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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

STASSEN, H. E.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR FOR MUTUAL SECURITY

April 8, 1953

Dear Jack:

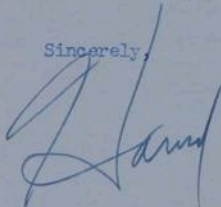
Many thanks for your kind letter of April 4th.

May I, in turn, thank you for the perfectly beautiful silver bowl which you and the other members of the Executive Committee so kindly presented to me upon my departure. Mrs. Stassen and I will treasure it always.

We miss you both and often speak of our many good friends in Philadelphia and of our stimulating and enjoyable life at the University.

Renewed thanks and warmest personal regards to you and to Mrs. Fogg from both of us.

Sincerely,



Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

STASSEN, H. E.

January 3, 1955

The Honorable Harold E. Stassen
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Ever since our return from the trip around the world last summer I have been meaning to write and tell you how favorably impressed I was by what I saw of the F.O.A. program in Thailand and what a wonderful piece of work Ed Cale is doing there.

Ed met us at the airport and showed us around Bangkok, and was even so kind as to arrange a reception for us which was attended by the members of his staff as well as by representatives of the Thai Government. It was a matter of very great satisfaction indeed to learn something firsthand of the success of this program in that area and I feel that you are to be congratulated in having selected Ed Cale for this responsible assignment.

This letter also affords me an opportunity to direct your attention to the qualifications of Dr. Kenneth D. Doak, who is at present serving as Agronomist with the U. S. Army in Korea.

Doak is an old friend of mine since during the days when he was with the Forest Service he had an office in the Department of Botany on the campus. He is a graduate of Purdue University where he secured his Doctor's degree in 1931. He served as Forest Pathologist in the Bureau of Plant Industry for a number of years and is the author of many scientific papers dealing with the nutritional requirements and diseases of forest trees, as well as various crop plants. He is a fine scientist, a competent administrator, and a very delightful human being. He has also had considerable practical experience in farming during recent years and has shown himself well able to handle men and to direct large undertakings.

It occurs to me that if your program is expanding, this is the kind of person whom you might well keep in mind, and if you are interested in hearing further concerning the qualifications of Dr. Doak, I should be only too happy to write in greater detail.

I am With best wishes to you and Mrs. Stassen for the coming year,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Washington 25, D.C.

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Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director
The Morris Arboretum
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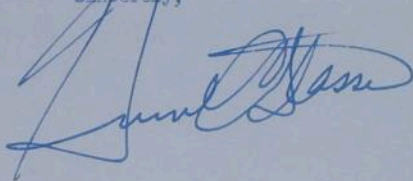
Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 3, 1955 and the favorable comments you had to make about our F.O.A. program in Thailand and the good work that Ed Cale is doing there. I am glad to know that Ed was so gracious to you last summer.

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What you have to say about Dr. Kenneth D. Doak and his possible availability for a F.O.A. assignment is also very much appreciated. I am wondering if it would be too much of an imposition to ask that you contact Dr. Doak and prevail on him to fill out an Application Form 57, in duplicate, and submit it to us at his convenience. It would also be appreciated if you could give us more information in detail as to his specific qualifications. It would help us to determine where he would fit best in this organization provided he is interested.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,



February 16, 1955

Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for your letter of January 21st in which you express an interest in receiving further information concerning Dr. Kenneth D. Doak, who is at present serving as a member of an agricultural team in Korea.

In the meantime I had received a letter from Dr. Doak containing some information which I think you would like to have, and am therefore enclosing a copy for your files, together with a statement of Dr. Doak's responsibilities on his present assignment. Also, I have written to Dr. Doak suggesting that he comply with your suggestion of filling out an Application Form 57 in duplicate and submit it to you.

Those of us here who knew Dr. Doak when he was a member of our family entertain high respect for his ability, and if you desire letters of recommendation, I am sure that they would be forthcoming.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

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March 9, 1955

Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I have just learned that Mrs. Kenneth D. Doak, the wife of the man concerning whom I wrote you recently, is at present in Philadelphia visiting her sister. She tells me that she is planning to go to Washington soon to see their old friend Luther Evans, and wonders whether you might possibly wish to see her. Naturally she can tell you a great deal about her husband's background and present activities, and if you feel that there would be any advantage in having her call upon you, I shall be happy to convey this information to her.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director