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# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, ONE FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

April  
Fourteen  
1938

Mr. Wilson Popenoe  
Agricultural Assistant to Vice President  
United Fruit Company  
Tela, Honduras

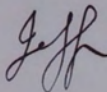
Dear Wilson,-

I wish I could tell you how much Mrs. Coolidge and I appreciate all you did for us in Guatemala. It was you more than anyone else who made our trip so perfect and neither one of us shall ever forget staying at your house at Antigua and visiting the highlands. I may add that your butterflies made a grand hit with my daughter.

We must get together again before too long and I am trusting you to come to Boston, if not in May, at least by October.

With many, many thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely



AIR MAIL

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

35 LAPLAND ROAD  
BROOKLINE

April 20<sup>th</sup>  
1938

Dear Wilson,

For so many days  
I've wanted to write to  
you to try to tell you  
how much we did love  
our trip in Guatemala,  
but somehow, returning

the house in Antigua & Maurice  
Le Docteur Papenot! —

Aucl, je vous demande, how can  
I express my enthusiasm over  
all these & begin to thank you  
for all you did to make our  
visit so utterly delightful.

For truly it was, & you did  
so much to make it so —

I am sitting in our library  
looking at Mr. Garrault's pictures  
& they bring back so many  
pleasant memories. We had our  
friend from the Museum in to  
see the paintings & he thought  
them so very good, he was  
most & complimentary —

There are so many things I  
want to thank you for

home has been quite  
overwhelming. I rush  
about the house in a  
state of excitement, &  
haves over Kitty, Jeffy  
& the baby, in such a  
flurry, I've not been  
able to settle down -  
However, I've thought  
constantly of our trip,  
that lovely country,

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

35 LAPLAND ROAD  
BROOKLINE

I hardly know where to  
begin - The butterflies  
made the most enormous  
hit - Stubby wrote you  
herself - She told every-  
one the head of The Fruit  
Company caught them  
himself! - She & Jeffy  
were quite delicious over

spending by the New Deal. After  
our President's last speech asking  
for five thousand millions,  
Jeff could hardly say, "well  
fished!"

Well, William we are looking  
forward to having you pay  
us your promised return visit  
in October, & meanwhile  
do hope to hear from you  
about your plans -

Sincerely,

Catherine —

P.S. Our trip back was perfect,  
absolutely smooth sea & I read  
The House in Antigua all  
over again -

their costumes & are colored  
muslin turned out beautifully.  
All in all what a success  
everything was. The days  
at your house with you  
were the best of all —  
and here we are back  
amidst the tumult &  
the shouting, & poor  
Thomas Jefferson is  
in a state ever more



LONGWOOD 3308

35 LAPLAND ROAD  
BROOKLINE  
MASSACHUSETTS

December 20<sup>th</sup>  
[1939]

Dear Wilson,

Such a sweet letter  
came from your wife & I  
long to meet her! —  
we hope to get to Central  
America this winter &  
we must see you both.  
I am sending you

his effort of Jeff's in this  
month's Atlantic Monthly -  
He is miserable about it  
poor Jeffy, says he cannot  
write, but I tell him  
it is very fine to make  
an effort to express one's  
views when they burn  
him up so! —

We are all well & flourishing

& very excited over preparations for  
Christmas -

I often think of your lovely  
house, & can imagine what a  
perfect time you will have  
there for Christmas -

Do write us your news when  
you have time,

with our very best wishes  
to you both,

Affectionately,

Catherine -

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 2, 1951

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

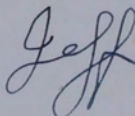
Dear Wilson:

I am delighted you and Helen are coming to pay us a long deferred visit to Boston.

I have made a date which I hope is convenient to you to meet Mr. John Baker, the head of the Audubon Society, at twelve o'clock on Friday, the 18th, in the office here - and then go out to lunch. He is trying to get us interested to do a book on the birds of Central America, and I would like your reaction to his conversation.

It will be grand to have you and Helen out to our place.

Most sincerely



35 LAPLAND ROAD  
CHESTNUT HILL 67 MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

June 12th, 1951.

Dear Helen,

Such a lovely letter came from you  
and I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it.

Franchement, it was so nice, that I showed it to Kitty,  
so that she would know what a really nice letter could  
be like.

I called Mrs. Compton and wired the architect's name.  
When I heard it, I had a pang of conscience, as he is a  
friend of Dolly and Bob's and they had asked me to  
look him up when he was here-and like so many things-  
I never did !

I wonder if you and Wilson have any idea how much  
we loved having you here ? You couldn't, but ~~we~~  
when we meet again, you will have to hear it all



P. S. I havet taken to typing, as you can see,  
but I make many mistakes and my margins leave  
much to be desired ! However, I feel that my  
thoughts flow <sup>easily</sup> more, and I am rather pleased with  
myself !

C.



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CARE DR HARE BOWMAN 3831 MARKET ST SFRA=

HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP AND FOUND YOUR LETTER

ARCHITECTS NAME IS WILLIAM WURSTER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AM WRITING AND MISS YOU AND AND

WILSON LOVE TO YOU BOTH=

CATHERINE=

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CHESTNUT HILL 67 MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

November 8<sup>th</sup>  
1951

Dear Helen,

Your post card arrived  
from Canada & you & Wilson  
must be having a most  
fascinating time -  
We have just returned from  
our camp in the Adirondacks  
where it was so lovely &  
peaceful & we hunted (in  
a very relaxed way) for  
deer, but did not get a buck!

we also had a wonderful trip  
west this summer, with  
Stilly & Luje & their assorted  
friends - we went to Idaho  
first, where the young had  
a marvelous peak trip in  
the Saw Tooth Mountains &  
then California - all a  
huge success -

Jeffy had to remain at  
home as he is in the  
National Guard -

Now the children are all  
back at College & boarding  
school & we are busy

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TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

following our sons football  
games - you would be  
amazed at what a fan  
I've become! -

Right after Thanksgiving,  
we plan another trip -  
- to Honduras & Costa Rica!

A very short one, but if  
you & Wilson are going  
to be at the school, I  
certainly hope we can  
go to Jamaica -

The Thorns (do you remember  
them?) & the Leaves &  
Sulphur falls are coming  
with us & I am so delighted  
as they are most congenial.  
Everything seems very sus-  
settled in Guatemala, so  
we can't go there  
probably this time —  
Mac & Chris Herkes & one of  
Chris's sons & daughters in  
law are there now —  
we expect to go to Toluca  
first about Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> &

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a few days in La Lina -  
You can imagine how  
much we are looking  
forward to it all x  
especially to James and,  
for I long to see you x  
Wilson x catch up  
on everything -  
with love to you  
both, affectionately,  
Catherine -

35 LAPLAND ROAD  
CHESTNUT HILL 67 MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1951

Dear Helen & Wilson,

Before thinking of  
anything else, I want  
to try to thank you  
for the heavenly time  
you gave all of us  
at your house -

But truly, I don't know  
at all how to do it,  
for it was better than

ever & none of us will

ever forget it —

Stibly has been hanging

on every word since

our return & when I

described your food,

she shook & sighs

& said she is still

ahead of ~~of~~ us, as she

has had the thrilling

experience of tasting

your Pecan Pie! —

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CHESTNUT HILL 67 MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE  
LONGWOOD 3308

San Antonio was so  
utterly lovely & your  
house, even more  
perfect in the three  
years since we had  
been there -

You Helen, do it so well  
that I think you, Wilson,  
will have to collect  
bes another Museum,  
as to do over the church!



Everything was utterly  
perfect & above all this  
you are both just about  
my favorite people!  
I wish you could have  
heard all the nice things  
the Friends Doctors &  
the Senators & their wives  
said about you both -  
Come to Boston & stay  
with us soon - please -  
with all our love &  
all our thanks,

most affectionately,  
Catherine -

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

October 27, 1952

Personal - Air Mail

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

Dear Wilson:

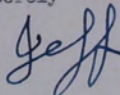
Thanks for your letter of the 17th. We certainly enjoyed seeing you and Helen in Paris. I only wish you had been able to stay a little longer and show us around some more.

In regard to Marian's tickets, - the cost amounted to \$445 but I sincerely trust you will not repay me. On several occasions my children have taken their friends with them on trips and I think I have always paid their transportation expenses. We feel they are guests to that extent, and Kitty is then free to ask whom she feels like. I certainly would like to feel that Marian was one of these guests, particularly as I am not asking you for an accounting to repay you for all that excess food that Kitty ate while in your company! However, I have delivered my argument and will leave the results with you except that I hope you will let me have my way.

We are only just settled down here, but are already looking forward and talking about our trip to Central America of which Zamorano would of course be a headline.

Give my very best to Helen and all good luck to both of you.

Sincerely



Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

March 18th.  
1953.

Dearest Helen and Wilson,

Even though our stay at Zamorano was much too brief as far as we were concerned, it was heaven-as always, and I just do love you both, truly. I only hope that we didn't wear you out. I might say that Jeff and I were so stiff when we arrived in San Jose that we could hardly move ! That goat trail again, but I simply cannot resist it and wouldn't have missed it for the world.

We all fell for your Mother, Helen, for she is not only wonderful looking, but so attractive, with so much warmth and enthusiasm. Do tell her, *quelle nous a complètement séduits !*

Kitty couldn't hear enough about you and all the beautiful things that you have collected. A touch of genius you both have I think and everything is so perfectly arranged-that "ardent perfectionist" is certainly true of you Helen !

How can I tell you how much we love our visits with you, for they are always the high spots of our trips to C. A. and you are both so good to us and our friends.

Little Gertie will never forget it and was so sad to leave and said she had never met such attractive people nor seen such lovely places and things.

I am so happy that you are coming to Boston next summer on your way to or from ~~Spain~~ and of course you will stay with us as long as possible. We will probably be in Manchester by the sea and I am so anxious to show it all to you.

Already I feel as if we were right back in the groove, with the telephone ringing and Jeff flying off to Washington to-day to see General Bobby Cutler about Fruit Co. business and wish our jolie vacance were not over.

I really think that Jeff accomplished quite a bit this time as he had good talks with everyone.

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

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San Jose was lovely, perfect weather everywhere and Doris and Ronnie seemmed in such good form. Ronnie held off making rain till we left !

They are coming to New York for the opening ~~of~~ the movie at the Museum of Modern Art about the 20th of April and we are all going to see it. Then they are coming to stay with us and I hope Pebble and Allison too. ~~sure~~ ~~we~~ are going to have a small dance and I was wondering if we could entice Marion from Washington and only wish you and Wilson would come too, for this happy reunion.

I still cannot make up my mind about going to the Coronation and Jeff says that I am just holding <sup>off</sup> because I am hoping that he will relent and come with me!

Kitty has booked her passage after graduating, but says she will leave in time for June 2nd if I go-so I will have <sup>to</sup> decide soon, as we will probably never be able to get on any plane if I delay any longer.

Well, dear Helen and Wilson all my love to you and all our thanks for everything you did to make our visit such a perfect one and please write de temps <sup>a</sup> temps and remember me to your lovely Mother.

Most affectionately,

Catherine —

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 23, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Wilson:

We always enjoy staying with you and Helen so much that each time seems better than the last!

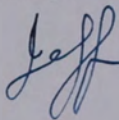
I mentioned to the "Powers that Be" your desire to visit Spain and my desire to have you come to Boston first, and all were in agreement. I hope you will think out ahead of time what you would like us in Boston to do and present the case on your arrival, - which I understand will probably be in July. I hope Mr. Zemurray will be here, but if not it might be worth your while to see him in New Orleans on the way.

I feel I did not make enough of that magnificent Panama hat you were so good to give me. I shall be very proud to wear it come summer, and when you get here you will see me really well equipped as far as a hat goes!

I suppose by the time this letter reaches you, you will be the proud recipient of a great honor from Nicaragua. You surely deserve that and more the way you have turned out young men from Zemorano.

Please give my very best love to Helen and all good wishes to you both.

Sincerely



Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

April 12th, 1953.

Dear Helen ,

I was so glad to hear from and have meant to write again before this, but the children have all been home for their vacations and have just left, so quiet descends once more on the house. But it is rather lonely, so I am off tonight to N. Y. for a little shopping and a bit of a change.

Everytime I eventhink of going to Coronation, I have flutters and think how I shall miss Jeff not going with us, but the fun of being with Kitty and the thought of seeing Dolly bolsters my frail and timid spirits !

Kitty cannot leave until May 30th, as she then will have had her last exam, so fly that day and she will miss the actual Graduating ceremonies, which she regrets, but then there is not a Coronation every day, and she seems most excited at the prospect of going.

She is not entirely certain about her plans, but thinks she will buy a small French car and sell it when she comes home. Apparently this can be done about as reasonably as hiring one. She expects to meet a friend after I leave and tour Switzerland, Italy and Austria and said she would so love to be able to see you somewhere along the route. Do write us your plans, as perhaps she could find you somewhere and dash over to see you.

The only thing that is worrying me, is that you speak of June and if you are in Boston, while I am in England, I shall be bitterly disappointed-in fact I can't bear to think of the possibility !

I am enclosing a letter to your Nancy, hoping that you will send it on to her for me. I did the stupidest thing, as I had the announcement of her wedding, right in front of me on my desk and then had to dash off-and when I came back-I could find it no where! I couldn't remember her husband's first name, so here it is and I will be most grateful

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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

if you could address it for me.

We have had the worst spring, nothing but rain and gloomy weather and I so often think of C. A. and wish we had had the children come down to join us there for ~~their~~ vacations.

We are expecting Doris and Rommie the week-end of April 24th for a few days and are quite excited over ~~their~~ visit. We are having a dinner dance the 25th and you know how I love a party ! The 23rd, we are going to N. Y. to see her movie of Honduras and Kitty is coming too. Then Pebble and Allison are coming back here with their parents to stay too, so I feel almost as busy for that time, as you and Dolly are -all the time!

Poor Dolly, her second grandchild has not yet arrived and we are all anxiously awaiting news .

With so much love to you and dear Wilson and do please write us your news and plans.

*Catherine -*

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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road

Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

With love to you both and to your wife  
May 24th, 1953.

Dear Helen and Wilson,

Such lovely letters just came from you both and I can't tell you how delighted I am, as always to hear from you.

At the moment, I am in a state of such excitement at the prospect of leaving next Saturday, May 30 for London with Kitty. She poor girl, is quite pressed, as she has three exams this week, the last one the day before we take off. She is also rather sad I think to miss the ceremonies at Radcliff, but then she couldn't see the coronation and says she wouldn't miss that for anything.

Helen will be amused that I did get some clothes in N. Y. and they have just come and do not fit and perhaps because of this, I am most discouraged and en mauvaise humeur ! Kitty is most amused and not at all sympatique ! So you can see that I will have to do something about it rather rapidly.

You are so good to say that you would like Kitty to join you somewhere along the way of your trip. She said she would write you her plans and hopes that she can meet you somewhere for a few days.

She is thrilled, as she has bought a car, a convertible Austin, to be delivered to her in Paris, where she will meet her friend Jean Sears and start her tour, after June 21st. She expects to go to Italy, Switzerland and maybe Austria and Spain. You will hear from her I know, once she can catch her breath from graduating !

We were so interested at the news of Sally - do write us all about her young man.

I am so happy that you won't be here until I come back, for I couldn't bear to miss you.

I plan to come home about the end of June and my three men will move to the North Shore by themselves June 16th.

Do arrange to stay with us there and let us know which day you will arrive and I will meet you in Boston. I can't wait to show you around Coolidge Point and it will be wonderful to see you again.



Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
 35 Leland Road  
 Chestnut Hill, Mass.

*Very*

With love to you both and do write again, though I know how  
 busy you are. May 24th 1953.

Most affectionately,

*Calvin*

Such lovely letters just came from you both  
 and I can't tell you how I enjoyed them.  
 I think to miss the ceremonies at Radcliff, but then she couldn't  
 see the coronation and says she wouldn't miss that for anything.  
 Helen will be amused that I did get some clothes in N. Y.  
 and they have just come and do not fit and perhaps because of this  
 I am most discouraged and an unwise humorist! Kitty is most  
 amused and not at all sympathetic! So you can see that I will  
 have to do something about it rather rapidly.  
 You are so good to say that you would like Kitty to join  
 you somewhere along the way of your trip. She said she would  
 write you her plans and hopes that she can meet you somewhere for  
 a few days.  
 She is thrilled, as she has bought a car, a convertible Auster, to  
 be delivered to her in Paris, where she will meet her friend Jean  
 Sears and start her tour, after June 1st. She expects to go to  
 Italy, Switzerland and maybe Austria and Spain. You will hear  
 from her I know, once she can catch her breath from graduating!  
 We were so interested at the news of Sally - do write us all  
 about her young man.  
 I am so happy that you won't be here until I come back, for I  
 couldn't bear to miss you.  
 I plan to come home about the end of June and my three men will move  
 to the North Shore by themselves June 10th.  
 Do arrange to stay with us there and let us know which day you will  
 arrive and I will meet you in Boston. I can't wait to show you  
 around Goodidge Point and it will be wonderful to see you again.

3 Wilton St.  
London S.W. 1.

June 18<sup>th</sup>  
1953

Dear Helen,

You simply cannot dream  
of what a trill this trip has been  
for me & Biddy, though I don't  
see her half the time as she  
disappears into the country on  
her bicycle! -

We saw the Coronation so  
beautifully, having spent the  
night before & the night of -  
at a man's club, right on the  
Route of the procession, so that  
we saw it coming & going & then

would step inside & see the ceremony  
in the Abbey in between -

I shall never get over it in all  
my life & wouldn't have missed  
it for the world -!

Everything was so impressive &  
the young queen looked so  
young kneeling before the  
archbishops, dedicating her  
life to such a role!

You can imagine how I  
have struggled to keep up  
with Sally & Bob, and every night  
& going to see the lights & plays  
with Betty - I think the friends  
are rather a weak sight, for  
the news would be worse any time.

we leave this Sunday for Paris  
with Daley & her daughters.  
Kitty will pick up her car & go  
off with her friend & the rest of  
us are going to Vienna to stay  
with some Embolly friends,  
then Rome, where I expect to  
fly home in time to see  
you both in Magnolia!  
Kitty doesn't plan to come back  
till the end of August - I do  
hope she will see you over here  
somewhere.

I don't think I ever thanked you  
for remembering my birthday, it  
was terribly cute of you, but  
.51 is rather silly & boring

Don't you think!

I am talking off now to the  
House of Lords to have lunch  
with a Peers!

I will be so thrilled to see  
you & Wilson & don't forget  
you are to bring with us.

Lots of love to you both,

Catherine.

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

December 19th,  
1953.

Dear Helen and Wilson,

Here we are back again after another wonderful trip and in the midst of the tappage and brouhaha of the children and their friends-I am thinking of you and Zamorano-and before being completely engulfed with preparations for Christmas,I wanted to tell you once more how much we loved being with you again . You were as always,so good to us-such delicious meals,the heavenly day at San Antonio and the marimba-everything we all enjoyed so much. It was all wonderful,but too short and I never had time for any têtes à têtes talks with either one of you. But you know what stood out for me this time ? Hugh. And I want to tell you that I never was so proud and pleased when he kissed me goodbye when I left. Truly, I was quite overcome and completely won with the lovely natural way he did it. He is a very fine and attractive young man and I wish that you would tell him that I so hope that he will stop by here when he is on his way to Alaska at ANY time-for we would love to have him here with us and show him the Hub City.

We had a very fine time in San Jose with Doris and Ronnie and I really think it was good to meet all the new people in the new Governement. I sat next to Pepe himself at dinner and had a most pleasant time and only hope I didn't commit any gaffes !

It is terribly cold here now,the first freeze-and Linzee is out all day skating,practicing for the big Game,which he is to play in New York,Dec. 28th at Madison Square Garden ! I really would love to know how I produced athletes-though of course Jeff did have something to do with it !

Nothing and I mean <sup>done</sup> nothing has been about Christmas and I am slightly panicked by the prospect of fighting my way through the crowds in the streets and shops-but that is what I will

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
35 Lapland Road  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

have to do-and then probably find none of the things I', looking for ! Ah well, I am just going to say I've been travelling.

We received a letter from Kitty in San Jose saying that she had definitely decided to go to Medical school next year if she can get in. I was quite bouleversé-but also proud of her gump-tion.

We are going to see the Thorns to-morrow and talk it over with George. Kitty also says, she would prefer not to go to the Harvard Medical school, but somewhere far away from home. What a girl and of course she must do what she wants.

Linzee and Kitty both say, they are dying to go on this trip to the Andes you spoke of-so let us aim for it-I can't imagine anything more fascinating and would love to go with you both.

Thank you again dear Helen and Wilson for our lovely visit and love and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you -and to Hugh ! You must be very proud of him.

Most affectionately,

*Catherine -*

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
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Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

Feb, 18th, 1954

Dear Helen and Wilson,

It has been so long since I have written I know, but I have thought of you and cannot understand why I never sit down at my desk in a leisurly way and write to my friends. Instead, I seem to handle time very badly and dash off the things that I absolutely have to do-so of course I become dull-and it is all my fault !

How are you all ? I wish I were going to C. A. again this March to see you, but I think I will go to California. Jeff is planning to take Linzee to Costa Rica in his Easter vacation for a fishing trip. They will not be gone long, just to Caños Island and a call on Pepe F. and then home and I have not been urged too much by my men, to accompany them !

We are all excited over Kitty who has decided to become a doctor and has been accepted by Johns Hopkins Medical School. She plans to go there this October and is already studying German at night besides her work in Dr. Thorne's Laboratory. I must say we are proud of her. I only hope it will not be too hard and have urged her to take a nice trip this summer before she starts this career. She may never finish it-but knowing her, I am sure she will give it her best.

Jeffy and Linzee are still so active in sports that I am quite exhausted in trying to follow their Football-and now Hockey games. But they have done quite well and seem to keep up in their studies.

Poor Mrs. Coolidge has not been at all well since Christmas and it is so distressing to see her so helpless and loosing ground all the time. She has put up such a fight for so long, that I can't bear to see her having to lose this way.

Jeff is very well and becoming most philosophical about the world, though I am sure he doesn't think it looks anybetter now !

I am sending you a letter for Marion, as I do not know her address and Kitty has mislaid the one she had. So would you send it



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on to her-please ? And do write me about her and Sally and Nancy and my friend Hugh. And of course about yourselves and your Mother Helen. I would so like to hear all your news and if you have any plans for coming here. Or for any trips this summer.

Doris and Ronnie's friends the Macayas have been here since the first of the year. Roman had an operation at the Peter Bent Brigham which was most successful and I have seen quite a lot of them and they are most attractive.

I haven't heard from the Stones in quite a long time, but Allison comes out quite often and is cute as a pin !

I am going to N Y. next week for a spree with Dolly and then to Washington to celebrate her 50th birthday ! She and Bob are back there now in their house and waiting to hear where he will be sent-now that Congress has gotten around to making promotions etc.

Do write soon and meanwhile, much love to you both,  
Most affectionately,

Catherine —

MRS. T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE, JR.

35 LAPLAND STREET

CHESTNUT HILL 67, MASS.

May 30<sup>th</sup>

[1954]

Dear Helen,

I imagine, that  
when I first wrote  
to you & Willam, I  
forgot to thank you  
for your birthday  
card! It was so  
good of you to think  
of it - 52 - oh dear!  
Oh well, there it

willing to be done, but  
except them, all these  
birth days, as they come -  
as general well as  
possible! -

To think that you &  
Suey are only 50 -  
and Jeff says, - what  
about 62 for him  
this September! -

Thank you both,  
you were dear to  
think of me -

affectionately  
Catherine

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge  
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Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

May 27th, 1954

Dear Helen and Wilson,

Two such nice letters came from you in April and I was so happy to hear all your news. The graduation sounded quite something and someday we simply must be there for it.

Your summer certainly does sound busy and crowded, but how really wonderful to have your children and grandchildren with you. Ours seem to be leaving us this summer, which quite depresses me, though we will have Kitty most of the time, which is wonderful, but Jeffy is joining the Marines right after leaving college and won't have any leave until Labor Day. Linzee is going to be a councillor at the St. Mark's School camp for underprivileged boys for a month and then we plan to go to our Camp in the Adirondaeks, so it looks as if we could not take that wonderful and long planned trip to Machu Picchu this time. However, I cannot bear to give up the idea, so we must bear it in mind and some day have it come off.

Kitty has just flown home from London with her Uncle Bill Coolidge and had a lovely time, three weeks in London and visiting Bill's friends in the country and at Oxford. She plans to go to summer school for some chemistry she need for Johns Hopkins and is so keen and excited over her great adventure next fall.

The world seems to be in the most upset uneasy state, what with the troubles and strikes in Honduras, arms and weapons sneaked into Guatemala, and here those disgraceful Army-McCarthy hearings. I try not to watch the television, as it is such a waste of time, but it is such a circus, I have <sup>to</sup> tear myself away. People feel so strongly, one way or the other and I don't suppose anything will be proved against either side.

I am delighted that you plan to come to Boston the middle of September and Helen must not remain in Florida, she MUST come with

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you and both of you stay with us, either in Manchester or here.

We are moving there in about two weeks and until then life will be most hectic with weddings of nieces in Washington and a trip to Baltimore to look over things for Kitty. Also I have no cook in sight, as Thyra and her husband are going to Sweden for the summer! I wish I were going too!

We received a lovely long letter from Marion, did it tell you? She sounded so happy and invited Kitty to come and stay with them.

Well, dear Helen and Wilson do write whenever you have a moment and I send my love to you both, and all the children and grandchildren and do remember me to your mother, Helen.

Most affectionately,

*Batherine*

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

August 6th,  
1954.

Dear Helen,

I have your letter here and am quite shocked to see the date, June 26th- and I have waited so long to answer it ! Do forgive me, for I have thought of you often, with all the things that have been going on in Honduras, Guatemala and even Happy Little Costa Rica.

It must have been something-and even now, Guatemala doesn't seem to be stabilized. And the Justice Dept. suit against the Fruit Co-really that is all we needed after so many troubles !

Poor Jeff has been dashing back and forth to Washington, but I don't suppose there is much that can be done about it.

We didn't settle down here until now, as there were so many things going on-Jeffy's graduation from Harvard and all that went with it-and family weddings to go to and a trip to Baltimore with Kitty to look over where she will live next winter. And then Jeffy going off to Parris Island, South Carolina to join the Marines. THAT was <sup>a</sup> wrench for me, which seemed to catch me unawares, for even though I knew about two months previously, when he actually left and the clothes he wore down there, were returned to me in the most miserable parcel you ever saw- I was quite undone ! However now I am beginning to adjust to it. Kitty and Linzee said you might think the way Mother took on that no one had ever joined the Marines before, but I just said, as far as I was concerned, no one ever had !

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Now Linzee has left us for four weeks to be a councillor at the St. Marks School for poor boys and Kitty is away all day at the Harvard Summer School, doing her Chemistry Course, but she will soon be finished and can have some time off before Johns Hopkins the end of September.

Dolly and her youngest, Sally have just been here on their way to Maine to join Dolly's two grandchildren who are spending the summer there. We had the most heavenly time, for I had not seen her for two months, as she had been <sup>in</sup> Europe, where Sally is still at School.

Poor Bob is still waiting for his clearance and it is hard to be marking time this way, with no idea when he will be assigned to a new post. The Government seems to move very slowly, especially the State Dept.

You must be busy with all the children and grandchildren, but what fun to have such a reunion. Give them all my love and where is my friend Hugh?

We are quite excited over the prospect of building a new house here on the same place as this one. Kitty is rather opposed, as she fears that I will want it too imposing, but Jeff and I want something more practical for our old age! We don't plan to move in until a year from next June, so we will have time to think about it, which is fun.

Well, this seems to be all our news and we send love to you all—and dear Wilson—and do write again before too long.

Affectionately,

*Catherine*

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WILSON AND HELEN POPENOE TEGUCIGALPA

GREATLY REGRET IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ATTEND YOUR TENTH  
GRADUATION I KNOW IT WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS AND WILL TRY TO VISIT YOU  
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CATHERINE AND JEFF

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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

mail - March

Sept. 14th.  
1955

Dear, dear Helen and Wilson,

WHAT you must think of me for not writing for so long ?! I really do feel so badly about it and now of course, can't remember where to begin. Do forgive me and I shall now try to catch <sup>up</sup> with our news.

But first, I want to try to thank you for all you did for our Kitty, but I do not know how, as she told us you practically saved poor Sue Homans and took such wonderful care of her when she was sick. It was so truly good of you and it meant every-thing to them. And that is to say nothing of all the fun you all gave them. I could picture how happy <sup>&</sup> was when she wrote us that you were arriving - she said "The people at Pension America greeted us warmly, but the best of all is - that the Popenoes arrive to-morrow for a whole week, which is the greatest ever for us !"

AND the necklace - it is truly beautiful - we are all overcome with it. I really mean it - I am fascinated with it - and can't wait to borrow it from Kitty sometime, but I told her she must wear it first. She was so cute, saying she wanted to give it to me, but I will not hear of it. It looks divine on her and when we can get her the right dress - she will just have to dazzle her friends and all of us, with it ! It is so unusual and I adore the colors of the jewels in gold and with the pearls. Besides its being so enchanting, I am so proud of Kitty for getting it. Of course I realize that she never would have had the courage or knowledge without yours and Wilson's expert advice. I certainly congratulate you both, for I don't believe I would have ever been

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able to persuade her to make such a truly fine purchase and what a bargain—really we are all delighted over it. <sup>when we met in Vienna</sup> Kitty didn't show it to me for a day or two, and I don't know why, except that she is a funny girl, for she didn't show it to Sue H. until we were all leaving Belgrade—rather shy, is our Kitty as you well know. Now, she rushes to get it whenever anyone any of our friends stop by. So, it is not only beautiful, but I think has done her good—if you know what I mean? And here I only mention the necklace, leaving out the pin and earrings—when I hope to borrow the pin all the time that Kitty does not wear it, which while she is at Medical School, maybe quite a bit. I sound rather greedy, but Kitty seems pleased at my wanting to show it off too. So, thank you both for this too, dear Popenoes. You are all so good to that Kitty, I hardly know how to tell you how much we do appreciate it, but I do hope that you know how we feel.

Our trip was beyond our highest expectations and that is something and we couldn't have had a better nor more thrilling time. It was perfect in Yugoslavia with the Hookers, as you can imagine. Kitty probably has told you about it when she saw you all in Amsterdam. I must say Yugoslavia is <sup>so</sup> wild, rugged and beautiful country, though Belgrade seemed rather grim and drab to us, but that did not matter as we had our darling Hookers, who gave us a marvelous time.

I adored London and Paris and Vienna, where we had perfect weather the whole time—and of course the "Launch" as they call it, was to me a very thrilling and moving experience, which I would not have missed for the world, nor ever forget.

We stayed with friends who have a fabulous place about 50 miles from Liverpool the night before and then we motored to Birkenhead, where I christened the S.S. "Calamares" I was so nervous I thought I would die, but just as the ceremony began the downpour of rain stopped, the sun came out, the Rockets went off and the Band began to play-which was like a shot in the arm for me and I actually got out the words "I christen thee Calamares-May God bless this ship and all who sail in her." I then managed to break the bottle of champagne (which was not at all difficult as it was so well arranged) pressed a button and off she went, amidst "cheeahs" and Hip Hip Hoorays, I then a large banquet where I was presented with a diamond and emerald Pendant, really lovely, and had to say a few words before a microphone. By that time I was so excited and elated that I sprang to my feet and did not say at all what I had intended-but got through somehow and Linzee said it was slightly "corny" and that I called the Honduran Consul General an Ambassador (who by the way told me he was the President's nephew) and then Jeff made a very good speech and so did Mr. Robson-and it was over and we went back to London, happy but rather limp! We flew home the next day and I have been busy ever since, catching up on things, getting ready to move back to Brookline and help Kitty get off, as well as Linzee preparing to go to Harvard. But it's wonderful to be back as always, though I dream of our wonderful times in Europe and am already thinking of how to get back next year-so I know how you feel.

I am counting on a trip to C. A. this year, but don't know yet when it will be. However, this time we are going to the

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Escuela to see our Popnoes and I will write you as soon as I know when it will be.

You must have had a wonderful trip from what you say and I long to see you both and hear all the details.

Are <sup>you</sup> planning to come to Boston? If so, this time, Helen must come too and stay with us, I simply will not take no for an answer!

Meanwhile, so much love to you both and to Hugh-Kitty thinks he is wonderful and said she had the best time with him.

In spite of this being a book, I will write again before long, as I want to hear all about you and how things are going at Zamorano and all about the family and your Mother too Helen, give her my best.

Your very devoted,

Catherine.

Jeff says to give you his love too.

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Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

Feb. 7th.

1956.

Dear Helen,

I was so happy to get your nice letter and we too, are very excited at the thought of our trip to C. A.-and this time we do have a few days at Zamorano, I hope it will not utterly exhaust you, at such a time as the Graduation. We are thrilled ~~at~~ <sup>the</sup> thought of being there at the School at this time, as we have never attended one before. But you will certainly have your hands full and I only hope you will try to ~~Take~~ <sup>Take</sup> it all as easily as possible-but you are such a perfectionist ! You should see me now-I just let things slide and go helter -skelter, and feel so much happier ! But then I can just hear you laugh at me -well, it will be wonderful ~~to go~~ to see you and dear Wilson again-that is the main thing.

I think you will like the Ames-they are young and most attractive. John was special assistant to our Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich for two years in London and they were great friends of Dolly and Bob's. The Braces have to leave us in Tela-which ~~is too~~ bad, as they miss the best part-but it is just as well, for the number of people you will have sounds quite overwhelming . But I know as always with you it will be wonderful-and we must have a moment for a good chat.

I am flying down to see Kitty this week, as she hardly

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ever gets home and I know how much she will want to hear all the news of you and Wilson and the children.

Jeffy gets out of the Marines this June and is making plans to go to Europe-his first trip- and is so pleased. After that,he doesn't seem entirely sure what he will do, but may go to the Business School.

Linzee seems very happy at Harvard and is going to work for the enire summer as a Councillor at the St. Marks Camp for underpriveleged boys. He is most keen about this sort of thing and I think it is very good for him.

We just returned from California,where we had a very fine time,seeing the family and our oldfriends-in spite the rain,which poured every singe day that we were there !

With so much love to you and Wilson and we can hardly wait to see you both.

Most affectionately,

*Catherine*





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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

March 20th,  
1956.

Dear, dear Helen and Wilson,

What a wonderful visit this one was with you at the School-the best ever- and to be there for the Graduation was just something ! Truly, we shall never forget it and Jeff and I thought you both were in better form than ever. Really, we were so impressed with the way you did the whole thing, for it was a wonderful ceremony and to seem so relaxed and be so well organized, with so much going on, was certainly a tour de force, showing your talent at its best. You were both wonderful and I mean it. And we wouldn't have missed it for anything. Thank you so, so much for having us there.

I know Helen, that you will not believe me, but I have been marvelling at how you managed to take us to San Antonio the very day before the Graduation, following up with a dinner party. I only hope you were not too utterly exhausted when we left, for I know I should have been, in your place. We adore that San Antonio and I think that the Ames enjoyed it as much as anything they did on the entire trip.

I so loved the chance to have a few chats with you, <sup>Helen,</sup> and Wilson, you were marvelous up on that platform and afterwards at dinner-just the way you have always been-so dear and delightful ! Well, I love you both very much and just wish we were together more often.

As you can imagine

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back-and of course Wilson too. It is to come with you  
Refer in the spring to the  
of the while before you go

As you can imagine, our stay with the Stones was quite something and Doris certainly had "agitated" as she says, for we arrived five minutes before Pepi F. and 30 other luncheon guests, so that they were greeted with mountains of luggage on the front steps ! But Alberta had a fine lunch, with half the kitchen wall knocked out, as a new one is being added, as well as a large library ! We had a lovely time and took in everything, including the Volcano and Musum and arrived in Panama only slightly suspended, after a very late party with all the Cabinet and all sorts of friends of the Stones.

Jeff was quite excited as Cecilia Remon called him and we had lunch and dinner with her the last day we were in Panama !

Now, we are at home and have been snowed in, literally for three days, with mountains of snow, after two blizzards a day apart and I wish I were right back in C. A. !

Dolly flew in from Belgrade a week ago, which is so thrilling, but she has to go the end of this week, so I am going on to N. Y. with her, just to have as much time with her as possible. She looks so well and is having such fun with her Bobby and Cathy and the two grandchildren.

I have talked to Kitty, who seems to be getting along well and is coming back just for three days at Easter. I long to see her and tell her all about our trip and her Popenoes !

Do write once in a while and if you go to Washington

Mr. T. J. Coledge, Jr.  
Helen, in the spring, do come here for awhile before you go  
back-and of course Wilson too, if he is to come with you.

With our love and again all our thanks to you both,

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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
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Magnolia, Massachusetts

August 30th.

1956.

Dear Helen,

Kitty told me that you had written her, she was so pleased and she said you had not heard from me in so long- and that is so true-and I feel very badly about it, for I certainly haven't forgotten you-I just don't know what I do or what happens to time ! Somehow or other it just flies, and I have very little to show for my efforts, it seems as if I <sup>just</sup> puttered about.

However, we have had a lot of people coming and going, lots of nieces and their husbands and children, as well as Kitty's friends and have had a lovely summer, with wonderfully peaceful and relaxing trip to our Camp in the Adirondacks, where there is no telephone, ~~and~~ perfect ~~peace~~. *Bill* -

It has been a treat to have Kitty at home so much, though she has been working quite hard, what with National Board exams and doing a special job for Goerge Thorn at the Hospital. She is now in Maine visiting and will only be back for two weeks before she returns to Johns Hopkins.

Jeffy finally got through his service in the Marines and promptly flew to Europe for his first trip there and is disporting himself with a friend and a car and now a small sailing boat and is cruising at the moment in the Mediterranean and then plans to visit Dolly and Bob in Belgrade and after that may keep right on going around the world-the grand tour ! I do hope he does as he is so free now.

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Linzee has been working hard the entire summer as a permanent councillor at St. Mark's School Camp, which I am sure is very good for him. He will be a sophomore at Harvard next year and is certainly growing up .

We are having an architect come down this evening to look the place over-a friend of Sandy Forbes-so you see we are still thinking of doing something to this Point-but heaven knows what-for I think it is the very hardest decision.

I am also toying with the idea of hopping over to see the Hookers myself, though I have not much excuse, as they are coming home in January for two months home leave before they are assigned a new post, but I could see Jeffy and I do love to get off on my own once in a while.

Jeff is very well, looking so tan, that I have been inspired to try to <sup>do</sup> his portrait and I wish you could see my very first effort-for as an artist I am to your Velasquez-what he is to <sup>ten</sup> old one !

I was so pleased to hear Marion was having a baby-isn't that nice-and now Wilson will have quite a few grandchildren.

Do write me your plans and will you be coming here this year ? I hope we can have our usual trip to C. A. again, for I love them so and as you know our time with you and Wilson is always the best.

With much love to you dear <sup>Nelson</sup> and to dear Wilson,

Most affectionately,

*Elizabeth*





БЕОГРАД — Терезије  
BEOGRAD — Teresije

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NOV 3 1956

Dear Helen & Wilson,  
I am having the  
most marvelous  
time - just flew over  
for 2 weeks with Dolly  
& to see Goffy, who is  
here on his world  
Tour. We drove to  
Bucharest - fascinating  
a great love  
Catherine

MILANKO H. STRECHT, "MILANKO" HOUSE, BEOGRAD

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Honolulu  
Plants of America

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

Dec. 15th,  
1956.

Answered  
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Dear Helen and Wilson,

A lovely Christmas card arrived from you to-day and I felt a surge of guilt-as I don't think I have written you for ages ! So, instead of going into it all in a tiresome way-I will just give you our news and say that I have NOT forgotten you.

I don't know if you heard that Jeff had been sick-Nov. 2nd, he had a very slight and minor heart-attack. The Doctors at first were not sure-as nothing showed up on the tests-but then they think there was something-so of course he had to be careful. He was in <sup>the</sup> Hospital for two weeks and now is beginning to do things again ~~the~~ and will be going to the office a bit this coming week. So, I am most happy and relieved to have him doing so well and hope we can plan a nice trip to a quiet place after the Holidays, where we can count on the weather and not have him think too much about business things.

We had planned to go to Panama the day after Thanksgiving for Pebble Stone's wedding-we were going to stay with Ceceila Remon and then go on to Ecuador-~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> were both most disappointed not to make it-so now we will just postpone it and perhaps later on, we can plan something else and take in a quick trip to Zamorano, for we would love to see you both and be there for another graduation. But as you can imagine-things have been rather changed and we are now in the throes of re-arranging everything.

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
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Magnolia, Massachusetts

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I also don't think I wrote you about my big adventure-I hopped over to Yugoslavia all by myself for two weeks to see Dolly and Bob and mostly Jeffy-who was staying with them on his trip around the world. He left for Europe last July, only a few days after he got out of the Marines and I was dying to hear all about his travels and what and where he planned to go afterward-this was in October. It was the greatest success and couldn't have enjoyed it more.

Dolly had promised Jeffy to take him to Roumania-so off we all went, Jeffy and his friend who had just gotten out of the Navy, Dolly and I and a young man from our Embassy-a Balkan expert, who spoke Russian and Serbo-Croat-in an Embassy station wagon. It was really something-two days on the way and two days back, with three nights in Bucharest. We really penetrated the Iron Curtain, though I must admit we stayed at our Embassy there, as our Minister was an old friend of Dolly's and Bob's. But we saw quite a bit and now I am frankly glad I am not there-with the tragedy of Hungary and the seething of all the Sattelite countries.

Dolly and Bob were in wonderful form and now have had the news that they are to go back to London for three years. I think Dolly is delighted, as she says it is like going back home-but Bob seemed to want Moscow !

Jeffy is now in Nairobi-after having left me, going to Rome, Athens, Istambul, Beirut, Johannesburg, where he stayed with my brother who is Consul there and now-he won't say when he will be back. I am all for it-as you Wilson, always said-"Travelling is the best edu-

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Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

cation"and I so agree with you, that I have urged Jeffy to keep going as long as he wants to-so we have no idea when he will be coming home.

Kitty and I so often talk about you both-she seems to be doing very well-now half way through her third year. You really should have waited ,Helen-to give her that emerald cross-till she graduated. But perhaps you were right, for it looks now as if she might be Dr. Coolidge -though one can never tell.

Linzee is ~~now~~ a sophomore at Harvard-and rather -well a good boy -quite serious-and all last summer worked in his School Camp for underprivileged boys. He is a permanent Councillor and it means a lot to him-and I am very proud. But next summer he hopes to travel too.

Kitty says her dream is to go to Matchu Bitsu(Spell?) with you and is already planning how to manage it-so do give it ~~some~~ consideration-and I might join you for part of the time !

I am wondering about all your young-if Marion has had her baby-in fact I long to hear all the news of everyone-so do write me about it all and yourselves-my dear Popenoes.

With so very much love to you both and a Merry Christmas and most Happy New Year-From both of us,

Catherine

April 25th.

1957.

Dear Helen ,

I know it has been ages since I have written to you or Wilson, but it does not mean I have forgotten you-and your two letters are before me now-so do forgive my long silence, for I can't think why I have these lapses.

It was in February that I talked with you I think and here it is almost May and the usual spring things like planning to move to the North Shore etc. are upon us. More and more, time seems to fly.

I wish we could have gone to Zamorano when we went to Jamaica, but we were quite quiet there for a month and then just had two days in Columbia and four in Panama, getting home just in time to welcome Dolly, who had flown over to see her children and grandchildren.

We loved Jamaica, it is truly a garden paradise and the weather was perfect the entire time. We had a nice house and two maids, so we could be quiet, but met quite a few people who were quite amusing. Jeff looked so well, but picked up some bug in Panama and was rather miserable when we first got home, but is fine now, goes to the office and plays golf and has lost ten pounds which is what the Doctors want and which is most becoming to him, I think.

Our Jeffy finally returned from his World Tour, which was the greatest success-so much so that I think he still feels quite restless, as he has been away four times since he got home and now is looking into a possible job in Washington-in the Gov. or Foreign Service and is studying French furiously at the Berlitz School now.

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He was crazy about the Middle East, East Africa and Japan and longs to return someday.

Kitty came home for just two days at Easter, looking a bit tired as the poor thing had an infected hand-but otherwise she was in good spirits, though she said there <sup>were</sup> "moments when the keel drags, as she is working so hard."

We are very anxious to have her take the summer off and she seems to want to <sup>go</sup> this herself, instead of working in some Hospital to further her Medical Art-as next year she will have to work. So now she is trying to decide what she will do. I know she is dying to go <sup>to</sup> South America, but it is hard to find someone free to go with her-so I don't know what will <sup>evolve</sup>, but she is pretty resourceful and she will probably do something exciting-and says that if she doesn't travel, she will go on the Grenfell Mission in Labrador, but there she would have to work hard.

I wish Linzee could go somewhere with her, but he has plans to go to Europe with two other boys-taking in Moscow-which seems to fascinate him !

I am very tempted to fly over to stay with Dolly in London-they are back there again for three years this time and have a very nice house and for me it is a great spree to hop off this way-so I may go the middle of next month, just for ten days !

It is hard for me to take in that Wilson is re-tiring and I only wish we could go to the School to see you both before you leave but we were talking about it the other day and it just seems that we can't make it-but certainly we will see you in Antigua later-for isn't that where you said you would be ?

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I picture you there, but even though that will be wonderful for all your friends to come to see you in that beautiful house-I just can't picture the School without Wilson and without you. What a wonderful thing you did to build it the way you did-right from nothing, right from the beginning. You must be proud of your achievement and all those students who now are out in the world will never forget you. Nor will any of your many friends and I am hoping that you may be coming this way before too long, now that you have so many grandchildren.

Do write and tell us all your news and plans and meanwhile so much love to you both,

*Catherine* —

P.S. We are still working on plans for a new house in Manchester and though we are going rather slowly-someday we may have a nice cozy one for our old age and so you will have to come and visit us there.



March 6, 1957

Personal and Confidential

Mr. K. H. Redmond  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Many thanks for your good letter of the 1st instant. I have no personal reasons for wishing to carry on beyond my normal retirement date, which is the first of next month, but knowing that the months of March, April, and May are the hardest ones of the year from the standpoint of our staff - we have to line up our graduates new jobs; we have to work through 500 to 600 applications and pick out about 70 new students; and we have to plan the teaching program for the new school year which commences June first - I thought I might be helpful to the man who takes over by staying through this period. A good deal of responsibility during this time falls, and probably will continue to fall, upon the Director, who would be handicapped without some background.

The situation right now, fortunately, is not quite the same. The arrival of Bob Beasley has brought into the picture a man who not only knows Latin Americans, but also one who knows how to make them like him, and who has long Company background so that he is not perplexed daily by administrative problems. If I had to check out of here tomorrow morning leaving Bob in charge, I would sleep soundly of nights. In a very short time he has familiarized himself with our set-up, our operations, and of course he already understood pretty well the philosophy of this school.

Which brings me to the main object of this letter. After having devoted the last fifteen years of my active life to the development and operation of EAP, you will understand that its future lies very close to my heart. We have built this school on the solid foundation of Mr. Zemurray's genius and philosophy, as set forth in the handsome Cunningham Award which was given to Mr. Zemurray and myself last year. The program must not change. It has been successful to the extent that other schools throughout Latin America are copying it, and our graduates are in such demand as extension agents, teachers in agricultural schools, and the like that we could this year have placed three times as many as were available.

If a Director is brought in from the outside, unless he has worked for a considerable time in tropical America, we run a considerable risk. I have long hoped that the Company would

Mr. Redmond

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March 6, 1957

bring in somebody from our own ranks. It seems to me that Bob Beasley is exactly the right man for the job. I know him because we have been good friends for 30 years. I would continue to give him the benefit of our experience, without interfering in any manner whatsoever. If he wanted to ask questions, he would be free to do so. If I am given the honorary title of Director Emeritus, of which Doris spoke seriously when she was here a week ago, there could be no objection to my being consulted if and when the new Director so desired.

I hope you may be able to visit the school before things are definitely lined up. If it is desired that I stay on duty until the first of June I will be glad to do so, but only if it is to the interest of the school.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe  
Director

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

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T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 1, 1957

Dear Wilson:


I hate to think of the approaching day when you leave Zamorano, even though there will be a halo of glory around you and even though I cannot help but agree with you that you are setting a wise example, and that you will enjoy life more from now on without that direct responsibility. You certainly can look back with enormous satisfaction on every detail of what you have accomplished and the School will always be considered your particular "child".

Catherine and I, and also Kitty, just hate not to be on hand to witness the occasion of your leave-taking. Kitty is tied down tight by her medical work, and while I am rapidly getting my full energy back I am still supposed to take life easy and not rush around.

All we can do is to send you and Helen our very best wishes for your success and happiness, and I hope you will soon visit us in Boston where we can chat over old times and future happenings.

Very very best to you both.

Yours



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

May 10, 1957

Personal

Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
United Fruit Company  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jeff:

Many thanks for your letter of 1 May, which gives us considerably more credit for the success of this school than we deserve. And, looking back to the discussion we had in this house somewhat more than a year ago, I realize how sound were your ideas about this retirement business; in fact, I would even go you one better in our particular case. I rather wish we had stepped out of the picture about two years earlier. Both Helen and I are getting tired; Helen more than myself, because she has worked so much harder than I have.

I sincerely hope you are giving serious thought to the choice of my successor. The delay in naming the new Director is having a rather bad effect upon the morale of the staff. Not knowing just what to expect, some of them are afraid of their jobs. I have told them that the mere fact of my leaving - which had to come sooner or later - does not mean that there are going to be wholesale changes. I have said many times that I could not have run this school without the experienced and loyal group of helpers which we have developed here - the master mechanic, the master mason, the master electrician, the master carpenter, good old Ana who runs the laundry, and others. Our office staff is just as good and just as valuable. I know they will be encouraged to stay on.

As for my successor, we hear that Bob Nichols of the New Mexico State College and Bill Paddock, now in Guatemala, are being considered. I knew Bob Nichols in Costa Rica and later in Guatemala, and I think highly of him. I believe he has the experience necessary to tackle this job. I do not feel so sure about Bill Paddock. I talked about him with George Harrar when we were together in Guatemala last November. I definitely got the impression that Dr. Harrar does not think he is sufficiently

mature, and when Bill brought his wife over here a couple of months ago, presumably to look things over, I got the same impression. But I do not mean to influence you folks in the matter; I know you will make a wise selection because you have so much more experience than I.

Even so, I want to say that what we need here is a good administrator more than a great educator or an agricultural expert. I feel this because I am not a good administrator myself and have known it for nigh onto forty years. Because this school must be run along Company lines, I have long wished that my successor could be a man with Company background, and accordingly I included the following paragraph in a letter I wrote Ed Whitman some weeks ago:

"And while on the subject of the News Letter, I am wondering what will happen to ours when I go. As you know, I am due for retirement the first of next month. If they wish me to do so, I will stay on until June 1st in order to help get in the new students and organize the teaching program for the new school year - both of which jobs really need some background. We have not yet been told who is to succeed me. If I have any vote, it will be for Bob Beasley, who is here now as you are aware. Both Bob and Mary like this place, and Bob has the administrative background to do a good job, especially from the angle of Company policy. One does not need to be a professional agriculturist to run this school; we have plenty of professional agriculturists on our staff. The Director must believe in the school and its objectives; he must like Central America; he must know how to handle our students on the basis of a sympathetic interest in their lives and problems. The school no longer needs to worry about gaining prestige; it has only to worry about holding on to the prestige it has gained throughout the years, a prestige which is based upon the philosophy and vision of Samuel Zemurray."

Further in this same connection, I enclose copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. Redmond.

I want to add that there should be an Assistant Director here to supervise most of the outside work. We have had none for nearly five years. Not many people realize how much of the Director's time must be devoted to caring for important visitors. At times I have been criticized for giving so much of my time to this, but my conscience is clear: In the first place, we have interested many important people in vocational training of the kind we impart here, with the result that at least half a dozen other schools in tropical America have undertaken to copy our program to a large and useful extent; and, secondly, I have felt -

Mr. Coolidge

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and correctly, I believe - that the Company wanted important visitors to get a favorable impression of what it is trying unselfishly to do for the development of tropical American agriculture. I am sure you agree that in this respect the school has made a favorable impression.

Helen has written Kitty about joining us for the summer. While we shall have to postpone our long-contemplated trip with her to Machu Picchu until next year (if she can make it at that time), we feel sure she would enjoy a stay with us in Antigua and an overland trip through Salvador to Zamorano and a week or so in Honduras. We greatly hope you will encourage her to come. This is a selfish wish because we always enjoy the time we spend with Kitty.

With warmest regards to all of you,

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe  
Director

cc - Mr. A. L. Bump

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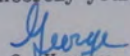
As you know, Dr. William Paddock is now under consideration as a possible successor to you following your retirement as Director of the Pan American School of Agriculture. Recently Dr. and Mrs. Paddock have had a chance to meet with Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Redman, and have talked with Wayne Reitz and myself here in New York, as well. We are also aware of the fact that the Paddocks met you and Mrs. Popenoe on the occasion of their visit to Zamorano last month.

My purpose in writing this letter is to ask your frank opinion of Dr. and Mrs. Paddock. You will recall we had some rather general conversations concerning him when we were both in Guatemala last December. Since then, there has been some increased interest in him as a possible candidate and a rather careful examination of his record of training and accomplishment. As a result, it has been decided that he should receive serious consideration if he is interested. In this connection, I might say that he is in the process of being transferred by I.C.A. from Guatemala to Chile and it is at least possible that he may prefer to remain in direct contact with his professional research interests than to go into education administration. On the other hand, he has always felt that he was more interested in education in its broadest sense than in any narrow field of research in a single discipline. In consequence, and because of the reputation of the School and the challenge it offers to anyone who would undertake to continue to develop it along the high standards you have set, he may quite possibly develop more interest as he thinks about the opportunities. It would, therefore, be most helpful for us to have your comments at your earliest convenience.

I should say, for your information, that Dr. Paddock has not been offered the post at Zamorano, but conceivably could be if there are further developments of interest on both sides.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. G. Harrar

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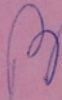
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POPENOE

Phoned to TRT (Sr. Quan) 10:50 am - AML.



Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

July 1st.

1957.

Dear Helen and Wilson,

How truly good it is of you both to have our Kitty to stay with you in your beautiful House in Antigua-I can't tell you how much she was looking forward to it and know she is having a most wonderful time(though we have heard nothing from her but a cable saying how exciting everything was there and that a letter would follow!)

We are settled here now for the summer and just at the moment I am all alone,as Jeff flew to London for a week on business-Elders and Fifes-but expects to be back before I know it.

It is so lovely here and sometimes I wonder why now our children are never here-but I suppose it is to be expected at their age,as Linzee is back again at his Camp-he loves the work-and then after a month there,flies to Europe for another month and then he will be almost ready to go back to College. Then Jeffy is living in Cambridge,going to Summer School to take a course in Economics,as he is hoping to get into the Foreign Service in the Fall-but then Kitty has told you all this,so I won't bore you with repetition-just philosophizing over the changes in one's lives.

Dolly has been with us,which was a joy,as you can imagine, but now is in Maine with her two daughter's and her three grandchildren. I wish so that they were all here,but her son in law loves his place there-besides we have no house on the

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.

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Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

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If we go to C. A. this fall-I certainly hope you will let us stop off to see you, for as I wrote Kitty it would be thrilling to stay in that house again and we would so love to see you both. Also, we might take a trip together-don't you think?

With much love and do write when you have time,

Most affectionately,

*Catherine*

A letter just came from Kitty at long last-but it was for Jeffy and I am wondering if she has written us and the letter

went astray-do tell her and that I have written her three times.

Ms. T. L. Cobble, Jr.  
Boston, Massachusetts

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*Cobble*

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# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

December 23, 1957

Dear Wilson:

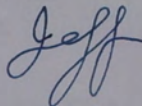
What a pleasure it was to visit once more the house in Antigua and see you and Helen. It really seemed like old times, and was definitely the best part of our trip.

We are going to call a meeting of the Escuela for 10 A.M. Wednesday, February 5th, at Dr. Harrar's office in New York. This was more convenient than Boston to Dr. Reitz who has promised to come.

I hope you will be on hand and give us the benefit of your most excellent advice. I also hope if you get that far that you and Helen will pop on to Boston and see us before you depart for your grand tour abroad.

All our best wishes to you both for A Happy New Year.

Love,



Dr. Wilson Popence  
Antigua, Guatemala

Antigua, 1 January 1958.

T. Jefferson Coolidge Esq.  
United Fruit Company,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jeff:

Many thanks for your letter of 23rd ultimo, advising that the Board of Trustees will meet at George Harrar's office in NYC at ten a.m. on 5 February. I'll be there, Deo volente. Helen and I plan to fly up to Miami about 27 January, so I can have about three days at Gainesville, talking with some of the professors and our grads.

As I see it, our main problem at New York is to see what we can do to hold together the teaching staff at Zamorano. We must have a minimum of 12 good teachers if we are to teach all the subjects presently included in the curriculum. Two teachers have left in the last four months. Six or seven others have notified Bill Paddock that they intend to leave this year, 1958. Two of these want to go back to the States to get Master's degrees, which is fine; but their places will have to be filled. Bill will of course be able to hire new teachers but these fellows who know the philosophy of the school and its practical features will be hard to replace overnight - especially the several excellent young men who went thru Zamorano and then were sent to Florida where they got B.S.A.'s and in several instances Master's. I hope you will consider it desirable to bring up this subject at the New York meeting.

It was a great treat to have you and Catherine with us, even if the stay was far too short! Helen joins me in affectionate regards to you both.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 January 1958

T. Jefferson Coolidge Esq.,  
United Fruit Company  
Boston.

Dear Jeff:

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd ultimo, advising that there will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees in New York City, 10 a.m. 5 February. I'll be there, Deo volente, and have just dropped a note to George Harrar to this effect.

Helen and I think we will fly over to Miami on 27 January, if we can get reservations; stop there a few days so I can see recent developments in tropical fruit culture; then go up to Gainesville to see Hugh, probably our last chance for some time, then come on to New York.

It was a great treat to have you and Catherine with us, even if the stay was so short. We join in affectionate regards to you both.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

February 6, 1958

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Wilson:

I am enclosing the very brief minutes I made of the  
Trustees' meeting on February 5th.

Would you be good enough to return these with any  
suggestions you wish to make in regard to them?

Sincerely

Enclosure



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
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T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
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April 11, 1958

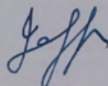
Dear Helen:

It was very nice of you to take the trouble to look up the suggested pendant and gold box. Catherine and I looked at the drawings with great interest and finally decided that we wanted ~~the~~ little gold box, and she said she would some day go to Spain and look for jewels herself.

I wired you 20,000 pesetas which seemed the best way to do it after I consulted with the Bank. I am sure I don't know the best way for the box to be shipped, but if you do ship it I would suggest that it be sent to me care of the United Fruit Company, 80 Federal Street, Boston, with whatever papers are necessary for customs. I know we will be just delighted with this and you are very good to do it.

All our best love and good luck to you and Wilson.

Sincerely



Mrs. Wilson Popenoe  
Care Mrs. Martha Sussmann  
American Embassy  
Madrid, Spain

35 Lapland Street  
Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

*birthday*  
*May 20*

April 29th.

1958

Dear Helen and Wilson,

Your letter arrived yesterday and I know how anxious you both are to hear about our Alison-I still find it hard to believe the ghastly truth. So, I will begin at the beginning when early Sunday morning April 13th. Doris called from N. Y. and told me right off that Alison had been killed <sup>the day before</sup> in a motor accident in France-that she knew no details-as the poor girl who was with her, Marta Teran from San Jose, could hardly talk on the telephone from the Hospital at Sens-about eighty miles from Paris. She said they had flown up from Costa Rica and were leaving in a few hours for Paris and would bring Alison back as soon as possible-all the way to San Jose where she was to be buried. I was completely stunned and so heart-broken, for Alison was like our own child-she had stayed here so much all during boarding school and college days. So, I called back several times, as there were some people they wanted me to contact and Jeff arranged for some business people to meet them and help with all the endless things that would be set them on such a mission. Whitey Willauer did a lot through the State Dept, etc.

We did not hear anymore until they arrived back in N.Y. the following Friday-except bits of news that the Honduran Amb. <sup>(who helped them)</sup> was with Ronnie and Doris, that they had gone to the scene of the accident and visited the families involved-Pebble and Marisol went with them, thank goodness.

*on their return*  
I went to N. Y. to see them-they arrived early and left in

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the afternoon of the same day.

They were all wonderful and had the poor little Teran girl with them who arrived in a cast-with broken bones and apparently ~~and~~ in a bad state-as she had been driving the car. It was Alison's car and they were on their way to Nice, when they tried to pass a truck, the car skidded and went out of control and hit an on-coming car head-on, demolishing both cars and killing also the mother of the family-38 years old-of the other car. Her husband was hurt, but will recover and none of the small children were seriously injured. Alison was thrown out-and apparently dazed-put her hand to her head and (they hope) did not regain consciousness-for she did not die till two hours later in the Hospital-of a fractured skull. It all seems such a tragedy-such a cruel blow for fate to deal her family and all who loved her and snuff out such a young life-with everything to live for.

I have felt it so keenly and have grieved over her loss and for Ronnie and Doris-it is just so sad. And the poor little Teran girl was completely broken up. Ronnie was wonderful to her and I only hope she can recover and time will heal the wounds.

Both Ronnie and Doris were of course still terribly shaken, but I marvelled at their fortitude-as Ronnie said-somehow one finds strength to carry on-but I hate to think of the delayed reaction, which is bound to come. They had been through so much in those few days-seeing the family of the other car, whom they said were so nice to them-a special mass was said for Alison at Sens with all the Nuns who had been with her and then of course they had to go through all sorts of legal questions, as France has very strict ones and they said they would have to go back later on.

3)

Apparently, Alison was engaged to be married to an English boy and was on her way eventually to Holland to gather up her things to go home and get married from there. He flew over to see Doris and Ronnie at Sens and they said he was perfect-so nice in every way-I really just can't bear it all. Perhaps you had better not repeat this last part-for though they did not tell me not to say anything about this-yet I am not sure if they want it talked of.

Apparently Sam Zemurray took it better than expected, but they say he is rather vague now, since he got out of the Hospital-he had just had an operation-poor old man, but that Sarah was crushed. That family has had a lot of tragedy and my heart really bleeds for them over this last blow.

Well, I must not go on-but it has been hard for me to shake it off-I felt so close to Alison and I am sure Wilson must have to, having known her so long. There never was a sunnier, happier or more charming and engaging girl-never holding anything against anyone-never envying anyone-never jealous of her cousin Ann, whom Alison always said was so much prettier than she<sup>a</sup> was. Jeff felt terribly too-everyone who knew her did-my maids were all in tears.

So, our news is that everyone is well-we had a lovely two weeks trip to C. A. with my niece and her husband (Dolly's daughter) and Linzee, returning just in time for Easter. We went to Honduras (not the School) and Guatemala and I can't remember if I have written you since then or not-and were so disappointed that we missed Hugh by three days! As Kitty said it would have made all the difference-had he been there in Antigua. And speaking of Hugh, Bill Taillon I think it was, told me that Hugh is so

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Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts

highly thought of by Dr. Reitz and everyone that he can get any job he wants. How do you like this Wilson-like Father, like son, but I suppose it is hard to believe for every man that his son is more than able and willing to take his place. I am I  
Jeff, as you know has resigned as Chairman, very wisely don't you think and everything seems to be working out very well so far though of course I suppose there will be some adjustments later on.

The night that it was announced at the big meeting of the U.F.-Joe Montgomery came for dinner with us-he too had resigned and I called young George P. Gardner and said "Mr. Chairman, this is the Queen Mother, I had to call you and tell you that I could not be more proud of you and know you will do well, that we shall all be so pleased you-but there is one man here with us who says to tell you the same, but at the same time, to warn you that the U.F. has survived many disasters, but to-day with the resignation of such stalwart old men as Jeff and myself, may be something it cannot survive. But all we can do is to wish you well-and that goes for the poor Fruit Co.!" He really was most delightful and just the way one would want to be at such a time. As my dear brother in law Bob Hooker says-"Toujours gai-toujours gracieux!"

Our plans are really progressing for Coolidge Point-the foundations are to start this week-Mrs. C.'s house is down and purs will come down in a few days. It was hard to watch the big house demolished-as Kitty said-she felt like Scarlet O'Hara

32 Lapsand Street

standing in the house, with the rain coming from the sky  
right into the rooms, the marble pillars knocked down-devas-  
tation-but she is all for it now and the whole Point will be  
so beautiful without such high buildings-and I hope our new one,  
long and low, nestled amongst really lovely gardens-will look  
lovely-well, esperons!

I am so tremendously excited over the gold box-I never  
have had a gold box and as Jeff and Kitty said-if you like  
it-it will surely be something. The pin looked also terrific,  
but as you said Helen-I did want something very "drippy" so I  
thought we could wait till perhaps sometime one would show  
up. Thank you for remembering and being so truly nice to  
take all this trouble about it all.  
Your travels sound wonderful and I only wish I could do  
a part of them with you. I am flying over to London to stay  
with Dolly and Bob May 21st - just for ten days-I had put this  
little jaunt off for so many years when Mrs. Coolidge was so ill  
that I thought I would just indulge myself a bit! Then we  
are going to Costa Rica the end of June to stay with Doris and  
Ronnie and after that stay home and build this house!  
Lots of love to you both and amusez vous bien now is the  
time and I can see that you are wise enough to know this!

Catherine

This is truly a book, entirely  
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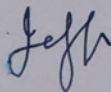
May 22, 1958

Dear Wilson:

I have received the enclosed letters from Dr. Paddock asking me to circularize them to the Trustees.

It seems to me that his arguments for limiting the students to high school graduates are sound. You will note that he would like the views of the individual members of the Board of Trustees, and I would appreciate it if you wrote him your thoughts.

Sincerely yours



{ Thomas Jefferson  
Coolidge ? }

Enclosures

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Rancho California  
Almunecar (Granada)  
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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

May 12, 1958

Mr. T. Jefferson Coolidge, Chairman, Board of Trustees  
80 Federal Street  
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

At our last Board meeting, it was suggested that we meet again sometime toward the end of November. At that time I was to have prepared, for the Board's consideration, the budget for 1959.

In addition, we were to discuss the possibility of changing the entrance requirements for the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. At the last February Board meeting, I stated that November would be a good time to discuss these requirements since we would begin selecting new students in November and if the requirements were changed, they could then be put into effect immediately.

I now find that I was mistaken. We will begin within a very few weeks putting out publicity for our entrance examinations. This publicity must be prepared some time in advance in order to catch students who are still in school.

Fundamental to such publicity is that the publicity state our entrance requirements.

I therefore ask if you would be kind enough to canvas the members of the Board of Trustees and ask them what their views are as to what our entrance requirements should be. Perhaps we are all in agreement. If we are, then we need not wait until November to consider them. Perhaps we are in agreement but some members would like to discuss them before coming to a decision—we could then put off changing our requirements until 1960. Or perhaps, we could have a meeting rather soon to decide—this latter probably would be quite difficult.

The specific requirement we need consider is that boys are eligible with only six (6) years of primary school education.

Here are my views.

I believe that we should accept students for entrance into the Escuela Agricola Panamericana with more than just six years of education. I believe that every boy should have graduated from high school before being accepted by us.



May 12, 1958

The following are my reasons:

- 1) High school education has become available to nearly everyone in Latin America interested or capable of handling it. High School education was not available when the Escuela Agricola Panamericana was founded. For instance, only 10 years ago, the only high schools in Guatemala were in the capital (according to Mr. Muller). This year we gave our examination in four towns outside of the capital in Guatemala and three of them had high schools. Dr. Allee has told me that the first high school in Costa Rica outside of San Jose was built just 12 years ago. Now high schools are sprinkled over Costa Rica. In short, high schools are now generally available throughout Latin America--a completely different situation as when our school was founded.
- 2) There are several ways that the new and present availability of high schools are being manifested and we must recognize the fact. For instance, the National School of Agriculture in Guatemala (Barcenas) which used to be a five year course and took boys with the same requirements as ours--six years of schooling or more--has announced a change. Henceforth Barcenas will accept only boys with three (3) years of high school (the new course will be in addition three years--same as ours). Such a school can, and will, say its students are better trained than ours because their entrance requirements are higher!\*
- 3) Another evidence of change in educational standards in Latin America can be seen in the enclosed sheet of data prepared by Dean Morcillo. Before commenting on this, I should state as emphatically as possible, PREVIOUS EDUCATION WAS IN NO WAY CONSIDERED IN SELECTING THIS YEAR'S GROUP OF NEW STUDENTS. We considered only his I.Q. and his personality. But look at the results!
  - a) more boys have university training than only six years of education!
  - b) 39 out of 79 are high school graduates or equivalent (Business school in Honduras is five years)
  - c) only ten boys have less than three years of high school training. These figures compare with the present students in our second and third years.

Thus, whether we are willing to admit it or not, we are selecting basically only high school graduates--or boys who if left to continue their studies would graduate from high school.

\* It has just been brought to my attention that Escuela Nacional de Agricultura in Salvador (San Andres) also requires 3 years of high school as a requisite for entering.

The point is that with the general availability of high school, the boys with the brains and desire are finding ways to continue on to high school--even in rural areas.

- 4) By stating that we accept boys with only six years of education, we lose a great many good and potential candidates. The attitude is very strong that if the Escuela Agricola Panamericana will accept a boy with only six years of education, then a high school education counts for nothing. High school graduates are unwilling to compete for a scholarship when they know that a boy with only a primary education is accepted. This I know to be true.
- 5) There is a great need for an agricultural school to accept graduates from RURAL high schools. A recent report by the United Nation's FAO states that Agricultural colleges in Latin America are attempting to put the profession of an agronomist on the same level as that of a Medical Doctor or a Lawyer. To do this, the report says, these schools are discriminating against graduates from rural schools in an effort to obtain a more sophisticated type of student, a type from the capitals and a type which can hold its own in a society made up of professional people.

Our sending professors to 40 different towns in Latin America this year was specifically to go after students in the rural areas.

- 6) Finally, if we could have all of our students entering with a high school diploma (and we would, of course, bar students with one or two years of University for the same reason) then we could standardize our courses at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Imagine how one can organize a course in mathematics when half the class has had algebra, a fourth of the class has had trigonometry, a tenth of the class has had calculus and a tenth of the class can not handle the most elementary arithmetic problems! The same problem exists for EVERY course we teach.

The result is that the curriculum we offer is a snap for some and impossible for others--yet it costs us the same amount of money for both types--the type we send home because he can't do the work and the type who spends three years here on free room and board without a single class room challenge!

And, of course, it is most difficult for the professor to always maintain good classroom discipline--some students are bored because it is so easy, others reach the point where they don't care because they know they will not pass. These boys may be in the minority, but they can affect the spirit of the entire class room.

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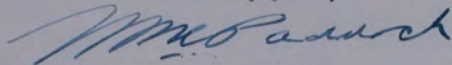
Thus, I propose that this next year we select our students only from highschool graduates. If we do this, we should intensify our efforts to go to the rural areas to give our entrance examinations. We would like, for instance, to send an announcement to every highschool in the 14 countries we take boys from, announcing our exams and what the scholarship offers. This we can do with ease.

A final thought: All the staff members are strongly in favor of accepting only high school graduates. The alumni formally requested that we accept only high school graduates (this is surprising since few of them are!). The alumni requested this at the last alumni meeting. The present students in the school want us to accept only high school graduates. I know this because of the poster we had made up last year (a copy was sent to you) where the entrance requirements were listed. They asked that we not publish or state anywhere that boys with only 6 years of education could enter here.

These desires of the staff, alumni, and students, should not be given weight in our consideration. I mention them only to indicate the trend and thinking by Latins related with our school.

May I ask that you canvas the other Board members for their views of changing this 6 year entrance requirement. I enclose extra copies of this letter in the event you wish to send copies to the other Board members. If there is general acceptance, I would like authority to go ahead this year selecting only students who are high school graduates.

Sincerely yours,



Wm. C. Paddock  
Director

P.S. - Perhaps you do not know the requirements for a high school diploma in Latin America. It requires, in total, eleven years of education. Chiefly it is six years of primary and five years of high school although most of South America requires five years of primary and six years of high school. The most important feature of the high school diploma is its general acceptability throughout Latin America. For example, a graduate of a high school in Honduras will be accepted on exactly the same footing in Colombia as a graduate of a Colombian high school.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Mr. Coolidge:

A final post script:

Enclosed are data on our 2nd year boys (clas of 1960) and 3rd year boys (class of 1959). This data shows the previous education of those boys who are now in school and those who have failed and had their scholarships cancelled.

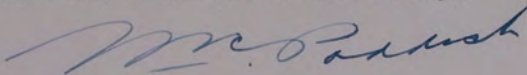
You will note that a boy with only 6 years of education can get through this school--but it is darn hard. For instance out of 6 boys with only six years of education in the class of 1960, only two now remain.

Interestingly enough only two and three years of high school is dangerous too! Out of 5 boys with 2 years of high school, only two remain; out of 14 with three years, only 6 remain. However, out of 14 with four years, 12 remain and out of 23 with a high school diploma, 20 remain (class of 1960).

You will note that the data is similar for the class of 1959.

In short, the less education, the more difficult it is to get into this school and once in, the less his chances are to remain in the school. I believe we should recognize this fact and accept only high school graduates--especially since <sup>enough rural</sup> ~~most~~ boys can go on to high school today if they have the desire.

We could accept boys with four years of high school, but why? If he is a good boy, let's let him go ahead and finish his highschool and then accept him. There are already far more deserving high school graduates available than we will ever be able to accept!



Wm. C. Paddock

15 May, 1958

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

May 15, 1958

To: Board of Trustees  
 From: Luis E. Morcillo Dosman, Dean  
 Subject: Classification, according to previous education of students entering the  
 Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, April 1958, and who still remain in school.

-CLASS 1961-

COUNTRY	Q U O T A	Number of years schooling when accepted								
		6 years Primary school	Years of High School				High School Graduat.	University		Business School
			1	2	3	4		1	2	
Colombia	8				1	1	5		1	
Costa Rica	11		1	1	1		6	1	1	
Cuba	2				1		1			
Chile	2						2			
Ecuador	6			1		3	2			
El Salvador	8				4	1	3			
Guatemala	10	2	1	1	1	1	4			
Honduras	12	1			1	2	6			2
México	4			1	1	2				
Nicaragua	6				1	3	2			
Panamá	7				3	1	2		1	
Rep. Dominicana	3		1		1	1				
TOTALES	79	3	3	4	15	15	33	1	3	2

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May 15, 1958

To Board of Trustees

From: Luis E. Morcillo Dosman, Dean Education

Subject: Classification, according to previous/ of students entering the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, April 1957 and have FAILED their work or for some other reason have had their becas canceled.

- CLASS 1960 -

COUNTRY	# F A I L E D	Number of years schooling when accepted								
		6 years Primary School	Years of High School				High School Graduat.	University		Business School
			1	2	3	4		1	2	
Colombia	2					1	1			
Costa Rica	4	1		3						
Cuba	3		2	1						
Ecuador	1						1			
Guatemala	1			1						
Honduras	6	4		1		1				
R. Dominicana	2			1	1					
Nicaragua	1			1						
El Salvador	1		1							
TOTAL	21	4	1	3	8	2	3	0	0	0

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-CLASS 1960-

COUNTRY	Q U O T A	Number of years schooling when accepted								
		6 years Primary school	Years of High School				High School Graduat.	University		Business School
			1	2	3	4		1	2	
Bolivia	1					1				
Colombia	2						2			
Costa Rica	7			1	1		5			
Ecuador	6					1	4		1	
Guatemala	7	2		1		4				
Honduras	7		2			1	3	1		
Mexico	2				2					
Rep. Dominicana	1						1			
Nicaragua	4			1	1		2			
Panamá	2		1				1			
El Salvador	8				2	4	2			
TOTALES	47	2	3	2	6	12	20	1	1	

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 -CLASS 1959-

COUNTRY	# F A I L E D	Number of years schooling when accepted								
		6 years Primary School	Years of High School				High School Graduat.	University		Business School
			1	2	3	4		1	2	
Colombia	1			1						
Costa Rica	3			1	1	1 *				
Ecuador	2		2							
Guatemala	6	1	4			1				
Honduras	10	2	3	2	1		2			
Nicaragua	2			1	1					
R. Dominicana	3			1	1	1				
El Salvador	1					1				
TOTAL	28	3	7	6	5	4	3			

\* Returned home due to family difficulties.



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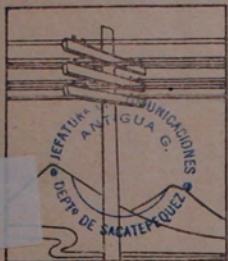
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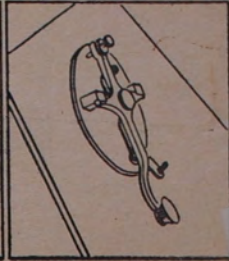
COUNTRY	Q U O T A	Number of years schooling when accepted								
		5 years Primary school	Years of High School				High School Graduat.	University		Business School
			1	2	3	4		1	2	
Colombia	2						2			
Costa Rica	4						2	1	2	
Cuba	3		2		2					
Ecuador	8		1		1		6			
El Salvador	7			1	3		2		2	
Guatemala	4	2	2				1			
Honduras	5		1	2	2					
Nicaragua	6		1	1	1		3			
Panamá	1						1			
TOTALES	40	2	6	4	8		17	1	2	

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JEFF DIED IN HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER WILL  
WRITE LOVE.-

CATHERINE AND KITTY

In Flight to  
New Orleans -

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1961

Dear Helen,

We changed our plans & are now  
winging our way a day ahead of  
schedule - Everyone was leaving  
Zionsville, so we took what flight  
we could & caught a jet to New  
Orleans instead of Houston -

I am cabling you from there, as you  
said you wanted to know & you  
were so good to say you would  
come in to the city, but we were not  
there long enough. Besides we  
felt you had really done for too  
much for us already -

How can I ever thank you enough  
for taking us all in & giving us  
such a truly wonderful time?  
(I am going to write Wilson too in  
Florida)

You are both always so good to  
us & I can't begin to tell you

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

How much it meant to me to be back  
with you both again - I also need  
not tell you what it meant to be  
able to talk about Jeff & the children -  
you are both so very dear & such  
good & true friends - as for Sadie &  
George, they had the time of their  
young lives - I do hope you know  
how much I mean this -

I know you want to hear about  
the graduation, which was really  
very nice, but of course everything  
is so different, I have to approach  
the whole thing with another point  
of view - and of course I felt most  
nostalgic for the old days & quite  
nervous for you & Wilson -  
But it was nice under these trees  
& I thought the plaque in memory of  
Jeff would have pleased him, as  
there was the old Bell polished up  
in the middle of the circular bench -  
I would like, but they are planting

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

them & when there is blood it will be  
nice - Doris said a few words, but  
I did not, for I actually cannot  
speak, I felt so emotional, but I  
am very glad I was there -

Paddock said how sorry he was  
Wilson was not there - & I too wish  
you both had been with us, but I  
know it is hard -

Dr. Harris I am sure made a good  
speech, but as it was in Spanish I  
couldn't understand it - Your  
friend de Sola I found draining  
& could not have liked him more.  
We spoke of you both -

Doris & Ronnie seem in fine form  
& gave us a fine time, so we have  
had a wonderful trip & our meet-  
ing with you was truly perfect -

All my love, dear Helen & I  
will write again soon -

Devotedly,  
Catherine -

COOLIDGE POINT  
MAGNOLIA, MASSACHUSETTS

March 28<sup>th</sup>  
1961

Dear Wilson,

When Skilly called me  
on my return, to tell me  
of her visit from Hugh  
about Helen, I was - as I  
told you - utterly  
stunned. Since then you  
have been constantly in  
my thoughts -

I had written Helen on my  
way home thanking her for  
see she did for us & telling  
her I was writing to you  
in Florida - & now it

seems more than I can believe  
that I am writing to say how  
heart-broken I am over what  
has happened.

It means so much to me  
that I had that wonderful  
week with Helen & the memory  
of this will remain so vividly  
with me - always.

Another memory will be  
that day, your birthday, when  
the fire-escape went off &  
Helen said to you - "I love  
you very much."

There is just no way I can  
tell you Wilson, how I feel  
for you & from my heart I  
send you my love &  
sympathy. Catherine -

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MANCHESTER 339

COOLIDGE POINT  
MAGNOLIA MASSACHUSETTS

July 11, 1961

Dear Wilson:

I was distressed to hear from Kitty that you had not been well. I know that makes it twice as hard. I only wish you had some of your family with you - as it is so awful to be alone.

Kitty is coming on in August, and I believe she plans to stop on her way to see you. She is so enthusiastic about Colombia. I am sure it will be a most interesting job. It will be wonderful to have her here with all the family. The Hookers and most of my relatives have gathered in Manchester for the summer. It is great fun but rather hectic, and it seems that it is either feast or famine, as they will all leave in the Fall.

Do take care of yourself and write whenever you feel up to it, as I am most anxious always to hear from you.

*With my love  
to you,  
Ruth*



COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

December 18, 1962

Dear Wilson:

Ever since I received your very nice letter written just before that momentous meeting. I meant to answer it, or better still talk to you. I tried when you were in New York, but never reached you, but sent word by Dr. Dunlap that I was hoping you could come here. I have never managed to get you into the new house, but won't ever give up.

Kitty is finally back home and I must say it is a joy and relief to have her here. It seemed so far when she was ill in Cali, but she looks wonderfully well now. I so enjoy her enthusiasm for whatever she does, and I believe she is looking forward to her work with George Thorn at the Peter Bent Brigham. Also she is terribly busy arranging a little apartment, which is part of the Thorn's summer house here on Coolidge Point, which they bought from us. This will be her pied a terre until she decides what to do with her own place. She says she is going to pull down the big house which was her great grandfather's, and I do hope she does, and even though she make take to wandering again over the globe, I think it is good for her to have a base and a place of her own.

This Christmas I will have all three with me, as Jeffy is back from Korea and Lynzee will spend the holidays here from Columbia University.

I have been quite upset over the fate of the School, even though I no longer have any connection with it. But I can't forget what a success you both made of it, nor how much it meant to Jeff. But Doris kept me in touch up until the time she resigned and I was so distressed when she felt she had to do this. She has always had very strong likes and dislikes, and I am afraid her antagonism to George Gardner and Tom Cabot is just too much. However, George Harrar seems to be a good man, and with Dr. Muller there now, and

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you to advise him, things might work out for the benefit of the School, which is after all the main thing. I think it is such a wonderful institution that I couldn't bear to think of its not functioning.

All this brings back the happy days we spent with you and Helen and I also think of your beautiful house in Antigua where I have always felt so welcome and had such wonderful times. It saddens me to think that Helen is no longer there, but I am so glad that you are so much better and that Maria is taking care of you. Kitty thought you would be down there for Christmas and I hope Hugh is with you.

Love,

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

July 23, 1963

Dear Wilson:

It has been so long since I heard from you - in fact I have been most jealous of Kitty as she seems to be the only one in the family you favor with a letter once in a while. But I heard all the news of you when Hugh spent the weekend here.

I can't tell you what a joy it was to see him again. He looked so well, in wonderful spirits, and certainly is a fine young man. It is so nice to see someone so interested in what they are doing - especially Hugh, who has done so many fascinating and interesting things, and been in so many parts of the world.

Apparently he has inspired Kitty about Africa, as she tells me she is accompanying Hugh and Archie Carr to Africa. I must say it does sound fabulous and what an opportunity to go with two people who know so much and will make it so terribly interesting for her. She certainly loves adventure and travel. And though I wish she were staying here for her vacation, as I hardly ever see her, she is so busy, I can easily understand how she would love to go and I quite envy her!

I told Hugh I wish so much that you would come up in the warm weather for a stay at Coolidge Point, as it is so much more the way you like it now than when you used to come in the cold and ice and snow. Hugh seemed so gay and pleased me so much as he seemed to like the new house, which I would so love to show you. I don't know when I will ever get down to Central America again, but always loved it and some day may show up there again.

I have been so distressed over all Doris' troubles with the Board of <sup>Escuela</sup>. It is such a shame, as I think she cared so much about it, that it has hurt <sup>her</sup> quite a bit to no longer have any connection with it. But the new President of the Trustees, Chico de Sola, must be a good choice, as he seems such a wise and intelligent man. He made a big impression on me when I met him there at <sup>San</sup> ~~San~~ <sup>Herano</sup>, and one reason was that he was such a friend of yours.

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I have written Doris twice since she wrote me of her resignation for the second time, but have had no reply.

Pebble was also here with his wife and baby and came out and spent the day, but I haven't heard from him either since his return. The baby, named Alison, was adorable. Jeff and I were so devoted to Alison and it seems so tragic she was struck down so young.

Do write me your news and say that you will come for a visit some time.

With all best wishes and love to you,

Catherine

P.S. I was so happy to hear from Angie that you were so well & doing all sort of things & being so many people.

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

December 21, 1964

Dear Wilson:

I must have missed you as I tried you by telephone at Hugh's several times. Now Kitty tells me Hugh called her the other night and said you had gone to Antigua, and that apparently he had given up his trip.

Our plans have been changed as Mrs. Willauer wants her house from about the 3rd of February to the 18th or 20th. So now we are going to Antigua the middle of January and have a nice couple from California come to stay. Then while Mrs. Willauer <sup>is there</sup> we thought we could plan a trip to the Highlands and possibly Ticul. If two weeks is too long, we could probably go to the Inn, or if you were to be there and could put up with us for maybe four or five days or so, that would be marvelous, but be sure to be entirely frank as you may have other plans, or other guests, or even the whole thing would be too much for you, as we would be five - the Hookers, the Blake Lawrences and myself. Promise to tell me exactly how you feel, as I would be terribly upset to be any kind of burden to you. We then thought we would leave around the first of March, or possibly sooner.

I have been reading in the paper of the Communist efforts in Guatemala and Che Guevarra made a speech in the U. N., which you may have read, saying their side felt Colombia and Guatemala were the most hopeful prospects on their side. I do hope there won't be any upheavals to upset all our plans, as we are so looking forward to this trip.

I was so disappointed you couldn't get up here, nor Hugh either, as I so would love to have had you both, as you know.

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Perhaps this next summer, as I know you don't care for the cold weather, and we look pretty wintry now with about five inches of fresh snow. It is very beautiful, but certainly on the chilly side.

Do write me what you think and feel about our plans and I meanwhile very much love to you and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*Catherine*

TELEPHONE  
526-4922

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 23, 1965

Dear Wilson:

I am enclosing this article which I wrote you about.

Also I forgot to mention in my letter about the orchids I bought from your friend. I have written to the Department of Agriculture, as you said to do, but I c\_n't remember the name of the man who had the orchids. Would you mind just sending it to me.

Hastily but with love,

*Catherine*

P. S. Another favor, the last day I was in Guatemala City I meant to go see this man - Mariano Pacheco Herrarte, la C. 8 - 75, Zona 1, Tel. 25 - 015, about the White Nun Orchid. I don't like you to go to any trouble but if you were in town, would you mind asking him to send me two. I have always been so anxious to have some. They probably shouldn't travel till April, as it would perhaps be too cold.

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 20th.

1965.

Dear Wilson,

It is hard to believe I am back here again on my Point-and the scene is so wintry-only 5 above zero this morning-that I wish I were back in your beautiful Antigua !

However, I always love to get home and my gardner Bruno had the house so filled with flowers-that I felt I was still in Guatemala. Also, I <sup>was</sup> so anxious to see Kitty-and she is more adorable than ever-so happy-so bubbling-that it warms the cockles of my heart ! They are now talking of the wedding in April or May-but have not yet definitely decided-as they want a lull in the Legislature, whenever that might be. I am going to look at a house with her-as they missed the one they bid on which went for a very high price. So, we are busy with plans and I have settled back in my routine.

The time in Antigua went so fast-it was hard to believe we were there a month-but it was heavenly-and Dolly and Bob and I think we would like to do it again next year.

It was wonderful to see you again-and I only wish we both had not been so involved with other people-so that I did not see as much of you as I would have wished. So now this is all the more reason you must come here the first week in April-Kitty says she can take a day or two off then and is thrilled at the thought of your coming-as am I.

Doris called me from Madisonville-they were in their new house-and sounded in very good form. They said they would not



COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

come North this time-but in the spring-and would come to Kitty's wedding. They plan to go to France to see Pebble and his family.

I am wondering how you are getting on with the book on Guatemalan flow ers and plans for the Tour. Do let me hear your news and I hope you are well. As I said to Kitty I thought you were in very fine form and being so busy, certainly seems to agree with you.

Sometime this year I am determined to go to Korea-but of course it depends on Kitty's plans and when Jeffy is out there. Jeffy is now skiing in Gstaad, Switzerland, but will be home soon and then goes back to Korea for awhile.

Give my love to Hugh and tell him to come with you in April-or anytime, for he knows he will always be welcome here.

With love to you Wilson-and I shall be looking for you soon.

*Catherine*

P.S. I am sending you an Article that came out in Vogue about this house-rather concieted of me to keep showing it off this way, but I thought it might interest you. I rather like the Article-as Mr. Lawford was very attract ive, but others think it rather wordy and even sappy !

And Wilson-thank you for what you did for us-going to the Highlands as you did with such a cold-and for everything. I did tell you this before I left, but I do thank you again.

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

March 8, 1965

Dear Wilson:

I don't like to bother you but I wrote the Department of Agriculture for a permit to bring in the orchids, which has just arrived, and in order to send it to Guatemala I will have to have the name of your friend and his address - which, of course, I have forgotten. Also I wondered if you had been able to get the two white nun orchids from Herrarte Pacheco in Guatemala City. This is a nuisance, I know, but I am quite looking forward to getting these plants.

I was delighted to get your letter and Kitty says she would very much like to be on the board of the Escuela. She has always been interested in it, as you know. I don't know about Doris. I shouldn't think she would mind as she has always been fond of Kitty and had mentioned it herself. But as you say, we can talk this all over when you come.

And that brings me to the time you are coming! Be sure to let me know as I would love to have a few people for dinner, who I know would love to see you. I know you are going to be in New York the 1st, so perhaps I could plan on the 3rd or 4th of April?

Kitty and John are now tentatively planning on the end of May for the wedding. They have taken an apartment on Beacon Hill and are very busy with many plans. Kitty is very firm about having a really small wedding. But there is no doubt that she would love to have you! So, you will just have to come back!

With all that is going on I think now I won't go anywhere,

as I had planned, until after Kitty and John are married. I had thought of going to Korea, if I could work it out, and also have been invited to go and stay with friends in Ireland, but I just don't feel like being away now.

I suppose you continue to be as busy as ever, and I am wondering if you went to the School, and how the plans for your tour are progressing.

The weather has been rather dreary here and I often wish I were back in your beautiful Antigua.

Much love to you, and  
Affectionately,

*Bill*  
I was delighted to get your letter and Kitty says she would very much like to be on the board of the School. She has always been interested in it, as you know. I don't know about Boris. I shouldn't think she would mind as she has always been fond of Kitty and has mentioned it herself. But as you say, we can talk this all over when you come. And that brings me to the time you're coming; be sure to let me know as I would love to have a few people for dinner who I know would love to see you. I know you are going to be in New York the 1st, so perhaps I could plan on the 1st or 4th of April.

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COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

June 7th.  
1965.

Dear Wilson,

Your letter came and I was glad to hear from you-as I wondered if you had been well-not having come <sup>here</sup> when you were in N.Y. nor to the School Meeting or Kitty's wedding to John. I missed you all these times and do hope you are feeling better. Chico de Sola called me to tell me of Kitty's election to the Board of the School-as he said-unanimously<sup>ous</sup>ly-(spell!) and when I asked him about you-he told me you had not come and that he thought you had not really felt up to it.

I am really so pleased over Kitty being on the Board of Trustees of the School and she ~~feels~~ is very happy and proud herself. This was your suggestion I know and (I hope) it will prove a good one. Doris had told me she wanted it before she resigned, but said at the time-not to mention it to anyone. I

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wonder if she has heard of it-as I have not had any word from her since she cabled she was so terribly sorry they were not coming to the wedding-after calling to say that nothing would keep them away and should they get reservations at the Ritz-and I told them I could put them up somewhere on the Point!

Well-the wedding day came and went-a little over a week ago and it was lovely and wonderful. Kitty looked so radiant and when John answered "I will" he said it so loud<sup>ly</sup> and firmly that even the Bishop laughed and there was a ripple through the Church!  
I never saw Kitty look better-in every way-and I only wish you could have seen her-for I know you are so fond of her. I must say it was a very emotinal time for me and I said a little prayer for their happiness. All my family came and I must say the family is a great comfort at such times.

So-after only three days away-Mr. and Mrs. John

TELEPHONE  
926-4922

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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Winthrop Sears are in residence on Beacon Hill and everything seems to be going well. They hope that later on they can take a good trip, as they both have been working so hard they really deserve some time off.

I think Wilson-your idea of a painting by Garavito for a wedding present is perfect-and I cannot imagine anything Kitty would like more.

With love and all best wishes to you and do take care of your health and let us keep in touch.

*Calherine*

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Aug. 4th.

1965.

Dear Wilson,

I have your letter of July 4th. before me and am dismayed that it has taken me a month ~~to~~ to answer it ! Especially, as I so wanted to tell you how delighted I was to hear about the painting by Garravito of the mountain Kitty climbed- you really have been inspired- and I can't imagine ANYTHING she would like more ! It really is dear of you to give her such a handsome present and I wanted you to know how touched I am over it. Now, I can hardly wait to see it. Why don't you bring it and then you can see it hung in their new apt. and stay with me? It is so lovely here now and will be, for the next two or three months- so do give it thought and Hugh too.

Just after recovering from all the excitement of Kitty and John's wedding I had 176 women-wives- of the Class of '15- the 50th. Reunion of Jeff's. It was a four day affair and very impressive, but also rather a hard time for me.

Since then I too have had a lot of family visiting and the time seems to fly.

I haven't heard from Doris since she called to say they could not come to the wedding- which was disappointing- as we would have loved to have had them- and you. They sent Kitty and John a bed-room set of furniture- Spanish Colonial- so attractive and beautifully made- which was so nice of them. I am hoping they will stop off here if and when they go to Europe to see Pebble.

I hear the United Fruit is doing somewhat better now- which is good news after all their troubles.

Kitty and John seem so happy and so busy-Kitty went back to work at Public Health on July first and I don't see how they manage to do all they are doing. They hope for a trip sometime before too long, but the Legislature shows no signs of adjourning so far.

With love to you and do write when you are not too rushed which is not often-I know !

*Catherine*

P.S.K. and J's address is-56 Branch St. Boston,

P.P.S. How nice it is for you and your children and grandchildren to be together in that beautiful spot-I envy you all.



COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

August 19, 1965

Dear Wilson:

The last time I wrote I forgot to mention my friend, Mrs. Parish, (who was the decorator for my house, and for the Kennedy's upstairs part of the White House). She is quite a friend of mine, and has really made a great success of her decorating business, which started on a shoe string, and to me she has a lot of taste.

She has been asked by two of the oldest fabric houses in New York, which have now merged, Johnson & Faulkner and Arthur Lee, and they are paying her a royalty, for new designs for their materials. She has collected quite a few and seemed most interested in some of the Guatemalan designs. I brought her an old piece from that Doctor and his wife, whose name I have forgotten but knew you so well, and also spoke of Kitty - I am sure you know who I mean. You would know this much better than I, but do you think it would be worth while to have her contact them. She says she would fly down, if it seemed to work out. This may not come to anything, but I thought it worth while to ask your opinion, so I can let her know.

We are all well but are having a terrible drought, and today our water was restricted, which worries me because of our new trees. However, my wonderful gardener, Bruno, has managed to keep them alive so far.

With love to you and do write me your plans. Will you be coming to the School Meeting in the Fall? Kitty is looking forward to her first attendance. I know how much she would

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MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

August 19, 1952

*Catherine*

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COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Sept. 21, 1965

Dear Wilson:

I feel badly I am so late in answering your nice long letter and thank you for giving thought to my friend, Mrs. Parish. She may just fly down there for a very brief time, and I know I would be terribly tempted to go with her, but I am now thinking of a trip to Korea - unless all Asia blows up - as my brother, Fentress, says he will go with me. I have thought about it so long that I feel I want to be like Mr. Manry, the man who, as you know, crossed the Atlantic in his little Tinkerbelle and said "There comes a time when one must decide, of one's dreams, either to risk everything to achieve them, or sit for the rest of one's life in the backyard".

I also want to thank you for thinking of the White Nun orchid. When I was in Guatemala City I meant to go around to Pacheco Herrarte, but I never did get there, but had called him to ask about the orchid and he said he had some. Of course, I would love to have one but don't want to put you or Hugh to too much trouble.

As for Don Willauer telling you I was interested in getting a house in Antigua, I did talk about it as I love the place so, but I really think it wouldn't be very wise, as I couldn't be sure I could get family or friends to come with me often enough to make it worth while, as I simply don't like going anywhere alone - if I have to be I would rather be at home. But it certainly was tempting when I saw how lovely the Weed house was, and some of the others that Pat Crocker was doing. Give

Fat and Don my best and perhaps sometime again I will be able to get down there for a visit.

I am so disappointed that you think you are not coming to the Board Meeting in December, but, of course, it is cold at that time.

The de Solas called me the other day and said they had a house on Beacon Street until Christmas, as Chico was going to the Business School, which I think was quite impressive. They are coming out for lunch this Sunday and I am looking forward tremendously to seeing them.

I have written Doris several times as they had told me they planned to be in Washington, September 15th, and I asked them to call me or let me know, or write me, and I haven't heard a word. I hope they were not in New Orleans over the hurricane.

How I wish you and Hugh would come when the weather is good, and though I haven't had much success I intend to keep writing and urging you!

With much love and many thanks for all you have done,

*Catherine*

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
01944

Jan. 26, 1967

Dear Wilson:

That was a wonderful letter from you and I have been meaning to write you before this, but what with my accident to my leg and then my wonderful Swedish cook having an operation, has made life quite hectic.

I loved hearing all about the graduation and Kitty and John's time in Guatemala and all the other places they went. You certainly were good to them and John thought your house simply marvelous, as I knew he would. It really did Kitty so much good and she was so enthusiastic about everything. I was particularly pleased you thought she did well at the meeting and Chico de Sola told me the same. It certainly means a lot to her and I know she is going to try her best. Now she and John are back at work and busier than ever. So I don't see half as much of them as I wish I could.

I read the part of your letter about the irises to Bruno, and I wish you could have seen how delighted he looked, and he is dying to hear how the irises do. I wish you could see the house now filled with every kind of orchid - quite a few from my last visit to Guatemala, and the most marvelous streptosolen. Bruno really is quite a genius.

I wish I could have taken a house in Guatemala this year, but really with my leg I just thought it was too much. Also, apparently, it won't be completely healed for another two months. So I might as well just be patient.

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
01944

Jan. 26, 1967

However, I have taken a house in Washington for the month of March, as the Hookers' daughter is getting married the end of that month. I must say I am rather nervous about the whole prospect, -- if I don't get another couple, but my brother says he could probably bring his Italians with him, as he is going to visit me there.

I do hope you found Sally all right and I am anxious to hear how all the family is getting on. I am wondering if you are back in Antigua, and do write me your plans.

I called Doris, on the spur of the moment, in Madisonville, as she had written me they had moved there from Costa Rica, and life was very different. I got Ronnie, but Doris had gone to San Jose for a week. He said Costa Rica was hopeless. I don't quite know why. He said he thought they would like it there as they had some friends. They are going to New York, I believe fairly soon, to take one of these intensive courses in French where they speak nothing else, and only have Saturday nights off - for I believe three or four weeks. Then he said he thought they would go to Paris to see Pebble and his family and surprise them with their perfect French. I had written Doris for Christmas in Costa Rica, but don't know if she ever received the letter and I haven't heard anything further.

COOLIDGE POINT  
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
01944

Jan. 26, 1967

If you are planning to come North, you know how much I would love to have you stop here for as long as you like.

With lots of love to you, and do let us keep in touch.

Affectionately,

*Catherine*

Antigua, 24 October 1960

Catherine dear,

We were awfully glad to hear from you, but sorry that you have been, as Kitty wrote, "flat on your back". We hope it is all a thing of the past, now, but when the cold weather begins to creep up on you in January we wonder if it would not be a good idea for you to step on the airplane the step off again in Guatemala City and spend a few weeks here in Antigua. Helen would take great pride in having you enjoy the hot water in her new bath room and we have a big stock of dry oak firewood so we can sit around the fireplace in the library of evenings.

What a time we had with Kitty in Peru. It was a rough trip, because we could not get on the plane to Cuzco as she has doubtless told you; so we went overland and stopped overnight in all sorts of queer places, in one of which a double room (Helen and myself) cost sixty cents. I told Kitty to go home and boast that she is probably the only Coolidge who ever slept in a sixty cent room!

I don't suppose we shall ever get up to Boston again. So far as the Fruit Company is concerned - and the school ditto - I am completely out of the picture. The worst thing about this retiring business is that the moment you go off the payroll you might as well be dead. Maybe better. Though I still keep busy by taking on free jobs here and there, and last week I got off 42 letters - all by myself, for I have no office help any more. People still want to know why their avocados don't bear fruit and how to kill the bugs on their rose bushes.

Don't forget us, Catherine dear; we speak of you so often and do wish you would come down to us for a while.



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

Antigua, Guatemala, 17 May 1944

REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA, HONDURAS  
CENTRO AMERICA

Catherine dear:

Please forgive me for not having thanked you earlier for your cablegram and letter at the time of Helen's death. I am afraid I have been in something of a daze since that shock. Just think of being called up on the telephone, when I was in Miami, and told simply "Helen died this afternoon". Of course I had felt that she was losing ground for the past year; she was aging far too fast, but I had not expected the end to come so suddenly.

I shall carry on here, though I may go up to Florida to stay with Hugh for a while in the autumn. He is now here in Guatemala, carrying on some interesting field experiments in the northern part of the country; I was with him last week for a few days. Before that I went over to Zamorano for three weeks, "to get away from things" but it wasn't very helpful. If I should ever go as far north as Boston, you know I shall happily accept your invitation to visit you, but I rather that I shall go that far north. So many of my old friends are gone. Ed Whitman now writes that he is leaving the Company in June.

Kitty has written me of her plans, the most recent one being Cali in Colombia. I am all for that. I was not opposed to Guayaquil but I am sure medically Cali will be much better. I am trying to get her to spend a month in Antigua on her way south and let me drill her hard in the Spanish language. She says she feels she needs more Spanish. Of course I would love to have her here, for I am terribly lonely. And Helen was so fond of her, as she was - and I am - of all the Coolidges.

Always devotedly yours,

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.  
Coolidge Point  
Magnolia, Massachusetts

May 11th.  
1961.

Dear Wilson,

You are so often in my thoughts and I fret over you being alone in that big house. Won't Marion or one of your children be coming to stay with you? I do so hope so-for I know only too well what it is to be alone.

I have been worrying over whether you ever recieved my cable and letter about Helen? I sent the letter registered-as Kitty told me this was safer for delivery. I will feel very badly if they did not reach you. Do please write me a line-just telling me how you are getting on,for<sup>do</sup> feel so concerned.

That lovely week with you and Helen I shall always remember and treasure -and as always you were both so good to me and my niece and nephew. How I shall miss Helen -I simply cannot tell you how much.

I so wanted you both to come here someday-to show you the new house,for I could talk over each thing with Helen-in a way I could with very few people. I felt we were truly close friends.

Kitty was so crushed when she told me the tragic news-she was so devoted to Helen-as were we all.

Well Wilson-when you feel like it-you know that a true welcome awaits you here. JUst tell me whenever you feel like coming for it would be a joy to me to have you come-I don't need to tell you this.

Kitty has been travelling all about-seeing the Rockerfeller people and C.I.A-and now may change her plans-but I will let her tell you about it all-as I know she is in touch with you.

With so much love to you,dear Wilson,

*Catherine*

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Antigua, 19 February 1970

Catherine dear,

We came back from Honduras last night and found your letters of February 4 and 9. This morning I hustled right down to see Don Willever who has not received your letter of February 8. In view of having no word about hiring the chauffeur Luis who speaks English so well, this man has become tied up for some of the first days you are to be here. But Don thinks he can get him for you most of the time you will want him, and we can get another good man for you until Luis is free, though this man may not speak English too well. But we are sure things will work out allright.

I told Don that you will be arriving with Sister Parish on Pan Am March 3rd Tuesday flight 541 at 6 p m which I believe may be 5 p m here but we will check up on that.

Don and I talked about caring for some of your friends if you can not house them all. Don will probably have a room or two available but can only handle guests for room and breakfast. While we are going to have quite a few guests with us at the Casa del Oidor during March I think we could handle two people for a few days at almost <sup>any</sup> time during that month, on the same basis of room and breakfast. We assume they could eat at your house except for breakfast, and you will be coming and going a good deal so it would be had to handle any extras for the other meals, but I do not believe you would need that anyway. Don says the hotels here already are booked for March especially for the last or Easter week. Incidentally, I told Kitty when she left us for Colombia (we went over to Honduras with her) that we will take care of "Uncle Bill" and herself here at our house. She thought she might bring him here to Antigua for the last four

days of Easter week, Wednesday through Saturday, when the processions are really sumpin and can be seen better from our house than anywhere else as they all pass by our place and you can look out the big windows just like good Spanish colonial ladies instead of having to stend out in the street like gringos. You may want to come over with your own people when the processions are paasing by.

Thanks for the clipping about our troubles, but you dont need to give that matter a second thought.

Don and I will make sure that Josefina is advised of your coming, and has got the clothesline out of front patio.

We sure enjoyed our visit with Kitty. We had a lovely three-day trip down to the coast and back thru the highlands, which has become sort of a ritual with Kitty and myself. She stayed several days at Zamorano, where I didnt go at the time as Bob Armour had some 18 people taking a short course in business management (of all things, for an agricultural school!) and the house you and Jeff used to stay with Helen and myself was full of TBM's (tired business men). Kitty spent her last day with us at Alice's house in Tegucigalpa, then flew off to Colombia. We are delighted that she is coming down again in late March.

Much love always,

*Wilson*

Don: This is the only copy I made of my letter to Mrs Coolidge and I think you better have it so you will know to what we have committed ourselves. If I forget, I can come down to your place and look at it.

*grf*

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Feb. 24, 1970

Dear Wilson:

Your letter, with the enclosure, of the 20th arrived this morning, and I really can't thank you for being so kind over all these conflicting plans.

As it stands, we are arriving - four of us - on the 6th at 4:00 P.M. I believe this is correct - your time.

I am sorry I didn't let you know in time for Luis, but hope he will be free after we get there. In comparison with me, Kitty must be a cinch, as she doesn't worry about travelling in any way and manages to get along on her own! However, once we get there I trust we will not be a nuisance to you. I certainly shall try not to pester you. I am really looking forward to it so much as the weather has been horrid here.

Do thank Don Willever too for his trouble and it would be wonderful if he did have a room in case we needed to spill over and, of course, my guests would have lunch and dinner with us. I absolutely don't want you and Alice to think of having any of my guests at your house, as you always have so many people coming and going and this is just too much.

I had already invited Bill to stay with me anyway from March 24th to March 30th, when he goes with Kitty to the School.

Kitty is back with absolutely glowing accounts of her fine trip and especially Alice. She tells me Alice seems so young and active and full of energy that it has already given me an inferiority complex, but I am dying to meet her as I wrote you. Anyone you chose would be super!

We would adore to watch the procession from your house, if we are not too many. I do hope you will like Sister Parish, as she is great fun and quite a cosy person, full of ideas and most extraordinarily successful as a decorator. She is dying to see the Indian designs and I know will love Antigua and my friends.

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I am sure you would be amused at the accounts of  
Guatemalan politics which are appearing <sup>in our papers</sup> more and more often  
now as the elections approach. I will bring them down to  
you, as you might be interested.

You did not say what I might bring you so, of course,  
I am racking my brain to think of something you might  
like, and Kitty has been no help, as she says you have  
EVERYTHING!

With again so many thanks for being so good about  
my plans.

Love,

*Cobburn*

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April 10, 1970

Dear Alice and Wilson:

Here I have been back a little over a week and I have meant to write you before this to tell you how much I loved seeing you both in Antigua. Alice was all I expected from what everyone, including Kitty, said of her and I am so happy for you Wilson that you were so lucky.

You were both very good to us having my different groups of guests for dinner and, of course, they will never forget your house - especially that day of the procession.

This trip was one of the best I have had to Antigua, as everything seemed to go so well. My guests simply loved it and the little trips to the Highlands were perfect. I must say I liked this house better than the others I have had and hope I can get it again for next March.

I felt so terribly for you with the worry of Sally's illness and I only hope things will work out for her.

Now I am looking forward to the time you are coming here with Alice - especially in the summer. Could you stop on your way back from Europe? In any case, I won't give up and will be after you to make a firm date whenever possible.

What a tragedy it was - the assassination of the German Ambassador. I wondered if you knew him. What is to stop this kidnapping and hijacking, unless as an editorial said here that "A severe restriction on political asylum could stop it. But this would involve a complete reversal of the traditional Latin American attitude toward asylum, particularly for political dissidents." It certainly is a problem. I hope nothing happens to our Ambassador, nor that nice couple, Mr. and Mrs. Krebbs. Everyone here has called up and joked about my not being kidnapped, but as always unless one is on the scene one would never be aware that anything was happening - for certainly Antigua seemed calm, lovely and a peaceful place.

I have not seen Uncle Bill since I returned, but hear from Kitty he seemed to enjoy the School.

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There are a few signs of Spring here - though the day after I returned I woke up to a wet snow storm. Of course, the sun is high now so it doesn't last.

Now I am busy getting ready for my short trip to Ireland. As I think I told you, Sister Parish and her husband and I have this lovely house in County Waterford. So if you get to Europe soon enough I would <sup>love</sup> it if you came there. I am only going to be there from the 15th to the first of May. After this I don't expect to move for quite a while.

Do write from time to time, as I love to hear your news and keep in touch.

With again many thanks and love to you both,

*Catherine*



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Jan. 7, 1971

Dear Wilson:

It has been ages since I have heard from you, or for that matter I guess, also that I have written to <sup>you</sup>~~she~~. Of course, I ask Kitty all about you and Alice and said you were both wonderfully well.

I am just back from a quick trip to Europe with one week in Paris where my brother, Fentress, met me and then we both went to Rome where I had another week with my youngest brother, who is now Consul General there. It was absolutely ideal - Paris is more beautiful than ever. It certainly is the city of light, as literally everything was floodlit and so beautifully done. I must say the French know what to leave out and never seem to overdo things. Rome was equally beautiful, but in another way, as you know.

We were very gay over Christmas, and Fentress being a good Catholic took me to Mass Christmas morning, which was beautiful with a wonderful choir. I am so glad I went as everything has become so commercial here at home.

I had thought that all three - Kitty, Jeffy and Linzee - would be away, but instead of that they were all here while I cheerily told everyone that I had not left them for Christmas! However it worked out very well as I always thought it would be nice for Kitty to have her bachelor brothers and Uncle for lunch Christmas day. So she did, and the Thorns and several others - 14 in all. Apparently it was a great success and she had all her best Lowestoft and Waterford glass, etc. on the table and Bruno tells me it was most impressive to see. *just*

Though I am only <sup>1</sup>back I am already planning about my stay in Antigua and am certainly hoping you and Alice will be there in March, when I have that same house for the month.

I am really looking forward to it so much and only hope the political situation will be calm. Do write me what you think.

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I have asked a few people to come and am working on it now as it is hard to pin people down. The Hookers can not come, but I think my brother, Fentress, will join me, and I have a few couples who are trying to work it all out.

If you happen to see Luis, I would very much like to have him again, as he was the greatest help - all due to you. I will write him in any case, as I received a Christmas card with a picture of his son - very cute.

I am anxious to hear how everything is going with you and Alice and your family. I suppose you are busier than ever, but hope you are not going to say you are off somewhere during the month of March, for as you know how I feel - Antigua would never be the same without you both.

Doris Stone was here before I left and came down for dinner. She seemed in excellent form and seemed pleased with Kitty's efforts in connection with the School. I feel very much out of touch these days and Kitty tells me very little.

I will be anxiously awaiting news from you and meanwhile much love and best wishes for a most Happy New Year,

Catherine -

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Jan. 15, 1971

Dear Wilson:

By now you must have received a letter from me and I found yours when I got back from New York last night. So ours must have crossed. I was so happy to hear from you and how nice to hear about Luis. I certainly do want him. He was the greatest help last year and I counted on him for everything. He is such a nice little fellow and we became great friends.

I wrote you about coming down for the month of March and I am really excited at the thought. It is very hard to pin people down and figure out how much room I will have, as some of my friends are single - so double rooms don't do any good. In case I needed extra room, do you think Don Willever would like to have a paying guest, or would it be best to try for a room at the Inn. I have not said anything to Don Willever about coming yet, but I think I had better write and ask him about his rooms.

I suppose there will be many tourists. Although I hear a lot of people talking here of the unrest in Guatemala. However the newspapers always make it sound worse. I ran into Marjorie Stillman in New York and she said she had just come back from Antigua and there had been some sort of scare about the kidnapping of one of the President's children and no one was supposed to leave, but she said they got out anyway. Antigua always seems to be the most peaceful place, but then one never knows. But however, as you say, unless something unforeseen happens I am just not going to worry.

I was so pleased about what you said about our Kitty. She really is so passionately interested in the School and seems to have really become involved and bearded the lions in their dens - all those powerful business men included. Now she is running for the Board of Health in Manchester, which I think is wonderful!

I sent you a book which I thought was quite attractive and I hope you like it and I am going to send one on a

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totally different subject to Alice. You are both very hard to know what to choose as a little gift to bring you -

Of course I am thrilled that you will be there the first part of March and I certainly hope that you will stay through ~~Mass~~ as it makes all the difference for me.

With love to you both,

*Catherine*

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Feb. 4, 1971

Dear Wilson:

Here I am pestering you again, but I was just wondering about the room at the Inn from the 5th to the 14th of March for Mr. Albert Hadley. Perhaps you have been away, but I thought I better just check.

We have had such perishing cold here - hovering around zero and never over twenty for 63 days! Some sort of a record, but I don't think you would care for it at all, and I must say I am looking forward to the climate in Guatemala.

I hope you received the book I sent you, and also there is one coming for Alice.

This is just a short note, as I am dashing about with the flowers for a party of 24 tonight which I am having for Sister Parish. As always, Bruno has outdone himself and I don't know where to put them all!

With love to you and Alice,

Catherine Coledge

P.S. I have written Luis  
I am arriving alone  
March 1<sup>st</sup> on the Pan Am  
Flight leaving U.S. at  
11<sup>30</sup> - a. m. - C.

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Feb. 16, 1971

Dear Wilson:

What a nice letter came from you today. I had forgotten you had written me you were going to be in Honduras, but Kitty told me yesterday.

Thank you so much for your suggestion about Albert "adley" but Sister Parish thinks he better be at the Hotel Antigua, as he is perfectly exhausted with all his work and she thought he might be able to hide away there all by himself. But if my brother Fentress comes, and your offer still holds good, I think he would adore to stay in your beautiful house. I don't think he would be any trouble and will only be with me a week. But he certainly can come over for breakfast - in fact I told him Josefina, good as she is, never gets there very early, so he said he would cook breakfast. Then, of course, he can have all other meals with me.

You were wonderful to nail Luis, as he wrote me he would surely be there.

I think I have people all the time except for the night of March 15th, as one group leaves and the Thorns and another doctor friend arrive the 16th.

Once in a while I get rather cold feet about how I am going to work out all the trips with the different groups without Dolly to help me, but I guess it will be all right and we will be able to get the accommodations at Lake Atitlan.

Thank you for the advice about the "likker". I shall try and stock up, though I am coming down alone, but there is a chance Phil and Anne Weld will be on the same plane, as they get on in Miami, where I believe the plane stops.

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The Thorns and Dr. Fox and I plan to leave the  
the 23rd, so I won't be there the whole of March. I  
think I forgot to tell Luis, but hope this won't throw  
him off, I know the Canfields are going and maybe they  
will want him the last week. I have to get back as I  
think I wrote you I am leaving the 31st of March for  
Ireland.

It certainly will be wonderful to see you both  
again and I am thrilled you are going to be there.

With many thanks again and love to you both

Caroline

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January 19, 1971

Dear Wilson:

What a deluge of letters from me, but this time it is just to ask you if I could get a room at the Inn for Albert Hadley - Sister Parish's partner - from the 5th to the 14th of March. He is very nice and I hope you will like him. I don't seem to have quite as much room when it is single people and he apparently likes the independence of being at the Inn, and Sister thought it would be more of a rest than being at Don Willever's, even if he had a room. As I can remember he always had people dropping in and out, and Albert is always very polite and makes an effort.

I hope this isn't too much trouble as I think your word naturally carries more than mine with the Inn people.

George and Doris Thorn were here for lunch Sunday and they both said they would be so disappointed if you and Alice weren't in Antigua the 16th to the 24th, as they are coming down then. They often speak of you and I know how much they would like to see you again.

Thank you in advance for everything and love to you both,

*Catherine*



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March 30, 1971

Dear Alice and Wilson:

Before I take off April 1st, I did want to write to you both for all you did for us while we were in your beautiful Antigua. It is always a great thrill for my friends to meet you and see your historic house and enjoy your delicious dinners. I thought you were both in very good form and I do hope things continue to go well for Sally. As I told you, I was so taken with Marian. She is so sweet and I think has one of the loveliest smiles - even though a little sad - and your granddaughters, I thought adorable.

The fungus looks absolutely wonderful in my library. Thank you for that too.

I found Kitty looking very well, and Jeffy and Linzee. Kitty says she has written you. So now I guess you will say you don't need to come up here, which I simply won't accept. I am going to keep after you both until you do come.

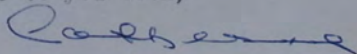
I am so sorry I missed Hugh when he was here. Kitty said she took him to Uncle Billy Coolidge's to lunch and I do hope he had a good time.

I wrote Mrs. Ranney for the house again next year, but have not yet heard from her. So I think I should call her before I go away again.

I am really looking forward to Ireland as I love it there. I think in its own way it has as much charm as Guatemala, but the climate I am told is not very good right now. Let us hope it warms up for all my guests. I wish you were both there to help me entertain them, as you did in Antigua.

I expect to be here all summer except for a few very short trips to Maine with the Hookers, and the Camp in the Adirondacks, as I really have done a great deal of travelling this year.

With much love to you both,



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May 11, 1971

Dear Alice and Wilson:

I really must be getting old as I simply can not remember whether I have written you or not since I left Guatemala. If not, I am highly ashamed - and, if so, I will probably just repeat myself. However what I really want to tell you is how much I loved seeing you and Alice and what a good time you gave me and my friends. It really was one of my most successful visits, and I am beginning to feel quite at home in the Ranney house. I am happy to say I have it again next March.

Secondly, Ireland was absolutely a dream. We had such luck, as they had never had such good weather and Spring was just incredible. My landlady raises donkeys and there were baby donkeys and baby lambs, and the peace and quiet of the countryside is just incredible. I had 12 guests while I was there and stayed just about the same length of time as in Guatemala. However, when I got back here the weather was perfectly awful and today is just about the first nice one we have had in about three weeks.

I was so surprised to see Hugh the other day. Apparently he came on to give a talk to the School of Public Health and Kitty said Dr. Weller, the ~~co~~-Nobel prize winner, never looked so happy in his life. So Hugh must have been a huge success, as I hear also he was asked a great many questions by the students. He and Kitty stopped in here and then came for dinner. It was terribly nice as Jeffy came as he was going to Korea the next day and he and Hugh seemed to get along famously. I can't tell you how wonderful I think he is - so full of life and very gay and I could hardly believe he had ever had that dreadful accident. It was really a joy to see him and I hope he found the meeting of the school in New York satisfactory. I do wish he would come more often, as he is such a truly charming and delightful person. I told him I was so happy to see Marian, as she looked perfectly

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lovely and I think has the most beautiful expression. Do tell her for me. Something tells me I have written you this before. So you will have to bear with me with so much repetition!

I have been away so much this year that I am going to stay put I hope for a while, with only short trips to New York and Washington.

I still have hopes that you will bring Alice up, but Hugh said he thought it would be hard to persuade you -- but do give it consideration, as Kitty and I would so love it - to say nothing of Bruno.

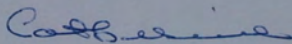
Speaking of him, I wish you could see the flowers that he brought in today. The tulips are just out of this world and so are my orchids.

Kitty seems terribly busy what with her work, and the school, and fixing up her house. She has bought quite a few really lovely things, and I am sure you would approve as they are all authentic antiques of great quality. Linzee also is sprucing up his house, but he doesn't have quite the interest in decorating, naturally.

Tell Alice she would have been happy to hear what we all said about her, and Hugh said he didn't know anyone that didn't think she was perfect.

With love to you both and do let us keep in touch.

Affectionately,



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Feb. 14, 1973

Dear Alice and Wilson:

I have not heard from you in so long and I too have not written for ages. But I have thought of you both often and am now becoming quite excited at the thought of going to Antigua again this March. I wrote Luis not to tell you when I was coming because I do think it an imposition to drive all the way up to Guatemala City, as you have always done. Not that I don't think it terribly good of you and am thrilled to see you, but we should meet down there and save you the trip!

We all seem to be well here and my big news is Linzee's marriage. I am really so happy over it as I liked his girl from the very beginning. They have known each other for three years and seem to be most congenial and like the same things. She is about his age and has been married before with two sons who are very nice boys - one 11 and one 15. They are now living in Linzee's apartment in town and come down here in his house for the weekends. She apparently loves the North Shore, which is wonderful for me.

I was so anxious for them to visit me in Antigua, but she has what seems to me a very worthwhile job teaching children with remedial reading problems and the vacation does not come at the right time. She says she is going to keep it up this year, but perhaps next year they will be able to come. If I am still around!

I have rented the Ranney house for next year as well, as it seems to be very much in demand. In fact Helen Coolidge wrote me from the Weed house, where apparently she spent Christmas, and said many houses had been sold to people up here. I do hope the influx will not spoil your lovely place.

Jeffy was home from the Far East this fall, but is now back in Korea. However, he seems to commute back and forth, so I do see him once in a while. So with peace at last out there, I suppose he will be busier than ever, as he has been going to Saigon regularly.

Isn't it wonderful to think the war is over - even though it does seem rather a fragile truce. But we are getting our prisoners back and it was the most moving sight on television to see them get off the plane after so many years in captivity. They were magnificent.

Kitty seems in very good form and tremendously interested in the school.

I was so distressed to hear from Kitty that Doris Stone had had this bad accident. I called her and really she sounded as if

she had been through a very miserable time with a broken hip and leg. She was still in a wheel chair but Ronny hoped they could get to Costa Rica for Easter. It is hard to picture Doris laid up this way and she sounded as if it were really quite trying as well as painful, and naturally she is most impatient as to how long it takes to recover - but I am sure she will in time. Hugh is the shining example and his accident was much worse it seems to me.

I have guests coming to join me at 5a Avenida Sur #5 and, of course, I am hoping that they can all see your house, but I don't want to bother you too much knowing how many people stream through that beautiful place. *Must you have*

Don Willever write me that two volcanoes are smoking, but I don't think I am going to worry too much about that.

I do hope that you both are well and all the family too. With much love to you both and looking forward, as you can imagine, to seeing you both again,

Affectionately,

*Catherine*

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May 31, 1973

Dear Alice and Wilson:

I have been meaning to write you for such a long time, but things have been hectic since I got home from beautiful Antigua. Everyone is well but I have been running back and forth to Washington and New York and over the Memorial Day weekend had a group of Koreans - headed by the Deputy Prime Minister - that Jeffy brought. It was great fun and most of them spoke English. I was pleased as Jeffy seemed to think everything went off well and they seemed to like the place. Jeffy said, "Now this should set up my next trip to Korea". So I am trying to get the Hookers and Billy Coolidge to go. It is really a most beautiful and interesting country and the people very friendly.

My last visit was very good as usual, but one thing really makes me sad is that somehow or other I see less and less of you and Alice. I know how busy you are and know that you had your problems with Sally. I only hope she is better and things are working out for all of you, as I know how much you worry care about her. Don Willever wrote me Sally was staying with you now.

I did want to thank you, however, for being so kind to my friends and let me bring them over to see your wonderful house. I have the Ranney place for next March and already have asked a few people. But this time I don't think I will have quite as many as it is somewhat strenuous. Mrs. Ranney certainly has improved the house with the extra bathroom and laundry, etc., and tells me that next year the dining room will be enlarged, which really will be nice.

As usual we haven't had much Spring - but we never do in

New England, and now it seems to go into Summer.

Is there any chance of you and Alice coming up here, for as you know you have a standing invitation and I would so love to have you come?

I suppose you are hearing a great deal about Watergate. The papers print practically nothing else and the T. V. is full of it. Though right now the Senate Investigation has recessed until the 4th of June. It sounds the most incredible mess and I just don't understand <sup>how</sup> the President, who is such a Pro, could have surrounded himself with such inept and strange people. I hope the investigation will clear things up, as Nixon, it seems to me, has done some remarkably good things - what with opening up talks with China and Russia and bringing the prisoners of war home.

I am sending you one of a series of articles on the looting of Mayan Art, but I suppose you have seen them all. I imagine the Guatemalans will make it harder and harder to bring out any native art, as Jeffy says Korea has clamped down completely, calling everything a national treasure and I can hardly blame these countries, as we buy up so much of their antiquities and art from all over the world.

I am also sending you a book about Jefferson, which I think is rather nice, called "Mr. Jefferson, Architect". Desmond Guinness and Mr. Sadler came here one day for lunch and I showed them what we had of Jeffersoniana.

I am also wondering if Alice ever received the cook book. The mail is getting worse and worse here, so I suppose it is lost. Though I put a tracer on it from Manchester.

All my family are very well and I am so happy over my daughter-in-law, who is really quite a person, and so far she and

Linzee seem very happy.

I had thought of going to Rome for a short visit to see my two brothers, but it is so nice here now and there is always so much to do about the place - even though Bruno can't get hardly anyone to help him, the flowers are more beautiful than ever. Though I am trying rather uncessfully to cut down.

I do hope you are feeling well and send best love to you and Alice,

*Catherine*



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Jan. 29, 1974

Dear Alice and Wilson :

It is far too long since I have written to you and also that I haven't heard a word directly about you. Kitty told me she had heard you, Wilson, hadn't felt so well, but I hope you are better now. I do think of you often and wish time didn't fly by so fast and that we weren't getting older so rapidly.

However, I am planning to go to Antigua for the month of March, as usual, and do hope you will both be there. My land lady, Ana Maria Ranney, has made quite a few improvements and really the house is very comfortable now. Of course, Josefina and Luis make it for me, as they know all my habits and do so much for me. It looks as though I were going to have quite a few guests and I only hope I am up to coping with them as usual, but I find it is becoming more of an effort as time goes on. As my friend George Pope, whom you may remember, blew in to La Lima once when the Fruit Company said he couldn't "I may look young, but the mileage is there". The difference is I don't look young and the mileage is still there.

My son, Linzee, who is now married, says they will be down for about a week and I am thrilled, as I have such a nice daughter-in-law at long last, and only wish Kitty would remarry, and that Jeffy would find someone. Instead, he practically commutes to Korea and all over Southeast Asia. Right now he has taken off from New Guinea where he has a new business project.

We are all well here and I hope your children are too, Wilson. I so loved seeing Marian, when she was here staying with Kitty. What a lovely girl she is.

I have seen the Stillmans several times in New York. Poor Marjorie had a horrid operation on her hand which has been quite painful and still in a cast. But I think they will be going down to Guatemala the first of February.

Bobby Cushing tells me that the gasoline shortage isn't too bad. Though she won't have any oil to heat her pool. Here everything is confusing and it is hard on the motorist as a good deal of the time the gas stations are closed and no way to get any more.

And of course, they are still after Nixon and so much talk about impeachment. Though as you know however, some good things have happened through Mr. Kissinger's efforts. So one has to be hopeful.

Do write me when you have a chance, as I would love to hear your news. Meanwhile I send much love to you all,

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De,r Alice and Wilson:

As always, it was lovely to see you and again you were very kind to let me bring all my friends on a tour, as for them it is the high spot of their visit. I got a most enthusiastic letter from "Blakenham", and he said it was a true privilege to meet you and that he felt that when he did he was in the presence of a great man! How about that! Of course, he was exactly right.

I came home to cold weather and there was a snow storm just before Easter - what a climate. However, Bruno had the house filled with flowers and it was literally dripping with orchids. He really does produce sensational plants and it makes it exciting always to come home.

Everybody seems well and I am expecting Jeffy back the 28th of this month. Kitty seems in very good form and said she didn't know when she was going to the School, but told me she was going to Miami the 3rd of May, which I presume is a meeting of the Committee, with Hugh, I guess.

I have ordered you two books and will send them registered mail when they arrive.

I have just come back from New York which was quite fun, but of course I spent much too much.

It was depressing to come home to the newspapers, as they never cease trying to get Nixon. But Billy Coolidge thinks he will make it and serve out his term. One would never think so with the news, and a lot of republicans have lost their elections. This I think is very bad and we seem to have only one party which, I am sure, isn't healthy for the country. However, we shall see - it may turn out better than predicted.

I sent my check to Mrs. Ranney for the house next March. So, if all goes well I certainly hope to be there again.

I shall never get over your coming to meet me. It was so dear of you and I loved the chance to chat on the way down, but I still think it is too much and don't ever feel you should do it - much as I enjoyed it. I was much impressed how much better I thought you looked than last year, and I do hope you are feeling well. That Alice is wonderful the way she looks after you.

With love to you both,

*Catherine*