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[March 27, 1906]

Dear Dr. Popenoe

It was with great sadness that we learned today of Helen's death.

You have my deepest sympathy and Doc, who is in Boston now, will feel the same when he hears the sad news.

I pray that your memories of happy years

filled with interesting experiences together will bring you great comfort.

D.J. was down this week end and we spoke of you. He said that you were missed at the commencement exercises this year but that you had been unable to attend because of a previous engagement at a conference in Florida. D.J. is happy to be in Zamorano and

is looking forward to his work with great anticipation. He came down to pick up his new little Volkswagen which had just arrived in Cortes and to drive it back to Zamorano. He left yesterday morning and I suppose arrived safely.

Doc hopes to return to La Loma next week. He has been gone almost two months & it will be good to see him. In the meantime I visited Rae

+ led in Dallas and on my
return met L. J. in New Orleans
+ together stopped off in Merida +
visited the ruins in Chichen Itza +
Uxmal. Most interesting.

Should you ever be in the vicin-
ity of Bowdoinham, Maine in the
summer or fall do call us + come
to see us. We shall be so happy
to have you.

Know that your friends are
all thinking of you at this time
and wishing that there were some-
thing we could do to help.

Sincerely yours,
March the twenty seventh Lydia Dunlap

Guatemala
24 July 1962

Dr V. C. Dunlap
United Fruit Co., Boston

Dear Dunny:

Doris has just sent me word that Dave Cloward has at long last been offered the Directorship of EAP and that he seems hesitant about accepting. Doris gave me as Dave's address "Mich. State Univ., East Lansing" and I have just sent a long letter to that address, but I assume Dave is only a summer student there, and it is a big place, so will you please drop Dave a line or ask Lydia to do so, Telling him to make the Univ. P.O. discharge the letter if it has not already done so.

Lydia may want to make a few comments to Dave herself. She wrote from Japan, I believe it was, saying Dave ought to have that job and I ought to help him in any way he desires. I don't have to be urged to do this. Dave and I had a fine session at Lamorano something over a year ago, at which time I told him of my hope that eventually he ~~would~~

he would be Director there. The time has come, gracias a Dios. I will be more than happy to go over there for a month or so, if Dave feels I can be of help, or if the contrary is the case I will go to Spain as I did when Bill Paaddock took over - so he could not complain that I was keeping an eye on things at close range and trying to run the school through underground channels.

I can see that the Director's situation is greatly improved thru the appointment of an Executive Committee, as you will recall: Geo. Harrar, Davis and Henry Allen. Moe you remember (or were you told) that Bill announced his resignation when he got back to the EAP after the New York mtg in April, by saying he had found it impossible to maintain close contact with so many Trustees. Well, you know how hard he tried to maintain contact on policy matters - he just did what he pleased. He has only now - a few weeks ago - authorized the Honduran govt to authorize the German Ambassador to send out two German técnicos at

their (German govt) expense, who are to teach at Zamorano. Sounds to me rather complex? How could we ever get rid of those chaps, if they are really responsible to the Honduran govt not to us?

But enough of such problems. If Dave is hesitating to accept the Zamorano job for any reason which is subject to elimination, then I would sure like to do all I can to help get things lined up the way he wants them. And I don't think this would be very difficult. It occurs to me that he may feel Pulsifer is a problem. From what I hear in Antigua where Pulsifer used to be in the tourist business, it seems quite probable that Pulsifer is not prepared either in agriculture or in vocational education, and I am told neither he nor his wife cares for Latin Americans.

Whatever the problems may be, I am sure they can be ironed out, now we have only to deal, really, with the Executive Committee and don't have to worry about accreditation as Stacy calls it. And I hope you and Lydia will help us convince Dave,

if he requires any concerning, that Zamorano is precisely his cup of tea, as our Jamaica friends used to say. Dave has everything the job requires: plenty of background in tropical engineering and agriculture, and perhaps most important of all, a sincere liking for Latin Americans which means he gets along with them well. That touch has been sadly lacking these past 5 years. His age is no deterrent; being a Cloward he could probably run the school for just about as long as I did - 16 years. Even if he got tired of the job in 5 or 6 years, we would be just that much ahead.

There is nothing I want more than to see Dave take over that job Sept 1st or Oct 1st. I think you know that it has definitely been agreed that Pulsifer is not to have the appointment; he is simply to carry on until the new Director takes over.

I plan - or hope - to stay in C. A. until Christmas. Have been offered a 6 mos. job with the Colombian govt but don't want it.

Warmest regards to both of you.

Wilson Popenoe

1722 N W 2nd Avenue,
Gainesville, Florida 32601
30 September 1966

Dr V C Dunlap
Bowdoinham, Maine

Dear Doc:

Mighty nice to have that good letter from you, and to know that you are going to do Lancetilla for the Zamorano Symposium. I believe the Proceedings of the symposium will make a nice volume of permanent value, and I think after your paper comes out in that form, the magazine "La Hacienda" (with which I collaborate) may put it into Spanish and give it about 30,000 circulation in Latin America. I think this would be good for the UFCO, dont you? I dont think the Company has ever received much credit for what it has done at Lancetilla. It probably will, eventually, when the historians get into action.

A few months after Paul Allen died I went down to Tela for ten days and worked with Dottie on a biographical note which I published in Ceiba. At that time I made several visits to Lancetilla and took down some notes, intending to write an article on the work there; but I havent gotten around to it yet, so I am going to pass on to you the material had planned to use, and you can do what you like with it. On some points you know more than I do; on others, you may not agree with my views, which doesnt matter; stick to your own opinions and you wont hurt my feelings.

I think you know the genesis of Lancetilla. I dont know just w started the idea of diversification, to use some of the Company lar with had gone out with Panama disease, but V M Cutter and G P Chit had been thinking along those lines, and Uncle Dick Goodell had started that little collection of fruit trees at Puerto Arturo, w

you no doubt remember. Mr Cutter had told me, back about 1920, that I should come to see him when I was tired of working for the U S Govt, and I went up to Boston in the summer of 1925. They sent me down to look over the land; Dorothy and I moved down to Tela in October of that year, and Uncle Dick told me to go out and pick out what I though was the right place for an experiment station. Oscar Magistad was already on the ground - the first Research man, I believe to take up permanent residence at Tela. We went over the Division and chose Lancetilla, and they turned the farm over to us - there were not many bananas left - none commercially, and the coconuts which Jefe Davis had planted were going out fast, ~~for~~ ^{from} ring disease I believe. I remember very well that Uncle Dick asked me how much money I wanted for buildings, and seemed somewhat surprised when I said "Ten thousand dollars". That didnt sound like very much, even to Uncle Dick (I dont suppose you remember that he was considered pretty economical); but in previous years I had been in touch with several experiment stations in Tropical America which had started on the basis of big investment in buildings and equipment, and then had gone out of business in a few years' time and left the governments holding the sack.

That's enough history; I dont think you will want to use any of it, but I just thought I would put a few notes on record. I would like to add that when I started Lancetilla I didnt have the slightest idea that it would still be going in 1966; that didnt jibe with the history of most institutions of like nature in Latin America. When we planted the mahogany trees in Section Seven I hadnt the slighted idea that they would be there when the time came to cut saw logs out of them, but I heard that a few were taken as samples several years ago.

But to get down to business: I assume you will want to talk about the contributions which Lancetilla has made, to date: Dont you think the African Oil Palm is the most important. When I went "out the line" with Dr Forsyth a couple of years ago, and we rode through those plantations between Tela and Urraco Junction (at least it used to be called that, I dont suppose it is a junction any more), I said to him "If the Company keeps on planting oil palms, and makes money out of the business, some time it will get back all that it put into Lancetilla". And he replied "It already has".

Reinking had sent seeds from Java, Sumatra, and F M S in 1926; we received some from the U S Rubber Co, Sumatra, the same year. I dont recall just which gave rise to the selection or selections you are now planting.

What has been Lancetilla's next most important contribution? Did the Valery banana (by the way, is it Valerie or Valery; I had hoped Reinking had named it for some nice French girl in Saigon) ever go through Lancetilla? You remember we had the collection there, transferred from Almirante, but I dont recall one named Valerie. All I remember is that Joe Permar, at Almirante, was sold on Reinking's No. 67. I wish Lancetilla could take the credit for Abaca, but it is my impression that the 50 acre seedbed in Almirante saved that crop, which certainly attained a good deal of importance during the war. I remember how hard I had to work on Boston to hang onto that seed bed (but I shouldnt mention this; forget it).

We havent "cashed in" yet on most of the other things I have in mind, but some of them certainly ought to be mentioned. It takes a long time, and the development of new situations, to put many new introductions on a commercial footing. That's one reason why Lancetilla should not be abandoned. Bob Armour has just written me that

he understands the Smithsonian is showing an interest. You mention, in your letter, that you hope the Company will hang onto it. I do too. The cost is such a small item in the Company's budget. Some years ago, when there was talk of pulling out, Dave Cloward and I talked it over among ourselves, and I said that I would agree to keep the place going, and in a decent way, for \$25,000 a year. I would abandon some of the plantings which time had shown could not pay, so far as the Company is concerned. Things which had been given enough time so that we had no reason to feel the Company could use them. Of course, one of these might have been exactly the one which would have fooled us eventually. But we didnt need such large plantings of several things; we could learn just as much from smaller ones. De acuerdo?

You will recall that during the war seed from our planting of Hevea, trees grown from seed we received from the U S Rubber Co in Sumatra, if I recall correctly, was in great demand. I wasnt on hand at the time, but you will know all about this. I would think you are justified in considering this a contribution from Lancaetilla, even though the Company did not get much cash out of it.

Those Asiatic bamboos: they are still worth hanging on to, because some day bamboos are going to be ~~more~~ useful than they are at present. Look what they do with those Guaduas in Colombia and Ecuador. And for distribution in Central America and other regions we have bamboos~~x~~ which are much better than Guaduas. I have been thinking about them recently, after reading F A McClure's new book. We got quite a collection from him, thru the USDA, and some more which Dr Fairchild sent from tropical Asia. McClure this the Tonkin cane, *Arundinaria amabilis*, is the most valuable of all. I remember that Doctor Galloway

of the USDA (I am sure you remember him) was enthusiastic about the Tonkin cane. I think it must still be at Zamorano, and probably at Lancetilla - where we got it. And those wonderful Gigantochloas! McClure, in his book, boosts *G. verticillata*, which is a fine thing at Zamorano; and we like even better *G. asper* (which I believe Mick now pits in *Dendrocalamus*) because it has the largest culms of all. I feel very strongly that further work should be done on the bamboos. It may be a slow job - McClure has been on it since about 1920, when I was in Dr Fairchild's office and helped get a little financial support for his work at Canton.

And now for the fruits: You know how rare good fruits are in the tropical rainforest region. Reinking sent us, in 1926 or 27, a fine lot of things: The rambutan, the pulasan, the Lychee from Amboina, and several others. We had already gone in for the mangosteen in what was for us a big way - because of Governor Forbes' interest. You know all about it. We doubt that we, - the UFCo - will get rich growing mangosteens, or rambutans, but this group of Asiatic fruits is going to prove extremely valuable to residents of the tropical rainforest zone, sooner or later.

And then the mangos: If a fellow wants to go broke fast, let him plant East Indian mangos in regions like Lancetilla, but we did introduce some good varieties, and one of them, Haden, is commercial in Honduras and becoming so elsewhere. And we have several other species of *Mangifera*, and *Bouea macrophylla*. These should be kept alive; some day the plant breeders may be crazy to get them, and Mr Sukarno may say nix. (You remember what happened to the abacá; Harry Edwards just barely got propagating material out of the Philippines when they passed a law that such material could not be exported).

Dont you think *Eucalyptus deglupta* (or is it *diglupta*) should be mentioned. It is beginning to be appreciated. And the jaboticaba?

And of course the Pili nut. Bob Armour did quite a lot of work on that; Chico de Sola has become interested; and it looks to me as though it is going to become commercial, in a small way at least. And dont forget *Elaeocarpus serratus*; what, you dont think much of *Elaeocarpus serratus*? Well, two lads from Portugal sold considerably more than 100,000 olive trees in Central America (and I guess Colombia) some 10 or 12 years ago, based on the fact the Mother Superior of a convent in Santa Rosa de Copán got a tree from Perez Estrada at San Pedro Sula, and wrote the Portuguese boys that the fruits, which were produced in the greatest abundance, were just as good as those she used to eat in her home at Sevilla; they made/^{her}so homesick that she could hardly write the letter without weeping and she urged everybody in tropical America to plant olives. She was convinced that these were the real thing, but when I pickled a few from our tree at Lanctilla I couldnt quite go along with her. In fact I couldnt eat them at all. Have you ever tried them? And then, the miraculous fruit - *Synsepalum dulcificum*, which Dr Fairchild sent us from Africa. Someone told me recently that they have discovered something really miraculous about it, and the thing may become more than just a trick to play on the tourists.

Speaking about miraculous things, I believe Ricardo told me that the jaboticana bears 14 crops a year. That worries me. They are going to wear out those trees before they are 25 years old. And Oh, I forgot to mention the durian. Ricardo says the gente in the valley have learned to eat it at last, and they no longer havw to worry about disposing of the crop. Hugh says it is the highest-priced fruit in the markets of Siam and everybody is crazy about it.

Since this is the era of the plant breeders, I think we are justified in pointing out that Lancetilla is one of the very few places in tropical America (and undoubtedly the best) where there are mature specimens of a great many tropical economics which are going to be wanted by the geneticists. I am just starting to work on my paper for the Symposium; I was going to talk about the work of the agricultural explorer in the field, how to pack and ship plants and all that sort of thing, but Hugh me in the corner last night and made me agree to write a paper on "The Changing World of Plant Introduction", in which I am to divide the history of plant introduction into three periods: The era of species, the era of varieties, and the era of germ plasm.

If it falls within the nature of your paper to mention people, I hope you will give Alfred Butler plenty of credit, and Bob Armour for all the splendid work he did there, and I would give poor Joe Bernar a pat on the back, though he will never know it. His situation is simply tragic - but more so, really, for poor Anita than for Joe, because he doesn't know what it is all about. Of course I would mention Victor, the Carib cook, who ~~xxxx~~ replied, when I asked him what part of the chicken he liked best, "The neck; it is so sweet". With those 14 hungry young researchers we had at the Lancetilla mess I am surprised he even got a chance at the necks.

I look forward to seeing you and Lydia at Zamorano. I believe several of the delegados are going to want to visit Lancetilla - it was mentioned over at the ASHS meeting in San Salvador. Tell Lydia we three ~~three~~ really ought to go down to Yojoa and shoot Popenoe ducks. My very best to both of you, always,

New Orleans, Louisiana
November 7, 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N.W. 2nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Doc:

Have been working up my paper on "Plant Introduction as Related to Crop Diversification" since returning to New Orleans. Muller and Armour have suggested that I stress the role of United Fruit and Lancetilla, which I am trying to do.

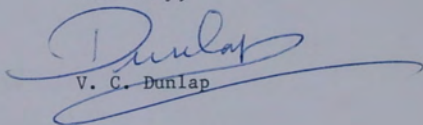
The only thing is that for a 20 minute paper, one can't go into a lot of detail but I believe we can expand considerably in the final paper for publication. Am I right?

I plan to fly down to La Lima on November 26th so as to have a couple of days to gather some further figures and facts on introductions and free distributions. Lydia is going down with me.

Also hope to have a day or so to go over the talk with Bert and Bob beforehand.

What are your plans, Doc? Certainly would like to have a chance to talk things over with you before the actual meetings.

Sincerely,


V. C. Dunlap

New Orleans, Louisiana
June 23, 1967

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

Dear Doc:

I have discussed the matter of publishing Mark Trafton's bulletin on African Oil Palm in Hacienda Magazine with Bing, Mark and others here and also with Tom McCann in Boston. We are all in favor of going through with this.

Herb Cornuelle has already agreed to its being published as you requested.

We believe it would be best for Mark to bring it up-to-date in parts where it may be considered advisable.

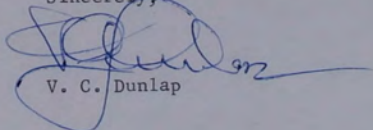
Mark would like to know if you advise including some photographs. The old original films are long gone but it might be well, I should think, to have a few new ones included showing general habit of the palm and the fruit, as well as a view of a plantation road and a modern factory.

Maybe you should discuss this directly with Mark and decide on what is best for all concerned.

Your letter of May 22nd came to me in Boston and I showed it to Tom McCann. He will be happy to help out financially in the foundation you mention and has money for such purposes as this. Tom and I feel it would be better for you to write him all the details so he can explain it to others, also to whom or to what the contribution should be credited.

Sorry to be so late in writing you. Glad to know the Symposium Proceedings are progressing well.

Sincerely,



V. C. Dunlap

CC: Mr. R. O. Miller

Antigua, Guatemala, 28 June 1967

Dr V C Dunlap,
United Fruit Company
New Orleans.

Dear Doc:

Very many thanks for your letter of 23 pxmo ppádo. Like a breath right outn the Maine woods. I have written a letter to Mark Trafton, as suggested. Please ring for your Secretary and ask her to hand it to Mark (in the next room, unsoubedly), thus saving me seven centavos o a lo peor, nueve. The bulleting will be a real contribution to the literature on tropical horticulture.

About the matter of a small contribution to Tropical Region. I enclose a memo for Tom McCann; will you please send it along to him? I dont have all of his name though I suppose Thomas McCann would be enough, but I dont have the new address in Boston either. How far I have drifted out of the fold.

Who do you suppose blew in yesterday? That nice Doc Bernard Jacobs and his nice wife, with a letter from - well, you cant guess. Stanley Adler. I havent seen Stanley since the last time he dropped into Aycock's house at La Lima, just in time for dinner. Doc Jacobs gave me fresh news of several of the Old Guard on whom he has performed delicate but very successful dperations. From hearing the nature of his specialty I dont have much fear that you will be his next patient.

Best regards to Lydia and yourself. I wish I could fly thru N O the next time I go north. Doc Jacobs made me realise I am very fond of that city and havent been there in far too long a time.

Ever yours,

Memorandum for Tom McCann

The American Society for Horticultural Science, the major society of professional horticulturists in the U S A, is divided into five "Regional Groups", Northeast Region, Southern Region, Great Plains Region, Western Region, and Tropical Regions. We are the Tropical Region, with more than 400 members. A few in Florida, a goodly number in Mexico, a few in Guatemala and Honduras, more in El Salvador, and Costa Rica, some in the West Indies, a few in Venezuela and Colombia, a lot in Peru, a few in Brazil. We meet once a year in one of these countries, then get out a volume of Proceedings (1000 copies printed) to put in print the papers presented at a meeting. This volume, 125 to 150 pages, is considered authoritative in the field of tropical horticulture, including several crops UFCO has grown or is growing.

Increased costs of printing are making it difficult for us to finance the Proceedings from membership dues. We have decided to solicit Sponsor Memberships to help us in this connection. We would like to suggest that the United Fruit Foundation take out one of these at \$100. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. We would hope that this could be renewed year by year, but of course we would not expect a definite commitment to that effect.

Doc Dunlap informed me that UFCO would be interested in this matter. If you need further information, please call on me, or on our Secretary-Treasurer (who really runs the Tropical Region), Dr Ernest H Casseres, Londres 40, Mexico 6, D.F., Mexico. Checks should be made out to "Tropical Region, A.S.H.S."

I can speak for all of us, when I say we will deeply appre-

Antigua, Guatemala, 28 June 1967

Mr Mark Trafton
United Fruit Company
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mark:

A letter has just come from Doc Dunlap, saying that the jefes are agreeable to having your paper on the African Oil Palm published in La Hacienda. Fine.

He suggests that you bring it up to date. Again fine. As to photographs, I am sure three or four would add greatly to the interest of the publication.

When you have the thing in shape, if you will send it to me I will transmit it to the editor of La Hacienda, Mr Robert S Cody, P O Drawer 1030, Kissimmee, Florida. If you prefer (and this might be better), send it direct to Bob Cody, advising me so that I can point out to him the importance of this bulletin. He does not know much about African Oil Palms, naturally.

In the revision, I hope you will give plenty of credit to the part which UFCo has taken in the development of this young industry.

With old time regards,

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popcoe
Director Emeritus

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 May 1967

Dr V C Dunlap
United Fruit Co.
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dunny:

Now that the ice flows are breaking up in those ~~Marine~~ rivers ~~suppose~~ you and Lydia may soon be heading northward. I dont suppose they have any post office within 25 miles of your farm, ^{so} I better catch you in New Orleans.

Primarily I want to tell you that I have just read ~~galleys~~ proofs on the Proceedings of the Plant Introduction Symposium and I just hope UFCo comes to realise that your paper on the work it has done in this field is of real historic value and I think can be used in connection with publicity for the Company on the future. I should it might be helpful, also, in connection with any program which develops for the utilization of Lancetilla as a base for botanical - and I might ~~add~~ biological - research. If such a program ever materialises! Lord, I dont see why some profitable arrangement, profitable to all parties, cannot be effected.

Ernesto Casseres has asked me to find out if we can not get UFCo to take out a sponsoring membership in the Tropical Region, American Society for Horticultural Science. Ernie has been working on this subject recently, and has some 20 or more people and institutions tied up. Now that UFCo is getting in better shape financially I believe they ought to have part in the work of the Tropical Region, which as you know, has grown to almost 500 members under the energetic guidance of Ernesto Casseres. UFCo might take out a sponsoring membership either in the Compan's name or in that of Lancetilla Experiment Station - or any other way they want to work it. The Research Department, for example. Ernie suggests \$100 a year, but would settle for \$50. Will you explore the possibilities, as the big shots put it these days, and drop me a line as to what we should do. I suppose Ernie is the one to go after it, but whom should be approach? I suppose it would be Bill Van Diepen, wouldnt it. Or maybe Ernie better write to the President himself; I dont know.

Since I have not heard from you about publication of the Oil Palm bulletin in Spanish, ~~inn~~La Hacienda, I assume that the matter has fallen by the wayside. If not, can you do anything to get it out from under the big pile in someone's mail basket? I dont want to suggest to La Hacienda that they use it unless I know that the Company approves.

Best regards to all of you,

Cordially,

Boston, Massachusetts

May 17, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Doctor:

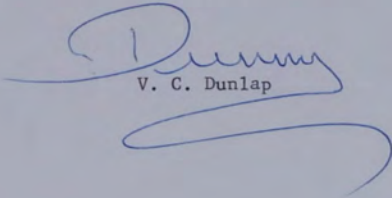
The ice is finally out of the Kennebec River, and I am going up tomorrow to spend a week or so there.

I have delayed answering your good letter of May 3 in order to discuss the publishing of the Oil Palm bulletin with some of the people here in Boston. They agree we should publish something on oil palms, but suggest we wait until after a coming meeting of the International Marketing Institute on June 7 - 9. I am giving a paper on oil palms and other introduced crops cultivated by the Company in Central America, and Tom McCann thinks you might prefer something of this sort to the other publication which is now quite old. Mr. Miller advises that he has already obtained consent for the other paper, but Mr. McCann suggests that you wait to see if the other would be preferable.

I am going to be up here for a couple of weeks, and then shall be returning to New Orleans. Mr. McCann is also in favor of making a contribution to the American Society for Horticultural Science. I am going to take this up with Mr. Van Diepen and Miller on my return to New Orleans and advise further.

I hope everything is going well with you. Why not come to New Orleans one of these days. Lydia and I both send our best.

Sincerely,



V. C. Dunlap

VCD:pef

Bowdoinham, Maine

June 21, 1969

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

You were so thoughtful to write at the time of Doi's death and I greatly appreciate and thank you for your expression of sympathy. Doi's going has left a great void in my life and I can't see much ahead.

Her friends have all been so good - wonderful letters have poured in and the scholarship fund which began so simply now has almost a hundred names on the list.

You asked about it in your letter.
Just before the service in New Orleans,
friends asked if I preferred that they
contribute to the Heart or Cancer Fund
in lieu of flowers. The night of Doc's
death, I suppose unconsciously combating
the finality of death - wanting to carry
Doc on - the thought of the scholarship
came to me, a small one which I would
give to Bates College in Lewiston Maine.
Doc went there before going to Cornell
and latter they gave him the
honorary Sc D. So when friends asked,
the idea suddenly came "Possibly they
would like to join me and the fund"

would be from friends and family
in Doi's memory." I had no idea it
would grow as it has. I thought their
share would be small and I would
make up the rest. What a wonderful
thing his friends have done - a fine
and lasting tribute. His life was
well spent to have so many good
friends who cared enough to show
their affection and respect in this
way. It has touched me very deeply.

You mentioned that you would
like to help. That is very kind
and wonderful of you. Gifts are sent
directly to Thomas H. Reynolds,

president of Bates specifying that they
are for the Young C. Dunlap Scholar-
ship Fund.

Because of the severe winter in
Maine, the burial did not take place
after the service in February. The
commitment service was on May 24th.
Doc is buried in a cemetery just outside
of Bowdoinham on a hill high
above Merry Meeting Bay where Doc
shot ducks as a boy. It seems a fit-
ting place altho the majority of his
life was spent far away. Maine was
lovely at the time - the fruit trees
in blossom and the gardens pretty
with spring flowers.

Van, Doc Thornton, Harry Storer,
Pat Butler, Warren Brack (Doc's boy)
and Jimmy Owens came up and
acted as bearers. Jackie Butler, Tony
Brack, Betty Owens, Alva, Faffy and
Buddy Hatch, Mr. Cornuelle and Mr
Mason came from Boston. It was good
to see them all and I appreciated their
coming so far.

I left New Orleans the first of
April and came on up to the farm
here in Bowdoinham the first of May.
Am to be home now. It is lovely
looking out over the fields to the
river, interesting to note the various
birds nesting in the trees & shrubs

and nice to observe the perennials
as they come into bloom. It isn't good to
see the weeds grow, to wait for ^{the} uncertain
"man of all help" to come cut the lawn,
to see the paint peeling etc. etc. However
I plan to make a try at it - feel I am
much happier here than in an apartment
some place. Friends wanted me to join
them in Miami but now with the company
mix-up a number will not be going so
it is better that I remain here.

But now enough about the Dunlaps.
Pie Armour tells me there is a charming
Mr. Popenoe. I am so glad for you and
send my very best wishes to you both for
many many years of happiness. Should
you ever be in this area, do phone & come
visit me. I would like so much to meet Mr. Popenoe.
Thank you for your nice letter. Sincerely,
Lydia

March 7, 1969

Mrs. V. C. Dunlap
c/o Research Department
United Fruit Company
New Orleans

Dear Lydia:

We were all shocked to hear of Doc's death and we grieve with you. Mr. Turnbull had written to me a week or two earlier that Doc was ill but I had not expected such sad news. Bing Miller sent a telegram to Carlos Pinto asking him to advise Doc's old friends in Guatemala which he did very promptly. I am sorry to be so slow in writing you but I was just leaving Antigua for Zamorano when I received the news.

In his telegram Bing Miller mentioned some sort of scholarship at Bates College to the support of which it is hoped his friends will contribute, I wish you would write to me more about this. I naturally will want to help and I think I can interest one or two more of Doc's friends here to do likewise. I assume this will not be of an agricultural nature though I know little about Bates. Did they give Doc the honorary Sc.D. which he received some years ago? I believe he got his baccalaureate there.

Can you suggest any of Doc's old friends down this way who may not have heard of this project and to whom I might talk?

It is rather hard for me to write this letter for I look back to those happy days when all of us were together here in Central America and especially those days when you worked for me as my secretary. It is hard to believe that those days are gone forever.

Affectionately yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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The scholarship fund as it
is to be set up will benefit a
^{deserving} student from Bowdoinham, Maine,
or Central America (I think I'll
say just Honduras.)