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Washington 25, D.C.

306 HIGHLAND ST.
CRESSKILL, N. J.

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I understand you and your wife are taking it very easy your muy merecido descanso en el Cielo Terrenal de Antigua.

I am at home in Cresskill, N. J. spending my two months vacation and I am planning to return to Panama for the third tour leaving New York on the S.S. Ancon, Panama Line, on October 18.

During my stay in the States, my office in Panama sent me a few copies of the report on the fifth Meeting of the American Society of Horticulture, Caribbean Region, held in Mexico City last April 1957. One of this copies I am sending to you I thought you would like to see the report on the wonderful meeting we had in Mexico.

Le envío muchos saludos y montones de salud para muchos años de vida tranquila en su antigua casa de Antigua junto a todos los suyos.

Sincerely
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LOUIS E. SILVI
Manager



The Nittany Lion Inn

OF

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA,

December 16, 1959

Doctor Wilson Popenoe
Ciudad de Antigua
Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

After working for almost 7 years in Panama, the ICA/Washington office decided to transfer me to El Salvador to work in fruits and vegetables. I believe my main job will be to organize the Horticultural Center at the San Andrés Agricultural School.

We left Panama on home leave the end of October 1959 and while at the Washington office for a week's consultation I was offered the opportunity of taking an intensive short course on teaching agriculture at Penn. State University and here I am.

I should be in El Salvador on January 28, 1960. I am planning to leave from New Jersey by car the first week in January with

LOUIS E. SILVI
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my wife and son George, Age 16. We will visit several friends in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Mexico and Guatemala. I would like to see you in Antigua to talk about horticultural work in El Salvador and Guatemala. You are the expert on the subject and I would like to know your opinion on what can be done. We should arrive in Guatemala City about January 23 where we will stay a few days.

My wife joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family.

Very sincerely yours

Gattoni

ADDRESS:
LOUIS A. GATTONI
306 HIGHLAND STREET
CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY

Antigua, Guatemala, 22 December 1959

Sr don Luis Gattoni
306 Highland St, Cresskill, N J

Dear Luis:

Your letter of the 16th has just come. I hasten to reply because I am so pleased that you are going to be in El Salvador and I want you to know how happy I shall be to assist you in any way I can. As you may know, I took part in the planning of the agricultural school at San Andrés and three of "my boys" have been active in its development. Juan Leiva of Costa Rica, who works in horticulture, and whom I saw when I was over there a couple of weeks ago, has done a really good job and I am proud of him - as I am of all "my boys". José Ramon Calvo, also of Costa Rica, was in charge of agronomy at San Andrés and was sent to the US for a postgraduate course; the original idea was to send him to Penn State where you now are but he had been through the University of Florida after leaving Zamorano and got permission to go back there. I think probably because he could get a Master's there and because he wanted to get as many courses as possible in tropical agriculture. Calvo is a very fine character. You will also have at San Andrés Ricardo Granada (maybe it is Roberto!) of Santa Ama who is another of "my boys". I visited San Andres recently, as I have said above, and I want to tell you that I am very well impressed by the new Director.

This note is just to tell you how delighted I am that you are to be so close to us, and to assure you that you can count on my assistance if I can be of help at any time in any way. Warmest regards to all the family.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION TO KOREA

APO SAN FRANCISCO 96301

February 20, 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Vera and I enjoyed reading your very interesting letter. Every time we get a letter from Latin America we feel homesick. We always remember the Zamorano Agriculture School as one of the wonderful spots that Dr. Popenoe selected for the school and I always remember the time I visited the school with Ray Cason in 1950 to attend the first meeting, I think, of what today is the ASAS, Caribbean Region.

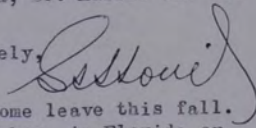
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I appreciate the fact that both you and Mr. Chico de Sola want to have us in Zamorano on the staff. I am very interested in participating the knowledge and experience I have in tropical horticulture with the school in Zamorano and also what I have learned of Korean and Japanese horticulture.

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My best wishes to you, Mr. Chico de Sola, Dr. Muller and Bob Armour.

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~~Handwritten notes~~

January 9, 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala

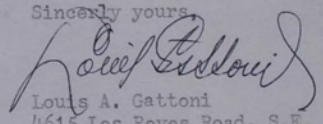
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Knowing that our mutual friend, Robert Armour, is going to visit you in Antigua I am writing to you hoping you receive this letter. I wrote to you in 1971 and in 1972 but as I have had no answer or news from you I presumed you were in Florida with your relatives.

I am enclosing a copy of a publication on Fruit Culture, an inventory of species and varieties of fruits introduced and under experimental trial at the National Horticulture Experiment Station, Suwon, Korea and a report on Agro-Industry Development in Korea.

I hope to hear from you soon. My wife joins me in sending you our best regards and wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,



Louis A. Gattoni
4615 Los Reyes Road. S.E.
Rio Rancho,
New Mexico. 87124

Antigua, Guatemala 19 Feb 1973

Dear Louis:

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter of 9 January, which - believe it or not - is the first letter I have had from you in several years. And these publications on fruit culture! An excellent job. I congratulate you on the work you did in Korea; I just hope they follow it up better than they have followed up some of your work in tropical America - and mine too. I get a bit discouraged at times.

Yes, Bob Armeur is here - he and his wife, in a little house across the street from us which we had just finished building for my daughter Marien to use eventually. Bob is going over to London and to Rome in a week or so to see if he can line up a new position in tropical America.

When are you two coming down this way again? Do you remember that you told me one day, when Zamorano had only been going a few years, that when you retired from the government service you wanted to come to Zamorano and settle down for the rest of your life?

I am spending much of my time helping to develop the culture of temperate zone fruits here in the highlands. Collaborating mainly with Arturo Falla because he sticks to things and does a good job. We have several new pears and peaches from the southern US which look very promising, and the apple business is booming.

Why don't we meet at San José de C R in July at the Tropical Region annual get-together? Bring your wife and stop with us here in

Antigua. Warmest regards to you both.

Faithfully yours

Rio Rancho, March 5, 1973
[New Mexico]

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

I have received your nice letter of February 19, 1973. My wife and I are very pleased to have news from you. Now the second great pleasure for us would be to pay you a short visit some time at the end of this year.

Yes, I remember that I told you that when I retired from government service I would go to work at the EAF, Zamorano.

But since we have property here in Rio Rancho Estates for many years we decided to come here first and do something on our land.

I retired from the USAID, Department of State in July 1971 and from Seoul, Korea I came to Rio Rancho.

In a year and 7 months our house was built, the fences put out and landscaping finished and we are free again to go to Latin America for a few more years. In reference to this, I wrote to Mr. Francisco de Sola in January 7, 1973 and for a job at the EAF I also wrote to Dr. Simon E. Malo, Chairman Academic Standard Committee, Institute of Food and Agriculture Science, University of Florida on January 22, 1973. I wrote other letters to

Dr. Cesar Vasconez, Director Colegionacional de Agricultura,
Ambato, Ecuador and several other places.

I am confident that something favorable will result
soon. I will keep you informed.

As to the A5H5 meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica
in July I am sorry to say that we cannot
attend this time because I have other business
in June and July.

As I told you before we will see you in Antigua
by the end of this year.

Reciba un fuerte abrazo de sus amigos
Verita y Louis.

Sincerely yours

Louis Esblouin

I am very glad to know that you liked
my fruit work published in Korea.