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1722 NW 2nd Ave
Gainesville 15 Jan 1963

Dear Pablo:

We hope Dottie is continuing to get better fast. I can't imagine a more favorable place to do it than in that attractive house on that gorgeous beach.

In thanking Girbal for some wild canna seeds a fanatic here asked me to get for him (I hope Federico really sent cannas and not heliconias!) I told him I had written - and what I had written - you in re the lychee marcottes. Federico now comes back as per enclosed (do not return) which is allright only I don't want to give rise to any ideas that I am advising Lancelotti over your head. So will you please tell Federico I thank him for his letter and I have written you again about the lychees. What do you think of his idea of growing the marcottes in the ^{cannas etc} fields then transplanting in pilón? I should think it might be allright if the plants are left in the field for a year or more. There is not as much danger of having the soil too wet or too dry as there is in pots. But for long distance shipment pilónes are heavy.

Ever yours

Pop

Of course we can't ship with soil in the roots, to some countries, among which I believe are the U.S. and Guatemala. Right?

1722 N. W. 2nd Ave
Gainesville 26 Dec 1962

Dear Pablo:

Many thanks for yours of 18th. Bert Miller, the Arnouws, and ourselves were very glad to have more or less detailed news of you folks, and are happy that you are back once more on that lovely beach and in those beautiful surroundings you have created in what might easily be just another of those standard A-type houses. We all hope Dottie's progress from now forward will be steady and rapid.

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In re the Amboune lychee - I am delighted that you expect to have enough of them so that we can begin to get this interesting thing which I still maintain is not a Simon-pure *L. chinensis*, disseminated a bit. But LOOK OUT; if we move them too quick from Lancetilla we are going to lose every damn one of them. We lost 75 at Zamorano at one fell swoop, and saved none out of the entire batch of like number. Some time ago as lychee fanciers got together and agreed that trees should not be taken from Lancetilla until the max-

cottles have been separated from their
mammas at least 6 months. They
should be potted and held in moist half-
shade until the white fleshy roots which
are formed in the marcotte are replaced
by fibrous, brown roots.

When they are ready, I suggest some
such distribution as the following:

- 15 to John Pappene at Homestead,
- of which he should give 5 to N. Smiley.
- 10 to Chris Hempstead for Lake Izabal.
- 10 to Chaso de Sala
- 10 to Zamorano, and so on.

Now about Jorge Moscoso. Both Bob
Armour and I are certain that he
is applying for re-instatement in the
UFCo, and especially in La Lema Research.
As to the picture here, we think more
and more that Gainesville was just one
step on Anne's planned voyage to the
ultimate objective, Montreal. When
they left here Anne told Bob Armour
they were going to make their home
in Montreal - never come south
again. We have turned up nothing
definite against them here. Official
story is that he feared he was going
to flunk out and preferred to step out.
But Rue and Bob say Anne boasted

to them of being a shoplifter - obviously,
in such case, a kleptomaniac, as
she had plenty of money for necessities.
Bob says La Zona should be guided by
Hank Kendrick's opinion; we really
have nothing definite to add here.

Bob made 2 A's and 2 B's at end of the
semester last week. He has an eye on
FAO when he gets his Masters, but
where he actually does land will depend
largely on the voice of not his Master
but his Mistress.

I figure on staying here until March 20;
have to be at the FTG on the 23rd to deliver
the first Fairchild Memorial Lecture -
to be an annual affair. I hope to go to
Guatemala after the lecture and to be
at Zamorano for the mtg of the Board of
Trustees Apr 20. Guess I told you Doris has
resigned; Bert Muller (new here for the
holidays) is Acting Director of EAP and has
been asked to take the job permanently but
probably won't announce (or make) his
decision until the Apr 20 meeting.

All good wishes for 1963 to you both, in
which Hugh joins me.

Affectionately
Pop

Tela
December 18, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

"Lico" (Federico Girbal) has just called to say that the first 25 Amboina Lychee marcotts are off the trees, and in the hardening-off box, and where does Dr. Popenoe want them sent, please? There are more of these to come, a total of about 100, as I remember it. What with all the travel & excitement I have completely gone blank as to whether these are for Gainesville, or Chico de Sola, or Chris Hempstead. If you want 'em in the States we will need a permit tag, but let me know, in any case. It will be at least a month before they are ready to travel, so there's plenty of time.

We have been here in our own little sea-front castle for the last two weeks, and can humbly thank God that we ever made it at all. This has been a very near thing, but I am happy to report that Dottie seems much better since we have been here & in our own comfortable beds & eating our own kind of food. She is still pretty shaky on her feet, and doesn't go out of the house, but it is my guess that she will recover slowly, over a period of several months.

Everything VERY quiet on the banana front here, with everything in the way of betterments & new plantings frozen pending a change in the Agrarian reform law. This profoundly affects us at Lancetilla, by the way, since the lease is up for renewal in March of 1963, and the law now prohibits the leasing of land to foreigners within 40 miles of the coast. The United Fruit Co. is never mentioned by name in these masterpieces, but I am reminded of the minimum wage law in Costa Rica that applied only to agricultural companies employing more than 500 individuals. Neat, no? A lot of finger-nail biting must go into the wording of this sort of thing.

Want to get this into this morning's Cessna, so will close with the season's best and warmest greetings to Hugh & yourself.

As ever,

P.S. - WHAT IS THE STRAIGHT SCOOP ON JORGE MOSCOSO? HE IS TRYING TO GET A JOB WITH THE RESEARCH IN LA LIMA.

Someone is eventually going to have to admit that it costs money to even keep the rail line open, the mowing machines repaired, and the grass out, but that will be a bitter pill, I'm afraid, or perhaps a fairer way of putting it would be that there are other, roughly comparably places in other areas with less problems than we have, and who would be happy enough to settle for even the relatively small sum indicated. It is entirely possible that the size and (honestly) relatively unique character of our collection, and the close proximity to transportation, medical attention, housing, supplies, plus functioning operations in bananas, rubber, oil palms et al MAY persuade them to up the ante, but that remains to be seen, presumably in Trinidad.

The banana sorting job is shaping up well, considering the fact that $\frac{3}{4}$ is on Utila Island, and the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ on the mainland, near Guaruma. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the lot has fruited, and we have set up a provisional framework of more or less natural associations of things to take care of the cultivated types, and have concocted a rough key to the 20 odd wild species, but a tremendous lot remains to be done. Dr. Richardson and I are now supposed to go to Jamaica, when I finish in Trinidad, to look at their collection, and try to correlate their stuff with ours. I don't have much idea how long this will take, but I should think that I will be back in Tela by late July, in any case, and will be in a better position at that time to talk about the future of Lanostilla, in any case, since we should have some definite idea how much the NSF will be willing to contribute, if anything, and whether this will be on terms acceptable to the Company. We do hope that you are serious in your plan to come our way, and that you will be able to tell us more by that time about developments at Zamorano. We hear vague rumors from time to time, but seldom anything very definite, but did receive the notice of Paddock's resignation in today's mail. Is he going away mad, or just going away? Do you know what he plans to do next? I would write & ask, but I feel funny about doing it, since our relations have been rather in the nature of a guarded truce. I don't particularly want to fight with him, and enjoy his company, when we can talk about generalities, and would like to leave it on that basis.

Glad to have some news, practically our first, about the Moscosos. Dottie joins me in warmest regards to yourself, and to all.

As ever,

1722 N W 2nd Ave,
Gainesville Nov 17 1962

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. It is distressing that Dottie's condition is still uncertain. Both Hugh and I wish you could bring her to the University Hospital here in Gainesville, if she is likely to be hospitalised for some time yet. It is generally admitted that they have some excellent medics here. I believe this, and the good Lord knows I have had some experience. Here you would be among friends and I greatly doubt that the expense would be as high as in New Orleans. When I first came here I was in a room with 3 other patients, \$13⁰⁰ per day; after my recent smash-up I was in a "semi-private" room, only one other patient, \$18⁰⁰ per day. These figures included the medical attention but not laboratory tests and X-rays.

Here we are in statu quo ante. Nixon Smiley and wife Sue here here day after tomorrow to spend the rest of the month with us. You may be interested to know that Jorge Muscarel et ux left suddenly for Montreal last week, and say they are not coming back. Bob Armour can't figure it out, much less myself. The official version is that Jorge thought he was going to flunk out eventually, so preferred to save face by leaving. Bob has other ideas, based in part on what ~~Handwritten~~ Hank Lindell has written him. I have still another, based on Jaime Villegas whose wife would not stop short of getting Jaime to throw up his good job

and fine future in El Salvador and come to Georgia and invest all his savings in a little farm near her family, and take out U.S. citizenship papers. Poor Jaime. I bet he is living on corn bread and black-eye peas.

I am interested to hear that you saw the Mercer Russells. I wrote him after having a visit from Marijs father in Antigua last June or July but have no answer. Maybe he never rec'd the letter. I asked him if he would be interested in coming back to the Tropics. I can appreciate his feeling about U.F. Co., though I think the dirty deal he got at Zamorano was more Bob Beasley's fault than Boston's. But somebody put him in wrong at Boston long before that - I could never get the story. It may have been some of Jim Miller's doings. You know he aspired to get me out and take over the school, and he knew I was grooming Mercer for the post of Asst. Director.

Mercur want see the Rockefeller Foundation take over the school, Hugh says; they don't go in for permanent projects, they like to get things started, and keep on others here and there.

But as far as EAP goes, I definitely feel that George Harrar is now at the helm and will stay there; I feel sure the U.F. Co. does not intend to take over again.

Give our love to Dottie; we would very much like to be of help. Please tell us what we can do.

Ever yours

WB

1722 N. W. 2nd Ave
Gainesville 31 Oct 1962

Dear Paul:

The bad news about Dottie in your letter of the 14th struck us like a bomb-shell, both the Arnouers and ourselves. It was hard to believe; I had so recently seen with you in Tela and Dottie seemed quite alright - but of course she is the kind who would never complain, no matter how badly she felt.

We have anxiously awaited ~~any~~^{ed} further news from you, but none to date. I would have written you at the hotel in New Orleans, but figured you would not be there by the time a letter reached N.O. So now I am addressing this to San Luis, knowing it will wait for you if you have been delayed in the South. We not only are terribly anxious to have news of Dottie, but also want to know the outcome of your own checkup. I had one with my doctor here at the Univ. yesterday, after an absence of 5 months, and he says he is fully satisfied with my condition. I don't feel quite as well as I did before I got smashed up. Did I tell you about that? I was coming up

from Miami, happy at the prospect of being here with Hugh for a week, then going on to New York to attend the mtg of The Board of Trustees of E.A.P. Hugh met me at Waldo; we were 6 blocks from home; stopped at a red traffic light to get the green and make a left turn. A drunk in a Chevy coming from the opposite direction didn't stop; was hit by a car going through on the green, swung around, came ahead, and hit us hard. Smashed the whole front of Hugh's Porsche. The steering wheel saved Hugh; he saw what was coming, any how, but I was looking out the window, when WHAM, my face hit the windshield, which it cracked. My nose was badly crushed, one jaw damaged, and face all messed up. A week in the hospital. I don't come back as fast as I did 40 yrs ago, and I have to make up a lot of lost blood; but I am fairly fit once more, gave two lectures last week and am doing quite a bit of writing, mainly on that same book, "Fruit Growing in Tropical America".

And speaking of writing, Nixon Smiley

had quite an article on bananas on his Garden page not long ago. Inter alia, as you would say, he seems to feel that bananas and plantains are different breeds of Felis Somaticus (Pop. nec non L.) the plantains being derived from Musa babbisiana and the bananas from M. acuminata. To me the only difference is that if you eat it after cooking it in some manner it is a plantain but if you eat it out of hand because it is sweet it is a banana. Ergo, if you eat a kutuco (majoncho, topocho, cuatro files, et buxos, in caluit vocantur) before it is soft - you boil it or fry it, the damn thing is a plantain, but if you wait until you can bite off one end and squeeze the pulp into your mouth it is a banana, though a mighty poor one. Right?

I expect to stay here now until spring. The Board sent Bert Muller down to Zamorano "for a maximum of six months" as Acting Director.

Fugh joins in hoping that all goes well with you both.

Affectionately
W. Pop

Antigua 27 Sept 1962

Dear Paul:

I have dug out Rumphius
Herbarium Ambonense, Part V,
MCCCXLVII. "Musa, Fio de India,
Pissang." In Latin and Dutch. Apparently
a photostatic copy. 16 pages 8 x 15 inches.
Languages in parallel columns on each
page. Chap. II is "Musa species", but
this seems to mean Varieties.

I spoke to you about this. If you
want it, I would like to send it to
you in the U.S., where you are up there.
I am taking it with me to Florida
tomorrow. Drop me a line, Box 3603,
University Station, Gainesville.

Saw Chris Hempstead on my way
over here day before yesterday. Said he
was about to fly to Tela in his Cessna.
I hope he made a good haul at Lanca-
tilla.

Hastily
Pop



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

15 September 1962

Dottie Dear,

I shall be living for some time on the memories of that happy visit with you and Paul, in your perfectly lovely home on the beach I know so well. Thank you again, both of you, for the pleasure you gave me.

And to see *Lancestilla* in such beautiful condition! May it long continue in that state!

I said many times while I was there but I reiterate it once more, Paul has gained a firm hold on a project which is destined to win for him a permanent place among the botanical immortals. Nothing can stop him, I am sure of that. Now if we can only get Zamorano back on its agricultural feet! We must and will do it, in spite of problems, problems, PROBLEMAS, as Juan Fernandez puts it. In the words of Knudsen Ryerson, what do we care for expenses? We have lots of them.

I expect to head North in about ten days. As to when I shall come back, only the good Lord knows and He won't tell.

Much love and all good wishes to both of you.

Wilson Popenoe

Tela
September 15, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is just a note to say how much we enjoyed your recent visit, and to urge that you come again, and often, when you feel that you need a change.

We feel that we are moving slowly toward a modest revival at Lancetilla, but can always use suggestions, particularly if they are backed by some acquaintance with the place.

Dottie is starting to get the house packed up for the mosquito spray gang, and for our States leave, but joins me in saying that we'll be back in November, si Dios quiere, and that the latch string is always out.

As ever,

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Tegucigalpa 1 Sept 1962

Dear Pablo -

Mil gracias for having remembered este ~~sea~~ seguro servicio, Q.B.S.M., with the fine box of mangosteens. First I have seen in lo! these many years.

In town over the week-end to cambiar impresiones with some of nuestras honorables colegas. Hard but profitable week at Lamerano. Unscrambling eggs is not a simple matter. But I am getting fine cooperation from practically everyone, especially my old pensos friends.

I'll try to see Paul Standley tomorrow or Monday. He is in bad shape and it is hard to know what to do for him.

Still planning on getting down your way before the present month is out. Mientras tanto, y con saludos afectuosos para los dos.

W. P. P. P.

Research Department
Tela
September 1, 1962

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

You have my sympathy on the budget chore, and I hope I have yours, since that is on the agenda for Monday next at Lancetilla. Ours shouldn't require much revision outside of putting on a mechanic, which I possibly mentioned to you as being needed to improve the efficiency of our Toro mowers & other gadgets.

Your photos have gone over to the Research Lab. in Lima for processing, and should be back by the time you get down. We now expect to be here in Tela through September, but will have to go up to the States October first for a somewhat overdue medical checkup. Nothing seriously wrong that I know of, but suggested by the medicos following my surgery in Boston last fall. Hope that your own recent hemstitching job isn't bothering you too much, but do think you were wise to have it done.

Ricardo Gomez tells me that your acodos on the Amboina lychees are made, and that they are getting the pili seed lined up. I will suggest that they keep 200 or so apart from one of the better trees, for comparison with the others.

If you have difficulty getting away within the next three weeks or so we should be back from the U.S. by about November 1, which shouldn't be too bad. Let us know what you decide, in any case. I could use a few good suggestions on Lancetilla. Dottie is still busy canning mangosteens, but joins me in warmest regards.

As ever,

Tela, Honduras
May 7, 1962

Dear Dr. Popence:

Having made a (fairly) firm resolution recently to resist that impulse to put current correspondence on top of the approximately six kilos of unanswered mail that was awaiting me on our return in January, after two and a half years absence in foreign parts, I take my somewhat battered Olivetti 22 in hand in response to yours of the first, proximo pasado. We are NOT, in passing mad at anybody, so far as I know, but need something fairly strong to get us started, since the tone in the above referred to archaeological deposit has already gone from the querulous, through reproach to downright abuse, in the majority of cases, since the majority of our friends seemingly didn't know we had been away.

Time since our return has been spent in getting moved into a new house, and in recovering from a bang-up case of Asian flu, which collectively occupied about six weeks, including a certain amount of urgent repairs, and in trying to make a start on getting a new man trained to take Jorge Moscoso's place at Lancetilla, and in sorting out our 720 plus banana accessions. Lancetilla looks about as you remember it, but is definitely on a standby basis, with a skeleton crew of 15 men, who keep the grass out and act polite to small children & other visitors. Our new man is Federico Girbal, who sez that he is a Zamorano graduate though I never laid eyes on him before. He is the brother-in-law of our local Medico, and interested in the job (I think) mostly because it will keep him in the area where his family is. He is a nice guy, but no ball of fire, though it is a bit early to judge. I haven't had nearly enough time to spend with him, and he has had to work some of the perennial problems, involving our growing group of neighbors in the valley, out on his own, and I am struck speechless with admiration that he hasn't managed to get himself kilt in the process, at least as of this writing. I have been instructed to go slow on any changes until some decision has been reached in regard to the partial support which may be forthcoming from the National Science Foundation, as part of their considerably advertised program of encouraging long term basic research in the Caribbean area. I will believe this when I see it, but they are sponsoring a conferencia in Trinidad in early July to consider ways & means, and I have approval from Boston to attend as an official delegate from UFCO, even though they have displayed a notable lack of enthusiasm for the whole thing. Keck & Hodge, of the NSF came through here about two months back for a look at our general setup, and acted definitely interested in some sort of arrangement by which staff members and graduate students could spend varying periods of time at Lancetilla, but with the administration of funds in the hands of some University or other organization in the U.S. This has come as something of a shock to certain people in Boston, who apparently thought that NSF was simply going to send us an annual check, to carry on as is. I still don't have any instructions as to what I can agree to, if anything, but hope to receive same before taking off. My present guess, and it isn't much more than that, is that they would put 25-30 thousand dollars a year into the venture, but mostly in the form of transportation expenses and local living costs for those that want to come down. This doesn't help us much on our annual budget, and in fact would increase our costs without much if any additional revenue. IF the area is replanted to Valery, or anything else that will make money, and we get off this present starvation budget we might continue to rock along, but if the present decense al abysc continues we will be out of Honduras lock, stock & barrel in another three years at the most, and Lancetilla will simply be a small item in the general debacle.

W Papenoe
1722 N.W. 2nd Av
Gainesville, Fla.



Mr. Paul Allen
Lancetilla Experiment Station
Tela Railroad Co.
Tela, HONDURAS

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Gainesville, May 1962

Dear Paul and Dotty: It seems to quite a few of us park-choppers that it is high time somebody heard from you and can pass the news around. Do let us hear from you. What seem to be the prospects re Lancetilla, or don't you have any information as of yet, as the Dallas broadcaster says - I see the Moscosos often. They bought an \$800 2-handed car and within a week was knocked off the road, the car completely wrecked and I don't see how Jorge ever escaped with nothing worse than the necessity of a few stitches in his scalp. Dios quiere a sus propios. They went to court, got their insurance money, and bought a brandy-new 1962 Buick sedan, paying a small difference I assume - Jorge is doing well in his classes, Ann has a nice job as cashier in the Unit. medical center.

I was in NY last week, buying Oviedo, Garcilaso and other early chronicles. Attended a mtg of the Board of Trustees of Grant ^{to the} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~which~~ ^{at} Dr Paddock delivered an impressive oration and then presented his resignation which was accepted without a single voice being raised in protest. Effective 31 July; impossible to name a new Director on the spur of the moment; Dr Haccar is going to send one of his men to pinch hit. I figure it may be a year before a new incumbent is chosen.

Unless things go sour in Guatemala, a lot of us will be in Antigua for the ASHS mtgs in June. I feel sure you and Dottie will be among those present. If God grants me grace, I intend to fly over to Honduras in July and spend a couple of weeks at Lamorano; might even be induced to visit Lancetilla. - So there a good chance of your staying put for a while, or do you hear the East a-calling?

Affectionate regards to both of you
Pop

1722 NW 2nd Avenue

Gainesville, Fla, 16 Jan 1962

Dear Paul and Bette:

From various sources, mainly Bob and Ric, and Ann Moscoso, I know that you are back in Tela. Gott sei Dank! Now I believe we shall be able to hang onto Lancetilla. You are to have other duties also, I believe, but you can always terminate your conversations with the jefes, "And oh yes, of course there is Lancetilla. Now let's see" and so on ad infinitum.

Many thanks for Paul's good letter of 3 dicen pmo. ppdo. Yes, I am getting along pretty well, went to Santiago with Tony and 4 sabias for a big discussion of research problems, all of Christmas week. You can imagine I couldn't just lie back in bed and tell Maria we would have a cocido for lunch (then we would get fried chicken, she likes it better) and ask Taya if she had put toilet paper in the guest house.

And now, yesterday, I delivered my first lecture in the College of Agr and have at least three or four more promised. I think the professors are not really averse to having me take these classes off their hands.

I agree that Lancelilla can be - and should be -
made to pay for itself in part, and I also feel
that expenses can be cut down materially by
stopping work on certain areas where we have
already obtained all the information we need or
are going to get. These and other things we will
discuss when I come down in May or June - I
doubt that I can come before that. It may be just
as well; you will want some time to get in touch
with the whole situation and formulate plans.
I am convinced Lancelilla can and will be
saved.

We are relieved and happy to know that you, Paul, came
through that operation in good shape. It will prob-
ably mean much to you. I can only
only wish an operation would give me back the
strength I had 20 or even 10 years ago, but it won't.
One reason being that I shall reach 70, come March.
You know I am a very religious man, and there-
fore believe what the Good Book says about those
allotted three score years and 10.

I plan to run down to Dade County for a week
or more, early in Feb, to compare impressions
with the Old Guard. Write me when you can.
Always your obt. serv.

Chico de Sola

W. Popenoe
writes that he will come here for a day,

about the end of Feb.

St. Louis
December 3, 1961

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is in very belated acknowledgement of your good epistles of Oct. 12 & Nov. 27, telling of recent developments in re the EAP and other activities which we take as indicating a considerable degree of recovery from your past infirmities. We sincerely hope this is the case, since we can't imagine you in any other condition than full of the old steam. I leave here for Boston tomorrow, and should be in Tela by mid or late December, if all goes well, so that we can renew our invitation to spend some time soaking up sunshine and fresh Honduran air whenever you get tired of the winter climate of Gainesville.

News with us is so varied, and by now covers such a muddle of things as to be out of the question in the brief scope of a letter, but we will postpone everything but the high spots for the time of your visit. We spent 27 months in the Orient, as you know, collecting bananas in the Philippines, British North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak, Malaya and Indonesia, with short side trips to Japan, Hongkong, Formosa, Thailand, Ceylon and India. We now have a total of about 725 collections between Utila and the mainland, which will have to be sorted for duplications. This, together with the general administration of Lancaetilla, will presumably occupy my time after our return, with the time about equally divided between the two. Jorge Moscoso is reported to be considering further schooling at Gainesville, which will mean finding someone to take his place by early in the year. I actually know so little about conditions in Honduras now, and can't decide until I get there how much to attempt in the way of refurbishing Lancaetilla. Maybe you would have some ideas, and we could talk it over if you come down. If Honduras is to be abandoned, lock, stock and barrel, as is sometimes rumored, we might as well relax, or at least start looking for another sponsor, but if such is NOT the case, we might try to make the place partially pay for itself. I have discussed this possibility several times with Harris and Van Diepen, and can expect their fullest cooperation.

Time in the U.S. since our return has been spent in Boston, where I ~~again~~ had an unsuspected sarcoma and several inches of intestine removed (this is apparently what has been diagnosed repeatedly as my "spastic colon"). This little adventure has actually caused me a minimum of discomfort, and only delayed our removal to St. Louis, where I have engineered the sale of a piece of property belonging to my mother, and sorted through a sixty year accumulation of photos, letters and personal effects, burning about 99%. This has been a nuisance, but should save us more than \$1000 a year, in sundry items of maintenance, and free us from having to spend all our future vacations solving the current minor crisis.

Present indications are that I will spend three or four days in Boston for a final medical checkup, and then move on to Washington, for a few words with Doc Reinking and the Plant Quarantine boys, then to Longwood Gardens, to see a "new" species of banana, recently imported from the Philippines, and then by sea, if at all possible, to Honduras. I am hoping to get another house, in a less isolated location, in Tela, since Dottie feels nervous about being alone with so many people out of work looking for anything not nailed down. IF this is approved, and I anticipate no difficulty, due to the general lack of Gente in Tela, we may be occupied in a move, for the first week or so, but will welcome visitors thereafter, as indicated above.

This isn't much of a letter, but will let you know that we're still alive. Put Payne, in The Research Dept. in Boston will always know where I am, and will forward mail, so would suggest that as my best mailing address until further notice. Dottie joins me in warmest regards to Hugh and the Armour's, and to yourself.

Asx ever,

Paul

1722 NW 2nd Ave
Gainesville Fla 27 Nov 1961

Dear Paul:

Reumor hath it, from Harold Loomis via the Smiley's who were here last week, that you and Dottie are moving back to Tela. Oh how I hope they will leave you permanently at Lanacetilla!! You are exactly the right man for that job, and it has real possibilities. Look what the Atkins garden has done over the years, on a miserable piece of land.

You may have heard that I was in NY last week, attending the mtg of the Board of Trustees of EAP. Bill Paddock is determined to make a Facultad de Agronomia out of our little school, with the prize for each student a B.S. degree. He has quite a few supporters; those opposed which includes Doris y su humilde servidor, are going against the idea - led by Gale Plaza.

Hugh and I may fly down to Antigua for Christmas. I am now keeping pretty busy, bringing myself up to date on Florida horticulture, especially, of course the subtropical fruits. Do drop me a line and tell me of your plans. Affectionate regards to you both

W.C.

1722 NW 2nd Avenue

Gainesville, Fla. 12 Oct 1961

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Many thanks for your letter of 26 August. The Armoura dropped in last night and we were talking about you. We hope you stop here on your way South. We would so much like to hear about your long stay in the East.

I can't do anything yet, except to write a few lectures. My prognosis is very slow, but I am progressing, or so the medics tell me. I don't yet know when I shall be able to work again and this of course is like me no end. And I am still suffering from the loss of Helen and the sudden disappearance of the old home in Santiago which she worked so hard to make interesting and attractive.

Hugh and I have a good apartment here, full of things we brought from Guatemala - old furniture and pictures and textiles - not Indian but Spanish. And I have numerous friends here, including 19 boys from Zamorano, and the Armouras are very good to me.

I don't think I shall go back to the tropics this year, to stay. But eventually, yes, many thanks for the invitation to visit you in Tela. I would love to accept, when the time comes.

Always affectionately
WVP

The Armouras send best regards. and a cloudy Friday in College.

Antigua, 8 August 1959

Mr Paul Allen, Tela Honduras.

Dear Pablo:

As we used to say in Ecuador, Huelgan los comentarios. Nothing could please us more than to have a letter from your new headquarters, viz., Tela, Honduras. Hombre, you and Dottie have hit just the right spot, and as a matter of fact I envy you, for I lived for some 10 years plus minusque, pretty darn close to the house you are now occupying. And incidentally, the house which was built for me by R K Thomas was, after my time, moved over to La Lima, where it appeared in an entirely new garb including about 4 new bedrooms, but no betterment requirements. Just maintenance. You can ask Dave Cloward about it! It was a fair proposition, since Dave had some 5 or 6 children to my half a dozen.

But it sure is a pleasure to have your letter of the 1st instant. You have made a good move, providing you don't stay too long in Borneo and more especially Bali. I imagine Bali, however, is another Miami Beach, and you won't be tempted. But when you mention those bathing beauties on the beach in front of your house it makes me more than a little sore. Why, because there weren't any in my day, when I was young enough to have admired them. And if I must be frank, I think you are a damn liar about those bathing beauties. I am sure Helen and Dottie will back me up.

Now let's get busy and put Lancetilla back on its feet, as you promise. Oh how I wish I could be of some help! Everywhere I go people ask me, Where can I get some rambutan trees or some lychees and everything but some durians. I suppose you will say we can supply all the durians you want but nothing else. Where durians are concerned there is nothing else; durians are quite sufficient. Limburger cheese is expensive and rotten onions cannot always be brought to the table on order.

Bill Paddock spent an afternoon with us three days ago. I feel that he is getting things in hand. Jim Miller and wife are spending the summer at Zamorano as you know. Guests of the Julio Pinedas, but I think Jim has shot his bolt. The sad news is that Jeff Coolidge died a few days ago. We have lost a grand man, worthy descendant of Thomas Jefferson who was perhaps the greatest American of all times, though G. Washington would be rated first by many of our compatriots. But don't you forget that Jeff Coolidge was, next to Sam Zemurray, the greatest backer of EAP. He was so sound, so practical, and withal, the old Bostonian who thought you ought to get a dollar's worth for every dollar spent. Thus say we all of us.

Let us keep on hearing from your snug little cottage there on the beach at Tela. But remember those northerners are going to blow in about the first week in November and Dottie better drag in your expensive rugs from the front veranda. Ha, those old days when I watched the barograph and then at 2.15, in she blew and we scrambled out of bed and dragged in the Sears Roebuck to the security of the living room.

Helen joins in affectionate greetings

a. not p. m.

Pop

I am delaying the trip to Venezuela. The folks at the Univ of Fla are entering into a cooperation down there and I want to let them have first whack at the situation.

Antigua 10 April 1959

Dear Paul:

We recd Dottie's note and hence assume that today you are on your way rejoicing and will be glad to get back to Ye Olde Stamping Grounds where huevos (I mean blanquillos) are not 75 cents US cy per 12.

In preparing myself for the opus Fruticultura Tropical y Subtropical I this morning I pulled out a copy of "Plantas Utiles al Hombre" by Robert W. Scery, translated by P. F. N. y Quer, the Catalán who did that excellent Diccionario Botánico which is in the library at Zamorano. Probably you have used this; I got it in Madrid some years ago.

On thumbing the pages of Schery I came, somewhat to my surprise, to many of your photos - and I madd that you get appropriate credit under each and every one. I did not know you had such a collection of good photos of tropical fruits. I also note that Schery mentions, several times, the work done on tropical fruit improvement at Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I suspect you might have instigated this, because I don't recall that Schery ever came to Zamorano. Of course Louis Williams or Edgar Anderson or someone else might have told ~~with~~ Schery up there, in days gone by. And incidentally, I am very glad to see that Salvat had this work translated. I think Aniceto Leon Garre, who edits the Colección Agricola (and who is my contact over there) has shown excellent taste in the subjects and material chosen for this series. Of course a good many of the works are translations, which is as it should be, when there is not good material available in Spanish. I hope someone at Zamorano has realised how much there is in this series; in one of his memos, Bill mentioned that the library had not been used much because there were so few works in Spanish and the students (as we all know) have a pretty tough time reading technical works in English. If I were Bill, I think I would order the Colección Agricola de Salvat integro. I believe there are some 50 volumes.

Big polemica in the papers over here because the new Ministro de Agricultura is quoted as having intimated that the work of the Facultad de Agronomia and the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura overlap and it might be wise to shut down the latter as a matter of economy - and economy is the watchword these days. Last night the graduates of Barcena came out in the press with a long and well written statement which certainly deserves consideration. If they ask me what I think I shall say that there is not only room but need for both institutions, but that Barcena needs needs to have more of the teaching staff living on the campus and more emphasis on practical work, like Zamorano. I may have told you that Enrique Garcia Salas who was Minister up to a few weeks ago asked me if I would spend a week at Barcena and draw up recommendations like I did for San Andres, and I told him I would; but he resigned and I do not know the new man, who incidentally is not an agriculturist which of course is nothing unusual.

Just finished distributing the 18th carretada of cow manure on the garden. Results of the carretadas put on in January already visible, especially on the roses. Two men and a boy busy today whitewashing the outside of the house, contract price 25 quetzales. Pas cual the duck very sore today because Toya and Gonzalo have emptied the pila to clean it. We had a fine aguacero here two days ago - you have seen Pascual enjoy it.

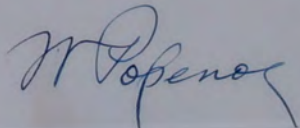
Helen joins in affectionate regards to you both Poh

Antigua G, 7 March 1959

Dear Pablo:

This is just to add a note to what Elena wrote you and Dottie yesterday. You really must come over here for Semana Santa. (I dont like that term, this is a must, it is overworked just like the terms "key man" and "geared to" but I cant do much about those things.) As a key man I have never had anything but a key to the front door, when I had a front door, and as for gearing, I have never been geared to anything but the necessity of earning an honest living.) But when they proposed that I come to Salvador and take over the school they said there would be three vacations, of certain days each, and one would be around Semana Santa, which is a fine idea because nobody can get much work done in Semana Santa, so if this holds in your case just you and Dottie step into your Flamante Chevrolet and come over here as early as the law will permit, and stay with us until the last procession passes by and Dottie says "Omne mani padme hum" or am I mixing up my religions a bit? I am a bit vague when it comes to those matters, but having been baptised in the waters of the Jordan twice a day for three secutive and concurrent days (as they say in Jamaica) (via the shower bath) I dont see how I can be any safer. But that aint the point. We simply aint going to take no for an answer, and you and Dottie are coming over here for Easter week, and we are already starting to buy the new crop of bacalao which has just arrived from Norway. Just tell us when, or if you dont know when, just arrive and when when you ask for me and Toya says "No está, salga la calle" you reply "babosadas" and walk right in with your respective suitcases. Do you get me?

Ever yours,



Antigua G, 11 March 1959

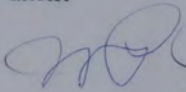
Dear Paul:

Your telegram arrived last night. They always arrive at night. I have a sneaking suspicion it is because the messenger boy knows I am always in bed by 8.30 and if he comes after that he will be sure to find me here and get his tip, whereas, if he comes around 4 or 5 p m I might be out, ergo, no tip. Good reasoning.

We were both delighted to learn that you are coming, but why wait until Jueves Santo? What's the matter with Lunes Santo or Martes Santo or anytother Sahto except San Cudo? Sp if you can get away earlier, just come ahead. It is my impression that govt employes over there have vacation for all of Semana Santa. So come whenever you can; if we happen to be over at Cofifio's garage buying $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of gasoline to keep the Volkswagen running another month, just walk in and tell Maria to tie up Gustavo the Cat so he wont bite you.

Guico de Sola wrote that he was heading for Washn with the Presidential party. Good business. When you come over, show me the check you have received from FAO in Rome. I will show you mine - if I get it by that time. Mario Jalil says they have an awful lot of money to spend here in Guatemala. I like to help folks like that. Weather is perfect here now, and lots of Hippeastrums in bloom, one fine Vanda suavis und so weite. Next time somebody comes down from Florida I am going to see that he brings me $1/2$ dozen good cuttings of Dick's strap leaved vandas. You probably know that Dick and Nell have a home of their own now - I dont know just where. Young Pancoast and Helene have taken over what we called Tom Barbour's house at the Kampong, a fine thing for Daisy Bell. But of all this, more anon.

Ever yrs

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diacritical marks.

Antigua, 6 March 1959

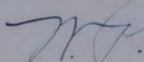
Dear Paul:

Not much news from the Salvador side recently. They seem to have given me up as a Verloren Hoop, as they say in Amsterdam. Helen and I just getting ready to go to market in Ou Donc III, who runs like a scared jackrabbit whenever Helen sees a sign which says "Alto" and needs to get across the street ahead of the traffic.

This is the only point. I am up against that book. I will be a bit slow in getting started but I've got to finish it this year because the stenographic service in Heaven, I hear, is not very good. All the stenographers busy playing harps. I simply must have some help on the drawings and Dottie is called of the Lord to give it - and I don't mean for free this time (have you heard anything yet from the FAO?) Would it be possible, any time after June, let us say, for you both to come over here for a month or two while Dottie draws and I write and you take the Volkswagen to do a little horticultural or botanical exploring?

This is just an idea, but it occurred to me at 2 a.m., my usual hour for the serious work of the day, and I think it is a pregnant thought.

Helen joins in all the best.



Ernest Mortensen when here a week ago told me Ben Birdsall is going to Ethiopia - leaving Salvador in April. Enrique Garcia Salas, resigns as Minister of Agr here today, to be replaced by Marroquin Rojas whom I do not know.

*whom I trained at Lencetilla
30 yrs ago,*

Antigua G, 25 Feb 1959

Dear Pablo (et Dottie, ça va sans dire, as you would put it):

Well, here we are again, as the man says in the circus. I don't know quite how we escaped from California; the sheriff almost caught up with us on those unpaid and (for me) unpayable bills. And no sooner were we installed in the Casa del Oidor when in walks (from the street, where they left the car) the Great Dane et ux, with all the news from El Salvador. Everything he had to say was interesting, especially the statement that he thought I done the right thing by leaving the agrl school to those [better] qualified than myself.

This is just dos palabras to say we wish we could see you, and to add that the folks in Rome, who still owe me \$65, write that there has been some little slip-up and it will be corrected right away, * or toute de suite as we say in Dijon, us dijonnais. I am not going to drop this matter - though I have dropped the \$65.

This is just a prayer that Dottie will help me out with at least a few drawings for that Fru^ticultura Trópic^{al} y Subtrópic^{al} for which I am signing the contract with Salvat Editores today. I am sure she can do a few; I want ask too many and I will make them pay a decent price. This is not a labor of love. It is just a job.

Mario Jalil is here; coming again Saturday. Jorge Benitez coming again tomorrow. No rest for the wicked. Paul told me the following story: Man comes into the hotel and signs as Mr Rummick. Next day the clerk says, Oh yes; I remember your name; rhymes with stummick. The following day he comes in again! Good morning, Mr Kelly. Now figure that out. So good Morning, Mr and Mrs Allen, in which Helen joins and do let us hear from you soon. We think and talk of you so often.

Always affectionately,

* This referring, really to what they owe Dottie. Tell me if and when you get it.

If I am still alive - If not, tell Helen.

Antigua G., 16 Jan 1959

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Paul's epistle to the Antiguans dated 9 del mes en curso, arrived a day or two ago. I cant quite keep track of when letters arrive; every time old Vicente raps at the door with a batch it costs me a quarter so I discourage frequent deliveries.

We are glad to hear you are both alive even tho not flourishing to quite the degree you might desire. I fear all of us who once lived at Zamorano and dont live there now, have come to realise that there are worse places on this planet.

You mention that there has been a rumor afloat to the effect that I am coming over to take charge of the Escuela Nal. de Agricultura. Jaime Chacon sent me a copy of an article wh appeared in Diario Latino of 29 Dec in which it is stated categorically that the gobierno ha adquirido los servicios of el Doctor William Popenoe (sic) para que en año entrante se haga cargo de la Direccion de la Escuela Nacional de Agricultura, and so on. Must be two other guys. (You remember the story: one drunk says to the other, Didnt I meet you in Kalamazoo? And the other says, no I've never been in Kalamazoo, and the first one says, neither have I; it must have been two other guys).

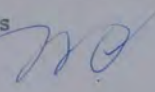
You ask, is I is, or is I aint, and I hasten to make it clear that the article in Diario Latino has no basis of fact so far as I am aware. I dont know who put out the rumor or who picked it up. But I have not changed my views since making the decision last Sept, I believe it was; and incidentally, comments I have received from three guys who like yourself have heard the story or read the article make me feel that I was lucky to have this book to write just at the time the matter was presented to me formally last summer.

I enclose copy of a letter I have written FAO. For Dottie's information y demas efectos, I may state that they were going to deposit \$65 to my account in my bank in Washington, to cover part of my expenses while working for them in Rome, but to date I have recd no deposit slip. I am not much interested in my own reimbursement because it didnt half cover our expenses anyway, but I do insist that Dottie get her stipend.

We have made reservations to fly on the 24th to Mexico; I decided we would stop there 3 days to see Casseres and Ralph Richardson and a few others in the Foundation, and the Walter Turnbills; then we fly on to California, and we have to be back here by Feb 25 or something like that because our tickets are only good for 30 days - reduced fare, only \$203 to Los Angeles and back, plus local tax. Pretty cheap travel. When we get back we will probably come over to Salvador so I can see if I cant talk Dottie into helping me with that book; I dont know what I will do without at least a couple of dozen drawings and I would like more and as I wrote, she will be well paid for them. I will see to that, this time. We have spent 5 days getting our new Volkswagen up here from San José de Guatemala; terrible job, had to work from the Minister down to the office boy in the aduana at San José, except the office boy who made a cross on the dotted line. And when we finally got the little car, and she is a beauty, safely in our Zaguan two nights ago, we find she cant go out on the street until the 1959 placas arrive and some folks say that wont be until April.

We sure want to see youall as soon as possible after our return from the land of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers. Mientras tanto, Helen joins in affectionate regards, and remember me to all the brethren.

Ever yrs



Antigua, Guatemala, 16 January 1959

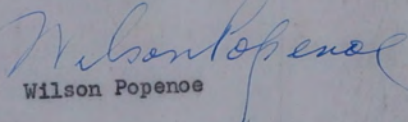
Miss Mary A Ross,
FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalle
Rome, Italy.

Dear Miss Ross:

On returning from Europe, I find that payment has not been made Dorothy O. Allen for the drawings she prepared for use in connection with the little manual of school gardening on which I helped last summer. Please refer to your letter to me of 22 August last (address^{ed} to Almuñecar, Spain) in which you mentioned that payment would be made in early September. The address you have for Mrs Allen is correct.

Best regards to all of my friends there. I look back with great pleasure on the few days we had in Rome.

Sincerely,


Wilson Popenoe

✓ copy to Mrs Dorothy O. Allen

Antigua G, 1 January 1959

Dear Paul:

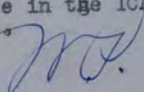
Yr letter of 26th ultimo recd and contents noted. We had been hoping, after sending you a wire before Xmas, that you and Dottie might roll in here in your Chevy before the 4th edition of the Xmas turkey was finished. We had a fine bird, and Maria had filled him so full of rum before slaughtering him that little Carlitos fell offn his chair at the dining table before he had quite finished his drumstick. We surely would have enjoyed a visit from youall. As things now stand, it seems likely that our Volkswagen will be here about the middle of the month; after we get thru with the papel sellados and the fotografias and the multas et id genus omne, I think we will fly up to Calif for a few weeks, as I believe I have told you; and it is quite probable that we may drive over to San Salvador before Easter unless that falls in February this year. I am not very good on those movable feasts, so really dont know.

I wonder if, when you wrote, you had recd my last letter in which I asked if Dottie had recd a check from the FAO folks in Rome. Please tell me about this; for if she hasnt, I will take the documentary evidence I have in hand, and hustle right into the City and demandar the head of the local FAO group and prefer charges before the Juzgado de Primera Instancia. Also, I mentioned in my last that I am counting on Dottie to make this forthcoming Manual Práctico de Fruticultura Tropical the handsomest damn work which has ever appeared or is likely to appear in the foreseeable future.

Thanks for all the Zamorano news. I really feel that things are coming along, tho I am not in full agreement (wh doesnt matter one iota, whatever an iota is - do you know?) with the idea of charging tuition, and I rather fear that we are drifting toward the academic side a bit too much. We may yet end up by turning out pH D's, but maybe that's the right thing to do. I dont know. I dont know nuffin, these days. In fact, I feel like the Irishman who say, I aint the man I used to be, in fact I never have been.

I found your issue of Ceiba here, and read with interest Harry Wise's paper. A pretty good contribution, I think. I do hope they will keep Ceiba going. As to your own program you seem to have plenty of darn good prospects and I am thrilled. I dont think I will offer any advice; you know what you want to do, or will find out - not too late I hope! I hope they get someone at Zamorano who will continue the horticultural work but I doubt that we can equal Mario. When he gets over here I am going to help him all I can - he is not so greatly needed here (with Jorge Benitez on the job) as he is in several other countries I can name, e.g., Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, and even Colombia; but he will have to start where FAO has need of him, and in time he will fall into the more important situations. Mighty sorry to hear about Bob Armour; do tell us how he comes along, which leads me to remark that now we are so near, let's keep in close touch. Mientras tanto, give our best wishes to the Armours and Marip Lewy, for whom I have a profound admiration and even affection, and Ben Birdsall and Ernest Mortensen and all the rest. Jorge Benitez was here yesterday and says White who was horticulturist here has gone to Dhana - after not more than a year here I believe - maybe a little more. You met him in Mexico I think. A local man is now head of horticulture in the ICA; I rather like this, so long as he has Jorge to grow trees.

Helen joins in love to you both



Madrid, 17 Dec 1958

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Just about to hop off, if the weather permits. Been pretty tough here in the Peninsula; yesterday all the local lines were grounded. But we hope to reach Guatemala City on the 20th instant - viendo se verá. We have asked a shipping Co in Hamburg to send over our Volkswagen, wh will probably reach Guatemala around the middle of Jan. It wasnt solely the Tiquisate blowdowns which have cost me the 1000 bucks, any more than it is the weather that urts the orses oofs - its the ammer ammer ammer on the ad ighway. No fruit anywhere, they say; the Co is really up against it, and as you may have eard, it as cut the dividend from 75 to 50 cents.

In going over everything here, preliminary to stepping on board the first airplane which comes over the horizon, I note the letter from the FAO folks in Rome saying they would send Dottie a check in September. If she didnt get it (and they have never sent my check, for the work I did for them in Rome) tell me and I will send them a copy of their letter and ask them to remit. And speaking of drawings, I am just getting lined up finally with Salvat Editores and they have, at my request, offered to pay for the drawings (illustrations) I will need. I told them it would amount to several hundred dollars and nobody fainted. So I hope Dottie will see me through. I want the book to be beautifully illustrated and only Dottie can do it. In looking over my Manual of 1940 I am rather surprised to note how amateurish are the drawings made by Rose Gamble, who was in the Dept of Agr at that time, working under W E Safford on whom be peace and the blessings of Allah.

We got Nixon Smiley's article on Daisy Bell, which is allright but we think might have been better, especially the photo of Mrs Grosvenor. pretty darn awful. The one of Daisy Bell allright. We havent heard from the latter in several months and are beginning to wonder if she is failing a bit.

do send about
Our Volkswagen is supposed to have been shipped from Hamburg to San José de Guatemala, due to arrive about mid-Jan. I shall draw a long breath of relief if and when we get hold of it. I am afraid we are going to be called upon to fly up to California in January, some time. I would prefer to stick right there in Antigua thru 1959. I heard from someone that there is to be an Interamerican Agrl Conference, the 5th, in Guatemala City about May or June. And then the Am Soc Hort Stai, Caribbean Section, at Turrialba in June. So there will be something to do next yr, apparently - aside from writing a book.

Guy in the theatre last night remarked, "Yo soy soltero, como mi padre" and a little later introduced (on the stage of course) a young lady as "mi prima carnal, carnalísima) She looked every inch of it,

We sure look forward to seeing youall. Much love from us both.

W.D.

some inches more than others...

Rancho California, Almuñecar (Granada)
7 Sept 1958

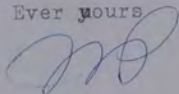
Dear Pablo:

We got back to base after a rather hectic trip from Sta Cruz de Tenerife, nursing 300 avocado seeds which insisted on growing whiskers. But there were compensations: we came by ship from Tenerife with half a day in Lisboa; 4 days in all, air conditioned cabin, lots of grub, free wine with meals, and \$22 each. Cheaper than staying at home. I am threatening to take passage to Buenos Aires and back; Helen can go along if she wants to because it would cost me more to leave her here.

Oh boy, those Canary Islands! It was really a treat to wander as we did several times through that botanic garden at Orotava, founded by Carlos III in 1778 (the only good thing he ever did, some folks say) and see those gorgeous old specimens - they can grow anything there, never any frost but not a hot climate either. We went all over the Island to see the avocados, brought back 300 seeds with us (West Indians) to grow as stock plants here. Had half a day in Lisboa to see that Estufa Fria - absolutely unique, the Portuguese are just about the best gardeners in Europe - and then got to Algeciras late next day, barely caught the bus for Malaga, and took a taxi to Almuñecar, arriving at 10.30 p.m. and couldn't find the trail down to the house at Rancho California but shouted to Luis who got out of bed and rescued us.

Now we have word that Dr Oppenheimer is coming on the 23rd and we will meet him in Granada and show him the Costa del Sol. He is the big shot in Israel, so far as tropical fruits are concerned, and a good guy besides. Then we hear that the Martin Connelys are to arrive in Barcelona Nov 9th and want to see something of Spain. As you may recall, he used to handle the affairs of EAP in the Boston office and handled them very well for 15 yrs; didn't let us spend too much money which suited me right down to the ground. We will have to leave Spain shortly after 1 Oct to go to Stuttgart and pick up our new Volkswagen. We hope to drive back thru France and meet the Connelys at Barcelona. I have just about committed myself to writing the Manual Práctico de Fruticultura Tropical which Salvat Editores of Barcelona (the best publishing house in Spain) wants for its Agricultural Series, and if I finally give in completely, we will have to settle somewhere for the winter, somewhere with steam heat and lots of blankets, and do some writing. I feel it is a very fine opportunity to put something into print - I assume Ceiba will not do much in the future? - which will be of use to tropical America (the Spanish speaking countries especially) for the next 25 yrs or so. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir, as Dottie would say. And speaking of Dottie, nice letter awaiting us on our arrival here two days ago, enclosing one from Mary Russell. We get no news from Zamorano and will haveless now that you and the Russells have left. Like the guy who said he wasn't the man he used to be, in fact he never was. Tell Dottie the folks in Rome write that they are sending her US \$40 in care of Centro Nal de Agronomía; I hope she gets it in time to buy you a present for your Golden wedding. Our address is Almuñecar for mail to arrive before 1 Oct; after that care of Martha Sussmann at Amembassy, Madrid, and I just hope you will write us before we have to change the address to care St Peter at the Pearly Gates General Post Office.

Ever yours

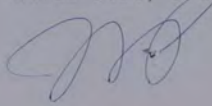


Lugar idem, fecha idem

Just after writing the enclosed we recd your good letter of 31 pxmo ypdo. We note that you like some other folks have begun to realise that living costs at Zamorano werent quite so high as they are in some other parts of the world. Never again will you, our ourselves or some other folks get back to Zamorano-type living costs. I wonder what it is costing Dr Williams et ux in Washn? He will need a salary of at least \$10,000 a year to equalise what he had at Zamorano - more likely \$12,000. He is paying income tax and he wasnt in Honduras - except locally as the rest of us did and I figured it was just about one fourth what I would pay in the US.

Sorry you didnt tell me about a few of things I am still interested in - please do it if you can. You must have seen, at least, whether they ever completely the dairy setup; i.e., the alterations to the old bldg and the installation of the new cold storage rooms and all the new equipment. I havent been able get get a word out of anybody about this, and it is the one thing I wanted badly to finish before I left. I would also like to know if they carried out the very extensive additions alterations and emendations to the high dept wh were approved at NY last Feb - but I suspect some of the things we approved in principle as they always say, may be jstt like the money the Mexican govt owes for appropriating all our lands; no argument about the debt, but the congress has not yet had time to vote the agrarian bonds. I can readily believe, as you say, that the cost per student at EAP has gone up about 50% this year. Of course I feel badly about the public not being very welcome at the school. I always felt it was a fine thing for the people to feel free to come out there and lie around on the grass on Sundays, and didnt really do us any harm; even if we did have to pick up a few Coca Cola bottles once in a while. I have the feeling that the school will more or less stick to the old program, revised, however, to put things on a higher academic level - receive only bachilleres and sooner or later give a titulo of some sort.

In re your last paragraph, I have been very much interested in the possibility of coming to Salvador for a while, to help out with the school; but the possibility of getting out a book on tropical fruit culture in Spanish seems to me a more urgent obligation. If you will pardon the personal slant, who else has had 50 yrs experience with tropical fruits in so many parts of the world, and is therefore prepared to write a practical work? Chandler did a fine job on reviewing all the published literature but he could not digest it nor make it very applicable to practice. I think we will simply have to plan on settling down here for the winter and knocking out a practical work, to be published in Spanish and perhaps later in English; I believe it would go over in both. This means we can not get back to C A until late go next spring, probably, at wh time we will see what the situation may be in Salvador. I am glad to know you got out another issue of Ceiba; is there any plan for its future? There must be a lot of paper still left; I hope the termites dont eat it up.





HOTEL ASTORIA
FIRENZE

Almuñecar, Granada,
Spain. 15 Aug 1958

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Running out of writing paper, so I shall have to use a sheet of this which Helen swiped from the hotel in Florence. Whenever we are forced into a hotel which charges more than \$4.50 per person per day Helen gets mad and walks off with some writing paper. She would take the toilet soap too only they supply free toilet soap at hotels in Europe.

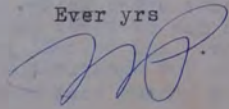
Got back here three days ago, fed up on eating sliced tomatoes and sliced cucumbers twice in each meal, I don't mean twice a day. Reminds of Irwin Cobb's remark that in England you get three vegetables with your dinner: boiled potatoes, boiled cabbage, and a second helping of boiled potatoes. We had a really wonderful but tiresome trip; best part was the 10 days in Israel where the grub wasn't too hot (I mean in both sensu strictu and sensu latu) but where the horticultural boys treated us well, and where there was an awful lot to see. Bananas and avocados and mangos and peaches and plums and apples and id genus omne as Paul will say when he gets his Guggenheim.

Animadverting to Paul's letter of 20 July, we are hoping to receive the drawings this week. I just hope they didn't stick them in the surface mail. And again animadverting to your letter (Helen won't let me use that word 'cause she says nobody knows what it means) we are greatly pleased at your new set up. Mary Russell wrote that you had just disappeared over the horizon. I hope it didn't cause you as many pangs as it caused us. Now the problem is, Quo vadis? (You see we have just been in Rome). All that we will thresh out later. This is just a brief letter on swiped paper to ask you to let us hear from you; what is your address; unso weite. We might be dropping in on you one of these days and not want to hit the wrong house. And to tell you where we stand: Next week we fly to the Canaries, D.V., then come back to Malaga on a banana boat with, I hope, 500

to 1000 avocado seeds of the W I race for stock-
plants here. We are getting fed up, Sarasola and
I with the behavior of the Mexican race - I mean
avocados. We will probably spend the time from about
Sept 10 to Oct 5, roaming around Spain, then we have
to pick up our new Volkswagen in Stuttgart on 15
Oct, drive down toward Tubingen to the Gasthaus of
Ella Fick's brother, knock at the door and stick
our chests out and inquire "Haben zie ein zimmer
frei?" and if they haben we might spend a few days
there. Then we might roam around in northern France
a bit before we go to Rotterdam and see if we can
run the Volkswagen up the ramp onto a banana boat
for Guatemala. While we had originally planned, as
you know, to stay over here until late next spring,
there are 4 - count them 4 - interesting things in
the offing over there in la America Tropical, and
while I dont want to attempt too much, I think
after this yr I can be more helpful over there than
here - assuming that I can be helpful somewhere.
The Delphic oracle thought Central America would
be a good idea - just about as far as you can get
from Greece. And speaking of Greece, O Boy and Girl,
that Parthenon about which I may have animadverted,
and Delphi. But of course it was extremely fasci-
nating to go to the shores of the Sea of Galilee
(we spent 3 days in one of the Jewish communal settle-
ments right on the playa) and see where Jesus told
the people of Capernaum (ruins of wh we visited),
who didnt receive him very well, that what happened
to the people of Sodom wouldnt be a patch on what
was going to happen to them. I guess he was right
because Capernaum is nothing but a small heap of
ruins.

Helen says the chop suey is ready - a travesty
on Spanish culinary art. But say, what melons and
what grapes. So off we go, and How can man die
better than by facing fearful odds for the ashes
of his fathers and the temples of his gods?
(Written communication from the late Mr Macaulay)

Ever yrs





HOTEL ASTORIA
FIRENZE

Rancho California, 16 Aug 1958

Dear Pablo:

Just after I had written you and Dottie yesterday, saying how happy I would be to receive those drawings, they blew in here and in consequence I have been happy ever since - especially because they are such scrumptious drawings and I mean it. A beautiful, and useful job; and now I can send them to Rome along with the corrected MS of the school teacher's vade mecum, and cumplir my palabra with the folks in Rome. Just in time, for as I told you, we leave here day after tomorrow for The Canarias, via Sevilla. Not such a simple matter to reach the Canarias from here.

Yr letter of 5th instant, accompanying the drawings, is most interesting from several points of view. Item 1: why do you pay seven bucks at Pension Wager when Margot at my oldhangout, 21 Doble Via, puts out swell grub at a lower price. Maybe you dont know her, or maybe she had no vacancies, but I got onto the place thru Jaime Villegas and that speaks volumes. Jaime doesnt accept anything less than the best buy in town.

Item 2: I have been approached regarding the possibility of tackling the San Andres job for a year or two. (I would not want to commit myself for a long time, at my age) and I replied that I am definitely interested if I can be convinced that I can really make a useful contribution - as I am inclined to think may be the case. But I had to say that I can not wind up things here in Europe, get back to Guatemala by steamer, have a couple of weeks at home, and tackle anew job before the first of January. That is as far as the matter has gone. Perhaps between now and the 1st of Jan they will pull somebody out of the hat, somebody who is just right for the job. I hope so, for I really dont like to tackle another major job.

I am being urged by Jim Kempton to go down to Venezuela and organize and put on foot a fruit improvement program very much along the lines of the one we started last summer in Salvador. The work is privately financed - I would be afraid of any govt job down there under present conditions - but if I am to leave Guatemala again I would rather be in Salvador; pretty close to home and I think more stability.

Enough for today; as I told you, we will be back here about 5 Sept and hope to find a long letter from you answering my questions re Zamorano. I asked Mario Jalil to tell me if any of the new mango varieties from Florida bore fruit this year; you better do it. Mario is a good lad but like almost everybody else in this world, has a congenital case of writer's cramp.

Ever yrs,

July 20, 1958

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is just a note to say that Dottie is now hard at work on the last of your drawings, but that this, as well as the present epistle are being composed in the midst of packing cases, in preparation for our move on the morning of the 28th for El Salvador.

If everything goes well, we should have the set which you have requested to Almuecar by early August sometime, but Dottie feels that she wants to give all of them a bit of polishing before they are put into the mails.

Our present plans are to spend a year in Salvador, where I am to build up a herbarium of economic plants, but with special emphasis on the trees, with the view of doing a practical utilization manual, with simple keys, at the end of that time.

I am on an indefinite leave of absence from the Fruit Company (This was Boston's idea, rather than Paddocks or mine) but I frankly hope to wangle a Guggenheim fellowship & return to Panama to finish up my partially completed timber survey of that country.

All of this isn't very practical, but I don't feel very comfortable in a grey flannel suit anyway, and have the most profound misgivings about the Lancetilla project, a feeling that I find is shared by just about everyone who has had more than 48 hours experience with the Company. What it boils down to, perhaps, is that I find it hard to believe that they can continue to maintain Lancetilla after they have been forced out of the north coast, either through labor troubles or Panama disease, or both.

We regret, in a way that we did not have an earlier intimation of your intention to visit the Delphic oracle, since we would at least have had classic precedence for any mistaken course which we may in the future pursue and be able to at least blame it all on our own mis-interpretation of the counsel given. We wonder what the pythonesse had to say about your Israeli junket? Do you pass through Lebanon on your way?

Dottie says to tell you that she will keep the tracings of your drawings (she always does them on tracing paper first) so they will be easy to do again, in the event that they are needed. She joins me, as always, in warmest regards to you both.

As ever,

Athens 12 July '58

Dear Dottie, In writing you about the drawings of your kinds of grafting, I believe I mentioned that we should keep copies of them so that we can use them for whatever purposes suggest themselves. I believe the fancy multigraph Juan Fernandez operates will do the job; if not, get some photostats or photographs at my expense.

We rec'd a few days ago the fancy postcard from Miami, for which, thanks. We have just completed two tours, one

of 5 days on the Aegean by
steamer, another of equal length
by bus - Olympia and Delphi and
so on. The only harder work I
can imagine is cutting cane
with a machete. We are now
spending a week in Athens
buying ikona and raw silk dresses
and other equally useless things,
then to Istanbul on the 15th
for 5 days, then Israel for 10,
then due to arrive in Madrid
Aug 1st and I shall be glad to
be once more where I can read
the sign which says "Gentlemen".
Ever yours

W. ΠΟΠΕΝΟ
Call "Roosevelt" is ΡΟΣΕΒΕΑΤ, very logical

Digitized by Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

Athens 28 June 1958

Dear Dottie: These FAO people in Rome kept me busy 3 days helping prepare a manual on school gardening for maestras in C. A. If the maestras carry out our instructions they will make the Zacapa desert blossom like a rose varideda Paz. They made me put in a dissertation on the art of grafting, which covers the following kinds, to-wit, viz:

1. Shield budding
2. Veneer grafting
3. Herbaceous side-grafting
4. Cleft grafting

These being the 4 kinds I consider to have proved most useful in tropical America

You here is where you enter the picture. We must have good illustrations and the ones my colleagues in Rome prepared will only be used when my dead and well decomposed cuerpo. I told them you are just simply the best damn horticultural ^{illustrator} south of the Rio Grande River (sic) and you would fix us up, for £ consideration. They agreed.

I have made very rough sketches, enclosed herewith, of shield budding and cleft grafting. You can copy Veneer and Herbaceous side grafting from the illustrations you made for the paper

by Lynch and Nelson in Ceiba. I would rather
not use reproductions of the drawings in Ceiba.
Fresh ones will be better and we can charge
for them. I have promised that you will get
the drawings to me by early August. Pack them
in good strong cardboard and get Armando to
send them to me by an mail certificate, at
Rancho California, Almuñecar, (Granada) Spain.
Send along the bill, made out to Food and Agri-
Organization, United Nations, Rome. I will see
that it is paid - but tell me where you want it
paid. If you still have a bank account in
the U.S., the best way is to have them deposit
the money in your bank to your credit.

We have been here 36 hrs. Hot as Cholulaca
in April. Helen was positively dithyrambic
over the Parthenon. It could stand some minor
repairs, but seriously, it is probably the archi-
tectural triumph of all time. - We are booked
for a lot of sightseeing here, then proceed on 15
July to Istanbul, 26 July to Tel Aviv, and 31
July back to point of departure - Spain. You
ought to see my 2 new Spanish suits of
cotton - the trousers keep your shoulders warm!
Helen joins in affectionate greetings to you both.

January 16, 1958

Dear Doc:

Both of you have been much in our thoughts since the return of the Russels, who kept us glassy-eyed with envy during their account of the festive season with you. We frankly wish now that we had simply pitched caution to the winds and joined the party, but we were, and continue to be scared, and felt that we couldn't risk it. We can only hope that you will forgive us and ask us again another year when things look a little brighter.

We suppose that you have already received a copy of the enclosed news letter, but it will serve as an excuse, if not explanation for the long delay in answering your several good letters. The organized parties and regimented joy here recorded have been followed by intensive programs for Chico de Sola, who arrived with his old friends the Brooks, of Williams College for an all too brief visit; Wayne Reitz & an exotic fowl called Cooley who had somehow attached himself to Reitz for the trip, and George Harrar and Ed Wellhausen, who have left our midst within the last 24 hours. Life at Zamorano, in short, continues the same frantic, fullminating pace that you will remember. Paddock admits to taking sedatives to keep from dashing up into the top of the nearest palm tree, and Mil-town dispensers are planned for next years betterment program.

Your charitable comments on all 40 pages of the 6th Volume of Ceiba are much appreciated, since it took me EIGHT galley proofs, with as many trips to town to get even as relatively imperfect copy as finally appeared. An Itááian grocer of my boyhood used to display a sign "The best is none too good. We have the best." That strikes me as fitting Calderon pretty well.

I would hesitate to say how many numbers we can get out during 1958, or during any other year, for that matter, since the rub is, as you have pointed out repeatedly, to get good manuscripts. Harry Wide, of the local Stica organization has come across with a very decent thing on Agricultural Possibilities in Honduras, with maps, production charts and rainfall records that will print up to about 25-30 pages, but I didn't have a prospect of anything else to complete the next fascicle, and can't thank you enough for the offer of your fine report on fruit culture in Salvador. I suppose this will have to be cleared through Prieto, and I have written him today asking for permission to print it. A copy of the last effort has also gone off today to your pal in Spain, who has been added to our regular mailing list.

The Paddock clan, bag, baggage, kids, brother Zeke and governess have taken off for the north coast, where Bill plans to attend intensive seances with Beckstrom on the Budget while the rest visit Lancetilla. Report hath it that it is still raining hard on the north coast and today

has been cold and blustery with us, so that we can't help but wonder what kind of time they are having. Paddock impresses me as a basically decent, but unbelievably inexperienced young man who is going through the fires of Hell due to bad advice and someones stupidity in not letting him get his feet on the ground during a years training under your guidance. My honest guess is that he will return to your basic program within another year, since there is considerable evidence of this already, but that he may lose quite a few staff members during that time. Everything is being changed in frantic, half-baked crash programs, and then changed back again within a brief period to the intense annoyance of the majority, but I feel that this is a phase that will wear itself out in time. Fonseca is supposed to be leaving at the end of the month, and Mercer, Jalil, Sierra, Herrera and Paredes plan to go their several ways within the year. Even Fick talks darkly about being tired of being pushed around and says he is going back to his farm, but I doubt it. Many of us, possibly myself included, would stay if we could regain our confidence, which has been badly shaken during this extremely difficult period for us all.

Actually it is impossible for any of us on the ground to form a fair estimate of what the future may bring. The new budget embodies many foolish things and assumes astronomical proportions, in consequence and would be almost enough to sink a new administration if it were not for promised help (dices) from George Harrar, both on the technical and financial level. If someone else antes up the difference, I suppose the sky's the limit. I do think that it is going to be up to someone like yourself to suggest some judicious pruning in places that will not hurt our overall program to keep some of these conservative Bostonians from having a coronary Conclusion.

Our present plans are still to return to school in Florida, if they will take me on some reasonable basis. Dr. Reitz knew nothing about whether I had been accepted or not, but promises to let me know after his return. Over the long pull I might come back here, if there is anything left to come back to, and as first choice would like to take on the herbarium (with Antonio as assistant and to do the long delayed Flora of Honduras as a first project) retain care of grounds, with a young assistant, to develop a good, comprehensive arboretum, teach Pomology & edit Ceiba. Second choice would be almost anything that would leave me something of the first program, but be better than being limited to teaching English II on a half-time basis, as at present. If I can't do better than that I'm going to peddle my talents elsewhere. Don Chico de Sola hinted ever so delicately that there MIGHT be a job with the Salvadorean Government if I wanted it at the end of this botanical chore they talk about. Do you know anything about this?

We are naturally thrilled for you both that you will so soon again be in Spain. Wish we could go mit, but maybe someday we will. Wherever we are, we hope you'll favor us with pitcher post cards bearing exotic stamps & postmarked Rangoon, Bali & point east. We can't think of all this happening to nicer people, or ones who have earned it more. Dottie joins me in best wishes for the trip, and the entire New Year.

As ever,

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Antigua, 11 January 1958

Dear Paul:

What a swell job you have done on this issue of Ceiba! Let me offer a few comments:

The thing really looks like a magazine. I like the idea of a cover. And I like the idea of table of contents. And I like the idea of the footnotes, showing who the authors are, or the background of the article, as in the case of Chico's graduation speech. But say, where did you get the good halftones? Tell me that.

Nothing would be better for the school (in my humble opinion) than for you to stay on, in charge of the herbarium and library and Editor of Ceiba. Of course you will have a hard time getting enough material but since you dont have to get out issues at regular intervals (a difficulty which I foresaw, based on my experience running the Journal of Red Headity years ago) this isnt serious. And with Dottie to add her beautiful drawings from time to time, Oh what a fine Joy Anal!

Will you please send a copy of this issue to the man with whom I am going to work in Spain, Sr don Luis Sarasola, Rancho California, Almuñecar (Granada) España? He will profit by reading the material on propagation.

I have just finished a week with Mario Lewy and Ernest Mortensen of Salvador; we made a tour of the interesting fruit-growing regions of Guatemala, mostly the highlands. Jorge Benitez went along, and we saw his three nurseries, real nurseries, like Zamorano. Awfully cold in the highlands this week; we almost froze in Quezaltenango. Picked up quite a bit of plant material, and located sources of quite a bit more, for Salvador especially. Jorge will have to get it for them as required; and they cant do much over there until they train a few propagators. That's the bottle-neck right now.

I know Bill is interested in forestry and thinking about putting in some sort of a course at EAP. If he does this, it seems to me the Manual which Bernardo Roehrs prepared might be very useful and could come out thru Ceiba. Look it up in the files and see what you think about it. I wish you could ~~repeat~~ ^{reprint} the report I prepared for the Minister of Agriculture in Salvador - not the one on the school (again NOT) but the one on fruit culture. I believe Pelen held some of the copies wh were multigraphed at Zamorano. Look it over and if you like it, write don Federico Garcia Prieto, Ministro de Agricultura y Ganaderia, and ask him for permission. I feel pretty sure he would grant it. As a footnote you could say that it was prepared to serve as basis for a program of fruit tree propagation and dissemination which is now under way at three places in El Salvador, Izalco, San Andrés, and Santa Cruz Porrillo.

We have reservations to fly to Miami on the 25th, two weeks from today. I dont know how I am going to get everything cleaned up in two weeks; still have to do a booklet re school gardens for UNICEF. We expect to see Daisy Bell in Coconut Grove and Hugh in Gainesville. Let us hear from you before we leave. Dottie's brief letter on the Xmas card was greatly appreciated.

Otro sí: You could probably get a paper out of Hugh on his work re shifting cultivations, when he gets down here in March. We rather hate to leave; there is so much to do here and Helen has at last got the house in beautiful order and thoroughly supplied with furniture!

Ever yrs

W.O.

Antigua, Guatemala, 1 octubre 1957.

Señor Subsecretario de Agricultura y Ganadería
Ingeniero don Mario Pacheco
San Salvador.

Honorable señor Subsecretario:

Me permito ofrecer a Usted los siguientes comentarios y recomendaciones respecto a la Escuela Nacional de Agricultura:

ORIENTACION DE LA ESCUELA

Me parece que este es el momento oportuno para hacernos esta pregunta: Cuál es el objeto primordial de la Escuela Nacional de Agricultura? Es él la preparación de agricultores técnico-prácticos? o debe la Escuela ofrecer una preparación más o menos académica para que sus egresados puedan entrar en Facultades de Agronomía con el propósito de optar un título?

Si he comprendido bien la filosofía de los fundadores de esta Escuela, y de las personas como Usted, que tienen en manos su porvenir, el objeto principal es la formación de agricultores o agrónomos (y me gusta este término) que contarán con una buena preparación práctica, y quienes a la vez comprenden el por qué de lo que hacen. El por qué

quiere decir que deben tener suficientes conocimientos científicos, y estos se obtienen, parte en las aulas, y parte en las prácticas diarias, donde los profesores proporcionan, día tras día, explicaciones y demostraciones. Debe haber un equilibrio entre teoría y práctica. La tendencia en muchas escuelas es a favor de la teoría, con la parte práctica reducida al mínimo.

Y una enseñanza que dé la debida atención a ambas, teoría y práctica, no plantea problemas. Ha sido nuestra experiencia en El Zamorano que el estudiante, ya cuando comprende la importancia del "saber hacer", se dedica a sus prácticas con entusiasmo. No se queja del trabajo - el ordeño de las vacas a las 4 de la madrugada; la siembra y cultivo de la caña de azúcar y la elaboración de panela, etcétera, pues sabe que más tarde estos conocimientos no solamente le van a ser muy útiles, sino también motivo de legítimo orgullo. Pues comprende que "aquel que no supo hacer, jamás sabrá mandar".

Y los conocimientos prácticos no impiden, de manera alguna, al estudiante que desea continuar sus estudios teóricos, entrando en una Facultad de Agronomía. Todo lo contrario, como nos consta la experiencia de los graduados de El Zamorano que han ido a la Universidad de Florida. De los 16 que hemos mandado con becas en años anteriores, todos optaron el título de Ingeniero Agrónomo, 4 de ellos con honores y dos con altos honores. Tres continuaron y optaron el título post-graduado de Master of Science.

EL EXAMEN DE ENTRADA

Hasta la fecha, ustedes han usado dos exámenes, uno de Inteligencia y otro de Aptitud Vocacional. He revisado ambos cuidadosamente, y me parece que no son satisfactorios, tomando en cuenta el tipo de estudiante que la Escuela necesita y la preparación y experiencia anterior del aspirante.

Un examen de inteligencia no tiene nada que ver con la preparación anterior del joven. Es exactamente lo que dice, un examen de inteligencia. Aunque muchas personas creen que la educación primaria y secundaria aumenta la inteligencia del individuo, no es eso lo que se aumenta, sino la preparación, que es cosa muy distinta. Al usar un examen de inteligencia, nuestro propósito es el de averiguar si el joven tiene suficiente capacidad intelectual para aprovechar la preparación técnica que la Escuela le ofrece.

En el examen usado actualmente entra el factor tiempo, es decir, el tiempo permitido al joven para contestar una pregunta. No es un tiempo fijo, pero el joven tiene que terminar de escribir su contestación cuando el profesor dice "Ya!". Creo que esto es lo que va a pasar: el rato menos pensado, el individuo se pone nervioso y no puede pensar claramente y con calma. Darles el tiempo que deseen; unos toman más tiempo que otros, pero esto no siempre quiere decir que son más tontos.

El Examen de Capacidad (o de Inteligencia) que usamos nosotros es el resultado de diez años de experiencia con jóvenes de 13 países y de muy distintos niveles de educación previa - algunos han tenido solamente 4

años de primaria, otros eran bachilleres. El aspirante que saque una nota de 80 o 85 en el examen nuestro, bien puede ganar todas las materias teóricas si se dedica a sus estudios. He ahí el problema!

Un examen de Aptitud no ha resultado en El Zamorano, de manera alguna. Entendido que esta clase de examen es usado en escuelas primarias y secundarias en otras partes, pero las condiciones son distintas. Allá el objeto es averiguar si el individuo tiene aptitud especial para tal o cual carrera; aquí el individuo aspira a una beca en una escuela de agricultura, y esa beca representa un valor de varios miles de colones. Allá, el individuo no tiene nada que perder si dice la verdad; aquí, si preguntamos al joven "¿Qué le gustaría más, si aprender a tocar la marimba, o aprender a ordeñar vacas?" Todos van a estar locos por aprender a ordeñar.

Recomiendo que usen Ustedes un examen de inteligencia del tipo que usamos nosotros, con los cambios que los técnicos locales en educación consideren necesarios.

COORDINACION DE LAS MATERIAS TEORICAS CON LAS DE FACULTADES
DE AGRONOMIA

Aquí, felizmente, no hay problema difícil de solución; se reduce esencialmente a la nomenclatura de las materias. La Universidad de Florida, donde se dirigen la mayoría de los graduados de El Zamorano que aspiran al título de Ingeniero Agrónomo, tenía dificultades, años atrás, en evaluar los créditos dados en Zamorano. Nosotros, por ejemplo, dábamos un año de

Biología, un año de Horticultura, y un año de Ingeniería Agrícola. Florida no daba esas materias - a lo menos con los mismos nombres. Pero sí daba un semestre de Botánica y un semestre de Zoología. Nuestro año de Biología consistía en un semestre de Botánica y uno de Zoología! Florida no daba un año de Horticultura, sino un semestre de Vegetable Gardening (Hortalizas) y uno de Pomología, o Fruticultura. Nuestro año de Horticultura consistía en un semestre de cada una de estas materias. Y nuestro año de Ingeniería Agrícola consistía en un semestre de Avenamiento y Riegos, y uno de Maquinaria Agrícola, ambas materias aceptables en Florida.

El único verdadero cambio que hemos hecho es agregar un año de Química General a nuestro programa de estudios. Esto ha sido muy conveniente, a base de créditos en Florida y además ha mejorado nuestro programa notablemente. Me han explicado en San Andrés que talvez no será necesario un año de Química General, pues los estudiantes todos tienen Plan Básico, y han estudiado la química. Pero me parece que talvez van a decir en Florida que esa química era de secundaria, y no al nivel universitario. Creo que va ser muy conveniente, sinó necesario, agregar un año de Química General al programa de San Andrés para conseguir todos los créditos descados en Florida o en otra Facultad.

Todo esto he explicado detalladamente al personal de San Andrés, donde opino que las materias teóricas (con excepción de la química) son adecuadas, pero cabe agregar dos cosas. En materias como Zoología, Botánica, Vegetable Gardening, Pomología, Avenamiento y Riegos, y Maquinaria Agrícola, Florida

exige, además de cierto número de horas semanales en clase, cierto número de períodos de laboratorio, pero considera que nuestras prácticas son realmente períodos de laboratorio, de manera que en todos estos casos nos sobran períodos.

El catálogo de la Universidad de Florida trae todos los datos necesarios respecto al número de horas semanales de cada materia; y el Profesor Albert S. Muller, Consejero para Estudiantes Latinoamericanos en Agricultura, podrá indicarle (como ha hecho con nosotros) cuales son las materias que reciben crédito en Florida, etc. Cabe agregar que Florida no solamente exige un promedio de B, de cada aspirante (es decir, durante todo su tiempo que ha estado en San Andrés) sino también no puede aceptar a todos los jóvenes que piden admisión, pues no hay cupo para mas que un número limitado de estudiantes extranjeros. Probablemente el aspirante necesitará una recomendación muy especial, basada en su record en San Andrés, para ser aceptado. Todo esto habrá que tratarlo con el Profesor Muller, con anticipación.

HORARIO DE ACTIVIDADES

Refiriéndome al Horario publicado en el Prospecto de la Escuela, entiendo que este fué preparado antes de recibir los primeros estudiantes, y a base de experiencia se han hecho ya algunos cambios. Sin conocer estos a fondo, y basándome en el horario actual de El Zamorano (el resultado de 15 años de experiencia) me permito sugerir el siguiente programa u horario, el cual, en mi opinión, divide el día equitativamente entre las prácticas y las clases

teóricas:

5:30 a.m. Toque de levantada. El Inspector de turno tiene la obligación de vigilar por la puntualidad del alumno en levantarse.

No son necesarios 45 minutos para que el estudiante se vista y llegue al comedor. Entre las 5:30 y 6:15 hay tiempo suficiente (según nuestra experiencia) para que todos arreglen sus camas y barran sus habitaciones.

6:15 a 6:45. Desayuno. Una media hora es amplia, y el servicio del desayuno debe ser a las 6:15 en punto. A las 6:45, toque para salir a las prácticas.

7:00 El Jefe de las prácticas debe estar en su Departamento, Horticultura, Agronomía, o Zootechnia, para pasar lista y asignar el trabajo a grupos o individuos, reportando más tarde los faltantes al Inspector para que éste pueda averiguar si tenían permiso o no.

En seguida (después de la lista) los estudiantes salen a sus prácticas (por supuesto, la cuadrilla que tiene el ordeño lleva horas distintas). En el programa publicado, dice "7.00 a 8.30, trabajos de campo. 8.30 a 11.00, prácticas especiales". Qué son las "prácticas especiales"? No deben ir incluidas en las prácticas en general? Nosotros opinamos que trabajos de laboratorio deben ir incluidos en el programa de la tarde.

Por falta de un número suficiente de ganado vacuno, porcino, etc., comprendo que ha sido difícil, en este primer año de la Escuela, ocupar a todos los estudiantes en las prácticas de ganadería y quizás otro Departamento, pero la situación mejorará tan pronto como la Escuela cuente con las facilidades y equipos indispensables, y cuando ya no hay mozos a pago

en trabajos de hortalizas, agronomía, etc. En El Zamorano mantenemos una hortaliza más que el doble del tamaño de la de San Andrés, sin un solo mozo a pago; y cultivamos en maíz, arroz, camote, caña de azúcar, gandul, etc., más que el doble de la extensión que San Andrés tiene en cultivos, sin un solo mozo a pago. Sólomente hay mozos en Ganadería, donde hay trabajo mañana y tarde (entrando las vacas, etc.) y trabajos de mantenimiento de potreros, cercos, etc.

Hay que recordar que en El Zamorano contamos con unas 500 hectáreas de potrero, 125 cabezas de ganado vacuno, 250 a 300 novillos, 300 cerdos y más o menos 50 caballos y mulas.

11:00 o un poco antes, los estudiantes regresan a sus dormitorios, se bañan y se preparan para ir al comedor. Deben almorzar a las 11:15 o 11:30 en punto (según informaciones que me han dado, no ha habido puntualidad en el servicio del comedor durante el año pasado). Después del almuerzo queda una hora para la siesta, que talvez no ha sido muy necesario en el pasado, con poco tiempo en el campo cada mañana, pero nos ha parecido muy conveniente en El Zamorano y los estudiantes todos lo aprecian.

12:45 p.m. Toque para las clases, las cuales comienzan a las 13:00. Si los profesores no llegan puntualmente a las clases, tampoco llegarán los alumnos.

13:00 a 17:00. Hay cuatro períodos de clases, de 40 minutos cada una o, si lo prefieren, de 45 minutos. Nuestro horario de clases es como sigue: de 13:00 a 13:40; de 13:45 a 14:25; de 14:35 a 15:15 y de 15:20 a 16:00. Después de terminadas las clases, los estudiantes se dedican a los deportes o cualquier cosa que sea de su agrado.

18:00 puntualmente, la Cena. Desde las 19:00 hasta las 19:45 o 20:00 deben dedicarse a sus estudios para el día siguiente, con excepción de los viernes y sábados (si no hay clases los sábados) entonces a las 20:00 se acuestan. Luces apagadas. Y el Inspector de turno pasará por los dormitorios para asegurarse que todos están en sus camas. Silencio. Nada de Radios.

Quiero repetir que este programa está basado en el de El Zamorano. Posiblemente hayan motivos justificados para cambios en San Andrés.

DISTRIBUCION DEL TIEMPO

Como Usted sabe, señor Subsecretario, después de haber ensayado varios sistemas en El Zamorano, hemos llegado a la conclusión que es indispensable darle a cada estudiante una adecuada preparación práctica en cada departamento -Horticultura, Agronomía, y Ganadería (llamada en San Andrés Zootechnia). Para tener esta preparación, todo alumno debe pasar un año entero en cada departamento, y no pasar de un departamento a otro cada ratito.

En San Andrés me han hablado de un programa muy distinto: todo estudiante pasaría dos días cada semana en Horticultura, dos días en Agronomía, y dos días en Zootechnia. Es mi considerada opinión que este sistema no resultaría provechoso para el estudiante (le faltaría continuidad en sus prácticas) ni conveniente para los profesores, quienes tendrían que estar cambiando alumnos en una operación dada cada dos días. Es mejor para el profesor (y mejor para el estudiante) si puede poner al joven a cosechar arroz, por ejemplo, y dejarlo en el mismo trabajo una

semana o dos - o sea hasta que se termine la cosecha. Nosotros ponemos todos los alumnos de segundo año a cosechar arroz, y se quedan en eso hasta terminar la cosecha; ponemos todos a cortar caña y hacer panela, y lo terminan.

Respecto al horario de las clases, no estoy de acuerdo con una clase de 7:00 hasta las 8:00 a.m.; después un rato en el campo; después "prácticas especiales" discutidas arriba; entonces almuerzo; entonces clases en las tardes a veces, y otras veces prácticas en el campo. Demasiado complicado, y se perderá mucho tiempo yendo de una parte a otra; y sobre todo, las primeras horas de la mañana son las mejores para prácticas de campo en un clima como el de San Andrés.

También deseo sugerir que todo estudiante tenga su programa de las clases de la tarde completo, es decir, que tenga 20 horas de clases cada semana. Con prácticas de laboratorio hay materias suficientes para lograr esto, y además, el curso completo es solamente de tres años, y hay mucho que aprender en tres años! Si el estudiante tiene una hora libre en la tarde, ó va regresar a su habitación y posiblemente llegar tarde para la próxima clase, ó va pasar al corredor, quedarse allí platicando con sus compañeros y molestando los que están en clase. Mantenerlo ocupado toda la tarde!

DISCIPLINA

Como Usted me ha encargado que le dé una opinión respecto a la disciplina de la Escuela, lo hago lo mejor que puedo, tomando en cuenta que es muy difícil para una persona ajena juzgarla a base de pocas oportunidades

de observar y apreciar las dificultades. Además, hay que recordar que algunas personas opinan que yo he sido demasiado estricto en el Zamorano! Pero los comentarios que yo he oído a segunda mano de nuestros graduados (naturalmente no van a decir directamente a su antiguo Director que la disciplina era insoportable!) me dan la impresión que la gran mayoría, después de haber salido de El Zamorano, le dirán: "Si, era estricta, pero siempre justa, y nos formó el carácter!"

Para la buena marcha de una Escuela que cuenta con 100 o 200 estudiantes, es absolutamente necesario el orden. Puntualidad en todo, y respeto al reglamento y a sus profesores. Todo eso requiere de parte de la Dirección una mano justa pero al mismo tiempo fuerte. El Reglamento Interior de San Andrés es bueno. Si lo lee detenidamente, todo estudiante sabe lo que puede hacer y lo que no puede hacer. Es deber de la Dirección insistir que los Inspectores en todo momento vigilen por la puntualidad, el respeto, y el aseo del plantel. En otras palabras, el fiel cumplimiento del Reglamento Interior.

INSTALACIONES Y EQUIPOS DEL PLANTEL

Es mi opinión que el interés y entusiasmo del Ingeniero Roberto Quiñónez, Ministro de Agricultura y Ganadería cuando se fundó la Escuela Nacional de Agricultura, ha resultado en el mejor plantel que tiene una escuela agrícola vocacional en Centro América - y probablemente en muchos otros países también. Lo primero fué dotar la Escuela con los principales edificios necesarios, y estos Ustedes ya tienen. Ahora, para darles a los estudiantes la preparación práctica necesaria, hay que completar la

obra con dependencias, con ganado en mayor número, con una cremería, y otras cosas varias, ninguna de las cuales, afortunadamente, representa una fuerte inversión de capital. Me voy a permitir mencionar unas cosas que a mi parecer son las más necesarias, empezando con el Departamento de Horticultura (pues entiendo que los estudiantes trabajarán el primer año en este departamento, entonces pasarán a agronomía, y terminarán con un año en zootechnia).

Una galera algo grande para semilleros y otros trabajos relacionados con la multiplicación de las plantas. Como parte integral de la galera, o a corta distancia de ella, una pequeña oficina para el jefe (aquí también se guardan los records, las semillas, etc.) y una bodega para implementos.

Para Agronomía, una galera algo grande para almacenar los implementos (arados, rastrillos de disco, etc.); una pequeña oficina y bodega; silos (steel grain bins) y un trapiche sencillo para elaborar la panela que se necesitará anualmente para el consumo de la Escuela.

Para el Departamento de Zootechnia (y este es el ramo que necesita mayor número de dependencias y equipo):

Un buen establo de ordeño, con cuartos para guardar alimentos (concentrados) y una pequeña oficina para el jefe y los records, etc.

Establos y corrales para los toros de pura sangre.

Establo para los terneros.

Una buena cremería, la cual va a ser lo más costoso, pues necesita una planta de refrigeración con varios cuartos refrigerados para carne, para guardar leche y crema, para quesos, etc.; una pequeña planta pasteurizadora, con su respectiva caldera; y equipos para hacer mantequilla y queso.

Establo para los caballos, con un cuarto para guardar alimentos y otro para monturas.

Una pocilga moderna para los cerdos, con un cuarto para guardar alimentos y utensilios.

Uno o dos silos buenos.

Una galera para guardar heno y defender animales contra la intemperie.

Un pequeño rastro para destazar novillos y cerdos.

Mejores edificios y corrales para avicultura.

Además de estas facilidades, la Escuela necesita instalaciones para el riego, un asunto muy importante en la instrucción, además de ser necesario para el mantenimiento de los cultivos. También necesita equipos sencillos para los laboratorios de Zoología, Botánica, Química y Suelos, y tal vez de Física. Y respecto a los laboratorios, los equipos deben ser sencillos, no con muchos aparatos complicados como necesariamente hay en las universidades.

Cuando la Escuela cuente con las dependencias mencionadas, y los equipos necesarios, - y naturalmente comprendo que los técnicos de El Salvador sabrán mejor que yo, los tipos de edificios e implementos que son adaptados a las condiciones del país - entonces la Escuela Nacional de Agricultura estará preparada para servir de una manera muy adecuada su alta misión.

Me es muy grato subscribirme, del señor Subsecretario,

Su muy Atto. y seguro servidor,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus
de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana

21 Sept 1957 Antigua G.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for yours of the 17th which came last night. The postman is so friendly that he sometimes brings letters to our door after dark.

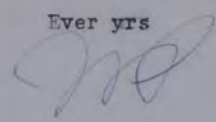
I am under the impression that I asked you, in a recent letter, to hold Summa Artis until there is some good way of getting it over here - dont send it by mail. Maybe my letter in which I mentioned this had not reached you when you metaphorically penned yours of the 16th. Guess I will keep copies of my letters to you in the future, so to have definite knowledge of what I have sent. For example, did you get one in which I mentioned that I talked with Bump about the future of Lancetilla? I believe he thought you might be interested, and I dont know what will happen to that place if a good man is not put there. You probably know that one of our graduates is presently in charge - I believe it is the guatemalteco Moscoso, but the situation is considered provisional. The latest issue of Unifruitco, which we have just received, mentions that Kergan Davidson is on vacation, but Bob Armour told me that Kergan was not coming back. Perhaps Bob was mistaken. I would like to see Kergan stay there. If he does not come back there will be an opening, for I have the impression that the Company is not thinking of abandoning Lancetilla, at all. I sent a memo suggesting how I feel the expense can be reduced without sacrificing any of the valuable features of the place. No use growing a few acres of mahogany or Burmese rosewood or teak, for example; all we are going to get out of these experiments is information re growth etc., and this can be done just as well from small plots as from larger areas - and the latter will not produce enough lumber to be of interest, in any case. Of course I would prefer to see you stay at EAP, but I dont know anybody as well prepared as yourself to handle -with Dottie's invaluable assistance - that fine collection of plants at Lancetilla.

Sr Embajador of Panama writes that he hopes to have the Balboa decoration in his hands so that it can be presented on the Panamanian holiday, 3 November. If he does, we shall of course come over; but as he remarks in a postscript, "las cosas de Palacio andan despacio!". So dont mention the matter to anybody, until we know something definite.

I will send over the Hamilton paper for your consideration, shortly; I am just waiting to see if I can dig up anything else. I have been working over the mountain of papers which have been accumulating here and there is a lot of interesting stuff - tho perhaps not for Ceiba. Save enough of that fine paper we got from Boston to do a job on my new edition of Fruticultura, wh I believe I can get ready before the end of the year. It will be my swan song I fear.

Went to town yesterday; spent a lot of money (as usual) and had fried shrimps at a new Chinese restaurant, full of queer looking gringos with sideburns and a few Van Dykes and sport shirts all.

Ever yrs



Antigua, 12 Sept 1957

Dear Paul:

Gott sei dank! As Walter Fick would say. We sure appreciate your having retrieved the missing volume of Summa Artis. We are not much interested in trying to find out who took it. Aint no use. I would not agree to his being fired for it even if the case were hog-tight; and I dont suppose a demerito would be fair, because if every guy in this world who got a demerito every time he stole a book were to be listed at the Pearly Gates the volume would be bigger than the New York City telephone directory.

Dont hurry to send over the book - and dont send it by mail. If someone comes over and can bring it, fine; and if not, keep it until we come over there again. Helen insists she has to collect a lot of those rose bushes you planted for our use in the rear garden - but as far as I am concerned, I suspect they have already gone into better hands. Das macht nichts aus. Or as you would say, ça ne fait rien.

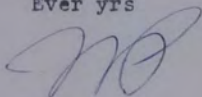
Have just this morning finished reorganizing my library, and it is really sumpin. I am now debating whether to start in tonight reading Das Hochland der Maya or Die Pflanzen im Alten Aegypten. May settle for Natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien, which I have never really finished you know.

When you come over again I will show you the two bound volumes of letters telling me that EAP was really a good job. They are a handsome lot.

At this moment Maria has brought in the usual invitation for us to dar mas realce to the festivities con motivo de la celebración del CXXXVI (figure that out) of the Independencia Nacional. I hope there are several marimbas. I am about to join the Club Antigüeno which is just across the street from us, diagonally, and has a good billiard table. You'll soon find me behind the 8-ball.

No mas para hoy; this is just to thank you for all the trouble to which you have went in connection with Summa Artis. I would hate never to have saw that book again.

Ever yrs



Antigua, 10 Sept 1957

Dear Paul (which according to my edition of the Bible includes wives):

Many thanks for yours of the 3rd. We have check our set of Summa Artis and find only one volume lacking, so when you retrieve the one from the Embassy we will be complete again. This set cost about \$125 and it would be a pity to see it broken up.

How are you coming with plans for Ceiba? I have now found the article on the Forkert method of budding guavas, wh Dick Hamilton sent for publication, and can supply it if and when you need it; but I am really not too sure that we should use it, having published the paper by Lynch and Nelson which covers the same matter. I think a good general paper on lychees by Dick would be a fine thing, and I feel sure he would prepare it. Unfortunately, Bob Pendleton died before preparing the paper on rice which he planned to do, and which would have been a masterpiece.

I dont ^{know} anything about Martirs' crowns and hope it will be some time before I have to learn at first hand, but the next best thing, at the moment, is the Orden de Merito Agrícola Industrial which President Fulencio Batista has just conferred on me. In order to wear my collection I am shortly going to be forced to by a double-breasted suit of clothes.

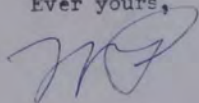
I finished my job in Salvador and got home safely, after having quite a number of suggestions regarding the program for their agrl school. There is a short time job in the offing here but I am not sure I will tie myself down very much. It is pretty darn fine to have a free hand to spend one's time very much as one wishes. Just so long as one can do this and continue to count on three squares and a daily flop.

Helen is keepine two men busy polishing furniture andhauling out basura. There is so much junk in the big sala that I cant enter in the dark without treading on San Luis Rey de Francia or one of the numerous Virgins. The library is pretty darned fine now, without exaggeration; Hugh Craggs was here last Sunday and I had a hard time keeping him from walking off with some of the incunabula. I avoided such a disaster by loading him up with Plants and Pplant Science in Latin America, New Crops for the New World, and the like. Hugh is a real bibliophile. He brought over a fine flowering specimen of Cattleya Warneri (sic); which reminds me to say our orchids from Zamorano are not looking too happy; Jor-e says it was a bad time of the year to move them, but we had no options.

Political broadcasts from cars with loud speakers are making the welkin ring in Antigua, and you know how noisy welkins can be at times.

Pretty wet here in the highlands right now. September is always a rather trying time for those who want to take Tour A thru the Indian country. But nothing is too tough for a Volkswagen (Paul my brother writes that a man in Pasadena who does electrical repairing rides around in a car marked VOLK wagon).

Ever yours,



21 Avenida Roosevelt (Franklin, nee non Teodoro)
29th agosto de 1957

Dear Paul:

I would get a lot madder (Dottie, being an artist, will know the color) about this typewriter were it not for the fact that the Boston office is going to give me another, bransy new, and dealer's choice. Gosh, that will be a relief! I wrote Bump that the present machine was the last item which Victor M. Cutter authorised before he retired as President of UFGO, and you know that was not yesterday.

Now, and apropos de rien as we Frenchman like to put it, I have a letter from Dick Hamilton. He asks about his paper on grafting guavas. It seems to me I sent this to Gary MacEoin of La Hacienda, but I am not sure. Will you please ask Armando to look it up in the files; and if I did not send it to Gary, where is it? Dick thinks it would make a nice contribution to the New Series of the Honduran Orchid Journal and I agree. If it did not go to Gary it must be somewhere in the files, maybe under, HAMILTON, Richard or something like that.

Otro si: Dick has just sent me all the Hawaiian literature on Lychees. Which reminds me that the plant of the Bengal or Rose-scented (sic) which Johnny Lynch sent me I planted in the little garden behind our house, as was, in front of the Hawaiian hibiscus seedlings. Will you see if it is still there, and if so, water it with your tears, after the rains are over. It is the only plant of this variety in America Central, and therefore valuable, tho I gravely doubt that it is as good in flavor as some of the Chinese varieties. I don't trust those East Indian horticulturists, not even as far as Geo Washu threw a Spanish dollar - across the Delaware river, they say. After having bought from Federico Varela of Calcutta those five very superior varieties of timber bamboos, and having raised 15,000 seedlings in Washington, of which a large portion came to Lanotilla, and after having found that all five were of one and the same species and it the worst, most thorny, crookedest and most useless bamboo in the Index Kewensis, I am through.

Good talk with Bill Paddock here last week-end. I am delighted he is so interested in continuing Ceiba. Looks like it is going to be your baby. Allright, I will promise you, before the year is out, a new edition of Fruticultura Centroamericana, revised, emended, and apprehended.

Helen is in California; got my first letter from her yesterday. I think it will do her good. Frankly, and just between us girls, she has not been too well since we left Zambra no - nor was she too well in our last few months there. I don't think there is any pathology involved; I think what she needs is about 3 months in Spain with Mass every morning at 8. I am sure Dottie will agree, and if she does not we will go to the eleven o'clock Mass.

After Sept 1 proximo futuro my address will be Antigua, Guatemala, C.A. Don't need to mention the street of the busted nobility. We are all busted and are getting more so rapidly. But that little pension check is quite a consolation!

Ever thine,

I wrote you about that volume of Summa Artis, which one of our boys tried to sell at the American Embassy in Tegucigalpa. Please get it from Mr Pool as soon as you can and keep it for us. It is a shame to lose one volume of a set which cost \$150. I wonder how it got into the hands of that boy and who is the boy; but the real thing is to get the volume back where it belongs. Let me hear from you about this, please - that is to say, let me know you have it safely.

21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
14 August 1957

John C Pool Esq.
Embajada Americana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Jack:

That's a mighty interesting letter, yours of the 7th, and probably has prevented us breaking up a set of books which cost \$150. "Summa Artis" is a series of about 15 volumes. Since reaching Antigua we have not had time to put our library in order, so I haven't checked on Summa Artis, but you will agree that I would not be likely to give away one volume, any more than you would give away one volume of your Encyclopedia Britannica. It would be whole hog or none.

So I will greatly appreciate it if you will give the volume to Paul Allen when he has time to drop in and ask for it. I do not recognize the name of the boy who brought it into the Embassy to offer it for sale, and Juan Meroz does not sound right but Paul Allen can check this, and if we are doing the boy an injustice we will make amends. I wonder how he got hold of the book? It might have been dropped somewhere in the yard when we were loading things on the truck, and again it might not. Anyway, Paul Allen will do what he can to straighten things out, and in the meantime, and thanks to your good offices, we will have saved intact what is probably the finest series on the history and development of art in the Spanish language.

We miss the old friends in Tegucigalpa, ea va sans dire. Helen is up in California for a couple of weeks, and I am here for a couple of months, going back to Antigua the first of Sept. I have a sneaking suspicion we may hop off for Spain before the end of the year, mais nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir, as you diplomats would put it.

Best regards to all of you, and many thanks.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popencé

Paul: Will you please drop in at the Embassy the next time you go to town and pick up this book, then hold it until we have a chance to get it over to Antigua safely. I can't understand this matter. Jack Pool says it has the remains of my bookplate on the inside cover, and it must be one of our set, because there is not likely to be another guy in Honduras foolish enough to spend \$150 on a cyclopedis of art. Helen has gone to Pasadena for two weeks so I cannot check up with her right away, but get the book, please, and we will later see how it got into the hands of "Juan Meroz" - Jack says the boy was so scared when they asked for his name that he could hardly write. I feel for him!

Chico showed me yesterday a letter from you, asking for material for Ceiba. Hooray! It will be wonderful if we can keep that publication going, and you are the one to do it. I will help in numerous ways. --Helen should have reached Pasadena yesterday morning. We will meet in Antigua right after Sept 1st/ I am looking fwd to the promised visit from Bill Paddock day after tomorrow.

Ever yrs

you might ask

Juan Fernandez what he thinks about

THS

21 Avenida Roosevelt
San Salvador, 11 August 1967

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Allright, alright, you can go on quoting your dictionary, but I want you to know, so far as I am concerned, I rewrite the dictionary to suit my own ideas. I once told Merce this and he didnt believe me. But after all, somebody has to rewrite the dictionaries from time to time.

Reo'd a radiogram from Tegucigalpa yesterday saying Bill Paddock will be here next Friday the 16th. That's fine! I shall be glad to talk with him, and I understand he wants to talk about BAP with some of our graduates here. There are plenty of them.

I am very much interested in the possibility of CEIBA being revived. This would really give you plenty to do - primarily because you will find it almost a full-time job raking in enough MSS to furnish copy for three or four issues a year, now that the Orchidaceae may be relegated to second place. Not that I have anything against the Orchidaceae, mark you, but if we are going to continue along the old lines we should call it the Honduran Orchid Journal. I will try to talk with Bill Paddock about the future of Ceiba; it can continue to be a fine thing, even much more useful, generally, than it has been during the past two or three years. And incidentally, if you start it again, I would like to revise my Fruticultura, add a chapter on propagation, based on the paper by Lynch and Nelson, and some information which I am picking up here. Gosh, but I am having a fine time going over the entire fruits situation in this country! I guess Nobody has done it previously, and almost every day you hear about a new mango variety (usually under the wrong name) or a zapote as big as a child's head or a lump of coal (as the British writers used to put it).

While in Antigua last week-end, I talked Helen into the idea of flying up to California to see her mother - and incidentally, to be less lonely, for with Kitty Coolidge (who is a genuine dear) gone back to the States, and my return to Antigua not due until the 1st of Sept, Helen was not in a very happy frame of mind when I arrived last Friday. I think the trip north will do her good, and then in Sept we will sit back and ^{take} up our minds regarding a trip all or part way around the world. I am inclined to shoot the works; every year we wait, I will feel less like tackling a long hard trip. Probably have an increasing shortage of funds also.

I find that the boys who sold the olive trees from Portugal to a lot of otherwise intelligent people here in Salvador have also unloaded a couple of hundred thousand (they say) young plants of Citrus trifoliata to beused as patrones. Next thing I expect to hear is that they are selling that plant we recd from Africa years ago, at Washn - they said it was the best elephant fodder known; or maybe they will go in for reindeer moss.

Art Schroeder and wife were here day before yesterday; took the two kids to the zoo, there not being any zoos in California. With them was a young chap named Halberg I believe, who said he had been some days at Zamorano. And when I was in Antigua last Sunday, who walks in but Joe Corns, accompanied by Franke of the SCIDA and a few assorted friends. I am wondering if Geo Harrar and Henry Allen Moe ever came to Zamorano; they called at the house in Antigua but I was overhere and Helen and Kitty happened to be in the City.

We sure need a couple of good grafters (sensu strictu) over here; I dont know why our grads who have been thru the Hort Dept at Zamorano slip right back into the old rut when they leave. Aside from what Bob Armour has done, I dont believe there is even a small well run nursery here - if so I havent seen it yet. Bob, by the way, leaves in a few weeks for Scotland; then to Wisconsin to get married; then to that hotel in Tehuacán where we overnighed, for his honeymoon, then back here.

Affectionate regards to both of you,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

21 Avenida Roosevelt
1 August 1957

Dear Paul and Dottie:

I had given up the idea of spending this week end with Helen in Antigua because of events in Guatemala, but yesterday I got a ticket on TACA and I plan to fly over to the City tomorrow morning early. -- Presented my recommendations for the fruit program to the Subsecretary of Agr yesterday and he said, "Oh I don't need that document; the program is already approved". Looks like we are going to have the assistance of a horticulturist named Mortensen, who was a long time at Texas A & M, then 5 yrs in the Kingdom of Jordan on Point 4 work; he has been here a couple of weeks and is just what we need.--I think he will be coming over to Zamorano before long, to see how we graft mangos and avocados. He will also want to see Uyuca.-- You know I am not much of an aficionado when it comes to the comic, but the horticultural slant of the enclosed makes me send it along with the idea that you may want to give it to Doña Ana at the laundry. --- Ben Birdsall et ux have arrived; he is the new head of the agrl side of ICA here, as I think you know. -- I hope the Paddocks have arrived; but I am afraid they will have to get their furniture over from Guatemala before they can live comfortably in the big house. --I'm going to see tomorrow if I can talk Helen into my idea of a \$1550 trip around the world. Trouble now is that I find if we go to Tel Aviv to see the Israelites and their fruit work, we can never enter an Arab country again and I want to spend a few days in Baghdad. --I plan to come back to the job here Tuesday the 6th, and will remain until the end of August or perhaps a few days longer. Chico keeps me pretty well booked up - plenty of free speeches, free so far as I am concerned. We really seem to be building up a lot of interest in fruit culture, except that we have run into a snag: the horticulturist of the Centro says that Simmonds, my favorite avocado, is sweet and people here don't like it. If I remember correctly all the sugar you can find in any avocado is about 0.5% of D-Mannoketoheptose or something like that. I guess these folks are sensitive to D-Mannoketoheptose. Personally, I rather like the stuff.

Ever yrs
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21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
, (also known as the Doble Via)
6 July 1957

Dear Paul and Dottie:

Since leaving Zamorano I have not written a single letter until yesterday. I think a letter which just came from a boy in Tegucigalpa who asks for a beca explains it: he says he is in an atrophied moral state.

What a trip we had getting over to Honduras. Fine asfar as Jicaro Galan; then we were caught by a tremendous storm, and 12 kms from the frontier where the bridge has been out for about 7 yrs the water was 3 ft deep in the ford and we were stuck along with 35 other cars. Finally the local lads, for a consideration, scared up a few old planks and laid two tracks across the rotten old beams and we pushed our cars across and got to San Miguel by nightfall. Gus wasnt very nice about it all, and I fear we came to dislike each other mutually, a dislike which has persisted down to my departure from Antigua last week. We stayed overnight at Chico's in San Salvador and went rolling on to Antigua next day. The Volkswagen behaved beautifully, quite a contrast to the comportment of Gus.

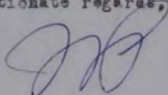
Paul, the plants came through remarkably well, thanks to your excellent packing. One of the lychee trees lost its leaves y se ha puesto color de café; like the roses we gave the Guatemalan ambassador's wife, pero va crecer. Our first two weeks in Antigua were hectic, trying to get things unpacked - we never finished and haven't to this day. Kitty Coolidge arrived on 20 June and helped a lot; the gal is a real worker, but there was just simply too much junk. Jorge Benitez came over and helped line up the orchid business. When I left last week they were making the benches for them. We cleaned out the garden in the sitio and did a lot of planting. The place is now just about half amaryllis. We found a fine Clivia in bloom. Went down to see Hugh Craggs who will give us some good orchids when we are ready for them. Mariano Pacheco came to see us and we will get some orchids from him later. Everybbody in Guatemala seemed glad to see us.

I am now here on the job, and it is interesting. Mario Lewy and I are making an extensive tour of the country, and will try to line up the good zones for the various fruits and the best varieties for planting, and then comes the hard part: who, & who, is going to turn out the nursery stock? We should aim at 25,000 grafted trees annually, and I dont yet see who is going to produce them. Good stock, like we grow at Zamorano, for instance.

They have turned a Volkswagen over to us and we make long trips all over the place. Not a bad sort of job. I think we will finish the "survey" (I dont like that word) in two or three weeks, then what? I have written Ralph Richardson to see if we can get 5000 Mamila mango seeds to start with & we would not need to graft these trees.

I am staying here at a little pension with 3 young American teachers who have just come down from the States to work at the American school. The grub is good but the climate down town pretty warm. I am getting plenty of letters from folks who comment on my retirement, but the most interesting things are the obituary notices in the press. These have given me an idea: why would it not be a wonderful idea to make this a general practice, i.e., print all the flattering things you can say about a man before he dies so he can read and enjoy them. I think I'll form a society to further the idea.

Affectionate regards,



21 Avenida Roosevelt, 21 Julio de 1957

Dear Paul - and that dear Dottie too; being somewhat of the opinion that the Latins are right in their love of an androcentric civilization I always say "Wilson and Helen Popeooc" instead of the reverse, but heres the point:

Paul, I dislike most definitely your misuse of the English language. The connotation of the word categorical has no meaning in the case you gave me in your letter. What you meant to say, and by all means should have said, is that the trip was CATAstrophically DisGUSTing. Dont you agree?

By this time I assume you have had Prof Corns of Texas with you - or perhaps he will be there when this letter arrives. I got a copy of his letter to you.

Yes, I saw your earlier letter to Antigua - it came just before I moved over here. Always glad to have news. Speaking of Manila mangos, after having run the Volkswagen all the way from the Guatemalan border to the empalme 8 kms from the border of Honduras, we ran into a finca above La Union where they are about 15 fine old Manila mango trees, some of them with good crops. This will be our source or seed in the future. Funny how you get surprises in this Plant Exploration business - that's probably the reason I love it. For example, these Manila mangos, plus, at the same place, about a dozen trees of Indian varieties, all from Summit I think. One is notapari. I couldnt tie down the others. But say, if you want to see fruit fly larvae en pila (did I spell that word correctly) you ought to see that orchard. And ^{what} makes me sore is that in the same region, there are literally hundres of trees of a seedling race, the seeds of which have much more hair on them than Williams' dog had in his back, and there is not a single worm in them. The Manila seems to be more susceptible than any other mango here. I wonder why those Manila mangos at Cordoba dothave fruit fly larvae in them? Do you suppose they doat have fruit flies in that region, or do you think it possible that by picking the fruits early, as they were doing that day we went thru Cordoba, they beat the fruit flies to it. I'd like to know.

Helen wrote that Kitty Coolidge decided she better head back north, and stop in Yucatan a few days, so I assume she went last Friday the 19th. Helen has been planning to come over here for a few days but the Fiestas Agustinas take place from Aug 3 to 5 and I am thinking of flying over to Antigua instead. I wont get any work done here, that's a safe bet. We are now making up our report on the fruit business, Mario Levy and I, and after the Fiestas Agustinas I am going to work up my recommendations re the agrl school. That will be another two weeks' job. Being in town the other afternoon, with an hour to kill, I stepped into the office of KLM, put on a serious expression, and said, "What will it cost me to go around the world, taking in the following cities?" and then named about everything from Santa Maria de los Azores to the Hawaiian Islands. The man was like José Perez, who replied when I asked him, if three oranges cost five cents how much will a dozen cost? He said it required a little calculation; and next day he sent me a budget, \$1556 US or if we dont go via New Delhi, and he added that he had to cut out Tel Aviv since if we went there and got our passports stamped we could never again in our lives enter any Arab country and I want to revisit Baghdad.

Gosh, but we are eating well here at the Pension. Just saw a huge batch of those huge shrimps in the kitchen, for our Sunday dinner. I have to pay \$140 per month for board and lodging, but that is fairly low by local standards. Of course the Hotel Imperial is very much cheaper and has the advantage of being close to the very best whore house section in the city, but I find the Minister thinks he would hesitate to call on me there. I had lunch with Chico yesterday; afterward visited Bob at Altamira. Always lots to do here.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popeooc

Don Pablo came in early Monday morning and said, I would like to go back to Vieira for a while. I took him in and he is still there. He was getting pretty down; but it is good to know he now takes the initiative in going to Vieira. I think part of it is that he has people there to talk with all day.

11 May 1956

Dear Paul:

J'ever hear the story of the tramp who was caught riding the blind baggage out on the Arizona desert? The conductor grabbed him by the back of the neck, pulled that cord they used to run thru the cars to make an emergency stop, and led the tramp back toward the rear of the train. "You cant put me off between stations" said the tramp "its against the law". The conductor continued to lead the bozo toward the rear platform. "You cant put me off between stations" said the tramp again. "The journey continued. And as the conductor pushed the tramp off the end of the train, and signalled the engineer to move on, the last words which the passengers heard were "You cant put me off between stations". "Gosh," said the conductor, "some people sure are hard to convince." This refers to yours of the 7th instant.

Just talked with Tina; she says Antonio Molina telegraphed her from Yoro yesterday saying he barely got there; road terrible and it is raining cats and dogs (now dont mention poodles). Louis sent up a new Anthurium from Costa Rica; apparently he was at Turrialba at the time. Antonio is going to spend another couple of weeks collecting if he doesnt have to give up on account of rain. It begins to look like we might get some rain here in a week or so. Imam quite optimistic.

I will tell Medina he has a raincoat just in time. Peruga has moved back to the staff house, next door to Jacobo. Mario Jalil getting married out here on the 26th; what a pity you wont be here in time to pour the champagne, you make it go so far! Zamoras moving into their new house this week end; Hilda as thrilled as a boy with his first pair of pants. Fick has come back from the hospital in La L,ma where he stayed ten days. They found nothing wrong with his liver but he has some duodenal ulcers which will be cured shortly by the proper diet. I dont know why he should have these; I'm the guy who has every right to them and I am a little bit jealous.

Flena will be in touch with you, I am sure, and you will know her plans. If you have anything to say about them, tell her by all means to come back with you and Dottie on the 28th instant. This is just the right date; all of you will miss 500 Lions on the 20th and 2 00 (this is 200, not 2000, typographical error) Chicos de la Prensa Centro Americana on the 26th. Immediately after the Chicos leave we marry off Jalil & novia, another job you will miss. So stick to your story; you folks and Flena come back here on the 28th, and you bring with you all those mango varieties George Ruehle recommends (in form of a few scions cada una) and a few scions of hibiscus, though only the good Lord knows how we can expect Mario to do any supervising of the grafting business on the 29th. Aber das macht nichts aus. We are all wondering where Mario will spend his honeymoon. He says right here, in No 11 Lower Staff. I suspect he is right.

Two for lunch today; and this p M the new Director of the Esc Nal de Agr at Barcena, Guatemala, comes to spend a week. Sunday I have three for lunch; that's easy. Old Marcos is holding up wonderfully, and the babosita, who fell down last week with a pair of scissors in her hand and almost put out her right eye, is once more interested in the cine.

Ever yrs

8 May 1956

Dear Paul:

When I mentioned to Mario Jalil that I had written you to ask you to pick up some mango budwood in Miami, he asked "Why didnt you teñl him to get grafting material of the Hawaiiñ hibiscus varieties which Dr Ruehle promised me in Antigua. So if you havent written Ruehle yet, you might mention the above, and tell him to send along scions of any mangos he thinks we ought to have - maybe we dont have them yet. As I think I suggested, I am sure Ruehle would leave the package for you with Mrs Fairchild or anywhere you are going to stop on your way thru Miami.

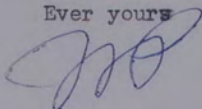
Had quite a busy week end. Friday afternoon Bert Muller showed up, to talk about becas at Gainesville. He went away Sat morning; then Bob Beasley and wife came out for the day; and then in the p m Chico de Sola and Bob Armour came and stayed until yesterday Monday morning when I took them into town. At that time Paul Standley came around to say he thought he would like to go back to the hospital, wh was the best thing he could do, as he was in pretty bad shape since Sat p m. We took him in.

Your yard boy has decorated our house with four different pots of dowiana - they are lovely. I have sent one of them back already, the others will go back as soon as they wither, for I dont trust orchids in our house.

Jim and Lois have reservations to fly on the 19th. Helen seems to be getting along well in Washington but hasnt had time to write since the new grandson arrived. I guess that's natural.

Send us word in advance when to expect you.

Ever yours



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

3 May 1956

Dear Paul and Dorothy:

I opened Dorothy's note to Helen, because the latter left here last Saturday and should now be in Washington. I havent yet learned of her arrival in Miami, where she expected to spend Sunday with Daisy Bell if a telephone call to Washington indicated ^{Nancy} wasnt yet on the road to the maternity ward. The Aunts left the same day as Helen; between the two outfits I spent most of the day at the airport.

Pablo: primary object of the present, despues de saludarle muy atentamente, etc, is to ask you, if you can easily handle it, to write Dr George Ruehle or Dr Bruce Ledin at Homestead for some mango tips suitable for veneer grafting of Brooks and Edward; you remember Ruehle replied to my inquiry in Antigua that these are two of the best? I just today find that we do not have them. If you stop in Miami long enough you could pick them up there. Dont go to very much trouble as we have lived a long time without Brooks and Edward. If he wants to include a few other varieties, bring them along. At least ten scions of each. There seems to be a difference of opinion between Homestead and the South Campus regarding the world's best mangos.

Jim Miller goes in town tomorrow to complete preparations for getting away about May 20th. Jorge Benitez writes from Guatemala that things are picking up at ^Darcena and he doesnt want to move over here when Mario goes. Your gang is working well on cleaning out the Madre Vieja. I went down to look it over yesterday.

Ever yours,

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26 April 1956

If you were listening in on HRILW last evening you would have heard Mr James W Miller Jr., who is operating this radio during the absence of Dr Wms in Costa Rica, advising his listeners in Florida that he is resigning on 20 May, to return to his duties at the University of Florida.

Saturday, MAR. 31, 1956 • Sunday, APRIL 1, 1956

December 9, 1955

Dr. Freeman S. Howlett, Secretary-Treasurer
Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station
Wooster, Ohio

Dear Doctor Howlett:

Enclosed please find check for six dollars to pay for one year's membership in ASHS, in the name of Paul H. Allen, Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Mr. Allen is a botanist and horticulturist who has been some 18 years in tropical America, much of the time in charge of the orchid collection of the Missouri Botanical Garden in Panama. He was materially helpful during the last meeting of the Caribbean Region-ASHS, here at the school, and promises to go with me to Guatemala next spring to help us at the Antigua meeting. He should by all means be a member of ASHS. He has not previously joined.

With best regards always,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popence
Wilson Popence
Secretary-Treasurer

b/c Mr Allen ✓

Paris, 19 Aug 1955

Dear Pablo - We drove in here from Orleans this morning grimy and greasy and therefore needing a general cleanup very badly, which we now possess. We have rarely spent more than one night in a place. We have seen a lot, now been 7400 miles on the speedometer. What a lot of country we have seen since leaving Madrid! It's all very interesting, very tiring, and very expensive! - It was good to find your letter of the 10th at the Embassy today. If the Tegucigalpa ^{news} regarding demise relates to my financial death, it is 100% correct. As I have just written Nick Eric, I had to cable the bank in Boston to send me another \$1000. But in the words of William Howard Taft, "what money is for is to spend". - Thanks for the July News Letter (only copy I have read, which is alright too) and for Nixon Smiley's page. - We leave tomorrow to see Mont Saint Michel on our way to Holland. I am beginning to wish I could play hockey (as far as the Hort Congress is concerned) and come back to Zamorano. Looks like we won't get there before 13 Sept, thanks for offering to meet us. We'll advise definite date of arrival duly. Mientras tanto, we all join in affectionate regards to you both.

Ever yrs JJP

Oviedo, España 2 Aug 1955

Dear Paul - Many thanks for your letter of 21 p.p.m. ppds, wh we picked up in Madrid last week, after 3 days in that fine city, this time, we rolled northward, taking in the little out-of-the-way town at the heel town where Isabel la Católica was born; then Santiago de Compostela, then over here and tomorrow we head southward through the eastern part of the country. 4500 miles rung up on the little Renault already. We will have that car written off the books before long. - Nunca llueve sin llevar a chorros, and you seem to have had plenty in July. I think I prefer agriculture in an arid region with lots of water for irrigation. - I suppose we shall lose our maize again. I wonder if the boys got our rice mill in shape and were able to salvage for the mess hall the rice we grew last year. - By the way, I fear I forgot to mention young Russell who was to come from Trinidad - and did, according to your letter. Do all you can for him - and tell him I am very sorry not to be there during his stay. His father is a grand person and a very important one. - Sorry to hear the Mullers and Juan Fernandez have not been too well. And especially - from Dottie's letter - that Harold

Loomis had something seriously wrong with
him. Keep up Dottie's supply of pills; we'll
got to get that girl in good shape so she
can stand the rigors of life at Zamorano.
Tough place; Paul Standley says there
was a rattlesnake bite recently, and the
snake died. - I'm afraid I told (or rather)
~~wrote~~ you, the story of the nun who was
accused of drinking. - I don't seem to get
many new stories here. One in ABC: man
and wife walking along the street and
the man stops to look in the window
of a bookstore. "Why do you want to buy
a book?" asks the wife "You bought one
last year you haven't read yet."

Here we hear from you in Paris
about the 18th. Affectionate regards from
us to you all.

JW

Madrid, 9 July 1955

Dear Pablo - On arriving here 2 days ago we found your very interesting letter of 25 June. Many thanks for all the news. I guess you are the best source of Zamorano information so please write us again, same address. On Monday we are moving on to Andalucía and will be coming thru Madrid again in 2 weeks or so. Lord, there is so much to see here and so little time! We have, in 16 days, rung up 2600 miles on the little Renault car. It runs mighty smooth-like

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having plenty of fun with it 35 miles per gallon, so far. We have been over a big part of France, South Germany, the Austrian Tyrol, Switzerland, and northern Spain. I am writing off the car at 15¢ per mile and think we are going to come out alright.

We are glad to know that Dottie is in good shape again and that some *Diplycraea* have bloomed. There must be quite a show of them somewhere in Dade County right now! I am delighted that Nipon sent the Red Caylons and the strawberries. By the way, the strawberries in France

are wonderful: the other fruits not so hot.
Fine melons here in Spain, and good quib in
general. Tell Joan Fernandez I am going to
write him as soon as we get to Granada and
have seen his folks - Joan wrote me a good
letter which was awaiting us on arrival here. -
I am so glad things are going smoothly
at Zamorano. That has been my only
preoccupation but I know I can count on all
of you and as a matter of fact the school will
probably run better without us! Incidentally,
both Helen and I needed a change very
badly and are feeling 1000% better than when
we left Zamorano. May be 100% spending
plenty of \$'s but I'll bet few families of
gringos can get by over here as cheaply as
we do - and at the same time eat as much
good quib. We are going to write a book,
"Eating Our Way Through Europe" - Hough
is completely sold on Spain and on Germany.
Doesn't think too much of the Frenchmen.
Says the prettiest girls are those of Bern,
Switzerland. Sorry I am not allowed
personally to express an opinion. Helen
joins in affectionate greetings. JH

November 10, 1954

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is just to let you know that we are wringing out our socks, hanging up our snowshoes, and putting our earmuffs in mothballs prior to the great hegira, which begins in about an hour, si Dios quiere. We have seen, and generally enjoyed the fall colors, bits of Indian summer, the great harvest moon and the first slushy snow fall, but now we're Honduras bound. I think it would have killed me to have had to buy a radiator full of prestone for only a weeks use. As it was I settled for denatured alcohol, which I hope to retail to unsuspecting citizens en route at a real per tragito.

We have followed the instructions in Mr. Aycock's circular, I believe to the letter, and will expect to pick up our resident visa in Guatemala. Wish you were going to be with us in Mexico. We had a very nice note the other day from Marian Fairchild written 17,000 ft. in the air over Washington D.C. en route to New York. I am glad she is getting out as much as she is, since she has always been active, and it will help bridge the gap. Please give dona[~] Helen our best.

as ever,

Frank

323 West Madison
Kirkwood, Mo.
October 28, 1954

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Have just received your second epistle to the Missourians,
and can confirm that Honduras has a Consul in St. Louis in
the person of Francis Doll Jr., who holds forth in room 500
of the Shell Building, 1221 Locust, St. Louis.

Fall colors beautiful here, but with a steady, fine rain all
day today & cold as banished hope. Kids putting up Halloween
decorations, cider & apples at roadside stands etc. We have
managed to rent my mother's house at a fairly good figure,
and will move her to another home of her choosing day after
tomorrow. We have put heavy duty springs on the car, and in
general have things ready for a jet-propelled takeoff as soon
as the visa arrives. Sweaters on sale here for \$2.99. Can we
bring you some?

As ever,

Paul

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

26 October 1954

Dear Pablo:

Reading the Airlines Guide last night - as big as a family bible - I noticed that Honduras is supposed to have a Consulate in Saint Louis Mo. Look into this right away. Joe Paz told me yesterday he has hopes of getting your visa soon. I am going into Teguci personally on Friday to see if I cant pry it loose. If they have a consulate in ^St Louis - they should know at the Ministerio - and the Consul is still alive, then we will get the Ministerio de Relaciones to authorise your visas there.

Raining like Hell here - if anyone could think of such an inappropriate metaphor. Wh reminds me of my cousin the Bishop of South Dakota. A man once said to him "Bishop, where in Hell have I met you before?" "Why, I dont know exactly," said the Bishop, "what part of Hell do you come from?"

Ever yrs hastily

Pop

323 West Madison
Kirkwood, Missouri
October 26, 1954

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We have been here for about a week and have most of our major items of business pretty well in hand, and had rather expected to head south this coming Sunday or Monday when we received your letter regarding difficulties on the visas. If it were not for the elections we could probably get by with tourist visas (I once landed in Teguc without any visa at all!) but since we are to live in the country I would prefer not to create any difficulties for ourselves or the school.

We left the herbarium and our personal effects with TAN in Miami with an agreement that they would hold them in storage gratis and ship at the old (.12) rate when notified. If there is too much delay we may lose those concessions, but there is no use in worrying about it yet.

The trip to Chicago would cost about \$50-60, but can easily be done if desirable. The expense would be avoided if a Honduran Consulate in Texas or Mexico could do the job, since we have to pass both en route.

We would rather welcome a delay of up to a week in the vicinity of Mexico City, since it would give us a chance to see some of the local sights, but we realize that this might well develop into semi-permanent residence.

Our stop at Gainesville proved to be very encouraging, since they seem to be strongly interested in any publishable projects on Latin America. Some sort of advisory board must pass on each manuscript submitted, but the Director told us that the interest in the opus expressed by yourself and Dean Hume would just about clinch it. To my considerable surprise they said that more of the same, covering the timber trees of individual Central American countries, or the whole spread would be very welcome, and that such projects would be certain of acceptance for publication. This is quite a contrast to the unenthusiastic reaction we have had from other quarters, and we've concluded that perhaps we've been trying to operate a watch repair shop in a meat market. We should have some definite word on the thing by the first of the year at the latest.

Since our arrival here Dr. Anderson has decided that he would like to have me collaborate with Dr. Woodson in so far as possible on the completion of the Flora of Panama. Since the present delay will give us a little extra time in St. Louis, I will try to see what can be done on the Moraceae, which is the next family to be considered.

Both Dorothy and I are looking forward to our return to Central

America with a great deal of pleasure. We are sorry that the weather in Guatemala prevented your trip from materializing, since it would have been a nice experience for Mrs. Fairchild and a pleasant break for all of you. If we can do any shopping for you in Mexico or Guatemala, (or in the States) please let us know, and we can at least put anything from here in foot lockers which we hope can stay sealed all the way down.

Dorothy joins me in our best to you & yours. We will plan to remain at this address until we have confirmation on the visas and Consulate from you.

Ag ever,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

22 Oct 1954

Mr Paul Allen
Kirkwood, Mo. E U A

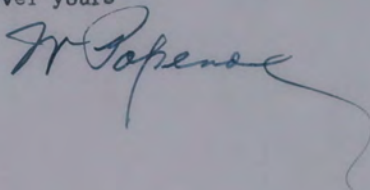
Dear Paul:

Your letter of the 7th came a few days ago,- more than a few, I guess. When I was in town last Monday I checked up on your visa. I made the request the day after we got back from Florida. So far nothing has come through, and the folks at the Tela RR tell me they have seven or eight similar requests pending. We will push it all we can, but this is just to tell you that we shall probably have to expect further delay. As soon as we get the authorization we will figure out where you had best get the visa - I think probably at Chicago, so there would be no likelihood of your being tied up in Mexico City waiting for it.

Mrs Fairchild finally decided not to go to Antigua. The weather was bad over there, we heard, and it was pretty tough here also. Rained most of the time she was here.

Best regards to you both.

Ever yours



October 7, 1954

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Many thanks for the letters, which have been forwarded to the Passport Division in Washington.

All present indications are that we will head north on or about Wednesday, October 14. Since this is only a week away, I wonder if it would be better to fall back on our alternate plan of having the resident visas sent to either Chicago or Mexico City.

In the event that our letters cross in the mails, I will contact the Honduran Consul here before leaving and ask him to forward the authorization, if received to one of the above places.

We hear that you are off to Antigua and intermediate points. Wish we could join you. Please give Helen and Mrs. Fairchild our very best.

As ever,

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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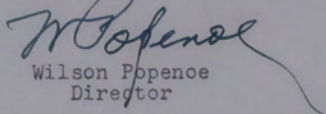
September 28, 1954

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Fairchild Tropical Garden
P. O. Box 407
Coconut Grove, Florida

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is letter I have written certifying that you have been employed by the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, which I hope will be of use to you in connection with your trip to Honduras. I have already written to Mr. Scott asking him to request the Honduran government to instruct the Consul at Miami to grant you the visa that will enable you to come to Honduras as residents. As soon as I know this has been done, I will let you know.

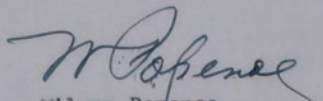
Sincerely yours,


Wilson Popenoe
Director

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Paul H. Allen has been employed by the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (an institution financed by the United Fruit Company of Boston, Massachusetts) and will come to Honduras as soon as necessary arrangements can be made.

Escuela Agrícola Panamericana guarantees repatriation of Mr. and Mrs. Allen at any time his employment here is terminated.


Wilson Popenoe
Director

September 27, 1954.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

November 3, 1954

Mr. Paul H. Allen
323 W. Madison
Kirkwood, Missouri

Dear Paul:

Somewhat sooner than I had dared hope we have been advised by the government that the Consul of Honduras in Guatemala City is authorized to extend you the visa; therefore, you can leave for Honduras any day you want. I think you know there is nothing at this time to hurry you, but on the other hand, we shall be glad to see you here whenever you arrive. This means that you can stay as long as you want in Mexico City without upsetting our program in any way.

As I wrote you the other day, we think your program should be as follows: get a tourist card for Mexico; either in the States or in Mexico, get a tourist card for Guatemala. When you reach Guatemala City, get a transit visa for El Salvador and your Honduran visa. If you have any trouble at any place, send us a radiogram.

In Mexico City we have for many years used the Hotel de Cortes, which is an interesting building and not too expensive. You may know of something you prefer, but if you go to the Cortes, tell them you belong to our gang because they know us pretty well. Helen would like Dorothy to bring some Mole Poblano tablets. They come in little square packages and, I believe she says, in a yellow wrapper. There are two kinds: the green mole and the yellow one. We ~~want~~ want the yellow one. If you find it, buy a couple of dozen and bring them along. They wont over load your car.

I do not recall whether or not you are acquainted with Guatemala City. The hotels there are rather expensive. The Gran Hotel Continental is not too bad and is much lower in price than the tourist hotels. If you would like to stay a few days in Guatemala, we suggest you go over to Antigua and use our house. I am enclosing a note to Maria, who will take care of you.

We always try to avoid staying over night in San Salvador, but you may have to do so. We prefer to break the journey at Santa Ana where the Hotel Florida is very good. If you stay at San Salvador, we recommend the Internacional, which is about 16 Colones as opposed to 25 Colones at the Hotels Astoria and Nuevo Mundo. There is a place to park your car at the Internacional but not at the other hotels.

When you are in Mexico, by all means go over to Puebla and spend a night if possible there. Horticulturally, you will do well to drive from there down to

Hidalgo 84

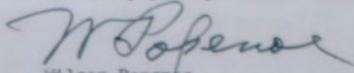
November 3, 1954

Atlixco, the great avocado center, which is about 20 miles from Puebla over a good highway. As a matter of fact, I believe you have to pass Puebla and Atlixco when you come south to Guatemala. I suppose you will go to Cuernavaca, but God knows why! That's a great tourist hang out which is probably why I do not care for it. You should spend a day or two in Oaxaca, if you come through there, and personally, I am very fond of the town of Tehuantepec. Lots of good-looking indian girls!

No charge for all the above advice. Come on down as soon as you are ready.

Warmest regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours,



Wilson Popence
Director

Encl.-

P.S.-- We have just received a letter from Mr. Scott enclosing "Certificación de la Resolución" issued by the Ministry of Government granting the necessary permit for you to enter this country as a resident. We are sending you herewith copy of this as well as copy of the radiogram sent by Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Consul in Guatemala authorizing him to give a resident's visa. Also enclosed, for your information and guidance, is a set of instructions prepared by the General Manager's Office in La Lima regarding regulations with which all foreign employees coming to Honduras have to comply.

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RELACIONES

CERTIFICACION

El Infrascrito, Oficial Mayor de la Secretaría de Estado en los Despachos de Gobernación, Justicia, Sanidad y Beneficencia, CERTIFICA la resolución que literalmente dice: "SECRETARIA DE ESTADO EN LOS DESPACHOS DE GOBERNACION, JUSTICIA, SANIDAD Y BENEFICENCIA.- Tegucigalpa, D.C., veintinueve de octubre de mil novecientos cincuenta y cuatro.- VISTA para resolver la solicitud presentada a este Despacho por el Sr. José E. Paz, de generales conocidas, como apoderado sustituto de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana contraída a pedir se concedan permiso de ingreso y residencia en el país para el señor PAUL HAMILTON ALLEN, de 43 años de edad, casado, de nacionalidad norteamericana, casado, Botánico, con residencia actual en la ciudad de Miami, Fla. EE. UU. de donde vendrá a Honduras a prestar sus servicios a la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de El Zamorano; habiendo acreditado el peticionario los extremos de su solicitud, esta Secretaría de Estado en uso de sus facultades, RESUELVE: Conceder el permiso de ingreso solicitado y el de residencia cuando el Sr. Paul Hamilton Allen haya cumplido con la obligación de obtener la TARJETA DE IDENTIFICACION que para los extranjeros y centroamericanos establece el Dec. Leg. No. 74 de 10 de febrero de 1934, la cual le servirá para acreditar su condición de residente en el país, al solicitar ante la Sría. de RR. EE. su inscripción como extranjero; y siempre que se dedique a trabajar única y exclusivamente en las dependencias de la Tela Railroad Company. Excítase a la Sría. de RR. EE. para que ordene al cónsul respectivo que le vise su pasaporte como Inmigrante de Primera Clase, autenticándole a la vez sus certificados de salud y buena conducta, y, extendiéndole al propio tiempo certificación de la manifestación a que se refieren el Art. 5° de la Ley de Inmigración y el 5° del Reglamento para la aplicación de la misma Ley; extiéndase al peticionario certificación de esta providencia para los usos legales correspondientes y comuníquese a la Dirección General de Policía para fines de control.- Notifíquese.- C. COLINDRES ZEPEDA.- E. AGUIRRE GUTIERREZ.-" Extendida en la ciudad de Tegucigalpa, D.C., a los veintinueve días del mes de octubre de mil novecientos cincuenta y cuatro.-Sello. (f) B. AGUIRRE GUTIERREZ.-Sello.-Vo. Bo. (f) C. COLINDRES ZEPEDA.

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TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
General Manager's Office

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La Lima, Honduras
December 14, 1953

GENERAL MANAGER'S CIRCULAR NO. 5331

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS - CORTES
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GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON ENTRY, REGISTRATION, TAXES, ETC.

For the benefit of all foreign employees, especially new-comers, we have compiled the enclosed set of instructions on the above subject.

Extra copies of these instructions can be obtained from my office.

Heads of Departments should make it a point to see that all new employees become familiar with existing regulations and get all of the necessary assistance for prompt compliance therewith.

The enclosed instructions will be reviewed from time to time in the light of new regulations or changes.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.)
J. F. Aycock

cc:-Mr. W. L. Taillon
Mr. K. B. Block
Dr. N. C. Thornton
Mr. V. E. Scott
Mr. R. C. Burton

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY
Office of the General Manager

INFORMATION FOR NEW EMPLOYEES COMING FROM ABROAD
TO WORK IN HONDURAS

If your entry as a Resident of Honduras was handled properly, you should have in your possession the following documents:

- a) Valid passport with a Resident Visa. *Guatemala*
- b) Health Certificate certified by a Honduran Consul.
- c) Certificate of Good conduct certified by a Honduran Consul.
- d) A Certificate completed in the presence of the Honduran Consul to the effect that the alien will comply with the conditions of the Honduran Immigration Law (so far, our experience has been that the Consul will prepare and sign this statement after questioning the alien when the latter appears before him to obtain a visa). *Guatemala*
- e) A Vaccination Certificate against smallpox not more than two years old.

You will require the Entry and Residence Certificate obtained by our Agent in Tegucigalpa at the time your visa was authorized. It is important that you inquire immediately about this certificate with your immediate superior, as you will need it for registration purposes.

REGISTRATION AS A RESIDENT ALIEN

Immediately upon arrival in Honduras, you should request assistance from your superior to properly establish residence in the country by complying promptly with existing regulations. These are as follows:

- 1) Within 24 hours after arrival (not counting Sundays or holidays) you must register at the local police headquarters. Presentation of your passport and a passport size photograph is required for this. Be sure that your passport is stamped at the Police Department, as proof of your registration.
- 2) You should report to the office of the local Municipality (Town Hall), with your passport, for registration as a resident alien, and obtain proof (Constancia) of such registration. You will subsequently be issued a TARJETA DE IDENTIFICACION which requires two passport size pictures and a five-lempira tax stamp. It is important and obligatory that you obtain this TARJETA DE IDENTIFICACION. Inquire about this with your superior.

- 3) Any foreigner over 18 years of age must be inscribed in the Registry of Resident Aliens maintained by the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Tegucigalpa, within 90 days of arrival, failing which a fine is assessed of from ten to one-hundred lempiras. The passport, the Entry and Residence Certificate, and proof (Constancia) of your having registered with the Municipality (Concejo) will be required to accomplish this inscription. Please be sure to bring this point to your superior's attention. This matter is handled in Tela by the Legal Department there; in La Lima by the La Lima Legal Department; in Progreso through the Agricultural Department Office; and in Cortes through the Port Superintendent's Office. In this connection, the following data will be required:

Full Name
Date and Place of Birth
Age
Nationality
Civil Status (Married or Single, etc.)
Occupation
Domicile
Father's full name and nationality
Mother's full name and nationality
Spouse's full name and nationality
names and ages of children

A petition for inscription (on stamped legal paper) signed by you will be sent by one of the above mentioned offices along with your passport, Entry and Residence Certificate, and proof of your registration at the Municipality. After your inscription is made, which takes some time, your documents will be returned to you and you will receive a CERTIFICATE OF INSCRIPTION AS A RESIDENT ALIEN, ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. It is important that you hold this Certificate in safekeeping, as it constitutes the evidence of your status as a resident of the country.

CEDULA DE IDENTIDAD - (IDENTIFICATION CARD)

After your inscriptions with the Municipality and the Office of Foreign Relations have been accomplished, you must obtain your Cedula de Identidad (Identification Card) at the local municipality. Application for this must be made personally, presenting the following:

- I) Two photographs 1-1/4" x 1-1/4".
- II) Certificate of Inscription issued by the Office of Foreign Relations.
- III) It is also advisable to have the passport available for presentation, as a check on place and date of birth.

All of the above requirements apply also to any members of your family over 18 years of age.

PERSONAL TAXES THAT MUST BE PAID IN HONDURAS

INCOME TAX - Every person who receives an annual income in excess of ₡ 3,700.00 (Lempiras) (U.S. \$1,850.00) must file a sworn income tax declaration (on forms provided before March 31st of each year, showing the total income received during the previous taxable year; that is during the period from January 1st to December 31st. This taxable income is determined by deducting from gross income the following individual personal exemptions:

- 1) Annual sum of ₡3,700.00 (U.S. \$1,850.00) for the tax payer.
- 2) Additional annual sum of ₡1,200.00 (U.S. \$600.00) if the tax payer is married and living with his spouse.
- 3) Additional annual sum of ₡600.00 (U.S. \$300.00) for each minor child or other person dependent on the tax payer for support.
- 4) The amount of insurance premiums paid during the taxable year. Receipts for premiums paid outside Honduras must be attached to tax declaration.

Once the tax payer has calculated his taxable income by making the abovementioned personal deductions, this taxable income is subject to the following progressive tax rates:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Taxable Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax</u>
A	From ₡ 0.01 to ₡ 2,500.00	2%
B	From ₡ 2,500.01 to ₡ 5,000.00	2.5%
C	From ₡ 5,000.01 to ₡ 10,000.00	3%
D	From ₡ 10,000.01 to ₡ 25,000.00	3.5%

ALL NEW EMPLOYEES SHOULD CONSULT THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT IN HONDURAS REGARDING THEIR INCOME TAX MATTERS AND FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH CURRENT AND NEW REGULATIONS ON THE SUBJECT. EVERY PERSON NOT SUBJECT TO THE TAX SHOULD OBTAIN A TAX-EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE, PRESENTATION OF WHICH IS REQUIRED WHEN TRAVELLING OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The only other taxes payable at present (1953) are the School Tax, ranging from \$1.80 to a maximum of \$6.00 per year, and the Road Tax, ranging from \$2.00 to a maximum of \$4.00 per year. These taxes are payable during the months of June and July. Women are exempt from the Road Tax. Women who do not have a regular income are exempt from the School Tax.

If you are covered by U.S. Social Security, please be sure to show your card to the Chief Clerk of your Department, as the U.S. Social Security Card number is required by the Accounting Department.

GOVERNMENT PERMIT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY

At least one week before the date of your departure, a telegram should be sent to the Minister of Foreign Relations, Tegucigalpa, requesting him to authorize issuance of your exit visa. (Consult your superior about this telegram). Ordinarily you obtain a telegraphic affirmative reply within two or three days, then you should apply to the Comandancia, at the designated place, for an exit visa, presenting the telegram from the Minister of Foreign Relations, your valid passport, your Entry and Residence Certificate, your income tax receipt, your road and school tax receipts.

Concerning employees leaving the country permanently, the authorities will not allow their departure unless they present an UP-TO-DATE income tax clearance; therefore, it is essential that as much in advance as possible of departure you file an income tax declaration for the current year through the date you are paid on the payroll and effect payment of the tax due, if any, or obtain exemption certificate from the Income Tax Bureau in Tegucigalpa. Your immediate superior will assist you on this.

Please do not hesitate to call on the management for explanation or assistance in connection with the above matters.

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J. F. Aycock
General Manager

La Lima, Honduras
December, 1953

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J. F. Wood
General Manager

LA LINE, HONGKONG
December, 1933

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APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
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30 Oct 1954

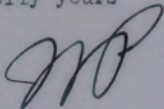
Dear Paul:

Yours of the 26th has just come. Good mail service. I am glad you and Dottie are enjoying yourselves, and especially glad that you met with such a favorable reception at Gainesville. That is a good contact for the future. I think they have some money to spend on Latin American projects and I am sure that they want to work closely with us.

Yesterday I was in Teguci, to see what I could find out about your visa. In the first place, don't start south until you hear that it is approved. Joe, Paraguays it is essential, these days, to have it before you enter the country, if you are going to stay here.

The other side of the picture is more pleasant. He feels pretty sure we will get it next week. I find there is an honorary Consul of Honduras, ^{in St. Louis} as I think I wrote you, but Joe suggests that we have the Honduran Consul in Guatemala authorised to fix you up. It is so much nearer here in case of any tie-up. He suggests you get a tourist card for Mexico, and a tourist card for Guatemala. We will have the Honduran consul in that city lined up to give you the necessary resident visa. Then you get a transit visa to come thru Salvador, and Zas y Ras! you are in Zamorano. I may send you a radiogram when we get things lined up; or I may send an airmail if there is very much to say. In any event, I am very hopeful that we will get things straightened out in a week or ten days.

Hastily yours



Taguzgalpa, 18 August 1954

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for yrs of 12th instant. We have just come back from the big city, where we got our tickets on TAN to fly to Miami, as per advance notices, on next Thursday 26th, due at International Airport about 9 p m. It is a direct flight from here and usually TAN keeps pretty close to schedule, in contrast to Pan Am, if I may be permitted to say so. But you never can tell.

You may run into Hugh Popenoe at the airport, as he plans to drive down to Miami to take us back upstate; but he will not be staying at casa de Uds. On Friday, the day after our arrival, we may go down to the Homestead region with Hugh to see tropical fruits - after we have taken a look at the garden, and called up Mrs Fairchild to see if she would like us to drop in there for a few minutes. We plan to visit Belle Glade for a couple of hours, rempujar a lot of catfish at or near Pahokee, then go over to Bradenton to stay a couple of days in that region, with my old friend Norman Reasoner.

I reckon we will all sit up until circa 12 m. on Thursday so we can tell you about strikes, revolutions, et id genus omne. Gott sei dank, things are quiet down this way right now.

It will be mighty pleasant to see you and the señora again, and cambiar impresiones. I always liked that term; it covers everything.

Yours always,

W Popenoe

August 12, 1954

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

So far as I know we will be in Florida until some time in September at least, and we have the room and transportation if you still plan to come through Miami. Remember, we haven't heard any of the gory details about the strike & invasion, and we're depending on you both to keep us on the edges of our chairs with episode I, II etc. of the cliff-hanger. We might even sell film rights to Hollywood & star Gregory Peck as our own Peurifoy.

Unless you have urgent business elsewhere we'll be expecting you. We assume 9:00 P.M. Thursday the 26th is still correct. You might remind Lou he owes me a letter.

Regards, as ever,

Paul

August 11, 1954

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We will of course be delighted to see old friends, and will plan to meet your plane. You are welcome to stay as long as you care to, or at least as long as you can stand us!

You have doubtless heard by now that Dr. David died without regaining consciousness on Friday the 6th, following his heart attack. We all miss him, but it is best this way, since he had not been well enough to be comfortable for the past year, and his mind was beginning to go. Sandy is here, and plans to stay the balance of the summer.

I have to dash off to pick up a visiting fireman, so will sign off to get this into the mail. Dottie joins me in our best.

As ever,

Paul

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

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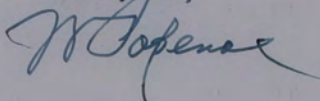
6 August 1954

Dear Pablo:

Just after writing you a note to the effect that we will probably come to Miami on 26 August, I hear that you ^{and} Dorothy may not be there at that time. That's alright; tho we would like to see you, and perhaps can when we come back from Boston to fly to Tegucigalpa about Sept 20.

We understand that DF is failing and we will not bother him; though if he is better by the time we get there, or come back from the North, we shall most certainly want to see him. Anyway, you folks can just forget about us for the time being. We have other friends in that area with whom we shall stay and Hugh will come down and pick us up for a drive through some of the horticultural parts of the State before we hit Gainesville.

Ever yours,



5 agosto de 1954

Dear Pablo:

When we went to Tegucigalpa yesterday we made reservations to fly via TAN to Miami on the 26th of this month. Mrs Fairchild wrote that she hoped you would meet us and put us up for the night, but after that we MUST (sic) stay with them. If you have other guests at the Garden, that Seabreeze where we stayed last time is pretty darn satisfactory. Hugh is going to drive down from Gainesville and meet us, probably Saturday evening (I believe we arrive Thursday evening, and the time should be around 9 o'clock) and we hope to start Monday morning for a tour of southern Florida (no college student these days is sans automobile).

We will confirm later. Things are not too quiet in this part of the world but I have lived thirty five years in C A in quietude and wouldn't really feel happy in any other ambiente. Life can get awfully dull in the USA, at times.

We hope and trust all goes well at the FTG, and especially with the Paul Allens.

Ever yrs

W. P. S. P.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
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28 April 1954

Mr. Paul Allen
Fairchild Tropical Garden
Box 407
Coconut Grove, Florida

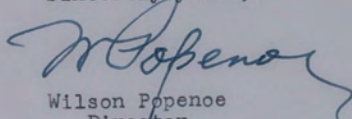
Dear Paul:

The handsome book on the orchids of Panama has just come. This is a beautiful book, the beauty of which is due in large part, to the drawings done by that wonderful Dorothy of yours. Accept my cordial thanks for remembering me with a copy.

I wrote you not long ago, so I will not say more at this time, except to mention again that we look forward to the pleasure of seeing you both in September.

Warmest regards always.

Sincerely yours,



Wilson Popenoe
Director

April 23, 1954

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This day of Grace was ushered in at about 4:00 A.M. by a typical Florida thunderstorm, which has persisted beyond the dawn as a thin, gray drizzle, a delightful portent since it means a quiet day in the office reducing the inflammation and swelling in my accumulated correspondence rather than in conferences with stout, earnest cash customers on the love life of the African Violet, or refereeing the latest feud among members of the Staff.

We are still alternately admirado or asombrado by the spectacle of the Garden. On increasingly frequent days we find time for exploratory walks about the grounds and find ourselves charmed beyond speech by some new, rare and often gorgeous tree, shrub or vine never seen before, but then usually have our enthusiasm dashed by the discovery that we don't have cash enough in the kitty to buy film to record it for posterity. Probably NEVER in the history of plant Science has so much, and so widely publicised lujo had so little present or potential financial backing. I honestly believe however that Neil Montgomery could get cash out of the proverbial turnip, and it just MAY turn out all right in the end.

Needless to say, we are delighted at the prospect that we may see you in September. Please remember that we have two extra beds plus hot & cold running water here that we would be charmed & honored to have you and Doña Helen, or your amigos occupy. We will try to plan to go to Gainesville too, at least to swell the clique of loyal ex-Hondureños who will cheer & applaud the old maestro. We sometimes get so homesick for Central America that we think we can't stand it, but it helps to see homefolks from time to time. Please let us know when to expect you and we'll meet your plane or train.

Dottie joins me in our very best to you and yours.

As ever,

Paul

Zamorano, 20 April 1954

Dear Pablo:

Just a note to say we hear such very nice things about the way you are handling the garden. More power to you. I know it hasn't been a bed of roses (nice metaphor, verdad!).

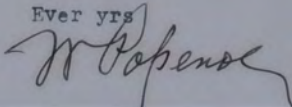
Nothing much to report at this end; just the usual round of "irritating petty concerns and duties" as someone has put it. I caught Paul Standley today, by the way, on a quotation from Shakespeare; I was surprised he didn't know the source of the following: "And this our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

L Wms still suffering slightly from a sore hip, which he acquired by falling out of my jeep when I was in Spain last summer. Lots of new studes rolling in - ávidos de sabiduría, as one man wrote me. Most of the staff away on vacation, and most of the studes too. Easter week passed without desgracias mayores que lamentar. I always smile with scorn when I think of that song we used to sing in Sunday School, which began "OH day of rest and gladness". Hardest week of the year for me is Semana Santa.

We expect to be up your way in September. I want to attend the meeting of the Am Soc Hort Sci at Gainesville from 6 to 9 of that month; I suspect you and Dorothy will do likewise; I hope so. We plan to bring up Roberto Quiñonez and wife (he is Minister of Agr in El Salvador) and Francisco de Sola and wife (he is one of the leading agriculturists over there). They will be tremendously interested in the Fairchild garden; both are cognoscenti.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to you both.

Ever yrs



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

21 Nov 1953

Mr Paul Allen
Box 407, Coconut Grove, Fla.

Dear Paul:

I wrote Mrs Fairchild this morning, suggesting that she suggest that you meet us on arrival via TAN, Monday evening 30 November at 9.20. Your letter indicates that you will be willing to do so; and since the Fairchilds go to bed early (and we know what that means, from experience here) we stay with you folks overnight or you can leave us at a hotel.

About a speech: We ought to get back from Gainesville by Monday the 7th. We have to fly back to Honduras on the 10th. If you can figure out a discourse which I could give between those dates, I will do my best for you; but I dont know what to talk about. Maybe you do. You and DF can figure it out.

About "Central American Fruit Culture". I am sorry to say we have no copies left - except a few to make up full sets of Celba. We gave away 100 copies to residents of Fla, thru Nixon Smiley and the Miami Herald. I was glad to get rid of them because there were a few errors in it and I think the Spanish edition (of which we have a good stock) is much better.

We look forward to seeing Dorothy and yourself. Mientras tanto, y siempre

afmo. atto. y SS, QBSM

W. C. C. Hansen

OBVIOUSLY:

Depend on dates for material we have seen
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana

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you A BEHOLD AS WELL AS A VERY PLEASANT
21 Nov 1953

TRAVEL AND HOUSE - NEED FOR inventory -
Mr Paul Allen
Box 407, Coconut Grove, Fla.
Dear Paul:

I wrote Mrs Patchin this morning, suggesting that she suggest that you meet us on arrival via TAN, Monday evening 30 November at 9.30. Your letter indicates that you will be willing to do so; and since the Patchins go to bed early (and we know what that means, from experience here) we stay with you folks overnight or you can leave us at a hotel.

About a speech: We ought to get back from Gainesville by Monday the 1st. We have to fly back to Honduras on the 10th. If you can figure out a date which I could give between those dates, I will do my best for you; but I don't know what to talk about. Maybe you do. You and Dr can figure it out.

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simo. stto. y ss, QRSN

November 16, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93-
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

You may possibly remember that I exerted my small wiles when we last saw the two of you regarding the possibility of a discurso on any free(!) evening you may be able to spare when you pass this way in December. You know we don't have many real live lions in our Florida hammocks, and we have to grab any such incautious enough to pass our doorstep.

If you can confirm a definite date and subject we will arrange for publicity through our bulletin and the local papers. I'm sure we can promise you a good crowd.

Just while I'm about it, I wonder if you could spare us up to 50 copies of your excellent opus (English edition) on Tropical Fruits. As you know, we try to stock as much plant literature as we can, and we have nothing available for this area that will touch yours. We would, of course expect to pay for these at the usual rate.

We would be very happy if you would plan to stay with us when you come, though we realize you may have previous commitments with the Fairchild's. In any case, whether or no we want to help you get to & from the airport. Let us know when to expect you.

We're looking forward to hearing all about your adventures and swag from Spain. Dottie joins me in our very best to you both.

As ever,

Palmar
February 28, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Shortly after receiving your very kind offer of a position on your teaching staff I was approached by the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Florida in regard to the possibility of going there as Director. They paid my expenses early in the present month to go up to meet various members of the Board of Managers, and to see the grounds, and have in today's mail confirmed my appointment to the job. Although I don't particularly care for an administrative position, which I know from past experience is usually no bed of roses, it is somewhat nearer the sort of thing that I have done in the past, and I have accepted. I hope this will not put you to undue inconvenience in regard to an instructor for the next school year. Perhaps Louis Williams can do something about it while on vacation.

With your approval, we would still like to come to Zamorano about April first, or shortly thereafter to finish up our manual of the "Rainforests of Golfo Dulce". We would of course expect to stay in one of your bachelor rooms and eat in the mess hall. My present guess is that it will take us between six and eight weeks to finish the job. We hope that this finds you well.

As ever,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

24 January 1953

Dr. Paul Allen,
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cis. Bananera de Costa Rica,
Golfito Division,
Palmar, Costa Rica.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th which I have shown to Louis Williams.

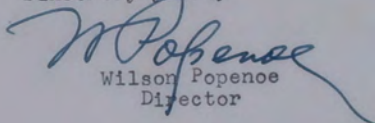
We shall be glad to see you here, especially because you say you will come in a month or two. We are going to be awfully busy through the last half of February, what with final examinations and a good many guests here for graduation on February 28th. If possible wait until after March 1st for from that time on we shall have plenty of room for Dorothy and yourself and won't give you any bills from the mess hall either..

When your plans are finally made get the Company to send us a radiogram with date and time of your arrival and we will try to have a car for you at the airport. You know your way about so that if anything breaks down at our end you will go to the office of the Tela Railroad Company and kick up a row.

Dr. Merrill is here and will stay until about March 10 I believe. He is not feeling too hot due, he says, to high blood pressure, but he is in good spirits and you will enjoy talking with him.

Best regards to both of you.

Sincerely yours,


Wilson Popenoe
Director

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

Palmar
January 16, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Now that the smoke has cleared a little, we find that things are not on quite as urgent footing as I had supposed when I wrote you first. Both the local Fruit Company organization and the Research Department agree that the important thing is to get this tree manual done. At the present I am deep in the midst of keys to the ecological formations, which should enable anyone, even without any technical training, to determine any of our 238 species of trees. I have suspected for years that such a thing could be worked out, and I am having a lot of fun doing it. None of it would have been at all possible of course without the wonderful cooperation I have had from Louis Williams and Paul Standley, and I can never thank them enough for it all. Dorothy is still working on drawings, and I am still photographing any and every thing that comes to hand, and I believe we will have an important project to show for it. Mr. Sanderson has agreed to let us stay in the house for as long as necessary, within reason, and to let me keep my motor car, yard boy, stand routine expenses for electricity etc., so that all we will be out of pocket will be for food. I do think however that it will be much easier to do orthodox botanical keys, which I also intend to include, at Zamorano, and I would very greatly appreciate it if you would let me come up, say in a month or two, and camp in one of your guest rooms, and eat in the mess hall, paying for my meals, while I finish up the job. This interval will give both of us time to think this thing out, and we can come to some decision while I am there. If this plan meets with your approval, I would appreciate hearing

from you. As you know, I have never taught a day in my life, but it is just possible that I might be of some use to you, even in that capacity. As you know, I have thousands of Kodachrome slides of native and cultivated plants, which could be worked in on lectures.

Most sincere regards,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

12 January 1953

Mr. Paul Allen,
Esquinas Experiment Station,
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica,
Golfito Division,
Palmar, Costa Rica.

Dear Paul:

Your letter of 5 January has come. It poses a problem which cannot be solved in a few days, but which must be solved rapidly since you have in mind to return to the States February 1st if other arrangements cannot be made here in the tropics.

We are interested, but will have to see where we stand before we can make any decisions.

I must say in the first place that both Dr. Williams and myself feel we would not be justified in increasing our expense for purely botanical work. If we were to use you here the job would have to be based on teaching, but there would of course be time on the side to carry on some of the projects to which you are so devoted.

I have talked with Dr. Williams about the whole matter for he knows more of your background than I do. It has occurred to us that you might be able to carry on some of the teaching in horticulture. I would also think you adequately prepared to pinchhit in biology if necessary.

Jaime Villegas is taking leave to accept a Rockefeller fellowship and will not be here during the next school year. This leaves open his class in simple agricultural chemistry, soils and fertilizers. I don't know that you could handle this, but it seems to me anyone with your experience in tropical horticulture would be prepared to do so.

I mention these things just to show you what the possibilities are here. I do not know that you are interested in a job which is based primarily on teaching. I do feel, however, that your general training and your knowledge of Spanish equips you for this sort of work if it is not repugnant to you. Some folks like to teach and some don't.

All in all I do not feel very hopeful that you would care to settle down to a life of teaching in a vocational school of agriculture. On the other hand, you like Central America and have been here long enough to know that you want to stay. You

Mr. Paul Allen

12 January 1953

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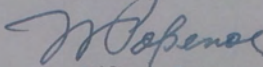
know enough about this school to understand what we are trying to do and can appreciate the pros and cons of life here.

If interested let me hear from you again right away and we will see what can be done.

I want to mention once more, however, that the amount of botanical work you would have time to do here would be quite limited.

With best regards to Dorothy and yourself.

Sincerely,



Wilson Popenoe
Director

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

Palmar
January 5, 1953

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter received yesterday from La Lima. As you will note, the single hair that has sustained the sword of Damocles over our little heads through all the successive Economy Programs has finally parted.

The immediate problem is how to finish up our tree manual, which is VERY far advanced, and then what to do next. I can always return to St. Louis, but I find that the thought that I shall never see Central America again leaves me with a very empty feeling inside.

You once suggested that you might be able to find a place for me at the school. I could come to you with three nearly completed projects, all profusely illustrated, with a herbarium in excess of 5000 specimens, containing many duplicate types, with a small, but good library, and most of my own equipment. If you think we could be of any use to you, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. I don't know whether it would be better to ask for a transfer, or whether it would be better to be liquidated here first. My present salary is \$300.00.

Sincerely yours,



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA HONDURAS

EL INFRASCRITO, Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
certifica:

Que las plantas y semillas, llevadas a Costa Rica por el
Sr. Paul H. Allen, son productos de Honduras, y en la opinion
de los técnicos de este establecimiento, son libres de insectos
nocivos y enfermedades.

Dado en Tegucigalpa, el día 9 de marzo de 1952.

Wilson Popence



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

11 August 1950

Mr Paul H Allen,
Cia Bananera de Costa Rica
Golfito.

Bear Paul:

Your letter of 2 June reached me some time ago, and since then, Paul Shank has given me a photograph of a wild avocado which I assume to be the one you wrote about.

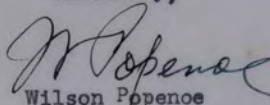
Perhaps 15 years ago when I was up at Monniche's place in Boquete he took me out in the woods to show me some wild avocado trees. These were not very far from his house. There were no ripe fruits but I saw enough material of various sorts to make me suspect that we might have, in the wild form which grows in that region, the prototype of the West Indian race. What you now write makes it seem all the more likely that you have a wild form in that region which may have given rise to the West Indian race. We have never been able to find anything which we could tie to with confidence; and as you may have noted in the last Yearbook of the California Avocado Society, I have raised a question as to the possibility that the West Indian race developed on the lowlands, in cultivation, out of the wild form - or one of the wild forms which we have seen in Mexico, Guatemala and here. Louis now thinks there are several spp involved in our group of wild highland avocados.

It would be of interest to many people if you would whip together some notes on your wild form and send them with a photograph or two to the California Avocado Society for the next Yearbook - which I think will go to press in December. We would be extremely glad to have some seeds of your form, which we can grow for observation and comparison with other forms we have here.

I heard you were in Lancetilla not long ago and am sorry you could not stop here. Louis will probably be back in a couple of weeks. Paul Standley going strong. I think we better put you on the list to receive our Monthly News Letter - there is an occasional horticultural note in it.

Best regards always,

Sincerely,


Wilson Popenoe

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

Palmar
June 2, 1950

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have before me abundant material of what I believe may be the wild ancestor of the West Indian race of Avocado, collected in the climax rain forests of the Esquinas District. It is a tree in the neighborhood of one hundred feet in height, growing in association with things like Anacardium excelsum, Viola panamensis, Carapa Slateri, Terminalia excelsa, Ceiba pentandra etc. The leaves exactly match those of cultivated seedlings in my own yard, but the fruits are very nearly spherical, about 3" in diameter, with a very large seed and scanty but characteristic pulp. The monkeys are fond of it.

Have you ever seen anything of the sort in your travels? This finds me without black & white film, but I do have Kodachrome, and will make a few slides. The fruits are too large to press, but can be preserved in liquid. Would you like to have seeds? I don't know how they might do with your low rainfall, since we have some 250 inches at Esquinas, but they might be interesting to try. I will send you Kodachromes and dried specimens when they are ready.

Most sincere regards,

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

March 10, 1950

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa
Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is just a brief note to tell you again how much we enjoyed our evening with you, and appreciate your other kind offices during our stay at Zamorano. We are, if possible, more favorably impressed each time we come back.

If any doubt remains in your mind as to your standing with the Costarican Department of Agriculture, the attached should set such at rest. Not a single package was opened, and not a single species lost in transit!

Dorothy joins me in our most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

23 Nov 1948

Dear Paul:

Mighty glad to have your letter of the 12th inst. I am sorry I could not send you more separates. I think I still have a few others in Guatemala and when I can get at them I will try to send them along.

I don't think there is much doubt that the avocado was in Yucatan before the Conquest, and probably in the form of the West Indian race which they grow there today. I was in Merida last August and had some fine ones - they are as big as those grown anywhere. Incidentally, I have now been to Yucatan twice and have quite fallen in love with the people. I asked one of them just as I was leaving "El yucateco es mejicano primero y yucateco despues, o es yucateco primero y mejicano despues?" to which he replied "es yucateco primero y unicamente". They still have a great feeling of nationality and are a clean, intelligent race.

Louis Williams will be coming down to CR some time early in 1949 and will doubtless hunt you up. Paul Standley is here; he hasnt committed himself definitely to settling here for life but I think it might easily end up that way. He has had to slow down a bit, and is not much interested in continuing in Chicago. I believe he retires on pension pretty soon. Louis tells me we now have 16,000 sheets in our herbarium. We are finishing the Science building wh is to house it, along with the Research Library which we shall build up as fast as we can. As you say, it is high time there was a set of Central American plants properly named, somewhere in CA. We hope and expect it to be right here. And I think we shall be able to build up a nice little library too.

Rua just got back last week from Utah. As you probably know, Louis and I (and Paul Shank) went up to the Conference at Denver in August and Rua stayed up for a while. I may have told you that Louis got laid up with hepatitis while in Wyoming and is still a bit groggy. I have been having my troubles too; several attacks of malaria this yr, from the last of which I only got out of bed two days ago. What makes me sore is that I caught it by sleeping just one night at San Miguel, Salvador, last Jan; and I have slept more than a thousand nights in just such places during the last 35 yrs without having any trouble.

Alex Cohen spent four days with us last week and we had a big session on orchids. He was greatly interested in talking with Williams and Standley. As a grand finale, I sent him out to the Talanga valley in our Pickup, where in two hours he got himself 100 fine clumps of Brassavola digbyana and a like amount for me. Guess you cant beat that for fast work. Curious that this thing, which it took me 15 yrs to locate, is so abundant in just that one place. I am going to send the 100 clumps down to Gonzales Lugo in Caracas and swap them for Mossiae, Percivalliana and Speciosissima - or as Louis will have it, Labiatas.

When you need a little change of scene, bring Dorothy up here for a week and we will have a session on plants. Maybe we can get E D Merrill down again this winter; as a Director of the school he rates a free steamship ticket at any time.

With best regards to both of you,

Sincerely

W. Popenoe

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO, COSTA RICA

November 12, 1948

Dr. Wilson Popenoe; Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you for your excellent suggestions regarding Horticultural publications which would be applicable to our work here, and also for the very fine lot of reprints recently received. These are particularly welcome, since they fill several conspicuous gaps in historical or technical information in my small, but growing collection of scientific reprints. I like to keep things of that sort in an alphabetical file, under broad, general headings, so that I can find them if need arises. I particularly enjoyed reading your "Early History of the Avocado" which will be one of my prized possessions. Unless one has an extensive library of early colonial writings, the past history of many of our plants are lost to us, and even if copies of things like Oviedo or Sahagun are available, it is usually difficult to winnow out the plant references, or to be sure what species was meant. One of the best things I have run across lately is a translation of Landa's "Relacion de las Cosas de Yucatan" edited and extensively annotated by Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer (Papers of the Peabody Museum, Vol. XVIII, 1941). It gives a complete list of the plant species mentioned, both by native and botanical names, among which, by the way, is a reference to the Avocado, which Landa describes as follows:

"There is a very large and fresh tree, which the Indians call On. It bears a fruit like small gourds of medium size of great delicacy, which seems to have the taste of butter and is fatty, and is of great sustenance and nutriment. It has a large stone and delicate skin and is eaten cut in slices like a melon and with salt."

From the reference to the gourd-like fruit and delicate skin I would presume a West-Indian type Avocado was meant, but that would be a pretty early account of such a fruit so far north.

I read with interest your experiences in Chiriqui, and the possibility of a wild Avocado there. I remember Louis Williams saying something when I last saw him about wanting to look for Avocados near Finca Lerida. Maybe I can convince him he needs a good boy to go along, if he comes our way first. I would enjoy seeing the Monniche's again, and besides, I like the Chiriqui highlands just on general principals. I've seen plenty of *Persea Schiedeana* in the upper valley of the Rio Chiriqui Viejo, particularly near Cerro Pante, but I can't remember having seen any other large fruited *Perseas*, but at that time I wasn't particularly looking for Avocados. Mebbe if I go with Williams I can learn something, and right in my old stamping grounds too.

I can't help but wonder if Standley is with you to stay permanently. When I saw him in Chicago, about a year ago, on my way east to Cambridge, he hinted rather broadly that he hoped to retire to Zamorano in the comparatively near future. I can't think of a more delightful or stimulating place for anyone of his interests to be, and I should think it would be a wonderful chance to get your herbarium named up. You can cuss taxonomy all you want, but its high time there was a named set of Central American plants somewhere in Central America.

Dorothy joins me in our best regards to you and yours, and to Lou and Rua Williams, the Arnolds, et al, when you see them.

Most sincerely,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

3 November 1948.

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Compañía Bananera de Costa Rica
Golfito, Costa Rica

Dear Paul:

Mr. Hogaboom advised you duly that your letter of 10 August reached here after my departure for the States, whence I have recently returned. I am sorry to be so long in replying.

I am sure you will find the proceedings of the American Society for Horticultural Science of great interest, and I think the simplest and most economical way for you to get them is by joining the Society. It is my understanding that anyone with a college degree and engaged in horticultural work is qualified for admission. I suggest you write to

Professor F. S. Howlett, Secy-Treas.
American Society for Horticultural Science
Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station
Wooster, Ohio

We do not receive Horticultural Abstracts nor Biological Abstracts, hence I cannot tell you anything about them. In fact, I have never seen Horticultural Abstracts.

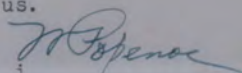
In connection with our work here, some of the things which I find most interesting are the bulletins of the California and Florida experiment stations. The monthly magazines "California Citrograph" published at Los Angeles; the "Florida Grower" published at Tampa, Florida; and "La Hacienda" published at New York; the journal "Tropical Agriculture" published at Trinidad, B.W.I., and "Agricultura Tropical" published at Bogotá, Colombia, are interesting. You are probably familiar with all of these journals.

I am sending you, under separate cover, such reprints as I still have available here. I am sorry to say they are not many. I may have a few more over at Antigua, which I will get together when I go over there again, but my stocks of these old articles are in general pretty well exhausted.

As you probably know through other channels, Louis Williams and I got back from the States a couple of weeks ago and found Paul Standley here. Standley expects to go down to Nicaragua before long and Williams will probably be in Costa Rica within a few months.

Best regards to both of you from all of us.

Sincerely yours,



ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA DE COSTA RICA
GOLFITO, COSTA RICA

August 10, 1948

Dr. Wilson Popenoe; Director
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

During his stay with us in Lancetilla Dr. Oehse suggested that I contact you regarding the place of publication, and subscription rate of the following periodicals:

Proceedings of the American Society of Horticultural Science.

Horticultural Abstracts

Biological Abstracts - Botanical Section

Any information on the above, or any further suggestions in regard to Horticultural publications of value would be very welcome.

Bob Armour showed me a particularly interesting set of reprints which he had received from you shortly before our arrival, of short things that you had published in various places, and all of which were new to me. Particularly fine was the paper on Avocados. Would it be possible to get a set of these reprints from you for our use here?

Dorothy joins me in our best to yourself and Mrs. Popenoe.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

13 January 1947

Mr Paul Allen,
Missouri Botanical Garden Tropical Station,
Balboa, C Z

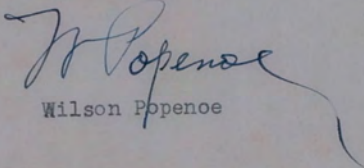
Dear Paul:

Henry Hogaboom and I both want to thank you for the photographs which you sent. They are excellent, and a reminder of your visit here. We hope you will come again and bring the señora with you.

Louis Williams rolled out of here an hour ago, rumbo a Guatemala, with Paul Standley alongside, rumbo a El Salvador. Both expect to be gone a month or so.

Best regards from all of us.

Sincerely,



Wilson Popenoe



Zamarano, Sunday

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for the list of potos which you are willing to lend me. When I get down there, finally, I will go into this matter with you. It is going to be hard for me to get away from here for the next couple of weeks at least. I must help on the 1963 budget and this is quite a job. I also want to help get the grounds and departments cleaned up a bit so things will be somewhat near ship-shape when Doris comes back here.

Please don't forget the pili nuts. There are not any in sight here. If you can make some selections, keep them separate. Perhaps we can get some interesting comparisons of progenies from Chico de Solá when the trees come into bearing.

I will give you due warning of my arrival and I look forward to a very interesting visit with Dottie and yourself.

Ever yrs,

W. Papenoe