de la educación agrícola el doctor Popenoe. No obstante su derecho al disfrute de un descanso tras de tan prolongados años de labor, seguiré, a manera de sumo sacerdote del esfuerzo agrícola en el Continente, dando sus luces y sus consejos, a más de que su obra, cristalizada en la mente y en el

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SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

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brazo de muchos centenares de buenos agricultores, sigue beneficiando a las Américas.

Luis Cruz B.

LUIS CRUZ B.,
Director REVISTA DE AGRICULTURA
San José, Costa Rica.
Mayo 1957.

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OFFICE OF
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

May 11, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-americana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have learned that you are to retire from active duty on June 1, 1957. Although it has not been my privilege to work with you, your good work in the Americas is appreciated by all who know you. I am certain that the influence you have exerted upon the younger workers will be a monument of which you can be justifiably proud.

My very best wishes for a long period to enjoy the many things you wish to do which you have had to defer.

Sincerely yours

James E. Adams,
Dean and Director

JEA/mg

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET
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KENNETH H. REDMOND
PRESIDENT

May 20, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

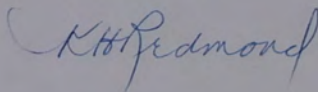
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the School over which you have presided since its inception, I want to be among those who wish to record their feelings of high regard for you and voice their appreciation for your having made the School the success it has achieved under your guidance. The character of any institution cannot but reflect that of its founder and director. In this instance, the School at this time represents the culmination of the sound philosophy of Mr. Zemurray, its founder, and the dedication of Wilson Popenoe in adhering to the precepts of that philosophy.

It has been my regret that circumstances have not permitted me the privilege of knowing you and working with you as closely as others in the Company. Your accomplishments both in the Company and at the School speak eloquently for themselves and it is in this knowledge that I wish to offer my congratulations to you on this occasion.

It is my earnest hope that your retirement will bring to you and Mrs. Popenoe a full measure of continued good health, much happiness, and the opportunity to pursue it to your hearts content.

Sincerely and cordially yours



AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 21, 1957

Department of
HORTICULTURE



To All The Friends Of Dr. Wilson Popenoe:

It has been my pleasure to know Dr. Wilson Popenoe during the past ten years, but previous to that time he was a legendary figure to me.

It was always a source of great interest, and even envy, to me to read of all of his explorations in Central America and Mexico. In my work with subtropical fruits I kept up very closely with his findings and introductions and I also derived great pleasure and benefit from his book on tropical and subtropical fruits.

In 1947 it was my good fortune to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe, both in their home at Antigua, Guatemala and also at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras. The school and the program of training of Latin American boys was a source of amazement to me at the time of my visit and I have enjoyed keeping up with the program in his monthly bulletin.

Dr. Popenoe has always contributed greatly to programs at the various horticultural meetings, including the recent meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Horticultural Institute.

There is no question that his influence on the agriculture, and particularly the horticulture, of the Latin American countries has been very great and his keen mind and friendly understanding will be remembered for many years.

I am pleased to add my name to the list of those who hold Dr. Popenoe and his work in the highest regard.

Sincerely,

Guy W. Adriance, Head
Department of Horticulture

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PHILLIP ALAMPI, SECRETARY
TRENTON 25

May 7, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Although I have never had the pleasure of your acquaintance, I have read glowing tributes to your ability as a plant explorer and as an educator.

Please permit me, therefore, to extend to you my best wishes for continued health and happiness in your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras.

Sincerely yours,

Phillip Alampi



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with regret that I learn of your prospective retirement from your important work as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Your distinguished work in experimental and practical agriculture of your earlier years has been climaxed by the distinction of your performance as Director of this school.

Not only the hundreds of young men who have gone forth from your school to teach and to spread the doctrine which you have taught but also the countries and communities they have served owe you a tribute and a debt that would be difficult to pay.

May I wish you well in your retirement and express the hope that your continuing interest in the advancement of the less well developed countries of the hemisphere may bring further outstanding developments.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Agston

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director of the Escuela Agricola
Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras.



INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO DE
CIENCIAS AGRICOLAS

TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA

April 27, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Pop:

Back there in 1942 we were trying to figure out how to promote food production in Latin America during the war. Inadvertently, there was one man of wisdom in our midst. After listening to our schemes, he said "Get Wilson Popenoe to take over this job. Give him ten Chinese gardeners. Then we can forget the whole thing".

But you had Zamorano on your conscience. For casualidad, only yesterday a group of us were talking over a job in which a young man is failing. Someone advised, "get a Zamorano for that job, then we can forget the whole thing"...

We are getting accustomed now to seeing the Zamoranos remaking the face of the tropics. The old tropical tramp among us know that everyone of them has a bit of Wilson Popenoe in him. I haven't seen one of them walking through a canal in his dinner jacket yet but I expect to any minute.

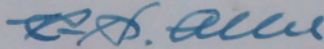
Zamorano is one of those rare places that is the elongating shadow of a man, and more. After the first class was graduated, it could have been destroyed and a plow drug over it as the Romans did with Carthage, and it still would have been worth all the investment of the United Fruit Company and all the dedication which you and Helen and the others have lavished on it. But beyond that, you have put your stamp on Zamorano as you have on so many places and so many people - a stamp that will carry it on into the future.

Now, Pop, let me get personal - I came into these tropics of yours only sixteen years ago, fortunately under your tutelage. Those months when we philosophized, slogged through the mud from Juan Viñas, tried valiantly to keep ahead of the Mexican lemon crop in the patio in Antigua, and, incidentally found a good site for the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, set the tone of this institution also. As is the nature of things, my shadow will be lifted from Turrialba some of these days. Whatever of it remains will be inter-mingled with the lore of these lands and the cordiality among men which is uniquely Wilson Popenoe.

El Instituto administra el Proyecto 39 del Programa de Cooperación Técnica de la O.E.A. Este Proyecto procura el mejoramiento de la agricultura y de la vida rural en las Américas, por medio de la enseñanza técnica. Para facilitar la ejecución del Proyecto se ha dividido a las Américas en tres Zonas, donde se han establecido oficinas regionales: 1) Zona Norte, con Oficina en La Habana, Cuba; 2) Zona Andina, con Oficina en Lima, Perú; y 3) Zona Sur, con Oficina en Montevideo, Uruguay.

I see that the word Emeritus was first applied to a Roman veteran. Now that you and Helen have become Emeriti, gather up your togas and come to see us once in a while.

Saludos,



Ralph H. Allee
Director

VICTOR L. ANFUSO
8TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano
Honduras

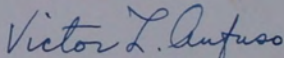
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a great honor to extend personal greetings to you and sincerest wishes on the occasion of your retirement after more than three decades of distinguished service with the United Fruit Company and the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Your many friends and well-wishers in all walks of life take note on this occasion that you have given selflessly of your time, efforts and energy towards the improvement of agriculture, the education of many young people in this very important field of human endeavor, the raising of the standard of living in some of our neighboring countries in Latin America, and in fostering a spirit of good Panamericanism in the relations between the United States and Latin America.

May the good Lord be very kind to you in the years ahead and may he bless you with many more long years of health and achievements for your fellow-men.

Sincerely yours,



Victor L. Anfuso, N.C.

VLA/mf

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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May 3, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

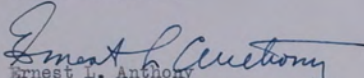
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It seems such a short time since I had the pleasure of some days with you and your most kind and gracious wife at Zamorano. I only recently learned of your plans for retirement. I want to assure you from my own experience that it is not so bad as many folks would have you believe. For one who has carried such a heavy load I am sure you will appreciate a lessening of this responsibility.

The most interesting development which has taken place at Zamorano under your patient leadership and kindly guiding hand stands out in my mind as one of the most valuable developments that has taken place in the improvement of agriculture in the Americas and is an everlasting practical demonstration in agricultural education that has been so much needed. It stands as no other as a monument to you and your genius. I hope someone may be found to take your place who is capable and far-seeing enough to see that it continues to render fruitful service.

May we hope now that you may have more leisure time and freedom of movement that you will plan to visit us here at Michigan State University and allow us to return some of our indebtedness to you. Also may you have many years of happy retirement.

Sincerely yours,


Ernest L. Anthony
Dean of Agriculture (Emeritus)

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FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA DE MANIZALES

UNIVERSIDAD DE COLOMBIA

"anizales, abril 30 de 1.957

Señores
MIDDLE AMERICA INFORMATION BUREAU
Conducted By United Fruit Company
26 East 64 Street
New York, N.Y.

Apreciados señores:

Con mucho placer aviso a ustedes recibo de su muy atenta carta de fecha 18 del presente mes, por la cual hacen saber a la Facultad de Agronomía de Manizales que el distinguido hombre de ciencia agrícola, doctor Wilson Popenoe, Director fundador de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, en Zambrano, Honduras, cumple al presente treinta años de servicio técnico agrícola en la United Fruit Company y que en tal virtud dejará la Dirección a partir del próximo 1º de junio.

La United Fruit Company, por intermedio del Profesor Wilson Popenoe, como respetuosa y cariñosamente le llamamos sus colegas en Colombia, cumplió notablemente un programa de cooperación agrícola en los países latinoamericanos para el desarrollo de los cultivos de importancia comercial principalmente de frutales tropicales, seleccionando siempre con fortuna los mas adecuados para cada cual.

Durante los treinta años de servicio técnico del profesor Popenoe, visitó a Colombia con mucha frecuencia y siempre anduvo acertado en sus consejos prácticos para el fomento de determinadas plantas. Los gobiernos de los ex-presidentes Eduardo Santos, Alfonso López y Mariano Ospina Pérez requirieron la presencia en el país del profesor Popenoe para el reconocimiento de determinadas zonas a fin de encontrar su ayuda en el desarrollo de específicos cultivos de árboles frutales.

En Boyacá, Cundinamarca, Caldas, Antioquia, Valle, Cauca, Nariño y Chocó realizó ciertas empresas de cultivos de frutales, ahora prósperas y económicas.

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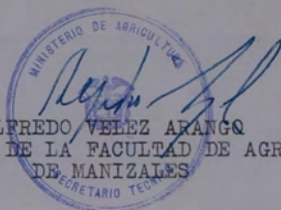
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En todas esas secciones colombianas dejó marcada su obra en forma práctica y útil. Su nombre está inscrito con caracteres imborrables.

Es también muy solicitadas y leídas sus obras de cultivos de árboles frutales tropicales y de la zona templada, en los idiomas inglés y español.

Por todos estos motivos, la Facultad de Agronomía de Manizales se honra en tomar parte con motivo de conferir al profesor Wilson Popenoe el título de "Director Emeritus" ganado por haber consagrado su brillante vida de técnico agrícola al mejoramiento de la agricultura de frutales en los países latinoamericanos, al igual que un científico agrónomo hijo de cada uno de estos países.

De ustedes atento y seguro servidor,



ALFREDO VELEZ ARANGO
DECANO DE LA FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA
DE MANIZALES



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G A B I N E T E

Bogotá, D.E. mayo 14 de 1.957

Señor Profesor
WILSON POPENOE
Middle America Information Bureau
26 East 64 Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Distinguido Profesor:

En mi carácter de Ministro de Agricultura en Colombia me fue especialmente grato conocer la noticia de que el 10 de junio próximo a usted le será conferido el honorífico título de DIRECTOR EMERITUS DE LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA en Zamorano, Honduras, fundada y dirigida por usted desde el año de 1.942, en nombre de la United Fruit Company que la sostiene, con motivo de llegar a los 30 años de estar al Servicio de esta Entidad, en calidad de Técnico Agrícola.

Su elevada preparación científica, experimental y práctica en los ramos de fruticultura y horticultura americanas fueron las bases que la Compañía aprovechó para que usted figurase durante cinco largos lustros como su Consejero Técnico Agrícola dedicado a trabajar para conseguirse el formal desarrollo y progreso de estas dos industrias en los países americanos, especialmente en los tropicales.



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El Ministerio de Agricultura recuerda con gratitud las múltiples ocasiones en que usted practicó reconocimientos en distintas zonas de producción del país, animado de divulgar sus conocimientos profundos a fin de hacer de la fruticultura y horticultura colombianas dos pujantes actividades económicas, gracias a que existen extensas regiones con suelos, climas, aguas, vías y poblaciones rurales especialmente adecuadas para desarrollar en ellas señalados cultivos de árboles frutales tropicales y de la zona templada, con voluminosas y prósperas empresas comerciales.

Se aprecian mucho sus memorias técnicas e informes sobre el fomento de los cultivos de cítricos, aguacates, mangos, olivos, dátiles, papayos, vides y muy especialmente del banano.

Asímismo los técnicos agrícolas del Ministerio constantemente consultan los dos importantes informes que remitió en dos distintas épocas para informar sobre los dos severos reconocimientos agronómicos que practicó en las regiones de frutales del Departamento de Boyacá, con afán de hacer de esta importante Sección, el mayor centro de producción de naranjos, limoneros, manzanos, perales, ciruelos, duraznos, dátiles, olivos, morales y fresales con prósperos resultados económicos. - Recomendaciones persuasivas por razón de las singulares condiciones ecológicas que ofrece Boyacá para esos cultivos.

En la Biblioteca y en el Fichero Científico Agropecuario de este Despacho están coleccionados gran parte de sus informes técnicos y de sus obras sobre fruticultura y horticultura, que son de obligada consulta para todos los profesionales y cultivadores de los países americanos. - Constituye noble y justo motivo para que los pue



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blos de las Américas tengan su nombre como el de un ilustre benefactor en el campo agrícola.

En tal virtud, en nombre del pueblo de Colombia deseo hacer llegar a usted la más calurosa felicitación por la distinción científica que le confiere la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, alcanzada tras toda una vida consagrada al estudio, a la investigación y al servicio de hacer superior la agricultura americana.

De Ud. cordial amigo y servidor,


JESUS MARIA ARIAS
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA



The stamp is circular with a blue ink border. The outer ring contains the text 'Ministerio de Agricultura' at the top and 'MINISTRO' at the bottom. In the center of the stamp is the coat of arms of Colombia.

RVM/dtg.

La Puerta
May 8, 1957

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

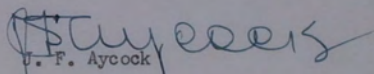
I have recently learned of your coming retirement as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana at El Zamorano, Honduras, and it is my wish and hope that you will enjoy a much needed and deserving rest from your ardent and meritorious labors.

The reputation, high standing and great success of the Escuela in its particular field, not only offers ample evidence of the efficacy of its curriculum, but in itself bears the best testimonial to your personal interest and deep devotion to a greatly needed and most praiseworthy cause.

It must be a source of great pride and satisfaction to yourself and the founding fathers of this institution to review its early history and ponder its magnificent accomplishments, and it is my sincere hope and wish that its future may continue to be blessed with some of the Popenoe spirit for progress and achievement.

With all good luck to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself,

Cordially and sincerely yours,


J. F. Aycock

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
El Zamorano

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

SAM G. BAGGETT
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL

26th April 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

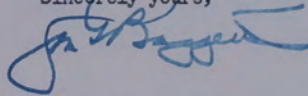
While I understood that you were planning to retire about June 1st, official advice of this prospective retirement has just reached me.

I remember that when I first came with United Fruit Company you were already playing an important part in the agricultural activities of this Company. I have followed your activities ever since and have always been greatly impressed by your knowledge of tropical agriculture and of the history and mores of the peoples of Latin America. Your work at Lancetilla will stand as a monument to you for many years to come. I know, too, that it has been your knowledge, interest and inspiration that has contributed so much to the successful launching and operation of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. During the time you have been Director of this School I know that you have inspired a great many young men in Latin America and that they will be your close and lasting friends.

I certainly regret to see you retire from the services of this Company and the Agricultural School, but I know that you will continue your activities in some manner so as to give others the benefit of your knowledge of tropical agriculture and the governments and people of Latin America.

My very best wishes to both you and Mrs. Popenoe.

Sincerely yours,





THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Buenos Aires, Argentina,
May 13, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Having been informed that you are about to retire as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the extraordinarily useful contribution you have made to agriculture in Central America and to the principle of technical assistance as an instrument of international cooperation. I am sure the impact of your work will continue to have a great effect.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Willard L. Beaulac".

Willard L. Beaulac

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

E. L. BARTLETT
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

SECRETARY
MISS MARY LEE COUNCIL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MRS. MARGERY SMITH

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana I consider it a real privilege to associate myself with the many others who are given opportunity now to express an appreciation for the splendid work you have done in developing agriculture in the tropics and in promoting a friendly understanding between the Americas. The work you have done will endure and constitute, always, the kind of memorial for which so many of us strive but so few acquire. In the retirement which you have so richly earned may I wish for you contentment and happiness which I am sure the years ahead will bring.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


E. L. Bartlett



THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your many friends in the Department of Agriculture join with me in expressing sincere appreciation for your many contributions to the agriculture of the Americas.

The introduction of valuable new plant material into the United States during your earlier work as a Department of Agriculture plant explorer, the progress made in developing tropical agriculture during your later career as United Fruit Company research director, the training of countless young agriculturists under your inspiring guidance at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, your continuous fostering of good relationships between North and South America--for these and many other contributions we shall always thank you.

As you continue to make your leadership felt in your new position of Director Emeritus, the gratitude and kindest regards of your friends in this Department go with you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

At this time when messages of cordial regard and high esteem are coming to you from tropical regions around the globe which are today healthier, happier, and more productive because of your work, I am happy to add my tribute to the rest. In particular, I should like to stress the importance of your years of service in making possible for your people a diversified training which is already proving valuable in the development of their own countries.

In the allied fields of agricultural research and agricultural education your contributions have strengthened the inter-American cooperation and solidarity which underlie our achievements as peoples dedicated to peace, freedom, and progress.

Sincerely yours,

Maurice M. Bernbaum

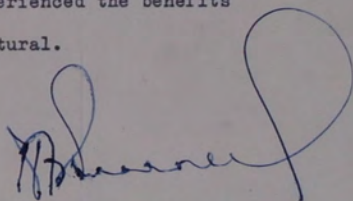
Maurice M. Bernbaum
Director, Office of
South American Affairs

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Those of us old timers of the Jamaica Division from the late 20s up to the time we were wiped out by Panama Disease in the days of Gros Michel, will recall the visits we received from Dr. Wilson Popenoe, or just "Pop" as we knew him, with great pleasure and interest.

Dr. Popenoe played no small part in the agricultural development of our Company's holdings in St. Catherine and Vere. His prodigious academic knowledge and infectious enthusiasm in the field of exploration were a constant source of inspiration to all Company employees and friends of the Company with whom he came in contact.

With his retirement our Company will have lost the active guidance of an outstanding educationist and pioneer in their operations, and whose personality will long remain a legend in all those Central American and West Indian countries which were fortunate enough to have experienced the benefits of his wide knowledge of things agricultural.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. F. Bicknell', with a large, decorative flourish extending upwards and to the right.

H. F. Bicknell

Kingston
April 29, 1957.

SECOND BANK-STATE STREET TRUST COMPANY

BOSTON 6, MASSACHUSETTS

EDWARD L. BIGELOW
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



May 17, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilson:

My tour of duty as a Director of the United Fruit Company has been a most interesting experience and one that has brought me in touch with many fine people. Among the most rewarding has been the opportunity to come to know you.

I well remember the colorful visit which I had at the school with the Senators Byrd and Chapman and particularly the warm welcome which you and Mrs. Popenoe gave us. The outstanding feature of this visit was, I think, a serenade to the Senators by the school marimba band. I suspect that it was your suggestion that they play for Harry Byrd "Anchors Away" and for Virgil Chapman "Roll Out the Barrel". Both of these gentlemen were delighted with the selections.

As you assume your new title as Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, you deserve to feel a real sense of satisfaction having made a lasting contribution to the cause of closer relations between the Central American countries with each other as well as with this country.

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your many contributions in this field as well as in the field of tropical agriculture.

In March Mrs. Bigelow and I had the pleasure of visiting your lovely house in Antigua. It was her first trip to Central America and I think your house interested her more than anything else she saw. We were disappointed not to see you but hope that before too long you will be paying a visit to New England and we will see you here.

Best wishes to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Edw. Bigelow

ELB:HJW

Dod BLAIR
TAOS

Box 243
Taos, New Mexico

June 18, 1957

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Popenoe,

We were so pleased to receive your card announcing your new position as Director Emeritus. We wish to extend our congratulations and very best wishes, and to wish you both the best of good luck and happiness in your new home.

We are hoping that some day soon we can visit Guatemala once again. In fact we've had a great longing to do so ever since we were there nine years ago. It doesn't seem that long because our memories of it are still very fresh and pleasant.

We are now living in Taos, New Mexico, which in atmosphere, runs a close second to the Latin American countries. It is lovely here and if ever you find yourselves in this part of the country we hope you will call on us.

With kindest regards, we remain,

Very sincerely

Bethia & Dod Blair

CIA. BANANERA DE COSTA RICA

GENERAL OFFICES EIGHTY FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.

K. B. BLOCK
GERENTE

CABLE ADDRESS:

BANANERA GOLFITO
GOLFITO DIVISION
GOLFITO, COSTA RICA

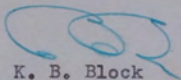
May 3rd, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director of EAP
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras.

Dear Doctor:

Having known you for over 30 years, it is with regret that I hear of your retirement. I remember very well the many ideas you developed when in the Research Department, many of which contributed greatly to more and better bananas. I saw you develop Lancetilla, which must be a great satisfaction to you and all who know that beautiful place. I think of the many good times we had together socially, your contagious good spirit and zest for happy living and good fellowship. My sincere best wishes always.

Very truly yours,



K. B. Block

KBB:emc



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
La Paz, Bolivia,
May 14, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It seems only yesterday that I had the privilege of visiting you at Zamorano, but I find on referring to the records that it was in June of 1944. I have the clearest and most favorable memory of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in its relatively early days, and since then I have heard from many sources of the continued growth of the school and of its influence throughout the republics of the hemisphere. I congratulate you heartily on your very great achievement there.

I wish to extend to you my very warmest good wishes and the hope that you will enjoy long and happy years of retirement, and I know that you will enjoy the continued admiration and esteem of all those interested in the progress of the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Bonsal
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

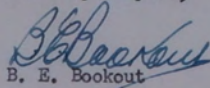
Guayaquil, Ecuador
April 26th, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your retirement after thirty-one years of service with the Company is worthy of note not only because of the scientific contributions you made early in your career but as well and most particularly because of the signal job you have accomplished in organizing and directing the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. The success which you have achieved in carrying out the aims and hopes of this institution on a scale which leaves nothing to be desired speaks for itself. It has been adequately commented on by those eminently qualified to make such an appraisal, which would make any remarks I would wish to offer redundant; I therefore limit myself to an expression on behalf of myself and my staff of "Well done!", which is accompanied by our sincere wishes for a pleasant and peaceful retirement which will be to your liking.

With deep respect,


B. E. Bookout



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy,
Rio de Janeiro,
May 9, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

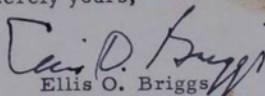
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It gives me sincere pleasure to add my expression of recognition of the contribution you have made across the years to agriculture, and to those who dedicate their lives to agriculture, in this hemisphere. Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you personally, I have for years been aware of your achievements as scientist and educator. People who have been trained in the Pan American School of Agriculture have carried their inspiration to Brazil, as well as the other American Republics where I have served, and your influence has crossed all the frontiers from Texas to Tierra del Fuego.

We in the American official family in Brazil add our thanks to you not only for your distinguished achievements in agriculture, but also for your accomplishments in promoting the interchange of scientific information, and thereby the concepts of interdependence, of unity and of amity among all the nations of this hemisphere.

With admiration and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Ellis O. Briggs
American Ambassador



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND EXPERIMENT STATION
AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

LARAMIE, WYOMING

May 12, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It must be a great satisfaction to look back at a lifetime of service and contribution such as you have rendered. I had heard of you long before I visited Central America. In 1952 I had the privilege of coming to Honduras and Guatemala as a guest of the United Fruit Company. Visiting your school was one of the highlights of the trip. You and your staff had developed a wonderful plant and program.

It is a pleasure to join with your former students and friends in congratulating you on your achievement and in wishing you the best for the future.

Sincerely,

H. M. Briggs
Dean and Director

HMB: mh

DEPARTMENT



AGRICULTURE

of

PIERRE

May 11, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that you will soon retire as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and that you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

Your splendid and outstanding service through all these years has earned for you international recognition and many have benefited by your untiring efforts.

Please accept my hearty congratulations, first on your outstanding achievements through the years and, secondly, on the well deserved honor being conferred on you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Bruett

Charles Bruett
Secretary of Agriculture

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OPERATIONS MISSION TO PANAMA

THE INSTITUTE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS



P. O. Box "J"
BALBOA, CANAL ZONE

April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano (Tegucigalpa)
Honduras, C. A.

Dear Wilson:

It has come to my attention that you plan to retire from your present work as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. Those of us who have carefully and hopefully followed the Zamorano Project, which you so well and capably have carried out, are extremely grateful for the great sacrifice and effort that you have extended in achieving this remarkable accomplishment.

In many respects we all are happy that you have seen fit to retire at a stage when accomplishment is so significant and, of course, we all wish you well. On the other hand, however, there does exist in the minds of all of us that certain concern and preoccupation that you successor or successors conceivably may not be able to do what you so capably have done. Under the circumstances we have no choice but to extend to you personally our sincere gratitude for a job well done, and our best wishes in your new fields of endeavour and that you will get as much satisfaction from them as you have had from the School.

We also have great hopes that the institution that you founded and so ably managed will continue to serve the needs of the Central American and neighbouring Latin American republics, in turning out capable young men who have developed the skill of working with their hands and the confidence that comes from the experience of doing things, rather than the more common youngster who has learned his lessons well and knows the theory, but unfortunately has never had a real opportunity to learn to do it by practical experience.

Godspeed and God bless you.

Benjamin J. Birdsall
Benjamin J. Birdsall
Chief of Field Party
Division of Agriculture
and Natural Resources



MINISTERIO
DE
AGRICULTURA
Programa Cooperativo de
Experimentación Agropecuaria

ESTACION EXPERIMENTAL AGRICOLA DE LA MOLINA

LIMA—PERU S. A.

Apartado 2791 - Teléfono 71560

Al Dr. Wilson Popenoe

La influencia de la labor del Dr. Popenoe se extiende más allá de las regiones en que él ha trabajado y de las personas que han recibido sus enseñanzas y han tenido contactos personales con él. Las innumerables publicaciones que ha realizado en su larga vida profesional son una fuente perenne de informaciones para los investigadores agrícolas de toda la América Latina.

En la Estación Experimental Agrícola de La Molina en 30 años de vida institucional hemos encontrado en las obras del Dr. Popenoe una invaluable base de consulta en nuestros trabajos sobre frutas tropicales. Los Agrónomos peruanos que aquí han realizado estudios sobre paltos, mangos, plátanos, cítricos, chirimoya, etc., publicados en boletines e informes especiales, pueden considerar que su labor ha sido menos difícil por haber contado con la experiencia y conocimiento previos del Dr. Popenoe vertidos en sus magníficos libros.

La Molina, 7 de Mayo de 1957

Ing^o. Agr. Mario G. Cabello
Superintendente de la Estación Experimental
Agrícola de La Molina.

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UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ALMYR L. BUMP
VICE PRESIDENT

May 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doc:

Certainly, many people have written to you regarding your research pioneering, educational successes and plant introduction achievements in the United States and Latin America.

I hope you will also accept a word of thanks from me for your role as "idea catalyst" in the United Fruit Company. I am one of many who remembers and has reason to be grateful to you for the many discussions on banana culture that you stimulated and participated in from 1925 to date. I am sure these discussions started many people thinking more actively about their jobs, and about bananas and that they had a fine over-all result, both for the participants and for the Company.

If you had to select your outstanding accomplishment, I am sure you would choose the Zamorano School but, understandingly, I am prejudiced in favor of what you did for the banana.

With best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Almyr Bump

THOMAS D. CABOT
77 FRANKLIN STREET
BOSTON

1 May 1957

Dear Wilson:

Quite the pleasantest part of my years of association with United Fruit Company was the opportunity it gave me for frequent visits to Zamorano. I loved that happy valley and was very proud of the school. I felt it was the shadow of you who conceived and directed it, that it truly represented the ideals of service, productive labor and friendship with nature that I admired so much in you.

I feel confident the school will continue to serve Middle America by providing inspired and trained young men to advance its agriculture. The benefits from this program which you have started so effectively are already large and in the future will prove immeasurable.

Yours very sincerely,

Tom

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Zamorano, Honduras

University of
Rhode Island

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

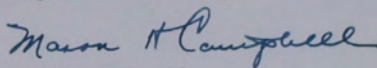
I have just learned that you will retire this year. Although I have not had the privilege of being personally acquainted with you, I know of your good work and I am, therefore, taking this opportunity of paying tribute to you.

Your early work as Plant Explorer for the United States Department of Agriculture was in a field which has been very important to the agricultural program of this country. It is through the good work performed by you and some of the associates in that field which has made it possible for us to develop new and improved crops for the United States.

Your association with the United Fruit Company has made it possible for you to share your experience and knowledge with many young men who have benefited by your teachings and associations. I am certain that the agriculture of Honduras will advance to a high degree.

May I again say "Congratulations" to you for the fine work you have done and extend my best wishes to you in your period of retirement.

Very sincerely yours,



Mason H. Campbell
Dean and Director

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Congress of the United States
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May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

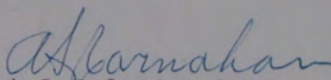
I have just learned of your imminent retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and have been very pleased to note that you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements, I have been interested over a long period in noting the outstanding work you have done during your long career of public service.

I am indeed happy at this time to send you this message of tribute for your fine accomplishments and public service in the fields of both agriculture and education. It is indeed nice to know that you will be Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and your host of friends and well-wishers will join in hoping that although in retirement, you will still make contributions to the advancement of both education and agriculture.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


A. S. J. Carnahan, Chairman
Subcommittee on International
Organizations and Movements

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(And State Agricultural College)

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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April 23, 1957

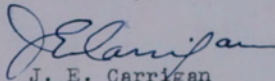
Dr. Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

I have learned that you will retire from active duty as of June 1, 1957. I wish to extend to you my sincere congratulations on a life of great service in the field of agriculture in Central America. I am sure that your accomplishment, especially with respect to the many fine students whom you have helped to render worthwhile service, must afford you lasting satisfaction.

I wish for you great pleasure in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



J. E. Carrigan
Dean



MISION PERMANENTE DE COSTA RICA
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, HONDURAS

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I am sure that all Costa Ricans - as a matter of fact - all Central Americans are going to experience the feelings of personal loss when you retire from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. We had learned to take you for granted.-

Every student that has come to the School to learn, has later gone forth to teach. Your dedication to the improvement of the agricultural standars of the zone has already began to give fruit in better farms, better nutrition, even better legislation.-

In more ways than one, the work of the School has been your work. Many good things in Central America can now be traced to you, and to your spirit of service. The name of Wilson Popenoe shall not be easily forgotten in our lands.-

With my best regards and wishes,

Alberto F. Cañas
Permanent Representative
of Costa Rica
to the United Nations



MISION PERMANENTE DE HONDURAS
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS
475 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 7, 1957

The name of Dr. Wilson Popenoe is already consecrated among the great scientists that have contributed, with such nobleness of purpose, toward putting into practice the high ideals of Pan Americanism. Those of us who have had the privilege of knowing the remarkable achievements of Dr. Popenoe through the establishment of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, can say without reserve that this center of learning has been one of the most successful enterprises for bringing about a new kind of citizen in our America. The school is a meeting place of eager youth in search of greater and brighter horizons, and provides the opportunity for a more intimate knowledge of one another and the strengthening of common aspirations. By means of experimentation and conversion of nature into a true servant of man, Dr. Popenoe has been a brilliant and effective pioneer in Latin America. As a Honduran, I am especially proud that Honduras, due to the climate and the richness of its resources, was the country chosen as the location of this now famous school. On the occasion of his retirement, I wish to express to Dr. Popenoe my deep admiration for his work in the service of Mankind.

Tiburcio Carias, Jr.
Tiburcio Carias, Jr.
Permanent Representative of
Honduras to the
United Nations

EMBAJADA DE EL SALVADOR
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1957.

Mr. Marion Mann,
Secretary,
Middle America Information Bureau,
26 East 64 Street,
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

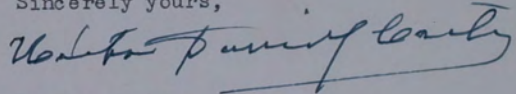
I regret exceedingly to answer with delay your kind letter dated May 2, 1957, concerning Doctor Wilson Popenoe, Director of the "Escuela Agricola Panamericana" of Zamorano, Honduras, who will retire on June 1, of this year.

Doctor Popenoe has done, during many years, a wonderful work in several Republics of Central America in promoting sound agricultural practices and he has also contributed greatly to foster friendly relations between the Central American Republics and the United States of America. As a consequence, Doctor Popenoe is regarded as a very good friend of Central America.

I regret that my letter will reach you after the deadline for your forthcoming publication, but I wanted to assure you that the wonderful work that has been performed by Doctor Popenoe is sincerely appreciated in my country and in the other Republics of Central America.

Thanking you for the information conveyed in your kind letter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Héctor David Castro
Ambassador of El Salvador

HDC/jlc

EMBAJADA DEL ECUADOR
WASHINGTON

Mayo 8, 1957

Sr. Dr.
Wilson Popence, Director de la
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano,
Honduras.

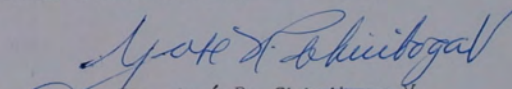
Señor Director:

Como usted a través de muchos años de fecunda labor, ha contribuido con sus conocimientos y experiencia al fomento de prácticas saludables en el campo agrícola, contribuyendo, al propio tiempo, al mejor entendimiento panamericano, la Misión a mi cargo se complace en extender a usted los más cumplidos parabienes en estos instantes en que usted se retira de la vida activa de los negocios.

La Escuela Agrícola Panamericana que usted estableció y dirigió desde 1942, ha facilitado a centenares de jóvenes centroamericanos a adquirir conocimientos básicos en agricultura tropical, nutrición, legislación rural, etc. Singularmente la Escuela a su cargo ha enseñado a la juventud a vivir en una atmósfera de trabajo y comprensión, disciplina y respeto mutuo, que son precisamente las normas que traducen el auténtico espíritu Panamericano.

Usted ha sembrado una semilla que está destinada a producir nobles frutos en el porvenir.

Le saluda cordialmente,


Dr. José R. Chiriboga V.,
Embajador del Ecuador

WM. H. CLAFLIN
75 FEDERAL STREET
ROOM 1006
BOSTON 10, MASS.

May 20, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

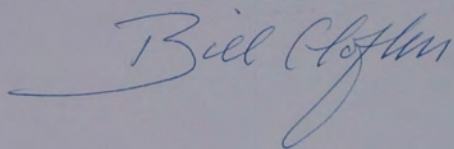
Dear Wilson:

This letter carries with it my deep appreciation of all you have done for the advancement of agriculture in Latin America over a period of many years. You likewise have made great contributions to stimulate the interests of many youths from Latin American countries in this most important subject.

It was many years ago that I first had the pleasure of meeting you at Soledad, and I have always enjoyed seeing you every time our trails have crossed since that time.

With best wishes and congratulations for your outstanding contributions,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Clafin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

June 26, 1957

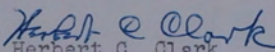
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The United Fruit Company Office, New York, has just informed me that you will retire on June 1, 1957. How well I remember you as my neighbor in Tela, Honduras in 1923 & 1925. Your experimental garden at Lancetilla put in production many imported trees, vegetables and fruits that David Fairchild had always hoped could be tried out in the Western Hemisphere. Your Lancetilla and Port Arturo Fruit Farm were real life savers for those of us who had to get their provisions from local sources. I left Honduras before the organization of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano up in the mountains near the capital. That place has become a National College of Agriculture and will do more to improve and extend agriculture in Latin America than any other school attempts that I know about.

Your side interest in the study of the Mayan civilization has also made you a valuable local authority.

I wish you a happy and comfortable period for the remainder of your life.


Dr. Herbert C. Clark
Former Director-Gorgas Memorial Laboratory

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON

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May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

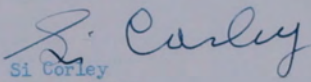
Dear Dr. Wilson:

It has come to our attention that you will retire from active service June 1, 1957. Although we are not acquainted with you personally, we do know of your fine contribution to the development of a greater agriculture through your many services in experimental work, in teaching and in consulting with those attempting to render a better service to mankind through agriculture.

As you retire, to enjoy the fruits of your labor, many of us who are trying to carry on, will remember your many contributions through the science of agriculture and your many years of devoted service.

As you retire, we wish you health, contentment of mind, and happiness.

Sincerely,


Si Corley
Commissioner

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DAVIS J. CLOWARD

LA LIMA, HONDURAS

C. A.

La Lima, Honduras
May 6, 1957

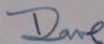
Dear Doc:

You and I have been associated with the United Fruit Company for the past 30 years in various capacities and at various locations. We are both approaching the age of retirement, and I understand yours will take place in the near future. Although we have never worked in the same department, nevertheless our association has been close enough to permit me to assay and appreciate the value of your work and service to our Company, and I wish to felicitate you on a job particularly well done.

The Lancetilla Horticultural Gardens and the Escuela Agricola Panamericana will always stand out as monuments to your initiative and accomplishment. While I was Manager of the Grenada Company in the Dominican Republic from 1943 to 1955, we annually sent young men to this School, and the graduates without exception returned with nothing but praise and gratitude for the training and attention which you and your staff had given them. One of these graduates is now Director of Agriculture, and in general they have all turned out well and are a credit to the School and their home communities.

I do not know your future plans, but please remember that the Tela Railroad Company, by whom you were once employed, will always have guest rooms available for you, and will feel honored by your visits. Knowing you, I am sure that retirement will not mean any let-up in your active life, but merely new fields and projects. My best wishes go with you in these endeavors.

Sincerely,



D. J. Cloward

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
El Zamorano

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House of Representatives, U. S.
 Committee on Agriculture
 Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus,
 Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
 Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The title of Director Emeritus, of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, is a deserved and fitting honor for your achievements in the promotion of a sound agriculture in that area of the world and in spreading the gospel of interdependence and good will between the Americas.

I want to join those who salute you on the occasion of your elevation to this position of recognition and esteem.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have received glowing reports on your work with Escuela Agricola Panamericana. It has been brought to my attention that hundreds of young men have been trained under your direction to teach, to do extension work, to serve local governments, and generally to raise living standards through their practical knowledge of tropical agriculture and public policies related thereto.

I wish for you a long and vigorous life in which you may continue in the joys of your work from this new and exalted position.

Sincerely yours,

Harold D. Cooley
 Chairman

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Agricultural Department
Honduras Division

La Lima, Honduras
May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericano
Zamorano, Honduras, C. A.

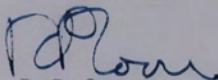
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that you are retiring soon. You have earned, by your accomplishments in Agriculture and in education in Latin America, a well deserved retirement, although your presence will surely be missed at Zamorano. You are leaving a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill. You have built a lasting monument to your honor in the youth of Middle America that you have trained at Zamorano.

I remember a conversation regarding education that we had several years ago-before the Escuela Agrícola Panamericano was founded. We both agreed that good teachers were rare, but that the few good ones accomplished more than all the rest combined. The good teacher manages to pass on to his students a philosophy that is of everlasting value to them regardless of the subject he teaches. From conversations with many of your graduates, I am sure you have fulfilled the qualifications with distinction of a good teacher. You have every right to be very proud of your accomplishments.

Wishing you much happiness in your retirement and with best wishes for you and Mrs. Popenoe always, I am,

Sincerely yours,



R. P. Coon

Superintendent of Agriculture

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

May 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, I wish to add my best wishes to the many similar messages I am sure you will receive from friends throughout the hemisphere.

For many years I have heard of the work being done at Zamorano under your direction to prepare young men from the Spanish-speaking tropical areas of Latin America to realize more fully the great potential agricultural wealth of their countries. These young men have fully justified the faith which inspired the founding of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana and I feel that the examples of industry and competence they are now setting in their respective communities are in a real sense reflections of the example set before them by you when they were students at Zamorano. Thus has your patient painstaking labor at Zamorano been magnified many times over and the spirit of Pan American cooperation been given practical application through your agency. You deserve the sincere congratulations of all of us who are working to enlarge this spirit of mutual aid and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Dreier
Representative of the United States on the
Council of the Organization of American States

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.



American Embassy,
Port-au-Prince, Haiti,
May 15, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned that as it must to all men, retirement has crept upon you and that you are soon going to undertake a well deserved and I hope protracted rest from your many years of fruitful endeavor in Latin America.

As an old Central American hand myself I think I can fully appreciate how much you have done for that part of the world. Your scientific accomplishments have been matched by your work in the humanities as Director of the Zamorano School where you have brought together for training outstanding young men of the whole Caribbean area. It is a work which will bear fruit for years to come.

Mrs. Drew joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Popenoe many years of happiness. If your paths should bring you through Haiti, we hope very much to see you.

Cordially yours,

Gerald A. Drew
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agrícola Pan-americana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

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DR. WILSON POPENOE
DIRECTOR EMERITUS
ESCUELA AGRICOLA PAN-AMERICANA
ZAMORANO, HONDURAS

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND THE APPRECIATION OF ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GREATER TIES BETWEEN THE AMERICAS FOR A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHERING SOUND AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES IN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SINCERELY,

ALLEN J. ELLENDER
U. S. SENATOR

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OFFICIAL
DAY LETTER



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NASHVILLE

FRANK G. CLEMENT
GOVERNOR
BUFORD ELLINGTON
COMMISSIONER

May 15, 1957

*Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras*

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

*So you are joining the select society of Emeritus.
Congratulations to you and to them.*

*Your public record covers a period of service in Agri-
cultural fields that has given reassurance that this is
still to be a world of plenty. Your contribution to
that end will be remembered.*

Best wishes,

Buford Ellington
Buford Ellington
Commissioner

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GERENTE

Guayaquil, Ecuador
May 2nd, 1957

Personal

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

Dear Doctor:

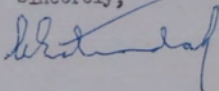
It is with deep regret that I have received the news that you intend to retire in June.

I hope that you will have many full years ahead of you in which you can play, rest, or work at those things you wish to do.

There is no need for me to tell you what the whole world knows as to your unequalled achievements in the field of Agriculture and Education. I am sure it is a great satisfaction to you to look back over the years and review your triumphs.

After you retire I hope you will return to South America to the scenes of your early studies, and I will have the pleasure of seeing you here in Ecuador.

Sincerely,



TITO PEREZ ESTRADA

JARDIN BOTANICO
SAN PEDRO SULA,
HONDURAS, C. A.

San Pedro Sula, Mayo 8 de 1939

Sr. Dr. Wilson Popenoe

Escuela Agrícola El Zamorano

Estimado Dr.:

Todos los sentimientos interés por las plantas nunca olvidaremos que Ud. es el que con mayor entusiasmo ha impulsado en nuestro país las útiles y sanas aficiones por el cultivo de ellas.

El estímulo que de Ud. hemos recibido y la amistad sincera que siempre nos demostró, tanto a mi difunto hermano Alvaro como a mi, perpetuarán el recuerdo de tan excelente amigo en su atto. S. S.

Tito Pérez Estrada

*Correspondencia Particular
del Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores
República de Honduras*

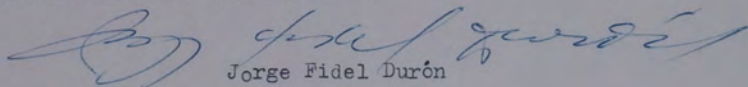
TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE

Of course, honor should be rendered always and whenever honor is due. However, in my opinion, seldom do we have the opportunity to render tribute in life to one of the living exponents of service to others in the most heroic and gallant manner. The tendering of the title of Director Emeritus to Doctor Wilson Popenoe for his exceptional accomplishments and services, in and out of Honduras, is one of those things most deserving and in which I know positively that the people of Honduras joins unanimously.

Since the year 1926 Doctor Popenoe has devoted his life to the study and development of potential money crops from the tropical belt around the world and as a result his name is a household word in matters of tropical agriculture, nutrition, animal husbandry, rural legislation and the like.

However, his best monument stands in his practical work developping and fostering the spirit of Pan Americanism pragmatically carried out with unstinted devotion at the Agricultural School of Zamorano. The young men of all America he has trained so ably through the years will be the eloquent mouthpieces of an everlasting and trascendental life devoted to the world community and an ever needed and needful humanity.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, June 15, 1957.


Jorge Fidel Durón

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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April 30, 1957

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTORS

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola
Pan Americana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

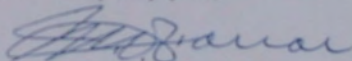
I wish to extend to you my congratulations upon reaching the age of retirement. As an agricultural scientist and educator you have had a full life of rewarding experiences.

I know of the wonderful botanical garden at Lance Tilla, Honduras, to the building of which you contributed so much. Its famous exhibit of bamboos is one I would like to see.

I have been told by a member of my staff who has visited your agricultural school that it has done and is doing under your direction an outstanding work in training agricultural leaders for the Pan American countries. For this accomplishment I know you are justly proud.

Your retirement is well earned. I wish for you many more years of pleasant associations and relaxation.

Very truly yours,



M. D. Farrar
Dean of Agriculture

MDF:bv



INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO DE
CIENCIAS AGRICOLAS

TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Pop:

It seems like only yesterday when we sat in Paul's study there in Pasadena ten years ago and you told me about what you called an "experiment in agriculture" at Zamorano. That brief talk I consider the most important that I have ever experienced. Through it, I had that rare pleasure, and I mean just that, of spending almost three years with you, Helen and the "boys".

You know, Pop, I don't think one can begin to properly evaluate an "experiment" like Zamorano until one has been away from it and has seen the boys in their own environment working along with other graduates. The last several years I've had that chance and the Escuela boys are good.

They are not afraid of working with their hands and know what agriculture is all about, Pop, but more important they all have a quality which sets them apart from the rest. They all have a certain undefineable spark that shows itself through their interest in agriculture and willingness to do their best always. Without a doubt, this spark is a part of the fire that you yourself have and have imparted to every young man you have worked with. I saw it while I was there at the school and I have seen that it still exists long after the boys go out on their own. I hope that a little of it has rubbed off onto me too.

Yes, the experiment that you and Helen started is now a proven success. Although she, I know, would be the first to give you the full credit, I and a few others, know just how very much she has given of herself too. Without you both the Escuela would never have resulted in the wonderful institution it has been and now is. Be proud of your work for you both with the help of United Fruit through the boys you have trained have made a contribution to Latin America that can be equaled by none.

To all of us, whether staff or student, the Escuela has a very special place in our hearts and thoughts. I for one can

El Instituto administra el Proyecto 39 del Programa de Cooperación Técnica de la O.E.A. Este Proyecto procura el mejoramiento de la agricultura y de la vida rural en las Américas, por medio de la enseñanza técnica. Para facilitar la ejecución del Proyecto se ha dividido a las Américas en tres Zonas, donde se han establecido oficinas regionales: 1) Zona Norte, con Oficina en La Habana, Cuba; 2) Zona Andina, con Oficina en Lima, Perú; y 3) Zona Sur, con Oficina en Montevideo, Uruguay.

2. Dr. Wilson Popenoe
May 6, 1957

never forget our bull sessions in your patio over a tall one?

How can I ever thank you for your "lessons" on avocado growing, the best mangos, what to plant on Uyuca or how to get the asparagus to grow better. How does one express his feeling about the Sunday night waffle sessions or talking to Helen as she retouches another canvas or her help in meeting new prospects?

Pop and Helen I never can tell you how very much you both and the Escuela means to me and has meant to "the boys". Now I understand you will be leaving. This is sad news but at the same time I realize that it will give you a chance to do some of the many other things you have denied yourselves there. I hope among your future efforts you will consider visiting us in Turrialba and this time not just for over night.

My best wishes always to you and Helen where ever you go.

Sincerely,



Donald Fiester
Horticulturist



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Agriculture

May 6, 1957

Office of Commissioner

State House - Concord, N. H.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I would like very much to join the other Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture, in adding my expression of gratitude to you for the contributions you have made to agriculture in the field of your choice.

I am sure that your contributions will be long remembered and expanded due to your vigorous support of progressive agriculture. Satisfaction must be complete for a work well done.

I sincerely wish you well and all kinds of good luck.

Sincerely,

Perley I. Fitts, Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
and
President, National Association
of Commissioners, Secretaries and
Directors of Agriculture

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
IOWA STATE COLLEGE
AMES, IOWA

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

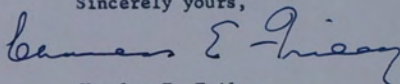
I have recently been advised that you plan to retire on June 1, 1957, from your work as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Zamorano, Honduras. This information was first received while my wife and I were spending the winter in Antigua where we have a home, and at that time we learned to our great pleasure to expect your return to Antigua as a permanent resident.

I had the pleasure of meeting you some years ago, and as we usually spend the three winter months in Antigua, we look forward to seeing you again.

A recent note from the Middle America Information Bureau gives in somewhat more detail the background of your work with the United Fruit Company and the warm regard in which you are held by that organization. May I say also that your thousands of friends throughout the world hold the same warm regard, and I speak the sentiments of my friends in the middle west in expressing deep appreciation for your outstanding contributions to a better agriculture in the New World. I also express the sincere hope that you may have many more years of useful and happy activity in your chosen field.

With high personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Friley
President Emeritus

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Tegucigalpa, de junio de 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Muy estimado amigo:

Cuando recibí la noticia de que un grupo de sus amigos le haría un tributo con motivo de su viaje, - aunque lamentando su partida - sentí alegría por lo justo y merecido que ello significa. Feliz fui también, pero entonces sin ninguna pena, cuando al fundarse la Escuela supe era Ud., admirado y sabio maestro, el escogido para la dirección de ella.

Doctor: En este homenaje va incluido lo mucho que Honduras mi patria, que también es patria suya, agradece las enseñanzas que con el cariño y bondad que en Ud. son característicos ha impartido durante muchos años a sus alumnos hondureños.

Su vida, Dr. Popenoe, como ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, ha sido de servicio efectivo de divulgación panamericanista, llevado a cabo con toda devoción y lealtad, - conducta ésta que lo hace acreedor a que nosotros lo calificásemos como "Ciudadano de América".

No daño su modestia, estimado Doctor, al afirmar que si el gran Humboldt y el maestro y sabio Valle existieran, Valle y Humboldt serían sus amigos: El Barón de Humboldt vino de Europa a América, con el real permiso del Gobierno de España a hacer numerosas exploraciones científicas y regresó con un rico bagaje de colecciones después de explorar el vasto campo de las ciencias naturales, y Ud. Doctor, con iguales fines, ha recorrido muchos países de Europa, Asia y Africa y regresado a regar y poner al servicio de los pueblos de América la semilla de su aprendizaje; y Valle, gran amigo de Humboldt, y un gran convencido de que la agricultura es la madre de la riqueza, pedía con entusiasmo en la última sesión del Congreso Federal de 1926:

"Quiero que se multipliquen las plantas útiles, y se aumenten con ellas la riqueza y comodidades de mis conciudadanos".

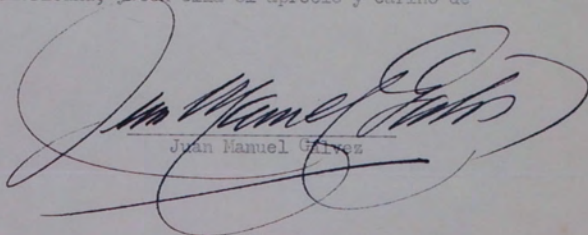
"Veo que una sola semilla vegetal puede hacer rico al país que la cultiva y fomenta".

"Hagamos venir semillas y estacas de vegetales que no tenemos".

"Traigamos las de maíz que da 400 fanegas de cosecha por una de semilla, y traigamos peras y otras plantas de provecho y regalo".

Anheles todos éstos, querido amigo Popenoe, que Ud. ha hecho efectivos llevándolos a la práctica para bienestar de muchos aquí en Honduras y en otros pueblos de su América.

Reciba, estimado amigo, en unión de su apreciable esposa, mi más sincera felicitación al recibir hoy el merecido título de Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, y con ella el aprecio y cariño de su servidor y amigo.



Juan Manuel Galvez

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAVANA

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

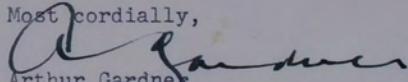
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a profound pleasure for me to associate myself with your host of friends and colleagues in this Book of Tribute you so richly deserve.

You clearly have merited this expression of high esteem through your many years of experience in furthering progressive agriculture, a line of endeavor which beyond a doubt has greatly enhanced our country's relations with Latin America.

The Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, which has proved itself over the years as a valuable contribution to tropical agriculture, is a permanent memorial to your very fine work. I am sure that through your personal contact with hundreds of young men of Latin America at the Escuela you have imbued in them a strong and lasting spirit of good Panamericanism that bids well for the future.

Most cordially,


Arthur Gardner
American Ambassador

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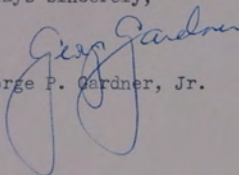
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Among your many visitors in the recent past as you may recall have been myself and my wife. It seems only yesterday that we were down there at Zamorano with the Coolidges and Forbeses. I have always been interested in the School as a project and know that its future contributions will be significant largely because of the devoted work which you gave to it. Although a graduating class does not seem large the knowledge that a single graduate may bring back down to his native land may have an effect which is considerable. It must be tremendously gratifying to share in this.

We hope that we may have a chance to see you in Antigua on our next trip. Until then, our congratulations on a job well done. Our best wishes to your successor and our hope for a happy and active life for both you and Mrs. Popenoe (and I am sure it will be active!).

Always sincerely,


George P. Gardner, Jr.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 15 1957

AIR MAIL

Dr. Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

It is indeed a great privilege to join with your many friends in commending you for the tremendous part you have added to agriculture and to extend my continued best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Your record as an agriculturist has been outstanding and your efforts have resulted in valuable contributions both for the United States and for the citizens of the nations of Latin America. I am sure that you cannot but be especially proud to know that your work as Plant Explorer in the service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture led to the establishment of the great California avocado industry, and the growing Florida mango industry. Both of these projects have meant additional income for the United States farmer.

Your career with the United Fruit Company in the experimental garden at Lancetilla, Honduras, was equally rewarding and this work resulted in the introduction of potential money crops which led to the betterment of the farmers to the south of us. The research which you directed in the field of bananas has not only helped the Central American countries, but many thousands of consumers.

Although you are retiring, the many hundreds of young men who had the benefit of attending the Escuela Agricola Panamericana which you established and directed, will continue to carry on your ideas of betterment of agriculture and thus to benefit Latin America. Aside from all of this I understand you have been an Ambassador of good will in agriculture between the Americas. The school at Zamorano will forever be a living memorial to your life and to the friendship of the Americas.

With my best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gwynn Garnett
Administrator



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OFFICE BUILDING · HARTFORD 15, CONNECTICUT

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On behalf of Connecticut's agricultural producers, as well as upwards of two million consumers, I am happy to take this occasion on your retirement to congratulate you upon a long and highly distinguished career.

Your work as a Plant Explorer and later as an educator has been felt directly and indirectly here in Connecticut although the center of your activity has remained many miles away.

The people of Connecticut, one of the foremost per capita markets in the United States, have enjoyed an increasing flow of the products of tropical agriculture as well as industrial raw materials from the Latin American Republics.

Connecticut agriculture and industry also have benefited from increased trade outlets to the south. I am especially mindful of the poultry, dairy cattle and sheep sent there as breeding stock. Other agricultural exports include eggs, apples and potatoes.

From time to time we have occasion to welcome exchange students in agriculture from countries served by the Escuela Agricola Americana. We are always glad to meet and exchange ideas with them.

The development of mutually beneficial interdependence between the America's is due in no small measure to work such as yours, in education and guidance.

It is significant that these benefits have been the fruits of enlightened private enterprise.

Sincerely yours

Joseph N. Gill
Commissioner

JNG:AW

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington

3 May 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

May I join with your many friends in commending you and extending my continued best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Yours has been a productive life both for the United States and for the citizens of the nations of Central America. It must give you especial pleasure to know that your work as Plant Explorer in the service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture lead to the establishment of the great California avocado industry and the growing Florida mango industry. Your research in the field of diseases of bananas have made these fruits available to all the world.

In my estimation, however, your work in the Escuela Agricola Panamericana surpasses even these successes, for you have been a fine Ambassador of good will and agricultural enterprise to Central America and your work has done more to increase agricultural production in Central America and to give the Central American nations a sound economy base than all of our technical assistance programs. The school at Zamorano will be a living memorial to your life and to the friendship of the United States and Central America.

With my personal best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,


E. C. Gathings

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

12 CALLE 6-61, ZONA 1
GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA

L. S. GREENBERG
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND
SUPERVISOR OF TROPICAL LABOR RELATIONS

4 May 1957

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I have just learned about your retirement on 1st June and your appointment as Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Your untiring efforts and the personal interest you have taken to give the young students from all over Latin America a sound education not only in agriculture but in guiding them in their every day relations with the other students will do much to foment good Pan-Americanism and will be invaluable in future relations in Latin America.

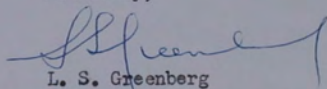
From the Directors of the Barcenas Agricultural School in Guatemala, who have been in contact with you over the years, I have heard only praise for the invaluable knowledge and help you have given them.

You have not only done a great job in the field of agriculture, but have done a wonderful public relations job.

I feel honored to be among those who have been in contact with you over the years and had the opportunity of seeing the great progress of the school under your guidance.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,



L. S. Greenberg

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Zamorano, Honduras

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
Office of the Dean and Director

May 9, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

You have my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your retirement from active service, when you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus. For one who has been so active and distinguished for so many years in the service of the public some recognition now is well earned and I am very happy for you.

I am not at all sure that we have ever met, but I have some acquaintance with your work through literature. Consequently, I find it difficult to add any personal touch in my message for inclusion in this Book of Tribute. On the other hand, I know your contributions to society are of such breadth and wisdom that you deserve special recognition by others who devote time and effort to similar public services.

We folks at the Land-Grant colleges of agriculture can well appreciate the tremendous satisfaction you must have gained from your work with young men. In my own case I can think of no greater reward for my services than to learn of the success of our graduates from the College of Agriculture. For services in this area alone you deserve high tribute.

My best wishes for continued service and good health for many years to come are with you always.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Grinnell
H. C. Grinnell
Dean and Director

HCG/q



Mayo 7 de 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamora, Honduras

Distinguido Dr. Popenoe:

Reciba estas letras como un tributo de reconocimiento por la meritoria labor desarrollada desde el año de 1926, primero como incansable investigador que permitió establecer los primeros lotes de introducción de plantas en Lantilla, Honduras, y después a partir de 1942, abarcando la tarea más noble y difícil que es la de enseñar, al establecer la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana que dió oportunidad a cientos de jóvenes para recibir un entrenamiento en relación con agricultura y ganadería tropicales que tanto han contribuido al aprovechamiento de los recursos naturales--renovables de Centroamérica.

Los mexicanos estamos en deuda con usted ya que al proporcionarnos sus sabios consejos relacionados con agricultura tropical demostró una vez más que la ciencia no reconoce barreras ni tiene nacionalidad.

Los que estamos ligados con la enseñanza y la investigación sabemos aquilatar el esfuerzo que ha desarrollado-- como incansable forjador de jóvenes con mentalidad agronómica.

Reciba mi más profundo respeto y admiración.

ING. LEONEL ROBLES CUTIERREZ
DIRECTOR, ESCUELA DE AGRICULTURA

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON
BOSTON 6, MASSACHUSETTS

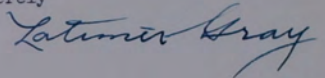
WILLIAM LATIMER GRAY
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

May 8, 1957

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

In 1942, the United Fruit Company undertook to organize, build, and endow the Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana in Honduras. This was to become one of the most constructive educational projects ever attempted. At that time I was asked to be a director and treasurer, and I found that you were named to establish and direct the School. Over subsequent years its accomplishments have been unique. The young men it has educated from the neighboring Republics of Latin-America have contributed in raising the living standards of their countries, and have fostered the happy relationship not only between the Spanish-speaking Republics but also with the United States. This success is due in no small measure to the distinguished guidance and service rendered the School by you. As Director Emeritus we know that you will continue your interest in following the good work of the School which you founded.

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Zamora, Honduras

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

HARLAN HAGEN
CONGRESSMAN, 14TH CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

May 9, 1957

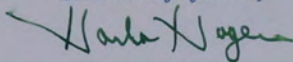
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I would like to take this opportunity to join with your many friends in paying due tribute to you upon the occasion of your retirement and the conferring upon you of the title of Director Emeritus.

One of the most valuable aspects of the friendly relationship of the people of the United States to their Latin American neighbors is the exchange of information and knowledge in those areas with respect to those activities in which they have a mutual interest. One of such activities is the development of sound agricultural programs resulting in the maximum development of trade relationships. To the extent that an agency of North American Government or private business could develop better agricultural knowledge in Latin American countries with respect to crops particularly suitable for those areas, a major benefit was foreseeable. We are familiar with the splendid work of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, in this field. In relation to your directorship of this institution you have accomplished a great service which entitles you to the high regard of all persons residing in the Americas. The influence you have exercised will continue to be reflected by the many young people who have been trained under your supervision and who will utilize the knowledge developed by projects operated under your direction.

Sincerely yours,



HARLAN HAGEN, M. C.

HH:ed

University of Arizona

TUCSON

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

April 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director, Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

In my boyhood days, a Dr. Popenoe from the College of Agriculture at Manhattan, Kansas, used to visit our farm and discuss various horticultural problems with my father. I understand that this particular Dr. Popenoe was a close relative of yours. If I remember rightly, you and I had some conversations about this matter several years ago while I was visiting the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano.

That visitation was one of the highlights of our trip to Honduras and Guatemala during the summer of 1948. You will recall that two groups of twelve men each, most of them from the various land-grant institutions in the United States, visited the holdings of the United Fruit Company in Central America. The gracious hospitality of Mrs. Popenoe and yourself during that visit was unparalleled.

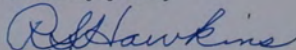
One of the things that particularly impressed me was the orderliness of the grounds and buildings at your school. I have visited a number of such schools in various underprivileged countries around the globe, but have never seen one that was more impressive than your school.

It must be a matter of supreme satisfaction to you to realize the impact that your school has had upon the young men and their communities in countries of Central America and certain South American countries.

You are probably now retiring to the home which you purchased many years ago in Antigua. It was our special privilege to visit this old mansion and to talk with the caretaker about the history of this house and the entire area.

My best wish for you is that you and Mrs. Popenoe will enjoy many long years at Angigua, if your present plan calls for retiring there.

Sincerely yours,



R. S. Hawkins
Director

RSH:MR

BROOKS HAYS
5TH DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I should like to congratulate you upon your retirement as director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Your work has done much to further good relations between the Americas and provides an admirable example of the true role of the educator. By coupling your great technical abilities with human understanding, you have won the admiration of all the peoples of America.

My best wishes to you for many more fruitful years in retirement.

Sincerely yours,

Brooks Hays

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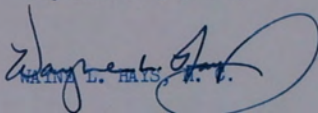
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano
Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I am happy to join with many others in paying tribute to you for the great work that you have done in helping to raise the living standards of the peoples of the world, which it seems to me will be the basis of an enduring peace and understanding amongst the nations of the world.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,


WAYNE L. HAYS, R. O.

WLH:wca



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

W. L. HENNING
SECRETARY

May 13, 1957

My dear Doctor Popenoe:

It is my very great pleasure to extend to you my most sincere congratulations for your outstanding accomplishments in agriculture and your magnificent contribution to the creation of cordial relations among the peoples of Latin America.

Yours has been a full and profitable life. In your well-earned retirement I am sure you will continue with many of your lifelong interests and activities that will be of great benefit to your fellowmen.

Sincerely,

W. L. Henning

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus, Escuela
Agricola Panamericana
Zamarano
Honduras

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May 10, 1957

Dear Wilson:

It is a pleasure for me to have an opportunity to join with your many other friends and admirers in paying tribute to you on the occasion of your retirement as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Although I am aware of your distinguished record prior to becoming the first Director of the School, it is your association with the School to which I should like to direct my comments.

I remember very well the first days of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, when I was one of your earliest visitors. At that time, I was tremendously impressed with the vision and planning which went into the physical plant, program, and objectives of the Escuela. I also became quickly convinced that the officials of the Fruit Company had chosen most wisely in selecting you as the leader of this important educational venture, and felt sure the School was destined to have a brilliant record under your leadership.

In those earlier days, I could not foresee how much greater the future accomplishments would be than had been anticipated. Under your leadership, the School has achieved a position of distinction throughout the Americas because of its high standards and the quality of its instruction and graduates. You must be extremely proud of the many young Latin Americans who have studied under your tutelage, and have gone on to achieve distinction in all branches of agricultural science. Many have returned to serve the needs of their own immediate communities; others have chosen to pursue agricultural science at the postgraduate level. This signalizes the degree of balance obtained within the School, the stimulating leadership which the boys received, and the continued interest which you have had in your students throughout their years as students and thereafter.

This first phase in the history of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana has, of course, been a critical one and the

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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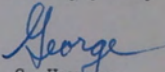
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future of the School will depend - in no small measure - upon its record under your leadership. It is, therefore, gratifying to all concerned to know that this record has been so outstanding as to assure sound future progress and increasing benefits to agricultural education and development in the years to come. Future generations of faculty members and students will be aware of and grateful for your vision and wise leadership during the formative years of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Its present recognition and future accomplishments will be - in no small measure - a monument to your devoted, gifted service, and spirit of self sacrifice in the best interests of the institution.

In closing, may I pay tribute to Helen, your partner in this dramatic venture at Zamorano, who has, I know, been as deeply interested and as steadfastly devoted to the welfare of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana as anyone who has been associated with it.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely yours,


J. G. Harfar

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, HONDURAS

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POPENOE

NO ONE HERE CAN ADEQUATELY EXPRESS OUR THOUGHTS ON THE GOOD
THAT YOU ARE DOING DAILY IN THIS COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR ZAMORANO
GRADUATES STOP IT WOULD GIVE YOU GREAT PLEASERE TO SEE THE
FACES OF THESE YOHNNG MEN LIGHT UP WHEN THEY TALK OF THEIR SCHOOL
AND THE MANNER IN WHICH DR POPENOE SENT THEM/^{OUT} PREPARED TO FACE
THE WORLD STOP THERE COULD BE NO GREATER REWARD THEN JUST
KNOWING HOW MUCH OF THEIR SUCCESS WAS CONTRIBUTED BY YOUR
TEACHINGS STOP ENTIRE STAFF WISH YOU MUCH HAPPINESS IN YOUR
COMING WELL EARNED RETIREMENT

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APARTADO 1252

PANAMA, R. DE P.

TELEPHONE: PANAMA, NO. 3-3197

OFFICE—OF THE DIRECTOR

April 26, 1957

Dear Wilson,

I feel a little out of place in the present distinguished company, but Bill Mais seemed to think that a letter from me would be appropriate, seeing as how I have known you, or you me, probably longer than anybody else in these parts. Certainly the tales you brought back to "In the Woods" of the wilds of Central America put you in a class with Frank Myer in my hall of heroes.

What a fortunate thing it was that you did not stay in Washington, to be swallowed in that maestrom of futility, instead of being able to survey with satisfaction the enormously full and useful life you have carved for yourself in these lovely lands. To be the first to do anything is a joy in itself, but to be the first to start something which will grow and affect the lives of even increasing numbers for generations to come is, it seems to me, the greatest satisfaction one can have. Pa had it and so have you, and no one can take it from you.

Elva and I envy you and Helen your future in Antigua. To live in that house, with no regrets and the satisfaction of a job well done would seem as close to heaven as anyone is likely to get.

Ever affectionately,

Sandy

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
405 HILGARD AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

Air Mail

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilt:

The announcement of your forthcoming retirement, June 1 next, comes as a shock and gives rise to feelings of sorrow. I was not altogether surprised for I had known for several years past that the time of your retirement was approaching. It is with gratification however, that I learn that you are to be honored with the title of Director Emeritus. I count it as a privilege to have been invited to contribute a letter to this volume, which I am told is to be presented to you on the occasion of your formal retirement.

It has been my great good fortune to know you, both as a friend and professional colleague, almost from the beginning of your fabulous career. While our paths have crossed much less frequently than I could have wished, nevertheless, through mutual friends and correspondence I have been able to keep reasonably close in touch with your work and contributions. I can truthfully state that very few, if any, of my friends or acquaintances have contributed so broadly and importantly to horticultural science and agricultural education as have you. It is both a privilege and a pleasure to attest to these contributions. As I have thought of them in general, they seem to fall into four broad categories.

The subtropical fruit industries of California and Florida have benefited greatly from your work, notably so in the case of the avocado industries of the two states. No other person has contributed as much to these industries.

Your professional contributions to subtropical horticulture and tropical horticulture have been numerous and important. Your book "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits", though published long ago and out of print for many years, is still the standard reference book. You are without doubt the leading tropical horticulturist in the western hemisphere, and there are few others anywhere better or more favorably known.

During the past 15 years you have made an outstanding contribution to agricultural education in Latin America. In my judgment, it is the greatest single contribution in that field and one from which you are entitled to derive great satisfaction. It will be difficult indeed

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

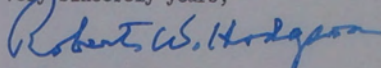
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to follow up your leadership.

Finally, you have served for many years as an unofficial but highly effective ambassador in Central America, promoting international good will and understanding. Certainly no other American has done as much in that connection as have you.

In conclusion, the hope is expressed that your retirement from the active directorship of Escuela Agricola Panamericana will give you time and freedom to continue your career in tropical horticulture.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert W. Hodgson
Dean and Assistant Director

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University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION—EXTENSION
SERVICE IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

LOUIS B. HOWARD, *Dean and Director*

May 14, 1957

Doctor Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popence:

Although it has not been my good fortune to know you personally, I am grateful for the opportunity to address a short letter to you to express, for the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, our appreciation for the contributions you have made to the agriculture of this country during your active period of service both in the United States Department of Agriculture and as an employee of the United Fruit Company.

My associates in the Department of Horticulture, who have been more closely acquainted with your work, have informed me of the many contributions that have resulted from your efforts. For these I congratulate you heartily and wish you many more years of interesting and productive experiences.

Should your future travels bring you in the vicinity of the University of Illinois, we should be happy to have you visit us.

Sincerely yours,

Louis B. Howard.

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Texas College of Arts and Industries
Kingsville, Texas

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

May 11, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director of Escuela
Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with great pleasure I take this opportunity of submitting this letter as a mark of esteem and appreciation of the outstanding contribution you made to Tropical Agriculture while Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

I met you several times while I was on the staff of the Department of Agriculture in Jamaica, British West Indies, and in that position had the opportunity to observe closely the work you were doing in the field of Agriculture in that area.

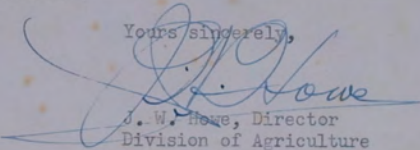
Your contribution to Agriculture directly through the United Fruit Company, and later as the Director of the Agriculture school, contributed much to the betterment of that industry in the Caribbean area and Central America.

While the time for your retirement has come, I feel that your interest in the field of Tropical Agriculture will long continue, and I want to take this opportunity of expressing my very deep appreciation to you for the contribution you have made over the years in your chosen field. The work you have done will be of lasting benefit, not only now, but in the years to come.

Wishing you happiness in your years of retirement. You have the satisfaction of retiring after a job well done.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



J. W. Howe, Director
Division of Agriculture

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TROPICAL RADIO TELEGRAPH COMPANY
80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

ROBERT V. HOWLEY
PRESIDENT

1 June, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The objectives and accomplishments of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana have always been of deep concern and interest to me because of my own association with things Latin American for the last forty-five years.

Truly the School has done pioneering work; and its concept and realization are in large measure your handiwork.

In your retirement I am certain it will be a source of continued pleasure to you to look back on this contribution you have made toward a better Pan-American world.

With all good wishes to you for many years of richly-earned relaxation, I am,

Sincerely yours

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamarano, Honduras



REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR
MINISTERIO DE ECONOMIA

1252

Quito, a 8 de Mayo de 1957.

DESPACHO DEL MINISTRO

Al Señor Don
Marion Mann,
Secretario de Middle America
Information Bureau.
26 East 64 Street.
New York 21, N. Y.

Distinguido Señor:

Me es grato contestar su atenta e interesante nota, fechada el 26 de Abril del año en curso.

Agradezco a Usted que se haya dignado participarme que la Institución a que Usted pertenece, prepara un homenaje de aprecio y gratitud, al Doctor Wilson Popenoe, Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras.

Conozco y admiro la valía del Doctor Popenoe, sus excepcionales cualidades, su gran capacidad profesional y toda la múltiple y magnífica labor que él efectuara. Me adhiero, por lo mismo, con suma complacencia a ese homenaje y felicito a Usted y, por su intermedio, a los personeros de esa Institución, por la valiosa iniciativa de galardonar públicamente a tan eminente personaje.

Al evocar, con emoción y gratitud, su permanencia en la Escuela Agrícola de Zamorano, los jóvenes compatriotas que a ella fueran, asocian su recuerdo al de la ilustre personalidad del Doctor Popenoe y le expresan conmigo, en este mensaje de congratulación, el anhelo y la esperanza de que la simiente de su obra bienhechora, fructifique siempre y produzca una cosecha cada vez más abundante y provechosa.

Hago propicia la oportunidad, para presentar a Usted el testimonio de mi alta consideración.

J. Federico Intrilago A.,
MINISTRO DE ECONOMIA.

GDC/ahc.

DONALD L. JACKSON
16TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

LEOLA R. LONG
SECRETARY

CALIFORNIA ADDRESS:
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UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 7, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

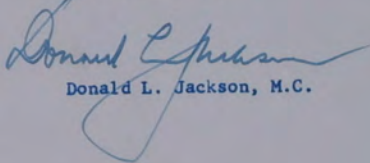
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

Central America, Latin America, and all the world are better and finer places today because of your intelligent and far-reaching efforts on behalf of understanding and cooperation. As Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, you have established yourself, not only in terms of technical knowledge, but in the larger sense of humanitarianism and understanding. Under your leadership hundreds of students met in an atmosphere of work and brotherhood, and learned the lessons of skill and cooperation. From your teachings they went back to their respective lands to spread the technical knowledge and the understanding they had gained.

As a link between the minds of men, you will long be remembered by those who benefited directly from your knowledge and guidance, and by untold hundreds of thousands whose lives have been enriched by your teachings and assistance.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to add these few inadequate words of commendation to the many others you will receive.

Most sincerely,



Donald L. Jackson, M.C.

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SERVICIO TECNICO AGRICOLA DE NICARAGUA

EN REPRESENTACION DEL
MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y TRABAJO
Y
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ESTACIONES EXPERIMENTALES DE
EL RECREO Y CUKRA HILL

APARTADO II
BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA

May 9 1957

Doctor Wilson Popenoe,
Escuella Agricola PanAmericana,
Zamarano, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

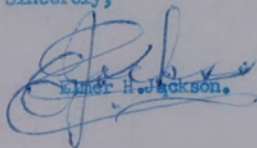
Although I am informed of your retirement, I feel as though you will never retire. I feel as though this retirement of yours is only an opportunity for you to do those things that have interested you for many years, but could never be accomplished because of the press of your duties.

The impact of your patient, understanding leadership and that great ability of yours to instill interest in your students was a marvel to see.

I know that the opportunity to be one of your students will always be appreciated and that the time spent in your presence has made a better man of me and one who is wholly devoted to Tropical Agriculture. I know that this experience can be stated by many many of your students.

It is with sincerity that I express my desire that you have many happy and full years ahead.

Sincerely,



Elmer H. Jackson.

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May 14, 1957

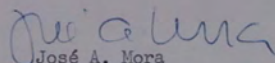
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with mingled feelings of regret and joy that I salute you on the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Those of us who have for many years been so keenly aware and so proud of your distinguished leadership in the training of practical agriculturists, whose subsequent accomplishments have symbolized your genius and guidance, can not be otherwise than regretfully conscious of your absence from the familiar scene. Yet, none of us would have this feeling detract by a single iota from the pleasure which comes to your many friends from the knowledge that you have so fully earned the leisure and relaxation which lie ahead and which we hope you may be able to enjoy for many years to come.

My felicitations and good wishes to you. May the spirit of Panamericanism to which you have given meaning and reality by translating lofty principles into good deeds be always the emblem of the reward you so richly deserve.

Very sincerely yours,


José A. Mora
Secretario General

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

The Organization of American States originated in 1890 at the First International Conference of American States. Its definitive Charter was signed at the Ninth Conference in 1948. Its purpose is to achieve an order of peace and justice, promote American solidarity, strengthen collaboration among the Member States, and defend their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. The Pan American Union is the central, permanent organ and General Secretariat of the Organization.



PRESIDENTE
DE LA
REPUBLICA DE COSTA RICA

San José, 4 de Julio de 1957

Señor
Richard Dyer
United Fruit Company
Apartado Postal 2241
Ciudad.

Estimado señor:

Me he enterado que el señor Wilson Popenoe se ha retirado a sus actividades privadas después de varios años de labor con la United Fruit Company.

Conociendo su brillante labor educativa, quiero por su digno medio hacer llegar al Doctor Popenoe un saludo cordial como sincero tributo y agradecimiento por los nobles esfuerzos por él realizados en beneficio del entendimiento entre nuestros pueblos hermanos.

Muy atento servidor y amigo,

José Figueres
Presidente de la República

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PRESIDENT

PIER 2, NORTH RIVER
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

May 14th, 1957

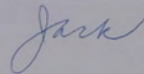
Dear Doc:

Understand you are retiring next month from active service at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which you developed, nursed and managed so brilliantly. It is difficult to find adequate words to tell you how sorry I am that your richly deserved retirement will remove such a truly great administrator, educator, and developer of good will in Middle America, from the field of action.

It has always been a privilege and pleasure to know and be associated with you. I hope and pray that you and Mrs. Popenoe will enjoy the best of everything in the years to come, and that you will never lose interest in your outstanding creation.

Regards.

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

MOSCOW, IDAHO

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

April 30, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

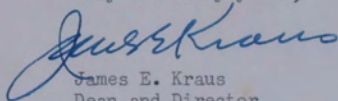
We understand that you are retiring on June 1, 1957 as Director of the above organization. It is also our understanding that upon your retirement you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

Although I do not know you personally, I have heard very much concerning you from many people. Your very fine service with United Fruit Company which you joined in the 1920s has been most outstanding. Also, the distinguished career which you had with the United States Department of Agriculture as Plant Explorer was most outstanding and one which will be of lasting significance to the plant industry fields of this country.

We have learned from other people the very fine work which you have done in your present position as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. The many young people which you have trained and whom have subsequently gone to local governments in their local communities to do extension work, to teach, and to serve their fellow countrymen have certainly been a tribute to you.

May I wish all the best for you upon your retirement and I hope the future years will prove as fruitful as those in the past.

Very sincerely yours,



James E. Kraus
Dean and Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
EXPERIMENT STATION
EXTENSION SERVICE
LINCOLN 3, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

April 29, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a pleasure for me to join with your many friends in paying tribute to you on the occasion of your retirement, which I understand will be June 1, 1957.

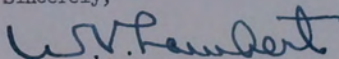
While I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally, I have known of your work through our common association with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and because of my interest in the work which you have been doing with the United Fruit Company.

You have made a great contribution not only to the development of the banana crop in Central America but directly and indirectly to the improvement of the economic status of the people in these countries. I have learned through several mutual friends of the fine work which you have carried forward in your program in Central America.

I do not know your plans following retirement but would expect that you have already developed plans to make further contributions to agriculture in one way or another. I also trust that you have developed some hobbies which will add to the interest and pleasure of your years of retirement. I hope that there will be an opportunity to meet you at some future time and to learn from you first hand of your many experiences in Central America.

With all good wishes and best personal regards, I am

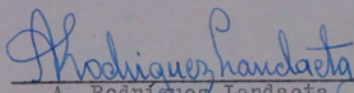
Sincerely,



Dean and Director.

El Dr. Wilson Popenoe constituye para la América Latina en lo que a Extensión Agrícola se refiere un alto exponente del valor humano, ya que bajo su docta dirección se han preparado eficientemente numerosos jóvenes que han ido a prestar servicios valiosos en el ramo de la agricultura a sus diversos países.

La memoria del Dr. Popenoe debe ser para nosotros los latinoamericanos, un índice de estímulo, de vocación y de voluntad; y estoy seguro que la semilla que ha sembrado dará sus frutos para el progreso de la agricultura en nuestra América Latina.


A. Rodríguez Landaeta

Maracay, 14 de mayo de 1957.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

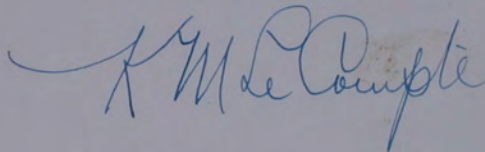
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned that you are retiring as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and at this time I want to express my sincere admiration for the splendid work you have done.

Agriculture is an essential part of any nation's economy and you have made an immeasurable contribution toward the development of the agricultural potential of the tropical belt with the resulting benefits in increased living standards and strengthened relations among the countries that comprise the Americas. You have served our country nobly and have proved yourself a real ambassador of good will.

I commend you for the valuable services you have performed, and wish for you many happy years of retirement.

Yours very truly,



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

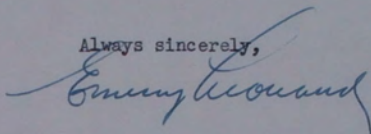
April 22, 1957

Dear Doctor:

May I add this "postscript" to what I have written you before to wish for you and Helen great good and abiding happiness in the years that lie ahead.

It has been a true privilege to have known you down through the past and I do hope that our paths will cross again as time goes by.

Always sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emory Leonard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Emory Leonard".

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS

May 9, 1957

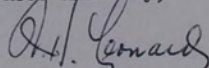
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Tegucigalpa, D. C., Honduras

Dear Wilson:

I have heard that you are soon retiring from your duties as Director of the Zamorano School which you have so ably handled since its foundation. I first knew of your work when in charge of the Fabrica "Blanquita" and had occasion to hire some of your graduates. At that time I was impressed by the training that these boys had acquired. Since then in connection with my duties in the Standard Fruit Company I have run across other graduates and in practically all cases they have impressed me with the value of the training that they acquired under your direction. I speak not only of employees of our Company, but of those working on their own or with Honduran Government Agencies. I am sure that you should feel extremely proud of having brought to fruition the plans conceived by Mr. Zemurray and yourself to give an opportunity to many Latin American boys whereby they could learn the principles of agriculture which would best fit their and their country's needs.

It has been a great pleasure to have known you and I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations on the work that you have accomplished as well as wishing you many years of pleasant retirement from your arduous labors.

Most sincerely,



W. H. Leonard
General Manager

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MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

May 13, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

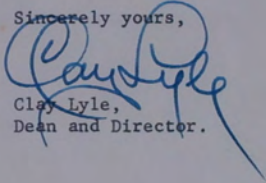
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We have learned that you are retiring on June 1, and we wish to join your many other friends in extending greetings and good wishes on this occasion.

We congratulate you on your long career of distinguished service to agriculture in the Americas, both as a plant explorer and an educational leader. The world is much richer in material things, and especially in the field of international fellowship and good will because of your fine leadership over the years. Your contribution to peace in the Americas is immeasurable as the students whose lives you have touched carry your philosophy back to their respective countries.

We offer our best wishes for many more years of active interest in international matters. We know it will bring deep satisfaction for you to see the increasing fruits of your years of work.

Sincerely yours,



Clay Lyle,
Dean and Director.

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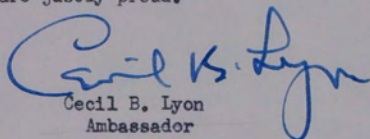
THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Embassy of the United States
of America,
Santiago, Chile,
May 10, 1957.

Since the early years of my work in the Department of State on Latin American affairs, I have heard glowing accounts of the work of Dr. Wilson Popenoe in Honduras. I have long hoped to visit the Escuela at Zamorano and see the work of the renowned tropical agriculturist at first hand. Unfortunately Dr. Popenoe's imminent retirement will deny me this pleasure.

However, I take this opportunity of paying tribute to a distinguished American, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, of whose work his countrymen are justly proud.


Cecil B. Lyon
Ambassador

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 24, 1957

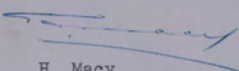
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamerican
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As you reach the time of retirement, we extend to you our greetings and our sincere congratulations upon a long and distinguished career as an agricultural scientist and a builder of international good will.

It is most appropriate that you carry into retirement the well-merited designation as Director Emeritus. The good wishes of a host of friends and admirers will be sincere and hearty. We hope that you will have long years of health, happiness and comfort. It should be a great satisfaction to you to look back upon many years of constructive service to your fellowmen and to the advancement of science.

Cordially yours,



H. Macy
Dean of the Institute

HM:ys

CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, ONE FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PANAMA, REP. DE PANAMA

April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agrícola PanAmericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I have just learned about your forthcoming retirement as Director of the school, which is well deserved after so many years of real hard and active work.

As you know the Ministry of Agriculture in this country and also Point Four or Punto Cuatro, try to get every graduate from your school to work for them as they realize that these boys are well qualified and have the background and training that is needed to make them leaders in their field. I believe that this point alone, points to wonderful job you have done in developing the school to bring it the fame it now has throughout Latin America.

Both Thelma and I are sorry that you have reached the retirement age but we both wish to take this opportunity to wish you and Helen the best of everything in the future and hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

V. T. Mais
Representative



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
San Salvador,
El Salvador,
May 8, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the eve of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I send you my congratulations for a distinguished, fruitful and unselfish career in the field of tropical agriculture which has contributed materially to the agricultural progress of the area. We shall be sorry to see you go but take some consolation in your plans to continue to reside near us.

Mrs. Mann joins me in sending to you and Mrs. Popenoe our kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas C. Mann".

Thomas C. Mann

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Doctor Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.



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Señor Profesor
WILSON POPENO, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zambrano, Honduras

Apreciado profesor y amigo:

Me he enterado que el próximo primero de junio, al cumplir usted treinta años de servicios continuos en calidad de técnico agrícola de la - United Fruit Company, se retira de la Dirección de la - Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, en Zambrano, Honduras, - recibiendo con honor y merecimientos múltiples el título de Director Emeritus, como justo homenaje de las - Asociaciones agrícolas e ingenieros agrónomos de los - países Americanos.-

En estos momentos de júbilo - para usted, su señora esposa y sus hijos, unas pocas pala - bras más, uno de sus más viejos amigos y colegas, no - pueden faltar cuando la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, - entidad docente que usted fundara y dirigiera con tanta - inteligencia y pericia para la capacitación de los hi - jos de los campesinos de los países americanos, en -- agricultura y ganadería en forma útil y práctica para - hacerles productivas y avanzadas sus heredades rurales, - base del levantamiento del nivel de vida de las gentes - del campo y del aumento de la producción agrícola, le - va a conceder el título de Director Emeritus, con moti - vo de cumplir treinta años de estar divulgando la agri - cultura científica por los países americanos de habla - española.-

Siempre fue para mí muy honro - so haberle servido de asesor agrícola en cuantas oportu - nidades usted realizó reconocimientos agrícolas por va -



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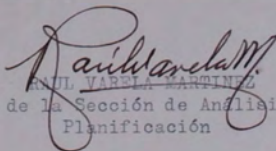
rios de los departamentos, en los últimos veinte años que visitó a Colombia para ayudar al desenvolvimiento de su agricultura y fruticultura.- En este sentido, querido profesor, como le llamamos por aquí, fueron muy valiosos los servicios de cooperación técnica y práctica prestados por usted al país.-

En el desarrollo y mejoramiento de los cultivos de árboles citreos, aguacates, mangos, papayos, olivos, datiles, manzanos, perales y ciruelos, su intervención en varios departamentos cultivadores de ellos estuvo muy acertada. Grande es, pues, la deuda de gratitud de los Colombianos para con el profesor Popenoe.

Personalmente también mi gratitud es crecida y motivada, ya que muchas cosas buenas y prácticas aprendí de usted durante nuestras variadas giras por el territorio Colombiano. Sus importantes obras sobre agricultura y fruticultura, publicadas en español e ingles, son constantemente consultadas para ilustrarme.

Sea esta la solomne oportunidad para hacer llegar a usted mi congratulación sincera y profunda por la manera brillante como va a coronar su carrera de treinta años al servicio del desarrollo de la agricultura americana.-

Siempre cordial y viejo colega,


RAÚL VARELA MARTÍNEZ

Jefe de la Sección de Análisis y Planificación

RVM/mag.

BILLY MATTHEWS
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

MEMBER
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE ON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JACKSON BRYAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

MAY 2, 1957

DR. WILSON POPENOE, DIRECTOR
ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
ZAMORANO, HONDURAS

DEAR DR. POPENOE:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA AT ZAMORANO, HONDURAS, I WANT TO OFFER YOU MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS.

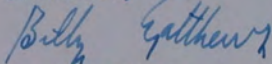
AS A MEMBER OF OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, I AM FAMILIAR WITH YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE PLANT EXPLORER FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE PRESENT DATE YOU HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF AGRICULTURE AND TO THE LARGER CAUSE OF BETTER HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WHEREVER YOU HAVE GONE.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN HAVE GONE FORTH FROM YOUR SCHOOL TO TEACH AND TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING TO THEIR COUNTRYMEN. PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE MEN HAVE OBTAINED UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE HAS ENABLED THEM TO MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE FIELD OF BETTER NUTRITION AND BETTER AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MANY OF THE SPANISH-SPEAKING REPUBLICS OF LATIN AMERICA.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I HOPE ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT THAT YOU WILL HAVE MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE AN ABIDING AND CONSTANT INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS THAT YOU HAVE SERVED SO EFFECTIVELY AND IN SO MANY WAYS OVER AND ABOVE THE ORDINARY CALL OF DUTY.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY,



BILLY MATTHEWS, M. C.
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA



NATHAN MAYO
COMMISSIONER

THE STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
TALLAHASSEE

May 15, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras
Central America

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

Every once in a while we hear of, and become acquainted with, a man whose task in life has not been particularly easy, but whose accomplishments in public service have been distinctive. Such is the case with you, and we are more than happy to extend you our congratulations on a job well done as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Many young men have been educated in this school; many have put their knowledge to work, bettering conditions in their communities and raising living standards everywhere.

This school and the work it has done will always stand as a memorial to the distinguished service you have given in furthering sound and proper agricultural practices, and in spreading the doctrine of working together in cooperation between the Americas.

We wish you well in your continuing years, and we know that you will not stop your work and just watch the world go by, but rather that you will still guide people to live together in friendly and cordial relations for the benefit of Latin America and North America.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Commissioner

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Señor,
Profesor, Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Middle America Information Bureau
New York 21, N.Y.

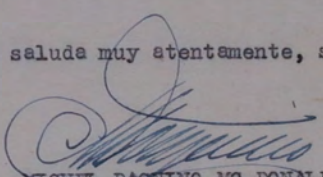
Distinguido Profesor:

Me es especialmente honroso y grato adherir, con todo entusiasmo, al homenaje que se le rinde por su magnífica labor en Ciencias Agrícolas.-

En este lejano rincón del globo, se conoce y admira los relieves de vuestra personalidad a través de vuestros libros y de las informaciones que nos ofrecen las publicaciones técnicas.-

Ojalá podamos contar con el privilegio de una visita suya a nuestro país, cuando se acoja a su merecido descanso.

Lo saluda muy atentamente, su admirador
y S.S.,


MIGUEL DAGNINO MC.DONALD
Director de la Escuela de Agronomía.-





THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Caracas.

May 14, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the eve of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which you in truth conceived and have guided to its current lusty condition, I am constrained to send you my congratulations, not only a work completed, but on an endeavor so well planned, so successfully launched and so skillfully conducted that those of us interested in the sound development of these Latin American neighbors of ours know the school and its results will last. It was a sound idea carried forward in a sane and sensible manner fitted to the needs of the countries, and for that reason can expect permanence.

I will not speak of the school as being a monument to you as the implications of monuments have a finality not justified in your case. I know, from all I have heard, that although you will be in the records as emeritus you will be with the school always in spirit and often in person for what I trust will be many years to come.

Sincerely,

Dempster McIntosh

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.



Ministro de Agricultura y Ganadería

Buenos Aires, 3 de mayo de 1957.-

Al señor
Director Emérito de la
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
doctor WILSON POPENOE
Zamorano - HONDURAS

Es con íntima satisfacción que adhiero al homenaje que se le tributa con motivo de su retiro, por su labor inteligente al frente de esa Escuela, con especial reconocimiento por su acción orientadora de la juventud hacia las nobles labores del campo, y por el acercamiento espiritual entre estudiantes de distintos países de América.

DR. ALBERTO MERCIER
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA



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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Congratulations on your long years of valuable
service to agriculture, and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Paul H. Millar
Chief Inspector

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

PIER 3, NORTH RIVER
NEW YORK 6, N. Y.
TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 4-1700

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilson:

Ethel and I are just about to leave New York for a trip to Panama and Costa Rica. We had hoped to visit Honduras this year, but plans could not be so arranged. Therefore, we will not be able to tell you in person how very sorry we are that you are leaving Zamorano and the Fruit Company.

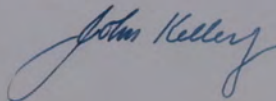
We are one of the fortunate people in the Fruit Company who have had the privilege of meeting you and working with you when you first came to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to work with Dr. Fairchild in the Office of Foreign Seed & Plant Introduction. Those days will always bring back very happy memories because it was there that we met you and so many wonderful people who worked with you under Dr. Fairchild - Messrs. Dorsett, Bissett, Shamel, Young, Dr. Meier, and many other fine Department men who cooperated in this foreign plant introduction work. Your work and the enthusiasm that you displayed in it were always a great inspiration to me, and I know they must have been to many others who were fortunate enough to know you and to work with you.

I came to the Fruit Company in the very first part of 1917, and it was a real pleasure to learn a little later that you were to join the Fruit Company also. I will always remember the visits to Tela when you were in research work there; and in Lancetilla, and the many trips we took together on motor cars through the farms in the study of fruit handling. Your working with me on our fruit handling and other problems was most helpful.

The good work you have done in establishing the school at Zamorano is well known and is testified to in many quarters. The sound agricultural practices that you have established and the many young men that you have helped must be a source of real satisfaction to you. I know that you will be missed at the school by the student body as well as by the instructors, and I feel that the Company is losing a great living exponent of the best in Inter-American relations.

Both Ethel and I send to you and Mrs. Popenoe our very best wishes for health and happiness in whatever you undertake.

Sincerely yours,



JOSEPH W. MONTGOMERY
321 ST. CHARLES STREET
NEW ORLEANS

May 14, 1957

Dear Doc:

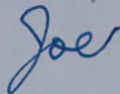
I hope that I may have the pleasure of assisting at the ceremony for your naming as Director Emeritus of the School, but at the moment cannot be sure of making it.

In teaching hundreds of boys how to do by doing and live and to get along together in the process, you have built a monument which will endure. In my visits to the School I have always been greatly impressed by the spirit and energy of the boys at their work and am sure they pass along in their extension and other efforts, not only their knowledge, but their spirit too.

It is easy to visualize the expanding results of your training of these boys and particularly gratifying to observe how it has sparked the establishment of like plans in growing scale and several countries. These thoughts must bring to you reward for your labors and real satisfaction.

To you and Mrs. Popenoe the best of health and happiness and with warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras



MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA

REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA
CENTROAMERICA

No. _____

El Ministerio de Agricultura de la República de Guatemala expresa su reconocimiento a la fructífera labor del Dr. WILSON POPENOE. Además de su personal colaboración científica acerca del maíz y frutas tropicales, cuyas profundas investigaciones se estiman de gran valor para el desarrollo de la agricultura nacional, sus gestiones al frente de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano se han proyectado en beneficio de elementos guatemaltecos que adquirieran allí conocimientos básicos y experiencias teórico-prácticas. Estas ejecutorias hacen que en Guatemala expresemos sentimientos de recíproca amistad y del mas alto aprecio a la personalidad del distinguido doctor Popenoe.— Mayo de 1957.

*A. G. Montenegro*Cap. M. ANTONIO MONTENEGRO M.
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

KENNETH H. REDMOND
PRESIDENT

May 17, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

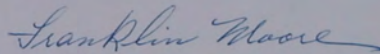
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Upon your retirement from active duty in the United Fruit Company family, I am anxious to join your many friends and associates in offering to you and Mrs. Popenoe my every wish for your future happiness.

You are surely entitled to derive tremendous satisfaction from the many difficult tasks well done over the long years of your faithful service. Your success in attaining the high objectives set upon the establishment of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana is an outstanding accomplishment which reflects great credit upon both you and the Company.

My wife joins me in congratulating you upon your well-deserved appointment as Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Sincerely yours,



Franklin Moore
Assistant to President



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Quito, May 7, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to be able to join with many others in testifying to continuing value of the work you have done toward the improvement of tropical agriculture.

I trust that your retirement June 1 of this year will not mean the cessation of those helpful articles so eagerly quoted in the local papers.

Sincerely,

Herbert W. Mumford, Jr.
Agricultural Attaché

HWM:sa

CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

BOCAS DIVISION
ALMIRANTE, PANAMA

April 22, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

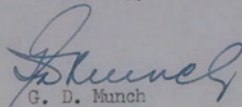
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Word has just reached this Division of your retirement in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say you will be missed by the many of us who have been acquainted with you over the years. There is no doubt in my mind that the Latin American countries, who have sent their young boys to the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, have benefited tremendously by your teachings in the field of agriculture.

Blondy Gronblad, Dudley Linton and Tom Dunn, especially, join me in sending you our kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



G. D. Munch

UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO
 ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE AGRICULTURA
 -LUIZ DE QUEIROZ-
 PIRACICABA

Piracicaba, 15 de maio de 1957.

Ilmo. Sr.
 MARION MANN
 DD. Secretário da "Middle America Information Bureau"
 26 East 64 Street
 New York 21, N.Y.- U.S.A.

Estimado Senhor:

A Diretoria desta Escola recebeu sua carta de 18 de abril do corrente ano, que a convida a enviar uma mensagem, que se incluirá no merecido "Book of Tribute", que será oferecido ao ilustre dr. Wilson Popenoe, Diretor da Escuela Agricola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras.

A Escola Superior de Agricultura "Luiz de Queiroz", da Universidade de São Paulo, Brasil, sente-se rejubilada com o fato de que, com sua supra-citada carta, não fica à margem dessa merecida homenagem, promovida pelo mundo técnico-científico, que se movimenta em boa hora para tributar ao ilustre naturalista dr. Popenoe as expressões de seu mais alto apreço.

Não escondemos a V.S. o desvanecimento com que relatamos aqui alguns dos aspectos mais salientes da fecunda vida pública do eminente Diretor da Escola de Zamorano, os quais são de nosso inteiro conhecimento e que tanta admiração nos têm causado. Assim, sabemos que o dr. Popenoe, quando investido no alto cargo de Explorador Agrícola do Departamento de Agricultura dos Estados Unidos, teve ensêjo de percorrer vários países, tais como o Brasil, Hawai, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Índia, Arábia, Filipinas, Norte da África, etc., a fim de coletar e descrever plantas frutíferas de climas tropicais e subtropicais. Essas plantas, cuidadosamente selecionadas, foram enviadas para a Califórnia e a Flórida, onde se estudou seu respectivo comportamento como culturas racionais.

De outra parte, seu renomado livro "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits", editado em 1927, contém a descrição de algumas espécies de plantas frutíferas e mui valiosas informações sobre a cultura das mesmas. Essa obra continua sendo bastante útil a quantos se vêm dedicando à fruticultura nas regiões de climas tropical e subtropical do globo.

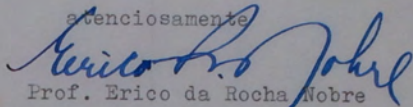
Mas, suas fecundas atividades especializadas não se cinjiram a esses estudos, pois que, posteriormente, foi muito merecidamente nomeado pela "United Fruit Company", de cujo quadro era Consultor Técnico, para ocupar a direção da Escuela Agricola Panamericana de Zamorano. Em contacto com seus alunos, logrou incutir-lhes o amor à agricultura e a compreensão de que se impõe a valorização das lides rurais. Conseguiu, destarte, que, com o regresso dos jovens diplomados por Zamorano se elevasse, por influência deles, o padrão de vida das populações agrárias, através da propagação dos conhecimentos sobre agricultura tropical, nutrição, pecuária e legislação rural. Relava sublinhar, outrossim, que o dr. Popenoe soube incutir no espírito dos jovens o sadio panamericanismo, pedra angular desse cordial e salutar intercâmbio cultural entre as nações irmãs da América Latina.

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Como depreende V.S., a Escola de Piracicaba conhece de perto a meritória obra educacional do preclaro dr. Wilson Popenoe e, por isso mesmo, associa-se de muito bom grado às homenagens que no "Book of Tribute" lhe serão prestadas por motivo de sua primorosa atuação na vida pública.

Sem mais, pedindo a V.S. sinceras escusas pela demora em atender à sua carta de 18 de abril do corrente ano, valho-me da oportunidade para apresentar-lhe os protestos de minha elevada consideração, subscrevendo-me

atenciosamente



Prof. Erico da Rocha Nobre

- Diretor -



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE
OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

American Embassy
Buenos Aires

April 30, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Today, when I received definite word of your retirement, I reached up and took your "Manual of Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits" off of the shelf. From the day that I was appointed Horticulturist to the Virgin Islands Experiment Station until many years later, that manual was my bible. It was some years later that I first met you and secured your autograph in this manual which, today, it is one of my prized possessions.

We really came to know each other well in 1942 when you were working to get "Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" under way. At that time you were also of great assistance to Dr. E.N. Bressman and me in starting work at Turrialba. It was in 1942 that I first visited Zamorano. I have visited there twice since then; on February 26, 1946 and on July 24-25, 1952. I have received and read every one of your monthly reports since you first started sending them out. In fact I have watched you and your "Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" with great interest and admiration.

There are a great many of your friends who have lived closer to you than I have. However, none are more sincere than I when I express my admiration for what you have accomplished. I am well aware of the odds with which you had to contend. Also none is more sincere in expressing my joy at seeing your venture grow and prosper.

Ila and I both wish you many many happy years of retirement. We know that they will be fruitful ones.

Very sincerely,

Robert A. Nichols
Robert A. Nichols
Agricultural Attaché

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

May 2, 1957

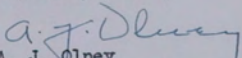
Dr. Wilson Popence
Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

For more than a quarter of a century, horticulturists have recognized the pioneering accomplishments and contributions you have made to the fruit industry of America, and particularly to the vast undeveloped fields of tropical fruits. Mankind will forever enjoy the fruit of your labor.

I count it a privilege to bring greetings to you from Kentucky, with best wishes for the future on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,


A. J. Olney
Head, Department of Horticulture

AJO:D

The Turfgrass Farm

4961 E. 22nd ST. • TEL. EA 6-6610 • TUCSON, ARIZ.

June 19, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Just a note to tell you that the two of you have the warmest, best wishes from Tharon and me for a very happy life in Antigua. Your career has been a fruitful and outstanding one and it's just like you to continue the good work in a less active capacity where you can concentrate more on the philosophy of what lies ahead. I know your judgments will be invaluable.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Wielo Perkins

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SUPERIOR HYBRID LAWN GRASSES
CERTIFIED AS PURE PLANTING STOCK BY THE ARIZONA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CIUDAD TRUJILLO
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WILLIAM T. PHEIFFER
AMBASSADOR

May 7, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that your long and highly constructive career in the field of agriculture is being terminated by your retirement on June 1, 1957. While I have not had the privilege of knowing you personally, yet I have viewed admiringly from afar the fruits of your labor and I cannot refrain from joining your legion of friends and associates in saying "well done."

The wholesome and beneficial imprint you have made on the minds and characters of the many hundreds of Latin American graduates of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, since the establishment thereof by you under the auspices of the United Fruit Company in 1942, is indelible and the contributions you have made to the cause of Panamericanism is of incalculable value. Indeed, as much as any other one man, you have given life and substance to the policy of our country for the creation of a genuine and lasting working partnership with our Latin American neighbors.

In appraising the dedicated work you have done down through the years as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana we may aptly employ the words of Emerson and say that: "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man."

Trusting that your years of retirement will be abundant with blessings and the good things of life for you and your family, I remain

Sincerely,

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

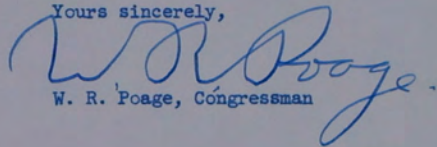
May 1, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

Very few have the opportunity to render the great service that you have rendered to people in all corners of the world. When the opportunity does come, many do not recognize it. You had the opportunity and you accepted it. You had added immeasurably to the standard of living of multiplied millions of people. You have strengthened the spirit of good will between all the people of the Americas. You have done a great job and you are to be congratulated!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. R. Poage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "W" and "P".

W. R. Poage, Congressman

WRP:l-p

AVENIDA 6 DE DICIEMBRE 1300
QUITO, ECUADOR

Mayo 7, 1957

Sr. Dr. Don
Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

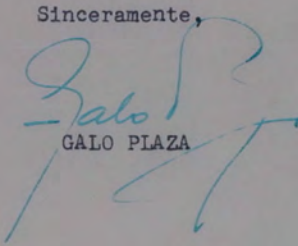
Mi muy querido amigo :

Con motivo de su retiro de la dirección activa de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, deseo dejar constancia de mi admiración y gratitud por la magnífica labor realizada, no sólo como organizador de una institución particularment adecuada a las necesidades de la agricultura latinoamericana, sino también por su extraordinaria contribución, al través de los años, con sus valiosos estudios y sabios consejos, a la agricultura tropical de América.

Aparte de su labor científica y docente, recordaré siempre sus nobles cualidades humanas, el afecto y la preocupación constante por sus alumnos, colaboradores y sus amigos, habiendo conquistado un sitio preferente en nuestros corazones.

Que goce usted plenamente de su bien ganado descanso, en Antigua o en España, pero nunca se aleje demasiado de los que le admiramos y le profesamos hondo afecto.

Sinceramente,



GALO PLAZA

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

May 20, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

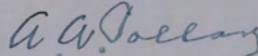
Dear Doctor:

Some forty years ago we met in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Since that time I have been proud to call you my friend. Over the years you have done much constructive work for your country, for Middle America, and for the United Fruit Company.

I congratulate you on your many accomplishments, and I also wish you and your family all good health and happiness for the future.

Sincerely yours,



A. A. Pollan

April 30th 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

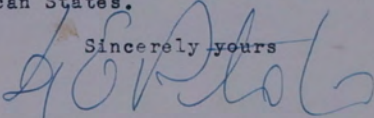
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, and the honor you are to receive as Doctor Emeritus, permit me to congratulate you most heartily for this well deserved distinction.

The years you have so devotedly dedicated to experimental work and the knowledge you have inculcated to innumerable students is the real spirit of Panamericanism, which foster the best relations in America.

May the work you so successfully started in Honduras be preserved and continued as a mean of strengthening the ties of everlasting friendship between the American States.

Sincerely yours



Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Cuba to the United Nations



MINISTERIO
DE
AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

No. 05143

San José, Costa Rica, A.C.
15 de mayo de 1957

Señor Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
Director Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
EL ZAMORANO - HONDURAS

Estimado señor:

Enterado de su próximo retiro de la Dirección de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Institución que conocí de su energía sin ocios y de su vida consagrada al mejoramiento cultural de nuestras juventudes, he querido asociarme al homenaje, que en estas horas altas de su existencia le están tributando los que saben de su labor y de sus obras.

El título que se le va a otorgar por su infatigable esfuerzo dirigido al adelanto de las Ciencias Agrícolas - para provecho del hombre americano - debe entenderse como expresión prístina del reconocimiento y respeto comunes de quienes al través de los años lo han visto trabajando al calor de un permanente y sincero espíritu panamericanista.

Al consignar lo anterior, deseo con emoción sentida, testimoniarme mi complacencia por el honor con que ha sido honrado al designarsele Director Emérito del Centro Docente que Ud. tanto ha querido.

Haciendo votos por su ventura personal, se suscribe de Ud.,
muy atentamente,



MINISTERIO DE AGRIC. E INDUSTRIAS

T. Quiros
TEODORO QUIROS C.
Ministro

ARE:TQC:JGB.



MINISTERIO
DE
AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

No. 05143

EL MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS DE COSTA RICA, se complace en dictar este Mensaje que, como tributo al distinguido Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana en Zamorano, República de Honduras, DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE, le rinde con motivo de su retiro, el día 15 de junio próximo, de tan importante cuanto bien servido cargo.

La vida de esfuerzo intenso del estimado DOCTOR POPENOE, - consagrada a la digna investigación del Suelo, especialmente de ese suelo ubérrimo comprendido en la zona tropical; dedicada también a la formación de los jóvenes dentro de las mismas actividades agrícolas; - tratando en todo momento de elevar el cariño del Hombre hacia estas labores y a vivir el espíritu de un sincero panamericanismo, obliga a quien de estos afanes conoce, a lamentar profundamente su separación.

Al consignar lo anterior con toda la emoción sentida, el Ministerio a mi cargo se une al Homenaje con que se le ha honrado, al designarlo DIRECTOR EMERITO de la citada Institución.

San José de Costa Rica, 15 de mayo de 1957.



MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS
T. Quiros
TEODORO QUIROS C.
Ministro

FHP:TQC:JGB.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

HJR:K

April 29, 1957

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

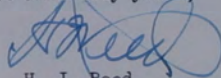
As one who has had an opportunity to see and admire some of the wonderful work you have done to promote education and agriculture in Central America, I am glad to join with your many friends in paying tribute to the accomplishments you have achieved.

It is not possible to appraise adequately the full impact of your life's work on the social and economic welfare of the countries that have been served, directly and indirectly, by the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, but I do know that the influence for good has been enormous.

Perhaps even more important is the contributions to better international relations - something that comes from the development of confidence and understanding among those who have been your students and will be the future leaders in Central America. For this, the people of this country are deeply indebted to you and the United Fruit Company.

Your life has been unselfishly devoted to a great task, and the results will give you much satisfaction and happiness in the years to come. I wish for you health, much pleasure, and many rewarding experiences.

Most sincerely yours,



H. J. Reed
Dean and Director

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras,
Central America

The Agricultural and Technical College
of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

April 30, 1957

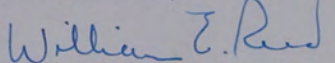
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have not often had the opportunity of phrasing words of tribute to one who so richly deserves the commendation of his countrymen as you do. I consider myself fortunate to have had enough experience to gain some insight of the problems which confront anyone who works with people of different national or racial groups than his own. I can, therefore, better appreciate your long and noteworthy record; first, in furthering our scientific effort in the improvement of tropical agriculture; second, in providing leadership in the education of the youth of Latin America. At this time, when the eyes of your fellow-countrymen are cast southward in the hope that Panamerican friendship will stand firm against any aggressor, your past accomplishments stand out in bold relief.

I hope that all your years to come will be as successful and as helpful to others as those past. Please be assured that your work will stand as a pattern for others who will follow.

Sincerely yours,



William E. Reed, Dean
School of Agriculture

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State of Idaho Department of Agriculture

ROBERT E. SHYLLIE
GOVERNOR

COMMISSIONER
ROBERT REICHERT
206 STATE HOUSE
BOISE, IDAHO

May 13, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

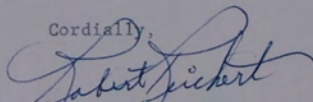
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wish to extend to you my most sincere felicitations on this occasion of the high honor which has come to you, that of being appointed Director Emeritus.

Although I have not dealt personally with you in your outstanding and important work, I know that you have contributed greatly, not only to furthering research in the agricultural field, but in the training of young men to carry on the labors which you have begun.

Congratulations on your outstanding record of service, and best wishes for many happy years ahead.

Cordially,



Robert Reichert
Idaho Commissioner
of Agriculture

RR/lt



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GRADUATE SCHOOL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 1, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director and your becoming Director Emeritus, I wish to add my congratulations to you on your long list of worthy accomplishments.

Your contributions to horticultural development in the United States are annually adding to the incomes from our farms and ranches.

I have been told about your service in the training of young men in Latin America and your research and development in horticulture and agriculture in this area. Your work has been highly commended by those whom I have seen that know about it.

There are great satisfactions in the kind of accomplishments you have brought about. I hope that there may be increasing satisfactions for you in the years to come and that these years may be many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Roy Reid", is written over the typed name.

T. Roy Reid
Director



*Ministro de Agricultura y Ganadería
Particular*

San Salvador, 10 de mayo de 1957.

Sr. Dr.
Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
EL ZAMORANO - HONDURAS.

Muy apreciado doctor:

Por medio de Middle America Information Bureau me he enterado con verdadero regocijo que con ocasión de su retiro de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana del Zamorano, donde con todo acierto usted ha contribuido con los mejores años de su vida a la educación de muchos cientos de jóvenes latinoamericanos, será usted honrado con el título de Doctor Emeritus.

Deseo aprovechar la ocasión para enviarle más más cordiales felicitaciones por tan merecido homenaje, reiterándole las seguridades de mi más distinguida consideración y alto aprecio.

Federico García Prieto



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
American Embassy,
Quito, Ecuador,
May 14, 1957.

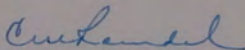
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wish to take this opportunity to express the gratification which we in the Foreign Service feel toward the Director of the Escuela de Agricultura Panamericana in Zamorano, Honduras.

Through your leadership a large number of students in every Latin American country, and particularly Ecuador, have graduated from Zamorano. Almost without exception the young men have been thoroughly prepared as young agriculturists, who on return to their own country have been leaders in the field of Agriculture. Here in Ecuador every graduate from Zamorano is working in his own field in a position of leadership, training others in better agricultural practices. This is the result of obtained sound training. In addition to technical preparation the moral integrity, sportsmanship and leadership that these young men have instilled in them is an additional reason for congratulating both you and your staff.

The young men who graduated from Zamorano while it was under your leadership are only just now beginning to make themselves felt. We feel sure that in the years to come, these young men will prove to be the corps around which a stronger and more democratic Latin America can be built.

Very truly yours,


Christian M. Ravndal,
American Ambassador.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director ^{Emeritus},
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

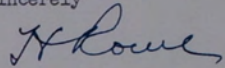
June 1, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I learned with regret of your retirement as the first Director and truly the organizer of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. This regret is partially offset by the knowledge that you will become the "Director Emeritus," and I hope through this you will continue as a source of inspiration for the ever-onward progress of the School.

I have greatly enjoyed our years of association in matters of mutual interest, and I hope that we shall be meeting again in the days ahead.

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 20, 1957

My dear Wilson:

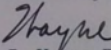
Now that you are looking forward to retirement from Zamorano, I want you to know how much we shall miss you. That you have done such a wonderful job in developing and steering Escuela Agricola Panamericana on a steady and fruitful course is attested by the fact that we have had such a difficult job in finding a suitable successor. I have often said that the requirements for a director of the school are more varied and exacting than for any president of a large university in the States.

As you look back on these past fifteen years, I know your heart swells with pride on the contributions you have made in educating and training so many outstanding young men. Wilson Popenoe's boys are known throughout the Americas, and may I add that they are well known on the University of Florida campus. Their contribution to the betterment of agriculture and the improvement of their communities are beyond measure. Along with their technical competence they have had instilled in them a healthy spirit of Pan Americanism, and no one was better able to do that than yourself.

Fran joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Helen. Fran well knows, as do you and I, how much Helen contributed to the ongoing of the school. In fact it is a job where one gets two for the price of one! We cherish your friendship and shall always welcome you here at the University of Florida. That Fairchild room will be available for you whenever you wish to use it.

With warmest regards and with deep appreciation for your magnificent work, I am

Sincerely yours,



J. Wayne Reitz
President

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, N. Y.

Room 5600

June 3, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

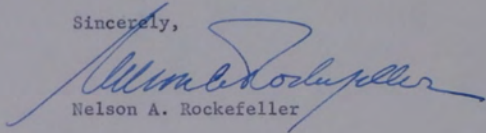
Your retirement gives an excuse to express in writing some of the thoughts about you which I know I share with a great many others.

Few people have added personally so much to other people's lives. You have had great impact not only through your organization of the school and your advice and counsel in the field of agriculture, but even more so through your generosity of spirit and true love of your fellowmen. I will never forget what you did for our own son, Roddy, and what it meant to him during that formative period of his life. I know that Central America in particular, and the Western Hemisphere in general, are better and happier places to live because of you.

The association with you, even though all too infrequent, is one that means a great deal to me.

With warm personal regards and very best wishes to you and Mrs. Popenoe,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nelson A. Rockefeller", written over a horizontal line.

Nelson A. Rockefeller

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

NOVICK G. FAWCETT, *President*

COLUMBUS 10

April 26, 1957.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
and
OHIO AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
L. L. RUMMELL, *Dean and Director*

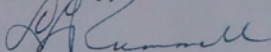
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

It was my good fortune to visit you and your school at Zamorano, Honduras, a few years ago in company with several other deans of Colleges of Agriculture in the United States. It seems only recently we looked over the farm and its many crops, visited the classrooms and laboratories, and saw the great contribution you were making in education and in international relations.

As you retire you must indeed get great satisfaction in the memorial you leave in trained young men, in greater productivity of these lands, and in greater understanding among nations. We wish for you many more pleasant years.

Sincerely,



L. L. Rummell.

LLR:fsk



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned of your retirement on June 1 of this year as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I join with my colleagues and your friends throughout this hemisphere in congratulating you on this occasion.

Yours would have been indeed a productive career if account were taken only of your contributions over the years to horticultural research and to teaching in that field. You utilized your professional abilities to even greater purpose, however, and in your modesty and readiness to help others came to symbolize for Hondurans and other Latin American friends who sought you out, an exemplification of the true spirit of Pan Americanism.

Your many admirers in the Department of State and the Foreign Service hope that during your retirement they may continue to count on your counsel as a respected collaborator in the Pan American field. At this time we wish to express our gratitude for the notable contributions you have made to better living for and better understanding with our neighbors to the South.

With best wishes for your future happiness,

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Rubottom, Jr.
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Inter-American Affairs

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

April 30, 1957

Dear Wilt,

So June marks another milestone or a re-saddling point on the trail - and with it a pause to re-pack the saddle bags, re-shuffle the load, then, with a good deep breath, cast a long look back on the trail thus far and start out again with an even finer vista ahead.

These years have gone romping by, but in them you have carved your initials deeply in Latin America - in its agriculture, its economic development, its international relations; but most of all, in the minds and hearts of people young and old.

You have brought to your tasks, in whatever field they have been, an enthusiasm, a warm understanding and an abiding, infectious good humor that has marked you well. When a Latin American visits our Campus, or if I, myself, have been traveling south of the border and ask of some agricultural official if he knows you, there comes the flashing smile and quick nod - "Si, Senor. Doctor Popenoe - muy simpatico." - an accolade worn by few.

Others will relate in more detail your many and varied contributions, but none are more fortunate than I, who have shared so much of the trail over so long a time with you. Little did we realize in high school days, when sprawled out reading tropical tales and guide books at 'Greenacre' that the dreams would be tame compared to what the years actually had in store.

You have carved out a career in several fields any one of which would be distinguished by itself. As an agricultural explorer you have found and introduced into cultivation here at home and abroad, new and useful plants

that have made our farms more profitable, and our patios gayer with color. As a tropical agriculturist you have added to the efficiency of production by your experimental work and by your advice continuously sought by many countries.

But, to me, your most lasting contribution will be that as a teacher, guide and understanding friend of some hundreds of young Latin Americans who have been fortunate to have attended Escuela Agricola Panamericana under your leadership. In addition to a thorough going, practical agricultural training, you have added other essential ingredients; the dignity of hard work, the joy of achievement, the spirit of team work - a requisite in getting most worth while things done.

These lads from many countries up and down Latin America have learned, through you, tolerance and understanding toward each other's backgrounds. They have found that the things they have in common are far greater than the things in which they differ. They have learned of the friendliness of America through the example of their Director, who could solemnly administer discipline when necessary but withal an ill-concealed twinkle of understanding in his eye.

It is a pleasure to meet these young chaps now holding responsible positions up and down the long chain of Latin American countries. They are Sr. Director's greatest contribution among the many that have marked his years.

So now you add another honorary degree, "Emeritus", and with it more freedom to do the things you, yourself, may choose - to again follow the trail for new and better plants - to visit former students and with a friendly hand on the shoulder, swap campus yarns, and give the touch of needed encouragement. They are pioneers in a new agricultural era opening up in Latin America, with its promise of international cooperation and better understanding.

These should be rich and satisfying years ahead, a harvest season of what has been, and still a planting season for the future - a future

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May 3, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Pop:

Since you and I joined the company in the same year, as did Hartley Rowe, we can all be considered as "Classmates" and eligible to wear the old school Chiquita Banana Tie.

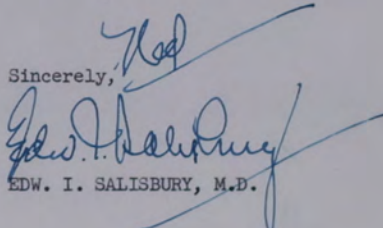
On the occasion of your transfer from the School of Agriculture to the School of Hobbies I wish to tell you how happy I am to have been associated with you for more than thirty years in the service of the company.

You have brought to us many rich treasures from the tropical world and helped us on our way, as it were, from the stick and hole planting of the Mayan to the modern concept of scientific agriculture.

I know that you will find much to do in the years to come, and the good wishes of Kathleen and myself go with you and Helen on your fruitful journey into a new carefree life.

Vaya con Dios.

Sincerely,


EDW. I. SALISBURY, M.D.

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Señor Doctor
WILSON POPENOE
Director de la Escuela Agrícola
Panamericana
Zamorano (Honduras)
C.A.

Muy apreciado señor y amigo:

Con motivo de su nombramiento como Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, establecida por la United Fruit y dirigida por usted y que tantos servicios le ha prestado a la agricultura de los países Latino-Americanos, nos es grato transcribirle la proposición aprobada unánimemente por esta Sociedad:

PROPOSICION No. 11

"LA SOCIEDAD DE AGRICULTORES DE COLOMBIA, se asocia con júbilo y gratitud al homenaje que con motivo del nombramiento de Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras, se le ofrece al señor Doctor - WILSON POPENOE, eminente fruticultor y quien durante muchos años ha estado en contacto con la agricultura colombiana, prestandole invaluable servicios tanto en la investigación agrícola como en la formación de jóvenes colombianos en las nobles tareas del agro, a través de su escuela de Zamorano".

Al felicitar a usted nuevamente por tan merecido homenaje al cual se asocian los agricultores colombianos, nos es grato suscribirnos de usted, atentos servidores y amigos,

SOCIEDAD DE AGRICULTORES DE COLOMBIA

German Valenzuela Saenz
GERMAN VALENZUELA SAENZ
Secretario General



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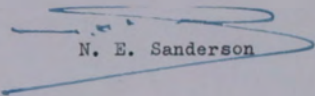
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
April 29, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As one who has known you and worked with you in tropical agriculture for many years, I am sorry to see you retire from a lifetime of specialized endeavor in the field of horticulture. However, any one of your many contributions, to the United States Department of Agriculture for the famous experimental garden at Lancetilla and more than anything for the establishment, building and direction of the Pan-American Agricultural School in Honduras, would have fulfilled the lifetime desires of most of us. You are leaving behind many lasting and constructive contributions, as well as many living tributes to your ability in the graduates of El Zamorano who are working so successfully in all phases of agriculture in Costa Rica.

Very sincerely,



N. E. Sanderson

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, HONDURAS.

CITAMOS

SU CARTA

Distinguido doctor Popenoe:

Cuando ya hace años supe la forma en que funcionaba esa Escuela, bajo su experta dirección, comprendí los beneficios que resultarían para las distintas regiones a donde fueran sus ex-alumnos becarios a aplicar las enseñanzas recibidas y como por su intermedio --como si fueran hilos conductores-- se transmitirían los adelantos científicos para la agricultura.

Ahora en que usted se retira, aprecio que así como otra de las plantas introducidas en la horticultura tropical, usted ha cultivado previa tarea de aclimatarla y luego de seleccionar las estirpes más adaptables, esta planta de la educación agraria cuyos frutos combatirán el hambre en todas las Americas. Y lo ha hecho, claro está, con éxito.

Reciba mis parabienes y que goce por mucho tiempo de su merecido descanso,
muy cordialmente



B. ScheLOTto
BARTOLOME SCHELOTTO
ING. AGR. DIRECTOR

that still will need your understanding and goodwill.

May our trails continue to cross and re-cross, for I, too, have been beneficiary of your enthusiasm and vision and your irrepresible good humor - and still need them.

The saddle bags are in order, the poncho tied on, another draft on the canteen and you head up the trail once more. This time there will be no fixed turning, no schedules, no reports, no parents to placate. The air seems already fresher and the view of the ranges clearer, the way bright. We are on our way again.

Cordially and affectionately,

Knowles

Knowles A. Ryerson

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

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CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE

San Luis Obispo, California

April 23, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On this occasion of your retirement, may I express my esteem for you personally and for the distinguished career which you realized as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras.

We are well aware of your outstanding leadership in furthering sound agricultural practices and in the encouraging of the concept of interdependence between the Americas. But, it is from former students, such as Don Fiester, and associates, such as Paul Dougherty, that we have known of your fine work with hundreds of young men you trained to teach, to do Extension work, to do special tasks for their local governments, and to go back to their own communities with improved practices which raised living standards through their practical knowledge of tropical agriculture, nutrition, animal husbandry, and rural legislation.

Since no man who has lived a constructive, stimulating, dedicated life, as you have, can ever truly retire, it is our hope that you will have this period of "autumn" to continue the furtherance of your ideals without the demands of a Director's schedule.

Members of my staff join me in wishing you well and thanking you for your tremendous contribution toward making this a better world in which to live.

Sincerely,

Vard M. Shepard

Vard M. Shepard
Dean of Agriculture

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

MAY 13 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express appreciation of the agricultural research staff of this Department for the many years of distinguished service rendered by you to bring about agricultural progress in the Americas. Your zeal as a plant explorer in this Department, followed by your efforts as Director of Research for the United Fruit Company, have given you years of rich and profitable experiences which you have generously shared with your associates.

The several generations of young men you have so ably instructed in the Pan-American Agricultural School provide a widely scattered corps of technicians demonstrating the benefits of scientific farming methods throughout all of the Latin American republics. Under your tutelage they had many opportunities to absorb concepts of mutual helpfulness that should provide inspiration in their home communities, wherever these may be.

The background of your agricultural experience is rich with accomplishment. Your career as leader of scientific agriculture is one that will long light the path of agricultural advancement in many lands.

We hope that the period of your retirement will be a comfortable and happy one and that you will continue to be available for consultation and temporary assignments in Tropical-American activities.

Sincerely yours,

B.T. Shaw

Administrator

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
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LOUIS S. SISTO
COMPTROLLER

April 30, 1957

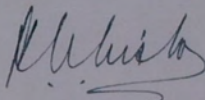
Dear "Doc"

Much water has flowed over the dam since you first took up your duties in Lancetilla in 1925 and the days when we were neighbors on the beach at Tela always bring back pleasant memories.

In the intervening 30 odd years, your contributions to tropical agriculture and good will in Latin America need no comment from me.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you many, many years of good health so that you can enjoy your leisure years to the fullest.

Sincerely,



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON

April 17, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

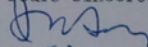
It has come to our attention that you wish to retire by June 1, 1957, from your position as Director of the famous and well-known school of agriculture at Zamorano, Honduras.

You and I have had some very pleasant associations in the past and I have particularly appreciated your efforts to have boys from countries which I have been interested in attend your school and, very particularly, your interest in having Cuban boys go to Honduras to get the benefit of the wonderful instruction you were able to give them.

I also am very appreciative of the kind attention you and your kind wife showed me on the only occasion that I visited Zamorano. I understand that you, on your retirement, will be honored with the title "Director Emeritus" of the school and I want to express to you how much pleasure the conferring of this distinction on you pleases me.

I know how much enjoyment the school has given you and I hope that your years of retirement will be as pleasant.

Yours sincerely,



I. E. Soyland

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana

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May 22, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-americana
Zamorano, Honduras

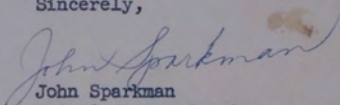
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

It is my information that you plan to retire
on June 1, 1957.

You have had long and distinguished service that
has meant much in furthering sound agricultural practices
and in building up and expanding good will among the nations
and peoples of the Americas.

As you go into the retirement which you have so
richly earned, let me express my appreciation of the tre-
mendous job that you have done. At the same time I wish for
you many years of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,


John Sparkman
United States Senator

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POPENOE

I WELL REMEMBER OUR TRIPS THROUGH THE BUSH IN HONDURAS AND
YOUR EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ANYTHING THAT GROWS STOP IN MY
OPINION EACH CENT SPENT ON THE SCHOOL AT ZAMORANO HAS BEEN WORTH
FAR MORE TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA THAN EACH DOLLAR
EXPENDED BY ANY OTHER PROJECT IN THE AREA

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy,
Guatemala, Guatemala,
May 7, 1957.

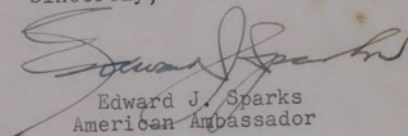
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I was very sorry to hear of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana but it is consoling to know that you will remain as Director Emeritus. It is the school's good fortune that you are not severing entirely your ties with it.

Your imprint on Central America will not be eradicated easily. By helping to train young men from many Latin American countries you have contributed significantly not only to the advancement of knowledge in the field of agriculture but to international understanding and good will. Several of your graduates have already made names for themselves. One of them, Oscar B. Lafuente, is employed by the Embassy as an Assistant Agriculturist in the office of the Agricultural Attaché.

I join with your many friends everywhere in expressing admiration for the work you have performed and in wishing you many more years of a happy and useful life.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Sparks
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 13, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As long as I live I shall remember the interesting visit I, along with a group of fellow educators from the United States, had as guests of the United Fruit Company at the Pan-American School of Agriculture (Escuela Agricola Panamericana) located in Zamorano, Honduras.

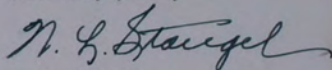
As the active director at that time you impressed us to the extent that we could sense the part you had in the school's planning, growth, and development. The highlight of our visit, however, was the opportunity to meet and visit with you in your extensive herbarium. I had never seen as wide a collection of grasses as you had made in your worldwide travels. This material you had care-^{fully} identified and made available to the students attending the Pan-American School of Agriculture.

We were impressed by the eagerness for knowledge evidenced by the students and with the efficient manner in which the school was managed. There is no question in my mind that your life will be lived over and over again by those who have had the good fortune of coming under your supervision. In time we all reach an age at which good judgment directs us to cease the active life in which we have been engaged. Although there are always regrets when this time comes, there are many compensating memories.

It is becoming that you receive the distinction of Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which institution you have served so faithfully and well for these many years. Permit me in a humble way to extend best wishes to you in the life that you live following retirement. It is most pleasing to me to know that I had the privilege of meeting, visiting with, and knowing Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,



W. L. Stangel
Dean of Agriculture

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EN REPRESENTACION DEL
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Y
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ESTACIONES EXPERIMENTALES DE
EL RECREO Y CUKRA HILL

APARTADO II
BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA

May 9 1957

Doctor Wilson Popenoe,
Tropical Agricultural Ambassador at Large,
Zamorano, Honduras,.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

It was with a bit of pleasure that I heard of your retirement, pleasure only because I felt it at long last gave you the opportunity of accomplishing those things you had always desired to do, but never could because of the responsibilities placed upon you.

I know very well that there is no retirement for you. This is only a transfer to other duties as it were. I feel all your friends will be hearing more of you and your work in the near future.

Your association with me and friends of mine was one of impact. Your sincere interest in tropical materials was one that effected me personally. I know the same has been true with your other friends and students. It must be a most pleasant experience to look back over the years and see the effect your work has had upon your friends, students, yes and even the economies of the countries you have lived in, worked in and loved.

We join in wishing you and Mrs. Popenoe many full years of happiness.

Sincerely,



Edward T. Stanwood.

San Jose, Costa Rica
May 6, 1957

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

Dear Pop:

It seems strange for me to be writing you a letter that is not about something you and I feel should be done. I think that if the records were examined, between us we have "agitated" together about more different things, including pig raising, yuca cultivation, Indian schools, museums, and commencement speakers, than any other two people.

The first event that stands out concerns the site for Zamorano. Walter Turnbull, Juan Manuel Galvez, Bill Taillon, you and I, how we searched: La Florida, Lake Yojoa, high Intibucá to mention some, and how we discussed, and finally worked it out.

Then came the building plans and structures and your famous Moresque arch which has made such an architectural success of the residence hall for instructors. While at the same time you were figuring out programs and what might be called extension work for visiting rural teachers, always with a view of keeping "roots-in-the-earth" by emphasizing the practical angle.

The graduations and that perennial feeling of dancing butterflies are things we shared in common. You, who always know what to say and how to give an emotional moment a light touch, have stopped the tears on more than one historic occasion of young men who had successfully terminated the practical and academic training of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

All these things and many more are unforgettable, Pop, but most of all I keep in mind your sheer and innate enthusiasm and your interest in everything no matter how insignificant. They are characteristics which have contributed so much to make Zamorano a success, and have left an indelible impression on both Roger and on me. I might add with all sincerity that remembering your enthusiasm and your interest has helped me on many an occasion.

With best regards to you and to Helen, and don't forget we still have many plans.

Cordially and sincerely,

Doris Stone

Doris Stone

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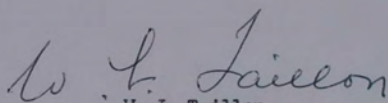
W. L. TAILLON
MANAGER

Guatemala, Guatemala
1 May 1957

I have known Dr. Popencoe since 1926. He has the significant faculty of leaving a lasting influence in every field with which he was identified. These have included the great Tropical Plant Experimental Station at Lancitilla in Honduras, Tropical Research, Tropical Agricultural practices, and since 1942 the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. He gave the Agricultural School at Zamorano international prestige.

Dr. Popencoe, with his knowledge of the Spanish language, his warmth, his interest, and understanding of Latin American culture and traditions, is indeed a true Ambassador. He carried his tremendous knowledge of agricultural problems to many Latin American countries. His influence in those countries is one of permanence. The graduated classes of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, since 1943, are carrying on the Popencoe influence throughout Latin America.

It is indeed fitting that Dr. Popencoe be honored with the title of Director Emeritus of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.


W. L. Taillon

*Embajada
de la
República Argentina*

Washington, D. C.

May 15, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I wish to express to you the most cordial felicitations on your work in furthering sound agricultural practices and goodwill and understanding between the peoples of the Americas.

Your accomplishments in the field of agricultural teaching and guidance and the many men who have benefited from your knowledge and experience are brilliant examples of Panamericanism and Inter-American cooperation.

Please accept our most heartfelt congratulations on the title of Doctor Emeritus which has been bestowed upon you as a most fitting reward for your many years dedicated to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana and to the wonderful work you have carried out during that time.

Sincerely yours,



Leon S. de la Lastra
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COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

June 1, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The world of agriculture is greatly indebted to you for your innumerable contributions to its advancement and it is a pleasure for me to salute you on behalf of the people of Georgia on the occasion of your retirement.

Generations yet unborn will benefit from the outstanding work you have done, and it is my hope that your retirement will mean only the beginning of even greater service to mankind.

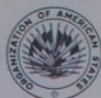
With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Herman E. Talmadge

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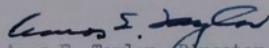
May 14, 1957

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

I want to join your many other friends in extending all good wishes on the occasion of your retirement as Director of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. It is a matter of regret that I can not number myself among those who have been directly associated with you and your work at the School near Tegucigalpa but, like many others, I have learned much about the spirit of Panamericanism generated by your devotion and accomplishment.

It must be a matter of real satisfaction to you to know that your work in training young agriculturists has given a concrete meaning to the processes of friendly cooperation among the peoples of the Americas. May you have many years ahead to enjoy the leisure you have earned and to see the fruits of your work realized on an even-widening scale.

Sincerely yours,


Amos E. Taylor, Director
Department of Economic and
Social Affairs

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

The Organization of American States originated in 1890 at the First International Conference of American States. Its definitive Charter was signed at the Ninth Conference in 1948. Its purpose is to achieve an order of peace and justice, promote American solidarity, strengthen collaboration among the Member States, and defend their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. The Pan American Union is the central, permanent organ and General Secretariat of the Organization.

WILLIAM M. SUTHERLAND
65 MT. VERNON STREET
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April 29, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
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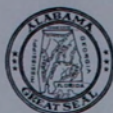
Dear Doc:

I am writing this some time prior to your retirement and I am doing so with reluctance. For thirty or more years I have had the pleasure of knowing you well. I have been seeing you all too infrequently of late, but I remember every minute of the association with pleasure. Your friends, and I have talked with Portuguese friends of yours in Lisbon, Spanish ones in Córdoba, and American and Latin American ones everywhere, all remember you with the same full measure of affection.

Edna Mae and I hope that you and Mrs. Popenoe will feel free to hang your hats at the Casa Sutherland whenever you are in our vicinity.

Your friend,

Bill Sutherland



A. W. TODD
COMMISSIONER

THE STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES
MONTGOMERY

May 10, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Let me congratulate you on your retirement from service with the United Fruit Company.

You have rendered outstanding services to the field of Agriculture throughout the world and I know that the influence that you have had on the many young men with whom you have worked has meant much to our Nation.

I wish for you every happiness as you enter Retirement and feel sure that your service to all man kind will live on for years to come.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. W. TODD
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a privilege for me to have an opportunity to place in the record a tribute to a man who has devoted so much of his life to developing, among the young people of the hemisphere, the close ties of understanding and culture which are a first essential to understanding among nations. Your contribution to the improvement of agricultural practices and living standards throughout Central America is well known and I am sure that your influence will continue to be felt, as those whom you have taught carry the work forward.

Of even greater importance, perhaps, is the inspiration which all who know you have derived from the example of a man who has spared no effort to push forward the program for scientific education in Latin America and who has maintained such high intellectual standards.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Turkel

Harry R. Turkel
Director
Office of Inter-American
Regional Economic Affairs

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

GRENADA COMPANY

W. W. TURNBULL
GERENTE

Puerto Libertador, R. D.
May 6, 1957

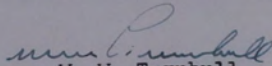
Dr. W. Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with sincere regret and yet with warmhearted happiness that I have learned of your forthcoming retirement - for through your constant devotion to duty and ever untiring efforts in behalf of the United Fruit Company and all of the Latin American community as a whole, you have certainly earned a well deserved rest.

Mildred and myself, as well as the whole Grenada Company organization, join in wishing you and Helen many, many years of peaceful contentment and continued happiness in all of your endeavors, which we know will continue to enrich the whole world in which we live.

Yours most sincerely,


W. W. Turnbull

WALTER E. TURNBULL

TORRES ADALID N° 308
MEXICO 12, D. F. - MEXICO

May 8, 1957.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana
Zamorano, H o n d u r a s. C.A.

My dear Doctor Popenoe:

It gave me great pleasure indeed to learn that on your coming retirement from the "Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana" at Zamorano, Honduras, the United Fruit Company is conferring on you the title of Director Emeritus of that school.

For fifteen years I was able to see the "Escuela" built under your supervision and then operated and directed by you - also I was in a position to appreciate the many difficulties which you had to overcome. I do not know of anybody that could have more efficiently carried out this delicate job and at the same time so thoroughly fulfilled the ideas and dreams of the person or persons who are responsible for the existence of that wonderful institution.

I regret not being capable of properly praising your work; many others have done so and will continue to do so, however, fortunately what you have accomplished stands and speaks for itself. Latin America will not forget her good friend Doctor Popenoe.

Please let me say that I am sure that you will give credit where credit is due and when I say that I refer to the wonderful and most helpful cooperation which your charming wife Helen always so gladly gave you.

Among your multitude of friends, Conchita and I ask that you and Helen accept our most sincere wishes for the happiest of retirements.

Sincerely,

W. E. Turnbull

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT



SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

April 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The faculty and student body of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics at the Florida A and M University considers it a privilege and an honor to salute you on this occasion for the many contributions you have made to the general welfare of all mankind. Your services have been felt throughout the world.

We are sincerely hoping for you many years of health and happiness.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. E. Walker".

C. E. Walker
Dean

/w



UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
Division of Agricultural Sciences

Logan, Utah

School of Agriculture
Agricultural Experiment Station
Cooperative Extension Service

April 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

One of the most pleasant and worthwhile experiences of my lifetime was my visit to Zamorano and the Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana. The significant thing about it, however, was the opportunity I had to become acquainted with Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

You will recall the visit made by the Deans of Agriculture nine years ago this summer. It seems only yesterday because of the spirit of life, achievement and brotherhood of man which we observed to permeate the campus and the hearts of your students and faculty. It was clearly evident to us that this progressive spirit emanated from the founder and leader of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana.

What greater contribution could one make to his fellowmen than that which you have made at Zamorano and elsewhere in Middle America. In fact your influence for good has spread throughout Latin America. Through it the seeds have been sown not only for the improvement of agriculture, but for raising the living standards and also the educational level for all the peoples of Latin America. You have furnished the stimulation and pointed the way for a great educational movement that will brighten the lives of countless people.

In the years ahead you will see the fruits of your labors unfold. The harvest will be great and unmeasurable. In this you can justly take great pride of achievement.

I take this opportunity to commend you for the very significant educational movement you have started and for your outstanding success in this work.

Please accept my personal appreciation for the opportunity of knowing you and of becoming acquainted with your work. I also want to join with others in wishing you good health and happiness for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Walker
Dean and Director

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

Bananera, Guatemala. April 27, 1957

Dear Doc:

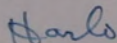
I have called you "Doc" for the past quarter century and know you will not mind it being used here in the few lines I wish to write for inclusion in the "Book of Tribute" being presented to you upon your well earned retirement.

Our association over the past twenty-eight years has been for me a close and happy one, and your good advice and guidance to me over these years has been so very helpful and which I shall forever appreciate. It is just a "natural" for you to give out and have accepted your advice in so many matters, especially in tropical agriculture and most recently - that is, for the past 15 years - in Tropical Agriculture Education through the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Zamorano.

I think I have a very special reason, which some folks would not understand, for being proud of the job you have done in establishing this excellent Agricultural Educational Institution in Middle America.

You know that I wish you the best of everything in your retirement.

Always,



H. A. von Wald

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Middle America

Kansas State College

Manhattan, Kansas

President's Office

April 23, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

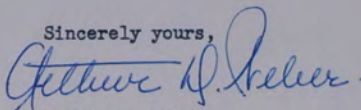
Dear Dr. Popence:

One of the highlights of my trip to Honduras was the opportunity to visit the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano. While I was disappointed that you were not there at that time, it was gratifying to note the great respect with which you were held by staff members and students. Your influence was manifested in many ways during our visit. This impact on the agriculture of Central America, through your own work and that of your students, represents an outstanding achievement for which you deserve high commendation and praise. It is my hope to visit the School again sometime and when I do I know I shall see further evidences of your distinguished service there.

It was also my privilege to visit the experimental garden at Lancetilla. To me this was a fantastic development — the color and variety of tropical plants and crops were amazing. Here again I was reminded of your foresight and understanding in bringing together this truly remarkable collection. But beyond all these physical manifestations of your good work are the evidences of good will and cooperative spirit which you have engendered in the peoples of Latin America. No one can assess the importance of the contribution which you have made to the culture of these countries. All of us in the field of agriculture are proud of you for what you have stood for and accomplished as a scientist and as an ambassador of good will.

Our best wishes go to you for continued good health and happiness wherever you are and whatever you do.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur D. Weber
Acting President



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Managua, Nicaragua,
May 17, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

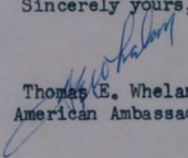
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We just learned today of your coming retirement on June 1, 1957. While I regret that I did not have the opportunity of knowing you better, I have heard many high expressions of the wonderful work that you have accomplished.

As you know, former President Somoza characterized you as one of the great benefactors of Central America.

With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,


Thomas E. Whelan
American Ambassador

Pier Three, North River
New York 6, N.Y.

Edmund S. Whitman

April 22, 1957

Dear Doctor Pop:

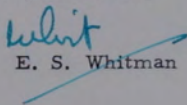
It just won't seem the same without you around! I remember so clearly our first meeting in the moving picture hall of the Tela Clubhouse over thirty years ago. We were very young and we were very merry -- and we had great plans to set the world afire with the Maya society. I only wish that I had been able to stick around long enough to participate with the Popenoes in the wonderful work they did bringing the Maya in general and the Quirigua aspect in particular to the attention of the world.

I have felt very close to you all through the tumultuous years -- especially those years following your pioneer work in establishing, organizing, and running the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

No other entity of United Fruit Company has proven to be such a valuable instrument in the Company's tool box of public relations. Everything about the School; its concept, location, architecture, curriculum, faculty, and students, and most particularly its genial, tireless, imaginative, and altogether delightful Director has made it a joy for a man whose job it is to reflect the character of United Fruit Company to the public.

We will miss you, Doctor Pop. Keep well, retain your inimitable sense of humor, and keep up the wonderful work in the fruitful years that lie ahead.

Ever your friend,


E. S. Whitman

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN EMBASSY

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,
May 9, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popence,
Director, Escuela Agricola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Wilson:

Louise and I feel a great personal loss in your and Helen's retirement from the school. However, it is certainly satisfying to know that you will be based, in your retirement, in Antigua. Since we have our own small house there I am sure that we will be seeing much of you two, not only there but that also being a person of such activity and with so many friends and acquaintances in this country I am sure that we will see you here frequently.

As you know I am taking a very deep personal interest in the programs for agricultural development of Honduras. Naturally, as Chief of Mission here and with our Point IV program as part of this mission I have had an official reason to do so. However, my interest has gone beyond that and my stimulating talks with you and the example you have given me are responsible.

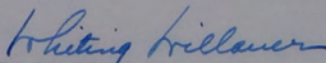
You will recall participating in a study which I caused the Embassy and other experts to make as to the impact of better agricultural techniques in the overall economy of Honduras. I think both you and I were pleasantly surprised when we discovered that the potential would increase the gross national product by a sum equalling twice the current national governmental budget. Figures like these are sometimes easy to arrive at without meaning very much but in the case of this estimate there is truly a solid foundation and a goal which is within the reach of the people of Honduras. The reason that this is true is largely because of the work you have done in the Pan American School. Any such tremendous improvement would be impossible without the technically qualified manpower to bring it to fruition and it is this manpower which you have created from scratch out of the five hundred graduates of the school. There are enough of these who are Hondurans to assume the leadership of the great development and I venture to say that the same possibilities through the same leaders exists in all of the many other countries of this area who are enjoying the benefits of graduates from their countries.

It is not only, however, on the manpower front that you have contributed; the improved types of plants, the breeding, of animals, the development of techniques adaptable to the types of soils and peoples in this area are matters of everyday benefit to the well-being of millions of people who are living and working today in these countries.

Herewith my best wishes for future happiness and a continued profitable career which I am sure has many years to run, not only as Director Emeritus but as an active consultant in the ever present problems of increasing the standard of living of your great friends, the peoples of Latin America.

Warmest regards from Louise and me to you and Helen.

Sincerely yours,



Whiting Willauer
United States Ambassador



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
San José, Costa Rica,
May 7, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I was very sorry to learn that you are retiring from your work as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at Zamorano. Your fame has spread so widely, because of the magnificent work that you have done for years at the School, that you must inevitably be greatly missed when you depart. Nevertheless, the living monument to your accomplishments which will remain in the abilities of hundreds of students who have learned modern agricultural practices at Zamorano should be the best possible satisfaction to you in your well-earned retirement.

With sincere congratulations for your achievements, and with very best wishes for future happiness,

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Woodward
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Director Emeritus,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Embassy of the United States
of America,
Santiago, Chile,
May 9, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is hard to imagine that you are laying aside your spurs - and I am sure that you are not going to "fade away" but in some way continue, in a more pleasurable manner perhaps, in contributing to the advancement of not only tropical horticulture but to the youth of Latin America.

This, I think, is the real monument you have erected through your work at Zamorano. This will stand as a lasting benefit which I know from personal experience has already been most productive wherever students from the "Escuela" have returned home to help improve the agriculture of their respective countries. They have learned to do by doing - not an easy task for any of us - nor were you an easy taskmaster, but a most effective and necessary one in instilling these valuable principles. Because of this, they have promptly gained the respect of their elders who have adopted the recommended practices more readily, and so been a credit to your efforts.

In a very very small way it was my privilege to have worked with you in this.

And now, "Todos saludos" to a man, a real friend, and an outstanding educator and scientist. It is my hope that our paths may still cross in the future.

With all best wishes for your future, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Samuel Heald Work

Samuel H. Work
Agricultural Attaché

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

May 7, 1957

STORRS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

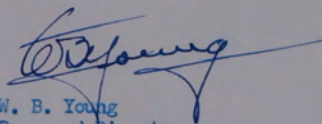
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am most pleased to have an opportunity to convey to you my personal congratulations as well as the congratulations of our staff of the College of Agriculture and the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station for your many years of distinguished service as an agricultural scientist.

Your work as an explorer, a research scientist and an educator is well known and stands as a monument to your efforts in promoting sound and beneficial agricultural practices for the benefit of mankind throughout the world and especially in the Americas.

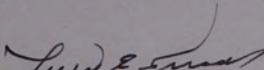
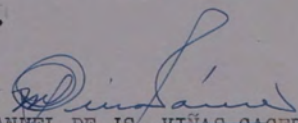
Wishing you many happy years ahead, I am

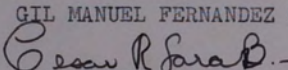
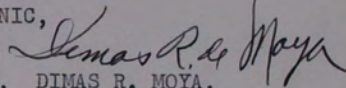
Very truly yours,



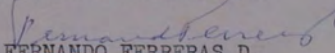
W. B. Young
Dean and Director
College of Agriculture

LOS DOMINICANOS GRADUADOS EN LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, QUE TUVIERON LA GRANDIOSA FELICIDAD DE SER ALUMNOS DEL ILUSTRE PROFESOR DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE, Y QUE RECIBIERON DE EL LA ENSEÑANZA AGRICOLA QUE TAN UTIL LES HA SIDO EN SUS LABORES - CUYO LEMA SIGUE SIENDO "LABOR OMNIA VINCIT" - AL ENTERARSE DE QUE EL QUERIDO Y RESPETADO PROFESOR DEJA LA DIRECCION DE TAN RECORDADO COLEGIO, APROVECHAN LA OCASION PARA TESTIMONIAR UNA VEZ MAS SU ACENDRADO AFECTO A TAN EMINENTE PROFESOR, DESEANDOLE EN SU RETIRO, SALUD Y FELICIDAD, EN LA SEGURIDAD DE QUE SU MENTE SABIA SEGUIRA DERRAMANDO EN TODO EL MUNDO CONOCIMIENTOS QUE HABRAN DE CONTRIBUIR EFECTIVAMENTE AL BIENESTAR COLECTIVO POR MEDIO DE LA MAS BASICA DE TODAS LAS ACTIVIDADES HUMANAS, LA AGRICULTURA.


LUIS E. TIRADO HIJO, 
MANUEL DE JS. VIÑAS CACERES,

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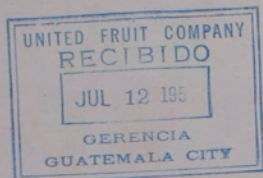
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RAFAEL A. UREÑA, CARLOS MARIOTTI, OVIDIO DUARTE P.,

LIGIO A. TAVARES, HECTOR MENA V., ANDRES CORDERO HIJO.

CIUDAD TRUJILLO,
Distrito Nacional,
7 de Mayo del 1957



Ao Dr. Wilson Popenue, uma vida dedicada ao progresso do homem do campo, o meu sincero voto de congratulações em nome dos jovens brasileiros, que, sob a sua orientação, conheceram o espírito do bom Panamericanismo, mantendo as relações cordiais, tão necessárias, entre as duas Américas.

Mário Meneghetti
Ministro da Agricultura do Brasil

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
ORONO, MAINE



OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
EXPERIMENT STATION
EXTENSION SERVICE

April 22, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is my understanding that you will retire from your present position on June 1, 1957. Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, yet I have a very sympathetic, even friendly, feeling for you as I do for all others who are about to retire. My own retirement, after 45 years of service to this institution, occurs on June 30 of this year.

Your service in the United States Department of Agriculture and more recently with the United Fruit Company has provided you with opportunities of service and the building of good will as between countries which, after all, is as essential as arms and ammunition in the preservation of peace.

With every good wish and happiness in your retirement, I am

Cordially yours,

A. L. Steering
DEAN

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PERUVIAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

May 7, 1957

Mr. Marion Mann
Secretary
Middle America Information Bureau
26 East 64 Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Mann:

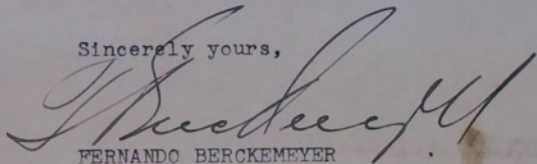
With reference to your letter of May 2, I must advise you that, although I am not familiar with Doctor Wilson Popenoe, I will be glad to make some statement.

This is the consequence of the information that you give me in your letter in connection with this gentleman's work, which I think should receive every encouragement, especially for those that may follow.

Herewith the statement:

"Practical Pan Americans such as Doctor Wilson Popenoe, whose remarkable contribution in the field of agriculture will live forever, are of the greatest necessity for this continent. It is to be hoped that Doctor Popenoe's example will be followed by many of his students and thus keep his memory and his contribution to our common welfare ever present."

Sincerely yours,



FERNANDO BERCKEMEYER
Ambassador of Peru



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

28 de Mayo de 1957

Doctor Popenoe y Doña Elena:

Sírvanse aceptar

este regalito como un sincero recuerdo de todos nosotros:

Mmanuel Chave y Land

Samado Selan C.

Cruz de Selan

A. Medina S.

Mary Beasley

Ordina Paredes

Alberto

Carlos H. Basso

A. B. Basso

John Allen

Ruimiro Quintanilla L.

Ada G. de Siena

Adella Salinas

ella Fick

Aguado Salinas May Russell

J. P. Parada

Tirsa de Molina

Myrce P. Russell

Abel Salinas

José P. Pardo

Ana Isabel de Herrera

Salinas

Joa. A. Sierra

Julio Pineda R.

Terita de Fernández

Doemí de Chanez

Mirva de Hall

Elija de Burgos

Belen de Garcia

Myrce P. Russell

Elsalvarez

May Russell

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MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, COMERCIO
E INDUSTRIAS

SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA

DEPARTAMENTO _____

PANAMA, 24 DE abril DE 1957

Doctor
Wilson Popenoe,
Escuela Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Estimado doctor:

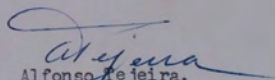
He tenido conocimiento de que está usted próximo a retirarse de la Dirección de la Escuela que ha venido regentando tan acertadamente durante varios lustros.

Los amigos suyos que le queremos tanto vemos con gran pesar su alejamiento de una institución que ha servido tan generosa y lealmente al fomento agrícola en las Repúblicas Centroamericanas. El beneficio que Panamá ha obtenido de esa Escuela se ha hecho palpable en la labor desplegada por los egresados de ella que trabajan tanto con el Gobierno Nacional como con entidades privadas o en sus propias fincas.

La semilla por usted sembrada crecerá como el grano de mostaza de que nos habla el Evangelio y su figura como científico y educador aumentará con el correr del tiempo.

Sirva esta carta para manifestarle mi más profunda estimación y desearle tanto a usted como a su familia venturosos años.

Créame como siempre su admirador y amigo,


Alfonso Fejeira,
Secretario de Agricultura.

MISION PERMANENTE DEL ECUADOR
ANTE LAS
NACIONES UNIDAS

Nueva York, abril 30 de 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence,
Director Emeritus de la Escuela
Agrícola Panamericana,
Zamorano, Honduras.

Querido Dr. Popence:

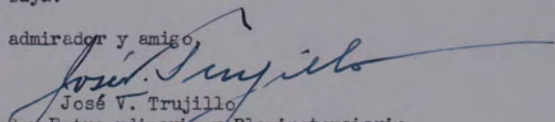
He sabido que sus amigos y admiradores están preparando un homenaje de admiración y justicia para usted y para la admirable obra que ha realizado en la querida Patria hondureña, al dedicar lo mejor de su inteligencia y lo más delicado de su corazón a formar varias generaciones de hombres que han salido de la Escuela que usted dirige con genial acierto muy bien preparados para transmitir su enseñanza, para servir a sus Gobiernos o para trabajar en las comunidades de donde procedieron, retribuyendo en esta forma a la Sociedad el capital moral e intelectual que recibieron de usted, distinguido profesor. No podía pues faltar la voz de uno de sus más modestos admiradores, que cree interpretar lealmente el sentimiento del país que representa ante las Naciones Unidas - la República del Ecuador - y por eso he querido dejar constancia en esta carta del reconocimiento que no solamente el pueblo de Honduras sino también todos los pueblos latinoamericanos le deben a Usted por su devoción a la Ciencia y por su lealtad a la Educación que le ha permitido ofrecer a nuestro Continente el mejor aporte para el progreso tanto en el orden material como en el orden intelectual y moral.

Nunca se olvidarán sus sencillas y profundas enseñanzas sobre nuestra agricultura tropical, sobre la nutrición para mejorar la calidad física de nuestros pueblos, sobre la legislación rural y tantos otros programas a los que la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana ha dedicado su atención desde 1942 en que fué fundada.

Se retira usted a la vida privada llevándose la íntima satisfacción de haber cumplido una tarea de legítimo valor humano, y tenga la seguridad de que su recuerdo y sus enseñanzas vivirán constantemente en su Escuela, en sus Profesores y sobre todo en sus alumnos. Su espíritu animará siempre a la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Me permito formular los más sinceros votos por su ventura personal y por un retiro lleno de paz, que sólo se puede gozar con una conciencia tan limpia y clara como la suya.

De usted su admirador y amigo,


José V. Trujillo
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario
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May 13, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
Escuela Agricola Pan-americana
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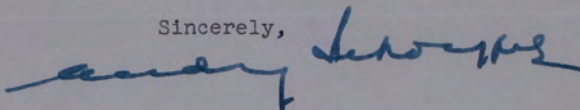
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

May I take this opportunity to express my admiration for the splendid work you have done during your long service in the field of Agriculture -- which covers a field too wide to cover in a brief letter.

Your consistent progress in Agricultural Research both with the United States Department of Agriculture and then with the United Fruit Company, and culminating in the vastly important area of instructing our good neighbors down South in scientific Agriculture, has won you a niche in a basic industry the value of which can not be gauged in the present.

With all good wishes for the days ahead, and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,





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Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
DIRECTOR EMERITUS
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.
El Zamorano.

Muy señor nuestro:

Ha sido del conocimiento de esta Secretaría de Recursos Naturales su próxima separación del cargo de Director de esa prestigiada Escuela que desde su fundación, con tanto acierto, ha venido desempeñando.

El Gobierno de Honduras, a través de esta Secretaría de Estado, al lamentar su retiro desea constancia de su reconocimiento por su labor altamente meritoria en pro de la agricultura nacional.

La Estación Experimental de Lancetilla, de la que fué usted -- ilustre fundador y que cuenta en la actualidad con la colección más completa de -- plantas económicas en las Américas, ha servido de gufa en la investigación agrícola de nuestro país viniendo con su trabajo a fortalecer la industria nacional, base firme en que descansa nuestra economía.

La Escuela que con tanto amor y devoción usted fundara y dirigiera, constituye el mejor monumento que un Apóstol de la Ciencia puede dejar a la juventud. De los 543 egresados de esa benemérita escuela, 148 son hondureños, muchos de los que han llegado a ser excelentes servidores en las diferentes dependencias de ésta Secretaría de Estado.

La América Tropical está en deuda con el Dr. Wilson Popenoe por sus sabias enseñanzas y las doctas aportaciones que durante su vida de estudios e investigaciones hiciera al engrandecimiento y tecnificación de su agricultura.

Deseo agradecerle en nombre de mi Gobierno los distinguidos -



Tegucigalpa, D. C.

servicios prestados como Asesor Técnico de esta Secretaría de Estado y como De-
legado Oficial de nuestro país a diversos Cónclaves Internacionales en donde siem-
pre supo poner muy en alto el nombre de nuestra cara Patria.

El Pueblo y Gobierno de Honduras esperan tener siempre en -
usted al gran amigo y al hombre de ciencia que ha contribuido con su obra al desen-
volvimiento de nuestra Nación.

Con toda consideración,



Rodolfo Jiménez
RODOLFO JIMENEZ
Oficial Mayor de Recursos Naturales, por la Ley.

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In reply please refer to No. R.F. 550

23rd November, 1940.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Primera Avenida Sur No. 2,
Antigua, GUATEMALA,
CENTRAL AMERICA.

My dear Dr. Popenoe,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 4th November covering your MS on the Avocado which I shall be very pleased to publish in our Journal. This article should be of considerable interest to our readers. I have not altered it in any way except to add the "U"s!

Your MS. on "Banana Culture around the Caribbean" has also reached me. I have shown it to Mr. Faulkner, our Principal, and with the exception of the paragraph beginning "We should attemptfruit" on page 3, he thinks that the whole article should be published as it stands in "Tropical Agriculture". I agree with him and if you have no objections I propose to have it printed right away. Let me know by return if there are any special acknowledgments to be made to the United Fruit Company so that they can be incorporated in a footnote or wherever you think best. Incidentally your banana article arrived without a covering letter from you. It seems to me to be a very good modern account on banana cultivation and it does not strike me as being too elementary for our readers. It is high time for an article of this kind to be published in English.

Would you please tell me how many reprints you will want of each article and also let me know by return mail whether you are agreeable to my publishing the banana paper as it stands.

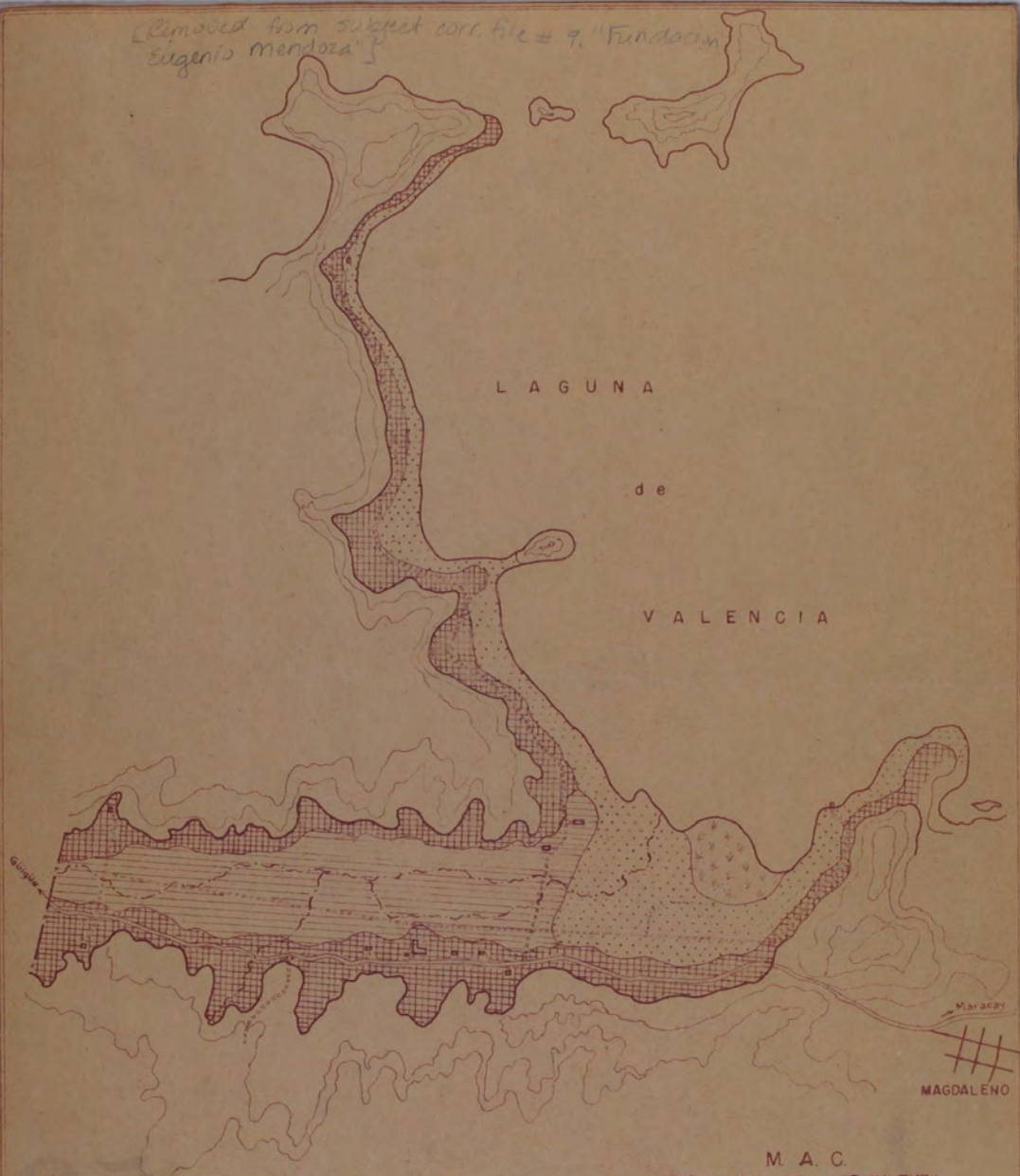
With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

G. Havelle




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-  " Jabilillar (coluvial no calcáreo)

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DIRECCION DE AGRICULTURA
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FECHA: Octubre de 1956



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25 October 1957

FROM: JOHN GRUN, Deputy Chief, Area Office.
SUBJECT: Guatemala "Rural School Gardens - Nutrition Education".

- 1) Reference is made to TARG-2442 of the 14th October 1957 concerning the specifications, etc. of the tools, as discussed in the working group.
- 2) Discussion was held with Dr. Quintana and Señor Francisco Mejía in this Office on the 22nd October. As this discussion left several points unclear a visit was made together with Señor Mejía and some other gentlemen of Socio Educativo on the 23rd October to the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura for the purpose of obtaining clarity with regard to the specifications. At this school we were much assisted by Señor Manuel Ruiz Monzón.
- 3) a. Attached is a copy of a questionnaire at present being distributed to some 130 schools in order to obtain the necessary data on which to base a selection of schools for the first year of the program.
b. As the return of these forms may be delayed due to the holidays having started, Dr. Quintana and his collaborators intend to pay a personal visit to several schools. It is hoped to have at least some reasonable data by the time of Dr. Stearns and Mr. Davée's visit.

4) SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TOOLS:

1. Small plows (arados pequeños):

It has been impossible so far to establish what the CARE plow kit at MO each contains.

The questionnaire will reveal what type of soil will be encountered but it seems most likely that some kind of implement will be needed for breaking and plowing it.

The tool most commonly used at present for this job is the heavy hoe (eye-hoe). Some use home-made plows consisting of a wood frame and a piece of iron at the front end. The simple hand plow for animal traction, although it is said to retail at between \$50 and \$60 only, is already considered "advanced".

What the Government has in mind is the two-handle, one blade plow, for animal traction, the blade to be either fixed or reversible.

The fixed blade plow which I saw at the Escuela de Agricultura bore the marks Cooper-John Inc. "Pony". It is not all steel.

The reversible blade plow I saw bore the marks "Cook-Shutt P-7088".

Both types are equal where handling is concerned, the only difference is in the fact that the blade is either reversible or fixed.

The Government would prefer reversible; personally I consider the fixed blade would do the job.

In my opinion the plow should be all steel, as it gets very rough treatment. When moved from one place to another it is dragged flat along the ground behind the oxen. For that reason, too, I am in favor of the simple fixed blade kind.

It is clear that both types are too heavy for children. It is admitted that the actual plowing of the garden will have to be done by grown-ups. The plow has educational value as far as the children may be shown how to work it and may be permitted to try it out. However, all this will be unlikely to amount to more than "playing about".

It is my impression that one such plow for every five schools is the correct number. The value will probably be about \$30 or \$40 to UNICEF (i.e. \$7,000 for the 200).



2. Hoes, pick axes, rakes and spades:

The tools meant are:

a) Spring neck hoe (Azaditas), with a blade of approximately 15 cm. width and 12 cm. high. These are used for weeding. They should be supplied with handle.

b) Eye hoe (narrow) (picochines). These are also described as "azadones pequeños". Blade of approximately 11 to 12 cm. width and approximately 20 cm. high. Weight approximately 1-1/2 lb. These are used for tilling and grading.

c) Rakes (rastrillos). An ordinary garden rake of which the sample I saw had 14 curved teeth, some 2-1/2 in. long, and some 35 cm. wide. In the sample, the head and the sleeve had been stamped out of one piece.

d) Spades. Two kinds are said to be required; i.e. round shovel and a square spade. Long and short handles have also been requested. It is said that the short handle tires more in the long run. In view of the fact that these will be used by children I personally feel two types of handles to be superfluous. Whatever the advantages of two kinds of blades are they will both be used indiscriminately. For simplicity in procurement we might discuss whether one type of garden spade might suffice. The specifications might be approximately 7 in. x 9-1/2 in., weight approximately 3 lb., with D or split D or T handle.

The working group suggest one of each per five children, more weeding hoes and rakes than tilling hoes and spades. I suggest it be examined if it would not be more advisable to supply equal quantities. I have not yet queried the quantity given in the list as 20,000 units but it is my impression that 20,000 is probably the total number asked for. If the average price is \$2.25, this would mean \$45,000 in all.

In view of the number of children that might be working at one time, 10 of each per school would seem to be the maximum, and in that case the total cost would come to \$90,000.

3. Height and weight scales.

Dr. Quintana states that these will be used as much as possible under medical supervision. The height measuring part seemed to preoccupy him most.

4. Satchels.

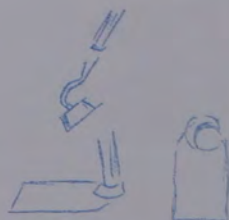
Requested are first aid kits.

5. Pumps and piping.

Dr. Quintana understands UNICEF's point of view. The questionnaire will reveal whether any schools could do with a hand pump or some piping to improve some existing but worn-out or antiquated water supplies. But as a "sanitation project" the idea is dropped for the moment until it has been further and thoroughly studied.

6. Sewing machines and kits.

This, too, will be reviewed in the line of the data produced by the questionnaire. Dr. Quintana mentioned, however, that there are 100 mother clubs operating.



7. Pots and aluminum cups.

The working group suggests that pots might be supplied but that cups should not be supplied as they could be bought locally. From what I have seen in the field so far, it is my impression that the non-provision of hygienic drinking cups will not result in the children or parents providing them themselves, but in the use of all kinds of most unhygienic drinking utensils such as rusty tins, badly chipped enamel cups, etc. A hygienic drinking utensil is not only difficult to locate in the country but would also in all probability cost more than the parents are either able or willing to afford. Should it be necessary to save on this particular item, I would suggest it be discussed whether it would not be more to the point to provide the cups and not the pots.

8. Machines for sealing preserves.

Dr. Quintana has no clear idea as to what is required and it soon became apparent that to meet what he had generally in mind UNICEF would have to supply a complete canning line. Dr. Quintana does not like the idea of preserving in glass, unless of course UNICEF were to provide all the glass jars. I suggested to Dr. Quintana that UNICEF might be prepared to supply a very small initial quantity for demonstration purposes only. Dr. Quintana does not think that people could be persuaded to buy the glass jars themselves. Also, personally he felt that preserving in glass should not be pursued because of the possibility of breakage. In consequence this item has been virtually dropped.

9. Bicycles.

These are intended for local supervision and as such would seem to be warranted.

10. Kerosene lamps.

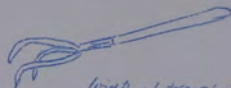
The requirement is for lamps and not for stoves. The lamps are intended to provide teachers with an opportunity for holding reunions or giving lectures in the school at night. Many communities of course have no electricity.

11. Fumigating pumps.

Simple type for the application of insecticides in gardens is meant.

12. Hand cultivators.

There was an inclination to think of a cultivator as an agricultural machine. It has been agreed, however, that what is required is a simple three-pronged hand cultivator. As such the quantity of 500 seems unrealistic. I suggest that it might be discussed whether this item could not be included under item 2. with the hoes, etc.



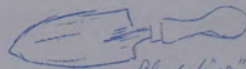
Went at prongs $2\frac{3}{8}$ "
Handle 12" max.

13. Sowing machines.

No one seems to have a clear idea as to what this item means. There is a general agreement that it should be dropped.

14. Trowels

What is meant here is the straight forward regular narrow garden trowel, also described as a transplanting trowel.



Blade 6"x2"
 $4\frac{3}{4}$ " handle

15. Frooders and Incubators

There is general agreement that this item should be withheld until the second stage.

16.a. Drinking and Feeding Troughs

There is agreement that this item should be dropped.

16.b. Vaccinating kits

It is suggested that the provision of these kits will depend on whether or not small animal raising is a part of the project at this stage.

17. Seeds, etc.

No comment.

18. Training equipment

No comment.

NOTE: There is a general tendency on the part of those involved on the side of the Government to feel that UNICEF had already to some extent committed itself to supply that which is included in the original list. There is, therefore, also an inclination to try to off-set saving on a particular item by asking for additional equipment. There is also a tendency to look upon this project more purely as an agricultural demonstration project than a nutrition education project. For these reasons I feel it is highly desirable that UNICEF's policy should be made quite clear to those involved at the earliest possible stage.

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Guatemala, Octubre de 1957.

Señor _____ Profesor _____

En virtud de que la Dirección General de Desarrollo Socioeducativo Rural, conjuntamente con otras Instituciones efectuarán la planificación de un PROGRAMA DE HUERTOS ESCOLARES: en base al proyecto adjunto, rogamos a Usted responder al CUESTIONARIO que le presentamos.

Los datos ajustados a la realidad de su comunidad, ayudarán al mejor desempeño de nuestro cometido.

Somos de Ud., atentos servidores,

Dr. Epaminondas Quintana

Prof. J. Francisco Mejía G.

DIRECCION GENERAL DE DESARROLLO SOCIOEDUCATIVO RURAL, 5a. C. No. 10-22 zona 1
G U A T E M A L A, C. A.-

PROYECTO GENERAL DE HUERTOS ESCOLARES

- 1) Se trata de un proyecto de creación y mantenimiento de huertos escolares y comunales en 1,000 comunidades y en 5 años de trabajo progresivo.
- 2) FAO dará asistencia técnica y UNICEF asistencia económica y material con cursos de capacitación y material didáctico.
- 3) DODSER provee: los sitios, los maestros, los terrenos, la mano de obra, sus facilidades propias, etc.
- 4) El plan escalona la progresión así: 60 comunidades en 1958; 120 en 1959; 200 en 1960; 300 en 1961 y 320 en 1962.
- 5) El plan representa o contempla además, saneamiento, ficha médica escolar, refrigerio, comités Pro-Salud, proyectos en el Hogar, Comités Agrícolas, exposiciones, etc.
- 6) La ayuda de UNICEF teóricamente asciende a más de Q.15,000 solo en entrenamiento y a más de Q.40,000 en equipo y materiales.

Dr. EPAMINONDAS QUINTANA
Médico Higienista de S.E.R.

CUESTIONARIO

- ¿Cuál es el nombre de la comunidad donde Ud. trabaja? _____
- ¿Está en un valle, cerro, montaña o falda? _____
- ¿Cómo es el clima? _____ ¿Cuál es la altura sobre el nivel del mar? _____
- ¿Cuántos meses llueve al año? _____ ¿Está a la orilla de un río? _____
- ¿Cuál es el No. de habitantes? _____ No. de niños de edad escolar censados? _____
- No. de niños en las escuelas? _____ No. de maestros? _____ No. de grados? _____
- ¿Tiene terreno la escuela como para hacer un huerto? _____ ¿De qué extensión? _____
- ¿De cuántas varas es la cuerda en su zona? _____
- ¿El terreno de su escuela es bueno en general, arenoso o arcilloso? _____
- ¿Está cercado para evitar la entrada de animales? _____
- Si no hubiese terreno en su escuela, sería factible conseguir uno para que los niños hagan su huerto? _____ ¿Cómo? _____
- ¿De qué extensión? _____ ¿Hay agua en su escuela? _____
- ¿De pozo? _____ ¿De río? _____ ¿De pila? _____
- Si no hay agua en su escuela, ¿A qué distancia se puede obtener? _____
- _____ ¿En qué forma y de qué fuente? _____
- _____
- ¿Cuáles son las verduras que mejor se han producido en su escuela? _____
- ¿Qué plagas han invadido las siembras de su escuela o su comunidad? _____
- ¿Se consigue abono orgánico o natural en su comunidad? _____ ¿A qué precio? _____
- ¿Cuántas huertas hay en su comunidad aproximadamente? _____
- ¿Las verduras se venden a otra comunidad o las consume la gente? _____
- ¿Si la gente no come las verduras, es porque les hace daño o no les gusta? _____
- _____ ¿Por qué les hace daño? _____
- ¿Creen que hay verduras frías y calientes? _____ ¿Qué producen las frías? _____
- _____ ¿Qué producen las calientes? _____
- _____

¿Cómo guardan las verduras para conservarlas en buen estado por largo tiempo? _____

¿ Hay alguna persona que entienda de CONSERVAS de verduras? _____

(Si hay, dé el nombre) _____

¿ Con qué herramientas agrícolas cuenta su escuela? _____

¿ Hay o visita Agente de Extensión Agrícola su comunidad, para ayudar a resolver los problemas agrícolas de la gente? _____

¿ Hay programa de leche en su escuela? _____ ¿Cuántos pre-escolares la toman? _____

¿ Hay algún comité de nutrición y qué ha hecho por la salud de los niños? _____

¿ Cuántos nacen por año en su comunidad? _____ (Vaya al Registro Civil)

¿ Cuántos mueren por año, menores de 1 año? _____ (" " " ")

¿ Cuántos mueren, menores de 3 años? _____ (" " " ")

¿ Cuántos mueren, menores de 5 años? _____ (" " " ")

¿ Cuáles son las enfermedades más comunes en los niños de brazos? _____

¿ Cuáles son las enfermedades más comunes en los niños pre-escolares? _____

¿ Cuáles son las enfermedades más comunes en los niños escolares? _____

¿ Cuáles son las enfermedades más comunes en los adultos? _____

¿ A qué distancia está la cabecera municipal más cercana y cuál es? _____

¿ Se llega en carro a su comunidad? _____ ¿Su comunidad está considerada como ladina, indígena o mixta? _____

¿ Predomina el español o la lengua indígena? _____

¿ De qué producto o industria provienen los ingresos más importantes de la comunidad? _____

¿ Cuál es el precio de las verduras, actualmente? _____

Rábanos _____ Remolachas _____ Zanahorias _____

Repollos _____ Lechugas _____ Acelgas _____

Coliflores _____ Betos _____ Cebollas _____





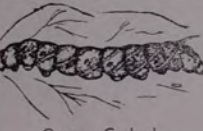
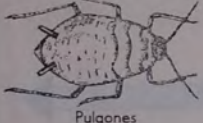

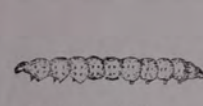

Puerro _____ Otras _____ Otras _____

Fecha y Lugar _____

(Nombre y firma del informante.)

J.F.M.C./R.A.V.

PLAGAS DE LAS HORTALIZAS

| INSECTO | INSECTICIDA | FORMA DE USARLO | EPOCA Y PARTE ATACADA |
|---|--|---|---|
|  Tortugilla | D. D. T. 5% - Polvo Toxafeno 20% Polvo. Malathion 5% Polvo. | Espolvorear ligeramente la planta, de manera que el insecticida penetre en todo el follaje, tanto encima, como debajo de las hojas. | Hojas—El daño más intenso, se observa en las plantas jóvenes. Ataca a todas las hortalizas. |
|  Gusano del Repollo | Toxafeno 20% Polvo. Parathion 1.5% Polvo. | Espolvorear ligeramente la planta. Las aplicaciones deben ser hechas diez días antes de cosechar los productos. | Hojas—Además del repollo, causa daños también en coliflor, brócoli, rábano, nabo, etc. |
|  Gusano Prieto | Aldrin 2.5% Polvo Clordano 10% Polvo. Endrín 19.5% Liq. Pequeñas cantidades, 3½ cucharadas p/galón de agua. | Aplicar a toda la planta y en el suelo alrededor. El Aldrin puede aplicarse como preventivo, incorporándolo al suelo de 4 a 8 días antes de siembra. | Tallos, hojas, cogollos de berenjena y chile, tubérculos de papa y fruto de la tomatera. |
|  Picudo del Chile | Aldrin 2.5% Polvo. Toxafeno 20% Polvo. Fórmula 3-5 Polvo. | Aplicaciones a la planta, desde el principio de la floración, con intervalos de 8 días hasta 15 ó 20 días antes de la cosecha. | Ataca las partes internas del fruto, provocando su caída temprana. Se reconoce en que el fruto se pone amarillento exteriormente y negro al interior. |
|  Gusano Cachudo | Toxafeno 20% Polvo. Clordano 10% Polvo. | Hacer aplicaciones al follaje en cuanto se note la presencia del gusano. | Se come las hojas del tomate, chile y berenjena. |
|  Pulgones | Parathion 1.5% polvo. Sulfato de Nicotina 40% Deshacer una onza de iabón en 1 gl. de agua, agregar 3 cucharadas de sulfato. Mézclese bien. | Se le aplica al follaje de la planta, especialmente en la parte de abajo de la hoja. | Insectos que se encuentran debajo de las hojas, chupando la savia de las plantas. |
|  Chinchas | Parathion 1.5% polvo. Clordano 10% polvo. | Aplicar a todo el follaje de la planta. NOTA: Las chinchas son más fáciles de matar, cuando están pequeñas. | Hay chinchas de varios colores y tamaños, que chupan la savia de las hojas y tallos de las plantas. |
|  Taladrador del Pepino | DDT 5%. Fórmula 3-5%. | Este insecticida se aplica al follaje y cuando la planta comienza a florecer. | Se come los frutos por dentro, haciéndoles muchos agujeros. Ataca al melón, pepino, pipián, ayote y a otros frutos. |
|  Grillos | Clordano 20% Polvo. Clordano 10% Polvo. | Se hace una ronda o limpia alrededor de la hortaliza como de 2 metros de ancho, se aplica el veneno al suelo para que el insecto no pase de los montes o zacatales. | Se come las hojas y tallos de casi todas las hortalizas. |

NOTA: Todos los insecticidas deben aplicarse 10 días antes de la cosecha.

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Photographs of
Carol Chidkering's botanical
art; also letter to Wilson
Poppende, Sept 11 [1969?] } in Folder 60
describing the works

Subject Correspondence, Folder 19.

Sept 30th
[1963]

Dear Wilson,

For the past three weeks, I have hoped every day I would hear from you. I am so concerned about our project I never forget it, but have tried to be patient. And have been keeping that the delay-
ing of a letter to me means that you are doing a bit of exploring as I suggested in my letter -

If you have not yet written do drop me a short note at least so I know how your thoughts are leading you? Am absolutely consumed with curiosity!!

If you by chance have written I will follow thru how so ever you say!

Hope all is well

With love

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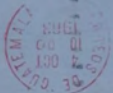


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