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April 19, 1953

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Dear Mrs. Popenoe, Camera

The other day I went to the "Women's Rest tour Association" and told them I wanted to join and had been traveling with you last summer. The lady in there was really excited. She said that she'd just received a letter from you that morning and promptly read it to me. She ~~she~~, said "What a marvelous person Mrs. Popenoe must be, How I would like to meet her. What is her husband like?!"

The reason I want to join is because I'm going again to Europe with a friend before I start working in the fall and thought

It would be most useful as it was last summer. After reading the literature the lady gave me I am all the more convinced that it is certainly a "well worth while institution!"

Looking over the list of "present members" I recognized very few names that I knew and aside from one lady at Radcliffe no one that I could ask for a recommendation. Since I must have two, I was wondering if you could possibly drop them a note. I apologize for asking you as Honduras does seem a long way to communicate for such a matter.

Please give my ~~love~~ to Dr Popenoe and the best of luck on your trip this summer. If only Marion could go again too, but I guess she is really engrossed in her work. Love,

Kitty Coolidge

July 22, 1955
Poblet

Dear Dr. and Mrs Popenoe,

It certainly was sad to leave Granada, but it feels good to be on the road again. Sue just couldn't be better. She has really made a complete recovery – thanks to you!

The trip up the coast didn't seem to me to be nearly as beautiful as the Malaga coast, but, when we got to Sagunto, that was something to see all those Moorish walls with the Roman Theatre right in the middle of it all.

When we arrived at Peñíscola yesterday, (that approach was so exciting) Fonda La Langosta couldn't take us

for the night, but we had quite a lunch. The party there consisted of two French families who had been living in Valencia and two friends of theirs. They were truly gay! One of the ladies poured champagne over everyones head including ours. They gave us some of their drinks and insisted we eat some of their delicious cake. By the end of lunch they had sung everything from Santa Lucia to Petiscoli Petiscola and invited us to turn around and go to Valencia with them.

On the strength of that we drove on to Poblet – what a wonderful place. We arrived just in time to take a walk and see the sun go down behind the mountains. The countryside is so peaceful with the grapes and olive trees – not to mention the monestary and

the bells. I could walk around here for a long, long time.

I wrote to Mother about meeting in Holland and hope we can do it. There was a mistake on your bill at Pension America just as you thought. Nicholas will take out the money for the blouse and send the rest to Madrid.

I can never never thank you for everything you and Hugh did for us in Granada, and only hope that it didn't disrupt your trip too much.

Love,
Kitty

August 16, 1955
Pushkinova 5
Belgrade

Dear Dr. and Mrs Popenoe,

We did make it to Belgrade! actually we met the family in Vienna and then drove here. Belgrade is about the most depressing city I've ever seen, infact all through this country the dead hand of communism is most apparent. Nevertheless there is so much to see, and this so interesting. We had one wonderful opportunity here when we were shown through the "Clinics" as they call the state hospitals. The Doctors were most willing to show us everything. They seemed really fine and many of them were women. We saw 25 cases of diptheria and many other unusual pathologies - (due to the very low standard of living) - about which I wished I had known more.

You absolutely wouldn't believe the trip we have just returned from - 5 days into the

outer space of Yugoslavia. Four of the five we drove a minimum of 9 hours over very bumpy mountain roads. Last night after 12 hours of driving we got back here at 10 PM. If you only could have seen my father after the first day. Absolutely covered with dust he said "Well driving all day and going to bed early certainly isn't my dish" and "How can I possibly get rid of my dinars when it costs $1.00 a night?" However he soon became accustomed to this unusual way of life. We spent one night in Jajce two in Split (from where we saw Trogir which you would love (probably know) I think) and one in Sarajevo. We were eight strong in two cars. Aunt Dolly, Sally (age 11) + friend, Linzee mother Pop + I + driver for the Hooker's car. I considered myself so lucky having only one flat — but I did side swipe a truck which wasn't so good! however nothing serious. Sue is fine but she stayed with uncle Bob in Belgrade which was probably best. Yesterday was a moslem holiday which made the drive absolutely magnificent. Each town had market day — so crowded and almost far eastern with men with their fezes. The costumes were gorgeous + different in each (great) country. The whole thing was indeed wonderful. mother enjoyed it almost most of all. She never

wanted to stop sightseeing!

Slight intermission as Belgrade's electric just went out! To morrow we leave for Italy and Switzerland. As of now we are leaving the car in Switzerland. If its O.K. we would still love to come to Holland the 27th, but I'll be sure to cable you definately. Please let me know if you will be very busy then because we really don't want to interfere with the conference. My friend's address in Geneva is 46 Quai Gustav Adolf just in case.

The Lady at Hotel de Provence was terribly nice to us, wanted to be remembered to you and hopes you will come there. There was a music festival in Aix when we were there which was (the electric again - Linzee says they went out in Tito's barracks this time) wonderful.

I hope you are having the best trip ever. I feel very badly that Estepona was crowded when you were there - that's bad.

Say hello to Hugh.

Much love,

Kitty

Luisa

Sue

October 25, 1955
1921 McElderry St.
Baltimore 5, Md.

Dear Dr. and Mrs Popenoe,

You must be indeed shocked by my not writing you for so long. The truth is that I have been thinking about you and the summer an awful lot, but just don't think I could ever do justice to the whole thing.

Perhaps Mrs Popenoe and Hugh couldn't see us when we took off but we saw them until the very last moment. I do hope they were not too late for the reception. (I know they were late.) My those chocolates were wonderful on the way home. Speaking of food, I will never, never forget those meals you gave us in Holland - the exotic one with 45 dishes and the steak. It seems to me that "the grub was more than good!"

Medical School has been going more than three weeks now and I am more enthusiastic

about this place than ever, if that is possible. There is something about Hopkins that beats anything I've ever bumped into before. It must be its spirit, I guess. We have been doing nothing except Bacteriology so far, but tomorrow is "the big day" when we begin pathology under Dr. Arnold Rich. It is different already and so exciting to be studying about diseases instead of the basic anatomy et cet. It makes one feel that we're really in medical school.

When I was in Boston Dr. Thorn asked about you and said to send his best. He is much better, almost recovered from his Infectious Hepatitis which is a great relief. Governor and Mrs Herter went to Spain. They are there now I'm pretty sure. I gave them Maria Luisa's name and ~~[illegible]~~ that they will look her up as they wanted to see Granada. She certainly is a wonderful person. I wish I could send her some food and stuff. I was able to locate the book she wanted.

Several of my classmates and I have been talking over next summer. One other at least and

myself feel that we would like and certainly profit by doing something along medical lines in the tropics. By that time we will have had physical and laboratory diagnosis which would enable us to be clerks on the wards up here although, of course, very "wet behind the ears." I was going to ask about places to go or try to get some information here at Hopkins. I was just wondering if you thought this would be a good idea? When you mention the Andes and Machu Picchu I just about go crazy!

Sue sends her best. She and I are getting along really well in our apt. at least I think so. I even made gaspacho. Someday I have to get that receipt for pecan pie! I find it hard to take my mind off this summer especially spam when we have all our plates and pictures around. Travelling as Dr. Popenoe says is really an education. I shall always be so greatful to you, Dr. and Mrs Popenoe, for making me appreciate it so to speak. I think I would have missed everything (that I haven't missed) if it hadn't been for you.

We wish so much that Hugh would come here or Boston or both sometime. He was so great to us and so much fun. The picture that I took with his tripod came out beautifully, incidentally.

Here's hoping that you found Guatemala and Zamorano in good shape when you arrived home.

Much love,

Kitty

Angel Cove 5821
EAST HAMPTON, N. Y.
U. S. A.

[Dec. 1955]

Dear Dr. and Mrs Popenoe,

How marvelous it is that Marion is married. I had no idea that she was even contemplating such a step so you can imagine how excited I was when I heard about it.

Linzee and I are still working on a trip to the Andes this summer but haven't made any definate plans as yet. My Father is even talking about driving from Bogotá to Quito with Mr. Claflin. I don't suppose that there is the slightest chance that Marion & Sally will be down in that part of the world then. Wouldn't it be great if we all could see the ruins of Macchu Pichu together?!

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Love,
Kitty

BRINGING YOU
Christmas
AND **New Year**
THOUGHTS * *

December 26, 1955

Dear Dr. and Mrs Popenoe,

You can imagine how I felt Christmas morning when I opened that little package, and I'm still about speechless. The cross is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. I keep looking at it and thinking of you.

It brings back all my memories of Spain, from Santiago to Oropesa, Seville, Toledo and especially Granada — the alhambra Hall, the Albaicin, Sacromonte and not to see forget Cafetito shop on the Plaza Nueva. Seldom did anything have more significance and I shall treasure it always.

I hope you have the latest News you can and that I will see you.

Sincere love,

Kathy

1921 McElderry St
Baltimore 5
January 17, 1958

Dear Dr and Mrs Popenoe,

I still haven't recovered from that cross. It is the most beautiful thing and you giving it to me is really something.

It was wonderful to get Mrs Popenoe's letter and we are so looking forward to seeing you in May when Nancy's baby is born.

This vacation I saw an old friend of mine who, now in the marines, is under Dick Hatch in California. He certainly had the most terrific things to say about Marion whom he had met at a party and Dick whom he thinks is absolutely the best officer in the entire marine corps.

I tried the pecan pie. It's just great.

actually an oven is hard to regulate + I did leave it in too long, but next time it'll be perfect. Thank you so much for sending it to me.

I just received a letter from Dr Thorn who said that he had a project on which I could work next summer – on diabetes in Boston. I really think I should do this as it is such a wonderful opportunity. I am going to try and arrange some time for "traveling" just the same though.

There is a boy in my class in medical School who is really very interested in Latin America and wants to spend the summer in Honduras. He was hoping that there might be a place for him helping the doctor at Zamorano. Actually the reason I write about him is because he is so delightful and outstanding, one of the very best in our class. He doesn't care whether he sees a great deal of medicine or not and would rather concentrate on anything he could do there and learn some Spanish. He is extremely scientifically minded being interested in Agriculture and all kinds of out-door jobs. His initiative, enthusiasm are so good

I'm sure he would make himself most useful in any situation. He is a great deal of fun — his name is James Donald Carmichael (Don) from Birmingham Ala. He is the youngest in the class 20 yrs I think? My Father said he thought it would be O.K if I wrote you anyway to ask if there was a chance of his doing it. He would not expect any pay but would like his board — just as long as he wouldn't have to spend much it would be alright.

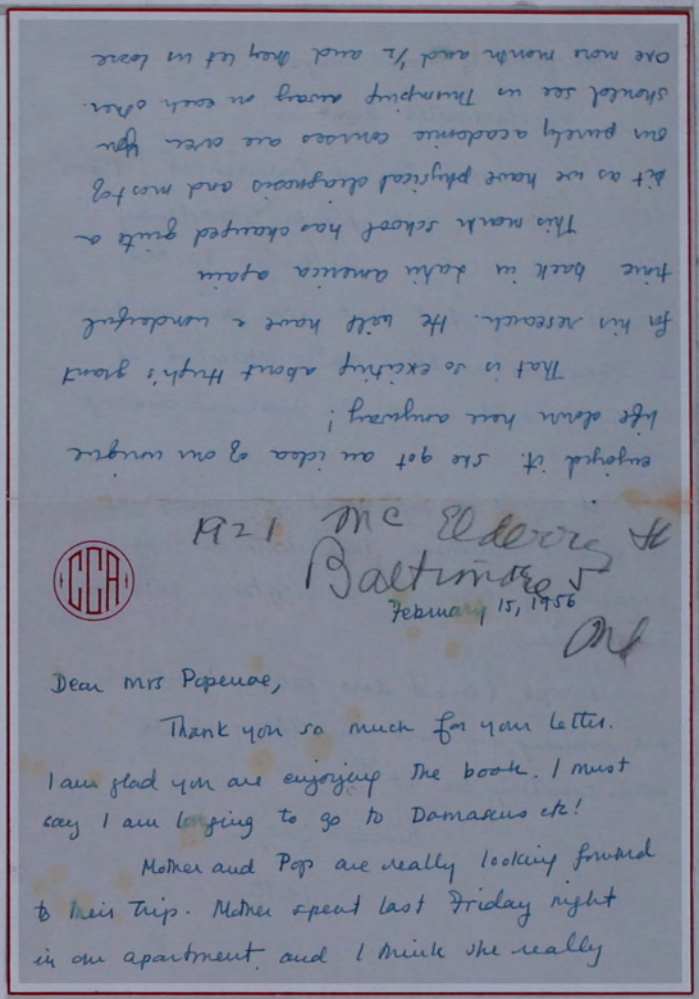
Mother and Pop are looking forward to their trip and especially the graduation!

I hope you are having a beautiful winter and keep thinking about you.

Love,
Kitty

P.S. Sue sends her love.

P.P.S I finally located that book I was going to send a long time ago and will send it.



Mrs Elderiss
Baltimore
February 15, 1956

Dear Mrs Popenoe,

Thank you so much for your letter. I am glad you are enjoying the book. I must say I am longing to go to Damascus etc!

Mother and Pop are really looking forward to their trip. Mother spent last Friday night in our apartment and I think she really enjoyed it. She got an idea of our unique life down here anyway!

That is so exciting about Hugh's grant for his research. He will have a wonderful time back in Latin America again.

This month school has changed quite a bit as we have physical education and more of an purely academic courses our sixth year. Shirley is in Thursday among on such other one more month and I, and then let us leave

on the patients – poor things.

My classmate's name is:

James Donald Carmichael (Don)
712 North Broadway
Baltimore 5, Md.

I am so glad that you can use him at Zamorano as he is really interested in everything and one of the most outstanding ones here.

It would be just great if I could get to Central America this summer. Perhaps I could fly down for a vacation late in the summer.

I hope (and see too) that you are coming up here in May. We were counting on it!

Much love,
Kitty

1927 McElderry Jr

March 2, 1958

Dear Aunt Helen, BlTu 5

Thank you so much for your letter. I just heard that Marion had a girl last week. Isn't that wonderful! She really ought to be proud of herself. It was too bad you couldn't come back, but I guess the graduation was much better with you there!

I still haven't made any summer plans for working in medicine (as most of my classmates are) I could stand to do some reading and somehow do not feel compelled to stay here or in Boston. I am still hoping that you might be going to Machu Picchu etc. !!!

School hasn't changed much. Next week will be my last in Surgery and then obstetrics. I did have quite a time out at City Hospital for two weeks but otherwise things have been quiet.

I went home last weekend. Aunt Dolly was there and both she and mother send you their very best. My father had to go to the Brigham again today because of indigestion

for some tests. He is pretty fed up I think.
Perhaps he may have some gall bladder trouble.

Please give my best to Dr. Popenoe.

Love,
Kitty.

COOLIDGE POINT
MAGNOLIA MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE
MANCHESTER 339

August 1 [1952]

Dear Mrs Popenoe,

Thank you so much for your letter. I am so disappointed to have to stay here this summer. My work unfortunately seems to include a week or so before school + we (Popen. + I) decided that there just isn't time for me to go. Much as I like being at home for a change I am getting restless + am determined that next summer I shall go to Latin America and to see you if you are not in Europe.

That is so exciting about Marion Really terrific! You certainly have done

well in the way of grandchildren. When will she have it?

Will you come up for the birth? If you come again, we will do much better for you in Baltimore. ~~If~~ You were with us such a short time.

I passed my exams, however, and the National Boards (barely - Sue did much better) so next summer I will have the whole 3½ mos free. I still have absolutely no idea what I would like to do or decide to so in medicine.

Please forgive my late reply. I would love to hear how things are going with you if you ever have a chance to write.

Please also give my very best to Dr. Pozenac and Hugh. I am so sorry to miss you all.

Love,
Kitty

July 11, 1951

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

How are things in Salvador? I certainly hope that you are not working too hard. The house here is getting more beautiful all the time especially with the wonderful weather we have been having lately.

Yesterday I persuaded Mrs Popenoe to allow me to climb Agua by myself. What an experience it was. By the time I got 2/3 of the way up the clouds had cleared away and I could see absolutely everything from the Pacific Ocean to Guatemala City. The sun was very warm and the whole thing delightful. I will never forget the birds and flowers not to mention the black berries. I never had such a wonderful day.

Another time I shan't forget eee is the Trip to Chichicastenango. Those indians were really something. They were pretty hostile towards tourists and toward having their pictures taken which I must say I admire them for. We had 2 beautiful days at the lake too.

How wonderful it is that you are to receive the order of Balboa from Panama. That certainly will be a grand occasion.

I will never be able to thank you and Mrs Popenoe ~~enough~~ for allowing me to stay in this wonderful place. It just gives one a new outlook on everything.

Love, Kitty

July 21, 1967

Dear Elena,

Here I am at Posada Toledo which is extremely nice 15$ a day - sort of an annex to the Merida Hotel. My room is great with 2 exposures to a patio. It is very quiet + I haven't seen any other people staying here. I have been doing fine as far as Barbachanos travel agency goes. When I got off the plane + went to get a taxi, I was shoved into one - thinking that I was a turista and off I went to Merida free! They actually had to ~~have~~ have an extra taxi because one lady was too fat for the limousine. Of course, they tried to sell me a trip to Chichen for $140.00. I did go to Chichen yesterday on the bus 60¢ each way and very fast 1 hr 40 min. The management of this place were very nice telling me where to go + also where to eat + get early breakfast here - like we did in Granada. So far I haven't made a dent in my $29.00 cashed at the airport.

Enough for finances. I really enjoyed the ruins. Luckily I could explore them on my own. We got there about 8½ and I went to get breakfast at Doña Victorias. It was v. good beefsteak + frijoles. Then I went all over the ruins until I thought I would melt. The casa colorada was very nice and I agree with you that I wouldn't dive in the sacred well either. It is hard to believe that the Mayans worked in that sun though when they had lightly beautiful Copan in Honduras. I had seen pictures

of a large swimming pool at the "Hotel Mayaland" so I stuck my bathing suit in on top of my silver just in case. Luckily too, as I was able to sneak a long swim-also free. Then back to Doña Victoria's for lunch. I enjoyed it although she wasn't too friendly. Some guides who were eating there had a colorful agreement with her as they considered she had overcharged them. The place I'm afraid is a bit run down. After lunch I walked to Chichen Viejo, then took the bus back at 3 30.

Merida is certainly everything that you said it was. Some of the patios + shops are really interesting - not to mention the public library! This morning I went to the cathedral + that was good too. There is something unpretending about the city that makes it so good. It isn't too hot at night because I have a fan that rotates in a ½ circle from my head to my feet. Tomorrow I'm going too look around the market etc. I have located an antique shop so I'll see what they have to offer.

I just can't begin to thank you for everything you've done for me this summer. The mug, spoons, plates, picture frame + not to mention the recipts and the candelstick! are in good shape and all of them still with me. I can only hope that I conveyed some of my appreciation in antigua. If I ever do have a house certainly the back bone will be the spoons and mug. I will never ever have anything as beautiful. I just can't stop

admiring them. They are so graceful + simple. I will never be able to tolerate any other kind of silver. San Antonio and his crown also are in good form. Perhaps he will bring me a little luck someday; who knows?

I really am sorry that we are not heading for Lima today. Maybe when I get squared away in medicine my conscience won't bother me so much. I certainly hope I can decide what I want to do! You were so understanding about the whole thing and I just hope that I may get another opportunity of going with you. It would be an experience that could not be beat.

Antigua means so much to me ~~now~~ now that I have stayed there so long and all of Guatemala. Chichi, Santiago, San Pedro the 2 san antonios were far more beautiful and exciting than I had ever imagined. I only want to see more of them. Staying in the house in Antigua is an experience that few people in the world alas- can ever have, but you really are the one that made the month there so wonderful for me.

Much love,

Kitty

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

August 10, 1957

Dear Mr Popenoe,

I have been meaning to write you for quite a while. My trip home was very fine. Seeing Alabama was most interesting. The Carmichaels inquired all about you and Dr. Popenoe. It seems that Don's Father, Dr. Carmichael, John L. was in Central America once and had a job as ship's doctor on a U.F. boat. He also went to Tulane Schl. of Med and used to pass by Mr. Demurray's house every day & watch him walking around his garden. I had a tour of Southern Alabama which was wonderful, really isolated + beautiful country although rather hot.

Continuing in chronological order, Frosty did stop here on his way home for about 24 hours. I'm not withholding anything at all from you, but I just don't have anything very interesting or exciting to say about him at the moment. He brought me two pins from Europe which are really nice + I gave him the Solola out fit. He uses the black + white stuff as a rug in his apartment. He is now in the hospital with a

roommate which he didn't expect! His trip to Europe really did him an immense amount of good I'm sure of that. I'm coming up here once before school probably in 2 weeks for the weekend.

Last Sunday my Grandmother died finally. It really was a blessing. Mother didn't take it too badly. The funeral & everything is over now and life is back to normal except for the upheaval her death will cause regarding the Point & long-range plans.

What things must have been going on in Guatemala. What a tragedy about Castillo Armas! You certainly never have a dull moment in Antigua. I'm so glad that Dr. Popenoe could come home for a few days. How wonderful that Hugh got that grant. You certainly must be proud of him.

Sue had a great time in Spain with Maria Luisa. She says that Maria Luisa is consoling herself with another niece as Maruchi is gone forever. Also "Pensión America" is no longer but now "Residencia America." It was crowded so Sue had to stay at the Parador!

I have tried 2 of the desserts & they were wildly successful especially the Frozen Lemon Pie. You wouldn't know the San Antonio she is so clean now & so beautiful.

Mrs. T. J. Coolidge, Jr.
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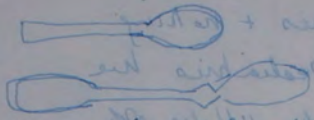

In Mexico I found two soup spoons. One is absolutely plain, the heaviest, and the other fancier but both very heavy & the same size as the large ones from Guatemala. I also found another thing which I'm going to send you. Perhaps you would be interested that one man, Mr. Goldstein, in a silver store informed me that Dr. Morley had taken all the colonial silver from Merida. In any case there isn't much. The antique store had absolutely nothing. I can't help having my eye out for these things now.

I kept myself occupied before my grandmother's funeral polishing & staining a large old chest in the big room at the end where they had the service, which was really beautiful.

It is funny that Amanda didn't come to your party. I think I was quite rude to her by not going to see her. I'm sorry I didn't as she is awfully nice.

I'm so glad that the plates look well on the wall. They must be very gay there.

My plans now after talking to Dr. Thorn. (He always seems to settle things in a most satisfactory way.) are to travel around a bit before school begins & be interviewed at the various hospitals. He seems to think I should try my best to get

a good medical internship as the program would be better than pediatrics + nothing would be best should I go into pediatrics here next year anyway. This week I'll be off for a few days anyway + I may see you at least.

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

I sent you a portable victrola which I hope will work alright. There are all possible speeds. The needle just turns over for fast + slow – there is an extra needle too. P. Mother forgot to get rid of the old one! Do let me know if it doesn't work right! It probably won't reach you before I get there anyway.

Staying in Antigua is still sort of a dream to me. I keep thinking of all the things that must be going on there. By the way I looked in 4 Keys to Guatemala regarding Conalagua's church + convent of St John the Baptist 1564 contains old paintings, carved + gilded altars, many silver ornaments particularly hammered silver screens the work of famous colonial artists. You have probably seen all this but anyway it makes me want to see it.

Please give my best to everyone. Tell Maria + Carlos. Much love to you –

P.S. I'm having the best time eating off my epsomo every meal. You ought to see San Antonio now. I have been working on him + he really has come to life now his face is washed.

August 12, 1957.

Dear Mrs Popenoe, (Elena)

How wonderful it is to hear from you today! I had a feelng that Sally might need your expert assistance this time. How absolutely wonderful it will be for her to have you, and also your Mother. Please remember me to both of them.

I feel terrible that I haven't written sooner especially as now you will probably never receive my four page epistle concerning the remainder of my trip, the death of my Grandmother, and the affairs of the world in general. I am not going to repeat myself , however,as there is really not to much to say about it now.

I still can't believe the death of Castllo Armas though. You never really can be sure which end is up down there can you - politically anyway. How great that Dr. Popenoe did come bach to Antigua. Also I'm so excited about Hugh. You sure have plenty of reason to be proud of him.

I have been having some talks with Dr. Thorn these days and he seems to make things so clear. He can convince me of something faster than I can even get an idea. He feels quite strongly that I should have the experience of a Medical Internship no matter what I decide to go into eventually. So last night I wrote sme letters to various Professors of Medicine here and there around the country. Next week I will try to spend one day in Rochester, N. Y., Cleveland, St. Louis, and Nashville. I may even hit the West Coast in Sept! To get a good internship in medicine will be quite a job for me, + luck too but all you can do is try and I am now convinced that it would be worth it. Johns Hopkins new program that Dr. Chamberlain was refering to doesn't start for a few years yet. Already I'm thinking that next June would be a marvelous time to go to Peru!

My parents have now gone to the Adirondacks to recuperate from various things at home. Aunt Dolly will be here this weekend. Uncle Bob's future in the foreign service is no brighter, but Jeffy passed his written exams and takes an oral in Sept. Seems like an awful lot of waiting around to me, but I am glad he made it this far. Linzee is now in Russia!

To repeat myself I did meet Frosty on the 29th and he was here for 24 hours. I wish I could write you so thrilling news, coments or atleast some fire and brim stone, but there is absolutely O to say about his visit. He is Now in the hospital with a roommate which he doesn't like very well but otherw ise very enthusiastic about Pathology. He is coming up here over Labor Day weekend so perhaps something violent will happen at that time?

If you have time please let me know how things are going and I will keep you "in touch" too.

Lots of love, Kata

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P.S. I'm having the best time getting off my sponge every meal. You ought to see Antonia now. I have been working on him & he really has come to life. Now his face is worked.

August 12, 1957.

I just had an idea. I got you something in Merida that's not too well made but sort of interesting. I have been trying to figure out how to get it to you. I will send it to Calif. when you get home. The vicinity should be there - I hope. (L.P.)

Dear Mrs. Rockefeller,

I had a feeling that Sally might need your expert assistance this time. How absolutely O to lay about his visit. I have you, and also your Mother. Please remember me to both of them.

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K.C.

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Lots of love,

Nancy

COOLIDGE POINT
MAGNOLIA MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE
MANCHESTER 339

August 26, '59.

Dear Elena,

when I got home I found your chiles from Antigua and immediately put them in a jar with my father's best sherry. In a couple of weeks they ought to be really good.

I'm glad that you like the bottle. It was the only thing I could find there & the man said it came from a church in Merida + was used for the holy oil or oleum which I think you can still smell inside.

The few pictures I did take of

Chichi and Antigua did come out fairly well. As usual I wish I'd taken more. I really miss Guatemala all the more every time I see or use one of the things you have given me.

My travels in the U.S. were quite profitable in that I learned an awful lot more than I thought I would. Now I have sort of covered the periferry of the east & will probably wait until the winter to see any more except N.Y. New Haven etc. Unless I am really interested in San Francisco or some other western city I don't think I will go out there. I certainly hope that perhaps there is some slight

[You can get all the Leibig + many other good items from "The Maryland Gourmet Mart, 412 Amsterdam Ave, New York 24. I will ask them to send you their catalogue just in case]

COOLIDGE POINT
MAGNOLIA MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE
MANCHESTER 339

chance of your coming east. I'll be in Baltimore after about Sept 10.

Mother + Pop just came back from the Adirondacks a few days ago + seem in good form. Frosty comes up this weekend & we'll see what that is going to be like! Nothing much I guess!

Before I went away last week I got a Ladies Rest of the Western Hemisphere, and I just wanted to let you know that I don't think anything of it. It doesn't even mention

the central American countries + very few of the south American ones.

You must be very busy seeing people and solving family problems. I wish I knew how things were going but I know you can't really say anything esp. at this point I guess.

How I wish you could come + stay with us in Baltimore !! Please give my best to your family.

Good luck + much love to you.

Kitty

P.S. The "Frozen Lemon Pie has been used at Mother's 2 best lunch parties!" The meringue one too I made

Vanderbilt U Hos
Box 74 Nashville 5

August 24, 1958

almonds
gazpacho

Dear Aunt Helen,

How amazing that you should run into Margarita Pebble stopped here in Nashville a while ago. He seemed to be uncertain as to his plans but may go through law school in Costa Rica. I certainly wish he wouldn't get a divorce. but didn't talk about it. How are the rest of yr. family. Is Marion going to have another?!

My internship is really underway. I have been on the female + colored wards now for 2 weeks. It is really hard work. I never have enough sleep except once in 2 wks I get 24 hours off — from Sat noon til sunday noon. It is now almost sunday noon + time to go back. I slept 15 hours. There was nothing else to do as it is raining cats + dogs. It seems incredible that I have been here 2 months. It is an awfully nice place + everyone very fine but I don't have time to really make any friends as I'm always rushing from one place to another with a bottle of blood in my hand. I have had superb cases though — very lucky that way. Right now I have my plans for next year hanging over my head. It seems that you hardly begin one thing then you have to decide all

over again. They want me to say whether I'll stay here or not right away now — in fact I'm the only one who hasn't made up their minds already. I can't decide what part of medicine to go into. If I could, I think it wouldn't be such a hard choice. Dr. Thorn called me up from Boston — which really gave me a jar. He wanted to know ~~what~~ whether I wanted to come to the Brigham — year after next!

Your trip sounds so marvelous. You went back to Spain instead of around the world? I have "holiday" here + am reading about the Himalayas and the Greek Isles. I can hardly wait to travel again. Baltimore seems so far away. I still get the same old letters from Frosty but I think there's no future in that now!

Are you coming to the US this yr?. If so, maybe I could meet you! I'm taking my 2 weeks vacation in Feb. + want to go North ↑ or South ↓ skiing or swimming.

All the luck to you, Dear Pepperoni

Love,
Kitty

November 2, 1958

Dear Aunt Helen,

I have been thinking about writing you for so long + then each time I plan to do it I fall asleep or get called to do something else. Life here is really enjoyable these days. Saw the Vanderbilt - Virginia foot ball game which was excellent + have managed to get to a couple of concerts.

Hanging on my wall is the Hippocratic Oath you sent from Cos. I am absolutely thrilled by it + it looks great. I keep thinking about where you are now + what new adventures you are having. Year after next I hope to travel again. But Internship is really far from dull. There have been some marvelous pts + plenty of action. In store for me after I now week is the Emergency room which I'm really looking forward to as I'm completely on my own down there. Don't know whether I told you or not but I'm going to stay here another year as an assistant resident in medicine.

I'm most surprised but they are letting us off for 3 days with X-mas a New Yrs which the others work 3 days straight. I get X-mas + will have 4 of us at home to luck.

11.10.58 9AM

Some time has elapsed since I started writing this letter. This is my first morning in the emergency room + so far not too much has happened. Nights are the busiest I guess.

My father has great plans for the "Point", and, guess what, I bought 10 acres from him there — perhaps someday I'll be able to use it + you + Dr. Popenoe will HAVE to come and spend alot of time. It is the old white house before ours and the brook — if you remember that.

11/12/58 My last 36 hours were quite busy. Now I am well rested + have had a relatively easy day. I am now set up in the emergency room. My bed is separated from the observation bed which is usually used for psychotics + drunks by a small screen. There is a room for Dr. & three double decker bunks but since I'm a female I'm only allowed in there to watch T.V. Actually I really am enjoying the emergency room immensely.

Where will you be in February. I am taking my "glorious 2 wk" vacation then + would like to go skiing but lack a companion. Also my parents are planning to go to Jamaica on one of my fathers "trips." I just want to do nothing but either ski or sun, and it would be nice to see them — so I may fly down there. Will you still be in Europe?

Whenever you get a chance — do write again. I really appreciate every word. I wish you could come here sometime — Much Love,

Patty

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March 8, 1959

Dear Aunt Helen,

Heres hoping that this will reach you in antigua and that you had a good trip to the US — + found things in Calif under control.

I wanted to get in touch c̄ you in the US but somehow found that I didn't have Mrs Bursaloux's address. My vacation came in Feb after all as they found a student to take my place. I went skiing for a week in Vermont. For the first 5 days I slept 11 hours every night, skiied 8 hrs + ate the rest of the time. Jeffy was there for part of it which was fun. The snow was superb. The rest of the time I was at home seeing the family etc. I never had such a good vacation.

Now that I'm back here I find it hard to get in here prove on the male word. This is the best part of my internship, however. Right now the other intern is on vacation + here are 2 4th yr students taking his place. They have just appointed a new professor of medicine here Dr. David Rogers from N.Y. He will probably clean a lot of the dead wood out of this place + keep us more on our toes, but he doesn't arrive until July.

I am sad not to get to see you in my vacation. You really are wonderful to invite me and I could have loved to come. When I get through next — 1 yr from June How about our trip to the Andes — I really mean it. If you have a chance please let me meet you somewhere or come here in June when you come to Hopie's big day!

My best to Antigua + everyone there —

Much love,

Kitty

March 21, 1959

Box 74 -
Vanderbilt U Hosp
Nashville 5 Tenn

Dear Helen,

It is so wonderful to see those Guatemalan stamps in my mail box. You have no idea how much I appreciate your writing me. I was thinking of you in California + hoping that things had turned out alright. Poor Sal - That situation is to me the hardest one to take in all of medicine. She certainly has been brave throughout the whole thing - perhaps too brave. I never would have lasted through all that I'm sure. I just feel so for you + Dr. Popenoe. You just don't deserve to have such worries.

It is almost time for you to go to Caracas which ought to be interesting. If you say that the House is beautiful, it really must be something to behold. Do you still have the victrola? because I want to send you some Spanish guitar records which are pretty good I think. I still dream of Spain + Antigua + Machu Picchu + guess I always will. There is no hope for me. We must go to Peru together that is all there is to it + cross Lake Titicaca in a boat + go to La Paz.

This year has been quite unbelievable - just thinking about it now that I have only 3 more months to go in my internship. It has been fun but really tiring + somewhat separated from the rest of the world and the rest of my life before. Also it will be rather useless unless I go ahead + do something with it all. When I was in Boston I had a good talk with Dr. Thorn who makes me feel rather foolish about

all my weeks philosophizing when actually, as he points out, I can do absolutely anything I want in medicine. The fact remains, however, that if one does not keep at it pretty 100% one just doesn't get anywhere in Medicine. I have made some friends here + the people I work with are tops in every way. The only thing is that in 9 mos there just hasn't been time to really get to know anyone if you can believe it. Only twice have I spent the night outside of the Hosp. - once to a friends house to relax and once to Kentucky with one of the other interns. Next June I start getting a little more time off that is an occasional 2 nights in a row.

There is some news this time. Sue is engaged. I just got a letter from her in Utah saying that she is getting married next fall to one of our former classmates of whom I highly approve. However, what a blow! Things will just not be the same c̄ her married. They will be in Tucson for a year. They both have jobs there starting in June. His name is Clark Heath. He is quite silent usually + very bright. His father is a Doctor in Boston. His mother isn't so hot, but, after all, one can't have everything!

Spring is almost here. The forsythia is out + the magnolias are about to burst forth into bloom. It rains quite a bit however, but the countryside should be really beautiful in a couple of weeks. I have made a pretty good friend here who is quite unusual. He is a real southerner. You must come here in June. I just won't be able to bear it if you do not!

I'll be just waiting to hear about Venezuela

Good luck +

All my love,
Kitty

~~T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE~~
MAGNOLIA MASSACHUSETTS

Sa July 29

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Dear Aunt Helen,

I am going to answer Dr. Popenoe's superb letter of last April – really I am as soon as I can sit down + try to do justice to it. Whenever I get a letter from you I feel so lucky + I'm so ashamed at not answering.

Quite a few things have happened recently. I started the last week in June on the wards & the new interns + have been working really quite hard. This lasts until Sept 1. Last Sat my father had a ruptured abdominal aneurism and a terrific operation at the Peabody Hosp. Sat. night. Luckily Dr. Thorn was here and was able to get Dr. Richard Warren from Boston down to do it on short notice. He had to have 12 pints of blood that night but survived amazingly well and we have hopes that now he will be better than ever.

I came home Sun + will go back to Nashville tonight. The home the family

is building will be finished this fall + its really something. You'll have to come + see it.

Hugh must have had quite a time c his appendix. Wouldn't you know he'd go + rupture it without saying anything! If there is any chance at all of your coming to Nashville when he gets his PhD please do. If you in the States in Sept I'll be coming home here for about a week + perhaps you could stay?

I hope everything is going well with you + that Sol, Marian + Nancy are fine.

All my Love,
Kitty

August 12, 1959

Dear Dr. + Mrs Popenoe,

How wonderful it was to arrive here this evening to find Aunt Helen's letter. Things at home are really coming along as well as can be expected Mother is doing remarkably well. Aunt Dolly is coming over a little later to help her move into the new house which is when she will be invaluable. Linzee has been at home the whole time - through everything and really taken charge magnificently. Jeffy was in Korea but now has a 30 day emergency leave + will be at home until about Sept 1 anyway.

To sum up the operation: Pop had alot of aging of his aorta - the large vessel that leaves the heart + goes straight down to divide in two to go to the legs. Just before this division he had an aneurism which is just a dilated sac which keeps enlarging and blood pounds against it. We had known that he had this for about two years and

The surgeons were eager to operate upon it earlier, but since he was having no symptoms + doing well, Dr. Thorn thought it ought to be observed for a while. In any case, when it began to leak or bleed, he was operated on. The operation appeared to be a success, that is a graft was put in + he did remarkably well for the first few days. However, during the operation the circulation to his legs had to be cut off for about 2 hrs in order to put in the graft. This made a perfect set up for some stasis + phlebitis of the leg + pelvic veins. In any case he had several pulmonary emboli which caused his death. These are clots which break off from a vein + so through the heart to the lungs where they lodge. It was found afterwards that his aorta was also giving way in new places but not the graft. So, if he had lived, he would have had alot of trouble.

Now that I'm back here I'm beginning to take in everything that have happened. It certainly seems strange.

It seems as though you are going to be busy during the next few weeks. I'm so glad that

Marion is expecting another baby. Please give her my best. Say Hello to Hugh when he gets down there. If there is anyway at all that I could see you when you come to the States PLEASE let me know - After the 1st of Sept I will have 1/2 my weekends off completely - That is Sat + Sun + I could meet you somplace perhaps. Our vacation schedule is not out yet but I think I'll go home for 1 week in Sept. Then in Dec I'll get 2 weeks again March possibly. We get 3 weeks this yr. I thought that they would take the days off that I took to go home for Pop's operation but apparently they are giving me those.

Dr. Thorn was absolutely superb with my father. He has really been responsible for everything I've been able to do in medicine + I talked to him about plans for next yr. However, I don't know what I'm going to do + probably won't decide for a while.

Let me know if you still want a companion for the Andes in the next 3 yrs.

Much Love,

Philly

Antigua, Guatemala, 7 May 1960

Kitty dear:

I guess you remember that afternoon we stood on the corner of the Rue de la Paix, right next to Mappin and Webb's, and agreed that some day we were going to visit Machu Picchu! Well, it begins to sound as though that dream is going to come true.

I would suggest the first of August, more or less, but we can alter our plans either way and you dont have to worry about the weather in Peru, 'cause there aint any. Our idea would be to fly up to Cuzco, take a look-see, then Machu Picchu, then back to Lima for a trip to the really interesting ruin of Pachacamac, only a few miles south of Lima on the coast. Hugh complains that there wont be any churros in Lima but I tell him to stop worrying; papas a la Huancaina are better. If we all feel we have time, I think you would enjoy a few days in Quito and a drive up to Ibarra - the Province of Imbabura has always been one of my favorite regions in all Latin America.

As the airplane companies say, all subject to change without notice - to conform to your program. We are terribly sorry to hear that Sue has been having a hard time. She is such a dear girl. We became very fond of her in Spain.

We will keep in touch with you about plans, and remember it will be fairly cool at Cuzco (11,000 feet) and if you want to climb Mt Tungurahua in Ecuador (16,300) cooler still. The last two hours up Tungurahua you walk over snowfields and the crust breaks every so often and you go down to three feet.

Ever yr devoted "Uncle"

Feb 15, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was great to get your letter. Even in this day and age there is absolutely nothing quite like climbing a mountain. Don't you think that this picture of Daniel Moya is a good advertisement? I also thought you might be interested in the article on altitude.

Spring has arrived in Nashville. The geese have flown north and the temp is 71°! This means that it's time for a visit. We are only a day's drive from New Orleans. Mother is really excited about seeing you again. She can hardly wait to go.

It will be interesting to see what the new administration will do about the Congo. So far the Russians seem to be taking over.

The most wonderful opportunity has come my way & that is to do some medicine in Ecuador. Dr. Francisco Parra who is now with Dr Thorn seems to be just the right person to get me a job. If I can just learn spanish it ought to be quite an experience.

It must make you happy to have Hugh in Guatemala again.

Much love,

Kitty

March 26, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Hugh's Telegram came yesterday with the news of Helen's sudden death in Antigua. I wish I could say how much I'm thinking about you.

Although I know that anyone who dies quickly is in the end fortunate, I keep thinking of how she would have hated to leave you, had she known.

It is almost unbearable to think that the four of us won't be seeing the sights of the world together anymore.

The best days there have ever been for me were those in Spain, Holland and the Andes.

Her knowledge and great interest were inspiring in so many different ways as Marion said in Spain. I will always remember Christmas in Antigua with you both.

At such a time one wishes that there were just something to be done. I send you all my love and hope that you will not be too sad.

Love,
Kitty

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 27 March 1961

Dearest Kitty:

Your radiogram has come, also one from your mother. Many, many thanks. I assume Hugh must have given you the sad news, as I talked with him over the telephone from Miami. When I got to that city after three days in the upper part of the state, I found an emergency call from Guatemala. Helen had died a few hours earlier, due to a cerebral hemorrhage. I was lucky to get back here on SVIATECA the following morning, and reached the house at 1 o'clock.

Helen had gotten out of bed early in the morning, put on her slippers and started for the bathroom, when she fell to the floor and when Toya found her at about eight o'clock she was unconscious. She lived until about two in the afternoon without regaining consciousness.

The only thing I can be thankful for is that the end came quickly and without any suffering on her part. I had been worried about her for several months. She seemed to be growing old too rapidly. I am writing you immediately because you know very well that outside of her own family, you are the person that she loved more than anybody else in this world.

Devotedly,

2900 Westmoreland Drive
Nashville 12, Tenn

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Ahtigua, 4 April 1961

Dearest Kitty:

Your letter of 26 March arrived a little late, because Antigua was pretty much tied up with Semana Santa processions. I wish you could know how much I have wished you could have been with me these past days, dearest Kitty. They have been pretty hard.

I am flying over to Honduras on the 8th, because there seems to be need of me at Zamorano and to get away from things. I plan to come back here about the end of the month. After that I dont know just what I will do. I would go back to Spain, as Helen and I had planned, but I am afraid I cant face it yet. We had such good times in Spain together! And we had planned to go back again in May of this year.

I think Hugh and Nancy will be coming down again few weeks, to help me straighten out family affairs. I shall probably send back by one of them a few little and very personal things of Helen's which I would like you to keep.

Devotedly yours,

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Sunday, April 9, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

You have been in my thoughts so much in these last 2 weeks. Being in Antigua must have been terribly difficult. I am so glad that you are at Zamorano not only for your sake, but I know that having you there must mean a great deal to the school. And when you go back to Guatemala Hugh and Nancy will be there, and things would be much more bearable then -

It must be awfully hard if not

impossible to make plans right now but perhaps next summer, which really isn't far off, we can get together.

Much love,

Kitty

Keating:
Roberto Villeda
Mario Nufio
Carlos Rivera

April 23, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Those beautiful stirrups arrived. I think they are just great! Wherever I go I will take them along with me.

My thoughts are with you alot these days and I wonder whether you are in Guatemala or still at Zamorano.

The U.S. is all stirred up over Cuba as you might imagine. I would like to hear what you think about it all.

My plans for Guayaquil are really

shaping up. After the initial disapproval of my immediate superiors I have found alot of enthusiasm for the idea. Next week after the meetings in Atlantic City I plan to go to NYC and Washington & hope to get going by the end of the summer.

At last I am finishing The Ancient Civilizations of Peru by J. Alden Mason and agree that it is a fine book - so clear and easy to read.

Last weekend I saw Sue who was really distressed to hear the sad news. She is doing her Psychiatric training for 2 years at Emory while her husband is working at the Communicable Disease Center there.

With much love,

Kitty

May 10, 1961.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was so good to hear from you. By now you must be back in Antigua or perhaps left again for other places. It sounds as though Hugh had some great plans for the Polochic with all that extra baggage!

I have just returned from my trip "east". The meetings at Atlantic City were good and everyone there had a fabulous time anyway, with much eating etc. From there I visited the Rockefeller Foundation in N.Y. C. where they really gave me the business about Ecuador saying that it was "no place to go to do medicine!" From there I went to Boston and then to Washington to the NIH andthe Panamerican Sanitary Bureau. The outcome of the whole thing is that I am going to Cali, Colombia as a resident in Medicine for a year starting sometime this summer. There is a bran new hospital and medical school there, which is the "baby" of the Rockefeller and also Tulane has had a great interest in it. They told me that 20 medical students from Quito had hired a bus and driven from Quito to Cali where they camped for two weeks attending classes. When they returned to Quito, they wrote the Rockefeller Foundation that what they really needed was a Cali. The Foundation replied that they, the students, would have to persuade their Teachers and Govt. Two things bother me a bit about starting right in like that: Spanish and Parasitology about which I know nothing. However, It will be a fine experience for me to be a resident there, and I am so excited about it.

Please say Hello to Toya and to Maria. I love to get your wonderful letters, and I will write soon again.

Much Love,
Kelly

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

May 21, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Your letters are absolutely wonderful. It makes all the difference in the world to hear something of the country first hand. Speaking of that I've been attending some lectures on Latin American History by Professor Alexander Marchant and wondered whether you had ever run across him.

The more I hear about Cali the more excited I get. A third year student from Colombia has lent me the book "Maria" and

a doctor studying here in Pathology from Cali has told me alot about the hospital. It sounds like a first rate place with plenty to do + see. Tulane + the Rockefeller folks have a rapidly expanding program there. In NYC the Dr. I talked to was Dr. John Weir, a cynic if there ever was one but I'm sure with good reason! Now I'm waiting to hear from Dr. Jorge Araujo, Prof. of Med, University of Valle, Cali as to when to begin etc. There is absolutely nothing I would rather do than stop in Antigua on the way down there. If it is really convenient, I certainly shall.

Mother and I have been talking for some time - actually since before Helen's death - about your books on Tropical Horticulture and how difficult it is to tackle the writing of them in Antigua. We both feel that you should have a full time secretary (you may need one anyway for all your correspondence), and hope that you will agree and allow us to pay her salary.

I am thinking of you so much and hope to be seeing you this summer. Much love, Betty

June 9, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I hope that things are going well in Antigua, if you are there?. Perhaps you are off now receiving your decoration or doing a job. Last week I went to New Haven and Boston. Both Mother & I think about you alot.

The plans for Cali are pretty well settled and they're expecting me there about the middle of September. The first week in August I'm driving home where I'll have to stay about 3 weeks. If you are in Antigua the first of Sept. I'd love to stop but only if this is entirely convenient.

We keep wondering up here how things are going in Central America but I guess they change only slowly really and that Mr. Kennedy will forget all about Latin America again for a while.

I can't wait to sample some more shrimps and beer with you--

Love,
Kitty

July 10, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I am so terribly sorry that you have been sick and hope that by the time this letter reaches Guatemala you will be much better. It must be hard being in the hospital.

It sounds to me as though Sept is too late for me to come and perhaps I could come earlier. The other day a letter from Hugh came and I will write him about possible plans. It certainly would be wonderful to see

you.

Mother is having a pretty good time in Manchester with all her family visiting her. Anytime that you would like to go to Boston she would love it. With a good heating system in our new house, it's not bad there even in winter.

Do take care of yourself and rest up in Antigua.

Much love,

Kitty

Monday, June 11, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I haven't turned out to be such a hot correspondent these days. Here's hoping that you arrived safe and sound in Antigua and that the "cashmere bouquet" is in place waiting for your guests. Enclosed is an edit. from "El Paisa", Cali's conservative paper - yesterday. I understand Figueres has written a similar one about the Alianza. It's hard to find anything very encouraging about the present administration in the white house, but, as the chancellor of Vanderbilt says "we must guard against pessimism." Sometimes I think I'm the most pessimistic person in the world!

Mrs Stone sent me a lovely book - in honor of Sam Lothrop. I'm awfully glad that you all are encouraged about the EAP.

My adventures here were somewhat marked by the fact that I had hepatitis but that's over now. My plans are to go home for most of July (at first I thought I might go back to Ecuador then but will probably go next fall sometime

and then return to be on the wards in August and September. It would be wonderful to see you anyplace – perhaps on my return trip or in the fall.

My friends from Guayaquil were here for a day or so not long ago. He is a doctor who studied with George Thorn and she is a ward of Galo Plaza. (I think you told you about them.) Anyway Francisco Parra said that the situation there was nearly impossible. His father is the rector of the University of Guayaquil and a v. prominent left ist figure I gather. They are saying that he's a communist etc and they're seriously considering leaving the country.

Dr. Thorn, by the way, has just returned from Arabia where he visited his patient King Saud. That should have been quite a trip!

Please forgive me for not writing. I will improve

Our address at home has been changed from Magnolia to Manchester. Magnolia P.O is no more.

Much love,

Kitty

June 30, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe

Perhaps this letter is too late and you are already in Honduras. Since they wouldn't let me go back to work for a month or so, I came home on the 20th and have been leading a life of luxury ever since — about ready to go back now but probably will stay here until August.

The conference must have been wonderful in Antigua. I doubt if

There is a place as beautiful in all the world to hold it.

The US seems about the same to me although after 10 months it was more of a shock than formerly. No one seems eager to talk about politics these days. The youngest Kennedy seems to be unstopable in Mass. at present.

Mother is in fine form, the best she's been in a long time and the place is in top form with all sorts of flowers everywhere.

Just before the trip home the Hospital Univ. del Valle had all

sorts of troubles. The director and several full time faculty resigned presumably because they weren't being paid enough and saw no hope for improvement in the future. It is a colossal job to keep something like that institution going esp. with funds from the country itself. The Rockefeller Foundation doesn't actually pay for the running of the hospital ~~at~~ ~~itself~~ at all but does pay for the research and a good deal of the basic science part.

Please let me know how you are feeling. It sounds as though things are pretty well under control with you doing so much. Mrs. Stone wrote me again, and it seems that they are building a house outside New Orleans.

Much love,

Kitty

Aug 2, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was so good to receive your long letter, and it sounds as though you are plenty busy — probably in Honduras now.

There has been an earthquake in Cali and Ecuador but apparently to one was hurt. I am going back there the middle of September now and don't know for how long. My place here really has been neglected

for quite some time and I'm getting some work done on it while I'm here. The house should probably come down, and, since there is a wonderful small Gloucester sea captain's house coming down in Gloucester, I'm thinking of moving it over here. However nothing has been decided so far.

Massachusetts is having quite an election race but no one around here seems to have very violent feelings about it all.

Dr. Thorn returned from a wonderful trip to the Near East this spring.

They were practically in Mecca with the pilgrims. He is taking alot of time off to work on his place and has done a fine job of it. Perhaps one of these days you'll come and see it all.

The weather is about perfect and we've been doing quite a bit of sailing. Mother is in fine form.

There hasn't been any news of Marion for a long time and I wonder if she ever did visit you in Antigua?

It was interesting about Mr Howard. I do remember him but am not sure just how old he is – that is how much time he would be at the school. I certainly hope someone can be found who will do the job right.

Hope to be able to see you before too long and that you are doing well.

Much love,
Kitty

61 Commonwealth
Boston 16
April 14, 1963

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I have been thinking of you since you left for Guatemala Feliz - which I hope is still feliz now and not in too much trouble. It is impossible to tell what is going on from the papers up here.

Spring has not really come to New England yet, but there are signs and the last 2 days have been beautiful. I have decided to tear down the great big old rambling house of my great grandfather and nobody is objecting rather cheering in fact. It will

just stay down for a couple of years with nothing in its place I imagine, but I am fixing up the brook + pond etc some. I wish you would come sometime + give me much needed advice!

At the Brigham I'm having a fine time and couldn't be more enthusiastic about the people I'm working with. However, it seems that I have to make up my mind whether to take a permanent position there or not, and I'm veering towards not though still undecided. My whims n ideas may not be very realistic but I applied for the school of Public Health to work in Dr. Tom Weller's department. He took Dr. Shattuck's place in Tropical Public Health. over here on Friday Dr. John Wier of the Rockefeller Foundation (he was the one who got me the job in Cali)

spoke on Africa – the status of Medicine + schools here excluding Algeria, Egypt and the Union of S. Africa. What enormous problems they have! Where will Hugh be going? Tell him that I am "green with envy" + doesn't he need a secretary to keep track of his notebook?

Mother is in fine form these days and always asking about you and when you might pay us a visit.

Dr. Thorn has just returned from a 5 week trip to the far east. New Zealand, australia, Japan Hongkong Bankok Singapore. He was most enthusiastic esp over Thailand. He covered 33000 miles.

Hope to hear from you soon. My Best to Maria + Tonya + Gonzalo.

Much Love,
Kitty

P.S. a couple of weeks ago I met Dr. Sam Lothrop and had a wonderful time with him. This was at his brother's house in Boston. He is probably now in Spain – hunting wild boars in the Pyrenees with the Stones. He's doing a new book about which he was v. excited.
K.

COOLIDGE POINT
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

July 19, 1963

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was wonderful to hear from you, how busy you are and about Antigua. Guess who gave me some first hand news though: Hugh was up here last weekend after his meeting in N.Y.C. My it was good to see him!! He invited me to go along to Africa in September when he goes to the conference in Nairobi. Naturally I'm so excited that I can't think of anything else right now. The school of Public Health here says that I have to be back the 25th, but they've been very helpful about finding out about Africa.

We were saying at Mother's how much we missed you and how we wished that you could come for a visit during the warm

weather which we are now having.

Perhaps you would enjoy a few Republican lines. Most people around here don't now-a-days!

"To the News"

There was quite a quandry over where to put a statue of ~~JFK~~ Kennedy in the Hall of Fame. They decided that they couldn't put it next to George Washington, who never told a lie or next to FDR who never told the truth cause JFK didn't know the difference. They finally decided to put it next to Christopher Columbus, the greatest New-Dealer of them all; when he left, he didn't know where he was going, when he got there, he didn't know where he'd been, and he did it all on borrowed money.

Moses said to the people of Israel: "Pick up your shovels, mount your camels and asses, and I'll lead you to the promised land. FDR said "Put down your shovels, sit on your — light up your camels this is the promised land. Kennedy has taken away our shovels, kicked our —, raised the price of camels and taken over the promised land."

Much love, Kitty

DR. KATHERINE COOLIDGE
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

December 13, 1963

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

How wonderful it was to receive your letter. Also the many things belonging to Helen have arrived, and I'm absolutely overcome. You have always given me so much. I shall be very proud of having them.

It is hard to understand that you haven't heard from me because I've written you a couple of times and at least once since the African trip. Say - I think you would really like Africa inspite of your apprehensions. The country of Kenya is just beautiful - right up your alley and the British have done a fine job

certainly in most ways anyway – The whole trip was just fabulous and Hugh was really superb there at the meetings in Naiobi where, incidentally, we had some fine curry which you would have enjoyed. Many times on the trip I thought of how you would have liked it.

For a while we thought that you were going to Europe and would stop in Boston & stay in Manchester for a few days at least. In fact we talked about your coming abt and were really looking forward to it. Please write and say that you really are coming!!

Your description of things at the school sounds encouraging. It seems a shame though – if

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The U.F. Co should let you down after all these years and also about Mrs Stone. It seems that I am elected to ask her for money for Radcliffe – as no one else North of the Mason-Dixon line or perhaps the Rio Grande dares to.

I am enjoying my work here and am with a wonderful group of people at the Harvard School of Public Health. Perhaps you were right, Roger, when you told me once that I'd never stay in Boston as I'm itching to get out of here again already.

The country was really in a turmoil over Kennedy's assassination but things seem to

be running quite smoothly now + Johnson has taken a firm hand.

Please let us know your plans.

Have a very merry Christmas.

Much Love,

Kitty

DR. KATHERINE COOLIDGE
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb 16, 1964.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was so good to hear from you. The things you sent me are my most treasured possessions. The wonderful mirror which I remembered so well sort of reminds me more of Helen than anything.

You sound very busy what with your friend Henry Wallace and all. I would love to have a reprint of your speach on Dr Fairchild.

Hugh was up here for a very short visit not too long ago, and he certainly is busy. Perhaps he'll get some rest in Acapulco!

I am enjoying myself a great deal

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in the schl. of Pub. Health, I am planning to start some work on Chagas disease here in Dr. Weller's dept.

The other night I had dinner at Dr. George Shattuck's and sat next to a Guatemalan doctor, Sanchez, who has been in Boston quite a while. He said that his mother's family used to own Zamorano valley. He had never been to Honduras, himself.

I also ran into Sam Lothrop who sang your praises to the skys. You might be interested that he said, "I don't want to hear anything about Doris or the School until I have 2 days alone with her. I'm closer to her than any woman that I haven't been married to."

In the letters that you never received I kept asking when you were coming up for

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a visit. The days are getting longer – a sure sign of spring! Actually there is a terrible snow storm going on right now but we are hoping that you will come this year. We hear that Mr. Tom Cabot is v. sick – now recovering from his third operation in 1 yr.

Please take care of yourself. My very best to Maria + Tonya.

Much love,

Kitty

DR. KATHERINE COOLIDGE
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

August 17, 1964

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was so wonderful to see you in Antigua again and especially looking so well and with your family. I felt so lucky to catch Marion there with her children too.

Seeing the project at Lake Izabal was in many ways the most exciting trip ever. I really think that there is more to be done there than in Boston! and especially by means of the Interdisciplinary approach.

Thank you so much for the lovely

china candlestick from Spain and the silver box from Seville. You have given me so many treasures that I hardly know how to thank you.

Please come and visit us one of these days.

Much love,

Kity

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

January 9, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

We certainly were thinking of you after you left Antigua and hope that things went well for you.

We had the thrill of our lives recently to say staying with you in Antigua. Your hospitality knows no bounds, and I hope you'll sample our photo soon. (We will not use the elevator). It was only in Mexico!

everything was perfect at the house when we left. The VW drove us to Guatemala and we beautifully all the way. We used to dump and son Guatemala where again. The plane trip to Tegucigalpa via Copan was taking surprisingly but the motor was noisy.

at the school we learned an awful lot about life there. I really hope there is something I can do, but now it probably should be played by ear? I am going to talk to Mr. Cabot and Mr. Weeks about it. The next meeting I hear is June 6 in Boston! instead of in April in NYC.

Please tell Mr. Kempton that all he said about Mexico was absolutely true. We had a great drive and I ordered the pottery for the school in Puebla.

Much love as always.

Kitty

156 Branch St
Boston, Mass 02100

Sept 22, 1965

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Its been a long time since my last letter and an awful lot has happened. We were really terribly sorry to miss you in the Spring and hope that you might decide to come to the meeting in NYC in December — which brings me to say that I am absolutely overcome at being on the board, an honor very undeserved. Hopeing I have that room established smoothly and with my on the job 7 years.

We had a wonderful wedding — very small but lots of laughs. Mom has felt as dark the has a painting of the Mexico done by Gerardo.

You of all the people in the world who have done everything for me shouldn't have done that. I'll never, never be able to thank you enough for anything but you must know how I feel.

We are hoping that you will come to NYC (and Boston!) for so many, many reasons. We haven't had a chance to take a trip yet on account of the Mass. legislature but might go someplace after Dec. 13 for a couple of weeks. I've been trying to think of the things that John would most like to see and would welcome any suggestions at all. Most of all I hope that he will be able to meet you soon.

Lots of love,
Kitty

RADIOGRAM

[Jan. 10, 1967]

NIGHT LETTER

CATHERINE SEARS

FIFTYEIGHT BRANCH STREET

BOSTON (MASSACHUSETTS)

BRIEFCASE RECOVERED AIRMAILING NOTES BOARD MEETING PLEASE SEND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORWARDING BRIEFCASE

POPENOE

Antigua, 10 January 1967

Dearest Kitty:

Just after I had mailed a letter to you yesterday at the airport I went to call on Chris Hempstead and he told me that he had a briefcase which belonged to you. It had been delivered to Joanie so Chris (Joanie was not there) was not quite clear about details, but he said a man had come from the airport, I believe, where they had found the briefcase; they looked through it and the only local address they found was that of Chris, so they brought it to him. Pretty decent of them, say I.

I have had to take the liberty of looking through it to see what to do about it, and I find the notes you made at the Board meeting in Zamorano, which I am sure you will need to prepare the minutes of the meeting (I suppose you should send them thru John Weeks) so I am sending you a night letter saying that I am airmailing the notes today and asking you to let me know how to send the briefcase. Shall I turn it over to the office of United Fruit and ask them to get it up to Boston (they probably have good means of so doing); shall I send it by air express; or how? If by air express, to your home - 58 Branch Street?

I am sending the letter certificado (the notes, herewith) because that is pretty safe; I dont suppose you will be at home when it is delivered but they doubtless have ways of handling such matters. In Gainesville they leave a notice at the house and we have to go to the Post Office for the letter or parcel.

Just after I returned from the City yesterday afternoon Charley Stillman came over to say goodbye, which quite surprised me. We talked a bit, regarding EAP. This morning I have re-read the Ford

Foundation report, which in general I think is fine. There are a few things in it which worry me, to wit: I sense a tendency to cut down on the practical training - make it two years if we go on a four year basis, so as to give more time for classroom work. I do not think we should cut down on the practical work; this is the part that has been most pppular with the tropical American public. It is what has given Zamprano its reputation. Ever since Bill Paddock there has been a drift toward cutting down on this end. If we go on a four year basis, my idea (as of now) would be to continue practical work innthe first three, as at present, but devote the fourth year to academic (classroom and laboratory work only).

I am not in favor of loans to students, and I am not at all in favor of charging $2500 tuition the fourth year. A student can go to a college innthe States - from here - on that amount, and in most cases would probably prefer to do so.

Charley and I both see this problem: Will other schools in Latin America accept our Ingeniero Agronomo degree on the basis of four years instead of five (which is what they give). We can easily give asmany credit hours in four years, on the trimester system, as they do in five; but it may be a way out for them - to avoid the competition of our graduates. Bob Armour is going to look into this. I believe in time we may be able to get our four-year degree accepted, but I doubt if it will be easy.

The Ford people are viewing things the modern light, which undoubtedly is right. Vocational schools of agriculture in the U S have been forced, in several instances, to go onto a higher academic level and give the B.Sc. degree. Latin America is doing the same governments will more and more give the good jobs only to men who have a real degree ("Agrónomo"is not, as you are well aware) and I think our only

hope is to fall in line, but we MUST do so without sacrificing to any serious extent our practical training. Dont you think so?

Charley is all for the loan business. I think Chico is too. And of course, a more realistic price for tuition. The Ford people suggest $500 which I think would not be too bad. I dont like $1000.

If only United Fruit could get back on its feet fast enough to take over a large part of the support of the school, and get the credit for doing something for these countries - which old Sam and your father felt was important!

Charley doesnt know where we are going to get money. He admits the Development Program isnt enough - as you know, it has not done much more than pay its way, and I think we should drop it entirely. I think with Bob Armour in charhe we can cut down operating costs. I think we can get help from the Foundations, Ford and probably others. I think we can get more highgrade men on the faculty, and believe you and I may be able to help in this regard. Because we are operating on such a large scale (livestock and field crops for example) our costs are high for what we produce; Wayne Reitz agrees with me that we should buy more on the outside, produce less, because we can buy it cheaper than we can produce it.

As I wrote Bob yesterday, this is going to be a tough year. There will be quite a lot of re-vamping to be done. We must tighten our belts! I wish we just had one problem to solve at a time!

Much love always,

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January 11, 1966. [1967]

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thanks a million for the cable. I had just written you in California but am glad to hear that you've returned to Guatemala. We still can hardly believe how wonderful our vacation was and

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care not. Whatever seems the easiest thing to you I wish you would just do and not be concerned. It seems as though I've been absent minded since I got married!

In Mexico I was able to order some blue + white pottery for the school. Will you please stay with us for the board meeting or, of course, wherever you like best let us take better care of you than the last time.

With lots and lots of love for the new year.

Kitty

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January 12, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

A marvelous letter just arrived from you! You must have quite a bit to worry about with Sally. How I wish it could work out better and that I could be of some help somehow. Still I'll always count on you to let me know if there is anything I could do.

I want to talk to Mr. Weeks and Mr. Cuckt about the school and to you very, very badly. The general impression that I got was a sort of status quo and a great need to up grade the faculty. My impression of the wives was that they do not enter in to the life of the school or communicate with the boys at all — too bad. Even worse the staff + faculty have to pay to eat in the mess hall and have persuaded Bart to put up that partition so they won't eat with the boys. It seems a shame as a great deal of good ~~[illegible]~~ transfer of learning of all types could be accomplished at meals. Bob Amons and I are going to get those pictures back to the dining room if at all possible and commission Velasquez to do some others for the guest house. Guess I wrote about the pottery from your same place in Puebla.

When in Salvador I suggested ~~that~~ to Mr. de Sola that perhaps I could donate some money for use at the discretion of the director hoping that he would use it to ~~get rid of some~~ strengthen the department heads. (Bob thought that with higher salaries we might). I don't think he liked the idea too much. ~~[illegible]~~ all he said was that the board hadn't decided to improve the school that way.

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It seems to me that there is quite a large proportion going out for administration, but maybe that is necessary down there?

The rumours esp. re seemed dubious about the peace corps and the one P.C. fellow now at the school was not v. impressive. We noticed that he ate behind the partition and didn't know a word of Spanish. He pointed out too that it might be disastrous to have peace corps girls too near by, and I agree!

Is there a chance that you would be at Zamorano in April in May before the meeting here. I'd like to go again as at least I've learned that one has to say what one wants to do + find out. I'm going to work on my spanish between now + then too.

Please wish Concha, Maria Felix Ana Nuevo.

Much love,

Kitty

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February 1, 1967

Dear Dr. Popence,

Thank you again - a thousand times - for sending all my things. I'd love to thank the man that took the bag to Chris + Joanie. Please just throw away the bag + rest or keep it. Thanks also for your wonderful letter which shall be saved with all the others. I want to talk to John Weeks and to Mr. Cabot about the school. We also had misgivings about Monte Dixon while we were there - which I can go into later. Anyway this year is going to be a decisive year and you are so desperately needed at Zamorano - and also in Boston in June. We had a wonderful letter from Bob Armour. It seems that Velasquez has gone up in price and he is negociating for the pictures. You could probably bring the master down somewhat.

About going back to the school. If you were there in the spring I'd really try to make it. April would be about the first time I could get away

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now. If you think it would be of any advantage I would certainly go for a week or so. Perhaps with the answers we could get down to a few brass tacks. There are few things that are more important to me than the school. If only I could really be of some use there.

The next time I'm lucky enough to be there I will really just about insist on eating one meal a day with the students. This was wonderful at Christmas, and I think that the staff + faculty are doing quite a bit of harm by not eating in the main part of the dinning room. Perhaps all this table talk isn't that important but really I think it is.

Please give my best to Marie, Carlos + Juan.

Lots and lots of love,

Kitty

P.S. Please let me know your plans because I could work at just about anything.

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

March 24, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thanks a million for your marvelous letters. I've also received one from Mr. de Sola and would very much like to go to Guatemala if he meeting. In fact, I don't see anything to stop me so I'll be there. If you are going to Honduras after words, I'd love to go along too. Anyway we can see.

It was news to me that Hugh went to Saigon. He must have had a very interesting time. Please give him my very best.

Lots of love,

Kitty

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

April 27, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

How can I ever thank you for what you have done? Every time that I try to write words seem more inadequate than ever. You are responsible for the most marvelous introduction to the most fantastic things. The cable just came today. I'll never forget Mocó, the beautiful setting. The more I think about things the more I think you should go on television & visit the people and [illegible] so a service to [illegible] the Eddy and the future of [illegible]

American agriculture. From what John Weeks says Dr. Plaza is not coming to the meeting in June but will be in Europe. It seems quite tragic that a member with such international stature should not be represented at the meeting. Do you think he might write a letter stating his views?

In any case the dinner at the Somerset Club is on and I've written all the board members. We are counting on you to stay with us Sun. night and Bart + Bob at the Somerset Club. John might announce his candidacy for mayor June 1 so it will be quite exciting. Mother also expects you Monday night.

With lots of love. See you Sun.

Kitty

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

May 2, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thanks a million for all those enclosures. The more I think about things the more I wish we had voted the Ford for money + no report! It will be very interesting to see what Dr. Opler replies. If he should, indeed, be in Europe at the time of the meeting, he could do no worse than make known:

It looks as he moved so slowly that he would be missing the major calling he couldn't announce it till June 1. His company manager came to dinner last night and seemed very cooperative. Whom he represents in this city is

9-1 democratic.

Monday I'm going to New York and will see Dr. Ricketts + Mr. Stillman for lunch. Jocko is coming to the dinner on the 4th. Hope everyone can.

Please let me know if there is anything further I could do. Also I'm wondering how Maria is getting along?

See you soon.

Love,
Kitty

May 3, 1967

DR. CATHERINE COOLIDGE SEARS
56 Branch St.
Boston, Mass
USA

Dear Dr. Coolidge:

On behalf of Dr. Luis A. Montoya, deputy Secretary-Treasurer of the Tropical Region, ASHS, I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your check amounting US$50.00 and to thank you for your Sponsoring Membership for 1967 of this Society. Please be sure your name will be included on the 1967 Proceedings, corresponding to the XV Annual Meeting next July, on which we hope you will participate.

Very sincerely yours,

Beatriz de los Cobos
Secretary to Dr. LAMontoya

Encls.

c.c. Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

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May 11, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

It was wonderful to receive your letter of the 3rd. The dinner seems to be coming along. Everyone seems to want to bring their wife ie Stillman + Roberts! Unfortunately Drs Moe + Reitz aren't coming although Dr. Moe will be at the meeting the following day.

My trip to NYC to talk to Jocho was pleasant but I didn't really feel on any sort of wave length with him. Mr Stillman was there most of the time + gave us lunch. I said that the board was awfully big to make decisions in a day's meeting, and Mr. Stillman got offended! He then spent a good deal of time talking about how he got on the board etc. He also is insisting that a new brochure come out for the meeting, and he had the Chairman's letter with him which talked only about the Ford Proposal but I think it will be modified. To set back to Jocho he seems absolutely convinced that the school must "go forward" so to speak - change tuition etc and sites people who agree with him etc. He does say that better people are needed for the school. ~~The whole time~~ — I never get the feeling

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that he is very close to the school & its problems. He did say that he hoped that Bob would really think about the future and felt that the whole thing really depends on Bob. If the Ford proposal is not adopted he felt that improvements in the curriculum could be made. etc.

I realize that you are in a very difficult position re Chico etc. but I don't get the feeling that the way to go is at all clear. If you can see your way to approaching Dr. Plaza please take me up on it. Keep it anyway as I'll be insulted if you don't! it would be terrible if everyone were insulted at the same time!!!

John seems to be running for Mayor. Right now the difficulties seem rather large to put it mildly, but by the time you get here all should be under way or not depending on the political wind. Between the campaign and the house I'm afraid I'll be pretty busy. In fact I'm not sure I can see my way to going anywhere for very long until after November – perhaps?

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Bert seems to want to stay in a hotel in June to make himself more available in off hours. We are thrilled at having you. Let me know when yr. plane arrives & I'll meet it.

I'm glad that Maria is better but wish I could be more help.

If I can't send a pupina, maybe I can send something to the Hempsteads. That is wonderful about ~~Dave~~ John Smith.

See you soon.

Lots of love,

Kitty

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May 17, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Your last letter just arrived and is greatly appreciated. It will be interesting to see what happens in Boston. Your letter to Chico was great.

There is one disturbing thing and that is if you don't let us know by phone then Monsieur M. please I will sit in the airport waiting for you! We can spend Sat night at Michon in the country then come up Sun for the dancing + stay Mon. Can't wait to see you.

Love, Kay

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

May 21, 1967

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

We are looking forward to yr arrival and you must let us know the plane on Saturday June 3 to meet.

Mr. Cabot sent me a copy of a

wonderful letter to Senor Quino asking her & Arjona the honor. Probably he sent it if yr in Boston. But in case yr Boston's too far I'm hoping it is yr counsel. It seems that Darge & Rockefeller haven't answered, but Alfaro, Boija Pinzon & Mora are not coming school

isn't very good is it?

with lots + lots of love,

Kitty

Antigua, 30 June 1967

Dearest Kitty:

From copy of a letter to Professor Watkins which Bob Armour has sent me, it appears Bob has been away for some days and is pretty well swamped with work at Zamorano. And now he has to leave again on July 7, to spend a week in Panama at the meeting of the Am Soc Hort Sci. I havent heard yet, that Chico is back from Europe. I am writing him today. I am hoping that we will soon receive the minutes of the Boston meeting; I want to see just how Johnny Weeks has recorded the arrangements made for a committee under George Gardner to solve our financial problems. I have no faith in any committee solving those problems, and feel our only hope lies in backing Bob in this connection. If you will look at the record of all of our committees, I dont think you will find much to read, except in the case of Charley Stillman's Development Committee, which Charley himself admitted at Boston is not going to get anywhere.

There is something queer in this whole financial situation that I really dont understand. With such important men on our Board, several of them personally representing Foundations, I dont see why we cant get the help we need.

Knowles Ryerson has just sent me some photographs in color, taken at Zamorano and at Lancetilla at the time of the Symposium. One of them absolutely delights me; it is a beauty, you and me in front of the house that was the home of Helen and myself for so many happy years, and where you were with us many times. Knowles wrote that he would send you a copy of this, if I would give him your address, which I have done.

Hugh writes (mirabile dictu) to say that he will arrive here on 21

July to spend a couple of days. He asks me if I invited you - when in Boston, to visit us on "our farm" near Gainesville. That rascal has bought what he says is one of the most beautiful places in Florida, 220 acres, with twelve "lakes"on it (he insists they are not swamps). The building on the place was the first school house in Levyccounty - about 80 years old - and he says we are going to restore it and use it as our house. I have never seen Hugh so enthusiastic about anything - he waxes positively dithyrhambic. "Noble oak trees", "soothing scenery" and all that sort of thing. Can you imagine? Well, it is certain that you will have to come for a few days when I am up there in the winter, and help us plan the restoration. Oh, I forgot to add that probably clinched the sale: there is a man near buy who sells magnificent sirloin steaks for 30cents a pound. Speaking seriously, I am tremendously glad that he has gone if for this extravaganza, for he needed something to pull him away from that Gainesville office. In fact, I think the farm may avoid a nervous break-down, and if so it will be worth more than it cost.

Maria doesnt change much from day to day; gets impatient at times and I suspect a bit irritable (at least Concha thinks so). Concha has adjusted to the new situation and I believe really likes the idea of running the old house. She pores over the cook book in Spanish prepared by the women of the Union Church in Guatemala City and tries her hand on American-style pies with great success, to date.

Much love always,

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July 9, 1967

Dear Dr. Popence,

Thanks so much for keeping me informed about the EAP. As far as I could see Putnam's resolution was about all that made the minutes. Why can't Bob go ahead with your and Chico? Perhaps he can't have so damnfool effect as critic.

Glad to ship recorder more extras. Hope you. Tell him it'd be delighted to visit anything.

Actually if you don't have music then he is the most fitting to become of the campaign which is really quite swinging and should be absolutely going

stray by Aug 15th. The non-partisan primary is the 26th of September.

Our house is really coming along so there is plenty to do. I'm thinking of going to southern Chile this December, though, to get away from it all after graduation at Zamorano.

Please give my best to Maria and Cancha.

No word from Doris. Probably just as well till the goals of the school + policy is better defined? George Gardner has gone to Europe.

Lots of love,

Kitty

P.S. Take it easy on the highways

Antigua G, 16 July 1967

Dearest Kitty:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th. I believe things are moving. I enclose a letter from Chico (which you need not return). And I quote as follows from a letter which Bob wrote me, dated the 6th:

"You may be interested to know that the Executive Committee has been active on the 4-year study program. They met, on June 19th, in Boston (my note; I believe this was N Y) and will meet again on July 31st. I understand several people are involved in the various aspects of the study and I have been given responsibility for (1) tuition fees; (2) curriculum; and (3) economic feasibility. I have one or two more recent ideas on the latter and I may have a chance to discuss these with Don Chico before the meeting at the end of this month (my note: Chico says that Bob will come to the meeting of the Exec Com at N Y on July 31st).

So it looks as though they are putting nearly everything in Bob's hands, which is what you and I wanted. I dont quite know what Bob means, above, by "Economic feasibility" but I dont think this includes getting big grants from the Ford Foundation or others. I believe the Executive Committee is to work on this particular angle, which is, of course, our biggest problem. I like the fact that they have had one meeting and are going to have another on the 31st instant. Maybe they will give Bob the job of tackling the Ford representative in Mexico City; you will remember that Bob has talked with him and that we have the impression he is the "key man".

Knowles Ryerson - who has had a lot of experience- writes that he feels sure, if the 4th year boys are asked to pay $2500 for that year -

they will all drop out of Zamorano and head for the States or elsewhere, to get their títulos. I think Knowles is right about this, and I believe Bob will work on the program of $500 a year for each of the four years, no increase the 4th year. I wonder if you have seen the enclosed memo which Bob has prepared? I dont see any indication that he has sent this to members of the Board. Perhaps he plans to take it to New York, for the meeting on the 31st. I like this memo very much. Bob is doing some sound thinking. I dont know what results he got from the trip he made thru Central America - I dont know how extensive it was - but I imagine he got deeper into the problem of recognition. (If you dont have a copy of this memo, will you please send it back to me?).

It looks as though Bob and I wont get together with Chico until late August, at which time I am to go to Salvador for Leonorcita's wedding. I believe this is justvas well, in view of the fact that Bob will be going to New York to meet with the Executive Committee on 31 July.

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Justvat this point the Lau family came in, to stay overnight; they will take this letter in to the airport tomorrow, so it will be sure to go out, and promptly. We fi ished the evening by sitting around the big fireplace in the Library, after having had fried chicken, mashed potatos and milk gravy, and spinach; followed by a good pastry Mrs Lau brought over with her. The little girl goes North to school next week - up in Milwaukee.

You talk about the electoral campaign; it is going to be long and hectic. I dont think it matters very much whether John wins out this time, or not. He is starting on the right track and I am dead sure he is going to end up by being a prominent and very useful citizen. His ideals command the greatest respect.

You mention a trip to southern Chile in December, after the meetin at Zamorano. You dont mean you are going alone, do you? If John goes along, allright; he will probably need a rest by that time, but I dont know that he will want to take it in Chile. If you are thinking of going alone, well, just forget it. We can do better than that. We might stay at Hugh's new farm, and help get the old schoolhouse (which we are going to restore; you know what fun there is in restoring old places) in shape for comfortable living. And he assures me he is going to have some animals on hand, and I suppose a boat on one of his "lakes" and some good duck shooting, so he says, and lots of room for long walks.

And if that doesnt appeal, then how about a couple of weeks in Martinique? Hugh and I had such a delightful stay there that he insists we ought to go back. Or we might even go to Mexico, where there are some mighty interesting places off the tourist track. So dont make up your mind about Chile as yet!

Maria is getting along allright; still has a good deal of pain, still could not possibly come back to work. But she looks pretty well and seems in good spirits. Concha is coming along wonderfully, so far as the hoysekeeping and the cooking are concerned; she does not seem too well, physically; thinks it is "nervios"; says it was the unhappy life with her former husband.

I agree that we had best wait a little while before trying to bring Doris back into the fold. I greatly doubt that she will become a member of the Board, again, as long as Charley Stillman and Stacy May stay with us. But I think we should keep our eyes open, keep in touch with people who know more about her feelings than we do, and whenever the time seems right, do our best.

Much love always,

56 BRANCH STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

July 21, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Thanks so much for your letter and Bob's report which I will send back to you after studying it. It is good to hear that something is happening and I had not heard a thing except that Bob did write me a very nice letter about his trip to Peru. I also got quite a little from Miss Shaw which I'm trying to answer. She says that Mr. Desile has seen species or varieties for since the left the board, but all report that he has tried to communicate

with her are absolutely false. This I think bothers her a lot and perhaps should be corrected? She also feels that he has been planning to put the school on a higher accademic level for a very long time. She is very unhappy with the Ford report and the University level idea in general. I'm going to answer it as honestly as I can. It does seem peculiar to me that Mr Cabot + others are communicating with her as though she was welcome "in the family" so to speak while Don Chico doesn't seem to drop her a cordial note to invite her to graduation or anything at all. If things were "above the table" at least we run into this sort of a mix up. (Mr. Cabot sent her the Ford report) I'll write again soon.

Lots of love, Kitty

Antigua, Saturday 18 May 1968

Dearest Kitty:

When Sally and I arrived here, after a rather hectic trip (as you can imagine, from what I told you over the phone just before I left Gainesville) I found that Chico de Sola and Leonora were in Antigua and I had a good talk with them before they left the next morning. Then, a week ago, who blows in but Charley Stillman and I went over and had a long talk with him about EAP affairs. I do not think Charley was feeling very well but he listened to me and seemed to agree with almost everything I said, except for one thing: he is strong for raising the tuition very appreciably and for student loans to those who dont have the cash.

Chico is anxious to have me come to the Boston meeting, but I simply must not go that far from Sally at present. So will give you a run-down on the way I have talked with Chico and Charley so that you will have the background.

Chico seemed to feel that recognition by the Universidad Nacional de Honduras on any basis that is at all acceptable to us is impossible at this time. That is the only point on which he came out definitely. I told him of my correspondence with Wayne and the latter's recent correspondence with Galo. I said that Galo still feels we must either continue as the outstanding example of vocational agricultural education in Latin America - and example which is being copied by other institutions or we are going to become just another mediocre facultad de agronomia turning out mediocre bureaucrats. I told him that Wayne is convinced we can not assemble and keep at Zamorano the high-class faculty required to turn out as good technical ingenieros agronomos as we can produce

by continuing to send some 10 or 15% of our best graduates to Florida or elsewhere for advanced degrees. Not all of our graduates should be headed for this sort of advanced training.

I emphasized that I sense a growing interest down here in giving the high class vocational training that we have been giving. Latin America needs more men of this type than it needs ingenieros agronomos for government bureaucratic jobs. I imagine Hugh told you the same story when you were in Florida recently.

I doubt that Galo will be able to get away from Washington to attend the Boston meeting. But Wayne will be there. I just hope that you can help to get definite action at this meeting: Argue for continued work toward up-grading our academic education - we are still very weak on agricultural engineering which should be one of our strongest points. Say that the time is not yet ripe for our going onto the degree-giving level - I dont believe the facultades de agronomia want our competition in this field. Remember what happened to your good friend Doctor Herrera when he came back to Guatemala.

I think Charley Stillman is convinced that we are not going to get any big money for a four year program. As for higher tuition and student loans, I suspect that we will have to compromise and perhaps charge $100 a trimester, which would be $300 a year. I thinkwe can could work satistactorily on such a basis, <u>if</u> we hold down student loans as much as possible, and continue to give a high percentage of free scholarships which has been a part of our program, though I do not know how far it has been carried out.

What I fear most is that no definite action will be taken at this Boston meeting. I think the timehas come to settle down to a continuance of the present vicational program, with up-grading of the academic side

as rapidly as we can develop the kind of staff to do it - and I am sure Wayne will emphasize this feature. We have already found that we can not go onto the degree-giving level as soon as some people have hoped and expected. Jocko has emphasized the financial problems. It seems to me they are getting more serious rather than less so. And Wayne is dead right about the impossibility of getting and keeping a staff which will enable us to turn out quality ingenieros agronomos. We must not turn out any other kind. And we cannot attempt to do this in the near future. We have a hard time getting and holding good enough men to turn out good agrónomos, not ingenieros.

I will not write of my own problems at this time. They are tough. I can not see very far ahead. Sally has her ups and downs. Her family wants to get her off their hands. That was made clear when we had that divorce business on our hands. The children have turned against her, with the exception of her sweet little daughter Annie- and I suspect she will fall in line with the other three. I hope you will continue to plan a visit to EAP this summer and will stop here. And as for the old school house at AHUATLAN (Hugh's farm) I think the plan made by your architect is wonderful and I have written Hugh that he simply must to ahead and get that job done this summer. I hope you will encourage him on this. If he tries to do it by putting one man on the job and handling most of the details himself he will never get through, he simply hasnt time for it. He should get a good local contractor to take over and get the job done. Dont you think so?

Do let me hear from you, Kitty dear; I have had no word from you since that hectic departure from Gainesville.

Much love always,

Antigua, 15 August 1968

Dearest Kitty:

Galo Plaza wrote me under date of 2 August. I quote: "We shall have to fight to ensure that the Escuela remains the best agricultural school in Latin America and not let it lapse into run-of-the-mill academic existence.

The yesterday morning, Galo himself came over from the City to see me (pretty darn fine of him, I thought). He came to Guatemala last Sunday on a round of visits to Central American countries and was given a grand reception here by everybody from the President down. He arrived here with a group of dignitaries so we didnt have a chance to talk at length a out the school, but he started out by saying "Wayne and I didnt get anywhere at the Boston meeting." Then he went on to say that he felt the attitude of the University of Honduras was such that there was no chance of our accepting their terms, hence we would not get recognition and could go no further; but he went on to say that the only thing he now fears is that the attention given to the curriculum required by CSUCA might lead EAP to work toward such a curriculum, which he thinks would be ruinous. He is greatly afraid of a drift toward the academic side and away from agriculture.

In talking about the continuance of Bert on the Board and the failure to put Bob on it at the Boston meeting he was very critical. It looks as though Bob has been down-graded, he said.

He left here yezterday evening for Tegucigalpa and said he planned to go out to Zamorano while in that country - two or three days. I was over there myself about ten days ago and spent two nights at EAP. Obviously Bob was hurt by the continuation of Bert on the Board and the failure to add himself to it (Galo said it was his under-

standing that the Director of the school had always been made a member of the Board when he became Director and if my memory does not fail me, this is correct). I discussed the matter with Bob who has taken it in his stride but I think something must be done about it at the Zamorano meeting the first of December. My impression is that Chico just overlooked the matter - you were present and can judge that better than I. Things in general seemed to be going very well at Zamorano. The boys want a good-sized recreation center built, so they can entertain their girl friends in more lavis fashion on Sundays; they want a sort of restaurant in connection with it, so if their friends arrive too late for luncheon in the mess hall they can take care of them properly. As Bob and I agreed, it sort of tends toward making a country club out of Zamorano. The boys are free to entertain their invitados at the mess hall; let them come out in time, say I.

Bob feels that something definite must be done about the título businss at the December meeting; says it is not fair to keep the boys in suspense indefinitely. With Galo present perhaps we can do something along this line, but it probably wont be easy. If at all.

Do let me hear how your plans are coming along. As soon as you are able to get away from there, I wish you could come down and spend a week at Zamorano and a week with me. It would be very good for Bob and very good for me; I have been having a lot of headaches over Sally and I cant see daylight ahead.

Much love always,

September 6, 1968

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

How good it always is to get your letters. There is a lot we can do for the school and I'm pretty sure that I can get some support for Bob in the Boston branch.

It seems to me that we should be frank and frequently too with Mr. de Sola. I think we can be. I often have the feeling that Chico regards Bob not so much as the director of a great school but as an employee of his, which, after all, he was for six years. Nevertheless, the director of a school should run his own show and not continue to anybody not even the chairman of the board. Mr. de Sola actually gave himself away when he said to me over a year ago that he regarded Bob as rather temporary and was looking forward to the day when a Latin American would be the director of the

school. He actually did have someone in mind too but I don't recall who.

All this seems to me in keeping with Mr. de Solar's attitude in general. He prefers to disregard the actual facts of the history of the school and has not been very much in favor of Fruit company participation. He doesn't mean to hurt the school by this, of course. It is just a fact - his ~~visionary~~ visionary attitude. His dreams should be realized one of these days but there is the vital question of timing. We do, it seems to me, have to be really careful that the school is not compromised in the process.

I think that I wrote you about ~~Robles~~ Robles' reaction to Bob's board membership. Robles just laughed and said that nobody of Bob's caliber would ever let Bert Miller bother him! Bob might be interested in that reaction.

If I can be any help in resolving the Bob-Bert problem, I want to be.

As for Dr. Reitz backing up Gale - I don't believe he had any intention of doing so at

The June meeting. He said as much when I tried to start a conversation with him about just that. He said he felt that it had all been going on for so long that there just wasn't much use. However, should other things develop to make the 4th yr. unlikely, I think he might "revive"!

I hope that Mr. Plaza will be able to attend the whole meeting in Dec. It was most unfortunate in June. Chico didn't give him an inch of anything.

About keeping the boys waiting. Bob and Ric seem a bit soft on this. Of course they are very close to the problem, though. But, the school has made no committment to the students other than to look into the situation. If they can't understand that we are trying to preserve the quality of the school then they better forget it!

The idea of Bob's about the bells as a memorial to my father appeals to me very much.

we can discuss that this fall too. ~~[illegible]~~ I would love to see a really fine memorial to Helen. Also you are the person to write the history of the school. I wish that that could be all arranged so that you would get everything you need to do it.

I should be leaving Idaho by the end of this month at the latest. I plan to start work at the School of Public Health directly after the December meeting at Zamorano. That is when the course for the 2nd year Medical Students begins. I don't want to be "in the way" at Zamorano right before graduation. My plans hinge slightly on how things turn out out here, but I want to spend ~~[illegible]~~ some time anyway in Central America and will be guided by your ideas.

I would like to do whatever I can to help Bob and am most willing to write or talk to Mr. de Soto.

Perhaps you could let me know your ideas and how your plans shake down for the next couple of months.

My house really turned out quite well. It's better than Williamsburg! You better come up and advise me on the furnishings! I need to hunt up antiques for a long time to come.

Lots of love,

Kitty

Antigua, Guatemala, 19 Sept 1968

Dearest Kitty:

To answer your welcome letter of the 6th I have put a new ribbon on my 1940 Remington, lit up a long Honduran cigar, and so to business. That was quite a letter; several items which surprised me considerably. Most of all your statement that Chico told you "that he regarded Bob as only temporary and was looking forward to the day when a Latin American would be director of the school. This shocks me, but come to think about it, I guess it is in line with the movement in many of these countries to get things more definitely in the hands of Laginos. Turrialba is certainly heading that way. It started off like Zamorano, about half gringo, half latino, and now it is almost wholly latino. Certainly with regard to philosophy and program, and mainly so regarding personnel. If Chico told you this a year or more ago - you say he seemed to have someone in mind - it might have been Ernesto Casseres, but I know Ernie pretty well - he was here recently - and I think he definitely intends to stay with OES. I wonder if Chico has our new Doctor Sequeira in mind? It seems to me his position is rather anomalous, and puts Bob in a rather bad light.

To my mind, it will be a disaster if Bob is eased out; in fact I think it would be the step which would start us toward what Galo fears - start us toward becoming a mediocre Facultad de Agronomia, just another mill to turn out bureaucrats, arm-chair técnicos - the sort of men the Ford people seem to think we need because they will all be leaders. Where they are wrong is here: 100 grads turned out from any ag college does <u>not</u> mean 100 leaders. We graduate 50 boys a year. By the time they have been with us we know those boys pretty well; we know who have qualities of leadership (I believe) and we

have no trouble getting them scholarships to come up to the States where they have a better opportunity to develop themselves technically than we could ever give them. If we overlook some of the promising lads, and they begin to show promise after they leave us, they still have no trouble in getting scholarships in the U S or elsewhere.

I think you are right in feeling that several members of the Board are not anxious to see UFCo get back into the picture, too heavily. We are getting more and more Latin American members on the Board and you know the almost-universal feeling against UFCo in tropical America. It may be against Bob that he was for 8 yrs in the employ of UFCo. But Chico was one of those who was keen to get Bob for Zamorano. Wayne doubted that Bob had administrative ability; Chico said Wayne was wrong, he had plenty. And I think, in fact, I feel sure, that Bob has shown such ability.

I dont understand the Bob-Bert problem (as you call it) at all. I never suspected that there was such a problem until I heard what happened at this last Boston meeting. I dont think Bert can feel he has a chance of getting back the job; he may be jealous of Bob, of course; that would seem natural.

What you say about Wayne's talk with you at Boston does not surprise me very much, though before I left Florida we had exchanged a couple of letters and I thought it was pretty plain that Wayne felt sure we could never hope to get and hold a faculty which would put us on the level of any U S College of Agriculture, and that we should not be satisfied with anything less. But knowing Wayne's history at Gainesville, as Hugh and I do, we know that he has never been one to get up and fight for what he believes to be the right policy. He goes along with the majority. Galo is not that way. I gather he made a pretty strong case for the old-line Zamorano at his recent talk there. You notes that in the August newsletter Bob says they have copies of Galo's

talk which they will send to any Board member who asks for one. If you havent asked for yours, by all means do so.

The drive for higher education, which hit the US in my time, has certainly hit Latin America, and I think, before we are ready for it. How can a school with 200 students - like ours and many other Facultades de Agronomia, attempt to have a faculty on the level of those big schools in the States? It takes great teachers to make great men.

I think Galo will make it a point to spend enough time at EAP at graduatuon(where he gives the main address-(wont it be interesting to hear what he has to say at that time?) and takes part in the Board mtg. But I fear the Board has already bought the dream of higher education, turn out nothing but leaders, and thinks Zamorano can do it right away. Galo does not think the Univ of Honduras will recognize us on terms we can accept; and then the question of finances? We are running into the red prettybfast and will run faster if AID doesnt have much money to continue sticking with us as it has done these past two or three years. And now we take on a man to get us more publicity, with the idea that publicity will get us money. Charley Stillman spent quite a lot on that idea. It hasnt worked. I dont believe it will work.

What Bob meant when he said that we ought to reach some decision at this coming meeting was simply this: He thinks the boys should be told that we either are or are not going to attempt the Univ level in the immediate future. We are all tired of this stalling - the same thing, meeting after meeting. I feel that Bob has done a wonderful job, trying to line things up - curriculum, contacts with other schools, and so on. I still wonder if the other Central American facultades really want us in competition with them?

Last week the Ford man who had just been with Chico and Bob in Salvador attended my little seminar at the ag school near Guatemala City. He told me he had just been conferring about the loan fund; what did

I think of it? I have expressed myself on this point in our meetings, so I told him I do not believe in it. We have had quite a bit of experience on this point and I have become convinced that Latin Americans do not like to buy dead horses. I further feel that many of the boys we really want are not going to fall for it. They graduate; they get jobs. They marry right away and start having children. They dont want that millstone around their necks. And there are other factors, several of them. Too many of our Board members are used to High Finance; they are used to lending and borrowing money. They think nothing of it. But the bright lads from the farms, from families with no capital, are going to think twice before they let themselves in for a debt of a thousand dollars or more.

You ask about my plans for the next couple of months. I plan to stay in C A until I go over to the Board meeting. Why dont you plan to come down here for a week in October so we can talk things over, then come back down for the meeting. I agree that it might not be well for you to go to Zamorano for a week or so before the meeting. Maybe you ought to fly over to talk with Chico in October, but I doubt that we can move him at all.

You ask about writing the history of the school. I doubt that you have a copy of the brochure I prepared - it is not dated, I find now, but it must have been about 1950. I have two copies here and I am sending you one, under separate cover, to Boise (if it doesn't reach you there (it goes by air mail) be sure it is forwarded. I think it sets forth the philosophy of the school as it was founded and as it was directed by your father and Walter Turnbull. Read it.

Much love always,

November 14, 1968

Dear Pop,

These are the pictures I took on that great trip through the highlands. Last night I think I woke up Dr. Ryerson and High by calling 10 pm eastern standard time. High sounded very good and getting around on crutches. I guess the only thing to do now is see how the December X-rays turn out.

I have had a letter from Bob about my letter which was good and a letter is on its way from Mr. de Sola. George Gardner knows everything that I thought but I haven't heard

from him.

It doesn't look like I'll be finished in Idaho til Dec. 17th but I'm coming to the meeting anyway.

Hope that everything is going smoothly in Guatemala and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Lots of Love,

Kitty
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Jan 24, 1969

Dear Pop,

No wonder you were confused. I have just realized that you probably didn't receive copies of the letter that Dr. Reitz wrote to Chico (with copies to all Board Members) and the reply to Wayne with copies to all also.

Dr. Reitz wrote Chico that he thought we ought to take formal votes in meetings on all important issues such as the one at hand with the U. of H. Chico replied that he had followed an "informal" manner ~~of~~ but that he would be more careful in the future.

Actually Chico's reply was a bit heated — and I will Xerox them + send them on on Monday.

It was these letters which stirred things up. and has got everyone thinking all over again. This seems to me to be a chance to review the facts and take a vote at the meeting.

If someone moves to take a vote, I don't see how Chico can refuse — and I think they should. Everyone should vote as they feel it seems to me. If they wish to present something unanimous to the U. of H. they can have a revote but the first time around I'm going

to let my conscience be my guide.
I don't see how any other board member can do anything different including Gals. Isn't that our prime responsibility as board members?

I am about to try and call Wayne, Gals + Jocko to see how they feel and who should call for a vote etc

Hugh has been very helpful over the phone and sounds in wonderful spirits teaching two courses.

Please come for many good reasons!

Lots of Love,

Kitty

Antigua, 30 January 1969

Dearest Kitty:

Your letter of the 24th came yesterday. I received a copy of Wayne's letter to Chico very tardily, and have never seen a copy of his reply. In view of Wayne's request for a formal vote on important matters, I feel sure there will have to be one at the forthcoming meeting. I imagine Chico will hold proxies from most of the Latin members of the Board (I doubt that many of them will come up from Central America and perhaps several others, e.g. Kimberly. Or John Weeks will have them.

I enclose copy of a letter I have just written Galo Plaza. As I have mentioned previously, he represents Latin America and can not give more than an opinion - he cannot do any pushing. He has made his position clear in his address at Zamorano; I made mine clear at the Board meeting there - and I got stepped on, nothing more. The gringos are up against the problem of not wanting to take a very definite stand against anythin Latin Americans want badly, and I think all you can do is just what you have said in this letter: If, after having tried to present your views and convictions, it is evident that the Convenio is going to be approved go along with it. I dont think Chico will call for a vote until the stage is set.

My presence there would be of no importancewhatever, as was clearly shown at the Zamorano meeting. Everyone on the Board knows where I stand, and you have talked with the most important members up North - Tom Cabot and John Weeks and Jocko Roberts. No use talking to Stacy May and Charley Stillman. I had a long talk with Charley down here and he knows well my feelings.

I dont know where we are going to get the money to carry out the program. We have been trying to get money for years, with no great success. I gravely doubt that Dr Sequeira will do much better. And if the radicals and anti-gringos get the upper hand in the Univ of Honduras we ~~will~~ we can really be up against it: We must give preference to Hondurans (where would this end); we would be forced to take boys who had spent three years at the school in La Ceiba and graduate them after one year with us. I gravely doubt that they are going to get as good practical training at Ceiba as they get with us; when they graduate the people who hire them will have a right to ask, "What is the matter with the Zamorano Ingenieros? Theh dont know to do the job like they used to. And especially am I afraid that this incorporation business may lead to our being forced to take a lot of teachers we dont want, because they wont incorporate those of our choice.

Dont quote me <u>in public</u> on any of these points. But we are really throwing the school in the lap of the Central Americans, which maybe we should expect and accept. It is being done in so many other fields. I am worried about Chico. I have heard several reports that he has been very unhappy recently - and you say that his letter to Wayne was somewhat heated.

Another thing to remember, so far as I am concerned - everyone knows that I am a product of UFCo and not everybody likes UFCo. This includes some gringos. It doesnt seem to matter that about 95% of the money which has gone into Zamorano has come from UFCo. I can understand that; it has been true of so many other developments.

I still think there is a chance they might go along with the program I have suggested in my letter to Galo - am extension of what we have done so successfully in the past. But I am sure the Latins will want every graduate to be an Ingeniero. Much love, Kitty dear

Antigua, Guatemala, 30 January 1969

Hon. Galo Plaza L.,
Secretario General de la
Organizacion de Estados Americanos,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Galo:

It will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Board which is to be held up there on 7 February. I sincerely hope that you will be present. I assume that the purpose of the meeting is to approve the Convenio with the Universidad Nacional de Honduras, according to the Spanish-language text dated December 16 last.

In your address to the Class of 1968 you stated "Seria muy grave dejar de ser lo que somos para no lograr lo que queremos ser". I do not feel we can realize our just aspirations under the terms of this Convenio which, we are informed, has been approved by the University of Honduras.

I realize that many members of the Board feel that we have debated this matter long enough. The desire to take some definite action may lead to approving the Convenio, against the mature judgment of several of the best-informed members of the Board. I wish we could refuse to sign the Convenio, and decide to satisfy the laudable ambition of our students by assisting all those whose record at Zamorano shows they deserve further training and a degree, to attend some University where they can obtain it. It seems to me this program has worked very well in the past and could be extended considerably. Nothing would do more to maintain the prestige which Zamorano graduates now enjoy throughout Latin America.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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March 7, 1969.

Dear Pop,

Everyone, and I mean absolutely everybody, is thrilled over your marriage. You inspire us all in your true enjoyment of life. Dr. Reitz proposed a toast to you and Alice at the meeting in New York. Here's to you!

Last weekend I had a fine conversation with Hugh who plans to have his bone graft about March 21. He sounded in excellent spirits and said that his courses were going very well — as are his projects.

Mother has just returned from a month in California to about 40 inches of snow. There hasn't been this much snow in Mass. for 100 years. She is rather discouraged about the damage to her house etc. We had 3 Northeast storms in a row, and everyone missed many days of work. Trains are still not running to the north shore.

I was hoping to get to the school in April, but now I'm not sure. It looks like I'll be going to Idaho again early in April, but I'm not sure of the date yet.

Be sure to bring Alice up in June to stay in the New England!

Lots of Love, Kitty [Coolidge]

August 13, 1969

Dearest Pop,

Your letter of August 4th just arrived here along with Bob's recent letter etc. You must have had quite a bit of excitement down there — on all fronts!

As you can see I am in Idaho again. Things came to the point where I decided to come here until they are all over, and I believe they nearly are though the date isn't set and I am not unaware that some new crisis may arise. In any case for various legal reasons I had to resign (at least temporarily) from my job in Boston and look like a true Idaho resident.

So my plans are all up in the air again. It may turn out that I stay away from Boston

as a permanent residence anyway for some time, but that is "between you and me."

It will be interesting to see what Chico does do and if things may cool off sooner than people think? If Chico should resign I think I would favor putting the pressure on Wayne, but I'm not sure. Jocko is tops and in many ways the most valuable man on the board, but I'm not sure he isn't of more value where he is so to speak. We could move the graduation date forwards or back a week or so to convenience Wayne—certainly after this year? ~~None of~~ The students would still get home for Navidad and most are gone anyway except those graduating.

Didn't Galo do a wonderful job in the OAS on the Salvador - Honduras affair! I will never understand how our board can ignore his wise, clear concise and consistent views with so much ease. Perhaps they won't always. I have a feeling that he may set things straight

at the school one of these days when just the right moment comes. I hope that you and Alice keep in touch.

Perhaps you know that I don't make a habit of giving unsolicited advice but the way I look at it you and Alice are due for a good trip to Spain - a deux. There is no time like the present! I don't know when I'll be able to leave here but will let you know as soon as I do. Certainly October or Nov. is as good a time for me to visit the school as September

Lots of Love,

Kitty

August 15th, 1969
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Dearest Pop,

Your letter of the 11th arrived today - pretty good it seems to me!

I agree that Chico will not give up the chairmanship easily. This situation between Chico + Bob is really too bad. Chico is used to a very authoritative way of doing things and he will not change on that it seems to me. On the other hand part of the blame, it seems to me, is on Bob. He doesn't seem to take the authority & administrate the school and make decisions on admissions policy etc that he should. He looks to "the board" on matters that he could decide himself or with a little private advice from you or Sachs or anyone. What disturbs me most, and it has for a long time, is that Bob needs a couple of good men at the school, probably as dept. heads, who can help him with his responsibilities. The school simply cannot go forward with the present faculty. The buildings are much less important!

I am going to write George Gardner a letter with the

quit of your letters etc. One thing about George is that he seems to be discrete. John Weeks does nothing except perch papers.

Poor Rice. I like her so much but I'm afraid she tangles up all the issues at the school for poor Bob. She has such a soft heart.

When you mention putting things squarely to Chico — good luck to you! From what I have seen Chico simply doesn't hear what he doesn't want to. He is so fine in many respects, but "putting it to him" looks very hard to me. Remember how he interpreted Galo's speech at graduation as being in complete agreement with his own views? This seemed extraordinary, absolutely unbelievable to me, and I mentioned it to Galo who said "Oh certainly, he blocks out everything"!! He doesn't fool Galo, anyway, though nobody would know it at times. That's diplomacy I guess.

Probably the best thing would be for Chico to step down but his successor as you say will have to be hand-picked pretty quick. If I say to G. Gardner or Tom Cabot that Chico is bossing Bob too much, they will immediately blame Bob at least in part so maybe the best thing is to keep cool.

for now. If Bob would stand up to Chico a bit more and go his own way Chico wouldn't press him on alot of things and he would respect Bob all the more. Certainly Bob has the backing of the board on that. All in all Bob has a wonderful job and a great opportunity. I hope he won't get bogged down.

Don't worry about the legal proceedings out here. I do believe they will be over during the next month. In a couple of days I'm going South to see the Southwest and plan to be back in Boise in a couple of weeks. I certainly am looking forward to seeing you and visiting the school. Since I have no plans for the fall it won't be long after Sept if not in Sept. If you do go to Spain, I can come in Nov. very easily.

Do you have the Turnbull's address? He certainly was a wonderful man.

Take care and I'll be seeing you soon.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

P.S. The Foundations are taking an awful rap here in the papers. The general scene in the USA is not at all good for the long haul. K.

Antigua, 23 September 1969

Dearest Kitty:

Since my last letter to you things havehappened. Bob came over last Saturday, on his way to Boston, and stopped with us over the week end. He brought a letter from Galo Plaza among other things.

Galo had decided that Chico's retirement might complicate the political situation, Honduras-El Salvador. So he had written Chico not to retire; and I understand several members of the Board have advised Chico to the same end. And Bob said that Roberto Ramirez, our Board member in Tegucigalpa (as you know) came to the airport to tell him that, politically, it would be a great mistake for Chico to retire. So that's that, and I guess there isnt any real need for the meeting in Boston this week, but since it had been called, it is to come off, and Bob has prepared a couple of excellent memoranda to present at the meeting. Policies for the immediate future, which we hope the Board will accept, but I dont feel at all sure of this.

Briefly, Bob's program is this: We have not been able to any substantial promises of funds which would enable us to undertake the four year program. And for operation, on the present three year basis, we are running deeper and deeper into the hole every year. Bob says this year we will end in the red to the tune of about a hundred thousand dollars. We should forget the four year program for the moment, and devote ourselves to getting funds to carry increasing operating costs. If w dont get a lot more money lined up, not only will we be unable to go on the four year program but the school will go on the financial rocks.

It is a source of great regret to Bob and myself (and I am sure to others, too) that the school has to be dragged into international politics, but we will just have to do our best to carry on. When Bob and I had our talk with Chico here in Guatemala City, about which I wrote you, I was impressed by Chico's sincerity; his willingness to step down if it was to best interests of the school. Important people over in Honduras, who had been so outspoken about his remaining as President of the school, and ever coming back into Honduras, are trying hard to patch things up, which at best is going to be a tough job, and of course Gale, who is in the driver's seat, so to speak, is impartially doing his best. Although EAP is not directly involved, I am glad I am not in Bob's shoes right now. He is a much better diplomat than I.

Bob is not going to stop here on his way back from Boston, so it is possible I may fly over to Honduras next week to get the news. If only the Board will approve the program he is submitting! What he is recommending really amounts to what I have been trying to put over for some time, and what Gale approves: stick to our present program, and give more scholarships for our best graduates to go to the U.S. and get their "Ingeniwre" degrees. He is recommending that we raise the annual tuition to $300, not $500; that we cut out a lot of expense in connection with the "development program" which has been given a good trial and hasnt worked (he recommends that we let the Director and the Dean handle this work, and I am all for it), and he recommends that we sell more produce - he did a swell job on the sale of fancy livestock last month, you know!

To my mind, things boil down to this: we must accept the fact that the four year program is a long way off, and we must cut down on our operating expense quite heavily.

Stacks of love,

October 6, 1969
Boise

Dearest Pop,

You must be thinking that I'm an impossible correspondent. I hope that you have had a chance to talk to Bob since the meeting. As you can imagine perhaps, I was about the only one who went into that gathering expecting Chico to resign. The night before I left a letter at the Ritz with my condolences! There was nothing for me to say so I didn't say anything during the meeting.

There were a few things that came out of it. First they want to make Wayne sort of an alternate in a position to step in in an emergency. I don't think that Chico is very enthusiastic but it was more or less decided to approach Wayne. Let's push it.

The political situation was played way down by Gale's letter + by G. Gardner who was adamant that Chico stay as Chairman. (I think he was worried that he might get the job + I don't think he wants it.)

Bob suggested that there be no board meeting in December + more or less gave financial reasons as an excuse - Not that that isn't valid; we have had two

unnecessary "special meeting" or rather that should have been unnecessary. However, I wonder if the absence of the board will not present an opportunity for the University people to literally "take over the stage." It is my own inclination that we have to stick up for our rights + act pretty tough. If anything is going to happen I would prefer to be there rather than not. I don't want to embarrass Bob so perhaps you could sound this out. Without a meeting I doubt if there will be many board members. (Ric lectured me that board members ~~should~~ could "come as individuals but not as a board" and I wonder if that is the approach to take?)

It was a shame that Bob + Ric were in that miserable Parker House their entire stay as Bob had the flu + Ric was worried about him. Ric looks much improved to me and her legs are doing very well. Most important she has had her thyroid permanently put to rest by definitive therapy.

George Putnam is pushing the 4th year very hard.

Tom Cabot keeps saying that once we embark on the 4th year we will get the money. I'm not at all convinced that this is correct. The foundations are more interested in technical (3yr) programs in "developing" areas these days. We may get caught swinging against the pendulum?

With all the troubles at Harvard many thoughts have come to my mind and I must say I'm worried about the school. People are realizing that the University must mind its own business, it must foster diversity, not conformity, it must have authority and it must not be involved in politics. People recognize that in L.A. Universities have always been involved in politics, and that this may be a good part of the reason why Latin American countries have not done better economically. All this is old hat – but everything we are now doing is involving us in politics. When we signed that agreement, Chico + the others said "Oh, don't worry we can always get out of it. Look it says so on the last page." Now: they are saying "we must stay with the university or they will nationalize us!"

There is to be an April meeting in Boston I guess. If I can visit the school (the end of Nov - 1st part Dec.?)

I've more or less decided to try as write my ideas down on paper + send them around to the board members in the form of a letter to Bob. It is the only way I can express myself as Frankly the meetings are not democratic. I want to be sure that what I say makes some sense + doesn't smell of a grinding axe though.

I had a good talk with Hugh although I didn't mention or had not thought of the above idea at the time. We are a little worried about Fonseca's fuzzy thinking. Can you think of another graduate who thinks straighter? It seems to me that a strong executive committee of those who would be of most use to the school + who would meet 3-4 x a year at least we could solve alot of problems more effectively + with less expense. Bert was at the meeting + he got the facts all mixed up. It seems as though his still sore for being retired. We could have a larger group meet once a year at the school + get away with no hurt feelings? Jocko is such a frustration in a way with his "conflict of interest". Would it not be more truthful to call him a "special advisor" to the board on Agricultural Affairs. Then he could be called on for meetings or anything without being committed administratively? These are just thoughts.

I feel that he feels awkward when votes are taken?

I am nearly through!? One bit of news John has become Finance Commissioner of the City of Boston - quite an important political job. This seems very good to me.

I can't wait to see you + to meet Alice. The Armours have such glowing reports + so does Hugh. Do you think the end of Nov. is good. Should I bring visitors to the school if there is no meeting? Let me know your thoughts Lots of love,

Kitty

October 23, 1969

Dearest Pop,

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th which certainly arrived promptly – on the 20th. I was in Nevada visiting my cousin on a ranch in the Ruby Mnts and had a great time.

I was interested in Wayne's letter. I think it would be better if Bob were not a voting member of the board but played a more prominent role making all decisions with the board's OK. I also think Jacko would feel better as an advisor to the board rather than a voting member. What a board we've got if no one can be chairman because of conflicts of interest!

When I get home I want to tactfully approach George Gardner? – about all matters. Chico really shouldn't stay chairman for more

than 12 years do you think anyone should? I don't. One thing I'm going to do in the next meeting is suggest abolishing the 2nd Vice Pres as it serves no purpose at all. Maybe that would get the ball rolling for a reorganization of the Executive Committee.

You say that you are disappointed that no attention was paid to Bob's reports. His account is right and the reasons are (in my view) several.

1) The reports were handed out at the meeting where no one read them.

2) Bob was not forceful enough + let them get put aside - so to speak.

3) There was no one there who backed him up. If I had known a little more ahead I would have. (but it wouldn't have helped).

In April - we must have the ground work laid down so Wayne you Gals at least + we can back him up. If Bob is more adamant they will have to listen. Please tell him that!

One thing I'm not sure that I agree with you on is going to the Univ. level. Bob it seems to me is on very dangerous ground with the faculty. Even though we are "better" than the faculties of other Latin American universities you know that they will not let us get away with anything because we are not really Latin. You have told me all these things yourself so many times. We are going to be at the mercy of CSUCA, Univ. Honduras etc etc.

I will be seeing Doris on Nov 20th briefly at Radcliffe. She's pretty curious about the school right now.

Probably I'll go down to the school after Thanksgiving — about a week before graduation. It will be wonderful to see you and to meet Alice!

Lots + lots of Love,

Kitty

It will be so good to "combine impressions" in person!

COOLIDGE POINT
MANCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS
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December 17, 1969

Dear Pop,

I was very sorry to miss graduation. Up until the last minute it looked as though I might make it, but then things were postponed a day and finally the divorce was decreed on the 5th. In the end it all turned out very very well with the best possible terms all the way around. The only thing that I have to be careful of is not to look like a Massachusetts resident for six months. Bob had told me that my telegram was confusing as I said "not definite". I meant that to refer to my meeting him in Boston the next week. That was all. There was some talk that I shouldn't come here so soon after the trial, but I did and am officially "visiting my mother" for Christmas.

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It certainly sounded as though the graduation went very well. Bob also seemed encouraged by the way George Gardner was digging in to the Ad Hoc committee and the way that the U. F. Co is getting involved a little anyway. He had very encouraging things to say about Mr. Lauer as well.

Last night I talked to Hugh. I would have liked to be in Guatemala this Christmas and will be thinking of you enjoying the processions. The bells and all those pine needles. It is so lovely at your house and all Antigua at Christmas. I do hope to see you in January if that is convenient. Things are getting squared away now so that I can make plans and lead my own life!

With lots of Love,

as always

Kitty

January 25, 1970

Dear Pop,

I received your letter today and am so happy at the thought of seeing you this month. As of now I arrive in Guatemala on Pan Am 505 at 5 pm on Jan 29th thurs I arrive that day as I'm stopping off in New Orleans to see Doris + Ronnie! My plane stops in merida I think. Please do not meet me as you know I can get to Antigua like a homing pigeon!

Apparently there are "big doings" about the school but I'm not clear as to exactly what they are. This fellow Carl

Dobrin called me today to say that Chico is in Boston but I don't really know what is going on. He is the "fund raiser" that has been hired as you must have read in the news letter. Last weekend I saw George Gardner and am going to see Dobrin again before I leave. Perhaps I will have some news to contribute but who knows?

So far I've not been able to find Hugh at home but will keep trying and be sure to talk to him before leaving.

Tomorrow I'll give mother your messages. The house she has is next to the Willdauer House - one that is rented quite a bit it seems.

With lots of Love,

Kitty

Feb 25, 1970

Dear Alice + Pop,

I've just gotten home and things look pretty good! Hugh sounded fine on the phone. He is busy travelling to the foundations etc.

Since I've just talked to Jacko + George Gardner I wanted to drop you a hasty line. George says that Wayne is tied up as he was before! They didn't know that Jorge Mejia wasn't coming up for the meeting until I told them. (He is going around the world - some mission for the Colombian government). Jacko is going to have lunch with Jorge and line him up as no 2 front man to deal with the "locals" should any problems arise! Jacko feels

that if Sarge is sort of "in reserve" he can't really refuse to do it.

My cousin has urged me to come to Washington and I'm going to try and see Dr. Reitz if I possibly can.

I really hope that you ~~[illegible]~~ can come up in April for the meeting. It would be great to show Alice the old place and it shouldn't be too cold!

As it stands now I'll be coming down the very end of Easter week for a couple of days and then going over to the school with my uncle on Monday March 30 and back to Boston April 1. You probably will be in Gainesville then but, if not, it will be wonderful to see you.

Lots of love,

Betty [Coolidge]

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March 1, 1970

Dear Pop,

Hugh just called me and sounded wonderful. He certainly is traveling around alot these days.

He did mention a letter from you about the board etc. I don't want to interfere if I shouldn't, so please don't take my remarks too seriously — and not in anyway — the wrong way — please!

My reaction was simply this: The board will be different now — assuming that Dr. Rietz will be running the meetings. Perhaps you will feel like staying on. Everyone will want you to, and with very

good reason. But, in the end, the decision is yours.

Do you remember saying something like this, "Kitty, you can't nominate Hugh because you know him too well." By the same token perhaps I can say that you can't very well do it either. Although it seems absolutely logical that some day Hugh should follow you on the board, still that decision is up to the board.

If Hugh were asked to commit himself now he would be put in an awkward bind. I have a feeling that Hugh would not turn the board down should the time come, and I also have the feeling that everyone has him very much in mind.

Please don't worry about this matter too much. It is one thing that I feel quite certain will work out alright.

Lots of Love to you and Alice,

Kitty [Coolidge]

March 7, 1970

Dear Pop and Alice,

Last night I got home and found your letter. What a great thing it would be to travel in Europe. There is nothing that I would rather do — at least to meet you at some point. I will have to see how things "shape-up" as I plan to go back to the Dept. here officially July 1.

In Washington I saw Wayne Reitz, and was very glad that I had looked him up. He says that he will definitely take the job of Chairman of the Board. He said that he had tried to persuade George but George wouldn't. He also told me that in a year he plans to leave the government and return to Gainesville in another capacity, which now would enable him to devote more time to the school. All good news I would think. (Dobrin tells me that the idea is to pay Wayne a salary.) Wayne is hoping that eventually we can get Doris back on the board. She should be in Boston this coming week.

It was news to me that Freytag is leaving. I really hope that you all can come up for the meeting as there

might be a real opportunity for you to do something. Gelo Plaza is coming. We might form a block more solid than before and steer a few things — actually! Let me know your flight so I can meet you!

Today is the eclipse which is Total on Nantucket but with an hour to go the sky is becoming sort of cloudy.

Lots of Love,

Kitty [Coolidge]

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March 16, 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
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Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Pop,

Your letter of March 10th just arrived. My own feeling is that your possible resignation from the Board and Hugh's relationship to the Board are two separate matters. Perhaps I was not clear in my last letter but I believe that there is very much "wrong in working that way."

In a democracy nobody has the right to name their successor. It takes courage to do things the democratic way, but I believe it is worth it!

If Hugh takes your place on the Board, he won't know where he stands on the Board - no matter how qualified he is. If he doesn't know where he stands, he can't go anywhere. His sort of a situation would be unfair to Hugh.

What I have been planning to propose to the Board (and we have discussed this) is that the Board have a nominating committee to present names to the Board for discussion and decision after this committee has received suggestions from the members - and discussion these — probably with the candidates themselves. To have Hugh join the Board at the same meeting at which you left it would, I believe, be a grave error.

Looking forward to seeing you and Alice at the end of the month.

Love,

Kitty

P.S. Uncle Bill and I were planning to return to Boston on April 1 via Guatemala, that is Pan American 504 leaving at 11:30 from Guatemala and EA #48 from Miami to Boston.

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May 3, 1970

Dear Pop,

Thanks so much for your letter of April 28th. I'm very glad that you saw Bob and Ree in Florida. I can't agree with you about Hugh being better not on the board, but I hope to see Dr. Reitz soon and talk things over!

It must have been pretty harrowing with Sally, and I hope that things will take their course and that you and Alice will go

to Europe at last. You certainly deserve a good vacation.

As far as I can tell Mr. Dobson is doing quite well. – that is they all think that the money is coming.

Let me know where I can write to you in Europe.

With lots of Love to you and Alice –

Kitty

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May 18, 1970

Dear Pop,

You certainly did mention the matter of dedicating the lab to Walter Turnbull and I brought it up at the end of the meeting after consulting George Gardner and Bob. It was a poor time as many people had left. Dr. Reitz decided it should be discussed at the next meeting and John Weeks didn't mention it in the minutes. I will ask to have it on the agenda for the next meeting which ought to "do the trick" I could think.

I have written Mr. Kimberly and am trying to meet with Gelo, Reitz and Kimberly in the next few weeks about the nominating committee. Probably Wayne will talk to Hugh who must make up his own mind what he wants to do — but I'm sure that the board is going to want him very very much. If you have any suggestions particularly names of alumni of the school, please write me. I've written to Bob to send me some names as I would like to interview as many graduates as I can, myself.

Give all my love to Alice, and enjoy yourselves in Switzerland. I'll write you if you have an address, and let you know if anything happens. Right now they are still undecided. I

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would love to join you at some point, but have to play the situation here a bit by ear.
It sounds as though you worked things out for Sally in the best possible way given the circumstances.

Lots of Love,
Kitty

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Sept 24, 1970

Dear Pop and Alice,

I sure am happy that you got to Spain - to the Alhambra and Almuñecar.

We had a pretty good visit at the school. If only Wayne will spend enough time on it perhaps we could get things rolling. Hugh will be a wonderful help if, as you say, they will only let him.

On my end of things I'm trying to get ~~things~~ people lined up for the nominating committee and keeping my fingers crossed on some counts. George Gardner hasn't got his feet wet or perhaps I should say hands dirty on the fund raising, and I truly believe he will have to be swept along with the crowd or we won't get off the ground. So much for that.

If you are going to be around in December I'd love to see you. The Francis B. Lothrops (Sam's brother) are coming down to the school with me on Dec 4 for the graduation weekend. I think the Cabots + Kimberly will be coming too. After that I'd love to take Pop to Guatemala but we better not bother you and stay in

the hotel. The Cabots will be going on to Chile hopefully? and Kinkerly has to go to England. Perhaps you will be coming to graduation. That would be great. There is so much to tell you and to hear about your summer.

I hope that everything in Antigua is peaceful and beautiful for your arrival.

Lots & Love,

Kitty

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Oct 6, 1970

Dearest Alice and Pop,

Here I am writing you another letter too. Thanks ever so much for sending me Rie's letter to you. She doesn't confide in me very much and I want to know what is actually going on.

It must seem as though things are not well at the school and they aren't very good now, that's for sure. However, I see signs of improvement of the board. It is becoming more + more evident that Chico didn't really do much for the school although he had all the "best intentions in the world". He is not attending the executive committee meeting tomorrow and is certainly not in a position to do much. I doubt if he will raise much money either but I may be wrong, of course.

Hugh is going to be great. I wish he would come down for graduation. I wish all the new board members would, but they won't be elected actually till the day after graduation. If I hear any news I'll keep you posted. Simon Melo is coming up for election and he wants to come to graduation. I expect he'll be there. He is going to be good, I think. He's very

much opposed to the agreement with the University and the I. Cyprus degree. — goes along with Gates Plaza all the way. I am waiting to hear from a lawyer not a "Bostonian" though - fortunately here in Boston who I think will be excellent if he will only do it. Tomorrow I'm off for Washington to talk to someone from the World Bank and another person, a young Englishman named John Crow, who is head of the Western Hemisphere Division of the International Monetary Fund. Jack Fox is going to join the board. He is not strictly ethical. However, I believe that he will be of help in raising money. George Gardner definitely has to be "swept along with the crowd." He hasn't done a thing and kills everyone else's efforts. Fox is President of United Brands as well as being President + Chairman of the U.F. part of it. The way I did it was to set ~~my~~ committee + Wayne behind me and then ask Fox without telling Gardner till it was all settled.

Couldn't you persuade Ernie Carreras to go to the school? Tell him that his wife could do a lot there. Actually I'm not so sure that she would fit in there as they both like to be ~~near~~ a city with things going on. I felt that this was not a good time for him to join the board as he was thinking of going to Chile. Also I'm not sure that he isn't a little passive and might not say what he thought in these turbulent times? He sure would be a help at the school or helping ~~in~~ somewhere!

Well, perhaps I haven't made too much sense? I'd like to see the school raise money but not until we know where we are going. I'm afraid Fernando Fernandez is largely responsible for that Agreement with the U. of Honduras. I hear he owes money to the U. of Fla. Bob is trying to get him back at the school, but I expect that Chico will keep in Colombia. Hope so. Don't quote me too much as my role is to keep quiet calm, cool + collected!

I'll call High over the weekend and keep in touch with you.

The LeMaops are thrilled at the thought of seeing you. They are so enthusiastic. Perhaps I can take them to Copan after the meeting, if not, straight to Guatemala. I can't wait to see you both.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

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December 14, 1970

Dear Pop and Alice,

It was so wonderful to be in your house. Guatemala was more beautiful than ever. Since returning home I've been shovelling snow every day.

My mother has gone off to Europe and I seem to be having quite a crowd for Christmas. I wish that you could come too.

Your letter mentioned the question of whether Bob had told the faculty or not about dropping the 4th year. I almost told him to do it before leaving for Scotland but decided it was none of my business. I'm afraid he didn't. The news will get around fast. Arturo Falla surely will tell his nephew and why not?! I wouldn't be

surprised if it had gotten around ~~to~~ ~~bad~~ before we left anyway.

There is going to be quite a bit of trouble with Dobrin and some members of the board. But perhaps this is a good thing in the end. The way the board is now it isn't doing Zamorano a bit of real good.

Things may get very bad financially as who is going to give a lot of money to an institution that doesn't stick to its budget?

My main problem is what to do next and when to do it. I will keep in touch with Hugh and try to have another talk with Fox. The board has done such a terrible job that they feel guilty and make even more unrealistic moves - like hanging on to Dobrin. And so it goes.

It isn't any time to gloom - this holiday season - as we did turn a corner. Please have a good time.

Lots of Love, Betty

P.S. I get a nice card from Marion.

Dec. 28, 1970

Dearest Pop and Alice,

Your letters make it very hard not to get on that plane and go on down for New Years, but I really don't believe that this is the time for me to go.

Christmas here was wonderful. Uncle Bill + I went to Hooker Burns for Christmas Eve. Mr. Burn, whom I respect a great deal, said that he knew Mr. Austin Ashley and felt that we had an excellent man for the board. Then I had 14 people for Christmas lunch which was fun too. I hope that your day was good and strongly suspect it was. Several times I've tried Hugh but get no response.

Life has not been dull as regards the EAP. On Christmas Eve George Gardner called to tell me that he had written Carl Dobrin accepting his resignation, terminating things as they had not worked out, etc. George then told me to solicit Uncle Bill + took off for Nassau until next week. I had thought that Dobrin was out of town. But this morning he called me to ask if anything were new. It was obvious that he had not yet received George's letter and after a few minutes I decided that the best thing to do under the circumstances was to tell him. Dobrin hit the ceiling, got very upset and tried calling all the board members. Declared that he would not accept the letter etc.

Dec. 29th

Later in the day yesterday I went down + talked to Dobrin who is now feeling better. He received George's letter this a.m.

I wondered whether George had the right to fire him or not? What I gather from other people is that Dobrin can be asked to resign but he ~~too~~ can request that a vote of the board be taken and is probably entitled to a hearing by the executive committee. (This might be a good thing). Dobrin knows that I did have great doubts about his being hired in the first place and that I think he should go but he doesn't hold this against me at all. In any case George terminated it at the end of this month with 2 weeks pay. Dobrin wants $3,000 to be moved back to NYC. And so it goes. Wayne, I gather, is passing it all up til George gets back.

What actually happened was that Dobrin said strong things against George, that he had no business being head of a fund drive, didn't care etc. to Weeks. Weeks wrote it all down + told George. Then George got mad. Dobrin now has it in for George. Then Weeks told me that Dobrin was making off with the money. At this point it is a little hard to really say who is or has made off with the endowment!

Apparently one reason why the Ford Foundation won't give the school money is because they believe that the EAP is controlled by people in Boston who don't either care or contribute to it. I must say I really see their point of view! There must be a house cleaning + some By-Laws before anything can be accomplished.

Thanks for the Museum of Science article. George is on that board + Weeks is a regular. They seem to work in tandem.

Perhaps I'll be down again sooner than you think? Let me hear from you. Lots of Love as always Kitty

The meeting may be changed to May 3 instead of April 26 ~~so that~~ which I hope will be alright with Arturo.

Lots of Love
I'll write again soon,
Kathy

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Jan 15, 1971

Dearest Alice + Pop,

Many thanks for your letter. I am so happy that Hugh was there for Christmas. Actually, I don't think I ever had a better holiday myself either.

Wayne Pintz was up here on Wednesday. George Gardner gave a lunch at the Algonquin Club (sort of a strange place. Uncle Bill when he heard I was going there, said "You're coming up in the world"). When I finally got there I was supposed to go after being turned away from the main entrance because of being female they were all seated at a round table. Wayne, George, Austin Ashley, John Weeks and a Larry Pratt who is a fund raiser – the guy who got Dobrin. George started out by calling me Sears. Mr. Pratt said, "Oh yes I should call you that now that you are married."

George ran the meeting. He was clearly very nervous about the drive which hasn't gotten off the ground. We talked about nothing very important, and George "fell all over" Ashley whom he kept calling Austin. Incidentally Austin is absolutely superb. Everyone was very impressed. He was just right, you can't imagine how sharp and tactful that guy is.

After the meeting Wayne told Austin to look over the by-laws. Then Wayne + I were left alone. He told me that George was going to be on ~~my~~ the nominating committee. There was nothing I could do; so I agreed. Then Wayne told me what he wanted the committee to do before the April meeting ie. to submit four names to the board for discussion without committing ourselves as a committee to any of them and to prepare a slate of officers. When I got home after 24 hours I realized that the whole thing was most likely due to George's maneuverings in the morning with Wayne. As I sat down to figure out how to start out with the committee I just realized that I couldn't act as chairman. Therefore I wrote Wayne that I could be happy to serve under any chairman of his choosing but that I would no longer be able to be chairman myself. Now that is the next day I feel that it was absolutely the best thing I could do. I wrote George that I was delighted that he was taking the additional responsibility of the nominating committee + feel 10lbs lighter!

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March 18, 1971.

Dearest Pop:

It was great to get your letter as it always is. The Douglas-Hamiltons had an absolutely marvelous time and are having me over to dinner tonight to hear all about it.

About the matter of George Gardner's letter. It is a form letter made to look like it is not, and I think it was written by a fund raiser. I hope that Arturo Falla understands that we have no control over what George does or does not do right now. I am afraid that George doesn't think things through. As far as I know he has make no gift to the school himself recently.

It seems to me that Arturo's paying his way to meetings is very generous, indeed, mmuch more than enough! He was asked to join the board for reasons much more important than money! We really need him and at all the meetings too. As for myself I answered George's letter by saying that I would have to know more about his revised program before committing myself to it, but I would continue as usual for now. If Arturo feels that he should answer the letter he could be very non-committal and say that he will meet George in May etc. I don't think that it is necessary for anyone to explain their financial situation. I doubt tthat there will be many replies to that letter.

What I am hoping that Arturo can do is come to Boston on Friday April 30 for the weekend. Hugh will probably be here and Simon Malo is coming. This would give us a chance to discuss things before that meeting the following Monday in NYC. By that time some of us may have more idea of what really is going on.

Hearing about those volcanoes is really going to make me homsick.

Lots of Love to Alice,

Love,

Kitty

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Feb 8, 1971

Dearest Alice and Pop:

It sounded "great" that you accomplished your mission to Costa Rica and were able to be in Honduras for the festivities at the school as well.

Somehow I wish that a different track could be taken at Zamorano. Bob is wonderful at "occasions" and some good does come out of them at the time. Still, at the risk of seeming a wet blanket, I would much prefer to play down all those things which are at present being played up: money, degrees publicity etc etc. This I realize I can't say in this way to anyone – but a realistic look at the need would be more likely to lead the school towards vocational education, boys from

rural areas and out of the limelight! Sometimes I think we are on a toboggan headed for trouble. How would we feel in the U.S.A if a foreign country set up a school which competed with our most prestigious university? Of course Chico doesn't consider Zamorano foreign!

Doris was here for a Radcliffe meeting and I engineered a dinner at the Ritz with Fox. (Mrs Fox had a cold so we were just three.) This was very enjoyable and quite a success. How I wish Doris were back but this must not be repeated because they don't want her on the board, and she will always look at Zamorano as a 3 yr. vocational school. I agree with her more and more. Actually they don't want me any more than her but one never knows whether the climate will change.

I have asked Arturo Falla and his wife to visit Boston before the meeting. Perhaps Hugh will be here too.

Mother is getting ready for her trip. Margaret and Dermot Douglas-Hamilton (friends of mine too) will be with her from March 8-15. He would like to climb Acatenango and I think he could enjoy it tremendously and hope they will let him go.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

April 2, 1971

Dearest Pop and Alice,

Thanks so much for your letter. I have not heard from Arturo Falla. It would be good fun to have him come to Boston but if he would rather meet us in NYC Sunday May 2, we will be there. I am not exactly sure what Hughes plans are and sort of get the feeling that he thinks we might as well meet in NYC. Probably the meeting will be in Boston sometime too.

I have absolutely no news as far as the school is concerned except that the fund raisers aren't doing anything. It sounds as though Wayne is still pushing for higher education at Tamaroa from your letter. Actually he seems

to have had these sympathies all along?

Mother had an absolutely marvelous time. It was I'm sure due to you both. And not only mother but all the people from here who went down this time. It sounded like quite a whirl. I'm sorry to hear from you that Mr. Stillman is sick but I guess he hasn't been very well for quite some time.

Please give my very best to Marion and her children.

Lots of Love,

Lotty

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April 4, 1971

Dearest Pop,

The weather here is finally warming up. I got most of the salt-marsh hay out of my garden. There is just a little snow left in the corners and in the woods. Lots of birds have arrived and there is a pair of cranes on the pond. The ring neck pheasants and ducks are all over the place. Doesn't this tempt you and Alice to pay a visit.

Speaking of visits the plans are now more or less settled. Simon is <u>not</u> coming up here but we are meeting in NYC sun pm hopefully for dinner before the meeting on Mon. Perhaps you could convey this to Arturo in

any manner you think best. I would love to have him come here and don't want to take back my invitation. On the other hand it might not be worth his while at this point. When the meeting is in Boston we shall surely do it.

In any case could you play it by ear. I know that you know him better than I. Could you find out how we could reach him Sun p.m. in N.Y.C. and let me know?

Please come here on your way to Europe.

Lots of love,

Kitty

May 11, 1971

Dear Pop and Alice,

Since the board meeting I've been thinking about you alot and trying to decide if there is much news. This may sound confusing but actually there isn't very much news. One event that was a little surprising is the announcement that Wayne Rasty is going to Tailand with the R. F. for a year in June. I'm not certain who will be taking over as chairman but for now Gardner is holding the reins. One thing I'm absolutely convinced of is that things are going to eventually turn out well with Hugh on the board, but it may take a little time.

Otherwise spring is really coming to New England after quite a winter. They say that this year it is going to take a long time for even the ocean to

warm up for swimming!

I've been reading about how dry it is in Central America and wonder if the rains will start in May or June. I'd like to go to the school sometime after Bob gets back there.

Perhaps you will be going to Europe this summer after all?

Lots of Love to you and Marion,

Kitty

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August 10, 1971

Dearest Alice,

We had such a wonderful time in Antigua. The only thing was that you were missed. The house was so beautiful, and Hugh and his father had such a good time together.

Pop said that you might be going to Spain in September. He seemed in good spirits and doing quite well except for some edema in his legs. I gather that the pill which he got in Miami makes him feel sick. It is a combination of aldactone and a thiazide diuretic. In any case after checking with some of my friends here who have had more experience than me, I conclude that perhaps a low salt diet and a simple diuretic such as frusemide 20 — 40 mg twice a week might make more sense in his case. I doubt that frusemide will make him feel sick, and he will feel better without so much edema.

Since I don't like to be presumptuous or go

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around prescribing for my friends or family, I just suggested to him that he might discuss this with his doctor in Guatemala.

If he can treat his liver well with a light, simple diet (go easy on fried foods, pastry cookies etc) and some potassium in the form of orange juice or a banana and no ethanol, he should feel much better.

Alice, Hugh admires you so much. He just wants you to be happy wherever you are.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

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August 10, 1971

Dearest "Pop",

It was so much fun to be in Antigua with you and Hugh. Such a father and son must be a very rare thing.

Since returning here I have been doing some thinking about your edema problem. What you have been taking is a combination pill which, as I understand it, has been making you feel badly. In asking some of my friends here, who have had more experience with this than I, I gather that some other or more simple regimen might make more sense for you. Certainly you will feel better without edema.

In general I don't think that it is a good idea for me to go around prescribing for my family and friends here and there! However, if you do happen to discuss

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This matter with your Doctor in Guatemala, perhaps you could explore something like the following with him:

1) Low salt diet – which you can do well.

2) Frusemide 20-40 mg twice a week (or any similar chlorothiazide derivative.) I doubt that this will make you sick, and it will reduce your edema. You will have to take a potassium supplement but orange juice once a day or a banana would probably be enough. You can use Co-salt too. Treat your liver well with a good simple diet etc.

Doris was not in New Orleans so I came on home. Fox has a new job as head of Hood milk here in the Boston area.

I hope that you have a good time with the Greenmans and that you get off for Spain with Alice.

Lots of Love and Thanks,

Kitty

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Nov. 8, 1971

Dearest Alice + "Pop",

I hope that you are both well and enjoying Antigua. It seems as though I think of you often but am a very bad letter-writer.

Last week in NYC Greenman presented the report and all in all it was good. There is detectable a real shift in power on the board so I'm sitting tight + keeping my eyes open. I've just written to Arturo and hope he plans to come for the meeting. His vote could be very important.

Actually there isn't much news from these parts. It was summer until night-before-last and the temp just plain dropped nearly 50 ~~points~~ degrees.

About 3 months ago I acquired an absolutely superb dog. He has gained about 1 lb a day ever since, and is very smart + companionable. His name is "Maximillian" and he's a Doberman.

In the spring I might get a ♀ and name her after Alice but I like the name Zilla for a Doberman too. Ever since my great Uncle George died I've wanted a Doberman and then Milly at Rancho Grande inspired me too.

This week I may be in touch with Doris Stone. She is pretty sad about Zamorano, but if things get on a better footing she may cheer up. I expect to arrive at the school on Dec. Fri. hoping to see you in Honduras.

Lots of Love,

Lilly

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
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May 3, 1972

Dear Alice and Pop.

There seems to be just about no words to tell you how much I thank you for everything you did for Claire and myself. It is always absolutely wonderful to be with you.

Right now I'm in the San Pedro airport watching a plane go off to Miami. My connections aren't too good! I think I'll have a Mayan cocktail — "specially of Northern Honduras."

It seems to me that quite a bit was accomplished at the school although the time was short. Most important was perhaps the fact that everyone including Bob relaxed a bit and took a realistic look at the Budget etc. I wasn't present at most of their conferences but things did seem to be going well.

As far as the Medical-Dental problems go I think we are on the right track there and as long as we don't feel the need to hurry we may avoid legal complications.

Hugh was concerned about getting enough votes for the Corporation meeting so I wrote Arturo for his proxy. (We only need 3 members for the Trustees but a majority for the corporation.) Then I remembered that Arturo may not be an official member of the corporation so it doesn't make much difference. He may be considered for vice-pres which is mostly "window dressing" but they like to have a Latin American and I hope it is him.

Hugh finally relaxed after Kinkaid left but I think that there is real hope for getting the school going! They both seem to be committed to their respective roles.

I miss you and hope to see you soon.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

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May 18, 1972

Dear Pop and Alice,

It was good to get your letters. Claire keeps talking about you and sends her love.

In answer to your question about Chandler: he did come over for an interview but I gather that after exploring the situation it was mutually agreed that he was not exactly the right person even though all liked him very much and felt that he was a good man. I believe that several other candidates are now being looked into quite seriously.

The meeting went well. Hugh did a fine job as Chairman and everybody was pleased. Kimberly had the Executive committee to dinner the night before which was all to the good too. Ashley was there and is now really involved in rewriting the by-laws. I believed that he sized up the Board pretty well and hope that he plans to visit the school with Hugh sometime this summer.

Bob has gone to West Virginia with Rie. He got

through he meeting very well.

Right now there are quite a few activities going on in connection with George Thorn's retirement. His portrait was unveiled last night — a huge success, and there is a big dinner tonight at the Merchant's Bank.

I had a nice note from Arduino Falla and I'm going to write him now. It ended up that we have only one Vice-Chairman, and that is Kimberly. Arduino is on the Curriculum Committee, though, with Simon Malo as the head. Perhaps things will move along faster and Arduino will have a chance to get a little more involved with things at the school and enjoy it!

Please let me know how you all are and I'll keep in touch — Lots of Love,

Kitty

Nov. 20, 1972

Dear Pop and Alice,

From all reports you are going strong in Guatemala. I'm not sure whether you are going to be school for graduation. I, unfortunately for me, have a conflict with the medical school parasitology course and can't go this year. I'm hoping to go down after the first of the year.

Hugh was up here briefly and seems busier than ever. Simon came out to Manchester which was great fun except

for the terrible weather which doesn't really matter. We've had enough rain, though, for a tropical rain forest.

There isn't much family news. Mother is doing very well. Uncle Bill is still growing his hair and Lagec still has the same girl friend — this year she's cooking Thanksgiving dinner for all of us and she's a great cook!

Doris Stone was here last week. Her new book is really well done. She and Ronnie are coming back in March when I hope to see more of them.

Bruno had a long operation but he's doing fine now.

How I wish you could stop by one of these days and stay a while. It would be so much fun to show Alice around.

Anyway I hope to see you before too many months go by -

Lots of Love,

Kitty

pc. Bernardo Medina

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November 20, 1972

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Dear Bob:

Thank you ever so much for your letter of October 30th and also the copy of yours to George Gardner regarding the visit of the U.F. Co. sanitarian, Alfonso Zanolatta.

Unfortunately, the Parasitology course in the Medical School conflicts with my attending graduation this year. I'm not sure that I can make the Board meeting either but am trying to rearrange things. In any case I hope to be at the school early in the year and to have time to review the Health Program. I hope that carrying out the suggestions as regards the water supply will lower the bacterial counts making boiling of the water unnecessary.

I am really sorry not be at Zamorano on December 2nd and will be thinking of you all. Please give my congratulations to Mr. Torres Yufra and my love to Rie.

With best wishes,

Kitty

Catherine Coolidge, M.D.
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Jan 14, 1973

Dear Alice and Pop,

It was good to hear from Hugh that you all had a good time at Christmas. I missed you alot but figured I'd better stick around here for the wedding. My brother, Lonzee, actually did it. There were 14 of us and all went very well indeed.

Perhaps you would like to see the enclosed memorial minute to Dr. Shattuck. It was written mainly by my boss, Weller.

I'm not sure when I'm coming down again yet but hope to see you soon.

Lots of Love,

Kitty

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Jan 27, 1974

Dearest Alice and Pop,

High tells me that Pop is feeling better. That certainly is good news. I hope to see you before too long. If you come to the U.S. and Gainesville is too social for Alice, you can come up here and stay with me! I hope to get to Central America before too long though.

Mrs George Shattuck (Virginia) had me to lunch and reminisced about the old days when Dr. Shattuck was in Guatemala. She is getting on but has an awful lot of courage and is embarking on a Raymond-Whitcomb Tour next Sat Feb 2. Her

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great niece, Beth Nicholson, is going with me. They arrive at the Hotel Antigua on Friday nite Feb 8th and stay til Sun a.m. when they go into Great city for lunch. The Tour goes to Chichicastenango on Sat but Mrs Shattuck would prefer to stay in Antigua (she says she can see Chichi in the movies) on Sat. and hopes to be able to say Hello to you if you feel like it.

Please let me know how things are going and what I can bring you when next I come.

Love,

Kitty

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June 24, 1973

Dearest Pop and Alice,

From all reports it sounds as though you are in Antigua and enjoying the beautiful gardens.

I wasn't able to make the Board Meeting at Zamorano in May and am hoping to get there briefly this summer.

Claire Butler has taken learning Spanish very seriously and done awfully well at it. In fact she is taking her vacation in Guatemala! She is arriving there July 7th and staying with a lady called Cristina Calderón, 7a Av # 9-71, Zona 9. Dr. Leonardo Matz is meeting her etc.. You may hear from her and also from me later on.

Life here seems to be more interesting all the time. The country seems to me to

have alot of problems! Everything my father said about the economy is coming true.

Doris Stone was here. She is doing much better but has had a really bad time with her hips. She received an honorary degree from Union College last week and heard the editor of the Washington Post give the address.

This place is so nice now still green and warm. I wish you could visit and have some of our lobsters boiled in sea water. One of these days write and say you are arriving!

Lots of love,

Kitty

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August 20, 1973

Dear Alice and Pop,

Claire had such a wonderful time with you and Sally. She hasn't come back to earth yet. Thanks a million for the "Optimo." That is the biggest jar I've ever seen. If only it will last til you can come and have a cup.

This summer has been very good. Gradually I'm getting my place and garden into shape. There has been alot of rain so that all is still green.

I had an extremely nice letter from Hermit Adams and would like to be whatever help I can be to him. However, he seems to be digging in and getting acquainted just now. Probably the students are testing him on the discipline?

~~Then~~ The country seems to go from bad to worse day by day. If the Board doesn't get busy + raise 2-3 million for Zamorano soon, it may be impossible to feed it?

We all wonder what is going on with you and wish you would visit. Please let me hear.

Love,
Kitty

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July 1, 1974.

Dearest Pop and Alice,

It seems incredible that the 4th of July is here again. I am determined to go to Central America, to the school and to see you, before the December meeting and am not sure whether to go this summer or to wait and take in the alumni meeting in El Salvador in October. What I hear from the school sounds good. The only worry that seems pressing is the student loan fund business which I personally feel would be a mistake for 2 reasons.

In any case I absolutely long to see

you and to have some of those conversations about everything by the Patio.

There isn't very much news from here except that everyone is well and enjoying what appears to be summer at last. I've been playing quite a bit of tennis etc. I hope to go out to Nevada to see my cousin who has had three children since I saw her last.

Claire is going to spend a month in Guatemala this summer — staying with the same lady she stayed with before. Still be working at INCAP helping Leonardo Mata finish up a book he has written about nutrition and infection in Santa Maria Cauqué.

I haven't heard from Hugh or Maria lately but guess all is going well with them. Lots of Love,

Kitty