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Panamerican Agricultural School
El Zamorano, Honduras C.A.
October 3, 1957

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Friends:

Please excuse my long delay to write you but I have been rather busy with classes, examinations and packing besides, as we plan to leave El Zamorano for good about the 18th of October.

I have been offered an excellent position with Alfaro Vilanova & Cia. and I have accepted it as Noemi was not too happy here since Manuel Ernesto goes to school in San Salvador. Rafael Alfaro is an old friend, we went to Davis together and I do think we will make a good team.

I was glad to receive a nice post card from Mrs. Popenoe. I hope everything was all right with your daughter Sally's third baby.

Be sure we will never forget the time we spent together here at the School. We were happy, we realize it more now that we are ready to leave. Dr. Paddock is a nice man with a lot of good intentions, but I believe he wants to go too fast without knowing the Zamorano peculiar conditions. Somehow everything has changed around here and we really miss you both.

I regret to have been unable to attend any of the "Friends of the Land" meetings to which I was invited, I would have been glad to meet you. Once I sent you a telegram to the "Club Deportivo" I do not know if you ever received it. Anyway I do think you deserve all the "hommages".

For the present our address in San Salvador will be: 3a Calle Poniente N°95. We always will be delighted to hear from you and to receive you if you ever come back. May be some day we will make the trip to Antigua.

Best wishes and greetings from all of us including Felipa who will go with us to San Salvador.

Cordially yours as always

Manuel Chaves Jr.

P.S. Whenever you find time please write me a letter of recommendation I do not need it now but it would be useful for the future. Thank you very much and please excuse me for the trouble.

Antigua Guatemala, 20 October 1957

Professor Manuel Chavez Viaud,
3a Calle Poniente num. 95
San Salvador.

Dear Manuel:

Your letter of the 3rd came some days ago, and I appreciated it very much. We hope you and Noemi are going to enjoy life in Salvador - in fact we know you will; and we hope your new work is going to prove very satisfactory.

In accordance with your request, I enclose a brief note "To Whom it May Concern". If this is not exactly what you want, we can fix up a new one when we come over to Salvador, which will be very soon now. In fact, I think we will be in Santa Ana over this coming week end and in San Salvador about the 28th to 30th. After that we are going to Honduras for a week or so.

I am sorry to say I did not get your telegram at the Club Deportivo. I don't suppose the clerk there knew my name. We had a fine dinner party and I was at the Club again for luncheon with the Junta Directiva of the Amigos de la Tierra. I had a most interesting two months in Salvador and am going back there now to look over the nurseries we started at Izaco, San Andres and Santa Cruz Porrillo. Both Helen and myself look forward to seeing you and Noemi; we will try to get in touch with you shortly after our arrival. I rather think we will be at Margoth Araujo's (Doble Via 21) but I am not sure she will have room for us. We will not be at the Astoria or the Nuevo Mundo; Guys living on a pension cannot afford \$14 per day !

Helen joins in warmest regards to both of you.

Sincerely,

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Manuel Chavez Viaud, a Citizen of the Republic of El Salvador and a graduate of the College of Agriculture of the University of California.

Professor Chavez Viaud was a member of the Faculty of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana for more than six years, during all of which time he displayed exemplary devotion to the objectives of the school and his personal obligations in connection with our program.

In addition, his never-failing courtesy and consideration for his colleagues, as well his high ethical standards in connection with his teaching, earned for him the respect and affection of all of us.

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

20 October 1957.

San Salvador Nov. 25/57
19 Calle Poniente N°154

Dr. Wilson Popeo
Casa Popeo
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doctor,

I am sorry to have been unable to see you again while you were here, but I phoned to Chico's place and you were out, may be you will come back or we will go to Antigua. Any way I would like you to know that you always will have friends here in El Salvador who keep good memories of the "Popeo's Period" in El Zamorano.

I suppose you are planning another trip to Europe soon, please do not forget to let us know all about. We always will be glad to hear from you from anywhere you may be. Tell me about the books you are writing, when are they going to be published? What are your projects for the future? Any news will be welcome.

I hope you enjoyed your stay in Honduras but you probably brought back regrets and homesickness. We finally have found a suitable house near the children's schools and we have bought a new car an Opel. My work is becoming quite interesting.

Please give our greetings to Mrs Popeo and take care of yourself.

Cordially yours

Samuel Chave Jaud + family

San Salvador, El Salvador C.A.
Calle Roma
Colonia Roma

January 12, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe

Please excuse my delay to write to you, but, as usual, I have been pretty busy with coffee and sugar cane and besides I had the flu... However I do not want you to think that we have forgotten you, as a matter of fact we have been thinking a lot about both of you and the good life we led in El Zamorano. Shall we tell you that we regret it? You should know better!

We have been delighted to hear about your trips and the job you were finishing up in Spain, it is very interesting, let us know more about it. I am also glad to know that you are going to publish a "Manual Practico de Fruticultura Tropical" with Salvat Editores of Barcelona, be sure I do want to buy a copy. What about the other books you were planning to write? Please keep us well informed.

We had some news from El Zamorano by Pineda and Molina who came for a few days to El Salvador, they said that there had been many changes, the Latin Americans have been replaced many times by North Americans and the requirements for the students are always getting higher. As you know the Russels are in Purdue University, Lafayette Indiana.

The other day I read in the paper that you have been appointed Director of the Agricultural School in San Andrés, congratulations, I am sure that you are going to improve greatly the School. By the way, if you need a collaborator please think of me. I am not as much satisfied with my present job as I was at the beginning, not for the work itself which is always interesting but on account of the misunderstanding of the owners of the farms who want to keep their routine and are more interested in the checking of the workers than in the improvement of their crops and the conservation of their soils. I gather that you are coming to El Salvador next February, please let us know the exact date and do not forget to call us; our phone number is 2019, we live now in our own house in Calle Roma, Colonia Roma, it is a pink new house very near the Club Deportivo. We do hope that you are coming to see us soon. We will be delighted to have you here.

Your wandering over Greece, Israel and the old Constantinople make us dream, we hope to go there some day.

Well I wish you both a very happy New Year. Noemi and the children join me in affectionate regards to all of you.

Sincerely

Manuel Chaves

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 Jan 1959

Dear Manuel:

It was very good to have your letter of the 12th. Helen and I are always glad to hear from you folks, and we look forward to seeing you again within a few months. Before settling down to work on the book I have promised to do for Salvat Editores of Barcelona, I want to fly up to California for a few weeks; I have not been home since 1950 and aside from my familiares I want to have a look at subtropical fruits before I begin work on the book. We are leaving here on the 24th; will stop a few days in Mexico City to see the Turnbulls and Ralph Richardson and Ernest Casseres, then go on to California. We have to be back here by the 25th of February.

I have had several letters from friends in El Salvador, based on that article which appeared in the Diario Latino on 29 December. I don't know where the reporters got the information, but it is not correct. I have made no arrangements with the government to take the job of Director at San Andrés, and with the other work on my hands I could not do so. What I will try to do, is to come over to Salvador later in the spring - maybe in April - and have a good visit with all of you, and take a look at the school and give the Minister my impressions if he wants them.

En passant, I want to say this: If I were going to take over that school the first man I would offer a job would be yourself! I don't have any hesitation in saying that you would be valuable there, and we must always remember that a school should be staffed as far as possible with nacionales, or at least (in this part of the world) with latino-americanos. At least that is the way I feel about it; but of course the nacionales or latinoamericanos must be well-trained. You have had unusually good training.

Helen joins me in affectionate regards and best wishes to all the family, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

San Salvador June 14/59
Calle Roma, Colonia Roma

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We still are waiting for your visit. If I remember well you promised to come to see us in April! What happened? Do you plan to come latter? In that case do not forget our phone number 2019 and our address Calle Roma, Colonia Roma, San Salvador (It is very near the Club Deportivo, a pink new house).

We always will be delighted to see both of you any time. Please write soon and give us all the news.

As my contract with the Vilanova ended last May, I am now working again with the "Ministerio de Agricultura" in the "Servicio de Certificacion de Semillas" (mostly Hybrid corn). It is alright for some time but the salary is not too good and besides to work with the "Escuela

Nacional de Agricultura" in San Andrés or even
letter to go back to El Tomorano. I already
wrote to Ing. Ricardo Cabezas who is going
to be the new Director instead of Dr. Ortiz,
and also to Dr. Paddock, but with not
too much luck up to now. Ricardo has
not answered yet (maybe it is too soon)
and Dr. Paddock writes that he might have
room for me around the middle of 1960,
but he does not seem very enthusiastic...

Maybe if you send him a few lines
he will change his mind. Be sure I will
greatly appreciate any recommendation from
you to any one you might think could
help.

How was your trip to California? Did
you see your whole family? I do hope
you are feeling well and keep writing your
books.

Please extend my greetings to Mrs
Popense and Son.

Thanks God we are all in good shape.
Take care of yourself.

Cordially yours
Manuel Chaves Jimenez

San Salvador Sept. 17/59
Calle Roma, Colonia Roma

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala
Rep. de Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe

I am very much surprised not to have received any news from you for a long time. The two letters I wrote you have remained unanswered. I do hope you are not ill but only busy or traveling around the world.

Please send us at least a few lines so that we know you have not forgotten your friends who always will remember you both.

Since June I have been working again with the Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganaderia Seccion de Certificacion de Semilla, dealing mostly with hybrid corn. It is interesting but I would prefer to go back to teaching or to Soil and Water Conservation work. Maybe there will be some possibility next year to find a job at the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura in San Andres or eventually to go back to

We met Dr. Paddock when he came last month to San Salvador; we had a nice chat about the E. A. P. but he does not promise anything. It seems to me that he only wants Doctors as teachers and that years of Latin American agricultural experience does not mean much to him. We also met Antonio Molina, he says that neither the students nor the teachers are very much satisfied with the drastic changes which are always taking place in the Zamorano way of life; Lino Oregueda confirms this.

During the remainder of the year I will be looking after a better job and will give due consideration to any opportunity that could arise. If you hear about an available position anywhere, please let me know.

Fortunately we all are in good health except Noemy who had to undergo an operation to get rid of several tumors, fortunately benign; she is recovering now.

Well take good care of yourself and give us soon some kind of sign of life. Greeting to both of you from Noemy the kids and myself. Avec mes respectueux hommages à Madame Popov, recevez mes meilleurs souvenirs
Manuel Olivero Vidal

Antigua G, 21 Sept 1959

Dear Manuel:

Your good letter of the 17th has just come. You mention having written two previously; I have only received one of these, your letter of 17 June which I apologise for not answering, but I have been in Costa Rica and Mexico and now back here for a month and "snowed under" with correspondence. I have no help and it is hard to keep up with all the letters I get from people who want advice or something.

I had planned to get over to El Salvador before this, in fact everything was arranged for me to stop there - and meet Helen there - about the end of May when I came North from Venezuela and Costa Rica, but Helen's mother and Aunt were here and she could not leave. So I postponed the trip and as far as I can see at present I will not get over there until the end of October. There is to be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP at Zamorano on November 6 and Helen and I plan to drive over in the Volkswagen and stop a few days in El Salvador. If we do this, you can be sure we will look you up promptly on reaching San Salvador.

Almost no news comes through from anywhere, even EAP, but I do want to know how the fruit improvement program that I outlined for El Salvador is coming along. I saw Tommy Vilanova in Costa Rica and he said he thought progress was being made; but I want to know who they have doing the nursery work - now that Daniel Amado Castillo and Portillo are both out of the picture. I tried hard to get the Ministerio to send two promising young men over to Zamorano for training in nursery work while Jalil was still there but nothing came of it. As you know Jalil is now over here with the FAO and doing a good job; Jorge Benitez is here but the SCIDA has been liquidated and the future of all those projects seems somewhat vague.

About the possibility of your going back to Zamorano. You are quite right in saying that they are interested in teachers with advanced academic training. In the "Boletín Oficial" which has just been issued, you can read the following: "Modificaciones progresivas, introducidas de año en año, han aumentado las exigencias académicas mínimas para los candidatos y es así que actualmente solo se aceptan como postulantes a los alumnos que han completado sus estudios secundarios. Correspondiendo a esta mayor exigencia, los estudios de la Escuela se han elevado a una categoría universitaria". I don't understand the situation altogether, and I was, and am, proud of the boys we turned out. I liked the idea of sending the best ones to the States for a B.Sc. or even a Masters, but not all of them. In fact the program to me is not altogether clear and the best I can say is "il y en a des chosen qu'on pense, mais qu'on ne dit pas. The men behind the school's program, the "higher-ups" are not the ones I worked with and I believe they have some different ideas from those of Mr Zemmurray and Mr Coolidge and Mr Turnbull.

I really think you should get back into the teach field, sea en Zamorano, sea en San Andrés, o sea en otra parte cualquiera. You are so well prepared for it.

Mientras tanto, mantenga sus dos pies en el suelo, and I do hope that when I get over there we can develop some worth while ideas. Since my retirement I have been terribly busy in other parts and havent been able to do much in Central America, but I hope to get back in the game now and see if I can still be of use.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to all of you,

San Salvador January 28/59

Calle Roma, Colonia Roma

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

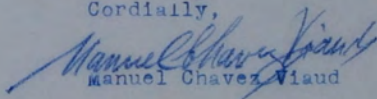
Thanks a lot for your nice letter of the 18th. We are glad to know that you are planning to come to San Salvador next April, we sure will be waiting for you. Do not forget our address and our phone number 2019. In the mean time we hope you had a good time in California and in Mexico.

I am sorry that it is not true that you are coming here as Director at San Andrés School; everybody was happy about your appointment! However it will be very valuable to have your advice and impressions; I am sure that the minister and Mario Pacheco will want them.

Je suis très touché par vos bonnes paroles and I do hope that our Government will agree with you... It is possible that they offer me a job at the ministerio or at the Escuela Agrícola. The Subsecretario has asked me to go and see him to talk things over, but no offer has been made to me yet. If you ever hear about any good position ^{with} public or private Institutions please let me know. My dream would have been to work again with you at San Andrés like old times !

With affectionate regards from Noemi and myself to both of you, we remain as always your very sincere friends.

Cordially,


Manuel Chavez Naud

We will be looking forward to see you soon.

October 2/59

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thanks for your nice letter of September 21. I am glad to know that you and Mrs. Popenoe are in good health and travelling around.

Of course we understand that you always are very busy but we like to hear from you when ever possible. We do hope to see you both at the end of the present month as you promise.

Maybe something will come out of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of E.A.P. at Zamorano on November 6. If there is any chance for me to go back to E.A.P. please let me know. In the mean time I will try to work here or in any other Country as you suggest.

About the fruit improvement program I talked with Mr. Mortensen and he says he is going to send you a full report. According to him the nursery work is going on quite successfully. This year they have sold 20,000 Citrus trees (Valencia, Washington navel and Java) two Colonos each, but there was little demand for mangoes and avocados. They are propagating guapefruits, Tongarine, Zapotes, Persimons and Guavas but

there seem to be little interest for such fruits among the farmers. The Section is also working with Annonas particularly "Annona reticulata" and Pineapples but there is not enough material for distribution as yet, just varieties (Turrialba which is the best, Red Spanish Nottle Queen etc.). About mangoes they still have 4500 Haden in Sta Luz Porillo and 2000 in Izalco. In Sta Luz Porillo they also have about 2000 avocados (12 varieties: Fuente, Simons, Hall etc.). Mr. Mortensen wants to see you and to take you around if you ever come at the end of October. Mr. Mortensen's assistants are Emilio Beneké and Shucré Sablah.

Please give my greetings to Jalil and Benitez, tell them to come and see me if they happen to come through San Salvador.

I enjoyed all your comments in French and Spanish, I sure agree with you, mais "la raison du plus fort est toujours la meilleure"... even if it is not the right one. Thanks for your appreciation about my going back into the teaching field, I will try to do so and I will be delighted to develop some worthwhile ideas with you anytime. You sure still can be of plenty of use in Central America.

Wenny joins in affectionate regards to Mrs. Popenoe and you, she had to undergo an operation (several benign tumors) but she is recovering
Cordially yours
Manuel Chaves Vianey

Antigua, 18 October 1959

Ing Manuel Chavez Viaud
San Salvador

Dear Manuel:

Many thankf *for your* letter of the 2nd, with much information regarding the progress of the Fruit Improvement Program. I havent yet had anything from Ernest Mortensen, but that doesnt matter as it now appears probable that Helen and I will be in San Salvador right around the first of November. I have written Mario Lewy that we expect to spend a few days in Salvador at that time, and have asked him to advise Mortensen.

We planned our trip just at this time to take part in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP at Zamorano on 6 November, but the death of Mr Collidge and the sudden retirement of President Redmond may make it necessary to postpone the meeting. In any event, we feel it is high time we get back to Salvador for a few days and over to Honduras to say hello to everybody, so if der kleine Volkswagen does not let us down we shall be pañandole un telefonazo before long. I want to have a good talk with you.

Best regards to all of you.

Sincerely,

San Salvador Oct. 22/59

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
antigua - Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thank you very much for your promising letter of October 18. We will be expecting both of you around the first of November. Do not forget our address and phone number 2019. We will be delighted to see you and to have a good talk. I hope der kleine Volkswagen won't let you down.

I suppose Dr. Lewy will arrange a field trip for you with Mr. Mortensen.

Take good care of yourself "et ne nous faites pas faux bond" that means do not let us down. A très bientôt.

Mes hommages à Madame Popenoe
Souvenirs de nous tous.

avec mes meilleures amitiés

Manuel Chave Jéanc

Calle Roma

Antigua, 27 October 1959

Dear Manuel,

Malheuresement, they cancelled the meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP so we dont have to go to Honduras about the first of November, but we do want to come to Salvador and Chico de Sola has written that he can go with me to Los Andes, his experimentastation on the slopes of the Volcan de Santa Ana, over the week end of November 14 and 15, so we are going to drive over at that time, if all goes well here.

I wrote Mario Lewy in a hurry yesterday to let him know of our change in plans, and asked him to call you and let you know. It may be just as well that we are not leaving here at the end of the week, for the weather has been bad and some of ghe roads are impassible. You can depend upon our letter you know as soon as we reach San Salvador.

Ever yours

San Salvador, El Salvador, C.A.
January 3rd. 1960

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe,
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Please excuse my delay to write you but I was waiting for some news from Ing. Cabezas; finally it looks like he has appointed me as Sub-Director at the "Escuela Nacional Agrícola" and now we only have to get the legal nomination which has to be published in the Diario Oficial soon. In the meantime I thank you very much for your valuable and successful cooperation while you were here. I do think it would not have been easy without your great help. Be sure I am grateful.

Now we are considering the possibility to move to San Andrés and to rent our own house here; it probably will take some time.

I hope everything is all right in Antigua. Please let us know if you plan to come back here anytime, we always will be glad to see you both.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Popenoe from Noemi and myself, I remain

Yours cordially

Mamuel Chavéz Kianiy

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Antigua Guatemala, 11 January 1960

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Ing. Manuel Chavez Viaud,
Calle Roma, Colonia Roma,
San Salvador.

Dear Manuel:

Felicitaciones! I was just about to write you, asking if the job had materialised, when this morning your letter of the 3rd arrives (the mails having been rather slow during the holiday season).

You can do a fine job at San Andrés. I hope they will ask you to teach a course in Conservation. You are admirably prepared to do this, and you know there is room for it. And you would have whole-hearted support from the Amigos de la Tierra. In fact I think it might be worth while to have it appear, some way or other, that such a course has been requested by them and has their backing.

I got the impression that Ing. Cabezas is a man of positive and dynamic character that he will want you to go right along with him when it comes to good organization and good discipline. I got the impression that he was getting the students lined up to cooperate with him on the disciplinary end, which is just the right thing. I probably didnt get enough cooperation at Zamorano; if I didnt it was my fault. I always believe in the "mano de hierro en guante de seda". Maybe there is a better way. I dont know.

Quite probably Elena and I will drive thru Salvador on our way to Zamorano about the middle of March, as I have promised to talk at the graduation on 19 March. If we carry out our program we will most certainly visit you and Noemi at the school.

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 1 March 1960

Ing don Manuel Chavez Viaud
Escuela Nal de Agricultura
Ciudad Arce, El Salvador.

Dear Manuel:

We are planning to attend the graduation at Zamorano which is scheduled to take place on 19 March. We are also planning to spend a couple of days in El Salvador en route, and a week in Honduras, to see old friends.

De manera que, we hope to leave here in the Volkswagen on Saturday the 12th of March, reach Santa Ana that day, and spend Sunday in that region where we have some friends. Then Monday the 14th we hope to visit the Escuela at San Andres, and then go on to Santa Tecla, ending up at San Salvador that evening and the next day going on to Tegucigalpa. In Santa Ana we shall stay at the Hotel Florida as usual - if they have room. It is my favorite hotel in Central America although no other gringo seems to agree with me.

Elena joins in affectionate regards and the fond hope of seeing you both at San Andres.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

Antigua Guatemala, 24 Junio 1960

Ing. Manuel Chávez Viaud,
Sub-director
Escuela Nacional de Agricultura,
San Andrés, Ciudad Arce,
El Salvador, A. C.

Dear Manuel:

This letter should really be written to Director Cabezas, but I am writing you because I am so interested in your presence at San Andrés, and because I trust you to pass along to the Director the following comments:

The boletín or what we call at Zamorano the Monthly News Letter is an excellent thing and I congratulate all of you. Do not let it die. I think you know that after we started the Monthly News Letter at Zamorano we never missed a single month up to the time I left. I do not know who writes your boletín, but it is extremely well done. It is long enough but not too long. It is interesting, it is good reading. It contains references to many people in each number, staff, students and visitors.

The only suggestion I could make would be this: as time goes on, and results begin to accumulate, tell about such things as milk production what kinds of corn and sorghum and other cereals have done well, what you are putting in the silos, and what vegetables have been most successful, especially tomatoes and onions. I always found that information of this kind was welcome by readers of the EAP News Letter.

Helen joins in warmest regards to Noemi and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA
ESCUELA NACIONAL DE AGRICULTURA

VALLE DE SAN ANDRES, CIUDAD ARCE - EL SALVADOR, C. A.

July 18, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Centro América.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Many thanks for your nice and interesting letter I received the other day. Please excuse my delay to answer but, as you can guess, I have been pretty busy with my new job.

Our Director is the main person who writes our Bulletins and to him went all your congratulations. We like very much your suggestions, they will be taken into due consideration for our next Bulletin N° 5. I have asked my staff to give me the monthly "high-lights" of all the sections.

The work here is fine; at least we do not lack enthusiasm. I will write you more about it soon. In the meantime we always will be glad to hear from you.

I do hope that you and Mrs. Popenoe will come back here again and pay us a longer visit. We were very much disappointed when you did not stop at the School on your way back to Guatemala from El Zamorano.

With best regards to Mrs. Popenoe from Noemy and myself, I remain as always your devoted and grateful friend.

Manuel Chávez Viaud

Manuel Chávez Viaud.



MANUEL CHAVEZ VIAUD

San Andrés May 21st/63

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
E. A. P.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Just a few words to let you know that I am always interested in a job in the Panamerican Agricultural School. Professor Molina who spent the night here with us tells me that Dr. Pulsifer is leaving soon, and I do hope you will find some work for me.

Mr. de Solz told me that you would pay us a visit on your next trip so we are expecting you.

I am looking forward to have a nice talk with you.

Take good care of yourself.
Greetings from Poemí and the kids
Cordially yours
Manuel

Un 26220 por
el Dr. Müller

Antigua, Guatemala, 18 June 1963

Dear Manuel:

I was sorry to run off that day, a little earlier than I had planned, but I felt that you might need to call in members of your staff and my presence might complicate matters. I saw all I needed to see, anyway, and was very well impressed by practically everything, especially your livestock man from Davis. I feel that just about all the school really needs now is about \$50,000 for good permanent structures in some of the departments, mainly animal husbandry.

I talked with several people in San Salvador regarding the future of the school and what place you might have in the picture, but everyone seemed to feel that no decisions would be made until the various problems brought up by the strike were satisfactorily solved. I imagine this may take a little more time.

You know that I shall always be glad to help you in any way I can. I shall probably be coming thru Salvador again about the middle of August, with Prof. Watkins of Gainesville, and I shall hope to have a good talk with you at that time.

I look back with great pleasure on that gourmet luncheon with Noemi and yourself. My warmest regards to both of you.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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June 22/63

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala
Guatemala

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I do not know if Don Chico has written to you about me, but things went faster than we thought and I will be out of job on July first...

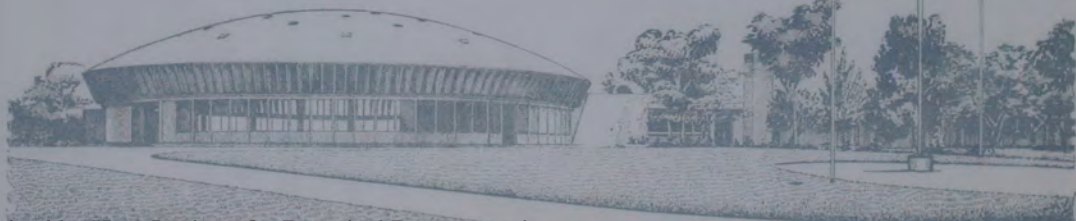
As I cannot afford to remain idle I have been trying to find another position in San Salvador, unfortunately without any success up to now; may be you can help me.

If I remember right, you told me that the Biology teacher in the Panamerican Agricultural School was leaving on August 1963, do you think I could apply for that job or should I wait until November to ask for the Sub-direction? Please give me some advise about it. Be sure I will greatly appreciate any opportunity you could offer me in a near future.

Hopping to hear from you soon, I remain, as always,
cordially yours

Manuel Chavez Naud
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VALLE DE SAN ANDRES, CIUDAD ARCE - EL SALVADOR, C. A.

San Andrés, June 25th, 1963.-

Dr. Wilson Popenoe.
Casa Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala,
Rep. de Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

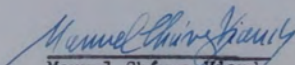
Thank you very much for your nice letter of June 18th. You probably received my news and your already know by now that I am out of the picture, however with your help I am sure I will be working again soon.

It was too bad that you had to leave San Andrés sooner than we wanted to, but I am looking forward to see you in August with Professor Watkins; my address will be "3^a Calle Poniente N°1023, San Salvador. Phone number 2619; be sure I will be delighted to have a good talk with you any time - and also to invite you again to another gourmet luncheon or dinner.

I am glad to know that you have been well impressed by practically - everything here at the School and I agree with you that all we need is -- more money.

We hope to hear from you again soon. With warmest regards to you -- from Noemi and myself.

Cordially yours,


Manuel Chávez Viana

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San Salvador September 16 /63

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala
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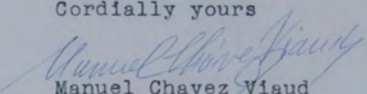
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I do hope you are feeling fine and just very busy as usual, but I am very much surprised that you haven't answered yet my two letters I sent you longtime ago asking for some help. May be you have nothing to offer for the present and that's why you don't write. However I would like to have good news from you even though there is no job "en vue, pour le moment".

As you know I have been without work since July first. I am giving some classes at the "Escuela de Ingenieria Agronomica" at the University but I do need a more steady position in a very near future, here or elsewhere. I wrote to Dr. Albert Muller, but he says there is nothing until next year. Is there going to be a meeting of the Board of Directors in November ? Please let me know and if there is any chance to work in Honduras or in any other country.

Hopping to hear from you soon, I remain, as always

Cordially yours


Manuel Chavez Viaud

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P.S. I am learning German and Italian!

April 5/73

Dear Doctor Popenoe

I came to see you and
your charming wife and was
very sorry not to find you. I
do hope you will visit us
some day in San Salvador, we
will be delighted if you ever
travel over there.

With best wishes and
remembrances

Cordially yours

Manuel Chiriquy

Avec mes plus affectueux
souvenirs et mes hommages
à Madame Popenoe

Manuel

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