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Dr. Paul Allen
United Fruit Company
Lancetilla
Tela, Honduras

Dear Paul:

We are happy to learn that you and Dorothy have returned home safely. We were sorry not to have had a visit from you though perhaps you have not been in our area. I believe you must have moved over most of the rest of the earth in your recent travel.

Note to Forsyth

I hope to attend the meetings of the Caribbean Section, American Society for Horticultural Science at Guatemala City, June 17-23, 1962. Following the meetings I want to collect some botanical materials in Central America to supplement our teaching materials for a course in economic botany. I also want to make some observations on temperature tolerance of fruit tissues under tropical conditions. This is done with some small probes which are inserted into the fruit. Wires lead from the probes to a small portable instrument, the Thermistor from which readings are taken from a dial. I want to check temperature on tropical fruits such as bananas, cocoa, and any others which may be in season. I want to inquire concerning the possibility of doing this for a day or two perhaps at Lancetilla or in Golfo Dulces, Costa Rica. I have never been to the latter and am anxious to visit there. Could you suggest to whom I might write concerning a proposed visit to Golfo Dulces? Do they still have facilities to put up a visitor for a night or two? How about the availability of facilities at Lancetilla?

You may know that some sort of special honor will be given Wilson Popénoe at the Guatemala City meetings. Indeed I hope that I may be present on this occasion.

Perhaps you will have received our recent Christmas card to give you a thumbnail sketch of our lives. Perhaps I can enlarge this account personally this summer. Your comments and suggestions will be welcomed.

With personal regards to both of you, I am
Sincerely yours,

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C.A. Schroeder
Professor of Botany