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7534 N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Miami 58 - Fla.  
July 31<sup>st</sup> 1960

Dear Dr. Wilson Popenoe:

I was so pleased to see your name in the Miami Herald today and feel maybe I can say "Hello" to you one day.

I have tried so hard to get one of your books on Tropical Plants.

My new dear friend Mrs. Ann Perry has a most useful book you have written which I can use but:

Can you tell me where I can buy one? Mrs. Perry has a book in print at present and should be out this month of August. She has many unusual plants and I do too. We compare notes all the time. For instance I have (or bought for) an Black Sapote in 1951. This year it has its first fruit. True it is black, inside and out but too small for any good. I think

this way and so does Ann.

By the way Dr. R. F. Allison of  
Belle Glade, Fla - Experimental Station,  
whom I visit with and exchange plants:  
speaks of you with great praise:

Trusting I may hear from  
you, I thank you for  
your time.

I am Sincerely,

Ann D. Hamlin

(Mrs. E. Ray Hamlin)

Monstera Deliciosa  
(I can not say enough  
for this fruit)  
Fig - - Carrisa Plum  
Sea grape  
Yucca - Casava  
Lemon grass - from Ann Perry  
Vetiver grass " " "  
Citronella grass - Homestead Station  
Tea plants have had 10 years  
would like to use  
Coffee but it smells to me  
like spices one  
Loquat would use in Curry.  
Lemon To smell this, is to  
Camphor tree taste and is wonderful

I have: Rose Apple:  
Ginger roots (from Dr. Allison)  
Ginger flowers (Dr. Allison)  
Black Sapote  
White Sapote - No fruit yet  
Dracads - No fruit yet  
Strawberry Tree  
Pea Tree  
Tomatoe Tree (Looking for a better one)  
Spinach Tree (I will not use for lack of knowledge)  
Carombola - Guava  
Canastal  
All Spices so wonderful  
Mahogany - (only 2 years old)

And many more  
but looking for more  
also.

Antigua, Guatemala, 21 October 1960

Mrs E. Roy Hamlin  
7534 NW 4th Ave, Miami, Florida.

Dear Mrs Hamlin:

Sorry to be so slow in acknowledging receipt of your letter of 31 July, and in thanking you for the very interesting stamps - also the clipping which I assume came from the Miami Herald. My good friend Nixon Smiley keeps pretty closely in touch with horticultural affairs in this part of the world. And you mention my equally good friend Bob Allison; I have just had a letter from him and he may be coming down here soon.

I am sorry to say it is nearly impossible, now, to get a copy of my "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits" which has been out of print for some years. Once in a while Ed Menninger of Stuart writes that he has a copy for sale, second hand, but the price is about \$35. I am working on a new book on the same subject; we need one because the old book was written in 1920 and there have been lots of developments since then.

You mention the black zapote. When I was working at the little Plant Introduction Garden on Brickell Avenue back in 1914-16 there a fine Black zapote tree on the S B Bliss place, not far north of the railroad crossing at what was then Buena Vista. The fruit was not much good. All that area has been built up in recent years of course, and the Bliss avocado orchard, the first large planting of grafted avocados in Florida (they were all Trapps) disappeared long since.

The list of plants you are growing is very interesting. The thing for you to do now is attend that meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science which will probably take place during Easter week next year. You don't have to be a member of the Society to attend our meetings. I rather think we will make our headquarters at Homestead if Bill Krome can find enough room for us there. The paper says 200 will come from tropical America. There will not be nearly this many; I would guess 50 from this part of the world but I believe there will be a hundred people in south Florida who will attend the meetings. And you would have a chance to meet quite a few people who might later send you seeds or plants.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

4534 N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Miami 50 Fla.  
Oct. 29-'60

Dear Doctor Popescu:

Thank you for the interesting letter. I am happy to learn you are working on a new book. When do you think it will be on the market? I know that is something to ask, but I would like to look forward to buying one. My friend in Ft. Lauderdale (Ann Perry) took years to write "Dooryard Supermarket in the Tropics and Subtropics". But I have one of the first books and how I enjoy referring to it.

Here is another of Nixon Smiley's articles. You will enjoy reading.

Do you do like the interesting stamps?  
I will enclose 2 of the newest ones.  
When you speak of S. B. Bliss place  
in Bona Vista I must say, some  
years ago we lived just one  
block west of this place. Today  
it is really built up there. That is  
one section of Miami that has done  
very little building since about 1930.

It is possible we will be at that  
meeting in the company of Ann Perry.

Most Sincerely

Ann S. Hamlin

Mr. Hamlin said, to tell you  
One day we may see you place in  
your part of the world. Of course his  
vacation is July and I guess that is cool weather.  
Ann S. Hamlin?



Antigua, Guatemala, 3 November 1960

Dear Mrs Hamlin:

Only two days now, until you folks will know whether you are going to Hell with the Democrats or the Republicans.

Thanks for your letter of 29 October, and Nixon's article. He and I are great pals, as you may know. I look forward to seeing him and all of you at our horticultural meeting in Miami about the end of next March. Not so far away, at that.

The book on which I am working will not be in print, probably, until some time in 1962. These things take time. It will be my swan song and I want it to be a good song.

Thanks for the stamps. I am not a collector but I find some stamps interesting. For example, those I am enclosing for you. The Spanish stamp carries a picture of old Cabeza de Vaca, who founded Saint Augustine in your state. The Honduran stamp has a good picture of Abraham Lincoln, because I appreciate the fact that some of these tropical American countries revere our great men. And the Guatemalan stamp shows my friend Carlos Castillo Armas, who saved Guatemala from Russian communism, and who was assassinated here in the national palace. Quite a bit of history in these three stamps!

Tell Mr Hamlin not to worry about cool weather down here; it is just about the same all year round. Drops down to 60 in July and may drop to 48 in February. I hope you both can visit us here - any time of the year is all right. If you don't come earlier, I look forward to meeting you at our gathering next March 27th.

Sincerely,