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## SOCIETY of FLORIDA

Drawer A

Belle Glade, Florida  
January 24, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popence  
c/o Dr. Hugh Popence  
Soils Department  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popence:

I heard that you were staying in Gainesville at present. Since I don't know your street address, I hoped that Hugh would deliver this message to you.

My wife and I plan to attend the 10th Reunion of the Central American Cooperative Corn Improvement Project of the Rockefeller Foundation in Antigua the first week in March.

Please let me know if you will be in Guatemala then, as we would like to drop by to see you at Calle de la Nobleza No. 2 for a little while.

When are you coming to Belle Glade again?

Sincerely yours,

*Vic*  
VICTOR E. GREEN, JR.  
Vice-President

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March 16, 1964

DRAWER A

BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA 33430

Mr. Henry A. Wallace  
South Salem, New York

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I have the seed ready of the advanced breeding lines to send to Central America for making top cross tests and for further inbreeding on your part if you so desire.

You indicated that you wanted them sent to Cisco de Sola during our plane trip together to Guatemala on February 27th. Please confirm.

My only requirements are a set of ratings for resistance to achaporramiento, as outlined in our discussions in early March.

I have talked to both Mr. Poey, Sr. and Jr. who agree to send you 5 or 10 pound lots of single crosses contained in Corneli 54 or the Poey T hybrids. Let them know what you want by writing:

Semillas Mejorecudad de Mexico, S.A.  
Liverpool 143, Despacho 101  
Mexico 6, D. F., Mexico

Mr. Poey, Sr. is in Jamaica for a week as he is a week each month consulting with the local government department of agriculture. He should return Friday, March 20 to his Miami, Florida address: 1140 S.W. 13th Avenue. I enclose one of their ads.

Since most of my lines are of the Coastal type, you could look at them one year in the lowlands (as in Tiquisate), or go about half way up and make top-crosses with a Guatemalan open pollinated variety. Then next year, with the 50% high altitude germplasm, they shall be able to produce in Chee-Chee, or higher.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in your fine project.

Sincerely,

*V. E. Green, Jr.*  
V. E. GREEN, JR.  
Associate Agronomist

VEG, JR:bh

CC: Mr. DeSola  
Dr. Poponoe ✓

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College of Agriculture  
Gainesville

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Casa Oidor  
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2  
Antigua Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Doc:

Being rather a presumptuous person, I undertook to write up the remarks of your banquet talk you gave us on December 2 on the Wallace project. I interjected material from the Guatemala newspapers, letters from Mr. Wallace, literature citations, and personal experiences and conversations with you and Mr. Wallace.

I am attaching a copy of the manuscript for you to do anything whatsoever you wish with it: add to, subtract from, both, or destroy as you see fit. We would like to include your remarks and thoughts in the Proceedings, nevertheless.

I attach an extra copy, in case you would like Mr. Wallace to go over it, also.

The reason I wrote it up was that I thought that I may have more time and less company than you do at present. This would let you do the less time-consuming task of deletion, interlineation, and marginal notation. Please return copy to me after slaughter.

I still very much would like to come down to Guatemala for a few months next spring or summer, if we can work a deal with our Provost for Agriculture--Dr. E.T. York, Jr., who has already said that I should submit a project, outlining what I have in mind. Any ideas and help you can give on this would be really appreciated.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR F. GREEN, JR.  
President

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HOTEL GEORGE WASHINGTON  
JACKSONVILLE,

OCT. 19, 20 & 21, 1965



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CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Feb 1965

Dr Victor E Green, Jr.,  
Belle Glade, Florida 33430 E U A

Dear Vic:

Your letter of 9 February reached me a few days ago. I am sorry to have been so slow in going over the draft of the talk on corn at the West Palm Beach meeting. I have had my hands full of visitors since before Christmas - this is the season.

First of all, I want to tell you that I am delighted you are getting an appointment under the US AID contract in Costa Rica. Though for purely personal reasons I wish you were coming to Guatemala. When I got back here last December I talked with Milton Lau and he thought it would be fine if you could come here, but he did not think the AID program here could finance the project. This left me up in the air, so to speak, but I was thinking of getting Hugh to suggest financing from some source.

The Wallace corn project is coming along well. We will have some 200 bushels of fine seed, four synthetics, mostly for the Quezaltenango region (the matter of altitude) and it looks as though we are going to get some financial help on fertilizers through Chico de Sola. We shall start distributing seed next month.

About the manuscript: The archeologists are using the word "Maya" as a plural, i.e., "the Maya were", not the "Maya was". I have suggested this correction. You wouldn't be far wrong if you said "the Maya was" but that would really mean the individual person. There are also some other corrections necessary to keep the paper in line with local organization, which has changed somewhat since Mr Wallace was here - and may easily change again, but that doesn't matter very much.

I had thought of sending you a brief paper on Temperate Zone Fruits in Tropical America, but the more I have thought about it, the more I have come to feel that for the Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida it would not justify the cost of printing - a big factor these days. Don't you think we had best leave it out? I am publishing all the information this year in the Proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science (Caribbean Region).

Next week I go over to Honduras; then about March 15 up to Gainesville and Rollins College, then New York to lecture at the Botanical Garden. I hope I may be able to drop in on you at Belle Glade.

Faithfully yours,

*Wilson Opena*

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Antigua Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Doc:

Just in case Hugh was too modest to send you the news release on his new appointment, I am attaching a copy. It looks like I will be one of the first persons to cash in on the new deal, as Dr. York called me last week concerning a 2-year appointment under a Univ. of Florida -- USAID contract in Costa Rica. Needless to say, I am quite thrilled, as is my family. This, of course, will cancel any plans for spending a few months on the Wallace project, which I so much wanted to participate in with you. By the way, Mr. Wallace and Dr. Wm. Brown were here yesterday, and spent a lot of time with Allison and me. We let him listen to my introduction of him and your talk at the banquet that Marty Allison so kindly taped for posterity.

How about editing that bunch of remarks that I fabricated for you a while back, and I will add the taped remarks and I will send the lot up to George Thornton for the next Proceedings.

My very best wishes for a successful 1965.

Respectfully,

*Vij*  
VICTOR E. BRENN, JR.  
President

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HOTEL GEORGE WASHINGTON  
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OCT. 19, 20 & 21, 1965

news release from the

**institute of food and agricultural sciences**

TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AT U OF F

By: Carl Febry

For immediate release

GAINESVILLE, FLA., JANUARY 19--A research and training Center for Tropical Agriculture, first of its kind in this country, has been approved for the University of Florida, according to Dr. E. T. York, Jr., provost, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The Center, as approved by the State Board of Regents, will operate within the Institute.

Dr. Hugh Popenoe, currently director of the Caribbean Research Program at the University, has been named by Dr. York to coordinate programs of the Center.

Popenoe has worked in both Latin America and Southeast Asia on agricultural problems. At the University of Florida he teaches Tropical Soils and Botany. He was the 1963-64 "Professor of the Year" in agriculture.

He also served as research advisor on the National Committee for Economic Development and as a member of the board of directors of the Organization for Tropical Studies.

According to Dr. York, "Florida, traditionally, has been a leader in the development of tropical crops and agricultural practices.

"The Center will not only contribute to national foreign policy goals, but will make substantial contributions to the further economic

*The University of Florida's Agricultural Team*

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development of the State," said Dr. York.

"Creation of the Center will facilitate attraction of outside funds to develop a resource base of the University for research and training in the service of the state. We hope that a recent grant of \$300,000 from the Ford Foundation to support a program in tropical agriculture at the University will soon be followed by additional grants from other sources," he added.

Dr. York said that the new Center will facilitate training and research programs oriented towards many of the unique problems of tropical areas.

"We will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in tropical agriculture as well as a graduate program and advanced research. The presence in the Institute of more than 75 staff members with previous tropical experience as well as our intensive research program throughout the State on subtropical crops contributes to the international reputation of Florida in this important field," he said.

"Our leadership in assisting the development of tropical countries should open up new markets for goods and services from the State. One of the greatest problems in the Tropics is the fact that increases in food production lag behind the growth of population. This has slowed economic development of those areas and, therefore, has curtailed the growth of expected trade with Florida. We hope that the new Center will act as an important stimulus for increasing the flow of products from the State," Dr. York added.

Dr. York also emphasized the contributions which the Center should make to the growth of the University. "Many prominent investigators and lecturers from all over the world will be invited to the University for



short periods of time to contribute to special phases of the program. Their presence here will be stimulating and helpful to both faculty and students. We hope that the University will become recognized as a meeting place for some of the best minds working on tropical problems."

Governor Haydon Burns, in his inaugural address, made a strong statement on the need for developing closer economic and cultural ties with the Latin American countries. Dr. York hopes that the newly established Center, working in close collaboration with the Center for Latin American Studies at the University, will be a strong force in helping Florida to realize these goals.

Dr. Popenoe will be assisted in the development of the Center for Tropical Agriculture by an Advisory Council composed of: Drs. T. J. Cunha, J. F. Gerber, J. L. Gray, W. W. McPherson, F. E. Myers, G. D. Thornton, and H. H. Wilkowske. Dr. Lyle N. McAlister, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, will also serve as an ex-officio member of the council.

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