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July 4th 1963

FINCA AMANTLA
SANTA TECLA EL SALVADOR

Dear Dr. Popov -

It was so kind of you to give me your article on fruits and also the catalogue - Many thanks - The boys and I enjoyed so much our visit that afternoon with you - It was simply fascinating talking about the trees and plants and now I am all excited about trying out all kinds of plants - Certainly a lot can be done here in Salvador - and I intend to try to see what I can do - We have good land at all kinds of altitudes so surely something can be done -

Please get in touch with me when you come here to Salvador. It will be a pleasure to see you again and I would love to have you come to lunch or supper - whichever is convenient for you - I will speak to Chico + Lee Debra

and ask them to let me know when you come.
I expect to be in Guatemala within several
weeks and if I can I will drive over to Antigua.
Here's hoping I find you at home again -

Very sincerely

Mimi Guevara

January 15-1965

FINCA AMANTLA
SANTA TECLA EL SALVADOR

Dear Dr. Poggenow

It was very good to hear from you and I want to thank you very much for telling me when I can find old colonial furniture - Really - that is extremely kind of you because I am most anxious to furnish a colonial house I have at the Hacienda with colonial furniture - The Hacienda + house date back to 1603 and for several years now I have been having a delightful time "re-doing" the house - When you are here in Salvador I would love to show it to you -

For a long time I have wanted to drive over to Honduras just for the outing and now that you tell of places to visit that makes it doubly interesting - Also I would love to see your Zamorano. I have heard so much

about it and it must be a fascination's
glare - Perhaps when you are there I could
arrange to drink one. Almost any time
is all right for me except for the week of
February 8th when I must be in Guate-
mala for a meeting - Would my Buick
be able to travel easily the roads in Hon-
duras? I have a good chauffeur who
loves exploring about the country-side and is
always ready whenever I want to go some-
where -

I do hope we can arrange to meet in Hon-
duras - When I am in Guatemala I'll drink
one to Antigua to say hello - I bet it is
cold there now as we are quite chilly here
but it does feel good -

Best wishes for this new year

Cordially

Mimi

Finna Amantha
Santa Tecla
Sept. 28 - 1965

Dear Wilson,

At last I am home again in
Amantha and I am so glad to be rid
of hotels and restaurants - I was lucky
that the weather cleared just enough to let
the plane through as our weather now is
really wet and gloomy.

The trip in Canada was delightful
especially but the boat we travelled on
in the St. Lawrence River had been much
better days and was not very comfortable
and the food worse than boarding school
according to the boys - The main thing is
that we had a fine time together and
that is what counts in the end. At least

you and what have you been doing?
Any more travelling or staying in Antigua
for a while?

Next month I have to come over to
Guatemala and I am making tentative
plans for around the 18th or 19th October.
I would like to see you and perhaps I
could drive over some after-noon from the
city to say hello. As usual I am in a
bit of a rush and this little trip to Guate-
mala unfortunately includes the dentist
which always weeds me out - but needs
must see him - As soon as I know
how my schedule works out I'll let
you know so that I'll be sure to find you
at home at a convenient time for you -
Hope all goes well with you -

Affectionately - Mimi (Gurrrola)

Firma Amable

Santa Teresita

Nov-13-1965

Dear Wilson

It was very nice having that little visit with you and you were a dear to take time out from your busy schedule to see me.

Again I am coming to Guatemala. This time Nov. 18-19- and 20th - Will you be free on the 20th because I would love to see you? - Just give a telephone call to 23446 in Guatemala City and leave a message with the secretary - That is the office of La Continental S.A. Here's hoping we can see each other -

The other day I went down to the Heróides and the weather was beautiful and I

had a fine time - I started out by
having a long walk on the beach + then
went up into the hills where the house is
located - I now have twelve cuts in
the caroma but they do a better job
than Sanidad ever did - Some day
you must see the old house - It has
quite a lot of charm but best of all
it is a fine spot just to relax - I
think it must be the sea breeze we
get that makes us feel so good there.

Looking forward to seeing you

Affectionately

Mimi

Amantla -
Santa Tecla
Nov - 22 - 1965

Dear Wilson -

It was a wonderful time you gave me last Saturday at your home but then I always have a fine time with you - It was very nice to have lunch with you and you were a dear to invite me - Many, many thanks. I enjoyed your home guests very much and please give them my very best regards -

I was sorry I left so early but I felt a cold coming on and as soon as I reached Guatemala City I went to bed - I feel better now and have the upper hand over the cold but I am staying quiet for a few days as I do not want to come down with something fierce as I have a lot I want to do before I go away to Gringo Landia - On our way out of Antigua I passed by the monastery or is it convent of that charming friend of the Bishop of the good old days - I was so sorry we did not get to see it but next time when I am in Guatemala and if you will spare the time will you show it to me? you see - I do write letters

and to-morrow I will write you another one with the information about shipping the bench via Transportes Palmieri. I think you are very kind to give me the bench and I am simply thrilled. I wish you would see the old Hacienda house - It is rather quaint + I must say it has plenty of atmosphere - When do you plan to come to Salvador? Please let me know so that I can do something for you because it would give me great pleasure as you are always doing things for me -

Our trip back to Salvador was pleasant - The men at immigration in Salvador all seemed a bit with hankies and took papers to fill out their papers for us - It took us only four hours so no use to complain.

I hope all is well with you - Thanks for showing me those charming houses - What fun we had! -

Affectionately

Mimi

Antigua Guatemala,
Guatemala, C. A., Noviembre 23 de 1965

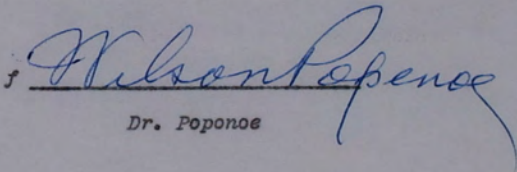
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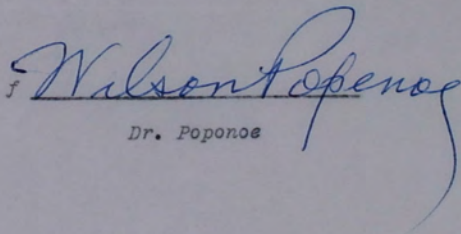
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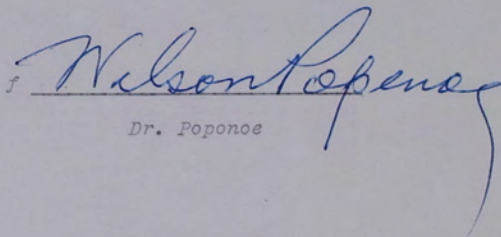
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Dr. Poconoe

26 November 1965

Firma Amantla

Santa Tula

Dear Wilson -

At last I have some papers for you to give to the truck driver who will take the benches from Antigua to the Palmieri Transport office at Calle Real de San Juan # 13-90, Zona 7 Guatemala City -

I am enclosing a form with two copies which the Transportes Palmieri office requests that you please sign and send with the benches to their office in Guatemala - I am also enclosing a copy, signed, of a letter I am sending to Palmieri in Guatemala - Just in case my letter to them should get lost the driver can have this copy to help the situation -

You are a darling to give me the benches and also to bother about getting it to me - Many, many thanks -

I have just come in from the garden where I have fixed up one part which has always been dreary

looking and now I am satisfied. We put in
some new steps made out of teakum and
grass and the effect eventually will be lonely
me the grass derides "to tabs." I should have done
this in the rainy season but I never got around
to it.

Last night I sat beside Victor DiSa at a
small dinner and he told me that poor Chico has
to keep on that cast on his leg until some time in
January. How perfectly dreadful - Poor man -

Two days ago a very good looking silver candle
stick - the real McCoy - of Spanish Colonial days
was sent to my home in which I wanted to buy it -
You can imagine how thrilled I was - It is lonely
and now the maid is having a hectic time cleaning
it - I think you would approve of it -

But all is well with you -

affectionately

Mimi

June 18-1966

The Warwick

5701 MAIN • AREA CODE 713 • JACKSON 4-2181 • HOUSTON 1, TEXAS

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: JACKSON 6-1991

Dear Wilson-

I hope this note finds you back in Guatemala and with plans for a visit to Salvador. It will be so much fun to show you the Hacienda and how beautiful your lovely house looks there. It really "makes" the home and you were a darling to give it to me and to so thoughtfully to make it have it shipped home. Many thanks again.

As you see - I am in Texas and in a day or two will start back to Salvador - I am north for their graduations and to see my parents. The days have simply flown by but I will be very happy to return home - I had to leave little

A HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

Cynthia alone in Salvador but as I have
excellent servants and she is busy in school I
don't think she will miss us as much as the
boys and I miss her.

How I love the rainy season - the terrific
storms which I find exhilarating and the
business of every thing. This year I hope to do
quite a bit of planting down at the Hacienda
and I can hardly wait to get started. Finally I have
decided when I want to make a kind of clearing
down by the ocean where I can have a little place to
relax and enjoy the sea - There is a nice virgin
forest near by and I want to clear it out a little
so I can see the huge trees - nothing like projects

Bill McFadden is here in Horstern and this
afternoon Dorothy Parker is coming for the week-end.
It should be fun - You probably will remember
them from past years in Antigua - I hope to
come to Guatemala soon after my arrival to
Salvador - Will drop by to see you - and here's
hoping that I find you at home -

Very affectionately.

Mimi

13-February-1975

Friera Amambla

Apartado 1786

Santa Tecla.

Dear Wilson -

How very kind of you to go to the trouble to get me the gardening
from Honduras - I appreciate very much all the bother you are going to and I
do want to thank you with all my heart - It will be just great if we
can get one - but the man sounds awfully busy to me - I will keep my
fingers crossed and hope for the best - There just might be a chance that
he will make one - How much do you think I should make the check out
for $\frac{3}{2}$

Those new laws that are being made in Antigua are discouraging to say
the least - goodness - if it hadn't been for the foreigners who cleaned up
and straightened out all the mess in that fallen city it wouldn't be
what it is today - Next time I come to Guatemala I'll make a quick trip
over to Antigua to look at the future suburbs - It could be quite pretty and to
be able to have a view of the volcano and mountains would be perfect.

After my trip to Guatemala I found a note from the headmaster of
Lynthia's school asking me to please come to the school because she was
so rebellious - Really these teenage youngsters are dreadful!!! - So I
rushed to the states for five days - and managed to set things more or
less straight - and to keep my daughter in school - I was so afraid they
would send her home - Lynthia is such a bright student with all kinds of
opportunities that many children would love to have - Such a poor one is. My
way she promised to try harder and to be more cooperative - Time will tell - I
and their aim to ruin our youth and our
Church -

First time in eight weeks - he will have a little table set up in the morning room because it is sunny and the view is nice - This morning the cast will be removed from my right leg which I hurt quite badly the day after my return from the states - I must say that I have started this year out with a bang! -

A few nights ago I went to dinner at Doris and Victor DeSola's. It was for some people in the UniSola company - rather - I should say from UniLorex who had come out from England. It was pleasant and the nice part was that we were only ten people and the conversation from the guests of honor was brisk and both man and wife had a delightful sense of humour - Victor's vehicles are lovely and he takes great pleasure in them.

Leo DeSola came for a drink the other day and as usual it was agreeable - Chico had gone to Nicaragua - so he could not join us. I like them both very much. Chico is delighted about the apple trees -

You must really have tourists galore these days - Lock up your good things that are small enough to be stolen. Remember that lovely little statue - wood carving that was ~~the~~ "lifted" - goodness!!!

Mother asks to be remembered to you - My best to all your family - and many thanks for your help about the painting

Affectionately -
Mimi