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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

Escuela Agricola Panamericana
August 16, 1971

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Dorothy and I will be delighted to spend a few days with you after we leave here. It will give us an opportunity to discuss the results of our study of E.A.P.; and, too, Dorothy and I would like very much to see your beautiful home and other interesting places in Guatemala. However, please do not allow our visit to interfere in any way with your plans. We can adjust our visit to your situation.

We are scheduled to arrive in Guatemala City via SASHA flight number 952 at 8:55 A.M. on Saturday, August 28. Since I have to work about two and one-half weeks at the National Agricultural School in El Salvador before returning to Florida on September 18, we will have to leave Guatemala City for San Salvador on August 31. Our present schedule calls for departure via AVIATECA flight number 407 at 12:15 P.M. on August 31. I hope that this schedule will fit in with your plans.

Dorothy and I met Alice in Tegucigalpa at 10:30 A.M. last Saturday. We shopped for a while and then had lunch at Hotel Honduras Maya. Your wife is a very gracious lady and certainly long-suffering in her willingness to troup around with us on shopping expeditions. I wish that she could be in Guatemala at the same time we are but doubt that she can in view of her many commitments in Tegucigalpa in connection with the rental of her house and moving. Perhaps we can look forward to seeing her again when you and she visit Florida.

On Saturday night we had dinner with two former professors at E.A.P., one of whom, Aurelio Rivera (please forgive the spelling) was a graduate. They gave me some new insights and confirmed many observations that I had already made. Now, I am in the process of trying to put things together. It is not easy, since I am a very slow writer, and every time I get started on a new part of the writing I find that I need to dig up additional information. I am quite hopeful, however, that I will have a tentative first draft completed before leaving.

Sincerely,

Antigua G., 21 August 1971

Dr John R Greenman
Escuela Agrícola-Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Doc,

Yrs of 16th rec'd and contents noted. Magnificent. Barring acts of God and the Queen's enemies, I will meet SAHSA 952 on Saturday next, 28 August. (If we have a blow-out and don't get there, you just grab a taxi at the airport and tell the driver to bring you to the Casa Popenoe in Antigua.) It will probably rain in the afternoon - the official guide book of the American Automobile Assn. says at this time of the year it rains here every day at 3 p.m. - we will sit around the fireplace in the casa del Olor. Sunday morning we should probably go over to Chichicastenango, and if you wish to see more of the country we can go on the fine Pan Am highway to Quezaltenango, and maybe back via the coast.

Since you don't have to leave for El Salvador until noon on Tuesday 31 we might drive over to the City via the Agricultural School at Barcena which was based on the Zamorano program; just drop in there for half an hour. You might ask Bob's advice. It should be a very unofficial visit, if we go.

Maybe Alice can come over with you. I know she would love to do so.

Hastz la vista,

Wilson Popenoe

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EL SALVADOR
INTER-CONTINENTAL

APARTADO POSTAL NO. 1087 Y 1088
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
CABLE ADDRESS: INHOTELCOR

Sept. 7, 1971

Dear Alice and Pop,

We had a smooth beautiful flight via Aviatega to San Salvador. Jack and I were the only passengers. When the airline hostesses learned that we were interested in the countryside they pointed out the volcanoes, the banana and corn crops, and Lake Coatepeque. Betty Perce met us at the airport and took us to the hotel.

After a few days Jack went to a dentist recommended by a friend who X-rayed to find the abscess. Opening it gave great relief. He continues to let it drain and expects to soon have the canals cleared and to close it up. Dr. Hasbún studied dentistry here and followed with graduate work at N. Y. U. We are extremely pleased with him.

The rainy season is bringing plenty of rainfall here too. The temperature is pleasantly cool. Surely Zamorano is receiving more by this time.

I can never tell you how much we enjoyed our visit with you and Alice. We were excited to stay at Casa del Oidor with the spectacular background of Agua and the evenings by the fireplace, to see Antigua, to visit the ruins of Rofesion, and to



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APARTADO POSTAL NO. 1067 Y 1068
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
CABLE ADDRESS: INHOTELCOR


Spend two days touring Guatemala via Chichicastanango and Quezaltenango with the 2 best guides in Central America.

Do hope that Alice has no problems renting her house in Tegucigalpa and will soon join you in Casa Popenoe in Antigua. We are looking forward to your visit in March! We shall be leaving here Sept. 18th.

With warmest regards,
Dorothy & Jack

Sept. 9 P.S. I had a delightful day with Sara Burgos out at the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura yesterday. Hera Osegueda was there too. I'm expecting both of them to have lunch with me at the hotel one day next week. Dgk.





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1117 MCCARTY HALL
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601

January 10, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Doc:

About three or four weeks ago a box of Danly cigars appeared on my desk. As I suspected, they came from you via Hugh and I have been meaning to write to express my thanks. Throughout the holidays they have provided me with excellent smoking. Many, many thanks for a fine Christmas gift.

Dorothy joins me in wishing the best for you and Alice in 1972. We hope that 1972 will find you in Gainesville as our guests. Keep us informed of your plans so that we can make appropriate arrangements. There are a great many things both in relation to EAP and the University of Florida that I would like to discuss with you. Therefore, it seems imperative that you plan to spend some time at our home when you are up this way in March or April.

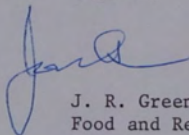
A highlight of 1971 for Dorothy and me was our visit to Guatemala. Never in our lives have we gotten as much enjoyment from visiting a country in as short a time as we did in Guatemala. We recognize, of course, that the success of our visit came about because of you and Alice.

Our holiday season was both happy and rewarding to Dorothy and me. Our two sons and their wives and four children were with us during a period of about two weeks. We enjoyed the grand-children, and I particularly enjoyed the times that I spent with my two sons, John and Bill. Both of them have chosen professions ideally suited to their characters. John is an extrovert lawyer, and Bill is a quiet but understanding and effective doctor. Needless to say, when I get in a discussion with them I have to be careful.

I have not had an opportunity to talk much with Hugh since the meeting in Zamorano in early December. As you know, he travels a lot and then too, both of us are quite busy. In a telephone conversation with him last week, however, he indicated that he had written to Armour requesting a monthly report from Armour on progress made on each recommendation of our EAP study. As yet he has not had a reply but he indicated that he intends to keep pressing for progress reports. Only if this is done, I suspect, will substantial progress be made, so I am hopeful that he will keep insisting on such reports. Needless to say, I was delighted with the selection of Hugh as the President of the Board of Trustees. In terms of interest, knowledge, and over-all ability, I do not think they could have made a better selection. With Hugh in this spot, I think that some real progress will be made at EAP.

Please give our love to Alice. We look forward to seeing you both in the United States in a few months.

Regards,



J. R. Greenman, Professor
Food and Resource Economics

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January 28, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Gautemala

Dear Doc:

I learned from Hugh yesterday that you had undergone an operation within the past few weeks, but that the reports indicated that you are doing well. Dorothy joins me in expressing the hope that you continue to progress and will be your usual vigorous self before too long. We still want the pleasure of seeing you here in Florida and want you to be in good shape for any kind of discussion that comes along.

Please give our love to Alice. We think of you both often.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Jack', is written over the typed name.

J. R. Greenman, Professor
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July 19, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala
Central America

Dear Doc:

Many thanks for the box of cigars that arrived today via California. Although you may not have realized it, my birthday was on July 15, so the cigars came at a very appropriate time. I shall certainly keep you informed of my need for cigars and will endeavor to repay you whenever we have an opportunity to see you again.

I am pleased with the reports that Hugh gives me on E.A.P. Apparently, some progress is being made to implement our recommendations and there are prospects that a good deal of what we recommended will be carried out ultimately. Hopefully, top administrative assistance will be obtained before too long, for I believe that is the main weakness of the school.

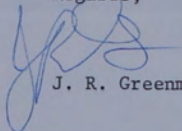
Please give our regards to Alice. We hope that you and she will find an opportunity to visit Gainesville before the end of the year, and that we will be able to have you as our guests while you are here. I will be glad to see that you have transportation to go anywhere that you wish in the state. Either Dorothy or I or both of us can make ourselves available. Moreover, since I last talked to you I am sure a great many things have happened in your part of the world, as well as the United States, that will provide us with many hours of entertaining discussion.

This weekend, Dorothy and I are driving to West Palm Beach where our son Bill has just started the practice of medicine. He informs us that his schedule is so full that he has to work to 7:30 or 8:30 at night. I think it is a commentary on the shortage of medical men in the U.S. when a young doctor in a new area finds himself this busy at the beginning of his practice. Because the AAEA meetings are being held in Gainesville this year, we have been unable to visit Central America this summer as we had hoped. We will put to use the short time available between the end of the meetings in late August and the start of school in September, to visit our son who is practicing law in Las Vegas. Let me know if you want me to place any bets in your behalf.

Your letter of May 19 was most interesting and informative. I hope you were successful in getting over to the faculty members the idea that most of the reduction in staff will take place through Attrition. It was also good to hear that your health has improved as a result of the operation. I know others who have had the same operation and they have all reported excellent results. Incidentally, what was the outcome of Walter Fick's brush with the law?

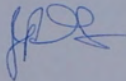
Give our love to Alice and be sure to take care of yourselves. Frequently, Dorothy and I reminisce over the wonderful three days that we had with you two in Guatemala.

Regards,



J. R. Greenman

P.S. Enclosed you will find my check for \$15.00. Perhaps this will pay for some of the cigars you've been sending my way. I'll make up the difference when I see you.





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MCCARTY HALL

April 11, 1973

Wilson Popenoe
Antiqua, Guatemala
C.A.

Dear Doc:

On Wednesday of last week I had an opportunity to talk briefly with Hugh at the meeting of our Kiwanas club. Hugh gave us a good talk about the work being done in connection with the Sea Grant Program that he supervises. I am sure that you are aware that you have a very talented son but I am always amazed at his many interests and capabilities. On Thursday night of last week, Dorothy and I had dinner with Wayne Reitz and wife Fran. Wayne has had a very interesting two years in Thailand and is now arranging to settle down in Gainesville. I assume that from now on he will be taking short term consulting assignments in various parts of the world. Both he and Fran looked good and I must admit that his golf is disgustingly superior.

My contacts with Hugh and Wayne reminded me one more time that I have owed you a letter for many months. As a weak excuse for my procrastination perhaps I can say that I have had a considerable number of minor ailments from which I now seem to have recovered but as a result of repeated upsets I have decided to retire on July 1. It was not an easy decision to make for as you know I really love my work. However, I felt that I might be better off to retire and take on various jobs that come along, working at my own pace. Dorothy and my two boys have been urging me to do this for some time so I guess that I am doing the right thing.

In my brief talk with Hugh, I learned that Bert Muller is making some real progress at E.A.P. I did not get the details from Hugh but hope to learn about what has happened as soon as I can get in touch with him. As I have indicated to you before, I think that the key problem is in the leadership and I strongly suspect that it will be as difficult to get a director that fills the needs of the school as it would be to get a good university president in the United States. However, such a man must be available and if he is I know that Hugh and the other members of the Board will find him.

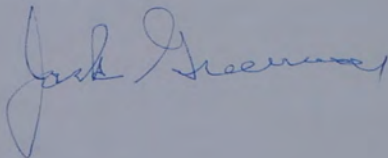
A number of things have happened here that you may not have heard about. Tefertiller, who was Chairman of our department, has moved up to

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replace York as Vice President for Agriculture. In turn, York has moved up to the position of Executive Vice President for the University, and it is rumored that he will replace President O'Connell when he steps out in a few months. With all of these changes, I find it even more difficult to leave the University for I believe that things will be very interesting during the next two or three years. I trust that you and Alice are continuing to enjoy good health and if you are I am sure that you are enjoying life for you have so many interests to keep you pleasantly occupied. Again, if you ever get up this way I want you to know that the Greenman household will be available. We would enjoy having you as our guests for as long as you can stay.

Hugh informs me that he will see you some time early in May. If I can persuade him to do so I will include a couple of cans of Gillette foamy and a bottle of after shave lotion that I particularly like. It not only makes your face feel good, but also adds a little perfume. I still think that you should have cashed the check for \$15 that I sent to you to help repay you at least in part for the good cigars that I have received. Since you seem adverse to taking Yankee dollars, I will have to try to repay you with a few steak dinners when you come to Gainesville. Dorothy requests that I convey her regards to both of you.

Sincerely,



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