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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

June 11th
1975 Garfias Dr.
Pasadena

921 NE Campus Dr
Grants Pass
Oregon

Dear Helen and Wilson,

This is quite some envelop ! Anyway we are glad that we received the first letter...

As you will know from the address, I haven't gotten as far as Oregon. However I plan to go to S.F. in a day or so and come down from there with Joe. A few days ago I picked up a Volkswagen magazine and a Foreign Car one. The latter was featuring Volkswagens. (now I know how to spell the word). Though our camping days are quite likely over, it is funny how interesting those do-it-yourself camp things sound. I am sending these on to you.

A young man from Oregon but for some time in charge of rural well digging projects with the AFSC in Mexico, is due to go to Guatemala this summer where he will probably take much responsibility for some new developments in the way of AFSC work there. We met him at the Casa de Los Amigos in Mexico and liked him very much. When on his project he lives with Indian (or Mexican) families usually changing frequently, not for better accommodations but as a matter of becoming better acquainted on the local level.... He is well liked where he works. Though we think that Wilson and he might have differences of opinion we thought that they would like each other, so we suggested that he look you up! He is quite independent and liberal in his views, and I think he has a good sense of humor. When we saw him he was always just in off the job and obviously he was able to take conditions as they exist in the mountain villages.

When Joe gets back we plan to see your mother again Helen. There is a little restaurant that Paul and Betty introduced us to that is now open again. We might try that. Just now I am staying in a friend's house while she is away, but we may not be where we can say "come on over for supper" or some such which would be more pleasant.

Our pictures turned out quite well, but we haven't gone over them yet. I seemed to have lost my better judgement, to be there such, and the Market Place must have been an obsession, by the glance thru the slides.

Best wishes always,

Shady

We had a wonderful trip and wouldn't have missed Antigua for anything! We did enjoy your guest house & our visitors with you.



HOTEL Colonial PUEBLA

GENTE.: SALVADOR O. DE MONTELLANO.

Saturday night.

[Gladys Crick]

[April / May 1960]

Dear Helen and Wilson,

We have had a very fine trip from Antigua to Puebla - Dr. Blom who likes to be called "Don Pancho" said that we "could not have had a better introduction." In other words he was very much pleased to have a note from you and typed out an interesting Steuere for us! Mrs. Blom was not at home. We would have enjoyed meeting her too.

From San Cristobal we went as far as Juclitlan then to the museum in Mitla that Mr. and Mrs. Frizell developed - This was a lovely place and I think you will be interested in the enclosed material about it. Mr. Frizell died without knowing that the College would continue the museum using his name - Though the College will use the old Colonial name they will continue to want guests, and I couldn't recommend it too highly - (It is very moderate in price)

Here we are as you will note at the Colonial which just suits us - We had supper at the Pety, from out side to indoors due to a brief thunderstorm with hail. Tomorrow we will see the special features of interest

met with some disaster, either a fire or for Thomas a track turned over + a few things spilled making these cases a bit "sticker" - Any way they are OK + not care off at all a little more weight with it - I don't regret! Thank you both for everything!
Cuzca market with a warning label such as "shopping" etc in antiqua I would be to push of the

then have luncheon at the Ritz and try some things new!
One of the unsolicited "guides" at the museum in Cuzca gave us his card to take to "a friend" who makes replicas of the jewelry found in the Monte Alban burial grave. We decided to follow this lead at about 7:30 P.M. and stumbled into his door via candle light. The electricity soon "went in" however - Here we got some beautiful ear-rings for Marty - lovely work & with historical significance. We weren't able to follow Dr. Blom's kind suggestions to the letter but we profited by his kindness + appreciated his advice, thanks to you!!
Nowhere have had such delicious dishes and ones that had the distinction of new ^{as at Antigua} as well as delectable flavors! To night we were just getting our bearings and out for a walk when we spied a stack of La Fontalega, mango juice cases in what looked like a dry goods store window. I tried to ask for some which confused the clerk - She tried to tell me that they were for Monday or some such - However she went for the manager who was impressed by my little note book in the excellence of this brand - she gave us the green light. Then we found a Super Market with the same at 3x the price - on reflection - we think ours were meant for a come on with other purchases - They leave

Hotel

San Alberto

HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO.



(P.S.) We will be anxious to know your plans!

Tepic - Mexico

April 1 - 1960

Dear Wilson,

After several years of "talk" we finally took off for points South! and we are thoroughly enjoying our trip.

Betty and Paul said (if you are planning on a month in Mexico - you must go on to Guatemala for one of the 4 weeks, We were persuaded - so in the chance of including "Chelucastanga" etc. we made the necessary changes in our visitors' cards -

I don't remember just where Paul said you would be in Antigua - Please drop us a note if you are going to be in

Guatemala sometime during the next 3 weeks
if convenient for you, that would make it much
more tempting and more interesting to us!

We could drive our V.W. — ~~or~~ or fly ~~or~~
2 or 3 days would be as much as we are
planning in Guatemala and if this meets
with your convenience we will make our
plans to suit your schedule and will stay at
Hotel Belen —

We will call for our mail: _____ at

Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Crick
40 U.S. Embassy

✓
" Paseo de la Reforma # 115 —
Mexico City
* Tourist rail — Hold for arrival

Best wishes — Gladys

The weather is perfect and the country is
beautiful — I wish there was not so much
poverty in the world — I hope that somehow the
Economies of nations can be raised more
nearly on a par with one another and that our
prosperity will not be hinged to preparation
for war — or so-called "Civil Defense" — We
only call our selves Christians could stand to do some
reflecting!

Antigua, Guatemala, 8 April 1960

Dear Gladys:

On getting back from Honduras and El Salvador I have your letter of the first of this month. Paul had already written that you and Joe were heading his way and we were hoping that you would come as far as Guatemala. And now you promise to do so! Fine business*.

We do not plan to leave here again before June. So come ahead. But when you are in Antigua you are not going to stay at the Posada Belen, much as we like that place. We have a little guest house waiting for you, but you must remember that where the tap says C that means caliente and where it says H that means helada (ice cold, not altogether correct). I imagine you will like to drive down in das kleine Volkswagen; we have just come back from Honduras in ours - and if so you will pass through Quezaltenango (go to Pension Bonifaz, good grub) and you must hit Chicastenango on a Thursday or a Sunday, if you want to see anything; if you want work it that way, work it on your way home. While you are here, we will switch any worn parts of your Volkswagen to our relatively new ones.

If you decide to come by air from Mexico, we are only 45 minutes from Guatemala City airport (La Aurora). Either way you come, we shall be delighted to see you again and show you the ruins of this city which at one time was almost on a par with Mexico and Lima - and our house was built 9 years before those Pilgrims missed the Virginia coast and landed on Plymouth Rock. ♪

Always affectionately,

3019 GLENROSE AVENUE
ATLADENA, CALIFORNIA 91002

Dec 2-1966

Dear Wilson,

I made fellows out of the beautiful Guatemala blouse that you gave me and I would just love to have one more. Sometime if you are still where they come your way could you please send another (?) I am enclosing a check. I really like the one but that have been worn.

We hope that you will have more time when you are here again,

much more soon. ^{and} to our liking Best wishes

from the very fine and neat hotel, there are found every thing

! Gladys - [Crick]
and the new year -!
for Christmas

and that we will have a chance
for a visit. This fall we enjoyed the
delicious figsias (Sp?) from Paul and
Betty's large hodge -

In July we went to Africa
with a tour group of the American
Committee on Africa (The Independent
Countries of Central Africa). Then we
left the party and stayed a couple of
weeks longer in Kenya - It was a
wonderful trip - and whether a bit
north or south of the Equator, to our
great surprise we were never too warm.

We also had opportunities to meet
two of the families of African Stecleats
who are friends of ours - you really
don't have to be "under 50" to have exciting
Trips do you (?) In fact,

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in Toronto, we moved to the T.W.C.A. in Nairobi

3019 GLENROSE AVENUE
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Jan., 14th, 1967

Dear Wilson,

Thank you for the beautiful Guatamalan "blouses", an ordinary name for materials so lovely. I sometimes wonder if the art work ^{of the} social elite or at that which decorates the homes of the rich and fills the pages of "Vogue" etc., isn't really an extravagantly poor copy of the art achievements of less ostentatious or more simple cultures.

we haven't seen Herbert and Lucile for a long time but since Betty and Paul live rather near us we see them from time to time. We had hoped for one of the blouses, but the four pannels were a wonderful surprise and they seem to be "Just right" every where!

From what we hear you are still making real contributions in the field agriculture in your area. Would that there were more people concerned about real needs of much of the world's population, food education, and better medical care plus of course some economy that is adequate. Certainly the cruel war that we are waging in Vietnam is beyond my comprehension. The morning paper listed several "Thousand" scientists who had signed a letter to the president urging the discontinuance of the use of so called tear gas and poisons for crops etc.

among the signers is Dr. Owen who is head of the
Biology Dept. of Caltech. He is a wonderful person
and so is his wife, both deeply concerned about Civil
rights etc. and both people of real humility.

The weather here now is just like a nice summer day
it could be one in Pasadena or Nairobi, or in Antigua
(if our experience has been any guide.)

Thank you again, and best wishes for the new year!

Shady - [initials]