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May 8

Dear Dr. Copeland

I am enclosing the  
quarantine stickers and  
hope you will find  
it convenient to ship  
me:

The Ambrosia Lychee  
and Pulsan - air layer  
or graft from a  
selected variety. Also  
anything that you  
think ~~you~~ we do not  
have here in South Florida  
if it is "good eating".

Let me know shipping  
and packing charges  
and I shall be glad to  
send them.

Sincerely  
Peg Churney

Mrs. Otto L. Churney  
7770 S.W. 134th Street  
Miami 56, Florida

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July 22 1965

Dear Paulson,

Thanks for the information about the distribution of your time. It seems to me that you are very busy and need a rest yourself.

August may be too soon since the time of arrival of the executive director of the Hospital is not certain and at any rate he would hardly know his way around by then.

The botanical tour would be pleasant for me but I'm not so sure that would suit Otto.

Perhaps we should plan on November if you are not completely exhausted by then.

Please tell us how

50 cost it is at that time of  
year so that we can  
have comfortable clothes  
with us.

I talked to Evelyn  
this morning as you  
know they are leaving  
for the mountains Sunday

Our best wishes to you

Peg Chorney

[Chorney]



Sept 14 - 1965

Dear Nelson

We wanted to have a definite date before writing you but so far we have only an approximate one. We should be able to get away about the middle of November for a week or so.

The director is here but "Patsy" Louder things up a bit. She was a nasty hussy in our area - lots of screen damage, trees down, and the garden a mess in general. Myon says he will be weeks getting his place cleaned up.

Unfortunately Fairchild Garden was damaged, much of it due to waters flooding from the lowlands. I guess that will take months

I am reading "A Prince  
in Guatemala" and enjoying  
a chuckle now and then.  
We feel that we are  
getting an introduction to  
Guatemala and a little  
knowledge about a very  
interesting person, Wilson Lopez.

The Herald is running  
articles frequently on the  
political situation there. Are  
you having disturbances?

If our timing  
conflicts with your  
plans please let us know

Sincerely,

Peg Churney

Antigua, Guatemala, 25 September 1965

Mrs Otto L. Churney  
7770 SW 134th St, Miami 56, Fla.

Dear Peg:

Unless something entirely unexpected happens, I don't think you need have any fears about coming down here in November. So if I were you all, I would go ahead and make plans. You mention the middle of November. That will be fine as far as my situation is concerned. It looks as though I will be tied up with the excursion from the New York Botanical Garden until about the 10th of November. I wonder if you would like to spend Thanksgiving in Guatemala, or do you have to be in Miami to eat turkey with grandchildren or something like that? I would be glad to have you here - there won't be any grandchildren but we can scare up a turkey.

Talk with Nixon and Evelyn about some more things you ought to read before coming down. Since your time will be limited, I have in mind to give you the grand tour as I have done to visitors more than once - three days, going thru the highlands and back via the Pacific littoral. Tell Evelyn not to be worried - I won't take you to the kind of hotels I made them stay in - just so they would know Guatemala from all angles.

Warmest regards to yourselves and best wishes to everyone who got hit by Betsy; it sounds to me as though Homestead took it on the chin. I said best wishes; maybe I should have said condolences. I am suggesting to Mrs Krome that she and I move over to the Mediterranean coast of Spain and start life over again.

Cordially,



Mrs Otto L Churney  
7770 SW 134th St  
Oct 11 - 1965

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Dear Paulson

We plan to leave here  
9 AM Saturday November 13  
on Aviateca air lines  
and will return on the  
19<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> depending on  
your time and anything  
that may come up in  
the meantime. At last Otto  
has his leave. You  
are very gracious to ask us  
for Thanksgiving and it  
would be a delightful  
and interesting experience  
but we must be home.

We have a ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> front  
Washington state who is  
working for her Ph D in  
biology at Gainesville  
and she will be here -  
also our son

We are most anxious  
not to inconvenience you  
unduly nor to cause you



any expense so keep  
that in mind. Hire  
a car if it is good and  
remember that we do  
not want to tire you.

Most sincerely  
Fey Churney

November 28-1965

Near Tilsen,

The customs people were very kind to us and we came through with no opening of boxes and bags. Evelyn met us with the tax so we had no trouble. We had supper with them that first evening and over the Pottery we discussed the pictures. Joe thinks Nixon liked the one best that we had liked least. It looked better to us too, or maybe it was the Pottery.

We were pleased with all our purchases (so was Evelyn). You shouldn't have packed 12 of those plates but I do like them on the patio. Thank you.

Our seeds were fumigated but we planted them immediately.

Alto & I were so sorry about the damage that Luis

did to your car on the  
last morning of our  
wonderful vacation. We  
know that it can't be  
repaired like new but hope  
that it won't detract too  
much from the sale.

I called Mrs. Korne this  
morning. She will be with  
her daughter Christmas week  
but expects you to stay  
with her in January.

We can't properly thank you  
in words for all the things  
you gave us and did for  
us. You are very generous  
with your time and  
knowledge.

Now please give us the  
opportunity of doing  
something for you and  
we shall always be your  
very grateful friends.

Peg  
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Dear Wilson

I too want to add my appreciation for a very fruitful time at Casa Papenot. We enjoyed it immensely in spite of the fact I had a few days "out-of-activity."

What a disaster the auto accident which took us back to Philippines days; just as you said, "no matter how right you are, the bus driver could muster several witnesses in his favor." It was unfortunate to have it happen while taking us to the air port.

The Guatemalan Trip was the most colorful and interesting that we ever had. Thanks to your knowledge of Central America and your superb narration every moment of the time.

Now, our job is to do the same for you when you come to Casa Churney. The door is always open to you.  
Sincerely  
Otto.