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Tegucigalpa, Honduras
July 2nd, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua Guatemala
República de Guatemala

Dear Doc:

Sorry I did not see Helen and you before you left here, but hope you're becoming well oriented in your new home and that everything is going to the liking of both of you. No doubt you are keeping very busy in connection with your Salvador assignment and others which are bound to spring up.

I enjoyed about three weeks with my family in Greeley, Colorado (this is a split vacation, half now and half at the end of the year). The children and Olive are fine and enjoying themselves there. Schooling is tops. We bought a home, which they occupied the 28th of last month, and now will not have to worry about changing location because of termination of rental leases, etc.

You recall Ambassador Ernesto V. Fábrega of Panama to Honduras. He called me a few days ago to say that, at last, his government had authorized for Doris and you the Condecoración de Panama, "Ordén de Balboa". To Doris as Madrina and to you as Founder of the EAP. He asked when it would be convenient to present these any time after the middle of this month. I told him I would write you. I suggest you communicate with him direct.

Kind regards to Helen and to you.

Sincerely,


V. E. Scott

21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
14 julio de 1957.

Excmo señor don Ernesto V. Fábrega
Embajador de la República de Panama
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Excelentísimo señor Embajador:

Nuestro mutuo amigo don Virgil Scott me avisa que el Gobierno de la República de Panama ha tenido a bien honrar a doña Doris Stone y a este su humilde servidor con la Condecoración "Orden de Balboa", y que Vuestra Excelencia desearía saber cuando podría yo venir a recibirla. Supongo que Vuestra Excelencia preferiría hacer la presentación de las dos condecoraciones al mismo tiempo, y en tal caso deberá ser cuando doña Doris tenga oportunidad para venir a Tegucigalpa. Por mi parte, no me sería difícil ausentarme de mi trabajo aquí en San Salvador a fines de la primera semana de agosto, o después del primero de septiembre, fecha en la cual yo terminaré mi contrato aquí y estaré a las órdenes de Vuestra Excelencia en la Antigua Guatemala.

Deseo hacer constar mi sincero y profundo agradecimiento por el alto e inmerecido honor de esta condecoración.

Soy de Vuestra Excelencia, afmo. y SS.

Wilson Popenoe

blind copy for Mr V E Scott
Mr R M Beasley



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TEGUCIGALPA, D. C., HONDURAS, C. A.

Club Reforma

Setiembre 14 de 1957

A. Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Calle de la Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala.

Mi estimado Doctor:

Acabo de recibir su atenta de
12 del actual.

Espero que para el 3 de Noviembre,
día de mi patria habé reci-
bido su condecoración y ningún
día mejor que ese para imponer-
sela. Lo mantendré a tanto

Sps.

E. B. Fábreg
Apartado 87

Calle de la Nobleza num. 2,
Antigua, Guatemala, 12 Septiembre de 1957

Excmo Sr don Ernesto B. Fábrega,
Embajador de Panama,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Excelentísimo señor Embajador:

Refiriéndome a nuestra correspondencia respecto a la Condecoración que el Gobierno de la República de Panama ha tenido a bien otorgarme - y por la cual quedaré eternamente muy agradecido - esta cartita tiene por motivo manifestar a su Excelencia que he regresado del Salvador y me encuentra a su disposición en esta su casa. Pienso hacer un viaje a Honduras a fines del próximo mes de octubre o a principios de noviembre, y si fuese posible recibir la condecoración durante ese viaje me gustaria muchísimo, pues doña Elena y su servidor proyectamos un viaje largo a Europe antes de terminar el año en curso.

Naturalmente, si no es posible, esperamos; pues entiendo muy bien que "las cosas de Palacio andan despacio" como su Excelencia dice!

De todos modos, nos daremos el gusto de venir a saludar a su Excelencia durante nuestra próxima estada en esa querida Honduras.

Siempre su muy afmo. y SS

Wilson Popenoe

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en Honduras

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Tegucigalpa, D. C., 5 de Octubre 1957

Señor Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
c/o Tela Railroad Company
Comayagutela, D. C.

Mi estimado Doctor Popenoe:

Me es grato comunicar a Ud. que he fijado tentativamente el día tres de noviembre proximo, fecha de la Independencia Panameña para hacerle entrega a Ud. y a la señora Stone de la condecoración de Vasco Núñez de Balboa, en el grado de CABALLERO, que mi Gobierno ha tenido a bien otorgarles. Esta ceremonia se llevará a efecto en la recepción oficial que ofreceré ese día.

Oportunamente ratificaré a Usted la fecha y le diré el lugar y hora para el acto.

De Usted atentamente.

Ernesto B. Fábrega
Embajador de Panamá.

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Oct 1957

Mr V E Scott,
Tela RR Co, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Virgil:

I have received from your office copy of a letter written by the Ambassador of Panama, under date of 5 October, advising that Doris and I will receive the decoration "Vasco Núñez de Balboa" in Tegucigalpa on the 3rd of November, and that oportunamente he will advise the place and hour.

You are close by and in touch with the Ambassador, so I shall appreciate it, when he gives any further details, if you will inform him that I expect to arrive in Tegucigalpa either on the afternoon of 31 October or that of 1 November and will be muy a la orden from that time forward. I assume Doris has been advised and will be coming up from Panama.

We are leaving this week for Salvador, by land. I have go over the projects I helped organise there in August. We plan to continue by land from Salvador to Tegucigalpa, in the Volts Wagon. Since we may get stuck in that creek 14 km before you reach Jicaro Galán, we cannot guarantee time of arrival in Teguci, and in any event, will probably want to stop in town the first night, to get organised and cambiar some impresiones. We expect to stay three or four days at Zamorano and I have an idea somebody may appreciate it if I pay my 1957 income tax before leaving the country. I now have the necessary figures from Mr Beckstrom, which could not be had before we moved over here. Too many deductions to calculate and I hear the IBM machines were not working at the moment.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,