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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.

Witchy and Arnold D. Hayter

Hayter Travel Associates
50 Av 8-68 Zorro 1

greet

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

and present, Mrs. Robert L. Uhry and her friends, Dr. and Mrs. Peter Deiches. Mrs. Uhry had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the "Casa Popenoe" on her first visit to Antigua and since February 1st. requested the opportunity to see it again on her present visit and show it also to her friends, who only have today and tonight in Antigua. They are staying at the Posada Belem and would appreciate your permission.

How are you and Mrs. Wilson?

Guatemala, March 10, 1959.

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August 14, 1957

No. 6196

Dr. W. Popenoe
POPEÑO HOUSE
Antigua G., Sacatepequez

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We were delighted to read that you were retiring from your arduous duties and that we would again have you permanently with us. Witchy and I immediately planned to visit you but as you know "the road to hell is paved with good intentions" and we have not gotten around to it as yet. Don't be surprised however, if you find us standing on your doorstep one of these days.

Mr. Driscoll is Southwestern Manager of the Bell Telephone Company and expects to visit us with Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Rhea Fleeson and Mrs. Mary Drake from October 29th. to November 5th.. They will start off with a trip to Puerto Barrios and the Rio Dulce and on the short balance of their stay, will spend the morning of Saturday November 2nd. until after lunch in Antigua.

Don Chapelle, District Sales Manager of Pan American Airways in Dallas, Texas tells us that Mr. Driscoll is most anxious to say "hello" to you and visit your house. He is also apparently a very good amateur photographer and would like to get some movies. It would therefore be very much appreciated if you would give us authority to instruct the guide to call on you any hour between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday November 2nd.

Mrs. Hayter joins me in sending Mrs. Popenoe and you our warmest regards.

Very cordially yours,

General Manager

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CC: Mr. Don Chapelle
District Sales Manager
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS SYSTEM
108 South Ervay Street
Dallas 1, Texas, U.S.A.

Antigua, 17 Sept 1957

Mr Arnold Hayter
Hayter Travel Associates
Guatemala City.

Dear Arnold:

Your letter of 14 August has been slow in getting answered, primarily because there was no hurry! You advise that Mr Driscoll and party will visit Antigua on Saturday 2nd November. We shall be glad to have them visit the house, provided they do not walk in here at 12.15. Let's put the hour at 10.30 to 11, and no guides. Now I will tell you the rest of the story, because I haven't been able to talk with you since we really got back here and got settled.

As you know, this place has been on the list of tourist attractions during the years we have been living in Honduras. That was fair enough. We like to have people - people who are interested - see the place. About 75% of the tourists who come here are not interested. They remind me of Alfred Clark's story; he was taking a carload of tourists through Antigua one day, and finally an old lady from Boston said firmly "Young man" (you can see this a long time ago) "one more church and I'll scream."

Now that this is our home, and we have a lot of work to do, and cannot spend our time showing half a dozen carloads of tourists thru the house on a given day, we are having to change the whole set-up. This is what you already understand. Now, in a case like this of Mr. Driscoll, he seems to be interested. He asks in advance to come here. The matter begins to be personal - and that is the point. When a guide shows people through our house, it is no longer personal. It is commercial. And the guides, as is usual with guides, often tell a lot of tales which are as far from the facts as the story that the Volcan de Agua really erupted hot water and destroyed Amolonga. I don't blame the guides. They have to make a living, just like you and I do. The better stories they tell, the better tips they get.

We are up against a real problem. We really want to receive the right sort of people. Every day we turn away tourists whom we think are not seriously interested. Sometimes we make mistakes. We almost made one yesterday. By chance I went to the door, and there were two nice ladies from Aix en Provence, in France, who know well an old friend of Helen's who is a teacher of English there. If Maria had come to the door they would just have asked to see the house, and she would have said No.

The best we can do is this: When you have a ~~case~~ like the Driscolls, you write us in advance as you did in this instance. We will make an appointment, and they must come at the time suggested. It must be a personal call on us, with of course the idea of seeing the house, but no commercial guides - they take away the personal feature entirely. You will hold down requests for admission to really bona fide cases - other tourist agencies must not think Hayter is the only favorite!

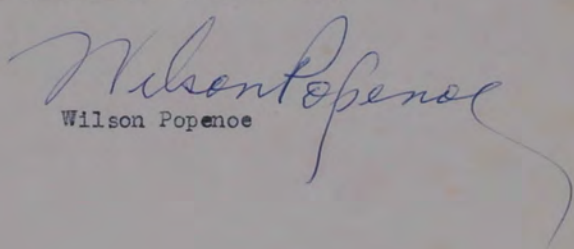
Ever yours,



Antigua Guatemala, 5 de octubre de 1957.

Despues de una ausencia de muchos años, la familia Popenoe ha regresado a la Antigua para vivir en su casa, Primero Avenida Sur número 2, la cual ya no está abierto al público en general, sino con permiso especial. Los interesados podrán pedir tal permiso por escrito, y les será señalado un día y una hora convenientes. Naturalmente, esta disposición no se aplicará a los visitantes que llegan con cartas personales de recomendación.

After an absence of many years, the Popenoe family has returned to Antigua to live in their house, Primera Avenida Sur no. 2. It is therefore no longer possible to maintain the house open to the public in general, but visitors will be welcomed by special arrangement, which should be requested in writing so that a suitable day and hour may be suggested. Naturally, this does not apply to visitors who come with personal letters of introduction.


Wilson Popenoe



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March 25, 1959

No. 9453

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson Popenoe:
POPENOE HOUSE
Antigua G., Sacatepequez

Dear Helen and Wilson:

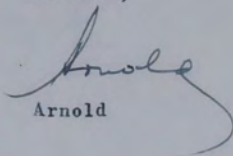
Many thanks for your kind note of March 12th..

I fully understand the problems that arise with visitors to La Casa Popenoe and you may rest assured that any one who is really interested will be instructed to visit you from 4 to 5 pm.. If inquiries are made in advance I shall try to send you a copy of the letter so that you may be forewarned and as instructed I will give them a little card (or Witchy will) introducing them to you.

Business has been so good that we do not have too much time to be out of the office, but I will most certainly drop in on you when I do go at a convenient hour.

Witchy joins me in sending you our very warmest regards.

As ever,



Arnold

ADH:coe,-



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Hope everything is fine with you and Mrs. Popenoe.

LOS ANGELES
6290 SUNSET BOULEVARD
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I would like to inform you that on Monday May 13th. the above mentioned group will be visiting Antigua and naturally they would like to visit your home. They will be arriving in Antigua from Lake Atitlan around noon time and I would like to know if it is convenient for you to take care of them at 3 p.m.. For your information the group consists of 119 persons and will be returning to Guatemala City that same afternoon. If 3 p.m. is not convenient for you, please tell me and I will inform George, who will be incharged of the group, so that he coordinates with the Tour Escorts.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
1411 4TH AVE. BUILDING
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We have been missing you around here, so just drop in and say hello!!

Con cariñitos para Ud. y Doña Alice,

Witchy

ccg.-