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Pedro S. Falla A.
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GUATEMALA, C. A.

Guatemala, 25 de Agosto de 1969

Sr. Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Zamorano, Honduras.

Muy estimado señor:

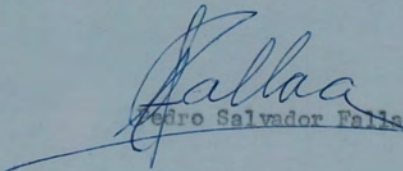
Después de saludarlo atentamente, me permito comunicarle que es mi deseo participar en los exámenes de admisión como estudiante de ese prestigiado centro.

No me ha sido posible obtener localmente, noticias sobre la fecha exacta en que dichas pruebas serán efectuadas en esta ciudad capital y quisiera, de ser posible se me notificara cuándo se realizarán.

Desde mi recibimiento de bachiller a finales del año pasado y siguiendo las aspiraciones que han predominado en mi época de estudios secundarios, me he dedicado a establecer contactos directos (estudios y trabajos), con el campo agrícola, afianzando mi convicción de que es la agricultura la que llena a cabalidad en este momento mis ideales.

Sería por lo tanto de mi mayor agrado formar parte del alumnado de ese plantel, una vez llenados los requisitos previos, los cuales estoy interesado en conocer.

En espera de sus noticias, me reitero su muy atento y S. S.


Pedro Salvador Falla A.

c.c. Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

The "New Look" in Muscadine Grapes



NEW grape varieties for the Southeast are in the making. For a century, efforts of many workers to combine in one hybrid the vine characters and disease resistance of our native muscadine (*Vitis rotundifolia*) with desirable fruit characters of the California table grapes (*Vitis vinifera*) had failed. The cross produced vigorous but unfruitful seedlings.

Charles Dearing worked with the hybrids at the N. C. Coastal Plains Experiment Station, Wiltard, N. C., from 1911 to 1917. Around 1916 he dusted flowers of an unnamed muscadine seedling with pollen of the Black Morocco, a late, black, large-berried *vinifera* grape. The seed from this cross produced the first-generation hybrid N. C. B4-50, which was almost completely sterile. Mr. Dearing used only muscadines as the female parent, pollinated by California bunch grapes.

In 1946, N. H. Loomis, U. S. Horticultural Field Station, Meridian, Miss., sent the author 75 seed mostly from N. C. B4-50 and its second-generation, open-pollinated, sterile hybrids. These seed produced 25 plants in 1947, one of which in 1950 was named Farrer 30—a vigorous, fruitful vine with perfect flowers, predominantly muscadine in character.

Farrer 30 is a second- or third-generation hybrid, possibly pollinated by a perfect-flowered muscadine which effected a harmonious recombination or balance in the hereditary material, resulting in a unique and valuable fertile hybrid.

In 1956, flowers of the author's Hunt muscadine variety were pollinated with Farrer 30. From this cross, 225 seed were planted, germinating in 1957 about 75 vigorous seedlings of muscadine type, with beautiful dark-green, deeply lobed leaves. In 1958, fifty of the plants were entrusted to B. O. Fry, associate horticulturist, Georgia Experiment Station, Experiment, Ga. After six years of tests, 10 healthy, vigorous plants have proved superior to either parent in several vine characters and fruit qualities. Fruits are sweeter, have a more pleasing flavor (sugar-acid ratio), are free of astringency, and ripen more uniformly. Plants of these hybrids are not yet available to the public.

Robert L. Farrer.

Editor's note.—Robert Louis Farrer, an amateur grape hybridizer, self-taught in genetics, spent his boyhood in Fayette County, Ga., where his interest in muscadines began. The past 31 years have been devoted to muscadine-bunch grape hybrids in his Atlanta, Ga., back yard.

New Varieties of Florida Fruits

THREE promising new varieties of fruits—one each of peach, nectarine, and blackberry—have been released by Florida Agricultural Experiment Station. Planting stock is available through Florida Foundation Seed Producers, University Station, Gainesville.

Florizum is an early-ripening peach with a medium-low chilling requirement that is adapted to

as the new peach. Fruit size is considered satisfactory for such an early nectarine. Ralph Sharpe, horticulturist, warns that "nectarines will require a careful spray program to avoid injury from insects and diseases." Their smooth skin retains less spray material than peaches.

Oklawaha is a companion to Flordagrind blackberry and is expected to enhance an industry

Compliments of the writer.

Dec. 1964 Progressive Farmer Magazine

March 26, 1965.

Dr. Hugh Popenoe
U. of Florida,
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have long wanted to learn more about the wild grape species of Yucatan known as *Vitis Popenoi*, or tropical muscadine. Thought perhaps you might have more information than is given in the paper of some years ago written by Joseph L. Fennell?

Would like to know if there are named varieties, or if any effort has been made to originate improved forms, or any other information you might be able to furnish.

Am enclosing for your files a very poor photocopy of my Dec, 1964 piece in *The Progressive Farmer*.

Sincerely,

R. L. Farrer
1053 High Point Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

Franz C. Feger

17 E. 22 Street

New York 10, N. Y.

June 5, 1962

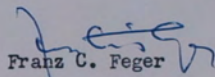
Mr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N.W. Second Ave.
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

We have now located a set of Cervantes de Salazar: CRONICA DE NUEVA ESPANA, complete in three volumes. The first was printed in Madrid in 1914; the second and third were printed in Mexico in 1936. It is published by the Museo Nacional de Arqueologia. The price is \$95.00, and we can procure it in three weeks, providing that it is not sold in the meantime. The set has been described as second-hand but in good condition, bound in Spanish leather.

If wanted, we shall be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,


Franz C. Feger

Spanish and Portuguese Books

1369 West Estes Ave.
Chicago, Illinois, 60626
February 15, 1967

Dear Dr Popow,

Exactly one month ago - to the day -
I returned from my trip to Mexico and Guatemala. On
that trip I met some wonderful and kind people, and of
course some of the other kind which I will try to
forget quickly except for how to watch out for
them in the future.

I will never forget the kindness
you showed to me when I was at your interesting
home, and although I haven't started yet - class going
to make a thorough search for the book in an
English translation that says Columbus was originally
from a family that practiced and followed the Jewish
Religion.

In retrospect, I feel I made mistakes in not
taking a color slide of that unusual kitchen in your
home. Also I'm sure now I would have wanted a picture
of the Columbus picture in the bedroom and one of a
general view of the main sitting room. But of course it's
too late now. The only comment I can make now
is it will be necessary to train myself to take pictures

of more things and rooms in general in my future travels. I of course can always discard what does not interest me.

I am pleased with the results of the pictures I did take in your home, and the one of the davenport came out beautifully.

As you may recall I took two slides of the St. Anthony Fountain and they both came out well. I also took two pictures of the fountain in your garden, however, I assumed one was ruined because a man walked in front of the camera as I was taking one. But he did not get into the picture.

My way of saying thank you for your kindness is to enclose these slides for your own personal use. I also have made a copy of the slide I took of you and hope you like having it.

In closing I hope 1967 will bring you an abundance of good health and happiness

Sincerely
Leonard Fein

1369 West Estes Ave
Chicago, Illinois, 60646
May 2, 1967

Dear Doctor Popenoe,

Here, at last are the slides I promised to you in my last letter. It took time because when I got them back from Kodak some of the copies were too dark, and I had them done over.

In this group you will find 4 slides marked with an X - they are my favorites - and I would like an opinion from you - if you please - to help me with this. I want to enter 2 in the Saturday Review contest this summer for amateur photographers - a person can only enter 2 slides - if you had to choose - what 2 would it be and why would you choose them

in particular? - ^{two} If you have the time I would
sincerely appreciate your answer to this.

Incidentally - when I took that
picture in your dining room I did not
realize that you were in the corner of the
picture - or you will see - but I'm happy
with the slide.

The Columbus material is interesting
and I'm trying to get a copy of the book
for myself - but I feel the evidence
the author presents is not conclusive
proof of Columbus' ex origin from
Spanish people following Judaism (I say
I can't even spell that word correctly)
I think you get my train of thought
any way

Well - I hope you enjoy the slides
as much as I enjoyed having the opportunity
to take them - Stay in the best of
health - Sincerely Leonard Fein

Antigua Guatemala, 24 June 1960

Dr. Carl Fenninger,
8304 Stetson Avenue,
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Doctor Fenninger:

Some weeks ago I wrote my good old friend and colleague of many years, George Darrow, about crab apples. George was with me in Honduras back in 1959 at which time we went into the subject of apple culture in tropical America generally. I showed George two trees at Guinope, elevation 4400 feet, which have been in bearing for many years, although growing at a much lower elevation than apples from the States. George said this variety appeared to be a Spanish crab and recommended that we obtained and tried others down here.

Dr. Cockran tells me that you have published a paper on crab apples. Where can I obtain a copy of this? And have you any suggestions as to varieties which would be interesting of trial in Tropical America, and where we could get them.

I shall greatly appreciate any information you can give us and be happy to reimburse you if any expense is involved.

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

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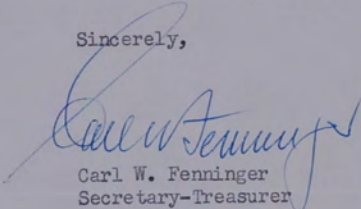
Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

In response to your letter of June 24, 1960 I am sending under separate cover a complimentary copy of "Crab apples for America" by Donald Wyman. I may be of some help to you but it deals with growing in the North American areas.

Dr. Donald Wyman can be reached at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain 30, Mass. He can probably give you some ideas or tell you where and by whom publications on the subject may have been issued. I am sending him a copy of your letter. Hope something of use may reach you.

Sincerely,



Carl W. Fenninger
Secretary-Treasurer

CWF:mk

Primera Avenida Sur num 2,
Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.
12 abril de 1959

Sr Ing. don Antonio Fernandez Cuevas
Servicio de Extension Agrícola
Guimar, Tenerife, España.

Muy estimado Ingeniero:

Al recibir su interesante carta, le despaché un ejemplar de mi folleto "Fruticultura centroamericana", en el cual Ud encontrará algunos datos respecto a los principales frutales tropicales cultivados en las Americas. No conozco una obra mas extensa, y en castellano, que trata de estos frutales.

Ha salido recientemente un excelente boletin en Florida, sobre el cultivo del aguacate, y yo pedí a mi amigo el autor, Dr Ruehle, que me mandara un ejemplar, y si me acaba de avisar que efectivamente lo ha hecho. Este boletin, aunque sea en inglés, le servirá mucho, por los dibujos de métodos de multiplicación (injertos) y por las ilustraciones de las mejores variedades actualmente cultivadas comercialmente en la Florida. Cuando estaba con mi buen amigo el Ing. Garcia Cabezon el mes de agosto pmo pndo, le hablé de aguacates de la Florida, algunos de los cuales en Ingeniero ya tiene establecidos en aquel interesantísimo y famosísimo Jardin de Aclimatación de Orotava.

Respecto a enfermedades, hay una buena obra pero no sé si la edición ya está agotada o num. Me refiero a "Enfermedades de las Plantas Economicas de las Antillas", por Melville Thurston Cook, publicado por la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, en 1939. Tambien me permito sugerir que el boletin tecnico no. 9 del Centro Nacional de Agronomia, Ministerio de Agricultura, Santa Tecla, Rep. de El Salvador, C.A., titulado "Manual de Enfermedades de Cultivos Tropicales" podria resultar muy útiles. Pídalo al Centro Nal. en Santa Tecla. Personalmente no he escrito sobre enfermedades, pues yo soy sencillamente un horticultor, y no fitopatólogo.

Hay varias casas en Florida que venden injertos de arboles frutales propios para las Canarias. Lo mejor seria dirigirse al Dr George D. Ruehle, Director de la Subtropical Experiment Station, Homestead, Florida, indicándole cuales son las especies o variedades interesantes para Uds, y pidiéndole nombres de viveros de esa zona, que es la mas importante en los Estados Unidos. Aqui en la America tropical casi no existen viveros que venden frutales injertados de las mejores variedades, y que sepan prepararlos para viajes largos, y despacharlos por la via mas rápida.

Siempre s muy atto y SS,

Mi apreciado doctor Papenae:

En primer lugar quiero presentarle mis saludos afectuosos, y desearle todo genero de felicidad, espero que tanto Ud. como su familia se encuentren bien.

Le estoy enviando con el amigo Azar una cajita de Elegantes para que se los fume y que en cada uno sienta el cariño sincero que desde aqui le tiene su discipulo que le agradece por toda la vida, pues tenga la seguridad querido doctor Papenae, que gracias a sus enseñanzas y consejos he podido llegar a ser algo útil para mi patria y mi familia. -

Reciba, pues doctor Papenae, todo el afecto sincero de su alumno que siempre le recuerda

Agosto 24, 1965
Box 5169
College Station
Mayaguez
P.R. 00709

United Fruit Company
c/o La Hacienda
Drawer 1030, Kissimmee
Florida, E.U.A.

Señores:

Por este medio me dirijo a esa Empresa Agrícola con el fin de presentar ante ustedes la siguiente moción:

Soy estudiante del 2^{do} año de la Facultad de Agronomía en el Colegio de Agricultura de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, hasta ahora he estudiado con algunos ahorros que hice, pero éstos no me permiten continuar estudiando por lo que me dirijo a ustedes para pedirles alguna ayuda económica o beca.uego que haya terminado mi compromiso con

José Ferrera P.
Box 5169 College Sta
Mayaguez, P.R.
00709

la Empresa sería trabajar para ella un año por cada año de leuca o ayuda que recibiera y mi salario de acuerdo a lo que estipule la Empresa.

De otra manera podría ser que recibiendo yo alguna ayuda ahora, me comprometa a devolverla a ustedes bajo el mismo plan que la reciba, trabajando para ustedes o no, según lo deseen, cuando termine.

En caso de ser necesario tengo quienes pueden garantizar el préstamo o ayuda que vaya a recibir; estas personas pueden ser de Rep. Dominicana o bien de Puerto Rico.

Soy dominicano, residente en Estados Unidos, (actualmente en P. Rico) y no tendría inconveniente en trabajar donde la

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Empresa lo estime necesario.
Mi residencia es en la
calle Hico 316, Mayaguez, donde
resido con mi familia (esposa
y un hijo).

Por el momento
queda,

José Ferreira Peralta
Box 5169 College Station
Mayaguez, P.Rico
00709

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM
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90 Park Avenue · New York, New York 10016

April 2, 1965

Sr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Sr. Popenoe:

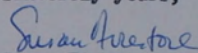
The attached papers concern an applicant for a Guggenheim Fellowship who has referred us to you.

We shall welcome your candid appraisal of his previous accomplishments, the merits of the present proposal, and his promise of future achievement.

As always, you may be sure that whatever you write will be held in the strictest confidence.

With many thanks for your assistance to the Foundation, I am

Sincerely yours,


Susan Firestone
Administrative Assistant

sf:mb

Ralph Hart Fisher
6693 MacArthur Blvd.
Washington, D. C. 20016

June 6, 1973

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

Last March you were kind enough to talk with my husband and me when we visited your house in Antigua. You will remember that my parents were with United Fruit in Costa Rica in 1915 - 1918.

We very much enjoyed our visit with you. My husband was especially impressed with the ^{VHS}~~8mm~~ camera which you carried on mule back in the Andes. I, of course was interested in your reminiscences of your days as an agricultural explorer and about the restoration of your beautiful home. I kept notes of the conversation, you will recall, for my mother.

I find on rereading my notes that they have such general interest that I would like to offer a short article about our visit to a newspaper or magazine. I know that you and your home have been written up often. Would you have any objection to my submitting such an article? I would be glad to send you a copy of my notes about our conversation if you would like.

I hope we may come to Antigua again next spring. We will certainly bring you a sample of our own Vermont maple syrup.

Cordially yours,

Sally W. Fisher

Sally W. Fisher
(Mrs. R. H.)

Box One
Greensboro, Vermont
05841

September 15, [c1975]

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I have been intending to write you all summer to thank you for the copy of your book~~set~~ on La Casa del Oidor and for your permission to write about it - and its keeper - if any newspaper wants such an article. I certainly enjoyed reading it. I also have my mother's copy of Louis Adamic's book for background material. When I get back to Washington I hope to finish up the piece that I started last spring. I'll send you a copy if it gets published.

We have been working on our sons' farm all summer, helping them to build a house for themselves and more sheds for the chickens and goats. I have been doing some writing for Vermont publications, so the Antigua project has been postponed. However, we haven't forgotten Antigua. Last week Mrs. Vivian Chapin who was helping ^{with sketches} Dr. Shook/on his house, invited us to visit her in Edgartown and it was quite a Guatemala reunion. We all exchanged slides and reminiscences. She plans to return next February and we hope to too. We will bring you a sample of Ralph Fisher & Sons Fancy Grade Maple syrup.

Sincerely,

Sally W. Fisher

Mrs. Ralph H. Fisher

50 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

May 14/61

Dear Wilson,

I learned from Louise the sad news that Helen had passed away and I send you my deepest sympathy in your great loss - I know full well what you are going through in these dark days - May you have strength from the good Lord above to carry on the useful life you have so finely lived -

As I write I am thinking of the happy days at your house in Aubigny - the first time about six years ago and the last time only last February - pleasant memories -

Sincerely yours,

Stanley G. H. Hitch



Hotel Antigua

Antigua, Guatemala, C. A. Oct 31-1973

Dear Dr. Popmoe -

I don't know whether you can be of help or not - and I certainly wouldn't want to impose upon you - However, I would send if you could tell me if anyone here in Antigua specializes in - or has a collection of orchids. And - if so - if it would be possible to see them.

My home is in Los Angeles & I have been growing orchids for around 25 years - My special growing in Texas is in *Dymbidium* (which certainly don't seem likely here). The many other varieties of orchids are not as familiar to me - but they are of vast interest & I have a number of friends who grow the more exotic botanicals.

I have heard of your work to improve crops in this part of the world - and understand that it has been extremely effective - It may be that orchids - without any possibility as a food source - seem frivolous and lacking in value to you. From the little I have seen of the country - orchids would & should be quite low on the agenda - In any event - I would be most grateful for any help you can give me - if it is not too much of an imposition.

If you are at home - I would take only a moment of your time. If not, I will be at the Hotel Antigua until November 3rd.

Hopefully -
Mrs. Clara S. Fleming



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10000 E. 1st Ave. Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. 80231-0001

169 North Cliffwood Ave
Los Angeles, Calif. 90049
Nov 15-1973

Dear Doctor & Mrs Popruoc -

A trip is so many things - things to see -
things to do - things to buy (not my forte)
For me - a trip is an atmosphere - a place
of impressions - a chance to follow my
hobbies. But my kind of "sightseeing" cannot
exist without the help of generous local
people with exquisite supplies of information.

You and The Shoaks did precisely that -
gave me a feeling of the local Antigua
scene - showed me & all the flowers you
could - and overlooked my crash curiosity
and desire to know, when I came to you.

Your kindness will never be forgotten - It's a
rare treat to meet people who are true
giants - real explorers in their fields & you,
Doctor Popruoc - are certainly one of them.
Dr. Shoak - in his field - is another. All of you
have expanded my meager knowledge (As educators,
take a big bow) But most of all, you have
"done your thing" with exquisite grace - If I can
ever be of help in Los Angeles - please let me
know.

Mit, mit, gracias

Blara Fleming



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P O BOX 1299

September 24, 1965

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Primera Avenida Sur No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, Central America

Dear Sir:

All quotations are for immediate acceptance cash with order, subject to stock being unsold and without liability to us should injury befall the stock from hail, frost, or other causes beyond our control. **NON-WARRANTY:** We strive to keep our stock pure and true to name, but in the event any nursery stock, seeds, or plants sold by us should prove untrue to name and the purchaser should be thereby damaged we hereby agree on proper proof to replace such stock as may prove untrue to the name under which it is sold or to refund purchase price, refunding or replacing to be at our option, except for such liability and in respect to all stock sold by us, we give no warranty either expressed or implied as to description, quality, growth productiveness or any other matter and all stock, plants and seeds are sold and received with the agreement between the purchaser and ourselves that we shall never be liable for any amount greater than set out herein.

Signed, TENNESSEE NURSERY CO., INC.

Please pardon our delay in replying to your letter of July 15th, we have been waiting for advise from our State Department to find out what the requirements are for exporting nursery stock to Venezuela. Just as soon as we have a reply we will write you.

Yours very truly,

TENNESSEE NURSERY COMPANY, INC.

by *A. W. Fletcher*
A. W. Fletcher

IIIW

Antigua, Guatemala, 29 Sept. 1957

Dr H R Fletcher
Royal Botanic Garden
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Doctor Fletcher:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the re-draft of the International Code of Nomenclature, which I have read with great interest, as also the comments of various workers in Europe and the United States.

I do not see any comments from Latin America, hence I am taking the liberty of presenting my views, which I believe represent fairly the situation in this part of the world. My approach is this: few agriculturists, foresters and horticulturists in tropical America at least, are ready for an elaborate code such as the one under consideration. Nor do we presently have the terminology in Spanish (and I believe this holds true also for the Portuguese) to put into effect a code which can effectively be used in Europe and the United States.

In other words, I like the code in general, but I dare not hope that it will be effective in this part of the world for some time to come. I would not, for this reason, vote against adoption of the code at the forthcoming International Horticultural Congress (which I hope to attend); quite the contrary. But I would like to make the following comments:

Our main problem in tropical America (if my observations as a horticulturist have been accurate) is in connection with the names of horticultural varieties. Anything which can be done to assist in keeping these straight will be of immense value to us. For example, the rose "Frau Karl Druschki" has become "Bola de Neive" (Snowball)

and so on. You can understand the reason. The names of fruit varieties are even worse. Labels are lost and new names are given. Or more commonly, no names at all.

You will logically say that I am not offering any helpful suggestions. I realize that anything I may say may not enter into consideration of the excellent code it is proposed to accept. I can only hope that my comments may make one or two others realize what we are up against in tropical American horticulture. Specifically, my comments are these:

1. We should hang onto botanical names of genera and species and try to keep them up to date in so far as possible. And I greatly prefer the term "botanical name" to "scientific name". It is more accurate, it seems to me.

2. We will have a hard time securing acceptance of the word "cultivar" in this part of the world and so far as I am aware it has no equivalent in Spanish, except the word variety (variedad in Spanish, variedade in Portuguese), an accepted term which we are trying to encourage, because Spanish-speaking horticulturists are more often inclined to call horticultural varieties "classes" (classes).

3. I note that it is proposed to use three languages, English, French, and German; and that the use of Russian has been recommended. Would it be worth while to include the Spanish language? Because of the tremendous area in which Spanish is spoken I would think so. It should help to build up compliance with the code, gradually of course, but it should help. I do not think it necessary to use both Spanish and Portuguese because of their similarity.

4. In tropical America we are becoming accustomed to such terms as USDA 31, and the F₁ generation (in this form), though they are not yet widely used; but I would like to see them continued.

They are quite widely used in connection with sugar canes - BH 10-12,

POJ 2878, and the like. I think a sugar corn with the designation USDA 34 is more likely to be kept straight than if it were called Mayagüez Early.

5. I agree wholly with elimination of such names as "Plum Apricot" which are eminently confusing. We have a hard enough time keeping our plums and apricots separate in Latin America. I would most certainly favor keeping varietal names as simple as possible. This will be difficult at best, but in Latin America "Gruss an Teplitz" will never stick.

In the few years left to me I shall continue to fight for sound botanical names (if we can keep pace with the botanists who like to change them), and for keeping our labels straight and trving, at least, to keep the varietal names the plants bring with them.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

Calle de la Nobleza num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C A

ROLLINS COLLEGE
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

February 18, 1965

Airmail

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Del Oidor
Antigua, Guatemala

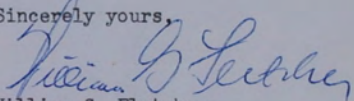
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Dr. Hanna is recovering from a virus infection, and I therefore take the liberty of answering your letter to him of February 7.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to visit Rollins, but unfortunately the dates you mention, March 20-25, are in the middle of our spring vacation. I will be in Lima at that time with a group of more than twenty of our students. Just prior to the 20th would, of course, fall into the time of term examinations, and I therefore much regret that we must apparently try to find another time for your visit to which we would all look forward.

Please let me know if you will be available and in Florida during April or May. If not, we certainly will hope to see you next year.

Sincerely yours,


William G. Fletcher
Associate Director of Latin
American Studies and Activities

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Feb 1965

Dr William G. Fletcher,
Rollins College,
Winter Park, Florida.

Dear Doctor Fletcher:

Thanks for your note of the 18th. I have to lecture at the New York Botanical Garden on 1 April, after which I shall spend a couple of weeks in Gainesville. Consequently, if you can use me some time in April I think we can work things out.

I shall probably be in Gainesville from about 20 March to 25th, during which time I will get in touch with Dr Hanna - or we can leave the whole matter until after the first of April.

Faithfully,

Wilson Popenoe -
Director Emeritus

ROLLINS COLLEGE
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

March 18, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Dr. Hugh Popenoe, Director
Caribbean Research Program
Room 22, McCarty Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have been waiting to reply to your good letter of February 20 until you were due in Gainesville and hope this will reach you there before you go on to New York.

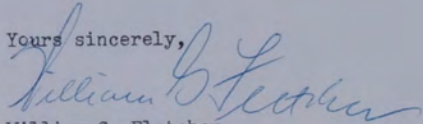
If you would care to visit us for a few days some time during April, we would, of course, be very happy, indeed. I would be very pleased if you would be willing to meet informally for general discussion with some of my classes in Latin American Studies but would not expect any formal lecture. If you are willing, in principle, I will send you more detail about the classes, and the work they have been doing.

Our Pan American Luncheon will be held on April 14, and Edward Tomlinson of Readers' Digest will be the speaker. This might be of some interest to you in thinking about possible dates. We will, of course, be very happy to have you stay at the Casa Iberia, if you care to do so.

Dr. Hanna is still a patient at the Winter Park Memorial Hospital, but we have high hopes that he may be well enough to be released by April 1.

Looking forward to hearing from you further and with kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,


William G. Fletcher
Associate Director of Latin
American Studies and Activities

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C. O. Foerster
Best Wishes
July 7, 1968

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Rio Grande Valley Horticultural Society, Volume 21

Sidegrafting of Succulent Grapevine Tips onto Established Vines

C. O. FOERSTER, JR.

Plant breeders are constantly searching for new techniques that can be used to bring seedlings or controlled crosses into production as soon as possible. This is especially true with grape breeders because depending upon the vigor of the seedling it may take two or more years to grow the plant large enough for fruit production.

The technique of side grafting succulent tips of grape seedlings onto canes of established vines resulted in cane growth of the grafts up to 30 feet in length in one season. Fruit production was obtained the next year after making the graft.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Grape seed was planted in rows in February. In seventy days the seedlings were about 2½ inches tall and had 6 true leaves. The succulent tips were cut from the seedlings leaving two cotyledon leaves and one secondary leaf. The leaves were left so that the seedlings could produce a new top in case the graft died.

The grafts were prepared for insertion into the rootstock by making a long tapered cut on one side of the basal end of the scion. The base of the sloping cut ended in a feathered point.

The succulent tips were then side-grafted onto established plants with a diameter of ¼ inch or larger. A "T" shaped incision was made on the stock into the cambium layer with a sharp knife. The flaps of the bark were held back and the scion was carefully inserted into the opening with the pointed end down. Care was used in inserting the scion so that the entire cut surface of the graft wood was in contact with the cambium layer of the rootstock.

The scion and graft union then was wrapped with clear polyethylene tape. When wrapping the tape, a slight pressure should be applied so that the tape is tight enough to hold the scion firmly in place and exclude air from all cut surfaces.

Covering the graft union and scion with polyethylene tape created a micro-climate of even high humidity and temperature. This type microclimate facilitated rapid healing of the graft union.

The wrappings were left on the grafts from 14 to 21 days. When the tape was removed care was exercised so that the tender leaves of the tips were gradually exposed to the air. Gradual removal of the plastic is particularly important if the weather is hot and dry.



Figure 1. Grape seedlings of grafting size.



Figure 2. Completed graft.



Figure 3. Grape seedling planted February, 1967. Picture taken June 1, 1967



Figure 4. Grafted April 1, 1967 from seedlings planted February, 1967. Picture taken June 1, 1967.

CONCLUSIONS

By side grafting tender tips of seedlings onto established grape vines, seedling grape vines or controlled crosses can be brought into production in one year from the time the graft is made.

This technique makes the waiting period for a grape breeder to make selections from crosses much shorter than by growing the seedling until it produces fruit.

Cane growth of up to 30 feet can be obtained in one growing season from side grafted tips onto an established grape vine.

C. O. FOERSTER, JR.

ELSA, TEXAS, U.S.A.

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July 7, 1968

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Sir:

Your article, "Deciduous Fruit Varieties for Tropical America" on page 8-12 of Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest, January 1968 has been read with interest.

Information that I have tells me that ~~there~~ there are three wild native grapes growing in Mexico and Central America. I am interested in getting seeds of these three wild grapes so that I may be able to grow seedlings to fruiting age here in the Rio Grande Valley to use in plant breeding work.

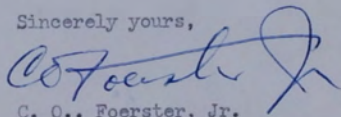
The three are: V. POPENOEI
V. CARIBBAE
(An un-named species growing in the Lower
East Coast of Mexico on the Gulf or near the coast)

Could you help me to get these seed? Or tell me where I could get virus free cuttings of these native Central American Grapes.

If you know the address of any one who has made crosses of V. Vinifera varieties with these wild native grapes and produced hybrids I would like to get in touch with them to get plant material from them for further crossing.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



C. O.. Foerster, Jr.

Antigua, Guatemala, 29 July 1968

Mr C O Foerster Jr
Elsa, Texas.

Dear Mr Foerster:

I shall be glad to give you any help I can in connection with your grape breeding program. But I am afraid it is going to be difficult for us to get seed of *Vitis popoenoi*, which I have seen only on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Possibly the Office of Foreign Plant Exploration and Introduction in the US Dept of Agriculture may have contacts in that region; it is many years since I have been in Tehuantepec and do not know anyone there at present. I believe the office mentioned has made several importations of seed since I got the original material (on which the species is based) back about 1918.

I believe Joseph Fennell has done a little breeding with this grape. Joe still lives at Lady Lake, Florida, I believe. You should get in touch with him. He did a lot of work on tropical grapes some 25 years ago, both in Florida and in Costa Rica. But I am sure he no longer is active in this field.

As for *Vitis caribaea* (syn. *V. tiliaefolia*) this is abundant throughout Central America at elevations up to 3000 or 4000 feet. It grows on the property of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in Honduras (which I founded and directed for 17 years until retired in 1958) and you will be able to obtain seed from there. I would suggest you write to Mr Robert P Armour, Director, at Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and tell him I have suggested that he ask you to have Antonio Molina collect some seeds and send them to you.

Of course I do not know what may be the unnamed species growing on the lower East Coast of Mexico but that is the region where *V. popoenoi* is found, also *V. caribaea*. I would suspect the species in question may

be popenoei, which is little known to botanists, whereas caribaea is common from Mexico to northern South America. Of course it might be some other species which I do not know.

Joe Fennell is the only man I know, who has done much crossing with the tropical grapes, and I suspect most of his material has disappeared by now. He never produced anything which was put into the horticultural trade. But by all means you should get in touch with him. If you do not reach him at Lady Lake, you could locate him thru his brother who has an orchid nursery near Miami. You could get the address from my nephew John Popenoe, who is Director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida 33156. Incidentally John is a tropical fruit man himself; we have worked closely together ever since he entered the professional field. I think he might be a useful contact for you.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

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JOHN M. FOGG, JR., *Director*

December 18, 1961

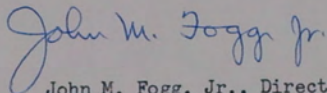
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
GUATEMALA

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

My wife and I expect to be in Antigua the last two or three days in December and would like very much to call upon you if it is convenient. We shall be staying at the Hotel Antigua.

We had a pleasant visit with the Smileys in Miami recently and enjoyed their account of their stay with you last Spring.

Sincerely yours,



John M. Fogg, Jr., *Director*
and Professor of Botany

JMF:am



WILSON POPENOE
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To: Members and Fellows of the Academy

Preparations are going forward for the 1971 directory of Academy membership, which will be published in the September issue of the Journal. The attached card shows your entry as it will appear in the 1971 Directory.

Give your highest earned degree(s), (M.D. and /or Ph.D., no honorary degrees). List your memberships in the societies affiliated with the Academy.

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Richard H. Foote
Editor

DIVISION OF TROPICAL RESEARCH

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY

W. G. C. FORSYTH
DIRECTOR

LA LIMA, HONDURAS, C. A.

January 25th, 1965

Bert sent me this. Here is our opportunity to get Lancetilla hooked up with your Center for Tropical Agriculture. If Bill van D can just make up his mind. And you can put the cost into the Florida budget which I feel sure can be done,

Dr. Albert S. Muller
Apartado No. 93
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, D. C.

Dear Dr. Muller:

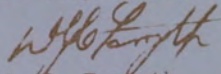
Mr. van Diepen has asked me to write you regarding Lancetilla. No doubt you have discussed the subject with Mr. de Sola who was recently visiting here.

Briefly, we are unable to continue Lancetilla on its present status of a non-utilized botanical snowpiece. We are cutting our maintenance costs drastically. The Smithsonian and the Universities of California and Florida have at various times expressed great interest in the Gardens but little progress seems to be made whenever the subject of financing arises.

Mr. van Diepen and I feel that we should not abandon the possibility of the Zamorano School being somehow involved until every possible avenue of approach has been studied. The facilities at Lancetilla would be so obviously of value to Zamorano that we would welcome any suggestions that you may care to make. Perhaps some method of sharing costs could be developed.

It would be a pity if Honduras and Central America lost such a facility without every effort being made to employ it usefully for this area.

Yours very truly,



W. G. C. Forsyth

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Cc: Mr. W. T. van Diepen
Mr. R. A. Holcombe
Mr. A. C. Hamilton

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August 28, 1967

Dr. W. G. C. Forsyth, Director
Division of Tropical Research
Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Forsyth:

My good friend of 40 years, Claud Horn, told me in San Salvador yesterday that he is writing to ask if he and his wife can visit Lancetilla for a few days, arriving perhaps on 2 September. This is just to say that Claud is a good tropical horticulturist with long experience in the U.S.D.A., and is doing a magnificent job in El Salvador where he is helping to establish new crops, especially fruits and nuts. A visit to Lancetilla will be of great assistance to him in his work.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc: Mr. Claud Horn
137 67 Avenida Sur
San Salvador.



Fowler NURSERIES, Inc.

ROUTE 2, BOX 2310 NEWCASTLE, CALIF. 95658
PHONE: AREA CODE 916 - 645-2122

January 22, 1973

Knowles A. Ryerson, Dean Emeritus
University of California
Berkeley, California 94720

Dear Dean Ryerson:

The only good source we are aware of for
Pyrus Calleryana is Howell County Nursery, West Plains,
Missouri. This source was recommended to us by Dr. Westwood
of Corvallis, and we have found it quite reliable.

Our seed here have all been placed in the seed
bed rows and we would be unable to supply any of it.

Sincerely yours,

FOWLER NURSERIES, INC.

E. F. Fowler
E. F. Fowler

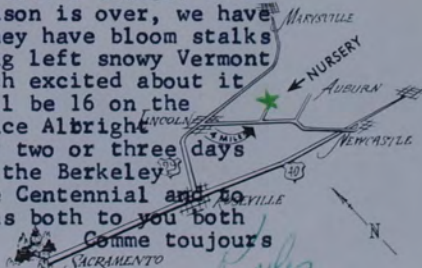
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Jan 31, 1973

Dear Wilt,

This just in and not having heard from the Texas
firm I dont want to foul things up as they ^{may} have written to you
direct as I suggested in the interest of saving time. I hope
you still can get some yet this year and save a season. It is
still cool here, but I hope the frost season is over, we have
moved the cymbidiums back outdoors and they have bloom stalks
on them. Dorothy is at Torreon now having left snowy Vermont
and the orientation training, she was much excited about it
all, had a great time in Vermont. She will be 16 on the
10th of February. They grow up fast. Horace Albright
will be up next week and stay with us for two or three days
He is coming up for the annual dinner of the Berkeley
Fellows, a group of 100 set up during the Centennial and to
which we both belong. Best wishes from us both to you both

E. F. "GENE" FOWLER R. E. "BOB" FOWLER
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Antigua, Guatemala, 10 February 1973

Hewell County Nursery
West Plains, Missouri USA

Gentlemen,

The Fowler Nurseries of Newcastle, California, have advised that you may be able to supply seed of Pyrus calleryana. For the past several years I have been buying from Herbst Brothers of Brewster, New York but they have recently informed me that there was a crop failure this past autumn and will have none this year. It was a matter of late spring frosts, they say, and if this is the case it occurs to me that you are pretty far north and may have been hit. If by any chance you can supply one to three pounds of seed I will thank you to advise me, together with price. Herbst Brothers have shipped to Guatemala by air express (mail). I would give you full instructions for shipment, and send you a check on the American Security and Trust Co. of Washington D.C. in advance. Part of the seed will be for the Ministry of Agriculture of the Guatemalan government which cannot pay until the goods are received and dealers in the US usually will not do business with us on that basis, so I, as a horticulturist, long time resident in Guatemala and a member of the American Pomological Society since about 1910, try to help out by advancing the cash and getting it back in 3 or 4 months from the government. I was an Agricultural Explorer for the US Dept of Agriculture for 13 years, engaged mainly in hunting for promising avocado varieties for trial in California and Florida.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenee

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APARTADO DE CORREOS
No. 128TELEFONOS
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GUATEMALA, C. A.

November 29, 1963-

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I have just finished talking to Chico de Sola by radio and he has asked me to get into touch with you at once in order to give you the following message:

- 1- Mr. Wallace is leaving Guatemala for San Salvador on the afternoon plane on Tuesday the 3rd of December, presumably the Pan Am. flight, as he arrives from Mexico that day.
- 2- Chico would like you to come over with Mr. Wallace on the same plane and take with you the pergamino. Chico wants you to stay with him at his house.
- 3- A reception has been arranged for Mr. Wallace at Chico's house on Tuesday evening the 3rd December.
On Wednesday the 4th December a meeting will take place at Los Andes so that the young farmers can meet Mr. Wallace.
- 4- On Thursday the 5th December Mr. Wallace will proceed to Zamorano and Chico would like you to accompany him there.
- 5- As far as I could understand on the phone Chico has to go to Costa Rica on Thursday but will return to Zamorano on Friday the 6th December.
- 6- The gist of the message is that Chico would like you to be with Mr. Wallace all the time and I hope you will be able to manage it.

I am sending this letter by special messenger, don José Luis Guevara, and I should be very gratified if you would send to me by him a line telling me that you will be able to go over to San Salvador with Mr. Wallace and be with him while he is in these parts and that the pergamino will be ready for you to take over on Tuesday.

Kindest regards

from

CASA MR. FRANKLIN
11 CALLE #6-06- ZONA 9,
TEL. 63-315.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry Franklin

GWFF/jlgg

OFICINA 20-5-61
25-5-62.

GWF Franklin



FELIX M. FREDERIKSEN
PRESIDENT

TREASURE CAVE, INC. FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA



Hotel Antigua Room 24
Thursday, February 5, 1909

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Sir:

A friend at the University of Minnesota Farm in St. Paul is particularly interested in crossing tomatoes. Professor Currence asked me to bring back ^{seeds of} any peculiar varieties for possible experimental work.

Señora Brantes of the tourist bureau kindly took me to the market to help me find something. She mentioned your work with avocados and suggested that you might be interested in advising me where to look next.

Mrs. Fredericksen has read of your home and would be delighted if she might be permitted to view it during our stay. However, I trust you will not take this matter of tomatoes as an excuse for such permission.

We are in Antigua until Saturday morning

Sincerely
Felix Fredericksen

Very sorry not to
visit with you
F. F.

THE CLOISTERS

Fort Tryon Park, New York City

November 10, 1942.

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

My dear Mrs. Popenoe:

Your interesting enquiry about the herb exhibition at The Cloisters has been referred to me since I was more or less responsible for the show. Unfortunately, we did not publish a catalogue at the time of the exhibition; however, there has been such a wide-spread demand for copies of the labels that we have decided to print them along with illustrations from early printed herbals, sometime in the spring. Can you wait that long?

In the meantime, I am sending you with my compliments a small photograph of our Saint Fiacre (English alabaster, XV century). It is printed on as thin paper as is available at the present time. If you should wish an 8"x10" photograph, the price will be 35 cents plus postage. I am also enclosing a sample label.

Very truly yours,

Margaret B. Freeman
Margaret B. Freeman,
Assistant Curator.

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SAINT FIACRE, PATRON OF GARDENERS. English statuette, XV century.

Fiacre left his native land of Ireland to retire to a hermitage in France. To this "glorious hermit" came many people "from far countries---for to recover their health in so much that he saw that of needs he must make his housing more spacious than it was, and thought to him good and necessary to make a great garden, wherein he should have all manner of herbs good for to make pottage with, for to feed the poor when they should return towards him. And so he did."

(Quotation from the Golden Legend by Voragine.) His attributes are the spade and the book.

SWEET BAY Laurus nobilis, L.

In the Middle Ages, bay leaves flavored soups, meat jellies, and wines. Bay leaves boiled in water with orange peel made a washing-water for "the hands at table." The leaves were also used as a garnish. In a menu from The Goodman of Paris, the first course included "cooked apples and large Provencal figs roasted, with bay leaves thereon." Bay leaves "being well smelling" were also "layde amonge clothes." Banckes's Herbal states that bay "is good to purge a man of phlegm and of the choler. It is good for a man that may not hear, for if the juice thereof be put in his ears...it will heal it." The Grete Herbal adds that for colic "a bath made of bay leaves is good." Also "against the evil color of the face...and against a manner of red things that come in young folks faces...take new bay berries and put out the hulks and make fine powder and put it in honey and anoint or bathe the face."

In modern times, bay is used for flavoring soups, sauces, meats, game, and fish, as well as most pickles sold on the market.

THE CLOISTERS

Fort Tryon Park, New York City

November 10, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

I thought you might like to have the garden plan which I send you herewith.

I was sorry not to have had the pleasure of meeting you when I visited your home in Guatemala last summer. Your house was most interesting and as I had read Adamic's "House in Antigua" and the book about your work, I was all the more sorry not to have seen you. If you ever come to these parts, I hope that you will favor us with a visit.

Yours sincerely,

James J. Rowley
James J. Rowley,
Curator.

THE CLOISTERS
FORT TRYON PARK
NEW YORK, 33, N. Y.

January 20, 1944.

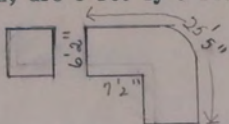
Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

This is to tell you that your copy of the herb book is on its way. I do hope that you will not be disappointed in it when it arrives. Since the post office would not insure the package sent by regular mail, we had it registered instead. The total cost for book and mailing was \$1.89. Last year, the 35 cent photograph of St. Fiacre cost \$1.80 to send. That time your check for \$2.00 did not quite cover the amount. Shall we call it quits now?

In re-reading your letter of December 2, 1942, I realize that I never answered your question about the Goodman of Paris. The book is not "frightfully rare" but since it was published in London (in 1928), it is not readily available now during the war. The Museum owns a copy which I have practically devoured.

What fun to be starting an herb garden! Ours is 60 ft. 9 in. long by 57 ft. 5 in. wide, corner bed to corner bed. The central square beds, north and south, are 5 ft. by 6 ft. 2 in. The corner beds are like this:



I am disappointed that you were unable to visit New York and The Cloisters last October. I hope that "next time" will be very soon.

Very truly yours,

Margaret B. Freeman
Margaret B. Freeman,
Associate Curator.

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[Transl. of Fr. Froes' letter of
22 March 1711]

Yours of the 4th duly
I have as likewise a
copy of your work on
the aquarates, for which
my best thanks,
permitting me in
return to offer you
seed of various kinds
of this plants which,
in case you desire
them I can send as
may be possible. In
regard to the bulletins
you mention I will
have the pleasure to send them

ESTACION AGRÍCOLA EXPERIMENTAL.
San Miguel, Oax., 22 de Marzo de 1911.

Sr. F. W. Popenoe.

Altadena, California.

Muy apreciable Señor:

Oportunamente tuve el gusto de recibir la
atenta de Ud. de fecha 4 del mes en curso, así como también
copia relativa á sus trabajos de aguacates; por la cual doy á Ud.
muy expresivas gracias, permitiéndome, además, efrecerle semillas
de varias clases de esta planta, que, [en caso de que Ud. necesite,
podré remitirle conforme sea posible.]

[En cuanto á los Boletines á que hace Ud. referencia, ya
tendré el gusto de mandárselos.]

De Ud. atto. y S. S.

J. F. F. F.

*Kindly translate the
bracketed sentences*

Rt. 2 Bx. 356F
Saugus, California
U.S.A. 91350
January 31, 1970

Dear Dr. Popenoe and family,

I hope that you and your wife and Sally are well. I remember you with great admiration. I miss beautiful Guatemala. Please tell Sally that I wrote. I would appreciate it if you would give Sally my address so she may write to me.

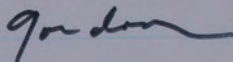
Every once in awhile the thought will flash across my mind that I never left you the peanut butter that I had promised you. I came by your house in September of 1969 to pay my bill, but I was told that you were in Honduras. I do not exactly remember how much it was but I have included a check in this letter for \$4.00 to get out of debtors' prison. I would deliver this in person but I do not exactly know when I will be able to come back. I hope it is soon.

I have started a collection of the folk art of Guatemala. I have appreciation for both the pre-Colombian and the colonial artifacts. I enjoy learning about these as well as collecting them. It takes study to select good ones.

When Sally and I boarded at doña Carmen's in Chimaltenango we became good friends. Sally invited me to your home several times but we never actually set a date; I met you in Chimaltenango.

The next time that I am in Guatemala I will drop in on you to pay my respects.

Sincerely, Su Amigo,



Gordon Frost

*Walter P. Fuller*

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March 12, 1971

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Bud Reasoner very thoughtfully sent to me a copy of his letter to you, dated March 9th. I join Bud in hoping we may hear from you.

A number of years ago one of the most interesting experiences of my life was a long session in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reasoner, with a kinsman of yours, I presume, although his base also was Central America. You doubtless know exactly who it was.

He made a point of the fact that he was essentially self-educated and as he said, was not handicapped without ^a Ph D.

I am taking the liberty to enclose a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. H. S. Wolfe on the subject of Pliny Reasoner.

Cordially yours,

WALTER P. FULLER

WPF/bt



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March 12, 1971

Dr. H. S. Wolfe
 2115 N. W. "F" Lane
 Gainesville, Fla. 32601

Dear Dr. Wolfe:

I am glad to know that Mrs. Beall wrote you about my delightful visit with Bud and I do hope that you and Mrs. Wolfe will visit Manatee County while my sister Dorothy is there.

Bud had told me of the deep interest that you and Dr. Wilson Popence have in seeing the life of Pliny Reasoner and the great and fundamental accomplishments of the Reasoner family recorded in print.

In addition to Pliny's diary and letters, I have the diary of his Father which he kept for 52 years. Reading this diary compels one to wonder how such a truly great person, with his flaming interest in beauty could spring therefrom.

Writing in the drab little town of Princeton, Illinois, during his High School Graduation week on one day he noted how he had spent the day arranging flowers and plants for the Graduation Exercises and ended his remarks with "Oh to be on a tropical Isle or in Florida".

When he decided to go to Florida, his Father refused to give him the money but his Mother did, from her egg and butter money which she kept in a pitcher on a high pantry shelf (she called the pantry a buttery). As for the Father, one days entry read about as follows: "Temperature 26 at 5 a.m. Four ewes dropped ~~to~~ lambs. Drove to town. Borrowed \$3,000. from the bank at 7%, loaned it to my neighbor Yardley on a mortgage at 10%." Only he said he rented the money. His closing sentence was "my wife gave birth to a child, a girl." That was my mother.

Cordially yours,

Walter P. Fuller

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cc: Mr. Bud Reasoner

I dimly remember the old Man. He died when I was 7. But he did the barn yard chores and worked the nursery 6 days a week.



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May 13, 1971

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

Dear Doctor:

Bud Reasoner thoughtfully sent me a copy of your letter of May 5th, which pleased me very deeply.

I am clearing my decks as quickly as possible to devote the major part of my time for as long as is necessary to produce the Pliny Reasoner book. That is, I first thought of it as the Pliny Reasoner book but the idea has matured. I now want it to be a biography and tribute to what I have come to think of as the Reasoner dynasty.

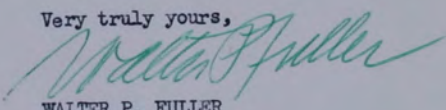
For 90 years they have been the pioneers and at one period the giants in the creation of Florida beauty and even before I read your words I had come to realize that Egbert had been unfairly eclipsed by Pliny's shadow and as of today Bud is worthy of his position in the chain and he and his wife have two highly promising sons.

Please do the thousand words on Egbert.

As to Pliny I have his diary, his great letters, an original of the bulletin #1, a wonderful picture and good notes from my mother. I am having astounding success in gathering other data.

When you get to that thousandth word if you think of a few more let me have them and perhaps I should have a street number or some other directive for a letter to you.

Very truly yours,



WALTER P. FULLER

WPF/bt

cc: Mr. Bud Reasoner