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1858/1960
WILSON---

We went down to see Maud again yesterday. A week ago Vivian phoned us to come down; Maud was in terrible shape and wanted me to cable Helen to come at once; did not think she could pull through, etc. She had pain in her head, was nauseated, and very miserable. Dr. had been there the night before, and he came again while I was there, so I had a chance to have a good talk with him privately. He is Dr. H. W. Benjamin, who lives here in Altadena; not a Hebrew-- his father was a Methodist minister; great talker but kindly fellow and I think knows what he is doing. He said I should on no account cable Helen; that there was nothing organically wrong with Maud; merely an emotional upset and, so far as could be humanly determined no danger whatever. She has been worrying for some time, and getting herself into a bad mental or more accurately speaking emotional condition; not worrying about anything in particular; just such things as whether the apt. house might be sold and they might have to move, etc. (There is no likelihood of immediate sale at least). She had become very uncomfortable, blood pressure high, could not keep anything on her stomach; but he put her on sedatives and she has come along in good shape; is eating ravenously now, headaches gone, blood pressure down to 155 which is normal for her age. In view of her age, it is very possible that she will have other episodes of this kind in the future, and I thought I ought to give you a full report. I'll watch the situation and let you know of anything really serious.

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[1959/1260]

Dear Paul and Betty:

This goes to you at Venezia, but I am at a loss to understand those romance languages: why is it Bocca di Piazza and not Bocca della Piazza? But I am always wrong. Reminds me of the time I was attending the International Congress on Conservation of Renewable Natural Resources (sic) at Denver in 1949, and I was standing down by the desk at the Brown Palace when someone asked for M. Schiller Nicolas (a good friend of mine from Haiti). The girl said, You mean Nicholas Schiller? And the other girl said, No, I mean Schiller Nicolas, you know how those Latins are.

Just got a letter from Amado Pelen; I think you remember him at Zamorano, I raised him from a pup (he was born just across the street from esta su casa in Antigua) and he is still working at Zamorano. He says (and I quote) "I have just returned from the Policlinica. They cut my appendix and my Gaidbladder which was very infected with a big ~~trick~~ ^{trick}. I've been working but until now I feel strong again."

Yesterday I got a rather disturbing letter from Sally. She went to Stockton for Thanksgiving dinner with the family. Then Ed drove her to Tahoe to see the house he is building. I suspect - tho she does not say - that it was a hard day for her. But she says she got emotionally disturbed (sic) and Ed's sister-in-law drove her back to San Francisco, which sounds to me as tho perhaps she had words with Ed, who now is a "money changer" as I have told you, in a gambling saloon up that way - I can't figure out just where Ed's brother lives; Sal says "Tahoe Valley" but it isn't on the map. But anyway, as Mrs Ed Simmonds always said, Sal begs that I come up and help her. I am and always will be anxious to do it. We left Spain last year to do it. We accomplished nothing except Ed's dislike for us because I urged him to get a job, any kind of job, so as to get Sal out of Langley Porter and into a home of her own, with a "bread winner" as she put it.

Of course, these mental upsets are in many cases momentary; but if the psychiatrists after almost 15 months haven't been able to get Sally straightened out ---- I am willing to do anything. It isn't a question of money. Karl wrote that Sally was becoming antagonistic toward almost everybody and probably would turn against me (or possibly, to be more accurate) She has not, as yet, and I hope she will not; I shall do everything in my power to hold her devotion and confidence. Helen will also. But what to do? I feel the next move is for me to fly to San Francisco and sit down for a week or two and talk and think things over. What do you say?

Hombre, if you and Bets don't enjoy Rome you are no friends of mine. As I think you know, I did not go to Venice; Helen has been there and urged me to go, but I was too strong for the Etruscan and Roman ruins. I hope you won't miss Perugia, and of course you have been (Paul) in Florence and seen the Palazzo Corsini - which is not much at that. And good old Guido gone. That family - Penzi and Corsini - were pretty fine people like many other Italians - a good race except for ^{Some of} the present-day chauffeurs of the taxis.

Much much love from both to both



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Friday evg [1957]

Dearest Marion:

Your letter gave us much pleasure; Betty says to tell you it's just the news we have been hoping for! We're in the throes of winding up here and she's as busy as a cranberry merchant; but we'll survive, I guess.

I'm writing this especially to say that we'll bring Sal if we can; but it looks very doubtful. I have just been talking on the phone with Dr. Christ; he says she wants to go, but unless her health improves markedly in the next few days he won't think it desirable. "e'll give you all particulars when we get there-- meantime don't let any word of this get back in any possible way to her.

Letter from Dave tells of a wonderful time they are having.

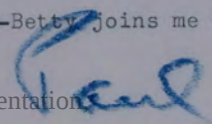
Much love from us to all of you; we're looking forward to seeing you mighty soon. (the 7th!)

Paul

Ahuacatlan, Sat., 28th [1959]

Dear Wills on & Helen:

I'm back from 2 wks in the East; your letter re Sal is pretty depressing; I'm going up there 2 wks from today and will try to get a line on the situation.--Spent 4 hrs this morning with Betty at the clinic going through all sorts of tests and exams; she is showing definite improvement, tho it's slow-- they tell her to think in terms of months, not weeks. Seem possible that this was started by a very severe gouging of her forehead, on the right eyebrow, against a window casing, a few days before the hemorrhage.-- Lucile has been in the hospital for a week; goes home tomorrow morn; she collapsed but they find no organic trouble except anemia/ She and ~~Wills on~~ Herbert had an enjoyable 2-week vacation with a drive to Guaymas and then all through Southern Ariz.; they saw Frank in Tucson; seems to be nothing wrong physically with him now but he is not interested in finding a job as was intended when he went over there and the shock of this with the other troubles Lucile has been having precipitated a collapse.--Dave and Kate expect to marry in mid-July, fly to Europe and pick up our Dauphine and cruise around until we come over and take it off their hands.--Chuck Popenoe will wed on May 11 and they will also honeymoon with a hiking trip in Europe, then come back and live in Edith's basement while they build a house with their own hands. Maybe I've told you all this before-- I disremember. I met his girl-- a willowy blonde, occupational therapist in a Children's Hospital; she's also quite an athlete and artist.--I was made an honorary citizen of Fort Worth, with a framed certificate signed in fountain pen ink by the mayor and each member of the city council.--Betty joins me in unlimited love to both of you.



Thurs. evg the 23. [1959]

Dearly beloved:

Beux mots en hâte to say that Sal just phoned that she would go with us to Washington on the 16th del que viene. I hope she does; it would do her a world of good; but she may yet change her mind again, or get talked out of the plan by Dr. Halley's intervention. Anyway, I'm making plane reservations so we can pick her up; we can always cancel them.--She went with Pab and Norma to Karl's wedding.--Betty and I had a quick but very satisfactory (except financially!) trip to Princeton for the beautiful wedding of Dave and Kate, and we suppose they are now in France. We drove back to Washington with Oliver, spent the night with him, and flew back to Pasadena the next day. Had time only to talk on the phone with Nancy. She said everything was going well; expected the baby any day but probably at the end of this week.--Betty joins me in much love to both of you.

Paul

Antigua G, 1 January 1959 (hit right the
1st time)

Dear Paul:

Last night, just as the lads were swinging into the fox trot at the Club Antigüeno across the street, old Vicente who knew there was a quarter waiting for him, brought in the mail, including your letter of 28th Dec of last year. Even if it was last year, it seems to me the airmail from here to Calif is pretty darn good. I am sorry to hear that Polly Rosen and Tom Crosby are likely to go their respective and different ways. It seems strange, but as Ed Simmonds used to remark at the Miami Garden, 'Uman nature is a queer think!'.

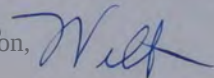
Of course my particular purpose this morning is to comment on your memo re Sal. And before going to details, the more I think about it, the more I feel we may be right in not rushing into the situation. Maybe the time we are planning - the end of this month - is right. I am encouraged to feel so by the letters Sal is writing us. She writes them frequently, and unless I am mistaken, there is something in our situation here in Antigua which appeals to her, something to which she is clinging. When she and Ed came down here, I realised that this old house meant a great deal to her. She was born in Guatemala; she went through what may have been her most impressionable days, in this country. She had a lot of friends in the Lehnson school in Guatemala City.

Karl has reminded me, and I am sure quite rightly, that I must remember that a girl, when she marries, goes into the hands of her husband and perhaps her husband's family. That is of course what Sal has done, and I don't want to upset the situation and you and I together will discuss this angle. Your memo mentions that when Sal goes back to Stockton for a few days "the strain begins to tell on her". That doesn't sound too good.

Helen and I wish that it might be possible for us to bring Sal down here for six months or so, until Ed gets that degree and is prepared to step into life. But what does he do when he gets that degree? Is it an open sesame to financial responsibility for a family of five (at least)? I just can't help wondering why he doesn't get a job and start to earn a living for Sal and her fine little bunch of kids. Hugh had the idea when we saw him last year that Ed had finally found himself: that Marine Biology is his real field and that everything will now go right. I don't know. Maybe wishful thinking on Hugh's part.

Well, as I have written you, we will be seeing you before we go north and we will put our respective heads together (as we always say in Spanish) and decide what Helen and I can do. I will tell you right now that Helen is almost desperate to help and we can count on her to any extent. In the meantime, I have a hunch that perhaps it is not expedient (as St Paul the Apostle said, all things may be right, but not all things are expedient) to bring the siblings into the picture too much; it may worry them unnecessarily - and I have particularly in mind Marion and Dick. You will know best about all this. Honestly, I don't see just what Sal is getting out of being in a clinic where about all she gets is freedom from responsibility and outside interference. We could give her that elsewhere. But would she leave her family for a few months?

Ever yrs,



COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Jan 13
[1959]

Dear Sir & Bro.:

Here we are again & it is
good, very good, to be here.
I've traveled all these Spain, & I
never go there again; in Paris the
boulevards were grand; but when
you come to it, what's wrong
with dear old Yankee Land?
Irresistibly one recalls the
words of the poet, on a card
handed out from a booth in
the Household Fair at Topley
Auditorium in 1899:

Breathes there a man
with soul so dead,
Who never to himself
hath said,
"I'll not have a
slop jar under my bed,
But I'll have one

of Hoefflewhite + Heifern.
loofers Patent odors
Com modes instead.

Betty + I called on Marion
this morning. She is feeling
pretty comfortable + very cheerful
+ says Nancy has never
seemed so well as now.
Marion + Dick have a very
nice home but would it mind
being transferred back to Calif.

I just had Oliver here as
luncheon guest with Dr. Rellie
Poppino, about the same age -
who is a specialist in Latin-
American affairs for State
Dept. - specializing in com-
munist infiltration. He's a
serious + intelligent young
fellow (Ph.D. Stanford in
Brazilian history); a credit
to the family. You ever hear

Antigua, 16 Jan 1959

Dear Pablo:

Those are about as good passport fotos as I have ever seen. Especially Betty's; one would swear she is not yet pushing 40. I always thought the Latin American fotografers were the only ones who could knock 15 yrs offn your age and make the pickaninnies look white.

Yrs of 8th instant. I also recd a notice that the social security benefits will be increased. I believe I am to get \$115 instead of \$108.50 as at present. Or something like that. I am must remember to talk with you about this whole business when we get together. I wonder if Peter's benefit continues after my death or not? Incidentally, I wont do anything about send^{ing} you more funds until I get up there.

Helen and I have decided not to arrive at 1 a.m. light face figures. One reason being I think it will be well for me to stop at Mexico City for a good talk with the Rockefeller boys. So we have booked on KLM from here to Mexico on the 24th and KLM has asked for reservation on Cia Mexicana de Aviacion to Los Angeles on the 28th, wh should put us into L A about 1.30 p m I believe instead of a m. I will let you know definitely when reservation is confirmed, in a day or two. I have already mentioned that we will probably spend a couple of days with Maude and youall then take the Coast Daylight to SF.

There will be much for you and me to discuss, more particularly with regard to the Halley family, a new item being recent letter from Sal and one from Ed (first he has ever written me) suggesting that it would be a fine idea if I could suggest a good job, any kind of a job, for Ed in Central America. They like it down here; would like to have their children grow up bi-lingual; need domestic help wh they cant afford in the US but could down here. So when Ed gets his B A in June they would like to move to Central America, wh I believe means Guatemala to Sal. Only problem seems to be a suitable job for Ed.

We have sure learned the inside workings of the Guatemalan govt these last few days, beginning with my ex-discipulo and excellent friend the present Ministro de Agricultura, right down to the gumrukji at the Port of San José. Our Volkswagen arrived from Hamburg. We had to make two trips to San José and two to Guatemala City, but as I write these lines I see the little wagon standing in our zaguan and it is a sight for Helen's sore eyes. But the end is not yet. The 1959 license plates have not come (rumor hath it that they may not arrive for some time yet) and we cant take the car out of the House. As Juan Fernandez says at Zamorano, Problemas, problemas, problemas! The little car is a beauty; we just sit here in time. Today they raise the import duties on cars about 100% I understand.

Yes, we heard of the death of Justus and I wrote Gertrude. Wonder when you and I will get our thromboses? We are long overdue. Gertrude did not advise me - we heard it through Nangy I believe.

Helen says she bets that Bets has her suitcase already packed and is looking at timetables. That gal is going to have the time of her life in Europe. You are not landing at the most agreeable season of the year but it will be lovely after April. I have been looking over the old accounts of French Riviera gardens wh A Robertson Proschowsky sent you and me. I believe there are fewer fine gardens now than there were 50 yrs ago. I am glad I am going to see you before youall leave; I want to mention a few things which I believe you will enjoy seeing.

Ever yrs



HOTEL LOPE DE VEGA

Empresa: VIUDA DE JAVIER BELDARRAIN

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DIRECCION TELEGR. VEGAOTEL

AV. JOSE ANTONIO, 59
MADRID

HOTELES DE LA MISMA EMPRESA
ALMIRANTE - BILBAO
Arenal, 4
REX - SANTANDER
Ardo. Calvo Sotelo, 9

Mon. Jan. 18, 1959

Dear Antiguëños:

Back at the old stand; everything in pretty fair shape; there have been some freezes which are conspicuous in the bananas, hydrangeas, and other things, but that's all part of a season's work.-- We had a day and a half in SF. We picked Sal up, visited the Infanta Ma. Catalina, then took Sal to Pablo's for supper; so we had a good visit with her. Incidentally, the baby is a darling, healthy, well nourished, apparently with an excellent disposition. Mr. and Mrs. Payne, who have the care of her, say she is the 223d they have handled, so if experience counts for anything, they should do a good job, and I think they are doing it.--I also talked (by phone) with Dr. Edwin Brennan, Sal's psychiatrist, a Los Angeles man (Stanford grad) and apparently a good one. They will finish the medical treatment in a couple of months and then, unless something unforeseen has occurred, they will be prepared to discharge Sal whenever she has a satisfactory place to go to-- not before. That's the rub, and Sal is naturally giving a great deal of thought to it. Ed still has not found another job; is working on several schemes; meanwhile continuing work on the house, the outside of which is up but Sal says it will be a great many months before it is completely finished inside. He has pitched a tent in it and is campin out there, at present. Sal is turning over in her mind the following:

1. She proposed to go to Stockton with the baby, and take care of all the children there, in the home of the senior Halleys. Mrs. H. vetoed this; said she could not undertake to have a small baby in the house; she had laid down the law on this before the baby was born, so it was no surprise; but it's final.

2. Sal could take the baby to g-a for an indefinite time. She is not considering this seriously, for a variety of reasons-- distance from her accustomed medical help for the baby and for herself, but primarily that she won't go so far from the other children and Ed; she is headed in the opposite direction from g-a, with great determination. This also seems to rule out the possibility of her coming to us for a few months, which we should welcome; she insists on being closer to her family than now, not farther away. (Moreover, if she were in Altadena I suppose Ed would drive down every couple of weeks, and he ought to be putting his time in elsewhere.)

3. She and Ed could rent a house in the Tahoe area in which they could live while Ed finishes their own house; they could have a woman to take care of the children and do the dirty work; and Sal might even get some work on her own account to help out with the

finances. Right now this is her preference. Of course no one knows whether she can get a job (or even a part time job), or whether she has strength to handle it. She has not much strength right now but thinks this is mainly because she has been institutionalized so long, no exercise, and she believes she will build herself up rapidly under more favorable circumstances.

That's the way the situation stands at present-- uncertain. I don't see that you could be of any particular help if you came up, Wilson. Naturally, Sal would always be delighted to see you; but I doubt if there is anything specific that you could do right now. She and Ed will have to work it out a little more fully, which they may or may not be able to do in the next couple of months. On the whole, Sal seemed to look and feel pretty well. She had just come back from a visit to Stockton, which Dr. Brennan said had been pretty satisfactory, unlike some others in the past. The children there are reported as doing beautifully; Hugh is in first grade, Peter in nursery school.

I talked via phone with Knowles, who has just come back from a trip around the world, and will stay at home until his retirement some six or eight months hence.

Now I'll go over to the AIFR and see what has happened during my absence. Betty joins me in heaps of love to both of you.

Paul

Antigua, 20 Jan 1959

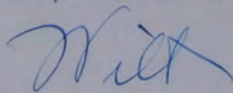
Dear Pablo:

There must be a lot of tourist travel from California to Mexico and vice versa. I thought with 10 days notice we could sure get seats on the Cia Mexicana from Mexico City to LA, but we got word from KLM in Guatemala City yesterday que no hay, and they offered ~~asientos muy~~ muy comodos on Western, leaving Mexico City at 1945 on Wednesday 28 de los corrientes and arriving LA at 2325 idem. Let Maude and Vivian come to the airport in a taxi, por cuenta y riesgos mios; they wont mind sitting up that late - I will - but they dont meet many airplanes and of course Maude will be extremely anxious to see Helen. Then we will go to their place to catch a little shut-eye tho I suppose it wont be much that night. Helen has written Maude about the date and hour of arrival.

On my part, I have written to the brethren about my proposed brief tour of So Calif. Art Schroeder and Geo Zentmyer and Ralph Cornell Mag. Art. Top., and the Jim Kemptons in San Francisco and Knowles and Karl Bowman. Karl said something about two weeks in San Francisco. We cant do it. To save money we are taking the 30 day ticket and I figure a week at most will do in San Francisco. We want several visits with Sal and of course Ed and his family (to see the latter I imagine Ed may drive us down to Stockton) and we want one meal with the Kemptons at a Japanese restaurant, and one with Knowles and Emma at a Chinese idem, family style; and we will of course stay at Karl's house and Helen will as usual try to put up some good grub for Karl and myself. I fear Karl must be pretty lonely; he and Betty were just as much of a team as you and your Betty and Helen and myself. I think you know we sold back to Karl, at the price we had paid him, the tiny lot next door to his, which we thought we might use some day for a little house where we could spend a few months a year. Just as well. Without Karl and Betty there I dont suppose we would have had any interest in spending a few mos in San Francisco; and my original idea that Helen might like to live there after I have been called to my Great Reward died out when I realised that Helen would never like the climate of San Francisco. This is the place for her; she must live within a very narrow thermographic range, and I guess the older we all get the narrower becomes the thermographic range.

So as already advised, I believe the thing for us to do is to arrive cuando San Juan baje el dedo (for 2000 odd years he has stood with his finger raised, according to the figures in the churches) and stay 2 days mas o menos at 986 N Los Robbels, and then take the daylight up to SF. And mientras tanto, y siempre, dont you lose 60 segundos sleep; and eventually we shall sit down at 2503 and have a big cup of what I believe is happily called here No-es-café, altho the tin says Nescafé. And I will tell you all about Elche in date season; How I wish you had been there!

Ever thine, until the 28th plus minusque



Antigua, 25 Feb 1959

Dear Pablo:

Just a note to say we got back here without mishap, and right on the dot; we were met at the airport by Juanito Rodriguez and brought home ~~à~~ toute-suite, as we would write it, to find everything in statu quo ante except that it is very dry and some of the plants need more water.

We are anxiously waiting for news of Doña Betty, firm in the belief that you will be able to go ahead with your original plans. I know you will keep us informed.

Our last afternoon and evening in California were enjoyable. I talked for 45 mins to the horticultural group at UCLA after wh they kept me answering questions and telling jokes for 30 mins more. Then we went to Bob Hodgson's house for an hour; then to dinner in a café estilo californiano and then were taken to home of Hon Dr en Filosofia C A Schroeder where he showed me a copy of your Date Growing wh he had just bought in a bookstore in LA (but it was a new copy) and he said he has just missed buying a copy of my Manual; some sonnumagum student from UCLA had bought it first. They took us to the airport where we sat around cabiando impresiones for 1 hr 30 mins before we took off for Mejico. Got our usual room at the Conquistador, 7 Isabel la Católica, slept most of the morning; had some fine enchiladas for lunch, others equally fine for supper, slept and got up at 5 a m and back at the airport. And so to lunch.

Much much love and thanks for all you did for us in that land of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers, the Fruit based on 1915 not hoy dia.

Will

[March 9, 1958]



BUT IF YOU'RE ONE WHO'S
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AND MODERN TRENDS
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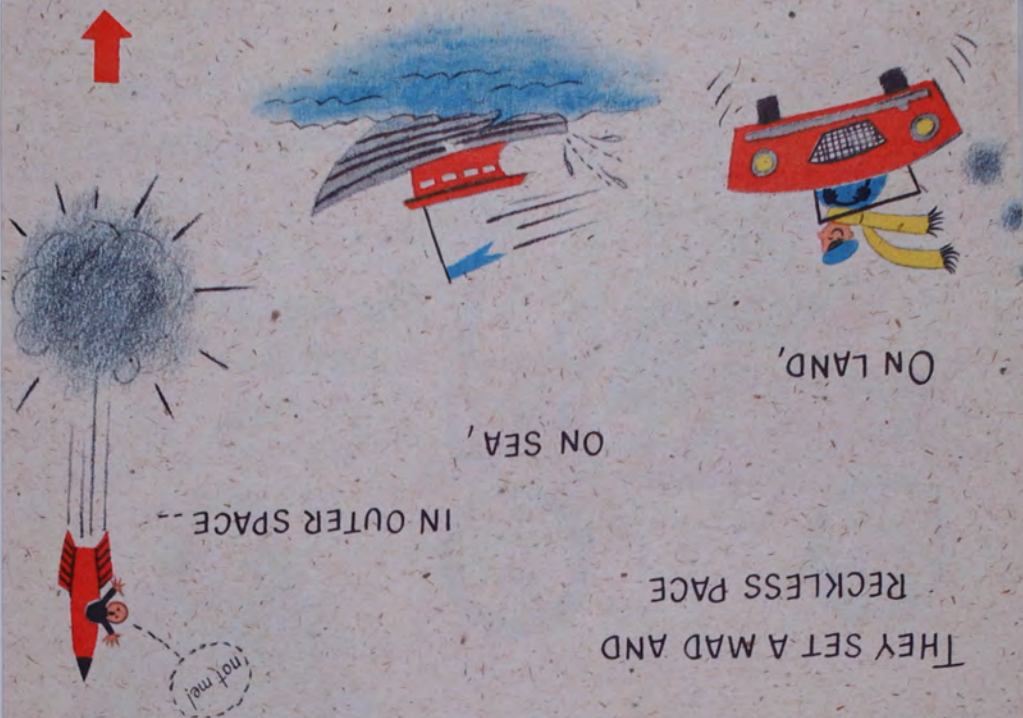


me too!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

with much love
from Paul & Betty



SOME PEOPLE THINK
THE 20TH CENTURY
IS LOTS OF FUN AND
REAL ADVENTURE--



Antigua, 12 March 1959

Dearest Betty:

I already had an envelope addressed to Paul, when your letter of the 8th came yesterday evening, so I will just use the same envelop anyway. We are glad to have Paul's itinerary and to see that he will not long be away from you. Apparently he is in Fort Worth today. I wish we could be with him at the Cosmos Club next Sunday evening; he must find great satisfaction in being able to use the Club now without paying any dues; I am looking forward to the same thing next year, if I ever get back to Washington again! But I guess we really don't save much money by being Emeritus. They have raised the prices so, both as to rooms and meals. I well remember what good lunches we used to get for 65 cents. I believe there were cheaper ones, but when we took friends to lunch and wanted to shoot the works we ordered the 65 cent one.

And anent that sort of thing, I have just been checking up on the hotels and pensiones here in Antigua, because so many visitors inquire and ask for our advice. The three real hotels, Belen, Antigua and Nimajay, charge \$12 for singles, 18 for doubles, with meals of course. This will sound very reasonable to you, but it makes us old timers feel pretty sick. Then the Aurora, not bad, charges only \$6 for a room with bath, one person and grub (not terribly exciting) and my old hang-out, the Pension Rojas, where I stayed when I first came to Antigua in 1916, charges \$3.50 for one person, with meals, and just about the prettiest patio in Antigua and plenty of good Guatemalan grub. I always remember the Rojas; they had a sign on the wall of each room, "The proprietor will collect all bills when he thinks it desirable", and this was the place (and I just reserved the room yesterday for a lady from Florida who is coming to paint pictures of tropical flowers) where I got bored one night because a fellow walked up and down outside my room, shouting every ten seconds "Oh, what am I going to do; I want to die" and after fifteen minutes I got up and through the window caught him squarely in the chest with a glass of cold water, whereupon he changed his tune "That's it, friend, but shoot me with a bullet, not with water".

Bets, we think and talk of you so often, and we know you are going to enjoy that trip to Europe and as I have written Paul, I would personally rather go in late summer, and have the autumn over there, than to go in March. -- We have not yet heard definitely when they want us in Venezuela but will doubtless hear in a week. I am not very keen to go, and am really doing so only because Jim Kempton has been urging me. -- Maude didn't have the story of the Velasquez paintings quite straight. We sold ten to the President of UFCO, for \$1000, which will give Helen a very swank bathroom - and we still have six good Velasquez paintings left, all we have room to hang in the little house and we can't put any in the old house because they are not colonial. Gosh, but this house is full! Helen's background of museum work has just simply made it impossible for her to stop collecting; yesterday we saw another Virgin, 4 feet high, pretty good, and pretty old and the price has come down to \$35. I suppose we will end up by putting it in the kitchen - no room left anywhere else.

Much much love from us both

Antigua G, 31 March 1959

Dear Pablo:

I am writing this merely and exclusively to use the envelop from the Hotel Majestic in Quito which I brought with me in 1943 and ran across yesterday when going over old material here. I dont think you have any hotel envelops of an earlier vintage, though I realise you do pretty well.

We assume you got back on the 25th or thereabouts, as per schedule, and hope and expect to have a letter from you this week, telling us how Betty is coming along. I cant help feeling very optimistic. I remember the time Dr Struce told me, here in Guatemala, I had a mitral stenosis and must never again go above 6000 feet and then I went to Ecuador and climbed Tungurahua, 16,300 feet, just to prove the Doc was wrong. The only trouble on that trip, as you will remember, was that the cow we took along with us so we could have milk in our coffee when we camped overnight at the 13,000 foot level let us down very badly. Her calf caught up with her in the night and was sunning himself contentedly with his abdomen a bit distended when we turned out at 5.30 light face figures with a beautiful pot of steaming coffee.

I may have told you we have reservations to fly to Caracas next Sunday the 5th proximo futuro o sea abril. First time we are going to fly First Class in many a long year, but I am not asking for any salary for this job and since Jim Kempton assures me the Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza is having a hard time spending its money, I have made up my mind to cooperate. Unless there is some urgent need, I dont advise you to write me in Venezuela, but in case of Emergency you could reach me through the Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza, Apartado 332 Caracas, or by radio at the same, Avenida Andres Bello, Caracas. We are going to be headquartered at the Hotel Maracay, in Maracay, where I stayed in 1938 or '39 while making a soil reconnaissance with a view to assessing the possibilities of banana cultivation in Venezuela. We shant stay long in Caracas - only enough time to pick up a few good orchids to bring home. I suspect it will cost the Fundacion about \$40 per day to house and feed us there, and I dont mean Mexican pesos. I cant digest my food at that figure.

We have passed an interesting Semana Santa here; procession after procession, each one bigger and better than the previous one. The Señor Sepultado carried on a tremendous - what you call it, float? - with 80 men bearing the burden, illumination by means of Kohler and Kohler, making quite a r-r-r-r-r- under the float.

I wrote you about Sal some 10 days or so ago; the poor kid is worried about her future. I should have said, I sent you a copy of the letter I had written her rather hastily without correction of typographical errors. I dont know what to do. It is not a matter of money; it is a matter of trying to save that marriage and at the same time save little Sal. If she goes back into the same old set-up she is more than likely to have another tremendous break-down and it might be the last. If you can figure out a good solution please tip me off. Poor little Sal! I cant forget how frail she looked. She cant take much more.

Helen joins in much love to you both,

W. H. S.

Antigua Guatemala, 31 March 1959

Dr John Popenoe
122 Cedar Crest Drive
Auburn, Alabama.

Dear Johnny:

Yours of 23 de los corrientes has just come and I am answering more promptly than is my costumbre because it looks as though we may have to fly down to Venezuela next week to do a little 'expertin'. And this 'expertin' business (that was one of A D Shamel's good stories) is really the reason for this letter, or to put it somewhat more technical form, TROPICAL AMERICA NEEDS MORE GOOD HORTICULTURISTS.

So here is the milk in the coconut (and please dont you ever spell it ~~cocoanut~~ if you want me to speak to you when I pass you on the street). I like your letter. I read quite a bit between the lines. Maybe reading between the lines is risky, but I dont think so in your case. You are right about California. Those lads have missed the boat. Maybe it wasnt their boat anyway. It was my boat. And I am terribly glad that you feel a responsibility to your job at Auburn. I used to get pretty sore at Zamorano when one of our teachers - and we were terribly hard pressed for teachers in those early days - would come in and say, I am leaving at the end of the month. And I would say, Who is going to teach elementary geometry? And he would say, That is your problem. Johnny, I hope and believe as long as you live you will keep a sense of responsibility to your job.

So now let us return to our muttons (of course a vegetarian substitute) but I am quoting one of the great writers. I feel sure you can get a swell opportunity here in tropical America, something that will suit you. There is no hurry. This program of the Rockefeller Foundation in Mexico, about which I wrote you, if it goes through at all, wont swing into action until next year. Then there is this new program in Venezuela, about which I am going to take part next week - on a purely advisory basis (it is such a satisfaction to be on advisory basis and get up and say, Gentlemen, I am going home, please give me my ticket) and there is the ICA which is right now very popular down here and the FAO which is going a pretty good job and needs more men. And all of these projects need more horticulturists. Plant pathologists are available in abundance. The other specialists also. What we need most are guys who know something about tropical soil management, as Hugh should now and if he doesnt I will cut him off with a shilling, and good practical horticulturists.

So hombre, just keep these things in mind. I am terribly biased in favor of tropical horticulture, because I love it. I have a strong but perhaps sneaking suspicion that you do too. There is lots of room in this field. If I am still above ~~the~~ sod when you feel you are ready to leave Alabama, I believe I might be able to help you get into the right field down here. But if you come, come to stay. I am tired of these boys who come down for two years only. I think you know all about that. When people ask me, Is this your first trip to Guatemala (as they not infrequently do) I reply, Not quite, I arrived in the SS Sixacoã on the 16th of September 1916.

Ever yrs

Copy para PP, para su información y demas efectos. If you think I am mistaken in encouraging John, say so. I feel he could have a fine future down this way and we need him.



EDMOND A. RIEDER
GENERAL MANAGER

At the end of the trail stands the Palace Hotel, San Francisco

CABLE ADDRESS
PALACE SAN FRANCISCO

Sunday the 5th apl. [1957]

Dear Popenoes:

John just notified by phone that Juanita Popenoe was born at 4:19 a.m. today. They would not have objected to a boy, I'm sure, but like the rest of us, take everything that comes and are thankful for it. The little girl weighed 9 lbs 9 oz., but Jerry had an easier delivery than she did with the predecessor, Natalie. ---Mighty glad to get your letter to John (copy); it sounds good to me, Wilson. --You should have been flying to Caracas today but Maude says the trip is off; we'll know why in due time.-- I'm going to Oakland on Friday to speak to a big Salvation Army mitin, and will see Sal over the week end and bring you up to date on the situation if there is any date on it.--We had a crew (recommended by R.Dalton Cornell, M.A.T.) yesterday to cut and prune; took down the Mexicatlan avocado tree which was dying; hated to see it go, as it was the most attractive tree on the place as a mere matter of design; but I have often thought of one of DF's comments that people wouldn't keep a dying animal in the house or on the premises,-- why keep a dying plant?--Betty, who is making slow but I believe steady progress, joins me in much love to both of you.

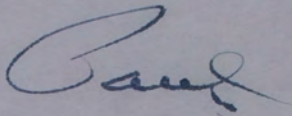
Paul

Dear Popenoes:

I had a good visit yesterday afternoon with Sally; two visits with Karl and one with Adolf Christ (le prenom est de rigueur), her psychiatrist. Net result not much of anything. She looks about the same; is reasonably cheerful and objective and has pretty good insight, but isn't yet ready to leave the hospital even if conditions were otherwise favorable--wh they aren't. She still hears some voices but now recognizes them as part of her illness, not as supernatural guides. Dr. Christ lays great stress on her ability to face facts and talk them out, and finds her somewhat deficient in this--she is still inclined to keep things bottled up inside her, in wh case hypothetically they are damaging; whereas if she would bring them forth, discuss them freely, they would lose their power for evil. This is conventional psychoanalytic doctrine; of course Sally has always been somewhat self-contained. Dr. Christ felt that she had slipped back a bit during the last week, in this respect; she has her ups and downs like all the rest of us. Naturally he couldn't predict how soon she will be ready to leave; nobody could; it will certainly not be before summer; she'll be there until she goes to Stockton to deliver the baby; after that it's hard to know what will happen. --You talked of her coming to g-a for the birth, Wilson; this would be impossible for many reasons, one of wh is that with her bad kidney she needs to be in reach of immediate skilled help and all possible laboratory aid, etc., and she'll have more of that in Stockton than in Guatemala.--She said Dr. Christ had suggested that she might attend SF State College summer session and take courses preparing her for tchrs certificate in art education; they allow a few patients to go out days, this way, and come back to the hospital at night. She liked this idea; when I spoke to him about it, however, he at once said "it was merely one of the things they had talked about"; apparently not to be taken too seriously at this stage.--Of course Ed is still the key man in the picture and his status hasn't changed. He is still working for his father and shows no signs of working for anyone else; he is going through the motions of looking into a job possibility or two, but nothing is ever satisfactory. Maybe he'll work out of this; maybe he won't; there's not much we can do about it. I phoned his father several weeks ago and suggested that there were far more job opportunities down here than in Stockton and that I would have a vocational counselor work with Ed, if he would come down, and help him to get and keep a satisfactory position. His father replied at once that it would never do to separate Ed from his children; so that ended that idea.--Sal says the situation is so tense, wh when she goes to Stockton, that she has about given up going. Last week Ed came to SF and they went to a motel for a couple of nights; went canoeing on the lake in GG park, etc; she seemed to have had a good time. Not very long ago she was in a turmoil over the idea of getting a divorce, but when she found she was pregnant she dropped considering it.--She went over to Stockton to see her obstetrician a few days ago; apparently she is quite comfortable physically.--In short, the situation is just where it was when you were here and Karl agrees with us that there seems to be nothing that anyone can do except to let it run along and see what happens; but he felt that it was entirely out of the question for her to go to Guatemala. She keeps pretty busy with the various occupations laid out for the patients, is picking up a lot of new ideas in arts and crafts, and feels that she will be well prepared to take a tchrs's certificate in art education and go ahead in that line, if she is ever thrown on her own resources.

Karl keeps busy with his teaching, with various jobs that come his way, and with work on his book condensing and interpreting the sex laws of the country, for which a Foundation has given him a full-time editorial assistant. He expects to go back to Bangkok in Nov. for 4 mos.; is turning down an offer of 2 years in Soerabaya.--- Pablo and Norma are flourishing, although Norma had a postpartum attack of arthritis, due to upset of the endocrine system apparently; is on crutches temporarily but now that they have found what the trouble is, she seems to be recovering fairly rapidly.

Betty is making slow progress; we'll see the ophthalmologist a week from today and find out what he thinks of it. She joins me in lots of love to both of you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul", is written in a cursive style.

Antigua, 14 April 1959

Dear Pablo:

I have just completed the pleasant task of finishing a small packet of Roedings Calimyrna figs; darn good, but dont have as figgy a flavor as the ones we got out in the Levant. Maybe like those dates at Busra; I always suspected some of the flavor was derived from those Arab babies who rolled around on the piles while their mothers packed, or from the guys who later jumped on the boxes - you remember? Or maybe the price of 50 U S cents for six ounces of Roeding figs detracts from their flavor. It should. But it did me good to see these figs sold here in Antigua and to recall that I knew old Geo C Roeding and have corresponded frequently with his son Geo C Jr, from whom we bought a lot of trees at Zamorano. He turns out fine stuff, and even gets out a catalog in Spanish, which Armstrong doesnt do though I suspect Armstrong has a much bigger trade down this way.

I am sorter sitting on the edge of my chair, waiting to have a report from you after seeing Sally. You will give me the facts. I feel the situation is getting serious. I feel this because Sally herself makes it clear. The way things are going, it looks as though she will go back to Stockton one of these days, where Ed has told her she doesnt need any domestic help. She does need domestic, i.e. physical, help, and she needs freedom from emotional strain. I wont make any concrete suggestions until we hear from you, but it still seems to me that the vdry best thing, if we are to save little Sal, is for her to cut loose and come down here alone and stay with us until she has this new baby and the latter is a few months old, at least. Someone told us Sal could not come without Ed's consent; he could "put the law on her". Someone else said all she has to do is pack up and step on the plane. If she decided to come, I assume I would have to write Ed and tell him he must not attempt to come down here with her. That would just stall off the inevitable - the necessity of his getting a job. I am standing by here until we hear from you and get your advice in re the next step. If Sally goes back to Stockton, takes over the three present kids, has another baby and all the physical and emotional stress which will accompany it, I fear, I fear for the outcome. I shall do my best to avoid breaking up that family. It would be easy if Sally had the physique and emotional stability of Edith but she hasnt either one.

Maude says and Vivian called on Betty, and she says Lucile has been back in hospital again. I wish there were something we could do for Betty. I cant imagine any harder luck than having to lie in bed day after day without being able to read. I would of course end up by keeping the radio turned on. Which reminds me: several years ago I told my secretary Amado Pelen, whom you know, that any time I walked by his house, which I did on an average of five times a day, and didnt hear the radio going, I would give him a dollar. I didnt lose any money on that offer. It is quite typical of the gente down here; just turn on the radio at 6.30 a m and turn it off again at 9.30 p.m.

I have just sent my resignation to the American Society of Naturalists, of which I have been a member since about 1920. I cant see any use in spending \$6 per annum for the Journal; I get enough High-Powered Science out of the Journal Science itself, to which I am hanging on though it is far too mathematical and physical for me these days. The section of main interest to me is that on obituary notices. I really feel at home, reading that.

Antigua, 20 April 1959

Dear Pablo: I am inevitably and unhappily getting the impression that you are laboring under the delusion that you are increasing your prestige in Antigua by writing me on stationery you swipe from first-class hotels when you go in to use what we down here call the Jardin de Caballeros, but which in some parts of Spain is indicated by a large sign marked "EVACUATORIO". Well, just to show you that we arent so slow ourselves I am using letterhead honestly acquired, more or less, when we were attending the International Horticultural Congress at Scheveningen. Our room cost us - excuse me, cost the UFCo, just short of \$15 a day, but what a room! Helen fell in love with it, and it was worth the money. If you go to Den Haag, better known to gringos as the Hague, blow that dear Betty on the Hotel des Indes; you will be the only people in the house who arent Ambassadors or military attachés, but never mind that. Which reminds me of the guy in the airport at San Salvador who asked for the excusado, and the local lad told him, you walk right down this aisle until you see a sign which says "Caballeros", but dont mind that. You walk right in anyway."

But let us return to our muttons. All the above sort of on the order of whistling in the dark, because your letter of the 14th came yesterday and sort of took away the last ray of hope, for the time being at least. "Net result not much of anything". As you know, I left San Francisco with the same report. I thought perhaps by this time, and after my talks with Sal and Ed, something might be en train but obviously it isnt. To me the most discouraging things is what Ed's father told you when you suggested that Ed come down to LA where you would help him get a job. This did not mean that Ed would be separated from his children for the rest of his natural life. It meant - to you and me - that Ed could take a month or two or three, get started on something, get a little house, and then bring down Sal and the family. That made sense to me, but it now sounds as tho Ed's father is content to have the boy just hang around Stockton, swabbing down decks and polishing brightwork on the boat. On something like that. I cant understand it. What I suspect is that they will take Sal back to Stockton to have the baby, then they will get a little house and Sal will go back to the life which drove her crazy. I told you that Ed has told Sal she doesnt need any domestic help at Stockton. In other words, they wont pay for it and the burden will come pretty close to killing Sal. The hope here is that Sal knows I will see that she has a full time servant - if Ed will permit it.

Though Sal has never complained to me about the situation at Stockton, you have given me an intimation, and when we went out there for the day, I kept my eye on Sal much more closely than on the kids, though ostensibly we were there to see my grandchildren of course. Sal appeared to be almost in a daze. She didnt show any interest in the kids; she didnt show any interest in anybody. She seemed numb, almost.

She has recently written us that she would like to have the baby at Moffitt hospital, "if they can afford it". In other words, she would like to stay away from Stockton as long as possible. I am going to offer to pay all expenses if she has the baby at Moffitt - but I

doubt very much that Ed will do this. He cant stop me from paying, but he can take Sal to Stockton of course. Sal has pointed out that there is false pride involved. She is terribly discouraged and in Hugh's last letter he said "The news about Sal really depresses me. I found her last letter so very bitter against the world. I would certainly like to bring her here to Gainesville but wouldnt know what to do with her". Sal has been very brave in her letters to me. You mention that she was thinking of a divorce, before she found she is pregnant. She didnt put it exactly that way to me, in the talk we had at SF, but she did say that if she had to leave Ed she would marry again. (Not much of a chance, if she is loaded down with four little children). And I told you what Ed had said to her, when she discussed her problems after her talk with me. She said Ed admitted that he had been a complete failure so far; but he now realised his mistakes, and was going to get busy and make good; and if he didnt succeed in doing so he was going to commit suicide.

I cant see that he has made, in the time which has elapsed since our talks, any appreciable effort to get started. As you say, he has considered one or two possibilities, unsatisfactory, and they are all likely to prove unsatisfactory. And if we cant count on his father to go along with us in our effort to get Ed started in a remunerative capacity, we are pretty well sunk. I have no doubt that Dr Halley is prepared to continue financing the family along the same lines he financed them to date. But this will not save Sally, who wants a normal life, as she says, "a husband who is a breadwinner, and security".

If Sally survives at all, I can as of this moment just see two possible outcomes: she gets desperate and leaves Ed, or she goes out of her head again and perhaps more seriously than this last time. You mention that both Karl and yourself are definitely of the opinion that we should not try to bring Sal down here. We are resigned to this and will not again suggest the possibility. I realise that the situation here would be difficult from several angles, more particularly because I know from what Sal and Ed both have written some months ago, that Ed is keen to come here to live, where he knows life is pretty pleasant, Sally could have servants, and he would find it quite difficult to get a satisfactory job and in the meantime could hang around Antigua, taking Sally out for long rides over the country.

The way things are now shaping up, I think I shall fly to Venezuela on 10 May, and after the required time there - I am committed for two or three weeks - I will go over to Costa Rica where I am booked for June 7 to 13. Helen will stay here during May - Maude and Vivian will be here all of that month - and then will probably go to Costa Rica via Tegucigalpa (to have a session with her dentist there, in whom we have great faith). After Costa Rica we will come back here, for about three weeks, then I am booked to give a series of lectures on tropical fruits at Mexico City, to a group of young fellows from all over the Caribbean region.

You mention will see her ophthalmologist about now. Do let us know what he finds. We send lots of love to you both, and renewed thanks for all you have done and are doing to help get Sal out of a very bad situation.

Ever devotedly yrs

Tu casa, hou the 4th of May. [459]

Dearly beloved:

Everything is going along as usual here; Maude and Vivian will have told you all there is to tell, which is next to nothing. Betty is getting to feel more frustrated each day because she can't do more. Her eye is certainly improving, even though slowly.--Oliver will be here over this week-end; he is coming out for a "conference" of the top brass in his Office; to be held at Santa Rosa, though I don't know why.--We have no additional news of Sal. I'm sure you're correct in thinking she would like to have her baby in SF in order to avoid getting mixed up again with the elder Halleys, especially her mother-in-law. I'll consult Karl; it's just possible that Christ (you know him; his work is known) might find some reason for saying that she would be better off if she were near Langley Porter. I don't know. They were going to take some extensive X-ray studies of Sal's internal organs, but when they found that she was pregnant, of course all use of X-ray had to be given up.--Had a letter from a local college student wanting material for a thesis; she wrote, "I talked with your twin brother at the board of education and he told me to get in touch with you." I don't believe Lucile would like that implication!--We are trying to get reorganized here as rapidly as possible, to evacuate this rear end of the place. We're losing our kid glove oranges, and our best midshipman's butter.--Latest issue of Newsweek, describing a section of W.Africa, says "The coast is fringed with mango palms." That, my dear Wilson, is something you missed in your peripatetic peregrinations.--And speaking of the latter, we are still working over plans for our European trip; just now very much excited over Yugoslavia, wh we will have a chance to visit, due to our delay and the fact that we will now begin our real travels in Vienna, only 5 hrs. from the Yugoslav frontier. "e re reading Louis Adamic's "The native's return"; really a magnificent piece of work.--We wind up at Naples in December and had planned to take a steamer home from there; but we are now talking of backtracking to Rome, flying to Madrid, then taking a bus down for a glance at Southern Spain, in accordance with your previous instructions; and perhaps by Bus to Lisboa and fly thence by BOAC or KLM back to NY. It would cost a little more, but I suppose we'll never have another chance. Maybe it would be possible to buy a tkt from Rome to Lisbon via Madrid and Seville. What's your recommendation, to see the most of the best for the least?-- We were shocked to hear from Helen via Maude, of Hugh's operation; hope he is progressing favorably but it's bound to make him ease up for a while.--Letter from G.J.Pennings, late Basrah Mission, who says he is the sole survivor of the group you and I knew there. This is not correct, unless Dr. Bennett (Ben-Hat to you) has died since last Christmas, when I had a card from him in Florida. Government has driven out all missionaries; allows persons engaged xi in purely educational work to stay, but I believe they must teach in Arabic and introduce no religion in any form.--Betty joins me in loads of love to all of you in the Casa del Oidor.

Paul

Antigua G, 8 May 1959

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 4th, with enclosure from the BabuJ-I-II who is so anxious to please his bride. If he will walk down the Avenue des Capuchines in Paris he will, within 15 minutes, have just the collection of pretty pc which he is after. What a letter! I havent stopped laughing even yet. I dont think he is quite consistent in his demands, however. I cant see just why he wants Simmonds beds and Louis XV chairs.

Looks as if (District 37, Shawnee Co schools) I shall be hopping off day after tomorrow for Caracas, consultant for Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza; then first week in June to San José de CR to take part in the annual meetings of Am Soc Hort Sci, Seccion del Caribe. Helen may come down there to meet me; depends on how long Maude and Vivian stay. We had thought the latter was only allowed 30 days outside California, but it develops she is allowed 6 weeks. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

Dont be so critical of folks who write about the mango palms. Remember the Traveler's Palm? It is more of a banana than a palm. Only connection with palms is that both are Angiosperms. Not quite as close as the connection between us and Coney Taylor of Highland Park School. Speaking of names, I think I have mentioned Epimanondas Quintinilla of Guatemala. And did I write you the story (I am sure I did, but I have just come across the clipping I brought from Spain) of the guy who was hired in Hollywood. The boss says, Now you go in here to clean up the room, and then we turn the lion in, and you act as if you was scared. And the newcomer says, I act what? And the boss says, you act as if you was scared, but you neednt be scared because this is a tame lion; we raised him on milk, right here in the studio. And the newcomer replies, I was raised on milk too, but now I eat beefsteak.

Marion has sent us copy of a long letter from Sal which is pretty triste. You told me Sal was not happy with the family at Stockton; she never did, which is pretty loyal of her. In this letter to Marion, who has always been closer to her than any other member of the family, she says she just cant face going back to Stockton; she and Ed are drifting farther and farther apart; and that Ed has taken a dislike to Helen and myself since our recent visit (quite naturally so; because we urged him to get a job, any kind of a job which would enable him to support the family). I suppose he has taken a dislike to you also, for similar reasons. I dont know where we are at. The situation is critical. Sal tells Marion that she feels she is losing ground mentally.

But let us return to our muttons, synthetic of course. We are delighted to learn that you and Bets are beginning to see the light of day, i.e., consider Spain as part of your itinerary. The bus tours handled by ATESA of the Dirección General de Turismo are excellent but I am doubtful that they will have the longer tours in December. I think you will have to fly from Italy to Madrid - I dont know of any line which flies to southern Spain from outside the country. I am sure they will have the short - one day - tours running from Madrid to such places as Toledo and Segovia, both of which you must see. Then we would strongly advise that you step onto the 1928 wagon of the wagon-lits Cook and roll down to Granada on the Gran Expreso Granadino - you cant make any mistake because it is marked in big letters - Companhia Internacional dos carruagens e coches-camas dos Grandes Expressos Europeus. You will hit 18 miles per hour at times, but just tell Bets to fake it easy; they will soon slow up and you will reach Granada 80 minutes late. Advantage is that it only costs about \$8

from Madrid to Granada, including coche cama. Take along a basket of grub with you and three bottles of agua mineral. In Madrid I wanted to recommend our one and only favorite hotel, Lope de Vega at 59 José Antonio (better known as the Gran Vía) but Helen assures me it will not have enough steam heat and you better go to the Palace, but the latter will cost you \$7 or \$8 per diem for double room mitout meals, and Lope de Vega \$3.50. You will want to eat - or should eat - at the Siete Picos and the Or Kampon and the Varela, at any of wh you will get a swell meal for about 75 cents US Cy to \$1.00 US Cy, only they wont accept US Cy. And speaking of Cy, buy your pesetas outside of Spain. You can get about 52 or 54 for \$1, only 42 in Spain. You are only supposed to take in 10,000 per capita, but they dont bother tourists, and if the handsome guy at the airport asks, Where is your wife's declaration, you tell him what I did, i.e., my dear fellow, are you not a Spaniard? Yes, of course. Then please tell me, are you accustomed to give your wife large sums of money to carry around with her?

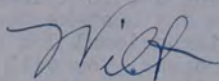
When you get to Granada, go right to the Hotel Victoria. We love it. Plenty of steam heat and hot water in the bath. I believe our room cost about \$2.50 a day. You will eat at the Alcaiceria and the Sevilla and other good places and you will eat well and cheap. Then, there is good bus service to everywhere; Valencia and Almeria and Malaga and Sevilla and Córdoba. You will at least want to visit Malaga and Sevilla and Córdoba and you can end up by taking again one of those 1928 wagons of the Companhia Internacional dos Carruagens e Coches Camas dos Grandes Expressos Europeus right back to Atocha station in Madrid. Daggone it all, I can hardly stand the idea that you are going without us along with you. And remember when you go to get on the Coche Cama and see a handsome guy with a clean blue uniform and a lot of gold braid standing beside the steps, dont ask him where is the porter 'cause he is the porter.

Further particulars later - if you stay in Sevilla it is the Hotel Simon for you; in Cordoba the Regina. In Malaga the Casa Curro. I hardly think it necessary for you to go to Valencia; not much to see, nor in Almeria either. If you go to Malaga via Motril and the coast road (from Granada, and by all means take this beautiful ride) think of us when you stop at Almuñecar, and go into the Cafe Novo and tell Manolo to set up two Cafés Expressos. That ride down the Mediterranean, along what they call the Costa del Sol, is one of the most beautiful in Spain. Has the French Riviera backed right off the map if you dont mind the lack of girls in Bikinis.

I am glad you have enjoyed "The Native's Return". Louis Adamic was a grand fellow and I still dont understand his death. I cant help feeling dirty work was in it. He was happy with his wife, but he was bucking the Russian communists. He was for Tito from the start. When people tell me he was a communist, I say not exactly; he was a socialist and a great humanist.

Write me here and Helen will forward to Venezuela; I dont know just where I shall be in that country but I am in the hands of the Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza, Apartado 332, Caracas, in case of emergency. We are glad to hear that Betty's eye is coming along though slowly. It has been a pretty long session. Maude says you are going East to Dave's marriage. That is fine, or as Shamel used to put it, interesting if true. In any event, she will be allright once she gets on that steamer and dresses for dinner.

Very much love from us both to you both



Helen has just "balled me up" as Amado Pelen puts it, because I am recommending the Hotel Lope de Vega in Madrid. She says it will be cold there in November or December. She says the Castellana Hilton is your place. If you find me there it will be over my dead body; it is straight New York. The Hotel Palace, largest in Europe (they say; 800 rooms mit 800 baths) would be the place for me if I didnt like the Lope de Vega so much better - good old dignified Spain, the waiters wearing white ties and tails at 8.30 a m - if you can get your morning coffee anywhere in

Spain at that hour without going to the Cafe Santo Domingo where we always go, along with the clerks about to tackle their jobs at the Post Office. You wont like the meal hours in Madrid too well. And remember the matinees are at 7 p m, the main show at 11 p m. And dont fail to take in one or two shows where they have good folk dancing - the Jota Aragonesa, and the Zapateado of Andalusia. Usually they have some good numbers at the Circo Price (Free-thay). The Teatro Eslava is classic and ~~my~~ be good. Also La Latina.

Tues morn

[June 1957]

Sal dear:

It was mighty good to see you again, and to feel that we are on the way to a change. We have just had long talks, by phone naturally!, with Nancy and Marion, who are all set to have you back there. We will pick you up on our way to David's wedding, and accompany you to Washington. This will be about July 14 or 15 that you can expect us; we'll have to change your reservations and let you know of the exact time. -- On returning here I found a copy of a letter which your father wrote you. He again expresses his readiness to take care of the financial costs and, as I told you, I already have the money in hand for him for your ticket (which we will get here) and other expenses. Peter is now getting \$58 a month as a dependent from Social Security, which lightens your father's outlay in that direction.---You'll hear from us again shortly; meanwhile much love from Betty and



HOTEL MARACAY

maracay estado aragua

San José de Costa Rica, 2 June 1959

Dear Pablo:

I dont remember jst when I last wrote you; I have been so much on the run over there in Venezuela. I got off a little better than our paisano Dick Nixon did but I sure came away with the feeling that Americans are about as popular in Venezuela as the proverbial snakes at the equally proverbial Sunday School picnics. The crowd I was working for - Fundación Eugenio Mendoza - couldnt have been nicer to me. I wouldnt take any money except my travelling expenses, and when I realised how high they were going to be I felt guilty even for taking that much. Tho we got settled down on a rather reasonable basis after the first fling in the hotel line - the abovemention Maracay. They sent me out there the day I reached Caracas and apparently told the manager to give me a darn good place to sleep. When I walked into the reception room of Suite 501 I noted a neat little writing room off to one side; then I passed out of the commodious reception room, about as large as your rear bedroom at Aguacatlan, into the sitting room, with open air porch overlooking the golf course. From here it wasnt far to my bedroom, with two large double beds, and to one side a very neat dressing room and a bath room with fluorescent lighting. And all this for only \$32 a day, without meals of course. And I dont mean pesetas españolas, I mean 95 Bolivares which amount to 32 U S bucks. Well, I didnt even stick my nose in the dining room; got a can of Planters Peanuts and then when I came back again after 4000 kms by car right south to the Colombian border I asked for a cheap little single, and got one that only cost the Fundación \$15 a day. I felt better at that rate; of course that's about what we would per week at the Pension Rojas in Antigua, with meals complete, but \$15 per day is considered disgracefully cheap in Venezuela.

In Barquisimeto I found our sweet little cousin Helen Voorhees Stephens and got a free Coke from her husband Henry who was at the bottling plant, wh he runs. I spent the evening with them; Helen's mother and Henry's mother were there. Helen's mother is a really fine person; somewhere in the early seventies I guess and bright and interested in everything. Helen's little son is a fine specimen, and she is going to have another offspring before many moons go by. I am really quite fond of Helen, and her husband is alright too.

I ythink I did a pretty fair job for those folks in Venezuela, in view of the fact that I didnt charge them the usually \$50 per day which us consultants get for expertin' around, as Shamel used to put it. Now I am staying here to see my old pals and take part, all next week, in the annual mtgs of the Caribbean Region, Am Soc Hort Sci, which I ran for five yrs myself but resigned when I left Zamorano. There will be quite a few folks here from Florida as well as Central Am. I wish Hugh could come down but I am sure he cant; what a close call he had, with that ruptured appendix! Hugh wrote us, by the way - Helen got the letter but just told me what he said - that in Sal's case "a divorce seems imminent". Sal hasnt told us anything to that effect, but she did write Mayan that she and Ed werent getting along too well any more. I think Ed blames me for the situation - trying to make him go to work wh he doesnt show any intention of doing, or didnt up to very recently.

Ever yrs

June 17, 1959

Dearest Helen, -

It was so nice to get a note and birthday card from you - Thank you so much!

We have already rented Ahuacatlan to Cal-tech for 5 months - to be occupied by a geophysicist, wife, and two children, from Carnegie Inst. in D.C. They will come out the middle of Sept. & leave 1st of Jan. (we understand). All the chips are falling into places.

We were alarmed to hear that Hugh had a reinfection which delayed his recovery - but he writes that he is improving now.

I hope the "gals" are well - tell 'em I'm in our little phone chats - They're on their way home soon, aren't they?

The doctors now tell me I have to get used to what I got - it's going to take a long - long time to clear up & nature has to do the rest - That's that! And we are going ahead with all our plans - Flying to S. F. on the 20th to see our

beautiful grand baby Ellen, + dear ones
up there. In July we'll fly East, on
about the 15th for Dana + Kate's wedding
in Princeton the 18th... and home again
till Aug. 16 - and away to Washington, N.Y.
City, and our trips!!!

Meanwhile we are still digging -
digging out the garage + "Lamshack"
How any one could accumulate so
much junk in 39 years - is beyond
me - When this job is done - we'll
be free, free people!

By the time this reaches you
Wilson, no doubt will be home -

Our love to you all.

1 Betty

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SAY, WHITE FOLKS:

Have you seen de Massa, wiv de muffstash on his face? His initials are J.P. and he is easily distinguishable, even without the aid of a "magnifying glass", in photographs received from Auburn, half way between Notasulga and Opelika in Lee county, Alabama.--I greatly appreciated the cards and photos sent by fellow-fathers for Father's Day, and survived the fiesta in good shape.--The week before, I attended the 50th reunion of my class at Occidental College-- one of the fiestas that occurs only once in a lifetime, and joined the other old-timers in the war cry created 54 years ago:

Rickety rickety ricketyrine,
We're the class of nineteen nine,
Rackulty hackulty, pride of the faculty,
Occidental, RAH!

No one in the class, which graduated 36 persons has set the world on fire, but they have all attained a good level of respectability and usefulness. One third of the members married each other-- six couples.--- We-2 spent the week-end at SF. Norma is making some progress with her arthritis, though it's slow; she gets around wonderfully well with crutches. Our granddaughter is a wonder and nothing like, like all our grandchildren.--Talked with Knowles Myerson in the hospital, where he is having a prostate operation.--Karl Bowman will be married on July 18, same day as David; she is Ann Lowry, a cousin of the girl (now probably to be described more correctly as a woman) who was Betty Bowman's college roommate and bridesmaid at her wedding at wh I was Karl's best man. Ann is 45, and has apparently been a secretary or something of the sort at Langley Porter. Karl and Ann go back to Thailand in Novl for 4 months.-- We had many good visits with Sal, also a long one with her, Karl, and her psychiatrist, Dr. Adolf Christ. She is ready to leave the hospital now and ought to do so. It was agreed that we will pick her up about July 15 and take her to Washington, as we go to David's wedding. She will live for the first few weeks at Edith's. After Nancy's baby appears, which will be around that date, Sal will visit around with the sisters, and after her own baby comes, late in Sept. or early in Oct., they'll probably help her to find a place to live with someone who can give her companionship and such help as is necessary. Of course she couldn't handle the three other children in Washington at this time; they'll stay on at Stockton; Ed is now at Tahoe working for a construction company. He came down and had Sunday dinner with us.-- Wilson and Helen are in Mexico City for 3 weeks while W gives some lectures there for the Rockefeller people.-- Charles D. Howk, principal of Altadena school while 4 Popenoe boys attended there, has retired; end of an era!--I talked last night on the phone with Edith; she says Chuck and Helen are having a wonderful time abroad and expend to stay five months; they are now living on the Coast of Spain at a total cost, meals and room, of \$2 per day each; can't afford, at that price, to come home.-- The Queen B had another 3-hour going over by the Ophthalmologists; they see some further improvement in her eye and think it may clear up a good deal more in time, though it will never be 100% functional. But she is getting adjusted to it.--Meanwhile we're cleaning out things here, discovering stuff of which we had forgotten the existence, and throwing away priceless treasures right and left. The Queen B joins me in much love to each and every one of you, and your dependents.

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Dr. Adolf Christ,
Langley Porter N.P.Inst.,
First and Parnassus,
San Francisco 22, Calif.

Dear Dr. Christ:

Subject to your approval, we have made reservations for ourselves and Sally, Oakland to Washington, on American Airlines flight 638, on Wednesday, July 15/ This leaves at 11 p.m. and will get us into Washington at 12:30 noon of Thursday. Mrs. Edith Popenoe will take Sally into her home for the first few weeks until her sisters get squared around-- one of them expects the arrival of a baby at just that time. I laid before them all the considerations you mentioned and they are prepared accordingly. They will write Sally a letter to be given to you, confirming this.

We are all immensely grateful to you for the help you have given Sally and I'm sure she is going to be a good testimonial for you!

With best personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

cc to Dr. Bowman.

Thurs. evg 25th

Dearest Sal:

I had a long phone conversation with Edith last night and followed it today by making our reservations. We'll fly to SF Wednesday noon the 15th July; get there about 2:30; get in touch with you. We can probably have a little visit with Pablo and Norma, all have dinner together, and get over to Oakland to take American Airlines flight 638 at 11 p.m. This will land us in Washington at 12:30 next noon (Thursday the 16th) and the family will be on hand to give you a royal welcome. Betty and I will go on to Princeton the same afternoon.

This is of course all subject to Dr. Christ's approval, but in the light of our long conversation with him on Monday, I think everything is laid out on the line. Of course there will be many details to look after. You'll want to get your clothes together, etc., etc. Can you use some money to acquire any conveniences that you may want to take along? If so, let me know.

Betty joins me in a world of love to you.

June 28, 1959

Dear Ed:

I was mighty glad to have a chance to talk with you last Sunday and to learn of your interesting plans. Following up your ideas I got on the phone to Washington and arranged with Edith and the girls to provide a home for Sally for some months while she has the baby and gets back on her feet thereafter, and while you are developing your own program. I am sure you are right in believing that it will be good for Sal to get away from the hospital atmosphere now, even though they have done a great deal for her-- in fact, I don't know where she could have been in better hands for the time.

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Betty joins me in best regards to yourself and all the family.

Cordially yours,

Ahuacatlan, Mon., June 29th 1959

Dear Dave:

Enc the original contract for the Dauphine guard it with your life, next only to your wife! You present this, and the power of attorney, at Amserve. I believe they then send you out to ~~the factory~~ the factory or at least a warehouse way out in the suburbs; and according to one account the cars are parked in the streets of that district and in vacant lots, and it takes some time to find yours-- start early and figure that this enterprize will take most of a day!

This is the anniversary of the wedding of John and Jerry-- today. You haven't forgotten that sultry weather, and the very nice wedding in the Hancock church.

U R next!

Yours ever,

July 3, 1959 at Ahuacatlan

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Everyone is getting ready to celebrate the Glorious Fourth of July with slaughter on the highways and eating and drinking too much elsewhere, I suppose; but it's not what it was when you and I were boys!--We have finished the driest year in history, here in L.A. Co; only 5 inches of rain (about what we used to expect at Coachella) compared with our normal 15.--Sal writes very enthusiastically about getting into normal life again. I think it's not too much to say that this move will make the difference between a future normal existence, and permanent confinement in a mental hospital. I'm planning that the cost to you won't run above the \$250 a month that you mentioned. The next three months her expenses will be small-- just something to offset the extra cost to the sisters, who are both living on narrow margins. This will give a backlog to pay the costs of confinement and get her re-established; then she'll have to have a little more help, and I'll talk this over pretty carefully with Nancy and Marion, to find some scheme that will be to the advantage of everyone, not to anyone's disadvantage.--Cousin Ned Burleson is celebrating his 90th birthday. Cousin Abbie is a few years younger and still very "sharp", though with some troubles from arthritis etc.

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Mexico D F, El Glorioso Cuatro 1959

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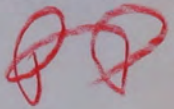
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Ahuacatlan, July 6, 1959--Monday

Dear Popenoe:

I received a letter from Dr. Adolf Christ of Langley Porter simply saying, "As Mrs. Halley has probably written to you by now, she has decided to postpone her trip with you to Washington until the middle of August. She went on a six day pass with her husband to Lake Tahoe to see the lot he is buying, to discuss the immediate plan of her going to Washington, as ~~she~~ well as the more distant plan of her return from Washington on if she and he decide she should go to Washington. I suspect Mrs. Halley will continue her communication with you, and keep you informed as she arrives at a definite decision on whether she will have her baby in Washington or here."--We have heard nothing from Sal; but today I had a phone call from Dr. Halley. He said Ed and Sal got along all right for the first three days at Tahoe; after that she became much dissatisfied; on the way back, driving through heavy traffic, they got into such a violent argument that she attacked him and he had to hit her to keep from being forced off the road. (That's the doctor's account of the episode.) He says he has just had another discussion with Dr. Christ and that the latter now thinks it is out of the question for Sal to go to Washington to have the baby. In view of Sal's easily upset condition he thinks she should have the baby in SF and make sure she will not have any upset in connection with it. After the baby is born, if she should be in good shape and want to go back to Washington for a few months, it would be safer.--That's all I know, and the only definite thing is that we will not bring Sal to Washington next week; so we have again changed our reservations and will fly direct to NYC, dropping down thence to Princeton; and we'll drive back from Princeton to Washington with Olie, and fly home from Washington Sunday noon.--The other, almost definite thing, is that Sal will have the baby in California.--Meantime, some of you may have heard from Sal direct, as we have not.--We stayed home over the week-end of the 4th; went down yesterday afternoon for a call on Ernie Chamberlain at ux; otherwise just working and resting. I have all your stuff now ready to ship by van, Pablo, and am assured it will go off some time this week.--John reports that the report of his having a mustache is exaggerated; it was simply that he was in temporary need of a shave.--Cousin Ned Burleson is about to celebrate his 90th birthday. He is in a rest home in Walla Walla, Wash. Cousin Abbie is with him temporarily.--We saw Parkie and family at the Santa Fe station in Pasadena yesterday when they drove over to put Katherine's sister Helen on the train for return to her home in Bureka, Kans. Parkie has an award from the National Science Council to work up some of his paleontological specimens; it pays him 2 months salary each year, so he can use the summer months for that instead of summer session teaching, and also provides several thousand dollars a year for the three years of the grant, to cover his expenses. They plan to drive up to Puget Sound in the near future, for a bit of vacation. They will then put in a few weeks, on the way back, at Redding where he has been doing much of his field work of late years.--It's a very fine recognition of his scientific attainments.--The Queen B has a new suit, very pale green silk, for the wedding.--We're gradually getting things cleaned up, ~~putting~~ adding almost daily to the pile for the Good Will truck. --The Ahuacatlan Popenoes send much and deep love to all others of the clan (not the Klan.)



Ahuacatlan, Friday the 10 July [1959]

Dear Wilson:

We had reservations all made to fly Sal to Washington next Wednesday but she writes she is not ready to go. Maybe will go with us on our final trip on Aug. 16. I can't figure out just what the deal is; she says there are matters of policy and finance to be considered. Apparently the Halleys are opposed to her going, though again I can't figure out why they should be. She had a 6-day pass to go to Tahoe with Ed, to see the place on which he has made a down payment; seems to have liked it; her last letter was very cheerful. I'll phone Karl next week and see if he has any line on the situation.---Cousin Abbie is celebrating her 90th birthday; I got mixed up in 2d handed information and thought it was cousin Ned Burleson. They two are the last of mother's generation. There are still two of father's generation alive, I believe, of the Holcomb line in the state of Wash.p-- Red hot weather here, but you are used to that sort of thing.-- Parkie has had a grant from the National Science Foundation for three years, to enable him to give time to working up his collections; it pays his salary for two months so he ~~has~~ does not have to teach at summer session, and provides several thousand dols. additional for expenses.-- Betty joins me in much love to both of you.

Paul

Antigua G, Fall of the Bastille 1959
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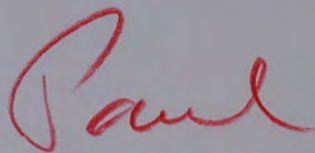
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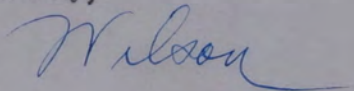
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We have not known what to do. We have stood ready to help in any and every way. We feel you and Jane Ann have done a wonderful job and we appreciate it more than we can say. We hope you will tell us how things are coming along, and we hope you will tell us if at any time you think we can and should step in. Please be assured that we will do anything in our power to keep this fine young family going. From what Paul has written us, and Karl Bowman told us over the radiotelephone last night, we are confident that things are moving in the right direction.

Helen joins me in affectionate regards.

Sincerely,



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Dear Pablo:

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Bellevue Hotel

GEARY AT TAYLOR SAN FRANCISCO 2

Ahuacatlah, Mon. morn 20th [1959]

[July]

Dear sir & Bro.:

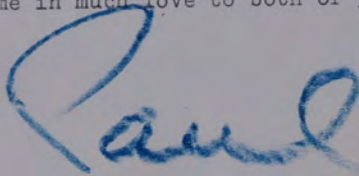
Yrs of Bastille day arr. to hand this morning. I was just on the point of writing you to ask whether you did not want me to send your ins. policies to Hugh, who now has a safety deposit box. The AS&T Co. is certainly better, and I'll send them on as soon as I get the letter from you that you mention.

We got back last night from a very quick trip East; the wedding Saturday at Princeton was very satisfactory, even though somewhat infused with popery. Kate is a fine girl-- I don't see how Dave could have done better! And of course we are a bit complacent about our boys, too. As you know, Dave is leaving his job in city planning at Newark, to get a PhD at Penn. They wanted to keep him; offered to make him Principal Planner at \$9,000 per annum, if he would stay. That's better than anyone has ever done for me. Kate is getting \$5,000 per year as psychiatric social worker in a child guidance clinic in Trenton. Dave will have, with a scholarship and his GI rights, some \$3,000 next yr and if Kate does not become pregnant too soon, they will get along very comfortably.-- As I write these lines, they are probably walking up the Strand to Piccadilly Circus-- they flew by BOAC last night.

Oliver drove us back to Washington, where we spent the night. I had time only to phone Nancy; she is expecting the new baby any day, though thinks it is likely to be not before the end of the present week; says everybody is in good shape.

As to Cousin Abbie's 90th, I got mixed up, as I usually do, and thought it was Cousin Ned's, as I probably told you; but anyway, everybody's getting older. I'll stand firmly on that.

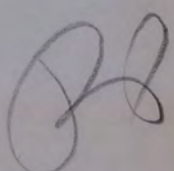
Betty joins me in much love to both of you, as ever.



Ahuacatlan, Thurs. evg. July 23, 1959

Dear Popenoes:

Sally just phoned that she planned to go East with us on Aug 16. Apparently she had written us a few days ago to the contrary; we have not yet recd; the letter, but she said to disregard it; that she was going to Washington. I hope she will, because it would mean everything to her to get back there to have her baby; but I hope you--all back there are in a position to receive her. Of course she may yet change her mind again, or Dr Halley may talk her out of it; but I am going to make plane reservations for her tomorrow-- we can always cancel them. She's obviously pretty much up in the air.--She said she attended Karl Bowman's wedding, with Pablo & Norma. --Betty and I had a quick but very satisfactory trip to Princeton for the beautiful wedding of Dave and Kate; drove from there to Washington with Oliver, spent the night with him, and flew home the next day. We are now up to our ears in work, getting ready to pull out of here; twice as much as we can do; and business is also good at the AIFR; the last 3 mos. have been the biggest months in our history so far as number of clients is concerned; and the summer workshop is coming on apace, as the poets say; begins Aug. 3; we have 95 signed up for it; best we have ever previously done is 66. Majority are clergy but we also have many teachers, social workers, two judges, an M.D., various psychologists, et al.--Mr. McCormack, who owns the house at the corner of Calaveras and "arengo, has been trying to sell for a year or more. His price, \$19,950, is probably too high; also some people don't like a corner lot, others don't want to front on the cemetery.--Today I got from the Auto Club here the book of maps, which Oliver showed me; all I will need.--We suppose Dave and Kate are in France today. --I haven't time to write more, even if there were any news; and as a fact there isn't a single new; but I did want to pass on the word about Sal, and will keep you informed of anything else we learn. Betty sends love abundantly to all of you!



Tues evg., July 28, en tu casa.

(1959)

Dear Sir & Brother:

Seems like you might have a short chapter on date growing, noting that it should not be omitted but that you are skimping it because its commercial growing is so limited geographically/ I'll be glad to look it over imprimis, as we used to say at Washburn Acad.; then get Roy Nixon to do so. I assume you won't have it out before midwinter.--When copies of my "Date Growing" are available they are usually priced from \$15 to \$25. A dealer phoned me recently and asked if I wanted to buy a 2d hand copy for \$10; I said no. I assume you have one; if not, I can supply, as I have two or three copies here.-- Seems like someone is urging that the name of Shakspeare's play should be brought up to date by calling it "Like you like it."-- First word has arrived from Kate-- a card written on the plane but bearing a Paris postmark; I believe they stopped at your hotel there; we should get some real news tomorrow or next day.--I enc tentative itinerary; we are regarding it as very flexible, but will try to get mail like it says here. We plan, tentatively, to fly home from Rome, via TWA; without extra expense we can get stopovers at Palermo, Tunis, Alger la blanche, Madrid, and Palermo (nec non Valyermo); we may skip Palermo but will take the others, barring possibility of skipping Alger if hostilities have not ceased there by that time. But I'd like to see the place again. Flying economy class, it will cost me \$400 Rome to NYC, plus \$200 for friend wife (Family Plan in the off season); mucho dinero but could be more. This means we won't try to see more of Spain than Madrid & surroundings; by that time, and it midwinter, I don't believe we'll be able to spend the extra money and time by going through Southern Spain.--Yours til deth,

عبد المسيح الخوري

Antigua, 28 July 1959

Dear Pablo:

Many thanks for the ticket via Compañía Sevillana de Vapores to ALICANTE. Now this is all very nice and I sure appreciate your generosity, but (1) it does not say whether I go from New York or Sevilla, and (2) that Company went out of business along with Alfonso XIII, and (3) I don't want to go to Alicante anyway. Altho perhaps the last statement is not quite accurate; for 25 cents US Cy I would pull out of here tomorrow morning for any place in Spain; only trouble would that Elena would be a couple of days ahead of me, but I would be sure to find her in Room 110 at the Hotel Lope de Vega, ~~Grand~~ Via 59, in Madrid. (Apropos de rien, did I tell you the story of the travelling examiner who came to a school in Alicante and said or rather, asked "Who wrote Don Quixote?" and a little girl in the fourth row stuck up her hand and said "I know, it was Lope de Vega!" Whereupon the examiner tore his hair and shouted "Por Dios Santo, hasn't anybody in this town heard of Calderon de la Barca?" And again apropos de rien, if and when you go to Madrid, we hope you will go to our Hotel Lope de Vega; right in the best part of town, one of the best rooms with bath will cost you about \$3.25 US cy per diem, and when the lovely lady who is behind the desk sees your name she will beam at you and say, So glad to see you; maybe you are relatives of those Popenoes who have practically lived here for the past 10 years. And when you get room 110, ~~Segunda~~ the chambermaid will throw her arms around Betty and say, Now by any chance have a dress you don't need, doña Elena always had one.

Letter from Sally has just come; dated 9th present, and sent to Mexico, hence the delay. We were waiting to hear from her. She says it looks as if she will stay in California to have the baby - or last least until August; suggests she might go East with you when you and Ed head for Europe. Says her problem is financing this trip. Says Ed could not handle this along with expense connected with buying the lot at Tahoe and building a house for them. "Therefore, I am considering a loan from somebody and I am going to ask you for this. I would not like to accept this money "gratis" so to speak. for it entails such a large amount. Therefore, I am going to get a job after the baby is born and make enough to pay off this debt before returning to Calif. By that time, Ed should have the house finished and we would have a place to live."

She says Dr Christ (le prenom est de rigueur) thinks \$1000 US bucks will probably be sufficient. Of course I am writing Sal that I will send her a check for that amount when her plans are definite and I am not interested in repayment. She says "I hate to pile so much expense on Ed at this time for I feel that a lot of heavy debts he could not pay would finish him off at this point".

The rains have set in; just like being snowbound at Canton Corners. Not quite, tho; I only have to put on a pull-over sweater that someone left in our seat on KLM and Helen therefore brought home with her. And incidentally, if you are going to do any flying we recommend KLM. They serve the best vegetarian grub in the world. I will write you again before you are booked to leave L A.

Ever yrs

Antigua, Guatemala, 4 August 1959

Dr Paul Popenoe
2503 North Marengo Avenue
Altadena, California.

Dear Paul:

In accordance with our previous correspondence, and the plan with which you agree, i.e., that I should open a Custodian Account with the American Security and Trust Company of Washington, D.C. (where you and I have been known for some forty-odd years) I would now like to ask that you send my Life Insurance Policies to Mr Karl F. Heinzman, Trust Officer of AS&T before you leave for Europe which I understand you will be doing in a week or so. I have not yet signed the Custodian agreement with AS&T but am sending it tomorrow. As you know, I have just returned from Mexico.

When you send by registered mail to Mr Heinzman the life insurance policies, will you please send me a copy of the letter, noting the number of each policy and the principal amount. As you know, all of my policies are 20-Year Lives and are paid in full.

Ever yours,

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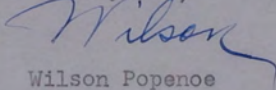
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Antigua, August 5, 1959

For Nancy, Marion, Hugh and Uncle Pablo.

Damas y Caballeros:

Marion's letter of 30 pxmo ppdo came yesterday, enclosing one from Sal dated 27 pxmo ppdo. We also have other correspondence on the subject of Sally's plans and since it appears more than probable that Sally will be flying East with Paul and Betty about the 16th of this month I want to get in a few words before she lands in Washington.

First, and in spite of the fact that Karl Bowman (than whom I have no better friend in the world) told me some months ago that I must remember that Sally is married and I must not think I have too much to say about her affairs, Sally is still my daughter and I love her dearly and will always be ready to do anything within my power to help her. This applies particularly to the present situation: she has written that she wants to borrow some money from me to pay her expenses in the East. I am not lending Sally any money; I am taking care of her needs and I want you to know this, and more especially, I want you to know that she must not be an economic burden on any of you folks in Washington, No matter with whom she stays, I want to send a check regularly to that family, covering all her expenses, and you must be very honest about this. There will be enough problems without having to worry about board, lodging and laundry.

Secondly, the apparently simple but really extremely difficult matter of having Sally and a new baby in anybody's household. Nancy has little Kathryn (how we like that name!) and now Marion is expecting (how I dislike that word!) but not very soon; but the situation boils down to lo siguiente: both you gals and your respective husbands have your hands pretty darn full, and it is not going to be easy for you to take on Sally and her problems.

Personally, I feel pretty badly about this angle. Helen and I have hoped that Sally, if she felt it necessary to get away from California, might come to us. We are the ones best prepared to take care of her while she has the baby, and afterward; and when we were in California I brought up this matter; Sally seemed receptive; Ed was not;

and other interested parties thought it would not work. So we had to give it up, much as we would like to help little Sal in this personal way. So if that's out, it's out. But we want it to be clear that if the time should come when it seems best for Sally to come here, she will be welcome. Perhaps it is felt that there is danger of another mental breakdown which could not be handled here; perhaps there are emotional problems involved. I don't know.

Referring to Marion's letter, we agree that the logical thing would seem to be a rented house in Tahoe, if Sally does not want to be too near Stockton (and we are forced to believe this is a factor), but I am afraid the trouble is that Sally is not mentally in condition to work things out on a practical basis, nor does Ed seem to have been very practical in his approach to their problems. I feel that the Halleys have done a pretty fine job in taking care of the situation; it is not easy to have three little tots on your hands for nine months, even if you have a servant to help.

As for ourselves, we feel a bit frustrated. We made the trip to California hoping that we could do something. All we did was to antagonise Ed to a certain extent - or so Sally seemed to feel. If we antagonised him it was because I urged him to get a job, any kind of job, so that Sally could have a home of her own and feel that they were heading toward security. That seems to have been one of Sally's great troubles. She does not want to be dependent on, and tied down to, the elder Halleys. There is of course an emotional side to all this. And if Sal can be saved, it will - to my way of thinking - be through getting her out of her emotional "slough of despond". I am convinced that the situation is serious. And you must remember one thing: if Sally should take an antagonistic attitude toward any one or all of us, Karl Bowmam has mentioned this possibility in connection with her attitude toward other patients at Langley Porter. We will not let ourselves be influenced personally by anything of that sort.

Helen joins me in much love to all of you, and please remember that we stand ready to do anything in our power. The financial end is the easiest one to face.

Ever yr devoted

Dad

Antigua, 8 August 1959

Copy to Paul
Dear Johnny:

Yrs of 3rd instant just to hand. Boy, you are showing more good sound common sense than anybody except your wife and your mighty sensible mother would have given you credit for possessing. As for myself, I feel perfectly sure that this move back to Florida is just exactly the right thing, for the time being at least. You know I spent the ~~better~~ better part of 2 yrs at Miami - just the most profitable better part of 2 yrs I ever spent. So go to it; and I am glad and proud that you are fulfilling your obligation at Auburn before packing up the 1934 station wagon and heading back to Homestead. Several times one of our teachers at Zamorano came in and said "I am leaving on Friday" and when I asked, Who is going to take over your classes, he replied "Well, that is up to you."

And I cant tell you how happy I am to see you get back into the field of tropical horticulture. Because this means you will be there to stay. And we need stayers. Now as to this mango and ~~wood~~ breeding business. Go to it. I aint a going to argue. But the way I would start would be this way: I would plant 1000 seedsof Hass which were open-pollinated. Then I would go on with my pollinations under the mosquito net while I was awaiting for those open pollinated seedlings to show what they are going to do. And remember, dont think you can count on open-pollinated seedlings of the W I race, even tho they have been exposed to Guatemalan pollen on all four quatters of the Universe. It aint happened yet. And just incidentally, take a look at some of those Mex x WI hybrids I got in Ecuador, and some from Ciudad Victoria in Tamaulipas. This is practically an unexplored field. I wrote Doc Rushle about some of my Chota Valley Mex x WI hybrids; I think they still have some at Chapman Field. And as for the mangos, you just bide your time until you can get out to Reunion and get Nos 12, 13, 14 and 15. But I would try Martinique first; not such expensive travelling. And then go on with your hand pollinations. Its lots of fun but I made several thousand and total nada; and incidentally, dont say anything about it down there in South Dade, but I am not too sure that some of Simmond's "hybrids" such as Edward, are really hybrids; I am sure he made a lot of hand pollinations, just as I did, but that doesnt necessarily mean that the resultant seedlings are hybrids. Get me? But Oh boy, what a field you have ahead of you! And dont forget old Luther Burbank? What did he do? He said he dusted a little pollen on those 100,000 plum seedlings (without emasculation) and he got some fine things, and he couldnt help it and he still enjoys a pretty wonderful repdation among 99.44% of the U S population. Which is more than I will ever enjoy. And that isnt the point. He produced some good plums, tho I dont think much of his plumcots.

Keep in touch with me. I am sending a copy of this letter to your Pappy so he will know I am pleased with your proposed move and will try to help you when and wherever I can.

Ever yr devoted Unk

Wilson

Ahuacatlan, Tuesday morning Aug. 11, 1959

Dear Wilson:

We are winding up here in a chaos of activity, to leave Sunday; and we are not taking Sally with us.

When we were up there a month ago I made all arrangements for her to go East, as you know; and I believe it would have been good for her. Dr. Christ thought she could go safely; I carried on extensive (and expensive) telephone discussion with the girls and Edith back there; arranged in accordance with Dr. Christ's desire, for a psychiatrist whom Sal could see if she became uncomfortable, and so on. Then when we were ready to go, Sal refused-- mainly, it appeared, because she was determined to force Ed to say he would meet all her expenses, and he could not say that because he has no money anyhow, and he was trying to get a house built at Tahoe, which he thought was for the benefit of the family. So Sal gave up the trip for the time being, in an attempt to punish Ed.

We had agreed to take her on this trip, and I had told her that you had made provision to cover the expenses. She was eager to go now; so I phoned Dr. Christ again and he said No. She had in the meantime been slipping, he said; she was becoming more paranoid, imagining things said around her on the ward referred to her when they did not; she had told him she would not see any psychiatrist back east; that as soon as the baby was born she would disappear out of the girls' lives and thenceforth make her own way alone (perfectly ridiculous, of course); and he felt that it would be dangerous to her and probably very unfair to the girls, to let her go back there.

When he told her this, there was evidently quite a scene, since she was making all preparations to go. She declared she was being kept there by force; that she had entered voluntarily and been told she was free to leave at any time; and she was going anyhow. She phoned me and I told her we would all have to be guided by Dr. Christ's judgment; it was not a matter that she or I or anyone else was competent to decide.

She had already made arrangements with Karl to drive her up to Stockton last Sunday to get her clothes, and this trip went through even though its purpose had been changed. I talked with Karl on the phone last night (for the third or fourth time in the last couple of weeks) and he said they had a beautiful day; she enjoyed the children, was very well treated by the older Halleys (Ed was apparently not there). She has now accepted the fact that she is not going East.

What then? Karl will work this out with Dr. Halley and Dr. Christ. The best prospect seems to be that she will stay on the ward until time for delivery, will then go to a hospital almost across the street and have her baby; she will then transfer into a private rest home or convalescent home of some sort nearby, where she can keep the baby with her and at the same time have outpatient care from Langley Porter.

All this is contingent of course on her getting along normally,

which no one can predict but which we have every reason to hope. A couple of months later we'll be back here, and would be happy to have her come down with the baby and spend a few months with us if it would make a helpful bridge back to family life.

Karl is sailing for the Orient on Nov.5 but will be able to see her through the delivery and get her located. He understands that you will help out on the expenses, and will be writing you fully. Since it would probably not be desirable to send money either to Sal or to Ed, you may be able, after Karl leaves, to send a monthly payment direct to the nursing home or whatever it is.

Sally told me in one of her previous phone calls that she had virtually no money to get things for the trip east and would like to have \$25. I sent her \$40, which was certainly modest enough; and I have also paid out a great deal for phone calls, which I am happy enough to do, but those on the enclosed itemized statement from the phone co. were so large that I thought i'd take the liberty of passing them on. I have therefore deducted \$60 myself from the \$500 you gave me for her last year, plus the \$40 I gave her, leaving \$400 which I am turning over to Karl, and he will account for it to you. I trust this is all in accordance with your own best judgment. It's a very complicated and very difficult problem for many unusual reasons, as you know, and one on which we would have wanted to cons7lt with you much more closely if you had not been so far away.

John has resigned at Auburn, to take effect Dec.31, and has accepted what is apparently a favorable offer to come back to Homestead in another connection, namely with the subtropical hort. garden there. I'm not sure whether this is USDA or the state-- you will know. He will have charge of everything except limes and avocados. He liked his job at Auburn, but he and Jerry didn't like and racial and religious atmosphere of a small town in Alabama, and didn't think it was going to be a good environment in which to bring up the girls. We'll see him next week in Washington on his way to the ASHS mitin in Penn State.

First and only letter so far from Dave and Kate is from Florence Italy (not Alabama); very enthusiastic.

Betty joins me, as always, in much love to both of you.

Paul

Aug. 11, 1959

Dr. Karl M. Bowman,
3831 Market st.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Karl:

Last fall, nearly a year ago, Wilson turned over to me \$500 to be used for Sal's benefit in any way that seemed likely to be needed or helpful. I have had no occasion to use any of it until lately, when I sent her \$40 to help make preparations for the proposed trip East. I have also incurred very large phone bills in connection with the two proposed trips, or the trip that was twice proposed, to be more exact, so I am holding out \$60 to apply on those bills, and I send you herewith a check for the balance, or \$400, to be used at your discretion for her benefit. Wilson will of course discuss this matter further with you.

With much love from house to house,

Yours ever,

Paul Popenoe

TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND MILEAGE OF PAUL AND BETTY POPENOE, 1959.

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14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	Münster, Düsseldorf Köln, Bonn, Coblenz	200
20	Coblenz, Luxembourg	100

Oct. 21, 22, 23	Luxembourg, Amsterdam	280
24, 25, 26	Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Brussels	143
27, 28	Brussels, Calais and cross to England	150
29, 30	Canterbury	
31	Canterbury, London	
Nov. 1 -- 6	in London	
7	Cyril Bibby and Cambridge	
8	Braintree, Essex, and Cecil Rose	
9, 10, 11, 12	Swing North	
13, 14, 15	in London	
16, 17	Swing South	
18	Cross to Calais	
19	Calais - Paris	180
20-30 incl.	in Paris	
Dec. 1, 2, 3	Paris, Tours	180
4	Tours- Orleans	73
5, 6	Orleans, Nevers, Macon, Geneva	400
7, 8, 9	Geneva and to Nice	200
10, 11	Riviera	
12	Nice, Genoa	200
13, 14	Genoa, Milan	100
15, 16, incl.	Milan, Lakes, and on to Venice	
19, 20	in Venice	
21, 22, 23	Venice, Florence, and in Florence	200
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28-31	Rome, Naples, Pompeii; back to Rome	300
Jan. 1	Fly from Rome, homeward	

MAILING SCHEDULE OF PAUL AND BETTY POPENOE.

Use air mail, 15¢ per half- ounce; or best, the "Air Letter" forms sold at the P.O. for 10¢. Allow at least a week for air mail to Europe. Ordinary mail (8¢ per oz.) may take a month. Where we are scheduled to stay several days in a place, figure on reaching us the first, not the last, day of our stay; we might move on!

August 17-20, c/o Hotel Claridge, Washington, D.C.

August 21-22, c/o Hotel Biltmore, New York, N.Y.

Sailing Sunday, August 23, at 11:30 a.m. on SS Hanseatic, Hamburg-Atlantic Line; ar. Le Havre Monday, Aug. 31.

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Sept. 14-17, c/o Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb, Croatia, Yugoslavia.

Sept. 18-19, c/o Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Yugoslavia.

① Sept. 27, c/o American Express Co., Bahnhofstr. 20, Zürich, Switzerland.

② Oct. 4-5, c/o Dr. F. Lenz, Wilhelm-Weberstr. 2, Goettingen, Germany.

Oct. 10-11, c/o F. Puls, Wustenstr. 26, Osnabruck, Germany.

③ Oct. 23, c/o American Express Co., Dam 9, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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⑥ Dec. 7, c/o American Express Co., 7 Rue de Mont Blanc, Geneva, Switzerland.

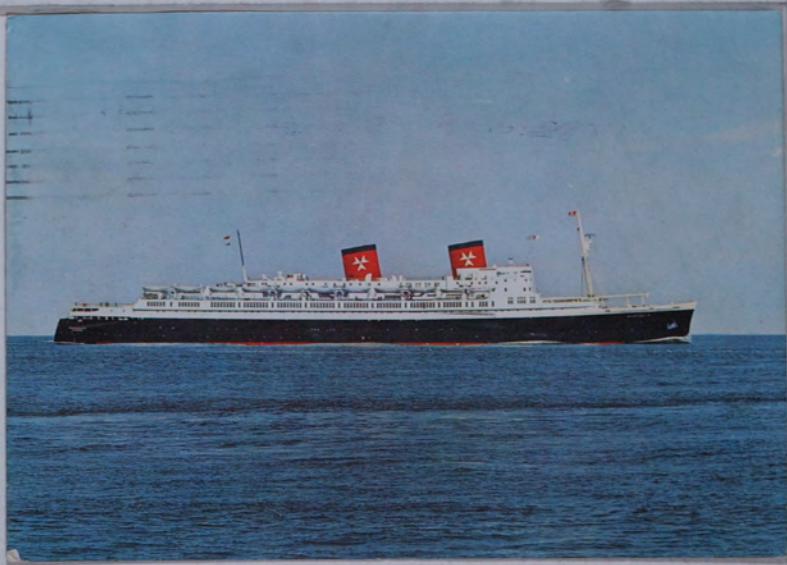
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Back in the United States about Jan. 10.



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Sat 29 Aug

This ship doesn't
have some of the ad-
vantages of S.S. Moku
but it does feed us
well. Very smooth
& uneventful passage.
Bethy joins me in
much love to both
of you. PP

Dr. & Mrs W. Popenoe.

Calle de la Nobleza
no. 2.

Antigua G.

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Dear J. Watermaltscos:

We just have it up
in Le Havre as adv. took
over the Dauphine (with
wh. we are well pleased)
+ headed straight
across Europe as fast
as we could comfortably
drive - some 1500 km.

Perfect weather ever
since we landed.

Good conference here

Antigua G, 19 Sept 1959

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 19th from Wien. Sorry you were not in a position to eat any wienerschnitzel or down a mug of Michael's beer. Aber das machts nichts aus. Apparently you were well and cordially received and I'll guarantee that Betty enjoyed Vienna wh city I do not know.

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No 2 - 1st one to Zürich

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Wick

out taking hay (with a hand)
TS „HANSEATIC“ (Kranibuck, Austria)
Sept 21 37



Dear Willem & Helen:

Everything still going smoothly. We meet Oliver & Laura here tomorrow. In Yugoslavia we visited the birthplace of L. Adamic, who has become something of a popular hero - cities name streets after him. This by no means a humble peasant home as we supposed from his biography but a 3-story (rare in that country) stone house with turrets at the corners - once the "palace" of a local nobleman for whom Louis' grandfather purchased it. We talked with his brother, who was

out taking hay (with a hand
rake) no one around there
has the slightest doubt
but that he was murdered.
The Adams family is one of the
most prominent in Slovenia.
We greatly enjoyed our 6 days
in Yugoslavia + are now
resting up a bit in this
popular (and justifiably so!)
tourist resort. Day after
tomorrow we go to Surtzer-
land, then to Germany. Our
luck in weather still holds -
it has been perfect ever
since we landed; only one
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Betty joins me in much
love to you all.

Paul

Number 5 count them five.

Antigua, 22 Novbr 1959

Dear Pablo and Bets:

Mighty sorry to hear that Pablo was forced to take time out in London to have a tooth stopped. I hope Betty didnt have to sit on the kerb waiting for the dental mechanic to finish the job (you know we have the term down here, dental mechanic; I rather like it, because it seems so very appropriate).

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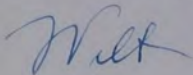
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Hôtel Canterbury

Londinium, Mar. Mar 16 1959

Dear guatemaltecos:

Here we are at the National Hotel on Russell Square, 2 min. from the British Museum, @ 4/6 for bed + breakfast, the latter 101% British. We landed under the white cliffs of Dover, drove inland up the road taken by previous conquerors (the last preceding was in 1066), and when we got to Ealing, we headed right into the City traffic, keeping cautiously on the left hand side of the road, until we reached Russell Square, where I parked the Dauphine with the tyres close to the kerb, and haven't moved since. I'll use local transportation here!

Yesterday we went out to Braintree, Essex, for dinner w. Hugh + Betty Rose. Hugh is in charge of maintenance of some aircraft, & a very pleasant fellow.

Betty is petite, as you would
surmise, very lively, in her looks
reminds us of Sal. They have a
son Chris, 14, who ~~was there~~ as
fine a boy as you would want to
see, + a dau. Jennifer, 21, who is
married to Patrick Prynn, Ph.D., an
engineer who has something to do
with the sale of aviation materials.
They live in North London; we have
not yet met them. Hugh + Betty
have a very attractive little home
and we had a thoroughly enjoyable
day with them.

I've spent a large part of
my time here in the dentist's chair,
only consolation is that it cost me not
more than one-half, perhaps one-third,
of what I would have paid in
Pasadena.

Betty joins me in lots of
love,
Paul

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Nov. 24 [1930]

Mais voici enfin que paye
tes Orang Doudou, et quel
bonheur! Quelle joie de
vivre! Mon ami, c'est
à devenir fou! We were
glad to get away from
English cooking - my
weight dropped down to $11\frac{1}{2}$
stone while there. I
must say that Paris
seems a little dingier
than I remember it
48 yrs. ago; but think
what these people have
been through in the mean-
time! Contrary to some
reports, we've found every

are very friendly. They (2)
are a bit reserved at
first - but as soon as they
find that you're approaching
~~them~~ as equals - not con-
descendingly or patronizingly,
they unbent completely. We
never get as much done
or seen as we desire,
but así es la vida. - we
hear that Sal may
soon be going to Tahoe
to live; we'll watch &
pray! we get mighty
little news from anywhere.
much love from us!
Paul

Antigua G, 28 Nov 1959

Dear Paul and Betty:

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Milan

14/XVI 1959

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C.C.P. 334851

Hôtel Canterbury

Dear accumulators of real estate
(Belie es vuestros):

We thought we were coming
South to the sunbino but have not
seen the sun yet. We came along the
Route des Alpes ("Route Napoleon")
from Geneva to Nice; magnificent
scenery wh. no one should miss,
but continuous rain, snow, & ice;
along the Riviera to Genoa, all rain;
then over the alleged autostrada Genoa
to Milan, worst ice I have ever
driven over, and truck crawling along,
or standing still, for solid miles.
I've never had 2 such hard days at
the wheel but here we are, still alive,
& leaving tomorrow morning for Venice.
We do enjoy ourselves in London. in
dear old London Town, but I think I
like San Piero la ville lumière.

better; & Milan is very im-
pressive. I was disappointed
in Geneva (my first visit there).

We paid 41 bob per day for
the 2 of us in London. I find we
can get a double room without
bath almost anywhere in Europe,
except in the big cities & tourist
centers, for 2.50 to 3.50; usually
have to go to 5 otherwise.

I have no idea of what Ed's
plans are or where Sal is now;
our news comes from Pablo & he
hasn't written us since just after
Mary Catherine's birth. Letter today
from John, very enthusiastic. They
moved on Dec. 19 to a home they
have leased for 1 yr. at 840 N.W. 6th
av. Homestead & he is full of
plans for avocado breeding.

Hoping U R the same & with
much love & holiday wishes from both of
us. I am your odd's servant. P.P.S.

Florence

Dec. 19 1959

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Dear Wilson:

your Nos. 4 + 5, well read. We are getting near the end of the route; plan to fly from Rome Jan. 21, spend 3 or 4 days in Madrid, or NY on the morning of Jan 8. We'll have to miss both Tunis + Lisbon because air schedules don't fit; + I guess this isn't a good time to see Alger la Blanche, anyhow. - Letter from Norma confirms what you say about Sal; she has a new M.D. whom she likes; is getting along much better with the other pts.; is allowed to go down town alone on the bus, for the first time. Ed took his job at Harold's club + is (or was) looking for a "in a factory. Sal likes the Tahire house, on which good progress is being made. Norma feels that she is showing very definite improvement. - Betty Hughes did not mention having failed to see you, so I can't throw any light on that episode. - I didn't get any line on any Papineaus in France. There is only one in the Paris phone directory. - I don't remember when I wrote you last, we had a hard drive down from Geneva to Nice via the Route des alpes (route Napoleon); a magnificent trip scenically, but rain, snow, + ice made for hard driving. Had rain all the way from Nice to Geneva, then in the

autostrada from Genoa to Milan: we
struck very bad ice & crawled along, &
stood still in mil after mile of solidly.
Packed trucks. We also had a lot of heavy
Q thes stayed with us to Venice + Florence.
We spent only 1 day in Venice but that all
was very satisfactory even tho it was the
coldest day since London. We had rain
here in Florence yesterday but today is
sunny + a little warmer. I'm hoping I
can lay aside my o'coat for a little
while in Naples! We're leaving here Tues.,
will take in "the hill towns" spend xmas in
Rome, go to Naples to ship our car + see
the Eye of Pompey; then back to Rome
to take the plane for Madrid. I'm feeling
fine now + have no yearning to stop
traveling; but there are plenty of things
to do at home. Macmillan is now setting
type in my new book, made up largely
of L.H. articles, + I hope to get a second
one on marriage counseling into two
hands before summer. How are your
progressing with your literary chores?
We'll be mighty happy to see you at
Easter - meanwhile Betty joins me
in wishing both of you a prosperous New Year.

Hôtel Canterbury

Honorable Popenoe, egregious sir (as we say
in Italian)

yr no. 7 arrives today; I don't know
whether your information from Sal is
earlier or later than ours from
Pablo + Norma, but believe ours is
 fresher. Anyway, Sal is going to have
ups + downs - the latter especially
after a visit with E. We are
going to fly to LA before we return
to LA; partly to see our granddaughters
et al, partly to check up on Sal +
talk, if possible with her psychia-
trist. I believe Karl will be
in the orient for a month or 2 yet.
We'll arrive there Jan 15, wh isn't
very far away, + will give you a
brief + full report. That will be
only a couple of weeks from the
time you receive this. How best

We'll be in Siena tomorrow
morning. Perugia tomorrow
afternoon. The rain has con-
tinued here, although the sun
is shining this pm. We hope it
will do so tomorrow. There must
have been a lot of rain in the
hills for the Arno river is
tremendously swollen this morning,
compared with what it was last
night.

Betty has had a dress
made to order here; bought a
coat, hat, gloves, & hand bag,
and when she goes home will
be the grandest tiger in the
jungle of altadena - super. arrayos.

Hoping you are the same.

POTENOE Paul

Norma's letter was written Dec 9 & she had
talked with Sal on the phone just an hour before.

No 8 and last.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUIGALPA, MONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 23 Dec 1959

Dear Pablo:

Remember Herb's monkey skin purse? Last call, too late. Well this is my last call so far as Europe is concerned. And what pleasure it gives Helen and myself to think of you and Betty in Madrid, eating at some of our favorite places (perhaps) seeing some of that wonderful Spanish folk dancing (I hope and pray) and wandering through the Prado. I am afraid you will have a hard time tearing Betty away from the Prado before they close the doors. Before you leave there for the U.S. dew drop us a line and tell us where you stayed and where you ate and a few of the places you visited. Too bad you are not there in the bull-fighting season. There have been four corridas here in the past few weeks, we went to one, and as usual got close to one of those Spaniards who is an aficionado and likes to give advice. Before going, I asked a Spanish friend if the bulls would be good, and he replied "No son toros, son vacas". One of the bulls was pretty hard for the matador to run down, he couldn't get closer than ten yards, whereupon our Spanish friend shouted "Kill him by telephone".

Hugh is here - altho you can scarcely call it that. Brought down a couple of fine people, a Hal Conklin of Columbia, anthropologist, and wife; ~~and~~ they are all up in the Alta Verapaz looking at shifting cultivations; they all plan to have dinner with us tomorrow night and it Xmas even then we shoot off a dozen sky rockets which drop out colored lights, two colors, and on Xmas morning they all leave before daybreak. But it sure is good to see Hugh and he is coming on well; expects to get his PhD in Feb (about time) and doubts that he will continue in Florida indefinitely - that is, the Univ. He tells me he thinks John must now be at Homstead. That boy has done just the right thing, Paul, and I am going to keep in touch with him.

La donna e mobile, qual piuma al vento. After having a tough time around Thanksgiving with Ed's family and having written me a letter which made me feel I better go up there as soon as you got home, yesterday I rec'd another letter in which she talks about moving to Tahoe soon with the whole family; Ed is trying to finish the house there (Hugh says it must be with a veteran's loan) and Sal hopes to be out of the hospital in January. I wrote Jim Kempton about the matter and he went to see Sal and has given some sound advice. He says, take it easy. I won't do anything until you get back though this doesn't mean that I expect you to take over. But if I have to go up there I would like to have you there for counsel. I can't seem to get anywhere with the Halley family. Jim says Sally seems optimistic and not dissatisfied and perfectly prepared to carry on. Next visit it might be different - that seems to be the problem.

I'll bet you are finding it cold in Madrid. We are perfectly delighted that President Eisenhower went to see the Generalissimo. The latter has done a really wonderful job.

Ever yr devoted

Know, O my brother, that we (with the permission of Allah, whose name be exalted) have returned safely to Ahuacatlan, sapote capital of the Americas, and that I have resumed my position as executive president of the General Sapote Corporation, producer and distributor of the world's whitest sapotes. We have had a wire fence put alongside the sapote tree on the south side of the property; not put up by a fence outfit, however; they advertise themselves as Enclosure Engineering.--Ran into Knowles in Washn. He had just returned from New Caledonia; says he won't go again for a year. --Hugh Burleson and family have gone to Nagoya, Japan, for the USIA; he is John Burleson's oldest son; married a Japanese girl while he was in the army over there.--Chuck Popenoe et ux, and Pete Popenoe, have bought an interest in a 60-ft ocean-going yacht and expect to leave in Feb. for a trip around the world. They hope to make most or all of their expenses by odd jobs-- writing, making studies for the Coast and Geodetic Survey or anybody else; lying over in the Caribbean and ~~xxx~~ chartering the boat for fishing trips and island hopping; and when they get to Calif. they may tie up at the wharf for a year and take jobs, living on the boat to cut expenses. There will be 6 others, two of whom are divorced men; the two women are wives of two of the other men (Chuck included); the prognosis is guerdedly unfavorable, if you take my word for it. (But I don't ask you to.) We had a very satisfactory trip; away 24 days; I gave 23 addresses and lectures plus 6 TV broadcasts and 6 radio broadcasts. We found Dave and Oliver and their respective families all in good shape. Dave hopes to get his Ph.D. around Feb.1. There is talk that his chief, Dr. Wheaton of the U. of Pa., will be given a cabinet post as secy. of urban development (to parallel the secy. of agric.); if so, Dave rather thinks he will go along. Ollie also thinks his immediate chief, Vince Rock, will get a good position among the Kennedy bureaucrats and that he, Ollie, will profit by the change. Viendo se vera.--Everything looked fine here; there has been some rain, and our college boy gardener had things in good shape. He is a first class yard man, not a plantsman. However, he thinks he will go into the army on Feb.1, so we'll have to look around for a new one. 30 many problems! I guess the trouble with me is that I am 50 years ahead of my time. Hoping UR the same,

Paul

Querido mano:

We have much to be thankful for, especially the bounteous crop of white sapotes, and there's right smart of them left; granmaw say the frost ain't cotch 'em yet.---I have spent the week mostly on my back, trying to wear out a cold (wh of course we always dignify as the flu) before it does the same to me. I've had to listen to an awful lot of radio music of the kind that Grandpa Farm would have identified immediately as the tune the old cow died on. I also have a chance to sharpen my ear on the Spanish-language stations, and am making a lot of new acquaintances like that gran amigo de la colonia, El Chaparrito Stone, dueño del muy conocido "Stone's for Credit", quien desea obsequiarme, absolutely gratis, con un pavo (nec non guajalote sive nas); all I'm instructed to do is to telephone and ask for Panchita Lopez,-- que debe ser el apellido del dicho pavo, si no me engaño. Of course I could be mistaken. A man can make a mistake without knowing it-- but not if he's married.---Then there is "Rita la Italianita con corazon de Mejicanita". Why can't we have some good white Protestant Christian ladies like they have in Alabama and Mississippi? I pause for reply.--- Star-News last night printed photos of 2 Pasadena boys, 19 and 20 yrs of age respectfully, who are starting to ride their motorcycles (mosoreles in your language) to Cape Horn and back, which they estimate to involve a journey of 40,000 miles. To get that mileage I judge they'll spend half their time going around in circles. The state that for security and economy they intend to ask the authorities in the roadside villages to let them sleep either in the fire station or the police station. I judge the latter is slightly more probable,-- but only slightly.---Betty send her love to both of you. She has been talking by phone with Maude and Vivian, both or each of whom report themselves to be in first-class shape; de primera y flamante, in other words.---Mighty glad to get your word from Sal; we have had nothing. I'm more than mighty glad to know that Ed is going to get a job plowing snow, if there is any snow. Not to change the subject, you remember the fellow who was criticized for not working and he replied angrily that he was eager to get a job as soon as he could find one in his own specialty. What's that? Making smoked glasses to view total eclipses of the sun. Q.E.D., as we used to say in Washburn Academy '05.--- As to those 8 Ph.D., naturally I take an Sc.D. to be equal. (Remember the fellow who said to the girl, "I think men and women are equal" and she replied, "How you men do like to brag!") Of course the Sc.D. is actually much more significant since it involves real achievement rather than merely getting 32 units. Well anyhow, Here are the 8@

1. Paul Popenoe
2. Herbert Popenoe
3. John Popenoe
4. Hugh Popenoe
5. Parkison Popenoe
6. Wilson Popenoe
7. Wilson Popenoe
- 8; Wilson Popenoe.

Another way to figure it, which is used by some statisticians, is:

1. Paul Popenoe
2. Wilson Popenoe
3. Herbert Popenoe
4. Parkison Popenoe
5. Edwin Popenoe Jr.
- 6; John Popenoe
- 7; Hugh Popenoe
8. Reilly W. Popenoe as locum tenens for David Popenoe

Rollie spells his name Poppino but that's mere ignorance.

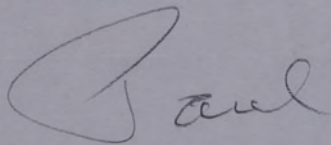
Well, you can see by the errors I'm making that the fever has affected my mind, just the same as when I was poisoned by the old sheikh in the bazar in al-Basrah.

We get a Christmas card each year from Ruth Bowman Parsons; she is living with one of her sisters in Long Island. That's about all I can report of her; maybe that's plenty.

Oliver and Dave each think their respective chiefs may get rather important positions in the new admon., in which case they, to-wit, Oliver and Dave, will expect to go along, onward and upward. I suppose there are eight to ten million families who are hoping for something of the same sort in their own case.

Our own view of the election is like that which David Starr Jordan expressed in a comparable situation: "We weren't victorious; we were merely right."

Hoping you are the same,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Hoping you are the same,".

WP in account with PP

Jan;1, 1960

My account to you one year ago showed a balance on hand of \$1766.12, but \$500 of this was what you gave me for Sal, for which I have already accounted to you separately (\$100 spent and the remaining \$400 turned over to KMB); hence the correct statement is

Balance on hand Jan.1, 1959	\$1266.12
Recd from Social Security Jan.8	54.30
for the other 11 mos. \$58 per month	638.00
	1958.42

Paid out:

Seeman school	\$1800.00
MD and drugs	168.50
	1968.50

Account overdawj as of Jan.1, 1960

1968.50
\$10.08

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 2 enero de 1960 (First time)

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 22 diciembre pmo ppido recd and contents noted. I did not realise the Hotel Canterbury had an anexo in Firenze. Any more than you realise that the Hotel Ambos Mundos in Habana has an anexo in Antigua Guatemala. We thought of you in Firenze and were glad to know Betty bought up a few items such as a dress, handbag etc. One of the big pleasures of travel is buying things; I am getting along pretty well on half a dozen neckties we bought in Rome. Helen still clings to her Madrid dresses - or perhaps I should say they cling to her. How we wish we could have been with you two to take you around our beloved Madrid. As I asked you in my last, do tell us where you stayed and ate.

We are so glad you are passing through San Francisco on your way home. Karl will not be there, I am sure, but you can talk with Sal's new psychiatrist (did you see the joke in Readers Digest, the lady who writes to the publisher and says "I dont understand why, in a big and modern dictionary like yours, I cannot find the word Physcology?"

One of the things which worries me (apart from Ed) is why the psychiatrists cant pull Sal out of the saugh of despond in 15 months, if she can be pulled out at all. You remember the case of John Belling. He was in bad shape but he got over it and lived to do useful work for many years - and you probably also remember, when he married Sewall Wright's aunt and I went up to congratulate him at ~~the~~ wedding, he said "Oh yes, do you know that I have just found a remarkable case of multiple striping in Mirabilis peruviana?"

It is awfully good of you to continue your helpful interest in Sal. You understand of course that I will do anything in my power to help. Helen and I have continued to think of bringing her down here with this last baby. We are not at all sure that it provides the answer. Jim Kempton has written a long and very sound letter about the situation. If you dont see him, at least call him up. Knowles is very sympathetic but feels (as most folks would) that it us up to Ed. Jim feels if Sal could get away from her local problems she would be allright. I dont know.

I was planning to fly up to California about 10 January and see if I could help. I shall await the results of your visit. As you say in your last letter, she has her ups and downs, the latter after every visit with Ed and family. She seems to be allright at Langley Porter; but here is the point; I dont want to see that poor little kid spend the rest of her life in a psychiatric clinic. What to do? Maybe if she can move to Tahoe with Ed things will go better. This was the key note of her last letter. But now that Ed has lost(or quit?) his job changing dollars into quarters in the gambling joint, what is he going to do? Hombre, I just dont know where I can step in to solve the problem and I will wait for your next letter before I do anyt and then I will do what you think is best.

Ever yr devoted bro



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Epiphany

[Jan. 6, 1960]

Well, folks, here we are! and jumping
off tonight for N.Y. We like this hotel
very much, except that the room is too
warm. We've struck the sunniest,
balmy weather here that we've
seen in two months. Looks as if
we'd strike some real winter when
we hit the little old U.S.A.
We'll arrive in L.A. Sunday p.m.

We didn't take in the big parade
here last night but the morning ya
says 250,000 other persons did. so we
certainly weren't missed.

Yours ever.

Paul Sr.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 11 Jan 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs from Lope de Vega just arrived. Made us pretty darn homesick. And of course the first thing Helen said was, Oh how I wish I could be at the Lope de Vega in December with a room that is warm enough! We are very fond of the Lope de Vega, as you know; and the maid Segunda who always takes care of us is a gem. We hope you got to see some Spanish dancing - the Jota Aragonesa and the Zapateado, but I doubt that it was feasible.

Yesterday I had to show 18 people thru the house in three groups, which killed most of my day. We are all torn up now, putting in the new & modern bathroom which adjoins or will adjoin our big bedroom. What a job it has been knocking a hole through the bedroom wall! The solidity of this colonial construction is marvelous.

Now that you are back, line me up as soon as you can in re Peter. I have been wondering how you made the payments during your absence. And I wonder if those Social Security payments continue after my death. Do you know? When you and I are going I figure on turning this problem over to Hugh. He is very willing to take his part. When he was here a couple of weeks ago he said, Well, Dad, its up to you and me to take care of Sally. Incidentally, you once wrote that she had agreed to have herself sterilized after the birth of Mary Catherine. I dont think she did this, did she? She has said nothing about it and the fact that she was in the hospital for only three or four days would not indicate it.

We hope your Dauphine gets to California without mishap, and feel sure it will. You will enjoy having it I am sure. Having driven two of the little cars, the Renault 4-4 and the Volkswagen, I shall never again want to own a larger car. The little ones handle so beautifully, we think, and we cant think of a detail which we would like and which is not in our Volkswagen. And you dont have to watch to see if the engine is getting hot or you have any gasoline left.

Tell us where you ate in Madrid and how your knowledge of Spanish held out. Glad to see you were reading Ya. Of course ABC is our standby and at Tegucigalpa we always got the Sunday edition until we moved away. Cant do it over here,

Pls note enclosed papelito from a lady who knew you at Stanford in 1920. I didnt know you snook back there for a post-grad course.

Well, all we can add is, welcome back to the land of sunshine fruit and flowers and \$14 hotel rooms. Or do you pay \$16 now? I tell the tourists who come here, you folks have ruined the hotel business for us residents. We would still be stopping at good hotels for \$5 a day with meals, if you didnt say when they quote you \$12, Oh how reasonable, of course you dont mean with meals! \$12 is now the standard price in the good tourist hotels here, with meals; the rooms are modern and there is hot water but the food isnt as hot as the water.

Ever yr devoted

Mick

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Hôtel Canterbury

Hoy 21 enero en tu casa. (960)

Dear sir & Bro.:

Enc the annl. stmt. During my absence I sent the \$150 per mensem myself to Seeman School; but my secy., Mrs. Flower, had a revolving fund to pay my miscellaneous bills and she paid those extras that were sent in. As you see, Peter has had a good deal of illness during the past year; I don't know its exact nature; part of the time it was flu that everyone else had (and we landed here in a real epidemic of Asiatic flu; I'm holding the thought that I won't get it.) When I get things reorganized here I'll run over there and take a look-see.--I feel pretty sure the \$58 monthly will continue indefinitely, i.e., as long as he is dependent on someone, wh will of course be as long as he lives.--My assumption has been that Uncle Sam will insist on making the payments to me as long as I am the one who is reported by Seeman School to be making the payments to them. The attempt to transfer the whole thing to Hugh right now might be a bit complicated.--Sal said positively that this would be the last baby. I didn't like to ask her if she had been sterilized, but I probably should have done so. She could have had that operation and still have been out of the hospital in 4 days. I'll find out definitely sooner or later.--My Spanish in Madrid was a bit hard to disentangle from the Italian I had been using for several weeks, but I had no trouble. We took our bksfts at the hotel, and brought up fruit crackers etc. for our suppers there; that left only one real meal which we took in various places of an humble nature. Once we went to a place called Valencia but we did not try any of the very fancy paces and did not get in on any of the entertainments; partly because it was our custom to go to bed about 7 o'clock anyhow, partly because I had, for the first time in the whole trip, a short attack of Tourist Trouble. So we certainly didn't do justice to the country. Eisenhower, I note, said Madrid was the most ~~xxxxxx~~ beautiful city he had ever seen. They are building right and left on a huge scale, especially in the suburbs-- university city and so on; I'm sure much of this is even since your visit.--Betty calls out that she's dancing with glee, especially for Helen's sake, over the news of the new bathroom down there. Ed Curry used to point to a house in Highland Park and say with awe, "They have a three-piece bathroom." Hoping you have the same I am, sir, your lordship's humble and obdt servant,

M

Paul

Hôtel Canterbury

Altadena, Jan. 23, 1959 or as some claim, 1960-- when there is a difference of opinion, it's fair to give both sides a hearing.

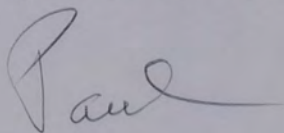
Dear Sir & Commander:

First you must know that we are all proud of the well-deserved honor bestowed upon you by the constitutional president of the republic-- Que Viva!

I just talked by phone with Mrs. Selvas of Seeman School. She says Pete is just recovering from the flu, as are or have been a million other residents of the county. The illnesses which he had last year were, she thinks, associated with his epilepsy and his general constitutional difficulties; I suppose in the nature of the case they are likely to become more frequent and serious.

Pablo discovered that "Listo" coffee is being sold in San Francisco; 69¢ for a 2-oz. jar; also another brand, "Salvador" from the same company, at 59¢; evidently a second grade so-called "competitive" line. I bought a couple of jars-- will report to you later as to its quality. If they can maintain the latter they ought to do well.

Betty joins me, as always, in much love to both of you.



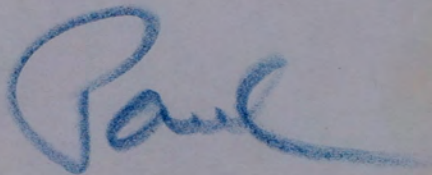
Saturday

[Feb. 1960]

Querido mano:

We have just called on Peter. No change-- they keep him clean and comfortable and under constant medication with Dilantin to prevent seizures, which therefore are not too frequent.--Maude just phoned; overjoyed by your cablegram.-- The Liso we got in SF is poor stuff-- weak and flavorless. Maybe it's an ancient vintage or maybe they think Americans don't know good coffee--- wh isn't too far from the truth.-- Don't know whether I told you that Anna Popenoe is going to move to Oregon to be near dau. Frances et ux; and youngest dau. Phyllis and family will probably go up there too, and go into ranching.

Fraternally yours,

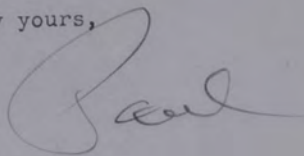
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Sunday the 7th of Feb., 1960

Dear expatriates:

We were mighty proud to hear that Hugh had recd his Ph.D.; understand that y'all came up for the great event and I'm sure you enjoyed it.---We had a long visit with Herbert et ux yesterday. Joan has completed a course of training as medical secretary-- girls smart enough for that are always in demand . She takes 80 words of shorthand per minute and expects to go into a job within the next few weeks. Frank has received his secondary credentials as a tchr and is qualified to go into a high school or junior college and teach geology, general science or math. He'd like very much to get the first-named but there is only a limited number of such courses, and probably 20 times as many in general science and math, so he'll likely have to start in that field; where the demand for tchrs always exceeds the supply. He plans to do practice teching etc for the coming semester, hopes to get an outdoor field job of some sort this summer; then take a school position in September. Nothing else of particular significance. Tomorrow will be the 30th annual mtg of the AIFR; I will retire as general director and be made president; this will relieve me of administrative responsibilities but I'll continue to give my time to promoting the interests of the organization, as before. It gives my understudy, Dr. Richard Klemer, a chance to get along in the world.

Faternally yours,



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 9 Feb 1960

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On arriving Arturo explains that the machete does not fit the tabanco but otherwise the new (our) bathroom is coming on apace. Tomorrow we are going into the city to buy the fixtures; Mr Kohler's best; also a 30 gallon electric hot water heater, Helen having decided that 20 gallons wont be enough to supply a good sit-down bath for Betty to be followed immediately by one for herself. Might as well do this thing up right, now that we are in it up to our necks.

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We shall be here now until about 10 March when we head for Honduras via San Salvador in the Volkswagen. We want to spend at least a week in Honduras, seeing old friends; as you know, I am going over because they have asked me to make an address at Commencement.

I sent seven letters to friends in Florida announcing my arrival a few weeks ago; only 3 of them arrived at destination. Guess we shall have to use registered mail only, from Antigua, and if you send me anything of great importance use idem.

Ever yr devoted

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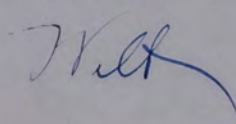
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Antigua G, 9 Feb 1960

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Este su humilde servidor returned last night from a two weeks trip to the land of Sunshine Fruit and Flowers, where he saw H. Popenoe become a doctor of philosophy with all the rights, privileges and emoluments pertaining therunto - or something like that, no definite figure in re the emoluments.

I had a grand time, sitting on the platform with my 'Gator hood (and incidentally, the honorary doctor gets a fancier one than just a plain Ph D) and then Hugh and I threw a banquet for the Prexy and the Profs who had been most concerned with his studies; and then we rolled down State in his flamante 56 Ford and saw a lot of old friends and a lot of horticultural items; I especially wanted to get Hugh acquainted with the guys working in trop and subtrop hort altho he knew most of them already. Got as far south as Key West; then spent better part of 3 days at the Kampong whence I departed yesterday at noon for Guatemala without way stations. Hugh hasnt made definite plans for the future; is tied up at Fla for the rest of this academic yr, and then hopes to get backing for his pet project, shifting cultivations, and incidentally, his dissertation is pretty darn fine; an awful lot of good work represented, I suspect about 5 times as much as that of his colleague in the Dept of Education who wrote on John A Logan, politician and soldier.

I have been slow in thanking you for your letters re Sal and problems; partly because of my absence and partly because I wanted to talk with Hugh. We just cant figure where we go from here. Brief letter from Sal, during my absence, says Ed "got fired" from his money changing job in the gambling saloon because he couldnt get along with the floorman. Sal says she expects to be discharged from Langley Porter April 1st and doesnt quite know what she will do then; maybe go to Tahoe and rent an apt until Ed finishes the house, but what is Ed going to do at Tahoe to earn a living for the family? Hugh wrote Sal that he would be in Calif before long (he wants to talk over his program with the folks at Davis) and would come to see if he could be of help to her, and Sal replied that she would of course love to see Hugh, but if he thought he could be of help maybe it wasnt worth while for him to come.

We had a good visit - Hugh and I - with John and family at Homestead. They have 3 nice kids. I never judge kids until they are 5 yrs old and now can evaluate Debby. She is a fine little girl, no complexes, fine personality, and getting to be very good looking. I talked to several old friends about John's job; they are all very pleased to see John back in So Fla. His chief Dr Ruehle is not at all well; has had two operations for cataracts etc. I think John has found the right job for himself and predict that he will stay in the Subtrop Exp Station for at least ten yrs; then perhaps move upward to be prof of tropical horticulture at some Univ. The boy has a fine knowledge of tropical fruits, practically and theoretically. I am for him and want to keep in contact with him for our mutual (I hope) benefit.

I shall write more before long but wanted to get off a letter promptly on my return from Fla because I have been so slow.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TESUCUGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

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Ever thine,

You mention Listo bought in SF. My understanding is that Listo bot in the US is not the Listo we get; a blend of real Listo and probably Santos (Brazils). Our Listo would be too expensive to compete with US blends and anyway you gringos wouldnt like it; you prefer Lion Brand and Arbuckle: **ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA**
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Sunday, March 27, 1960

Ole, benefactor!

Taking up our conversation where I left off when I was interrupted, I beg to report that it is still just as hard as ever to find superior neckties. I had to travel 6,000 miles in Europe to get six of them. I can also report that I found good neckties more abundant in Madrid than in any other city.--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crick (she that was Gladys Gosney) are going to give us a call tonight, en route rumbo Mexico, D F., in their Volkswagen.--Helen Cornelia wrote some time ago that the case of Crosby vs Crosby was still in the Supreme Court in Topeka; apparently Polly and Tom are having a real knock down and drag out fight over division of the community property-- at least, that's the way I should interpret the remark.--We expect architect to come tomorrow evg with specifications for our bldg program; will go ahead at once unless merely looking at the figures bankrupts us.--We're enjoying the Dauphine, wh came through in very good shape-- only a few scratches. Total cost to us, fob Ahuacatlan, was \$1742; this included new seat covers in Paris for wh we pd \$60, and various other things including of course the freight and insurance over here. The new car sells at retail here for \$1790, so we didn't do badly; had it for free for 10,000 miles driving in Europe, and now have it in the back yard. Oliver sold his Volkswagen in Washington for enough to cover all that he paid and had the use of it in Europe free.--Ladies Home Journal send out one of its staff writers, Betty Hoffman, to do a piece on me; she was out here all last week and went over the subject from turret to foundation stone; wanted to interview people who knew me in infancy (Anna Whiting Popenoe), childhood (Ernest R. Chamberlain) and in Occidental 50 to 55 years ago. No more at present from yours til deth,



Antigua, 7 April 1960

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Wick

Apl.13, 1960

Dear Pablo:

Thanks for your thoughtful letter; I'm glad you wrote as you did, because you are absolutely right. My figures are sound enough and have appeared not only in professional journals but in popular magazines such as Newsweek; but it was a serious mistake for me to go into the subject in a family letter.

Actually we are relieved, as you are, that Sally is not coming down here; it would have put a load on mother. But we would do anything in our power to help her, and if it were desirable for her to be here for a few weeks before going to Tahoe, we would have been happy to help. I don't know whether she has left for Tahoe yet; letter from Wilson today says Ed still has no job and he (Wilson) will help finance them. It is and always has been one of the most difficult situations I have ever known.

My nose has pretty well cleared up and mother is going to drive me over to the AIFR this afternoon-- my first visit in a week. I'm so full of sulfa etc that I don't want to drive the car. I haven't suffered any, except in a little feeling of frustration!

John writes that he has bought the house they have

been renting in Homestead; paying \$9.5000, which he thinks is a bargain price. He seems to be very happy in his new work; is making crosses of avocadds, lychees, and annonas, or at least preparing to do so. They have also bought a small upright piano for \$125; Jerry has wanted one and Debbie is also going to take it up.

Here we're enjoying the iris blossoms and bright sunshine.

Mother joins me in much love to the three of you.

May 8, & it Mothers' Day. Ours would be
98 yrs old, if living. [1966]

Querido mano:

We've heard no more from Sal than a card with her address and the note that they were lvg in the trailer, Ed was working every day on the house, and they expected to bring the baby up there in a few days.--Yesterday we went to Hemet to see the Ramona play; it has been going on for 33 yrs and we have talked about going each year. It's well worth seeing-- a big and colorful spectacle in a fine natural amphitheater outdoors.--Have let the contract for our addition, about \$6,000 tout compris; no bathroom so we shouldn't have any problems!--Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis; but I'm not too sure about the other-- i had my own last Latin lesson 54 years ago. I think it should be "Ego vado; quaerites me, et in peccata vestra moritures." It's very poor Latin, anyhow; and by the way, I look over the Latin Vulgate Bible once in a while-- I bought a copy in Rome in 1911; and it strikes me as a very poor job of inelegant translation. But then, I suppose I'm hardly a judge.--We have had fun during the last week going over the proof of the story of my life wh the Ladies Home Journal is going to publish-- probably in the July issue. Reminds me of the fellow who wrote an account of the exploits and achievements of Philip of Macedon. When the king read it he asked, "Where was I when all this happened?" --We are all set for a short (probably a month) lecture tour in the East, in Oct. and Nov.; will be right on the job here until then. Janina is coming out in June to spend 6 wks with us.--The Queen B has just returned from a call at 986 N?Los Robles; found them both feeling pretty good and enjoyed the photographs wh Helen had sent up, wh some visitor had taken-- many changes evident since any of us last visited you.--Much love from house to casa.

Paul

Antigua G, 15 Mayo de 1960

Dear Pablo:

Des líneas before I hop off tomorrow to see my friends the Somosa boys. I shall probably have my GHQ in Managua for the next couple of weeks, not more, and I can agree with half of that verse "Managua Nicaragua is a wonderful spot, pretty señoritas but the climate is hot". No, hardly half; just the last phrase. I am not criticising the señoritas, only I was inclined to agree with Hugh when he said up in Galicia, "Dad, there were a lot of pretty girls in Madrid but here in Galicia they are all pretty."

We shall read with great interest you curriculum vitae in the Homely Ladies Journal, but the prospect of its publication fills me with fear and trembling. How many homely ladies will show up here subsequently, saying "I practically know your brother; such a wonderful man (fide the Journal). Your anecdote re Philip of Macedon is a beauty. I must remember it.

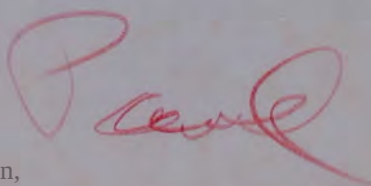
Helen will not go with me to Managua; (1) there is not a thing for her to do there except sit in the Gran Hotel and drink cold and too sweet lemonade, and (2) I don't want to stick the Somosa Boys with her expenses tho I could. -- I worry a good deal about Sal and wonder when we shall hear that she is pregnant again. She writes that she has to go to Reno once a week to consult a psychiatrist and that the medicines she has to take are very expensive. --Thanks for the news from 986 N Los Robles. I think I will send Helen up there for a few weeks later on this year. I better stay here and keep the boys from thinking C stands for Caliente and H for Helada.

Ever yours,

Monday May 23, 1960

Dear Wilson:

I reckon you were here 38 yrs ago today, since yesterday was Pablo's birthday, of which you were an eye witness. The old home ain't what it used to be-- the gang has begun work on our new addition and the whole back yard is a wreck and will continue so for some 3 mos., not counting a bath room.--Yesterday afternoon we went to Herbert's for a snack supper; and L always puts up a good one. Their grounds are really beautiful, and kept up perfectly; makes us quite green with envy. I believe H will retire in 4 yrs and I imagine they plan to sell the place (wh I understand is clear) for considerably more than they paid for it; they will then move to some university where H can teach for some years, as is more and more the custom now for profs. who retire. When Sewall Wright was let out at Chicago he had a dozen offers; took one at the Univ. of Wisconsin, where he still is.---Joe (nec non Joseph) Crick showed up here Sat. eve with all the news and a bee-yootiful textile, for wh thanx a million; he went on to Oregon next day; Gladys is still here, I believe, and will go up on the bus.-- My life won't appear in the LMJ until Oct.--I have advance copies of the new book; it isn't published officially until June 6; I'm sending you a copy; if it doesn't arrive in a reasonable time-- whatever that is-- let me know.--We ran into Gwen Groves a few days ago; Spencer has retired partly because of ill health; is not too happy about it, apparently. Owen, who is still prof. of English at Adelphi College, on Long Island, is coming out this summer with his wife; it will be interesting to see him, for the first time in something like 45 yrs.---Parkie et al have come back from a trip in the north and stopped in Williams, Ore., wh is not very far from Grant's Pass, where FOP was always going bear hunting with Grizzly Dan while he was delirious with typhoid in Denver. Anna is up there with Frances and her husband, and Phyllis and her husband also moved up there; they are living in 3 trailers.--I'm waiting to hear your report on the real estate business -- is it still true that "Managua, Nicaragua, is a wonderful town; you buy a hacienda for a few pesos down"? **Maybe it was only the elder Somosa who could get 'em at that price.--Ruth Holcomb Blackstock and husband are in Calif; their dau. Joyce and her husband John Fulano have been at Davis; Joyce teaching, I think, while John got a Ph.D. in hort.; he has now gone to St. Lucia, BWI (or words to that effect) on some sort of an ICA deal; she will follow when school is out. You remember there was a youngest Holcomb dau. Dorcas; she mar. a good vegetarian 7th day adventist named Moore but died early, in the influenza epidemic of World War I. She left 2 sons and a dau. Charles Moore is with the church publishing house near Sacramento, and wrote that Ruth and Ross had visited them. There is a Raymond Moore, Ph.D. or maybe it's Ed D., who is now in Washington, D.C.,-- I met him accidentally once when he was getting his doctorate at USC; the others I have never met. The 3d is a day. Lorraine who is married to I.C. Krieger, M.D.; they live in or near Santa Ana. They seem to be a pretty respectable lot, aside from vegetarianism.---Betty joins me in much love to both of you.



Antigua G, 2 June 1960

Dear Pablo:

Birdie hopping in his door, tired of his freedom's back once more. And wow! That climate of Managua! I mean Managua Nicaragua, that wonderful spot, pretty señoritas (actually, avg of pulchritude way below that of San José de CR) but the climate is HOT. I have sweat so consistently since you and I were in Calcutta.

Found here on arrival yrs of 23 pemo ppdo, with lots of family news. You mention Ruth and Dorcas Holcomb. I knew them both very well because they were great pals of Edwin Popenoe. I think Dorcas was about our age; Ruth a couple of yrs older perhaps. I assume you know Dorcas was named for her grandmother, wife of Myron Holcomb's brother of our grandmother Marinda H. Right? I remember old Myron and I am pretty sure his wife, also, at Ridgview; seems to me Myron had been a carpenter.

Now for my story: I had a nice visit with Henry Stevens et ux in Managua, where he is now station in chg of Coca Cola bottling plant and fed up to the gills. Would like to get into the foreign service and I believe he would be good, but he is 51 yrs old and I wonder if he would have a chance. Helen is 27; they met in Nassau where she was working as asst manager of a small hotel I believe. They have two nice little tots, Henry Jr and Christian Farley, the first 2½ and the second 8 mos. Henry has been around a bit; 3 yrs in Germany and a time in France and now some yrs in Latin America, and he speaks German and French and Spanish. What would you suggest for him. That little Helen is a dear if there ever was one. It is quite a job taking care of two babies in that climate of Managua but she never peeps.

Dont ever mention again to me reconstruction problems. You aint seen nothing. We began last October and will be lucky if we get thru by next October. And if one of usnt here every hr of the day and I was going to say night (because we dream about our troubles) they would do every item the wrong way only twice. The only consolation we have is that we pay our obreros less per day than you pay per hr (master mason \$2, assistant mason \$1, and master carpenter \$1.75); and the plumber does show up with his tools if he has any. But the master mason comes in at 8.15 a m and says I must have a sack of cement right away and the master carpenter one hr later after I have just pulled out the Volkswagen and gone for the cement, says "I cant go on with my work until you get me a libbit of six penny clavos." Just like Maria, who comes in at 6.15 a m and says "no hay huevos para el almuerzo" and I said "Porque no me dijiste ayer?" And she replies with impeccable lógica, "Pues señor, ayer tuvimos huevos pero se han terminado".

Glad to have yr news about Herb and Lucile. Glad you had a buffet with them; as you say, Lu puts out a good one, and their place is lovely. I seem to recall that Herb bought it at a very low price, for some sentimental reason or other and that they own it in fee simple. They will probably do well to sell it when H retires and go teach in some Univ. Maybe he could get placed at Zamorano; you have to be in possession of a PhD to be employed there these days and H qualifies. If Ruth Holcomb's son Juan Fulano are you sure it isnt Mengano or Zutano?) doesnt get placement promptly in the former BWI or doesnt like it there, wh probably he wont, maybe he would be a candidate for Zamorano - or elsewhere. There are quite a few openings for good horticulteurs down this way - one right now in Nicaragua, for example. Digitized by Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation from house to house, including the unfinished parts.

Antigua G, 18 June 1960

Dear Pablo:

Many thanks for yrs of 12th instant. Some days since we had heard from youall. And I was so glad to learn that Johnny went to the mtg of the Caribbean Region, ASHS, in Puerto Rico. I did not go, though I should have went, because (1) the expense, and (2) I think I have seen enough of Puerto Rico in years gone by. I think you know I handled the affairs of the Caribbean Region, ASHS, for five yrs; in fact, really got into gear; then two yrs ago I turned the job over to Ernest Casseres, a good lad whom I helped get thru the Univ of Fla and who is doing a fine job on ASHS and elsewhere. Now, one of these days, probably 3 to 5 yrs from now, I would like to see Johnny take over the job, and if I am still on this planet - wh is doubtful - I will pull the necessary wires. As you know, I have already suggested that Johnny might be a good Chm of the Tropical Fruit Committee of the Am Pomological Soc. Time will tell, and doors will be opened.

Mighty ~~fine~~ your boys have given you a teakwood desk, made of the best teak grown in Holland. The desk used by DF in his last yrs at Coconut Grove was, I believe, of teak and is now in the museum of the Fairchild Tropical Garden; you can ask John to check on this.

Yes, I think I remember Eugene Barker, if he is the Eugene B. who spent a yr or two in Haiti. I am glad you and Bets saw Karl and Anne in SF; you probably know Anne came to Guatemala some months before she and Karl were married; we had previously met her in SF at Karl's house. We like her. You may be pushing down her age a bit; I would say 48, aber das macht nichts aus. No word from Sal since I sent her the June instalment. I wonder if she has yet taken Mary Catherine to Al Tahoe. The problem now is el siguiente: How soon will Sal become pregnant again?

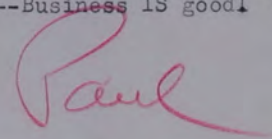
Bets: I am collecting San Antonio huipiles, like the one I sent you with Gladys Crick. I get them at about one-third the going tourist price. I have some 20-odd on hand. Helen keeps on bawling me out for buying more but they are the finest huipiles made in Guatemala and I simply can't stand the temptation. Now, Hugh is supposed to come down here in August (that rascal is up in NY or was a week or so ago, we did not know he was going; has probably been to Washn also) and if/when he comes down here I could send you some huipiles with no problems as far as the gumrukji is concerned. How many could you use, by giving them away to friends who once upon a time have entertained you and Paul atda fine dinner of ersatz turkey and ersatz coffee? I would suggest about six; what say?

Ever yr devoted

hoy 20 o f June of '60

Dear Antigonians:

The big news here is that we have another member of the family, to wit, Janina, who flew out alone yesterday to spend 5 weeks with us. She livens the place up very satisfactorily. Last week end Pablo and Oliver were both here; Ollie for several days on govt. business; Pablo was just down for a day and the two boys went to SF together at night on the SP Lark.--I had a call from a Mrs. Corbet who represented herself to be a lifelong friend of yours and gave me various reminiscences about Ed Howard and other pioneers.--We took Ollie down to call on H and Lucile. Joan has a job as secy. to some official in the office of Pasadena city supt. of schools.--Our new addition to the house moves on apace; it is largely closed in now and within a couple of weeks it O2b in final shape, except for probable odds and ends such as elec. light fixtures, painting, etc. Then we'll have to have the back yard paved for a turning place for autos. It's changing the appearance of Ahuacatlan radically but we're not displeased with the effect. After we get the place replanted I think it will look ver respectable.--My sons clubbed together and bought a new desk, as I believe I wrote you, for my new study; it has now arrived; really a beautiful things; supposed to be teak, but whether Tectona grandis L. or something "just asgood", I know not.--Haven't had any reviews of my new book yet, but as I may have told you, Ladies Home Journal started by purchasing 3,000 copies. They are going to push it themselves.---David has finished all his classroom work for his Ph.D.; will continue at Penn, doing some jobs for the dept. and working up his thesis; hopes to finish this by Feb.1, then clear outk as a Dr.--Business IS good! Hoping UR the same,



Antigua, 23 junio de 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 20 recd and I dont know how - tho we got a letter today from the Amembassy in Guatemala City marked "Entrega Inmediata-Special Delivery", first time I have ever seen one. This letter was to advise that the Pres elect of Tulane Univ will be here for lunch next Tuesday.

How we envy you! Just think of getting your house reformed, as we say in less than 8 months! I reckon we will have the workmen out of here, like Henry Ford had the boys out of the trenches, by Christmas. I suspect our total expense may be lower than yours, but the wear and tear on our nervous systems can hardly be calculated on a cash basis. Yesterday just as Helen came back in the Volkswagen from a trip down town to do the usual errands, Luis the carpenter says I have to have some sandpaper right away. So out she goes again.

Yr new book just recd, and many thanks for same; I see your books are getting almost into the five dollar bracket. Only they should put it \$4.99 and not \$4.95. That sounds too much like Macy's; and when you go into a shop here in Antigua and buy groceries which total 95 cents and give them a dollar bill they say, sorry but we have no change. I got even today - and here it is: I went to the GPO with a chapter on aguacates for Salvat Editores de Barcelona; registered; after spending five minutes looking up the rates the good guy who does the registering says Five quetzales and three cents, which was just exactly what I had in my pocket. Air mail to Spain is terribly expensive but they told me today that it is two cents higher per five grams to France. Speaking of which, yesterday p m a handsome lady came to the door and asked to see the house, and said, - naturellement, vous parlez français? and I replied pas conramment, madame, mais enfin nous outres sommes dijonnais, and we got by, tho I had to hurry her out so fast that Helen asked why I didnt give her more time in the house.

Referring to your new book, (I used to say animadverting but the dictionary says this is sort of a threat) we shall read it with great interest. All I have read so far is the back cover of the dust jacket, and I just wonder if that poor guy who tore the pants offn his wife was as drunk as she thought. If there is anything I like less on a gal than slacks it is pedal pushers. They are coming in here, and I suspect it may result in the rate of matrimony per 1000 inhabitants dropping about 18.2 percent. I would vote for a round 20.

I wrote you about that Tectona grandis desk. It probably is. When I get up there again I think I can get the matter straight, but John could do it as well. Just had a fine letter from him, after his assistance at the Puerto Rican (nec non Porto Rican) conference of ASHS. That boy is coming along. The next meeting of ASHS Caribbean Region is to be in So Fla and if God grants me grace we shall be there. --Anent Mrs Corbet, pronounced Corbay wh is correct, I have never met her but she wrote me a number of times about tropical plants. Glad you occasionally get one who is an old friend of mine; How many, Oh how many come here saying you are practically the godfather of their six children. Then I tell your story of "What a fine catholic family".

Wilt

Antigua G, 15 July 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of the Glorioso Cinco (sic) is here. I say Glorioso Cinco because one day I asked Maria, What are all the bells ringing for, and she said, Pues Señor, es por San José, and I said, Yes, but yesterday was the day of San José, and she said ~~of~~ course, but this is the day after San José. And incidentally, we have never had so many church bells as in this past yr. Two Spanish priests have taken over the church of San Francisco right at the end of our street, as you may recall, and they have the biggest (and best) bell in town, and they are sure getting their money's worth out of it. Some day we are going to the 6 a m mass, just to give them some encouragement.

You dont know why we wanted a bath room down here. I dont either. But we ndw have two, a great big one next to our bedroom and the same little one in the shack which Hugh and I have always used. The one in the shack has the solar heater, which is fine; when it is hot and dusty you can get a beautiful shower bath, and when it is cold and rainy the solar heater of course does not función, but you dont want a hot bath.

I am terribly pleased that Bets is interested in the huipiles (it is not the prenom, but the ortografia, which is de rigueur; dont ever tell your friends you are giving them a glipil); but I regret that your check is no good down here; we can only cash checks made out in rupees, annas and pice. When you can figure out how many pice you should send me, go ahead, but remember that pice fluctuate in value from day to day. Speaking seriously, at the first opportunity I will send Bets a nice batch of huipiles; I will have to find some way to getvthem by the gumrikji, probably on one of Hugh's trips. We are expecting him down this way soon. I think I told you that I buy these huipiles from my Indian friends in San Antonio Aguas Calientes, where they make the best ones in Guatemala. When tourists are abundant I dont get any but when they aint, Guadalupe or Calixto comes in with a couple and I get them at five or to put it right @5. When I took Gladys and Joe to San Antonio they went in to see a girl weaving and she had a nice one and they askd How muchie and she said twenty dollars and they said Fine, sand it into Antigua tomorrow morning. Thank goodness it didnt come, though Helen always says, the more money those wonderful Indians can get out of the tourists the better.

Just finished the chapter on bananas for my book in Spanish. It is awfully hard and slow trying to write a book in Spanish. Funnk, but I cant wrote as many hours a day as I did when I wrote the Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits.

Have just heard from Kⁿowles and Bob Hodgson re their respective retirements. Bob is staying on half time without administrative duties. Knowles has several irons in the fire, including a course of lectures on world agr at Berkeley, secondd semester. The old guard dies but the old guard never retreats.

La niña Elena joins in much love to all.

Sunday July 24, 1960

Dear Wilson:

We had lunch in the dining room today for the first time in more than 2 mos.; have been eating very comfortably off the kitchen sink; I don't see any need for a dining room any more than for a bath room; this nation is getting too soft; needs more iron in its soul. But I have now moved into my new executive offices, so I can relinquish the dining room. We feel quite grand.--Maude had 8 single strips of huipile left,-- beautiful stuff; we are most grateful. Come and see.-- Thurs. we went to Disneyland, our first visit; it's really very well done; quite up to the brag.--Pablo has been promoted to Senior Utilities Engineer (probably a new junior engnr taken on probation); accompanied by an appropriate (non satis notum) increase in honorarium.--David just phoned that he and Kate are going to Chicago at the end of this week for wedding of her bro.; will then fly out here and divide several weeks btw Altadena and Tucson, where her folks live.--Parkie, Kathryn, and the IV were here for supper with us last night and we picked up a little news about some of the more remote Holcombs.--The big event of the yr at AIFR, our 13th summer workshop, begins Aug. 1 for 2 weeks; always keeps us very busy. We have some 80 registered this year; more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of them clergymen.--John and his family have been up in Maryland and circumjacent areas for a 2-wk vacation.--Janina will leave us on Wednesday after nearly 6 wks here; her maternal gma, Alma Kaplan, is in L.A. today and will take her back on the superchief. She has kept Betty pretty busy but is a mighty fine girl.--I haven't been able to get her to appreciate white sapotes, however. They are just coming into season now, and depend from every bough.--I'm still plugging away at my book on marriage counseling; have two-thirds of a rough first draft finished. I don't think I write quite as fast as I did 50 yrs ago; but it's a fairly heavy subject to handle properly, especially as

Paul

Antigua G, 26 July 1960

Dear Pablo:

Last week there came a knock at the door and I said to Helen, the tourists are early today; and then I went and who do you suppose was standing out in the rain? Assistant Professor Hugh Popenoe, who got tied up in Belize by Hurricane Abby, not née Burleson. He just stopped overnight to put down a one and one half libbit beefsteak, as Herb used to write it, then he went to the Verapaz with his compadre Chris Hempstead; came back here overnight, again, on his way to a meeting of the Caribbean Conservation Commission in Costa Rica - and if he and the other members can conserve the Br West Indies, or what were the Br West Indies, I am for them. What rapid strides toward independence we are seeing in the tropical world! As I look back, I think we did not do a bad job in those Philippines. We took a little time. Nobody wants time any more. The place that really presents a problem now - perhaps not right now is Israel. Those folks can never produce enough food to support their country. They are working ^{with} a religious zeal which I have never seen equalled. You have to admire them.

Helen and I are hopping off tomorrow for Tegucigalpa, to transfer to one of those TAN economy flights (\$250 from here to Lima and back) in order to meet Hugh and Kitty Coolidge at the Hotel Maury, where you get the best papas a la Huancaina, a dish even you would like if ~~they~~ would take out a little of the Capsicum frutescens, because there is no kalbfleisch in it. Wh reminds me of the party which came in yesterday and after I had shown them around a bit, I said to one of the women, You are german, aber das macht nichts aus. And she replied "Das macht viel aus". They were all speaking Spanish to me! I have reached the point, not quite like A. Robertson Proschowsky, when they come to the door, I ask, Now what language shall we speak (well aware that I can only speak two).

And speaking about languages, you and I look back on our days in Br India, and the Salkia Nursery kahan hai. Well, I have just been reading a very official book on "Mango in India" I don't know why they cant say "The Mango in India, but they dont. The authorps express sincere appreciation to Messrs Rajindra Ice and Cold Storage Coy, Delhi, for providing storage facilities for their mangos; Also to Mr L R Garg, proprietors of L.R.Brothers, Nursery-men (sic) at Saharanpur, and the colour illustrations were prepared by Mr K.K.Pasricha, Artist-cum-photographer.

I am having quite a time getting some avocado budwood over to Mr Zervaducchi in Alexandria. They have all the material next door, in Rehovot (Israel) but que exaperanzas. The world is too much with us, late and soon.

We turned loose our three artisans yesterday; Helen says there are still some jobs to be done, but since we are going away, I had a good pretexto. The house is in pretty nice shape. Helen said the bathroom was far too large but she has changed her mind. I am having a hard time to find a place to park my toothbrush. Dont fail, to tell my pani huahua to let me know how many huiplies she can give away, after she gets those which Maude has on hand. I have such a stock of them here and would like to put them to some good use.

We join in much love to all,

Antigua G, 2 Sept 1960

Querido manito:

Yesterday afternoon Matilda Gray, reputed to be one of the ten wealthiest women in the USA (she inherited a batch of oil wells in Louisiana) dropped in on one of her frequent visits to one of her five homes (others in Louisiana, Ny and Paris) and brought along the Ladies Home Journal for Sept, wh will probably not be on sale here for another week at least because it is too heavy to send by air mail. She was very much impressed by the article about you and Betty, as am I, after having finished it ten minutes ago by the clock. How many people do you suppose have read or will read that article? Plenty, plenty! It is a grand tribute to both of you. The picture of you when you were in the 1st world war brought up touchant souvenirs. Of course I didnt know you spoke quite so many languages, especially Hebrew which I have found a bit difficult, having only reached the stage where I say Shalom every time I meet a friend on the streets of Tel Aviv or Rehovot.

In re yrs of 16 agosto: we were really rather glad to get back to Antigua after rolling along the Andes at circa 14000 and 15000 ft. I dont know why I never felt the altitude before. I mentioned it to a friend of mine and said it must be "la vejez" and he said "we never use that term; los años". I got a lot of interesting notes on the horticultural products of those coastal valleyssouth of Lima; and bought two little cornucopies of dates grown between Pisco and Ica, one of which I planned to send you; but they just are not good enough; most of them what was it we used to call them at Basra, shish? But the interesting thing is that they are dates and they handle them commercially - about 15 cents a libbit, including the basket, but only about one date out of 5 is worth eating. There are no large, regular plantations, but quite a lot of palms, which have no irrigation (and it never rains down there) but they are only about 6 ft above sea level and I guess the ground water is ample.

You mention the Dauphine; I would like to know if you still think it is a better buy than the Volkswagen. I wish I could have been with you to see Owen Groves again, after what must be something more than half a century. I am interestwd to know that Joe and Gladys Crick seem to be putting down roots again in Altadena. They are a good sound couple. We are not clear about Nancy and Bob's move to Sta Barbara; is it more or less definite? We thought it might just be a vacation, but the last letter from Sally sounds as if it is a transfer. Incidentally, Sally says she now has Hugh and the new baby with her at Tahoe and the other two will be coming shortly. And I dont get the idea that Ed is yet lined up definitely; Sal says he is Sales Mgr for some roofing tile or other, but works only on commission. When is he going to earn a living for his rather numerous family? I am sending Sal \$100 a month to help feed the kids; I suppose Dr Halley supplies the rest. I doubt that Ed is actually taking in any \$\$\$ per mensem. Sal says they have borrowed to finish the house into which they hope to move shortly.

Do you remember that unique book, Hobson Jobson? I just got a copy from Stechert, \$33.00. I got a lot of info out of it for my Manual and decided I wanted to have it in my library. I like the way Yule prints references in Greek and Portuguese and Tamil.

Elena (who has her right leg in a plaster cast for a few weeks, torn ligament in the ankle) joins in much love

Nuevo Ahuacatlan, 28 Sept 1960

Dear Pablo:

Maude writes Helen that you complain that you have not heard from me in a long time, but what can I do? I cannot write you either in Hebrew or Yiddish. It has just occurred to me to stick to English, tho I might be able to a brief note in Latin, el Latin es muy good knowledge. And now that I am on the subject of linguistics, I just want to mention that ^{we} get a pretty good cross section here at the house. Mostly English French and Spanish, but every once in a while a chap comes to the door and says Zie sprechen Deutsch, nicht wahr? And I reply, Ya wohl, und es freut mich sehr, ihre Bekanntschaft zu machen and then I beat it and turn the crowd over to Maria.

In re yrs of 20 de los presentes, I have a letter ^{mind} from Wayne Fisher, husband of she that was née Lucille Bartlett; and they ask if they should drive down in a station wagon (Not Volks) and sleep by the roadside en route, I am telling them to drive down if they don't, the terribly long pulls over the desert, but there are good stopping places for overnights all the way to Managua Nicaragua - a wonderful spot, pretty señoritas etc. The general route nowadays is from Mexico City: Oaxaca; then to Ciudad las Casas, where my old archeological friend Frans Blom and wife have a very comfortable pension. Then you come on down to Quezaltenango, Hotel Bonifaz; then you can go to Chichicastenango if you hit it on Thurs or Sunday, then to Lake Atitlan and then here. I shall write Wayne and Lucille shortly, and shall tell them not to think they are going to dodge Tourist's Disease, alias Tropical Trts, by sleeping in the stationwagon.

Also have a letter from Arthur Marks. Is he a brother of Groucho? I don't remember him in Topeka. (And apropos de rien, nothing makes me more sore than to have a guy show up at the door, and say, Don't you remember me? I heard you lecture at the meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society in 1914. Incidentally Arthur Marks wants to know everything about Central America; except he missed one question that a guy put to me some yrs ago - could he get a good wife here? And I replied, most certainly; even several.

From all I have heard Homestead was hardly scratched by Donna. She moved north. They will probably get a freeze in January, but they should remember that No hay mal que por bien no venga. We hope Bob's move to Sta Barbara works out well and I rather believe it will. I think Bob is a pretty capable fellow, and I would like to think of my little Nance rearing her family in Sta Barbara where we might see them once in a while. Nothing left for me now in Washington. Todito se acabó, as the song says. I just hope Sal will be able to swing the load at Tahoe.

Helen has been in bad shape for a month, with plaster cast on her leg from the knee down to the toes, due to a broken tendon in the ankle regarding which Maude has doubtless told you. It has made her life pretty drab; I wanted her to stay in bed with it but she would not, and hobbles round with her foot in an iron stirrup wh keeps it 3 inches offn the floor. And the thing is painful. We hope two weeks more will be enough.

Much love from both to both,

Ahuacatlan, Oct. 16, 1960

Horticulturist of the age, ocean of deep learning, illumination of statecraft, protector of the aborigine, guardian of the priceless jewel and sacred treasure (editorial note: that means your wife), may your existence continue! After exceedingly ample salutations and inquiries after the health of your excellency I state (with the permission of Allah, most High) that this is the most important and memorable birthday of my life, on account of I am now qualified to draw down my Social Security; so the Queen B and I will be present tomorrow morning when the office opens for Old Age and Survivors (I'm a little of each) Insurance, and give 'em the proper address to which checks should be sent. But afterward: know, O my brother, that the past week has been one of mental anguish, emotional turmoil, doubt, and wrestling with my conscience as I faced one of the most far-reaching decisions of my professional career, to wit, how I should be classified in the membership of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, AFL-CIO. In the past they have had a classification of "Specialty Acts", intended to cover men of science who ride trick bicycles or have charge of performing dogs, and of course I fitted perfectly into it. Now like a thunderbolt out of a blue sky, AFTRA informs that the classification is abolished and I will have to be changed to one of the four existing classifications, viz., actor, announcer, singer, or dancer. My first thought was that I should list myself as singer; Abe Martin observed that in any large family there's always one child young enough to appreciate his father's singing. But alas, my children are no longer young. Decisions, decisions, decisions! After long travail and searching of my soul I decided I had no alternative but to list myself as an actor. I hope the AAAS doesn't hear about it.--We had a phone call today from Dr. Matt Bennett, son of our Basrah colleague (Ben Hat to you); he is a surgeon in Marquette, Mich., out here to attend a convention; but his father gave you a call so you know the story.--Guess I wrote you that I'm now making one-minute spots for radio programs. It's astonishing how much you can say in 60 seconds-- if you talk like a popenoe. I turned out the 271st this morning. It's a very interesting occupation.--Had one of our regular semi-annual windstorms here last night and today; littered the place up pretty well but did no serious damage. We had it in apple pie order, however, because we had "open house" last Sunday for the AIFR staff; 100 showed up. We had our patio fountain fixed up with the little bronze boy with dolphin that we got in Florence; mighty attractive; a real continental appearance and I guess some of the visitors had seen the movie, "Three coins in a fountain", for after they had gone we found five pennies in the basin.--We're leaving on Saturday for a short tour East; enc mailing schedule in case you need or even want to reach me. I planned this tour last April; wouldn't have done so if I had known I was going to have to fire Dr. Klemer, whom I installed as general director and my presumable successor. As you found at EAP, it's mighty hard to discover a man who wants to do any work, nowadays. There are just not enough Popenoes to go round. I cut down my tour, omitting the Southern half, which deprives us of a visit to Homestead and of a number of good lecture dates in Miss. and Tex.--What is Hugh doing? Teaching part time? We don't hear from him directly; I'd be interested to get a fill-in from you.--Heaps of love from both of us to both of you-all.

Paul

MAILING SCHEDULE OF PAUL AND BETTY POPENOE.

Lv Los Angeles Oct. 22, 1960.

Oct. 23 to 27 incl., c/o Hotel Hilton, Plainview, Texas.

Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 incl., c/o Dayton Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

Nov. 3 and 4, c/o Netherlands-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nov. 5 and 6, c/o David Popenoe, 136 Alexander St., Princeton, N.J.

Nov. 7 to 11 incl., c/o Hotel Biltmore, New York, N. Y.

Nov. 12 to 15 incl., c/o Oliver Popenoe, 2903 Que St., NW,
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Nov. 16, return to Los Angeles.

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Sehr geehrten Herrn Tropfflaugen:
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We're happy to learn in a
note from Pablo that Sal's
baby duly arrived; that it was
a girl as she had hoped, &
that "both are doing well."
We get little news from
across the briny waters -
you know how it is.

Oliver and Laura are in
England, about ready to fly
home. They enjoyed Paris.

We're finding Amsterdam
very pleasant and are pro-
fiting by the off-season
hotel rates - have a



good hold - the Central -
where room + bkfst cost
us about \$5 a day - it was
half again as much before
Oct. 1. We covered Germany
pretty well; Dauphin is
still behaving satisfactorily;
but weather is becoming a
bit coolish. marriage
counseling in these countries
is about 25 per cent less;
but maybe they don't need
it so much!

Betty joins me, as
always, in much love to
both of you.

Paul



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I bought a new suit
in pöttingen: 52 guineas
in your money. & I'm
now the grandest Tiger
in the jungle. My
next purchase will
have to be stamboulis.

The dust hasn't seem
to be settling very rapidly
in alger la blanche &
I'm still uncertain about
stopping there, but
if I do - I'll

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 in Rotterdam: a grey
 in your money. I'm
 now the grandest tiger
 in the jungle. My
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 stopping there. But
 I'll be - C. C.



The only hotel with its own swimming pool for ladies
 and gents. Not open every day. (See for ladies)

Antigua, 23 October 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 16 just recd. I was going to send my congratulations but was deterred by two factors, (1) I wasn't quite clear as to when you were leaving on your trip, tho I guess if I had looked up the correspondence I could have been, and (2) I have myself reached the point where I don't like to be reminded that I am getting right alongside of our grandfather Squeers. But digame una cosa: how come you can only now get your Social Security? I got mine at aetas 65. Was it because you were still employed in gainful occupation?

Yes, our old Basrah friend Dr Ben Hat and wife spent some time at Zamorano several yrs ago; we later passed by their home at Winter Park Florida but it was summer and they were up north somewhere.

In re throwing coins in the fountain, didn't you and Bets throw one in that fountain in Rome? We did, as instructed by Franco Fenzi; they sure it makes your return more certain, or perhaps better put, altogether certain.

Just got preliminary program of annual mtg of Fla State Hort Soc (reminds me of Effie Rolfs, who went to the Florida State College for Women, better know to themselves as Flastacowo.) and I am glad to see John on the Program of the Krome Memorial Institute & the tropical fruit section of the Hort Soc. John seems to step out when these mtgs show up, and I am glad to say Hugh does likewise. You ask about the latter. He was made, effective the first of this semester, Assistant Prof in the College of Agr and in addition to his former course in Botanica Economica was delegated to teach a course in general Soils. I suppose he got a raise along with it, but don't know. He is a regular clam when it comes to giving out news, and when it comes to letter writing, well it is obvious that he just got too many Holcomb genes. He may come down here for Xmas, due to the fact that he has some experiments under way up in the Alta Verapaz and likes to see them often.

Why worry about how you are classified? When I was running Lancetilla and went on the passenger list aboard a Company ship they put me on ~~the passenger list~~ as "Snake Farmer".

I wrote Wayne Fisher about coming down. Told him not to camp out in their car on the road - they might easily pick up malaria in the Mexican lowlands or south of here. We will put them up in our guest house while they are in this neighborhood, of course.

When I retired the UFCO wanted to throw a party for me in Guatemala City when they delivered the testimonial from Pres Eisenhower and two big files of testimonials from congressmen and others who had never even heard of me before. I told them to give me a new typewriter instead, so they told me to buy one at their expense; I paid \$275 for a Remington-Rand thinking it would be better than the one on which I am writing these lines - this was the first typewriter ever owned by EAP, purchased in Teucigalpa early in 1942. And now I find that the new one is about to fall apart, and on looking on the back I note that it was manufactured in Gt Britain which ought not be a factor, but it just simply is not a well built machine.

We have had practically no news from Haily since she moved up to Tahoe. I hope they are making out alright. Just after she got there she said they had obtained a loan on the house, or for the next house Ed is going to build & I forget which. Now they will have to pay interest on the loan, as well as eat. I can't see that Ed has any intention of getting a job.

Hoping you are the same,

Sal writes that Ed may accept a position running a snow plow as soon as there is sufficient snow, but she adds that of course plowing snow is not a year round job. Does Ed want a year-round job? Solo Dios sabe.

Antigua G, 10 novbre 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of 6th from Pueblo del Principe, Nuevo Jersey, recd yesterday. What an interesting nat'l election it was! We kept the radio going yesterday all morning (when it would work; static is something awful here so far as our Hallicrafter is concerned) and when we got thru and heard that Eisenhower had congratulated Jack Kennedy I said to the boys, as I used to say to my students at EAP: Well there you have it. When we lose an election in the States we congratulate the man who wins. And now in this case, I am a Republican and would have voted for my paisano, Nixon; but I don't say, now come on you good Republicans; they stuffed the ballot box; get your guns and we will go out and show folks who runs this country. I always end up by saying, Jack Kennedy is now my president, and I shall back him as long as he is in office, because he represents my government; and four years from now I shall have a chance to vote for a Republican.

I have been trying to figure out where you get those 8 PH Ds. Lets see: John and Dave on your side (if Dave makes the grade) and then Hugh on my side; and Edwin's son Edwin Jr. I am afraid you are running in the D Scs arent you? Does Edith have any PH Ds yet? I dont know about Hubert's family of course. And I have figured on the F₁ generation; I suppose you are running in a cold deck on me, with you and me and Parkie as PHDs or better.

Just had a good letter from Sally; really the first since she left Langley Porter. She has Hugh and Mary Catherine with her in the trailer; says they cant bring up the other two until Ed finishes the house. Date of latter event not mentioned but I would say pretty soon. I think I told you Sal mentioned they had borrowed money to finish the house - no good American home complete without its mortgage. But someone will have to pay interest on that mortgage, and as we used to sing in Sunday School (Dist 37, Shawnee Co) Was that somebody you? Sal says they just cant get along without my \$100 per mensem to buy food. I would like to know how much Doc Halley is contributing. If you find out, let me know. You mention that you are going to San Francisco a month from now and will call Dr Halley; By all means do so. And as you say, I doubt that you can call Sal. I am happy to see how friendly she remains; and happy that she seems to be having no mental troubles.

Lt Richard Stearns Bowman, USN (honorably discharged) has just written that he will have a sabbatical next yr and wants to know where to spend it. I am advising Mexico first, because he has two kids whom are supposed to be in school (tho I cant see why they couldnt miss a yr with great profit to themselves) and if he doesnt want to go to Mexico where there is a really good American school, and doesnt mind having the kids miss a yr, then go to Spain. His problem seems to be a cheap place to live, and schooling for the kids. He mentions Antigua wh would be allright except for the schooling business.

Hombre, you have me backed offn the map. 21 lectures and talks plus 6 TVs and 3 radio broadcasts in two weeks. All this would be fine and laudable were it not for those old gals from Kalamazoo who come to the door with all their "I must see Doctor Popence personally; I am a great friend of his brother (they saw you once on TV)." Much love *Wick*

About the Pomona plan for University study overseas; I just hope they wont send too many students to the Univ of Ecuador or Salvador and I might mention half a dozen others.

Antigua G, 30th Novbr 1960

Dear Pablo:

Yrs of Accion de Gracias before me as I write these lines. Mighty sorry you have been suffering from acute rhinitis, also known as coryza (cf Gould and Pyle) with subcrepitant rales, but if it takes something like that to get a letter out of you like this last one, then all I can say is, No hay mal que por bien no venga. But I want to advise you, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, that you would get well a lot quicker if you would lay offn the radio music not to mention the discussion of tooth pastes and laxatives et id genus omne. You ask why we cant have some good protestant Christian ladies on the radio. As far as I am concerned, you dont need them. We get them here almost every day; had four yesterday afternoon. After looking at the pictures on our walls one of them remarked "Too much religion". Of course the wrong kind of religion. But I am for San Cocho and San Cudo; Do you know who they are (Sancocho our best vegetable soup and sancudo the mosquito). I spring this one on friends - good catholic friends, by asking who is the best of all the saints, and who is the worst.

How satisfying to get your list of the eight doctorates. Maybe you will pile up a couple more Sc D's and make it ten. Todo cabe en lo posible. Incidentally, I would like to know more about Edwin Jr but if I wait to get facts and figures from Edwin Sr I will be dead and gone to Hell. Dont you remember when Aunt Carrie wrote to the Secy of Agr saying that she had no news of her son Charles in 18 months and was he still alive? Thanks for the news of our little cousin Ruth. Apparently she is retired like some of us others.

Looks like as if Dave and Oliver are falling in line with us Latins. You get jobs with your relatives or/and your political friends. The only trouble is that your relatives and/or political friends get kicked out with a change of administration. But I think Theo Roosevelt changed that when he put in Civil Service. I am thinking of T R because last night as I lay on my downy bed of ease I read parts of my journal, Voyage to Brazil, and found it rather interesting - to me.

We are hoping to have Hugh with us for a couple of days around Xmas. He will spend most of his time up in the Verapaz as usual. That boy sure gets around. I guess your two Pasadena boys who are riding to Buenos Aires and back are not the same as the two who came in here yesterday - two boys from France who hadnt shaved in six weeks and I asked them Just when did you leave the Sierra Maestra? If your boys think of sleeping in the fire stations they wont get much sleeping; but I have always found the police stations very convenient; it doesnt take much of an effort to get into one. In fact quite the contrary; Which reminds me of the chap who got offn the train in Camaguey where there is a very long platform and started running, and a local cubiche asked "Señor, ¿Ud busca el restaurante?" And without slowing down the pasajero replied "Al contrario".

Helen is not at all well. That torn ligament in her ankle does not heal and it is painful and she limps and it is getting on her nerves. She has been talking of bringing down Maude and Vivian for Xmas. I rather think it would not be wise. Helen will work too hard to take care of them and Maude sometimes has problems and we are pretty far from a doctor. Mis enfin, nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

I am just about to send Sal another check. I think I shall tell her that Ed must not count on financial support from me for the rest of his life. I think that is precisely what he wants. Poor little Sal.

Each yr *Walt*

Copy to Paul

Antigua, Guatemala, 3 Decbr 1960

Dear Knowles:

Yrs of 27 November has come, as we say in Florida. Which reminds me of the little verse which was taught me by P H Rolfe's daughters about 48 years ago: "The spring has come, the snow has went, it was not did by accident. The birds have flew as you have saw, back noth again, by Nature's law".

It was mighty good of you to check up with Doc Halley about the kids. I am sending your letter on to Paul because I dont think much news seeps through. Sally hasnt mentioned Ed's job with the Highway Maintenance Dept. That is good news; though in the back of my mind sticks Karl Bowman's comment. I said "I am sure we can get Ed a job" and Karl's reply was "Getting Ed a job is easy, but will he keep it?" Well, we will give Ed the benefit of the doubt. Last news from Sal was - as I believe I have told you - that he had been promised a job running a snow plow this winter. I wonder how many days a year they ~~have~~ have to run snow plows at Tahoe.

I had thought of writing Dorothy Fenzi that Nancy and Bob are now in Sta Barbara. Dorothy is a fine person and I would like Nancy and Bob to know her. I wonder if you have any recent news of Franco? I wrote him from Spain a couple of years ago but never got an answer. When we were in Rome we had a wonderful evening with him. I wrote Donald Peattie about Nancy and Bob. I am not sure you knew Don when he was with SPI in Washington. You of course know that he appears in Readers Digest about 4 or 5 times a year. His health is not good. He had a tough time three or four years ago, almost passed out.

Mighty sorry to hear from Art Schroeder that they are cutting out the agr college at UCLA and moving to Riverside - I gather - and Art is going to stay at LA and teach botany. All just goes to prove that you were right when you opposed putting the agr college in Hollywood. Last time I was there Bob told me that they had to provide parking space for 8000 student cars and this meant eliminating 8000 avocado trees or something of the sort.

Incidentally, and apropos de rien as you would say, we are lining up things for the meeting of the Caribbean Region, ASHS, in the region of Miami, Fla, for next easter week - I believe it starts March 27. I am not on the visiting committee or the program committee or even the finance committee, but I wish you could keep this meeting in mind, because maybe you could be with us there - though I suppose you will be in Rarotonga or Quemoi (I hope not) or Kilimanjaro. I wished you had not mentioned this leisure time business in your last letter - I have a cracked lip. Sounds to me as though Ben Morrison is the only guy who has really retired - no, I will take that back. Jim Kempton has the rest of us backed offn the map. I hear from Ben every once in a while; I have wished we could have brought him down to tropical Am where he could be useful in many ways; I doubt that he is the best maker of corn pone in Mississippi.

Ever yours,

Wet

Hoy 20th dec. [9409]

My fellow-citizens:

We had a good visit in SF; dinner with Karl and Anne; K says he thinks there is no doubt that Ed had a vasectomy. After Sal refused, The elder Halley talked with Karl; said Ed had agreed to it himself and he, Ed sr., would see to it that there was no mistake.-- Karl has enlarged Namwob Manor to 440 acres; built a little lake near the house at a cost of some \$6,000, of wh the US Govt. pd \$2500 on the ground that it is flood control. He says that area is developing steadily and he thinks his property will eventually be worth a lot of money for subdivision.--In Vroman's bookstore this week an old timer who works there came up and introduced himself as Charley Hill. He was agt for Wells Fargo express in Altadena. At the time it had an ofs in Altadena! Used to handle shipments of avocados from Mexico to WIG. Then he became mgr of the Altadena branch of the Model Grocery, wh finally sold out to him and he ran it as the Altadena Grocery for some years until it ceased to be profitable.-- Walter Bowman et ux are about to have another baby. So are Phyllis (Hubert's dau.) and Ward Woodridge.--We're mighty sorry to hear that Helen is having such a protracted siege with her leg. Those things are very trying.--If this reaches you before the postal authorities all take a week off to celebrate, Betty and I wish you Merry Christmas with all the trimmings, and much love. As I look back over the year I can see a lot of things I should have done and I have concluded that I'm just like a woman correspondent who wrote me, "I'm no angel, but I could be if I had the opportunity." Hoping UR the same,

