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Sta. Cruz de Tenerife, 11 de Febrero de 1.965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe.
Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.
Tegucigalpa. (HONDURAS).

Muy distinguido Dr.:

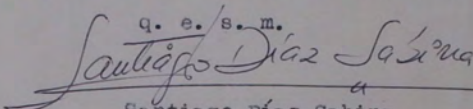
El firmante, estudiante del último curso de la Carrera de Perito Agrícola, especialidad cultivos tropicales, teniendo que efectuar un trabajo de fin de carrera, relacionado con el cultivo de la PAPAYA, suplica a V. la bondad de enviarme alguna publicación relacionada con dicho cultivo, por conocer los amplios conocimientos de que goza V. sobre la materia.

En el caso de no tener editadas algunas de sus publicaciones, le agradecería la amabilidad de informarme dónde pudiera lograr tales divulgaciones.

Quedando muy reconocido por el favor que solicito de V., queda muy att°. s. s.

Señas:

Santiago Díaz Sabina.
Apartado de correos 274.
Santa Cruz de Tenerife.
(ISLAS CANARIAS).

q. e. s. m.

Santiago Díaz Sabina

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AL CONTESTAR REPIERASE A:

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APARTADO NO. 629

TELEFONO NO. 4951

29 de Marzo 1960

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Ciudad Antigua
Guatemala

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Estamos interesados en desarrollar explotaciones de frutas tropicales para la exportación, principalmente a Estados Unidos de América.

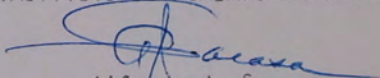
Nuestros agrónomos egresados de El Zamorano y que asistieron a la reciente graduación de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, nos han indicado que Ud. podría ayudarnos en el inicio y dirección de un programa de esa naturaleza, que estemos necesitamos conocer tanto los aspectos prácticos-técnicos agrícolas, como los de mercadeo en el exterior.

Desearíamos nos indicara si Ud. podría venir a Nicaragua en visita inicial de como 10 días o lo que Ud. estime conveniente, para ayudarnos a sentar las bases de un Programa de Explotación de Frutas para la Exportación, ya sea en forma fresca o procesada.

Rogándole su pronta contestación, aprovechamos esta oportunidad para saludarlo y suscribirnos de Ud. con toda consideración.

Atentamente,

INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO NACIONAL


Alfredo J. Sacasa
Gerente General

EA/ge

Antigua, Guatemala, 25 abril de 1960

Sr don Alfredo J. Sacasa, Gerente General
Instituto de Fomento Nacional
Managua, Nicaragua.

Estimado Sr Sacasa:

He tenido que tardar unos días en contestar su apreciable del 25 de marzo, para averiguar cuando me será posible terminar otros dos compromisos y aceptar su invitación para que viniera a Nicaragua y ayudarles en la formulación de un programa de fomentación de la fruticultura tropical - probablemente parecido al programa que presenté al gobierno de El Salvador en 1957.

Ahora esto seguro que tendré libre el mes de mayo, y como Ud sugiere un periodo de 10 días, que tal sería que yo viniera mas o menos el lunes 16 del mismo mes? Despues de mayo, no podré venir hasta el mes de septiembre, debido a otros compromisos.

Supongo que Uds están dispuesto a cubrir los gastos del viaje.

Siempre su my atto y SS,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emérito

Dirección: Antigua, Guatemala.

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AL CONTESTAR REPIERASE A:

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APARTADO NO. 629

TELEFONO NO. 4951

Abril 28, 1960.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Ciudad Antigua
Guatemala, C. A.

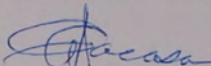
Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Aviso recibo de su atenta carta del 25 del corriente en que me participa que podrá venir a Nicaragua para el 16 de Mayo próximo.

Estoy muy complacido de saber que podremos contar con sus conocimientos y gran experiencia agrícola, que no dudo serán de gran valor y transcendencia para nuestro proyecto programa de explotación de frutas para la exportación.

Por supuesto que tanto sus gastos de viaje así como de estadía en Nicaragua corren por nuestra cuenta. Estoy dando instrucciones a fin de que se le ponga a sus órdenes en las Oficinas de la Pan American en Guatemala, un pasaje de ida y vuelta de Guatemala a Managua.

Ruégole informarme el número y día del vuelo que arribará al país y mientras tanto tengo el gusto de saludarlo personalmente, me suscribo de Ud. con toda consideración.


Alfredo J. Sacasa
Gerente General

Antigua, Guatemala, 9 mayo de 1960

Sr don Alfredo J. Sacasa, Gerente General
Instituto de Fomento Nacional
Managua, Nicaragua.

Muy estimado señor:

Gracias por su carta, y el telegrama avisándome
(por medio del Panamerican) que Ud había autorizado pasaje de
Guatemala a Managua. Pasé por la oficina y hice reservación para
el Vuelo 501, lunes 16 del mes en curso.

He mandado mi pasaporte al Consulado de Nicaragua en Guatemala,
para conseguir la visa necesaria; y creo que no habrá dificultad
pues el General Gonzales y su hijo el veterinario estuvieron en
esta su casa ayer en la tarde, y les expliqué los motivos de mi
viaje.

Siempre ~~su~~ muy atto y SS

Wilson Popenoe

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF OLD-AGE AND
SURVIVORS INSURANCE
Di 7 6113

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS:
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DISTRICT OFFICE

814 H St. N. W.
Washington 25, D.C.

April 4, 1958

Mr. Frederick W. Popenoe
c/o American Security & Trust Co.
15th & Pa. Ave. N. W.
Washington, D.C.

A/N: 017-26-3605

Dear Sir:

Please advise how we may contact you by mail.
We have received your file from the Boston, Mass. District
Office, which mentions that you have a disabled child over
18 years, who has been hospitalized since birth in a
sanitarium in California.

Would you give the following information concerning
the child:

Name:
Date of birth, and place of birth:
Do you support the child in any way? if so, to
what extent.
Name and address of sanitarium where child resides.
Child's Social Security number, if any.

Your immediate reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Victor Sadd

Victor Sadd
District Manager

Please forward

Rancho California, Albufechar (Granada)
SPAIN. 20 May 1958

Mr Victor Sadd, District Manager
Social Security Administration
814 H St NW Washington 25, D C

Dear Mr Sadd:

Replying to your letter of 4 April, which has just reached me here, the only safe address for me during the rest of this year is care of Martha Sussmann, American Embassy, Madrid, Spain. I am doing some horticultural work in this part of the world and will be travelling a lot, but Mrs Sussmann, who was for many years in the American Embassy at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and is therefore a good friend of ours (I worked in Honduras for many years before my retirement in 1957) has kindly offered to take care of my mail and see that it gets to us promptly.

Now as to your questions: My disabled son is

PETER POPENOE

Born at Washington DC, 27 July 1924 (I was at that time an Agricultural Explorer of the U S Dept of Agriculture). Peter is entirely dependent upon me for support. He suffered a pre-natal accident and is completely incompetent mentally; he cannot talk, he does not even recognize people in general and has not been able to do so since birth. It is costing me about \$2000 per annum to keep him in the private institution in California the name and address of which appears below. I have had to ask my brother Dr. Paul Popenoe, 2503 North Marengo Avenue, Altadena, Calif., to give you the post office address of this "school" because I do not have it with me here. My brother handles matters for me in California, where I formerly resided. I lived in Honduras and Guatemala, where I have always been duly registered at American Consulates, from 1925 to last year when I was retired by my employers the United Fruit Co. for having reached 65 years of age.

So far as I know, Peter has never had a Social Security number, for reasons which you will understand from the above information.

Sincerely,

WILSON POPENOE
(Frederick Wilson Popenoe of your records)

[23 Nov C. 1914]

3339 MOUNT PLEASANT STREET

Dear Mr. Popeane,

This is my letter
in this day to ask you
for dinner on Thanks-
giving! - but Wade
has been ill and we
were not sure of being
able to celebrate at all.
He would like us to

much pleasure to hear
you join us at our
family day-times dinner,
- from 12 p. m., and we
hope that by some
lucky chance you
are not engaged.

Sincerely Yours

Clara W. Lifford
March 23.

GACETA AGRICOLA

AV. LA PAZ 1522 APDO. POSTAL 5-225 TEL. 25-99-89
GUADALAJARA, JAL.

Septiembre 29 de 1973.

S-1385.

DR. WILSON POPENOE.
Calle de la Nobleza.
Antigua Guatemala.
Guatemala, Centro América.

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Muy estimado Doctor:

Sirve la presente para solicitarle pago de la suscripción de Gaceta Agrícola, con costo de \$75.00 pesos anuales.

Esperamos contar con su valiosa ayuda económica, para seguir editando nuestro periódico, el que creemos le ha estado dando un servicio de información técnica agropecuaria.

Al cubrirnos la suscripción tendrá derecho a participar en el sorteo de la Colección Agropecuaria, compuesta de 36 obras diferentes con valor de \$4,500.00.

En espera de sus gratas noticias, quedo de Ud. como su Atto. Ss.

Francisco Sainz Ibarra.
Director.

ENRIQUE GARCIA SALAS M.

14 AVENIDA 1-45, ZONA 14
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CIUDAD DE GUATEMALA

FINCA "SANTA CLARA"
CIUDAD TECUN UMAN
DEPTO. DE SAN MARCOS

Guatemala, February 24, 1964

Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
Antigua

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Sorry I will be unable to meet Mr. Wallace at the airport. I have a general meeting starting Friday at nine A. M., which I must tend to.

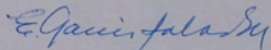
Thank you for putting my name in for the reception at the Embassy and I will make a point of being there. This will afford three pleasures: I will see you, meet Mr. Wallace and enjoy the cocktails.

I was hoping you would come today: I am usually here on Mondays and leave for the coast on Tuesday.

If you can think of any way I can be of service to Mr. Wallace, please let me know.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Enrique García Salas M.

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FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS MÉDICAS
UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTÓNOMA DE HONDURAS

APARTADO POSTAL 184 - TEGUCIGALPA, D.C., HONDURAS, C.A. - TELÉFONO 22-10-31

23 de octubre, 1972

Doctor
Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.

Recordado Doctor:

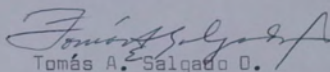
Me causó mucha alegría encontrarle en el aeropuerto Toncontin en días pasados y verlo siempre gozando de salud y en actividades relacionadas con el trabajo.

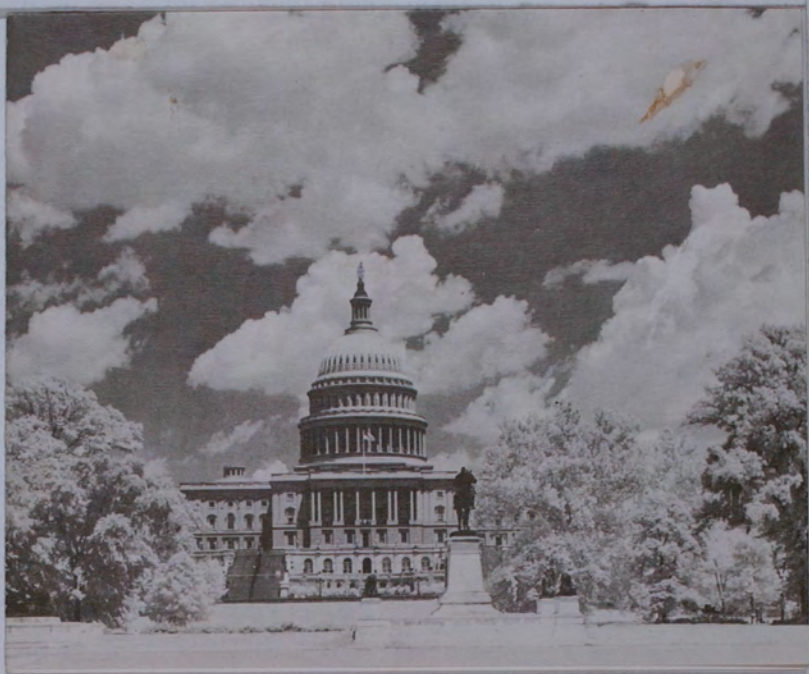
Doctor, el objeto de la presente es expresarle mis deseos - de trabajar en el próximo año en la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana o bien, por su digno medio y dadas sus relaciones con organismos - internacionales tales como la FAO en programas de Horticultura y - Fruticultura. Como Ud. sabe mi experiencia en este campo pasa de los diez (10) años, además del Español domino el Inglés y entiendo bastante el Francés.

Desearía Doctor, si Ud. no tiene inconveniente alguno me enviara la dirección de Mario Jalil para escribirle y ponerlo al tanto de mis aspiraciones.

En espera de sus noticias y pendiente de sus apreciables ordenes, me despido de Ud. como su

Atto y S.S.


Tomás A. Salgado D.





we shall never forget all the lovely
Times that you gave us - The Picnic

Our best wishes for
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

(Leverett) from

Levett & Alice Saltonstall
at San Antonio - The dancing and all
the interesting things that you are
doing with the school - Thank you - for
all your kindness to us.

San Francisco May 15th - 1962
366 Sanchez St
San Fco. 14

Dr. Wilson Popenoe:
Antigua Guatemala.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I hope you are well and
enjoying the wonderful climate of
Guatemala.

I am sure you will be
surprised to receive a letter from
someone that failed you a few years
ago. My mother told me, that once
more you wanted to help me to get a
job in a fertilizers factory, of course
I will be very happy to get some in-
formation if possible concerning this
job.

You can't imagine how glad
how I was to hear from you again
after such a long time, I thought
you had forgotten all about me, but
now I see my mistake, I don't
blame you if for some time you did
after practically throwing away the
great opportunity at Zamorano.
Now that I really want to go to

school I regret my lack of dedication responsibility and comprehension of those past days. I still hope it isn't too late to finish a career in Agriculture my great dream, I am still young and more than ever willing to prove not only to others but to myself that I can accomplish my desires. The opportunity you gave only happens once in a lifetime, but if for some reason or another a second chance is given to me, my experience will make ^{me} the best student anywhere.

Recently I have been trying to get into the University of California in Berkeley (which is the closest one I have) they offer a wide variety of courses in Agriculture but as you know unfortunately it costs a large amount of money and I can't afford it.

I have been trying to save some money to go to school, but permanent jobs are scarce when you don't have a profession, so eventually I end up spending all my savings when I get laid off. Yee Dr Peponce life has been difficult for me, and perhaps I deserve it for being a fool

and ignorant.

I am sorry I said all these things to you but I opened my heart for the first time to a person that will understand every word written in this letter.

Before I say good bye there are a few words that in some way express what I think about you.

Dr Wilson Popenoe, you are one of those great men who sacrificed their lives for the good of others, therefore deserve to live forever in our hearts as an example of unselfish interest and dedication. You helped ^{make} Latin America a better place to live, that's why (of) all of us who know you will remember you as the Father of Zamerano, the Father of dedicated men.

Hoping to hear from again

Respectfully yours.

Roberto Samayoa

21 Avenida Roosevelt, San Salvador
7 julio de 1957

Sr don Rafael Samayoa P.
Oficina Central del Café
Guatemala City.

Estimado Rafael:

Su apreciable carta del 10 de junio ha tardado en llegar a mis manos, pues ya estoy jubilado y no vivo en el Zamorano, sino en la Antigua G., y actualmente estoy aquí en El Salvador con un contrato de dos meses para colaborar con el Centro Nacional de Agronomía en un programa para mejoramiento de las frutas tropicales cultivadas en el país.

He leído detenidamente su carta y el memorandum que la acompañó, y estoy sumamente interesado en la posibilidad de ver la próxima reunión de agricultores en Guatemala - el V Congreso Interamericano. Tendré muchísimo gusto en colaborar en cualquier forma que el gobierno guatemalteco crea útil; sobre todo me gustaría asistir en calidad de uno de los delegados guatemaltecos, ya que estoy radiado otra vez en el país, y permanentemente.

Regresaré a la Antigua mas o menos el primero de septiembre, donde me encontrará a sus órdenes.

Siempre su muy afmo

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emerito

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SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

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CABLES: AGRORA. SAN JOSE

March 27, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I take great pleasure in informing you that the Technical Advisory Council of the Institute, in its Sixth Session held in San José, March 6-10, awarded you unanimously the Inter-American Agricultural Medal for 1961. Your name was presented by the delegates of Honduras, Ing. Villeda and Guatemala, Ing. Héctor Cabarrús and enthusiastically seconded by the other delegates.

The first medal was awarded in 1959 to Professor Martín Cardenas in Bolivia. In 1960 it was awarded to Professor Lorenzo Paredi of Argentina. I am attaching copy of the booklets prepared for these two awards.

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Since on July 3rd, 4th and 5th we will be having in Costa Rica a distinguished group of U. S. and Latin American scientists and educators who will be reviewing our program under the Chairmanship of Dr. Wayne Reitz, July 5th would be an excellent occasion to give you the medal. Would this be possible? The Institute will, of course, reimburse you the trip expenses.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Armando Samper
Director General

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CABLES: AGROEA. SAN JOSE

May 10, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popeoec
Calle de la Nobleza No 2
Antigua, Guatemala
C. A.

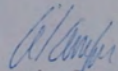
Dear Dr. Popeoec:

I am attaching two booklets in connection with the Interamerican Agricultural Medal for 1960, which was given to Ing. Parodi of Argentine.

Glad to know you will be coming on July 5th, to receive the medal. Please advise us of flight numbers to have you met at the airport. Shall we make hotel reservations? We will reimburse you for travel expenses. If you can be here July 3rd and 4th as well that will be much better since you could be an observer during the Program Review we are undertaking.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,


Armando Samper
Director General



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APARTADO 4359
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
CABLE: AGROEA - SAN JOSE

June 7, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

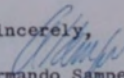
July first will be a good time for your arrival as the formal meetings of the Review Panel presided by President Reitz will take place July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Gordon Havord, Director of the Turrialba Center is planning a field visit for Sunday July 2nd. If you can stay the whole week, we will have the benefit of your experience and ideas both during the Panel and immediately after. Although we will be all very busy those days with so many important visitors, you are most welcome to come for the full week.

Unless you advise us to the contrary, Mr. Victor Muñoz, Office Manager of our San José Office will make reservations for you at the Royal Dutch Hotel, where the Panel members will be staying. Please write ahead of time or cable to AGROEA, San José, your flight number and confirmed arrival date, to have you met at the airport.

Our San José office is located in Avenida Central, next to the "Teatro Capri", on the third floor of Edificio Mendiola. Our phone numbers are 4956 and 6582. The meetings will take place in the same building, but on the fourth floor at the Chamber of Commerce.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,


Armando Zamper
Director General



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APARTADO 4359

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

CABLE: AGROEA - SAN JOSE

March 15, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No 2
Antigua, GUATEMALA

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the publication commemorating the Inter-American Medal of Agriculture to you by the Technical Advisory Council has been released. I am enclosing, herewith, 10 copies for your personal use. If you require extra copies, please let me know and we will send them. We have also sent 10 copies to Dr. Reitz in Florida.

The publication is being given a wide distribution throughout Latin America and the U.S. among our contacts.

I would like to call your attention to the very pleasant comment made by your friend, Ing. Luis Cruz Bolaños, in this publication.

Very sincerely,

Armando Samper
Director General

Contestada el 13 de Junio 1962



Aboard SS Comayagua, off Mexico
November 14, 1947

Dear Popenoes

A lot has happend since we left Zamorna, but we can still hear that marimba playing and see the dark eager face of Juan de Dios Cruz ~~maxima~~ at one end of it and the passionate elbows of the little fellow in the middle, and Pop dancing on the porch. It's a very happy memory.

In fact, the whole memory of Zamorana is warm, both of the boys at work and of the quality of Popenoe hospitality. Doris Stone drove us down to Turialba one of the days we were in San Jose, and that only confirmed our impression of Zamorana. (It seemed more like a US research station in the tropics, less like a school or a Central American institution.)

Doris and Roger also drove us up the volcano - and we had a perfect day for it - and we picnicked later on the other side, somewhere up the Highway into the Cordillera. And Doris told a lot of her tramp with Shank, and planned another trip. And at the last moment we half bought out the San Jose market, with odd Christmas presents as our goal.

I've read all the literature that Wilson gave me - the corn monographs with eager interest, the school pieces attentively. I hope I can find some way to write something about it, though, as you said, the bloom is off the first story, and a look-see hardly justifies any authoritative prognostications. 'This much is sure : all Central America has a new freshness to us, and the bits we gleaned will work out somehow when the daily job resumes.

Thank you both for the gracious hospitality, the answers to questions, the chance to see you and the school - and the marimba !

Cordially,

Ruth
and Peter Samart

Thanks and greetings also to the Hogaboons, to Shank and Williams, Carlos Herrero, Jaime Villegas and the others.

We are looking forward to seeing
you both in New York with or
without Tortillas -
Ruth.

Guatemala, May 31, 1940

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Arturo Salazar Quintana was here on Tuesday bringing two titles to properties in Antigua, of which you spoke to me some time ago.

I have made the study of the Registry of Real Property. The Registry shows that one of the titles is for a lot and house marked No. 22, East 6th Street, of Antigua, with the following area and boundaries: North 14 and 3/4 varas with Josefa Meneses; South 22 and 3/4 varas Callejón Arévalo; East 60 varas with Agustín Prado y Josefa Meneses; and West 60 varas with a house belonging to the Municipality.

Original title to this property was granted by proof of previous possession for 32 years on 1909, to Rosaura Minera. Jesus Quintana de Salazar bought that property from the said Rosaura Minera, and she in turn willed it to her five heirs. One of these heirs is Ester Salazar Quintana who has acquired the shares of her other co-owners, and is now the sole owner of the property. This property has no dismemberments, mortgages nor other encumbrances. Which means that she has an absolute clear title of her property as far as the Registry shows up to date.

The other title covers a lot, also in Antigua, without number nor street shown in the Registry. The area of this lot is of 23 x 10 varas, plus another piece of 5 x 3 and 1/4 varas, and the boundaries are as follows: East with Mercedes Arroyave; West with Refugio Barrera; South with Gabriela Jauregui and Refugio Barrera and North with Anacleto Guerra.

The first inscription of this property is of the 28th of March, 1883, although it was dismembered from another property previously registered.

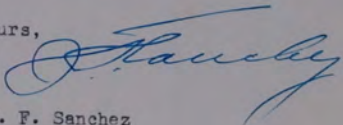
This property is now registered in the name of Arturo Salazar Quintana who purchased it the 27th of June, 1929, and although it has no dismemberments nor other encumbrances it has still in force, as far as the Registry is concerned, a mortgage for hundred dollars which a previous owner, Hermenegildo Beltrand Hernandez, granted to Victoria Coronado Marques de Vielman in 1932. I presume this loan has not been paid. With the one exception above stated, the title of this property is also clear.

From the Registry we are not able to establish if the above two properties are in one lot as the boundaries shown in the Registry are only those of the original inscription, and these are the boundaries which are always copied in any escrituras referring to the same properties.

I am holding the titles pending your advices.

Counting on your promise to come and see us with Mrs. Popenoe when you are in town, I am

Sincerely yours,


G. F. Sanchez

CABLE ADDRESS:
"LICOSSANPE"

GEORGE F. SANCHEZ
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

TELEPHONE
2688

CORDOVA No. 5
GUATEMALA CITY
GUATEMALA, C. A.

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September 9th, 1940

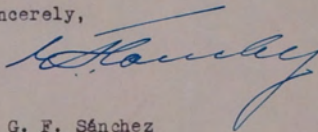
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua

Dear Doctor:

I received the six orange trees you kindly sent me,
and went yesterday with my family to Antigua to thank you
personally. We were sorry not to have found you.

With thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



G. F. Sánchez

gfs/acl

Antigua, Guatemala, 15 November 1970

Sr. Ing. Salvador Sanchez Colin
Alejandro Dumas 24, Mexico 5, D.F.

Dear Salvador:

You and I have not seen much of each other in recent years, but I am sure you have not forgotten the gringo aguacatero who was with you in Mexico several times in the 1930s and 1940s. In reading the 1969-70 Avocado Yearbook I note that you are still very much interested in aguacates and in fact are going in for commercial preparation of aguacate oil.

Since my retirement from Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in 1958 I have worked with avocados in southern Spain and here in Guatemala. The Guatemalan government has a "campaña del aguacate" which is receiving a lot of attention. Several years ago the Ministro de Agricultura named me Asesor Técnico and I am trying to help. The program is too ambitious, but that does not matter; it is not progressing very fast. I keep on asking them, what are we going to do with the aguacates you plan to produce? They don't know, and I don't know myself. I have been thinking of oil, but we don't know anything about the problems connected with this subject.

I would be very much interested in knowing how you are progressing with commercial production of avocado oil, and whether you might be interested - if the future seems bright - in taking part in the commercial development of this field in Guatemala.

With old-time regards, your friend

Antigua, Guatemala, 25 February 1971

St. Ing. Salvador Sanchez Colin
Alejandro Dumas 24
Mexico 5, D.F.

Dear Salvador:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of 24 noviembre 1970. And I want to thank you heartily for that very interesting Memoria del Primer Congreso Nacional de Fruticultura. This interested me very much, not only regarding aguacates but also in connection with the cultivation of Temperate Zone fruits, on which I have been working here in Guatemala since my "retirement" in 1958. I feel that Mexico and Guatemala might do well to get in closer touch with each in this work. We are both doing a lot of experimenting with varieties -apples, pears and peaches and I think we would do well to "cambiar impresiones". I am sending you herewith a brief paper I published two years ago in the little Journal of the American Pomological Society.

Now, as to the aguacate business. I thank you heartily for all the information you gave me regarding the production of oil in Mexico. You point out that so far, the oil is used in the preparation of cosmetics. The potentialities of avocado production in Mexico and Guatemala especially, but also in several other countries, are tremendous, but I assume there is a limit to how much avocado oil the ladies can consume in the form of cosmetics. From your letter I gather that no one has yet been able to produce avocado oil for culinary use. I would not expect it to compete with cotton seed oil, por supuesto, but it has always been my dream that we might compete with olive oil, and this would be a big business. It seems to me that Mexico is the most likely country to develop the technique of edible aguacate oil

production. If it can be done. You know the problems, I do not.

Here in Guatemala, the técnicas of the Ministerio (which, as I wrote you, has a program for 3000 hectares of aguacates in five years, though not much progress has been made in the past three) is not able to guarantee an outlet for this increased production. They talk mainly of a canned product, a puree. The exportation of fresh fruit does not seem to have great possibilities.

In your letter, you agree that the future lies in your success in developing the technique of producing aceite comestible. I think it is up to you, and I believe you can do it.

In your letter, you mentioned that you were sending me a folleto "Cultivo del Aguacate en México". This did not come with the Memoria. There was a folleto on the aguacate en Israel, which I found very interesting, especially since I have been in fairly close touch with the development of this crop in that country, through a visit there in 1958 and more recently through contact with Zwi Schachar whom I saw in Spain last year. Our good friend Zwi told me they hope to develop, ultimately, 10,000 acres. I do not believe they will go that far in Spain, though I consider that conditions on the Mediterranean coast are ideal for the cultivation of the more frost-resistant varieties such as the Guatemalan x Mexican hybrids. And in the more favored regions, the Guatemalans such as Hass. My friend Roger Magdahl (whose local manager is Luis Sarasola) is doing extremely well with Hass at Almuñecar, as you doubtless know.

You mention datos históricos regarding Fuerte. I think I have covered these pretty well in early issues of the Yearbook of the California Avocado Society. My father sent Carl Schmidt to Mexico in the summer of 1911. He visited, principally, San Luis Potosí, Queretaro, and Atlixco, at which latter place he found the parent tree of Fuerte, and sent us budwood along with that of numerous other

varieties, of which Puebla was the most important eventually. I grafted all these varieties in our nursery in Altafena in November of 1911. The subsequent history of Fuerte is pretty well covered in Yearbooks of the Society, but if there are any other data I can furnish you from my own notes I will be glad to do so. Fuerte is still our "problem child" as you well know; I have just had a letter from the "old master" Dr Coit who is still trying to suggest ways to make Fuerte "behave". I enclose a copy of the first little folleto which my father issued at the West India gardens; I am sorry it does not bear any date. You can figure it out pretty closely from the statement that at the time it was published, J.T. Whedon had 50 four-year-old trees. The year he received these 50 trees is recorded in the Yearbooks. I was already with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but I remember the story: Mr Whedon had ordered a number of trees from the West India Gardens, which was hit by a hard frost, and my father could not supply many of the trees Whedon ordered, so he suggested that he take 50 Fuertes. Whedon reluctantly accepted the offer, which eventually proved to be the best thing he ever did in connection with avocado culture.

I am going to see if I can come up to Mexico in August or September of this year, to see your orchards and those of others, and especially to re-visit Atlixoc. I wonder if the Rodiles grove is still there? I do not feel that we did enough to test in California the varieties we took from that grove in 1947 and 1948. And I wonder if enough has been done, since then, to look for other interesting aguacates de China in Atlixoc?

Un abrazo caloroso de su viejo amigo y admirador,

Wilson Popenoe

ANSWER
to J. G. S.
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England.

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Wilson Popenoe, Esq.,
Calle de la Nobleza Num, 2,
Antigua,
Guatemala,
Central America.

13th
June,
1957.

Dear Mr. Popenoe,

It is strange that you should send me the post card of your rather lovely looking Agricultural School.

I have just planned a six week journey but regret that I shall not be able to visit Honduras but I am hoping that this will take place in 1958. I long for that trip with you and Alex Cohen but must give it a miss this year.

By the way, congratulations on your promotion.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

David
D. F. SANDER.



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Central America.

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9 de Septiembre de 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Casa del Oidor,
Antigua Guatemala, Sac.

Estimado Doctor:

En relación con la notita que le escribí a Don Manlio Castillo respecto a los rótulos del Plan Wallace de Maíz, me permito informarle que ya están hechos. Infortunadamente, por algunas dificultades de transporte no pudimos colocarlos la presente semana, pero es seguro que en el curso de la semana próxima estarán colocados aquellos cuya hechura ordenamos.

Lo saluda cordialmente,



Leopoldo R. Sandoval
Ing. Leopoldo R. Sandoval V.

Finca Elena, Octubre 22 de 1,957.-

Señor Doctor
WILSON POPENOE
Antigua G.

San Francisco Zapetitan
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Respetado Doctor:

Muy entusiasmado por el contenido de su apreciada carta de contestación a la mía, me honro nuevamente, al dirigirme a Ud. para avisarle que llegaré a visitarlo más o menos por el 2 o 3 del mes de Noviembre, ya que el mucho trabajo, con motivo de la cosecha de café, no me decidí a visitarlo antes; este mes de Octubre se nos maduró el café muy rápido comparado con otras cosechas y me estoy sintiendo satisfecho por el resultado de mi labor al frente de esta Finca.-

Me complace y le agradezco el trabajo que se toma al pedir mis notas al archivo de la Escuela, ya que considero no son malas.-

Con la esperanza de encontrarlo para la fecha de mi visita y que ya tenga noticias de la Escuela, aprovecho la oportunidad para suscribirme nuevamente su muy Atto. y deferente servidor,

G. Octstacruz
P. Octavio Santacruz G.

Antigua, Guatemala, 5 December 1941

Dr. José M. Santos, Director,
Departamento de Agricultura,
Habana, Cuba.

Dear Doctor Santos:

Several of us have been impressed by the lack of uniformity with regard to Spanish equivalents of the standard terms used in reporting soil surveys in tropical America. Dr. R.V. Allison of the Soil Science Society of Florida has suggested that we look into this matter. I am therefore sending lists like the enclosed to several workers in Latin American countries to see what the results will be.

I wonder if you will be good enough to have the head of your Soils Laboratory give me his ideas regarding the best Spanish equivalents for the terms in the enclosed list? I will then compare these with results from Colombia, Puerto Rico and perhaps one or two other regions and see where we stand.

I would also appreciate your comments as to the feasibility of developing a standard set of Spanish terms for the soil textures to be utilised in reporting soil surveys.

With personal regards and all good wishes for the next year,
I am

Sincerely yours

Wilson Popenoe

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List of terms for which it is desired to obtain uniformity with regard to Spanish equivalents used in publications on tropical American soils:

Soil separates

Fine gravel
Coarse sand
Medium sand
Fine sand
Very fine sand
Silt
Clay

Also:

Organic matter
Humus
Colloid (organic)
Colloid (inorganic)

Soil textures

Sand
Loamy sand
Sandy loam
Loam
Silt loam
Sandy clay loam
Clay loam
Silty clay loam
Sandy clay
Clay
Silty clay



28 August 1968

TO: The Board of Directors
 Meals for Millions Foundation
 Our Many Friends and Supporters
 The Devoted Staff

FROM: I. F. Saunders

SUBJECT: Report No. 2 -- Taiwan, Philippines, Hong Kong and
 Thailand

Time and distance are flying by, and it seems as though we have only half the time to accomplish all of the things that our schedule calls for. We have now been gone a month and four days and in excess of 12,000 flying miles -- and at least twice that much in wild taxi cab rides, or so it seems! We have been transported by modern jet, jeep, boat and rickshaw getting to the places necessary. Let me give you the second briefing. We leave here in just a matter of two hours for Calcutta.

Taiwan was a beautiful, rugged island suffering from an intense heat wave while we were there. Our business limited our visit to the bustling city of Taipei where we toured the Tung Teh Flour Mills and the Wheat Products Co., which is the largest bakery in Taipei. The host for these activities was Mr. P. C. Yuan and his fine staff of assistants and interpreters. The bakery was blending MPF into the flour in the final run off of baked bread and biscuits each day for the school feeding programs and have been doing this for several years. We also visited with Miss Yeh of the Ministry of Education Office. She is not only in charge of elementary education, but also quite active in our MFM program in Taiwan for over a decade. We also visited the facilities of the Free China Relief Agency working under the guidance of Messrs Fang and Shen. We have been supplying this agency MPF for a number of years where it has been put to good use in feeding of the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu. These islands are still under communist artillery fire several days a week. Our additional help is needed for Taiwan to assist their programs. Mr. Yuan is quite interested in assisting us in establishing an MPF production plant in Taiwan.

Philippines are picturesque islands -- almost 7,000 of them. Our visit was limited to in and around the Manila area where Drs. Juan Salcedo and Conrado Pascual, his assistant, planned our schedule and escorted us throughout our stay. These two gentlemen from the National Institute of Science and Technology have been leading MFM (Philippines) for almost 15 years! The College of Agriculture and the National University opened their doors and laboratories to us to discuss mutual interests. While Mark Sterner visited plants and experimental farms, I talked to US AID officials and we crammed many hours of work into the few days that seem to zoom by. Once again, interest was kindled in the possibility of starting the production of a local MPF with the use of coconut or perhaps mung bean as a base -- both grown in abundance locally. This is now under study locally, and we shall follow up as soon as we can.

Hong Kong was truly a teeming, busy, bursting at the seams city that was really in two parts, separated by the harbor. One was the city of Hong Kong itself, and the other was Kowloon. Here, we were met by Dwight Clark, Executive Director of the Volunteers of Asia, and an old friend of MFM. His smiling face was like the rising of the sun out of the sea of throbbing humanity in the Hong Kong airport. Perhaps our key visit here was an afternoon spent with Sister Kathleen Hughes of the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in the "low income" area of Kowloon. This ever so busy hospital was a strong advocate of MPF as were the nuns operating the small over-crowded clinics that were small rooms in the basements of apartment buildings in low cost housing developments. Unfortunately, we have not been able to support this hospital to the extent they have needed, and they have been several months without any MPF at all. We shall see what can be done to get some on its way to where it is so desperately needed. When production is started in Taipei, we fully expect that Hong Kong-Kowloon area can be supplied from there.

Thailand is a lovely enchanting country -- just like you have seen in travelogs! Unfortunately, our stay here was very short and we had too little time in the fabulous city of Bangkok. We did have the opportunity of meeting with Dr. John Kennedy, Director, Public Health Division, USOM; Dr. Ching Chee Loo, FAO Regional Food Technology Officer; Dr. Amorn N, Director, Nutrition Division, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health; and Mr. Amara B, Director, Food Industry Development and Research Center. On the way to the airport this morning, we shall stop and see a pilot plant of the preserved food organization. These gentlemen have assured us that there shall be four technicians (two this year and two next year) attending our school in Santa Monica from Thailand.

More and more we see the good that MFM has been doing around the world for more than 20 years -- but there is still much more to do! Our "self-help" approach has been met with instant agreement and understanding. Appreciation for the past assistance given by you through MFM has been stated at every turn. We must continue to move forward -- it can only be done with your continued support. We can only spread the MPF if you spread the word.

More later -- perhaps when we finish our three weeks in India.

Thanks a million.

Cordially,

Veronica von Schemm

February, 6th; 1959.

c/o Ap: 316,
Tabacalera Nacional,
Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Doctor Popennoe,

Having searched Guatemala in vain for some copies of 'Santiago de los Caballeros' and have been told that it is out of print, I wondered if it would be possible to find out through you if there is a chance of another edition being printed?

Failing that, would you know any place where I might obtain at least one copy, but would like three? old, or new? I think that I have been to every bookstore and tourist store in town.

My husband and I are great admirers of your house in Antigua, and not a little envious!

Hoping that this inquiry will not cause you too much inconvenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Veronica von Schemm



Guatemala, 3 de Marzo, de 1959

Dear Doctor Popenoe,

I cannot thank you enough for your kindness in letting me have a copy of 'Santiago', I am so happy to have it.

Since writing to you we have received notice of our transference to Caracas, and so owing to the pressure of packing up the household (after eight years!) and all the other things that had to be done it was not possible to visit you in Antigua as you suggested, much as we should have liked to. We should like very much to meet you as I know that we have many mutual friends here in Central America. My husband and I are great lovers of Antigua, and we have taken many friends and visitors to your house over the years, and we never tire of it. We are going to miss our visits there very much.

Our postal address in Caracas will be

c/o P.O.Box, 186.

Cia Anonima Cigarrera, Bigott Suc8;

Caracas.

Venezuela. S.A. should you ever have time to contact us we should be very happy to meet you.

We have just heard that the Visas takes longer to obtain than we had thought, and so we may still have an opportunity to call on you before we leave, provided you are not on your way!

Thankyou once again for your kindness,

very sincerely,

Veronica von Scheun.

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January 8, 1964

Mr. Henry A. Wallace
Farvue Farm
South Salem (10590)
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Your letter of December 29th has been received. It is interesting to know that you and Dr. George Darrow are working on a comprehensive book on strawberry.

The strawberry variety my father is growing since 1941 has no name. He obtained few plants from Mr. Teófilo Glinz, who was a Swiss pioneer in Guatemalan agriculture. Mr. Glinz obtained these plants from a German farmer in Cobán. This farmer brought from Germany 15 different varieties. One of these varieties is the one father still grows commercially. The variety has spread over the area since. In 1948 graduating from the School of Agriculture under Albert S. Muller I presented a thesis on father's strawberry, during that time I did a search for the identity of this variety without success. The name used locally is "Schieber's variety" although Dr. Darrow named "Farramos variety" according to the locality.

It will interest you to know that father raised in recent years his strawberries between young coffee at 6,000 feet elevation.

Since plant pathology is my field, I have observed disease development on his plantation. Any information on this subject can be supplied.

You mentioned in your letter two other varieties that I do not know; the other variety I know well is the one of Lake Atitlán.

Very truly yours,

Eugene Schieber
Dr. Eugene Schieber
HEAD PLANT PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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No.F-30-64
February 12, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua-Guatemala
Sacatepéquez

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Mr. Henry A. Wallace has written to me of his change
of schedule for his arrival.

Yesterday he wrote to inform you and Mr. Sam Green, --
that he will arrive at 10:40 A.M. on Panam from Miami Februa-
ry 28.

Looking forward to see you at our corn meeting,

Sincerely,

Eugene Schieber

Eugene Schieber H.
Head Plant Pathology Dept.



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TELEGRAMA

Antigua G, 20 febrero de 1964

DR EUGENIO SCHIEBER

INSTITUTO AGROPECUARIO NACIONAL, LA AURORA

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VIA AIR MAIL

February 9, 1960

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Antigua, Guatemala,
Central America

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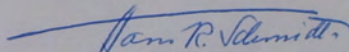
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I am looking forward to your early reply. Please enclose your bill so that we can pay you promptly. Regular mail will be satisfactory *for the seeds*.

Assuring you that your cooperation will be greatly appreciated, we are

Sincerely yours,



Hans R. Schmidt
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April 6, 1960

AIR MAIL

Dr. William Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On February 9th, I wrote you a letter asking about the possibility of obtaining some Anona seeds. I have not heard from you and am sending a copy of my letter along in case the original should not have reached you.

In the event you cannot supply the seeds would you be good enough to send us the name of a party who would have them or be able to collect them?

Thank you for your cooperation, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Hans R. Schmidt

Hans R. Schmidt
Pharmacognosist

HRS:JZ
Encl.

Antigua, Guatemala, 11 April 1960

Dr Hans Schmidt
S B Penick and Company, 100 Church St
New York City, USA

Dear Doctor Schmidt:

I have just come back from a long trip to Honduras and El Salvador, hence my delay in replying to your letter of 9 February.

Unfortunately, at our altitude (5100 feet) the only *Annona* which grows is *A. Cherimola* and the season is October-January. I could arrange to have someone collect two kilos of seeds for you when next fruits are available. As for *A. muricata*, this grows at lower elevations but fruits sometimes appear in the market here. *A. squamosa* is not common in Guatemala - in fact it is rarely seen in the markets.

It is possible that you could get seeds in quantity from Jorge Benitez, a good horticulturist now with the government of Guatemala, whose address is 12 avenida 9-50, Zona 1, Guatemala City. He may not be able to get *Annona squamosa* in quantity. In that case, I would suggest Dr Ernest Mortensen, Centro Nacional de Agronomia, Santa Tecla, El Salvador. What about *A. purpurea*, *A. glabra* and *A. diversifolia*? Have you investigated the therapeutic properties of these? All three are available in these countries - and of course, *A. glabra* in Florida as well.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Dear Wilson

Just on the eve of leaving
for home and so very sorry to miss
you, but so it goes. I have here a book
your father sent you for Xmas &
I am sorry not to deliver it in person
but I will try & leave it with the
American Consul in Antofagasta. If
I can I will if not I must take it back
with me. Your letter was handed
to me yesterday. Now I am not
going to tell you any thing about
that trip. If I were in your place
I'd sure take it by rail - no matter
what - but I really know not one
thing about it - We will see you
soon may be in California. Good
luck to you until then

Sincerely

Jan 29 - 1920

H. W. Schmidt

Antigua, Guatemala, 14 July 1940

Mr K G Schulze, Manager,
Thereseau Plant Co.,
Oceanside, California.

Dear Mr. Schulze:

Two or three years ago I had the pleasure of meeting you at our house here, at which time you gave me your card, which I have preserved, and which reads "The Most Complete Geranium Collection on the Globe".

Now, I am interested in plants -as I think you know - and geraniums do very well here in the highlands of Guatemala. I would like to add to our list of good varieties. You saw what we have here. Would you be willing to ship me, say, three plants each of a dozen new and very attractive sorts? Perhaps more than a dozen, if you think desirable.

The only way to get them here safely would be by air express. And they would need to be accompanied by a certificate - the usual one- showing that they are free from pests. If you can take care of this order, tell me how much money to send - to include cost of air express - and I will forward a check. The plants should be shipped to me in care of United Fruit Company, Guatemala City, Guatemala, C.A.

With personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Popenoe

Apartado 206

Puntarenas, Costa Rica,
March 12, 1964.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Gainesville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

My sister, Dora Bennett, has suggested that I write you about an insect pest which is causing us a lot of damage.

We have a farm on the coast near Puntarenas on which we have about one hundred hectares of bearing coco palms. However, we have had to chop down about two thirds of the palms over the years in an effort to control the damage done by a large weevil. I understand that it is the *Rhynchophorus palmarum*. We have used many kinds of insecticides but have made very little headway.

Could you tell us something of the life cycle and habits of this weevil, or where we could get some information on it? Maybe you know of some new techniques being used to control it. We would greatly appreciate any information you could give us on this subject.

We also have about one hundred hectares producing plantains. Do you know of any book or pamphlet which would be useful to a platano planter?

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Otto R. Schutt

Otto R. Schutt,
Apartado 206,
Puntarenas, Costa Rica.

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OF
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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

January 30, 1939

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
United Fruit Company
Guatemala City, Guatemala

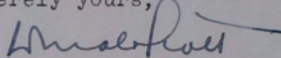
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am enclosing with this a check on New York to your order for \$600.00 to cover the remarkable collection of stuff which you have sent on. I went over it with Alfred Tozzer, and we both were delighted. As he wrote you, Dr. Barbour, the Peabody Museum, and Dr. Tozzer are joining in this purchase for the Museum.

I hope you will be up here before too long so that we can tell you at first hand how much pleased we are.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Donald Scott

DS/rh

PEABODY MUSEUM
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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.

June 12, 1940.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o United Fruit Company,
1 Federal Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Popenoe:-

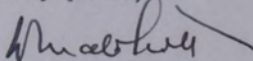
There has just come to us from the Harvard University Press, through Dr. Barbour, the sum of \$92.03 - royalties and proceeds from your volume Santiago de los Caballeros de Guatemala.

We appreciate very deeply the arrangement you made by which we should be the beneficiary of any returns from this publication. We have so often had occasion to acknowledge your active aid and kindness that I should like you to feel that we recognize very clearly the great assistance which you have given us on many occasions.

I am never sure where a letter may reach you, but I trust that it will find you in good health and I hope that when you are next in Cambridge you will particularly remember that I should like to have you lunch with me.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,



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Donald Scott
Director

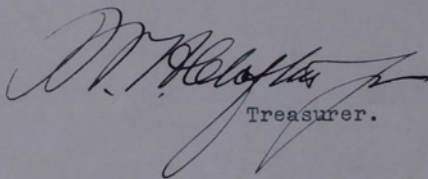


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Mr. Wilson Popenoe

for the generous gift of

ninety-two and 03/100 dollars
for improvements in the Peabody
Museum of American Archaeology
and Ethnology.


Treasurer.

June 7, 1940.



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Deputy-Treasurer.

July 11, 1941.

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Guatemala, C. A.

Cable: INCAP

COSTA RICA
EL SALVADOR
GUATEMALA

HONDURAS
NICARAGUA
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December 2, 1959

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

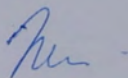
I am sorry to have missed you when you visited INCAP the other day, but hasten to acknowledge your letter of 25 November, before leaving on a short trip to Panama. I will be very pleased to meet the Bradfields on the date indicated, take them to lunch and give them a chance to look over INCAP before driving them out to Antigua.

I will not plan to stay overnight, but will look forward to visiting with you briefly before returning to the City. I will also see that they have a chance to get their travel documents in order before coming to Antigua.

I am sorry that I have been away so much of late and it has not been possible for me to see you for a long time. I will look forward to this opportunity.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Nevin S. Scrimshaw
Director

cc: Dr. Richard Bradfield

NSS/rm
IN-3708-59

Mrs. Michael Scully

June 3rd [1959]

30 Park Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

My dear Popenoes

I've been ill and told I must get rest, sun, etc. Naturally I thought first of Guatemala. I cannot go until I have sublet my apartment but it looks now as if I could leave here on the 20th.

Where in Antigua can I have a room, board, a chair in the sun, for not too exorbitant a figure. Those two nice hotels may have gone up in price and if so I could not afford them. What with the income tax, \$10-12 a day is my high!

Would it be putting you to too much trouble to advise me from your local knowledge - and rather quickly as ~~all~~ this has happened rather suddenly.

New York has been having the most incredible weather the past winter and the cold rainy spring. It would be good to breathe clear mountain air and feel the warm sun. ... Maybe I'd never leave it!

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely

Virginia Scully

August 2, 1959
45 West 81st St.
New York, 24, NY

Dear Dr. Popenoe

The population-food-supply story, not only has been endorsed in thesis but has grown in proportions since I have had talks in Washington and elsewhere. The Digest feels, however, that the article would have a great deal more value if it was written under your signature.

This could be done two ways: (1) If you have the time to do so, you might write the article and I would come up to Antigua and whip it into Digest style or (2) I would write the article, come up and then you could correct errors. In either case we would appreciate very much having you sign it.

I have been quite ill and am not getting my strength back properly in this most loathsome summer in NY history. Since I was scheduled for Guatemala in October in any case, the Digest has approved my going on down and doing my stacked-up writing in clear mountain air. I have to be in San Jose for another story and would be very grateful to Dr. Allee if he can check my progress on our story - in getting the material together if not in the writing. So I am going to CR, arriving August 27th. I'll stay at the Gran but letters had better go to the Consulate because it is possible I may have to go elsewhere on a pretty demanding work schedule.

Would you let me hear to the above address what you think of the work suggestions? We want very much indeed to have you write it if you will - and consider how much more you can say than I can!

With affectionate greetings to Helen and yourself,

Sincerely,

Virgilio Smith -



26 de mayo de 1969

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Con un saludo muy respetuoso para Ud. y su apreciable señora, tengo el gusto de informarle que Marcel Laniado de Wind, (Banco Machala, Machala, Ecuador, S. A.) de Guayaquil, Ecuador acaba de ofrecernos una beca de US \$ 3.000.00 para un alumno ecuatoriano.

Como él tuvo expresiones de cariño y gran aprecio por Ud. le agradeceré mucho si le escribe dándole las gracias por su cooperación, que creo se hará efectiva muy pronto.

Además Marcel aceptó ser miembro del Comité de Desarrollo de la EAP en Ecuador, formado por él y los señores Endara y Dueñas. Ellos no son Zamoranos, pero sí padre y cuñado, respectivamente de Zamoranos.

Deseándoles salud y bienestar me suscribo su atento y seguro servidor,

A stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francisco Sequeira".

Francisco Sequeira
Director de Relaciones Externas y Desarrollo

cc: Sr. Robert P. Armour, Director

FS/cip

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

P. O. Box 579
Gainesville, Florida
March 14, 1941

IN REPLY REFER TO

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Hotel Ambos Mundos,
Havana, Cuba

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe:

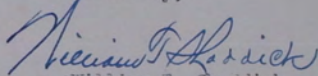
Just a short note to express my appreciation for your every kindness to me while in Cuba and to let you know that I arrived back in Florida intact.

I had no difficulty in getting through Customs and managed to get all of our things back without breaking anything. I examined them all upon my arrival and played with the dolls awhile, showing them to my folks as they were of course interesting to them.

I have not yet received the story of the rehabilitation work at Preston and Banas and I am wondering if you will check with them for me and if possible see that I receive it some time soon. I am hoping that I shall hear from you within the next two or three days and I will be looking forward to seeing you while in Gainesville.

With every good wish and with best regards to you both, I am

Sincerely,



William T. Shaddick
Assistant State Director



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CA-1235

Guatemala, 29 November 1960

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for your and Mrs. Popenoe's kind hospitality at the time of the recent UNICEF meetings held in Antigua.

Everyone was delighted and the atmosphere was perfect for our discussions!

Hope to see you both before Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Alice C. Shaffer
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UNICEF Area
Representative

ACS/ebq



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TEL: 3813: 25-1-18

CABLES: UNICEF, GUATEMALA

March [1961]

Dear Dr. Papawne:

Please accept the deepest sympathy of our staff upon learning of Mrs Papawne's death. We had not learned of it before Maria's return yesterday & I have just now sent word to Mr Laine.

We recall so vividly her kindness to us not long ago when you opened your lovely home to the Unicef Meeting.

I know that you will have many things to be attending to in these days but if there is any way that any of us can be helpful to you please let us know.

Be sure of our thoughts of you and of our prayers that you may find strength to meet the demands which come in such hours. Personal regards, Alice Shaffer & Staff.

[X/XI 1957]

Dear Mr. Popenov:

Your letter came and as the time for our departure is drawing near will let you know how we are routed.

We will leave Guatemala on Nov 18th at 9 A.M. for Antigua 11 A.M. with reservations at Hotel Antigua for the 18th and 19th.

It would please us greatly to visit with you in your home and looking forward to seeing it.

We will be at the Pan American Hotel in Guatemala the 16th and 17th and if you could drop note there, when you would like us for supper we would be pleased to come.

We are looking forward to our trip and hope you will have nice weather for us.

Sincerely yours

Gay Shamel

Nov 11 1907

Dear Mr. Popenov:

I do hope you won't think me a pest, but due to the Clark twins going on special day, we will only spend one night in Antigua Monday the 18th.

If its not convenient for us to see you on Monday evening the 18th drop a line to the Pan American Hotel in Guatemala.

Hope we can at least see

Yours Sincerely

Sincerely

Ray Shamel

Tela Railroad Company
Progreso, Honduras
June 21, 1961

Dear Mr. Popenoe,

Your warm words of sympathy were especially meaningful for I know you too are faced with grief and the rugged adjustment to living with it.

The Hannas told us of Mrs. Popenoe's death when we arrived in Almirante in April. Paul had been in bed at home for two months and I had lost contact with much that was happening. We were indeed sorry to learn of your sad loss.

Paul had a rough time for the past year and a half. We spent four months at Acheson last spring, but the hepatitis was never conquered. After his death we learned that there was also a cancer of the pancreas and he couldn't have lived more than two years.

He is buried in Almirante on the hill surrounded by wild forests and jungle. It is a beautiful place and for Paul, it seemed so very right.

My children have seemed very close to me during their father's illness and death — a closeness that has nothing to do with miles. I'm sure you too find great comfort in your wonderful family and grandchildren.

I am trying to concentrate ~~and~~ the thirty years of life Paul and I had together. It was a wonderful rich life and I shall be forever grateful for it.

I shall be here for a few weeks while I straighten out Paul's affairs and visit with Lloyd and his family then shall go to California for a while.

affectionately, Jennie D. Shank

W. LAWRENCE SHAW

295 Keats Circle
Pleasant Hill, California
19 October 1970

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

An introduction is in order: I'm a recently retired employee of the U. S. Agriculture Department. Enclosed is one of the last ^{cards} I had had printed. Your experience is, of course, a matter of considerable interest to me, partially because our laboratory in Albany, California, was responsible for research in processing fruits. But my interest in seeing you and your home is deeper than that. Ever since reading Adamic's "House in Antigua" years ago it has been part of my dream to see romantic Antigua and your house in particular. Now that my wife and I have provided funds to get our children college educations, we are free to travel.

Here I might say that much of my boyhood was spent in Claremont and my brothers and I grew up along with your brother's children. Immediately after getting my M.A., your niece Isabelle and I were colleagues as "investigators" (later case workers) for the Pomona Office of S.E.R.A. (F.E.R.A.). My wife and I are both graduates of Pomona College, which I know you attended for a time.

My wife (Ida) and I are leaving next week for six-weeks stay in Mexico and Guatemala. We are planning the trip on our own, using Mexicana airline services for most of our travel between cities (except for Pan Am for Guatemala). Even six weeks is too short a time to do all we would like to do. We'll probably be in Guatemala the second week of November. We had thought of staying at least a couple of days in Antigua. While we might stay at Hotel Antigua, I thought you might like to advise us of a less elaborate hotel in the city. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope. Perhaps you would care to answer this letter. It would be appreciated! (The dollar enclosed would pay for postage needed —in any case, don't think about returning anything for it. I just thought it would help!)

Larry Shaw

SCRIPPS COLLEGE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

ART DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1952

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

I was happy to receive your letter of December twelfth, but due to the Holidays, have been unable to reply until now.

We greatly enjoy having Sally at Scripps College. She is an extremely capable, hard-working, and serious student. I fully believe she has talent, combined with real earnestness which could carry her a long way.

I personally am not disturbed by her late start in the field of Art. She brings to this field a well rounded personality and an unusual sensitivity, which are more important than technical facility. She lacks technical facility and basic language training in the field of Art which she can get if she is willing to make the effort and though I have not discussed this with Sally, I feel she is both willing and able to make the effort. Needless to say, the necessary foundation in Art to do strong, creative work will require a minimum of two years or possibly three after her graduation from Scripps College. If she had been fortunate enough to have had basic training in her Freshman and Sophomore years, it might have shortened this time somewhat. However, her exceeding interest and extra maturity are great assets.

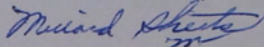
It is terribly important for young people to realize today that in the field of Art the training must be complete as there is little room for the half-made person. There is unlimited opportunity for young men and women who are well trained and who in addition have creative ability and good taste. She must consider this field in the same spirit as one approaches either law or medicine;- the greatest asset being the broad base of education, topped off with high concentration in the disciplines of the chosen field.

Mrs. Popenoe
December 31, 1952
page 2

I was away last year from the college and my only real contact with Sally has been during the fall term of this year. In answer to your question I most sincerely believe Sally is worthy of continued backing in her art training. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity of working with young women with the qualities possessed by Sally.

I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you when you come to Scripps College next year. Please feel free to write to me at any time.

Most sincerely,



MILLARD SHEETS,
Director of Art.

ms/mwd
Via Air Mail

Carpinteria, California
June 13, 1973

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua, Guatemala.
Dear Doctor:

Back here in foggy California, I have many thoughts of the very pleasant three hours I spent with you, in your lovely home, with your beautiful gardens, your fine old paintings and other reminders of the by-gone times of Spanish America. But, most of all I want to thank you and your family for your gracious hospitality to me, and my fellow travelers!

Your beautiful country makes me want to return and see more in a more leisurely manner, but I doubt very much if I will do so.

The Lychee fruit that you gave me ripened perfectly, and was delicious, much better than

any that I have grown.

I am enclosing the picture of you and the old ~~Querte~~ tree which, I hope will interest you, altho' my photography leaves much to be desired.

You will probably notice the article in the yearbook, about some success we are having with Duke seedlings, and various rooted cuttings in root-rot infected soil. I would like to report a 1973 crop of about 6000 pounds on about three fourths of an acre of five to eight year Hass trees grafted on these root stocks in this *Cinnamomi* infected soil.

I realize that this is not a cure for our root-rot troubles but it does hold out some hope of ultimate success.

With the help of the funds available to our Research Committee, and all the help from you and our many friends

in Latin America, we may yet
be able to cope with this killer.

With best regards to you
and your wife and daughter,

I remain,
yours Truly,
Stanley Shepard

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE. CC/651/Ag/3968.

July 25, 1957.

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you very much indeed for your most helpful and informative letter of May 2, 1957. I apologise for the delay in replying, which was due to my lengthy absence in Jamaica.

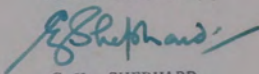
You have a good memory. If I remember correctly, you were with the United Fruit Company at the time of your visit to the College, and you subsequently contributed articles on bananas, avocados, mangos and grapes to Tropical Agriculture.

I have written to Dr. Freeman S. Howlett and Dr. Ernest H. Casseres. I have made a note of the proposed meeting in Havana about the 10th of June, 1958, in the hope that it will be possible for me to attend.

We had a very successful Banana Demonstration Tour in Jamaica, though the programme was a little too strenuous. There were nearly 100 applications to attend this tour, but we had to ration the number to 60. I am hoping some day to arrange a Banana Demonstration Tour to Central America. I shall be visiting Central America during December of this year with a view to exploring the possibility of arranging a Coffee Demonstration Tour for December, 1958.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



C.Y. SHEPHARD
Executive Secretary
(Agricultural Economics)

San Salvador, 26 August 1957

Professor C Y Shepard
Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Dear Professor Shepard:

Your letter of 25 July reached me here, where I am on a brief contract with the government of El Salvador, helping to organise a program of fruit improvement. As I believe I may have told you, I am on the retired list so far as the United Fruit Company is concerned, and from now on shall devote myself to pomological activities of various sorts - whatever seems to offer a chance of being useful. My permanent address is Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.

The real purpose of this note is to urge that when you arrange your coffee demonstration tour you give plenty of time to El Salvador. Of course you already have this in mind, but I just want to be sure you have planned to visit with Jaime Guiscarfré-Arrillaga and Tomas Vilanova of the Coffee Research Institute at Santa Tecla, and such progressive coffee growers as Carlos Alvarez and Roberto Quiñonez and Francisco de Sola. That remarkable Japanese Hawaiian, Edward Fukunaga, has recently been here for quite a stay, and pretty nearly revolutionised some of the cultural practices. His report is an eye-opener.

Cordial regards always.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE CC/479/8/Ag/5209

October 16, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Antigua,
GUATEMALA.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you very much indeed for your helpful letter of August 26, 1957. I have at last completed arrangements for my visit to Central America.

I leave Trinidad for Curacao on November 9 to attend the Seventh Session of the West Indian Conference. My address while there will be: c/o Hotel Curacao Intercontinental, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. I leave Curacao on November 26 for San Jose, and plan to visit Turrialba on November 29, returning to San Jose on December 4. I leave for San Salvador on December 5, and take off for Guatemala on December 12 by PAA Flight No. 502. I return to Trinidad on December 20, 1957.

Our proposal is to have a 15-day tour of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala. Your recommendation that we should include El Salvador has been strongly supported by all the other coffee experts with whom we have been in correspondence.

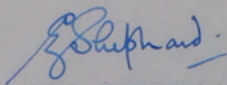
Several of the gentlemen you mention in your letter were highly commended to me by Mr. Moss, Coffee Agronomist, Jamaica, and in writing to Mr. Raymond White I have asked him to include visits to the other coffee growers you mention. I have also asked for a copy of the report by Edward Fukanaga. When we compare the yields reported from Central America with the very poor ones in the Caribbean, one would hardly think that Fukanaga could suggest any further improvement to Central American coffee growing.

I have been playing around with coffee on my own estate since my visit to East Africa in 1951/2, and have since incorporated improvements learnt in Jamaica from Moss's report on his visit to Central America. Our trees have excited considerable interest among

coffee growers in Trinidad, and I am glad to say that the largest of them are busily engaged in rehabilitating their own coffee trees with great satisfaction and profit to themselves.

With very many thanks for your assistance, and with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C.Y. Shephard', with a stylized flourish at the end.

C.Y. SHEPHARD
Executive Secretary
(Agricultural Economics)

GEORGE CHEEVER SHATTUCK, M.D.
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL
BOSTON 15, MASSACHUSETTS

June 4, 1957

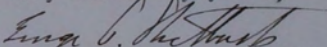
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Wilson:

Virginia and I look back with great pleasure to our visit to you at the Escuela Agricola and we hope that we may see you and your charming wife the next time you come to Boston.

Many thanks for sending us your new address. I think you chose well. Antigua is, to me, the most charming place that I know in Latin America and from there to Lake Antitlan is an easy excursion.

Very cordially yours,


George C. Shattuck, M.D.



GROWERS OF CALIFORNIA

October 29, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza
Numero 2
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Wilson:

Calavo Director Howard L. Budlong and Mrs. Budlong will be travelling in your part of the world, early in November. They would like to visit with you a little during the brief time they will be in Antigua, to become acquainted with you and to bring you up to date on the California avocado industry.

Like everyone else I know, they would also enjoy seeing your home, with which they have become familiar through "that book".

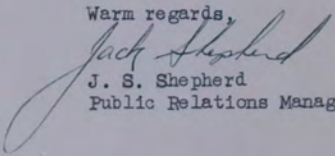
It will be appreciated by me, as well as by the Budlongs, if these fine folks may have your invitation to call on you, if your time schedule will so permit. The visit, if it can be arranged, will be mutually rewarding, I know.

Mr. and Mrs. Budlong will arrive in Antigua November 7, and will be at the Antigua Hotel November 7 and 8. Mr. Budlong will try to get in touch with you at that time.

It somehow seems that my rare (very rare) letters to you are always in the nature of asking a favor of you. Please don't think harshly of me because of this; I am a poor correspondent, admittedly, but remember often and happily the pleasure of visiting with you on the couple of occasions I have been in your company in California. Besides, I think you will agree after meeting the Budlongs that this particular favor works both ways.

Thank you for anything you can do for these folks. I'll try to reciprocate if you ever come back here to see us.

Warm regards,


J. S. Shepherd
Public Relations Manager

JSS:m

THE J. HILLIS MILLER HEALTH CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, 32601

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

June 12, 1968

PHONE: 376-3211
EXTENSION 5595

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am writing you at the suggestion of your son, a colleague of mine as a faculty member here at the University of Florida. I am a member of the Department of Medicine within our College of Medicine, primarily interested in diabetes and related disorders. Prior to attending and participating in an international endocrine congress in Mexico City during the first week of July, my wife and I look forward to a week in Guatemala. We are intensely interested in the history, archaeological, anthropological and agricultural aspects of Guatemala. With the advise of your son, and others, we have tentatively considered a day or so in Guatemala City, a one day visit to Tikal, and then four or five days by car to Antigua, to Panajachel, to Chichicastenango and return.

Additionally, a former friend and colleague of mine in Boston, namely Kitty Coolidge, is, I believe, a good friend of yours. We were associated while I was on the faculty at Harvard prior to my coming to the University of Florida in 1960, and she was always enthusiastic after her visits in Guatemala. It would give my wife and me great pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you and visiting with you during the time that we are there. Currently, we shall arrive in Guatemala City in the late afternoon on Saturday, June 22nd, and probably be staying at the Ritz Continental Hotel (or we would alter this if you should advise us in keeping with our requirements which are an unpretentious, clean, non-touristy and conveniently located posado). Depending on your schedule, we might arrange a visit to Antigua in keeping with this. We had considered going to Tikal and back on Monday and then driving, with rental car to Antigua on Tuesday, June 25th and include an overnight stay there followed by a continued journey toward Lake Atitlan.

We do hope that we can have the privilege of meeting you. I would also appreciate your advise concerning places to stay in your city and in Panajachel.

Sincerely,

J. C. Shipp

Joseph C. Shipp, M.D.
Associate Professor



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Sept. 4, 1969

JOSEPH C. SHIPP, M.D.,
PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

DIRECTOR, CLINICAL
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METABOLISM AND
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DIABETES

PHONE:
352-332-3198
352-3199

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Pop:

It was so good to get your letter, the best part of which, of course, was the possibility that you might be in Florida and Gainesville in November. We do hope this will come off and again shall be insistent on sharing as much of your time as possible.

With reference to Niacin, I really think that there is no good evidence that it has an effect. It is not surprising that the large dosage you used would cause itching and redness since these are well known effects of the agent. From my reading and discussions with my colleagues in psychiatry here, I really don't think we have new answers to this very difficult problem. If I thought we had anything specific to offer, I would encourage that she come here. Yes, we do remember the hotel Modelo in Quezaltenengo. In fact, we recall sitting on the veranda, enjoying the cognac-like rum and reminiscing. Perhaps almost excessively, as I remember from the next morning! However, we do want to get back soon and we would especially enjoy returning to Quezaltenengo and the Hotel Modelo under one condition: that we do it with you.

Remember now: the Shipp's expect Pop and Alice in November.

Most cordially,

Joseph C. Shipp, M.D.,
Professor of Medicine

*we want to
meet her!*

JCS/hg

Antigua, 19 December 1960

Mr Donald Sibley
Apartado 5, Quezaltenango

Dear Mr Sibley:

A few days ago I received a copy of that excellent biography of Justo Rufino Barrios, written by that excellent man Paul Burgess. I assume you sent the book, and I am most grateful. And I want to add that the next time I come to Quezaltenango I plan to drop in on you for a brief call.

I think Paul Burgess did a remarkable job, in writing this biography. A very human job. I could only wish that the book could have much wider circulation among people interested in Central America. How could we arrange this?

I think I may have told you when you called on me here, that when I came in 1916 my first friend was Dr Allison who had the church in Guatemala City. And then Paul Burgess, whom I never came to know very well because I was not often in Quezaltenango. And then Charley Ainslie - who was, as I believe I told you, a schoolmate of mine at Occidental Academy in Los Angeles. He has never had enough credit for the work he has done here - over a period of almost 40 years. For I believe that Christianity is not a matter of dogma, I believe with St James the Apostle that "Faith without works is dead".

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Apartado 5
Quezaltenango
June 28, 1961

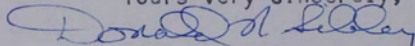
Dr. Poponoe
Antigua

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

It embarrasses me to take out your letter and look at the date which indicates when you wrote your nice letter to me, thanking me for sending to you a copy of don Pablo Burgess's book about Barrios. We are finally getting around to writing to you the disappointing fact that we were not the ones who were so kind as to do this. We have made inquiries and find that the book was sent to you by Stanley Wick, who was in to visit you not too long after we had that privilege of conversing with you. He was under the interpretation that you had asked him to buy the book for you and to send it to you, which he was very glad to have done. So, it is to him to whom those words of appreciation should be directed. I hope you did enjoy reading it anyway, in spite of this confusion as to who was responsible for the kindness.

We expect to be in Antigua enjoying its very interesting atmosphere this following weekend since at that time we will be celebrating eight years of happy married life. I can think of no more pleasant place to relive memories.

Yours very sincerely,



Donald N. Sibley
Extension Agent
Presbyterian Church

"We" of course means that my wife is included in sending her greetings.

Boston, Massachusetts
July 24, 1957

PERSONAL

Dr. Wilson E. Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Since I have been in Boston we have adopted a policy of communicating with all of the sons of Company employees, who have lived in the Tropics and who are about to graduate from college, with the idea of letting them know that the Company would very much like to have them as employees because of their background and experience in the Tropics. We also tell these students when we write to them that we believe a young man who has lived in the Tropics and has a great knowledge of the Company and its operations, as well as familiarity with the customs of Latin America, would have a better-than-average chance to make good headway if he becomes a permanent employee of the Company.

In this connection, I thought I should write to you and let you know that we were thinking of making an offer to Hugh, who will soon receive his Ph.D. from the University of Florida, provided you have no objections. During the past four or five years we have employed seven or eight sons of employees. One of the later ones is Patrick Butler, who has just received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State College and has accepted a very good position in the Research Department. Mr. Rowe would be very happy to have Hugh in the Research Department if Hugh so desires. Do you mind giving me your ideas about my proposal?

Sincerely,

John Silvers

San Salvador, 26 August 1957

Mr John R Silver
United Fruit Company
Boston, Mass.

Dear John:

Your letter of 24 July reached me here, where I am just about to terminate a short contract with the government. I most certainly have no objection to your approaching Hugh regarding the possibility of employment with the Company. He will not be free for some time yet, however, as he expects to receive a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation (I believe it is) which will enable him to continue for a year or more his study of shifting cultivations in Central America. The idea in general is, I believe, to find out why new clearings are abandoned after being in corn for two or three years, and could anything be done to keep them longer in profitable cultivation. Or something like that.

Hugh's address is Box 3603, University Station, Gainesville, Florida. I do not think he will finish his doctorate until next February. He has done quite a bit of field work both in Siam and in Central America, since graduating at Davis, where he had the good fortune to work under Viehmeyer. I have continually encouraged him to prepare himself thoroughly in the chemistry of tropical soils; their drainage and irrigation; and more especially the management of tropical soils, which field, it seems to me, is the one which offers the most problems and the most opportunities.

With best regards always,

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe



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UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK

November 25, 1960.

Dear Mrs. Popenoe,

It was more than kind of you and Professor Popenoe to open your house so generously for an all day meeting and I cannot tell you how much it added to our enjoyment of our stay in Antigua. Besides being a most delightful atmosphere in which to work, the opportunity which you gave us to see the whole house and all its beautiful contents made it a very memorable day.

We have always been grateful for Professor Popenoe's interest in the programmes we are assisting and also for his help and guidance.

To you both my warmest thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Adelaide Sinclair

Mrs. D.B. Sinclair
Deputy Director

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o UNICEF Office,
Guatemala City, Guatemala.

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July 14, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de Noblessa
Antigua, Guatemala
C. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

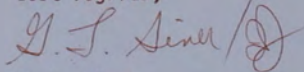
Recently Gerald Smith copied me with a letter forwarded to you at an earlier date. He mentioned that Class Two, of the Agricultural Education Foundation Leadership Program, is tentatively planning a trip to Guatemala and Mexico during January, 1973. During the month of November, 1972, I will probably pre-run a trip to your country to make final arrangements for our visit.

For your information, I am enclosing a brochure on the Program. During our trip to your country, we are interested in exposure to your economics (marketing and finance), labor, taxation, farm and urban housing, education, religion, foreign trade and historical points of interest.

Dr. Popenoe, any suggestions you may have to help our men understand your country during their visit would be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Best regards,



G. L. Siner,
Director of Education

GLS:jj

cc: Gerald Smith

Enclosure

Antigua, Guatemala, 24 October 1972

Mr G. L. Siner
Agricultural Education Foundation
P O Box 5487
San Mateo California 94402

Dear Mr Siner:

It has been pretty hard for me to figure out how to answer your letter of July 14. I guess the best thing to do is to await your visit, if you still plan to come next month. I shall be here in Antigua until the 25th, then I have to go over to Tegucigalpa for a couple of weeks, then I plan to be here again over the holidays.

The problem is this: You are planning to cover a very wide range of subjects during your trip to Guatemala. To do a good job, you will need to plan on quite a bit of time. The usual thing would be for you to work through the Embassy, which would naturally send you to government officials in connection with such subjects as finance, taxation, foreign trade and so on. But in addition you should want of the private individuals who know their Guatemala, some from one angle, others from another. I can help you locate some of the right men, I hope. It will not be hard to suggest some of the more important points of historical interest.

Let me know if you are coming down before November 25, so we can get together here at my house in Antigua and talk things over.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

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November 27, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Olor
Calle de Noblessa
Antigua, Guatemala

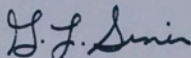
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

From all indications, it will be impossible for me to visit Guatemala before our scheduled trip in January, 1973. Therefore, at this time, I would like to invite you to have dinner with our group on Wednesday, January 17, at 8:00p.m. in the Camino Real Hotel, Guatemala City.

For your information I have contacted Mr. John C. McDonald, Agricultural Attache in Guatemala, and invited him to join us for dinner also.

Thanks again for your assistance, and I anticipate seeing you in the near future.

Best regards,



G.L. Siner
Director of Education

GLS:ds

CC: Dean Brown
Charles Atlee

Antigua, Guatemala, 12 December 1965

Professor Ralph Singleton,
University of Virginia,
Charlottesville.

Dear Professor Singleton:

When I was at the Fairchild Tropical Garden in southern Florida last May we fell to talking about the Meyer Medal. Since the death of David Fairchild I had not given it a thought, but after our discussions in Florida I wrote to Robert Cook and Ben Morrison to ask what had happened to it. Then, recently, Jim Kempton dropped in here and he has written you about it. I would like to take it up with you, if you are the proper person, for I was the one who suggested that the money left to us of the staff of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction should be used to establish a memorial to my colleague Frank Meyer, and as an award for meritorious service in the field of Plant Exploration and Plant Introduction.

We of the Office put the matter in the hands of our Chief, and I am not clear as to what sort of an arrangement he made with the American Genetic Association of which I believe he was then President. Ben Morrison feels that it was "very informal", which I believe is true, for I have never seen any papers covering an agreement with the Association. If such exist, you probably know of them. You also know that the reason the awarding of the medal was placed in the hands of the Association was because of governmental restrictions, which would have made it very difficult if not impossible for us of the Office to award medals.

Those of us who are still alive - and we are not many - feel that the medal should be in the hands of the Fairchild Tropical Garden, for

several reasons: (1) The Garden, in a sense, is an outgrowth of the old Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction; (2) it is continuing the work of plant exploration and plant introduction which David Fairchild conducted with such great success in that Office; and (3) numerous people who took part in awarding the medal in the early days are connected with the Garden. We survivors of the Staff of the Office, rightly or wrongly, feel that we have a "vested interest" in the Meyer medal since it was our money (left to us by Frank Meyer) which made possible the establishment of this award.

Will you be good enough to write me in care of my nephew John Popenoe at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami 56, Florida, and tell me what you know about the arrangement made with the American Genetic Association, and what we ought to do? I am going up to Florida in a few days and would like to put the matter before John so he can go into further with the appropriate officials of the American Genetic Association.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popenoe

4 Meadow View Rd.
Hingham, Mass.
March 19 - 1959

Dear Mrs. Popenoe - Mrs R.

Mr. Smith and I will always remember your generosity - not just for showing us your lovely, interesting home - but also for giving us so much of your time on our shopping tour.

Dick and I have travelled a little, always limited to time, as we were on our trip to Guatemala. We have been in a few old castles in England and France - but never have we seen a home comparable to yours. You and Dr. Popenoe have done a magnificent job of restoration - and it was a privilege to see it.

You were so good to take us to
Marius' shop and then to the Pottery
Mill. Mrs. Moeser, the older lady,
really had a picnic. She regretted
later that she hadn't bought more.
My favorite purchase is the tin candle
stick — wish I had two — or four.
But, perhaps we will come back some
day and I can find another.

With only two days in Guatemala
City and Antigua, it is hardly fair to
make a definite statement — but we
think we prefer Antigua — and if we
are fortunate and return to Guatemala,
we believe now, we would proceed im-
mediately to Antigua and spend our
time there. It is very different than
any place we have visited. We loved
it all —

With best wishes for you and Dr.
Popenoe — and again our thanks,
am
Most sincerely,
Charlotte C. Smith.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOILS

July 8, 1958

AIR MAIL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Rancho California
Almunecar
Granada, Spain

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have your letter of June 2 and was very glad to hear from you. The soil samples mentioned in your letter have arrived and have been referred to Hugh. You may rest assured that he will give them the works and the kind of report and recommendations you would like. Hugh is noted for his succinct statements and reports. He is a real C. O. B. (chip off the old block).

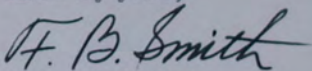
With regard to your question about use of the report Hugh will make, I can see no objections to your use of it. However, if any credit reference is made, it should be to Hugh as a graduate student working on a Rockefeller Foundation grant at the University of Florida and not to the Agricultural Experiment Station as we are not permitted to analyze service samples from without the state of Florida.

A Professor Rios from the Agricultural University of Lima, Peru was visiting the University here last week. In our conversation I told him about Hugh's recent visit to his country and he spoke of you and asked to be remembered to you. Professor Rios, I believe, is a Plant Physiologist.

No doubt Hugh has given you the details of his most recent trip to Central and South America. He was gone from March 9 to June 19. He reports finding some soils in the Amazon Valley quite similar to some of our Florida soils. Perhaps you have made the same observation. Hugh is getting along well with his work but this last trip has of course delayed his thesis and it may be February before he can get that into shape for graduation. I am sure we will have a fine syllabus on tropical soils when he completes his notes on his most recent trips.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



F. B. SMITH, Head
Department of Soils

FBS:jo

213 N.W. 20th Terr.
Gainesville, Fla.
April 4, 1961

Mr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, C. A.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

We were shocked to
learn of Helen's sudden
death and wish to extend
to you our heartfelt sympathy
in this great loss. We
were expecting you here last
week and we hope that as
soon as you can arrange that
you will come to Gainesville
for an extended period.

Sincerely yours,
Marjorie and F. B. Smith

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Blythe, Ca. 92225

June 20, 1972

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa del Oidor
Calle de Noblessa
Antigua, Guatemala
C. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Please let me introduce myself. I am Gerald Smith, Ralph Cornell's son-in-law. Ralph had talked of you not only often but to some extent.

I am at the present time involved in a three year scholarship which consists of people in California agriculture that are in the general age range of 30 to 40 years old and who have had some extensive experience in agriculture. The purpose of the scholarship is to develop broad based backgrounds not only on the domestic, rural and urban areas, but in international areas. The scholarship is sponsored by the California Agricultural Education Foundation, an off shoot of the California Council of Growers.

I believe you are aware of one other person in the scholarship, a Gary Hartman from Aptos who is in the nursery business. At any rate, our first year was concerned primarily with urban and rural problems, government, and economics.

Beginning in 1973 we will be taking some trips outside of the country including one in January to Mexico and Guatemala. I was wondering if you might possibly suggest to Mr. Gay Siner of the Agricultural Education Foundation, some areas in Guatemala that we might visit that would help to give us a grasp of agricultural problems in Guatemala, as well as its relationship with its rural and urban constituents. Mr. Siner will be down to Mexico and Guatemala on sort

June 20, 1972

of a pre-run inspection prior to the time that the group arrives.

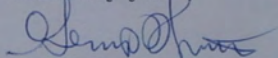
There are some 30 people in the group. Twenty-five of them are in production agriculture ranging from forestry, management, nursing and cattle to all manner of agricultural production. There are five of us who are in allied or agri-business fields. I am in the area of farm labor recruitment and unemployment insurance, others are in banking, agricultural-extension services, State Department of Agriculture - Livestock Services, CPA and food processing. They represent all locations throughout the entire state of California.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Siner of the Agricultural Education Foundation and I am sure you will have a follow up letter at once.

Anything that you can do to help us would certainly be appreciated.

I hate to close the letter on a sadder note but I am sure you are aware that Mr. Cornell has recently passed away. I got your address from Vera who you met on their last trip to Guatemala.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald Smith, Manager
Blythe Rural Manpower
Office #670

GDS:ms

cc: Gay Siner

2741 SW 22nd. Ave
Miami, 33, Fla

June 22, 1961

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1^a & 5 Calle,
Antigua, Guatamala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Perhaps you will recall a family from Hong Kong who visited your place in Antigua last September 8th. We had a friendly discussion on whether the peanut was really native to the Americas. Well I haven't solved that one, but I am going on to do some more writing about man. Perhaps you will be interested.

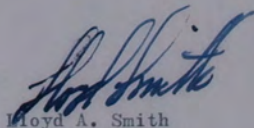
In my book HONG KONG which is being released by Longmans, Green and Company, Limited of London, the history of the area and particularly the Chinese is studied. The East-West relationship and the plight of the refugee is discussed and Hong Kong is viewed photographically in many ways.

In the new work WORLD OF CONQUEST, the East-West relationship is to be viewed with global perspective. The history of civilization forms the background of understanding and the achievements and desires of man furnish the driving force. Our future is measured against our past behaviour. Here the Conquistadores play an important part in their treatment of the "New World". Later this fits into the pattern that we are approaching in our "New Worlds" to come. I would like to picture the gentle life of the Maya today and the dynamic material progress of the Mexicans, and relate this against their common experience with European conquest.

I would consider it a privilege to discuss this work with you. If you will be in Antigua I could come down early in July if convenient for you. If it is possible to find accommodations in a pension in Antigua this would probably be most convenient as there will be three adults and my little daughter in the party.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours truly



Lloyd A. Smith

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
Postales rescante,
Antigua,
Guatamala.

17230 N.W. 16th Ave.,
Miami 69, Florida,
December 5, 1964.

Dear Sir:

The Miami Herald staff writer, Mr. Nixon Smiley in his coverage of the recent Soil and Crop Science Society at Palm Beach, brought to my attention your efforts, as well as those of Mr. Henry Wallace, to double the maize production of the Guatamalan Indians.

Your efforts imply a method of education in which case the Indians themselves will "make the test" permitting them "to compare the results with the yield of his own corn variety and method of cultivation." The method of cultivation also depends on the use of fertilizer which "Francisco de Sola of El Salvador is supplying."

These efforts of yours relate to similar attempts on my part to further encourage an attitude of economic self-sufficiency among a group of Mayans at Tinum, Yucatan where I have a modest place and to where I will be returning within the very near future.

The problem of food production as I observe it at Tinum relates directly to the inadequacies of distribution within a market economy. During periods of maize abundance the local price of the commodity drops and this discourages the mayans in planting their maize crop. The consequent shortage of maize, however, though temporarily boosting the price of the commodity dovetails into another problem which results in severe maize shortages during an unfavorable growing season, one that is marked by insufficient rain. Hence, food production, confined to the market system, but cramped to within the limitations of a rudimentary and rustic agricultural economy, such as that of the Mayans, tends to promote a constant crisis of near famine conditions. The above described state of affairs persists inspite of the Mexican government's guarantee of the price of maize.

My plans call for educating the Tinum Mayans to further the basis of their pre-Columbian mode of food production for reasons of self-sufficiency for their own use as well as that of their live-stock.

Divorcing them from the market system in the case of their staple food crop~~s~~ should result in an increase in production of maize. On the other hand, a cash crop could be derived, say from tamerind, to be sold on the market for ~~for~~ cash to be used for the purchase of shoes and clothing and other industrially manufactured essentials.

In any event, I should most appreciate receiving from you information relevant to securing "the improved corn varieties" mentioned in the Nixon Smiley article.

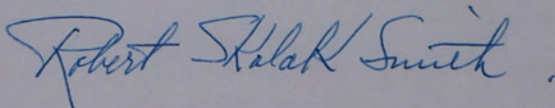
Perhaps in Yucatan we may be able to work out an arrangement with the Mexican government in supplying the fertilizer.

Any additional information or suggestions I would appreciate receiving from you.

With every expectation in hearing from you I extend to you my Mexican address for your acknowledgement of this letter:

c/o Sr. Adolfo Requena,
Calle 22 # 117,
Tinum, Yucatan,
Mexico.

Yours most sincerely, I am respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Skalak Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "S".

ROBERT SKALAK SMITH

(601973)

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Popejoy,

Thank you so very,
very much for the delightful
pair of \$1.42 chicks. I have
fallen in love with them. We
have several varieties on our
pond in Virginia and also
have about twenty peacocks
so they help to make our new
cove more homelike. I'm sorry
not to have seen you while here
but as you can well imagine
life has been a bit hectic here
to say the least. I have to - wonder
for the States and we plan to
return about November first
to carry on with restoring -
we will need all the advice
we can get and hope you
will come and see us. I and
Dey will stay on with a
couple of good cooks. I only hope
they do not run into too many
problems -

My kindest regards to
you both most sincerely,
Elizabeth Switzer

Dr. & Mrs. Wilson Popeue.

Kindness of Lily Westcott.

Thurs. Oct. 4 [1973]

Dear Dr. Papenoe,

Thank you so much for your nice letter - I very much appreciate your kindness about bringing friends to see your house. The electric bill we will take care of right away.

I can't think of anyone at the moment who would like to rent your little house - however, I will keep my ears perked. My parents are still in the United States so I will ask them if they know of anyone. My parents are coming down November 3rd to spend the winter.

Thank you for your kind offer
of more peijies - we love them
but I am afraid ~~four~~ would be too
many - There is a battle going on at
the moment between the two peijies
and my very ambitious dachshund!

I talked to Mrs. Shook when
I was in the States a few weeks ago -
The library as of then had not been
sold because of a disagreement over
the price, and they didn't expect to
be back before the end of October.

I hope you enjoy your trip
to Honduras - I would very much

like to talk to you about the
School you frequented there, at some
time!

Things are progressing slowly
but surely here at the new house -
when you return, and when my parents
arrive, you & Mrs. Popenoe must
come & have a look!

Please give my best to
Mrs. Popenoe -

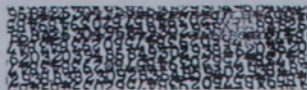
Sincerely,

Oey Smithers

NEW ADDRESS:

2975 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA
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HILL AND KNOWLTON, INC.
Public Relations Counsel



GENERAL OFFICES
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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

January 8, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
The House In Antigua
Antigua, Guatemala
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is a sincere expression of thanks for showing us through your lovely home.

That you should welcome us, two complete strangers, when we knocked at your door at 5 PM was a true act of hospitality.

Particularly we enjoyed knowing more of your horticultural adventures. We were aware of your pioneering the Fuerte avocado in the United States but we had no knowledge of your introduction of the date palm in the Cochilla Valley.

As we think we mentioned, we grow orchids on a modest scale in California and if ever we can obtain anything for you, it would be our pleasure to ship it. Hugh Cragg commented on the difficulty of combating mealy-bug. If you experience the same trouble, we should like to send you samples of two insecticides recently introduced by Dow Chemical----Zecton and Cygon.

Again, our appreciation for great kindness.

Only the best,

Paul Snell

PAS:cl

Guatemala, 24 de Agosto de 1965.

Señor Director de la
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado de Correo 93
Tegucigalpa, D. C.
Honduras, C. A.

Distinguido señor mío:

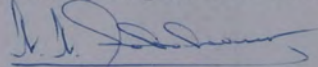
Me permito molestar su atención respecto a la solicitud presentada por mi hijo Andrés Sobalvarro Conde, enviada por aéreo el 5 del corriente mes. Sin haber recibido acuse de recibo ni instrucciones para presentarse a examen, no obstante que su amigo Roberto Alvarado ya recibió directriz para presentar examen el 6 de Septiembre próximo, nos tomamos la libertad de rogarle a usted por cablegrama despachado la semana pasada, tuviese la amabilidad de examinar la solicitud y darle oportunidad a mi hijo Andrés para que sostenga el examen con miras a ingresar el próximo año lectivo.

Andrés tiene un verdadero interés en cursar estudios en Zamorano por la excelente reputación de la Escuela así como porque desde muy pequeño su inclinación manifiesta ha sido por la Agricultura y la especialización en ganadería. Por otra parte, nuestra familia adquirió hace poco más de un año una hacienda ganadera en la costa del Pacífico y hay interés de que se prepare Andrés para hacerse cargo de la administración y manejo general de la hacienda cuando se gradúe.

Como viejo empleado de la Compañía Frutera (años 1918 a 1920) y por estar seguro de la verdadera vocación de mi hijo Andrés para los estudios en Zamorano, me permito rogar a usted de la manera más atenta se sirva darle la oportunidad que ha solicitado.

Quedo con todo aprecio,

Muy atento y seguro servidor,


A. A. Sobalvarro

Apartado Postal 626
Ciudad Guatemala
Guatemala, C. A.

*Dear Don Coppen:
I am very interested
in you and respect for re-
quest of your assistance
in this matter.
Sincerely,
A. A. Sobalvarro*

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cc: ✓ Dr. Wilson Popenoe - EAP



*Presidente de la República
Managua Nicaragua
Personal*

Junio 6, 1953,

Señor Doctor Wilson Popenoe,
Director de la Escuela de Agricultura
Panamericana, El Zamorano,
Honduras.

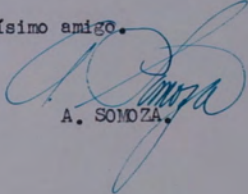
Muy estimado Doctor y fino amigo:-

Con verdadera complacencia me permito recomendar ante Ud.
al Señor Ingeniero Agrónomo Don EDMUNDO ASTORGA, recién egresado de
Oklahoma A & M. College, U. S. A., con el fin de que se le propor-
cione la oportunidad de efectuar prácticas agrícolas, durante un pe-
ríodo de seis meses, en esa Escuela que Ud. dirige con tanto acierto.

Como el Ingeniero Astorga trabajará en lo futuro conmigo,
mucho agradeceré a usted todo el interés que se tome a favor de mi re-
comendado.

Aprovecho esta ocasión para renovarle los sentimientos de
mi más alta estima, consideración y sincera amistad.

Afectísimo amigo.


A. SOMOZA.

JH/tr



*Presidencia de la República
Managua. Nicaragua.*

SEÑOR DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE,
Director Escuela Agricultura Panamericana,
EL ZAMORANO, HONDURAS.



CONSULADO GENERAL DE HONDURAS

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Febrero 19, 1974

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 19
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Guatemala, C.A.

Distinguido Doctor Popenoe:

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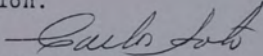
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Haciendo honor a esos recuerdos, vienen a mi memoria el éxito y progreso alcanzado por esa Institución del saber y cuya filosofía educativa fue siempre y sigue siendo "Learning by doing". Este sentimiento me decidió a dedicar unos minutos para escribirle al pionero en aplicar esa filosofía en mi país, cuyo esfuerzo, dedicación y perseverancia, hicieron que la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana se convirtiera en un Centro de formación internacional. Bravo Doctor Popenoe! Esta Usted en el corazón de todos nosotros los hondureños así como de todos aquellos de esta América Hispana.

Le envío esa tarjetita para participarle que he sido nombrado Consul General de Honduras en esta ciudad de Houston, Texas, cargo para mí muy honorífico y que con mucho orgullo estoy desempeñando.

Reciba Usted querido Doctor Popenoe, el aprecio y estimación que mi esposa Tina y yo le guardamos.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of my highest esteem and consideration.


Carlos Soto



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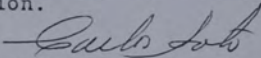
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Carlos Soto

Antigua, Guatemala 5 April 1974

Señor don Carlos Soto
Consul General de Honduras
Houston, Texas.

Dear Carlos:

What a grand surprise! Your letter of 15 February. To think that one of "my boys" is Consul General of Honduras in Houston, Texas. I have sent the letter over to Kermit Adams, who is now Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, so he can show students what Zamoranos can do.

I am glad you put so much emphasis on "learning by doing". As you say, this was a philosophy new to Honduras when you came to Zamorano. The record you early graduates have made has led to this philosophy being adopted by at least half a dozen tropical countries.

Carlos, you have worked hard, you are a great credit to your "Alma Mater", and I am proud of you.

Cordially yours,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus



*Muy felices
Pascuas
y Año Nuevo*

~ Doña Elena de Dapens
felic navida

Paula Sato



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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza, 2
A N T I G U A

Aprovecho estancia de D. Teodoro Soto
de P.R. para ponerle unas líneas de
Es: saludo mancomunadas. Recibí su carta 21/3. Don
Roger está en Canarias. Y pen-
Desde Almería, y después de la venida de Mr. K.

desde 1948. Le saluda y le desea
su mejor salud.

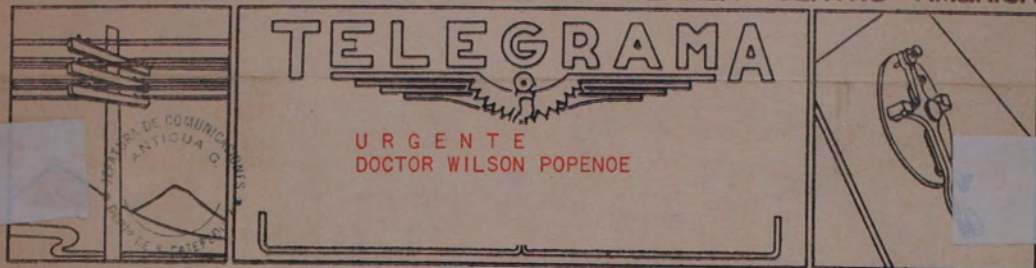
Muchos muchos amigos dan
mis me informo estados superiores
salud.

Espero saludarlo en P.R. algun
día cercano.

Afectuosos saludos Teodoro Soto
"pancheros". Recibe
la carta. Contesto Luis

Saludo de Luisa y del
Miguel
Luis

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A LA SEÑORA DE SPARKS Y A MI NOS COMPLACERIA MUCHO SI TANTO USTED COMO SU ESPOSA AL IGUAL QUE LOS SEÑORES DE KEMPTON NOS ACOMPAÑARAN A ALMOZAR Ó CENAR EL VIERNES SEIS DEL CORRIENTE A LAS TRECE Ó DIECINUEVE TREINTA HORAS, TRAJE DE CALLE. SALUDOS.-

EDWARD J SPARKS Y SEÑORA

Guatemala, de de 1968.

Escuela Agr. Panam 2-2394

Señor

Wilson Popenoe

Tengo el gusto de dirigirme a usted, con el objeto de enviarle el folleto que contiene los fundamentos del Proyecto para el Fomento del Cultivo de Aguacate, que ejecuta el Ministerio de Agricultura.

Siendo usted persona interesada en diversas estructuras del Proyecto en mención, se espera que este documento le sea de alguna utilidad.

Aprovecho la ocasión para suscribirme de usted como su atenta y segura servidora.

Olga de Spatz

Olga de Spatz.
Secretaria



Imprenta Soto

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*3 av 204 Comayagua
Tel. 2-2903*

T'ang Yin (1470-1523)
THE GENTLEMAN HERMIT
Honolulu Academy of Arts



7 September 1965
1511 Kamehameh Ave.

Dear Dr. Papenoe,

I wish to thank you for extending such warm hospitality during my brief visit in your home in Antigua.

It was a great pleasure and privilege to have been able to talk to you about your interest in colonial Antigua.

The tour through the house the second time with the Spanish consulate and his Madrid guest was just as rewarding.

Sincerely yours,
Malin Spicer

FOUR WAY LODGE

COCONUT GROVE. (MIAMI). FLA.

September 23rd' 1941.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe,
General Manager,
United Fruit Company,
Tela, Honduras, C.A.

Dear Mr. Popenoe:-

A number of years have passed since we talked together the last time, a great deal has changed during these years and it is quite possible that you will have some difficulties in recalling my name. But because you know Miami and its neighborhood so well, I am confident that you will soon be able to place me again when I mention that I am on the Arthur Curtis James Estate in Coconut Grove.

I came here in September 1924 and although I did like it here, I had often the notion to say good-bye to Florida and go somewhere else. To a place with no hurricanes, no freezes, no droughts and etc. But I had a good and according to what one expects a fairly well paid position, thus I have lasted here for fully seventeen years.

However, everything in this world comes to an end at some time or another and so it is with positions. My employer and his wife died early this summer within 20 days and since they had no children or other near relatives, the place here was not left to anybody who could or would make again good use of it but will some day be sold to whoever has money enough to buy it. That may under the present conditions take a long time as nobody seems nowadays anxious to acquire large properties, the taxes are high and are getting higher every day and what is worse, the incomes become smaller from year to year and even real rich people can't do anymore the way they used to do.

So, until a prosperous customer arrives or a Real Estate Comp. finds the place suitable to make another subdivision out of it, I am not forced to leave but am requested to stay on and see to it that the place does not lose its appearance and attraction

to prospective buyers. But that is naturally not anymore what one would call a position especially since everything has been cut down to the bone and absolutely no money is being spent for purposes that used to be routine in former years. So, because I am still too young to retire (46) and still too ambitious to only watch a few darkies, cutting the lawns, I may sooner or later have to be on the lookout for something that requires again more energy.--

However, I will finally come to the real reason for writing to you and I earnestly hope that you will not feel bothered by the case I am going to bring up. I wish to emphasise also before I go into details, that I have no personal interest in the case and have in the past never lend myself to anything like it. It is only because I feel that a few things in this world are still worth a trial that I bring the matter before you. Naturally in all such cases, only the opinion and the final judgement of an expert counts, all other tests no matter how many, can never put any value onto something. And because the case concerns bananas, I know that you are the only man whose word must be accepted as final.

I have known here for several years a chemist who came here from England and in my own and the opinion of others a very capable man in his profession. He has made a special study of plant diseases, particularly fungus diseases and has brought out a number of sprays and other solutions which have since been used around here with great success in horticultural and agricultural undertakings. A few years ago this man heard an authority speak of the Panama disease of the banana plant and began to familiarise himself through whatever literature was available on the subject. Two years ago he told me that he had found what he thought was a solution to eradicate this disease and he began then trying to get in contact with people who could test the material. He went to all the Central American Consuls who were very enthused about it but who would of course not go beyond. He found then a number of others who were interested but their sole idea was always to get a hold of the formula and leave him to hold the bag. Then sometime ago he met another personality who represented himself as being connected with the United Fruit Company and proposed to have the material tried out in Central America. But he too was evidently only some sort of a promoter

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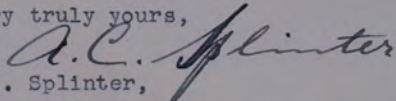
because one fine day, after having caused enough expenses, he disappeared without leaving tracks behind him. Thus after two years the man is just as far as he was in the beginning and I begin to feel sorry for him because he seems to have put a great deal of work into this matter and like most inventors has little ability to handle business the way it should be handled. It is of course not for me to say whether or not his formula is of any real value and everybody else around here is in the same boat as we have no banana diseases here and especially not the Panama disease which I understand is a terrible thing wherever it occurs. I had a chance a few years ago in Jamaica to see the effects and was told that it spreads more and more and that nothing has so far been found to combat it successfully or even eradicate it.

Therefore, without becoming anymore lengthy, I thought I would write to you and ask your opinion what this mans formula would be worth if put to a test and what you would think of making a trial. Of course I have as I said before no special interest and have therefore not the slightest idea how he would go to work on the problem. But I presume it would be very easy for you, if you are willing to get in contact with him, to get enough information and on hand of it judge in no time at all whether he has something of value or not. It might even be something very good and yet totally worthless when it comes to applying it on a large scale which happens to be the case with so many other things.

In conclusion I will repeat once more that I have known the gentleman for a number of years and know that he is absolutely honest and not a schemer. His credit and standing around here is good and he is highly respected by all who know him and deal with him.

In hope that this letter will reach you and the case outlined be worth looking over.

Very truly yours,


A.C. Splinter,

Antigua, Guatemala, 2 December 1941

Dear Mr. Splinter:

Your letter of 23rd September arrived while Dr and Mrs Fairchild were here, so we all talked it over together. I well remember meeting you in Coconut Grove, and recall what a fine lot of ornamental plants you had. I am sorry it may be necessary for you to give up that splendid garden.

What you say about Panama disease and the possibility of a remedy is very interesting. Of course we have tried out all sorts of things down here, and we have got precisely nowhere. The real difficulty seems to be this: the organism which causes the disease is a fungus which lives in the soil. It can be found at depths as great as five or six feet. We cannot see any possibility of destroying it by attacking it through the plant itself. And to kill it out in the soil over vast areas, and to a depth of five feet, is economically impracticable though it can be done in a small way by dousing the soil with formaldehyde or other chemicals which will kill fungi.

Because of this fundamental difficulty - fundamental as we see it - and the added fact that we have tried so many different things, the Company is no longer much interested in this subject, and I doubt that they would be anxious to back your friend except on the basis that he made a demonstration at his own expense under the sort of conditions which would be conclusive. Many people approach us with ideas which they would like to try out, and in recent years the Company has not been willing to go very far in backing them.

Many thanks for bringing it to our attention, anyway.

Sincerely yours,

Cal Hout

January 31, 1970

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

I am a volunteer with the American Friends Service Committee, working in San Francisco La Union, north of Quezaltenango. Part of the project is raising apple trees. More than 35 families are participating in this project.

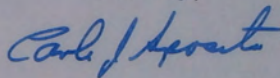
I have some background in horticulture, but need some specific information relating to the growing of apples, and possibly other fruit, at a high altitude. San Francisco La Union is approximately 9,000 feet. In conversations with the several agricultural personnel of AID, you were highly recommended. They felt that you could help me in the research for this program.

If possible, I would very much appreciate speaking with you in Antigua. I will be in Guatamala City February 4 through February 9. Could you please drop me a note as to what day would be most convenient for you.

Guatamala address: Carlo Sposito
AFSC
6 'A' Avenida 20-69
Zona 1, Guatamala City
Tel. - 81-0-04
or 80-6-26

I look forward to talking with you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,



March 3, 1970

Dear Dr. Poponoe,

Depto Quezaltenango

Thank you for your letter. I'm looking forward to visiting you soon. Would it be possible to see you either the afternoons of the 19th or 20th of March or any time on the 23rd of this month? We are back in San Francisco La Union, so please respond by telegram or letter, as to which date would be most convenient?

I was happy to hear that your major interest now is in the development of highland fruits. I look forward to talking with you. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Carl Aposito

P.S. if none of the above days
are right for you, please
indicate other dates.

Dear Doctor Papense;

Permit me to introduce myself. I am Mrs. Paul Springman, Jr. of Brownsville, Texas, U.S.A. My first trip to Guatemala was last June. I directed our Art League weekend holiday & while in Antigua, visited in the "Casa del Oidor". We were all much impressed and upon returning to Brownsville, a friend let me read her copy of "The House of Antigua". The book was so full of beautiful history, but more so, it dealt so romantically with the lives of the Papense's. Can you imagine, then, my surprise when

while visiting dear friends in Houston, I find we have a mutual friend. And from her I send fondest regards. She is "Bibita" Gonzalez to us, however she knew you and Dorothy through her husband, Sidoros Gonzalez, while he was with United Fruit in Havana, Cuba. She speaks nostalgically of your friendship and wishes me to convey her regards.

I would be honored to meet you personally, however, I realize your time is already being imposed upon.

9/11/69

Sincerely,
Violet Springman

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 19, 1961

Dr. F. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa
Honduras, C. A.

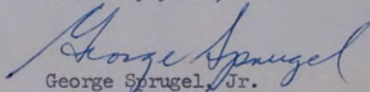
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

The National Science Foundation has received the enclosed application for a grant in support of research. Because many such proposed investigations are of a specialized nature we seek brief critical evaluations of the proposals by individuals such as you who are considered to be unusually competent in the field or in types of research related closely thereto. Advice obtained in this manner is of great value to us in determining final disposition of the proposals. The reviews are considered to be confidential and remain within our files in the Foundation.

The enclosed guide may be helpful to you in your evaluation of the proposal. In addition, we have enclosed two copies of a rating sheet for your use in indicating your comments and a rating of the proposal based on the scale listed on the guide sheet. One completed copy of the rating sheet should be returned to the Foundation at your early convenience; the additional copy may be retained in your files if you so desire.

May we express our appreciation in advance for your cooperation in this matter and assure you that your appraisal will be most helpful to us.

Sincerely yours,


George Sprugel, Jr.
Program Director for
Environmental Biology

Enclosures
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*Do you know or have you had information
concerning the applicant or his earlier work?*

"GROUND RULES"

SUGGESTED FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS
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In arriving at your numerical evaluation and written comments or discussion, the following questions, itemized below, should be considered:

1. Scientific merit of proposal
 - a. Is proposal of a fundamental nature?
 - b. Is proposal well conceived and if so, how high do you rate it relative to contemporary research and thinking?
 - c. Is there duplication of effort relative to other activities?
 - d. Is the problem one that really needs doing and is NSF the appropriate agency for this request?
2. Scientific ability and resources of staff
 - a. Qualifications of principal investigator.
 - b. Productive capacity of principal investigator and staff in the past.
 - c. Are adequate student training facilities available and to what degree have former students been successful?
 - d. Are facilities adequately equipped? If not, will an NSF grant stimulate this group to greater productivity?
3. Budget concessions
 - a. The propriety of the budget as requested - does it appear that the present investigator has made a real effort in evaluation of needs?
 - b. Will failure of NSF to make grant affect this group in any way?
 - c. What do you consider a just budget?

These questions are raised for your own consideration. Some may pertain to the specific proposal being considered and some will not. A discussion of these points, in your comments, will be of considerable value to NSF.

If you care to do so, we will appreciate it if you will indicate, in addition to your comments a rating of the proposal based on the following scale:

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| 1 - Highly meritorious |) | Supported when funds are available |
| 2 - Meritorious |) | |
| 3 - Acceptable |) | Supported only under special circumstances |
| 4 - Questionable |) | |
| 5 - Decline |) | Will not be supported |
| |) | |

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
BIOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL SCIENCES
PROPOSAL EVALUATION SHEET

<u>NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>INVESTIGATOR</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>
B-9784	Distribution of Varietal Differences in Fruit Trees of Costa Rica	C. L. Johannessen	U of Oregon

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGE)

This project could be of considerable interest and perhaps of fundamental importance. But as outlined is is not. I feel that Mr Johannessen completely lacks the necessary background for such a job (You ask if I have any knowledge of his earlier work. I do not know of his publication cited, "The Geography of the Savannas of Honduras", though I have lived in Honduras for many years and thought that I was fairly closely in touch with the biological work done there). He says that he is going to study fruit trees in Costa Rica, and mentions the Crescentias. I have not in 40 years heard of anyone eating a Crescentia. Also Ceiba; this is the silk-cotton tree. I defy anybody to eat its fruits. And Zapote negro, Dioplynes ebenaster; I have never seen a tree of this species in Costa Rica; it is almost confined to southern Mexico. I think this gentleman needs a lot more background before he merits a grant; and if and when he gets one, I think his present budget is excessive; one does not need \$15 a day to live "in the field" in Costa Rica; I will do it for half that sum.

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DIVISION OF PLANT PATHOLOGY AND BOTANY

June 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza Num. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It doesn't seem right that you should retire from the directorship of the Panamerican School, which you founded and managed with such unique and conspicuous success. It will of course not be possible to fill your place, as nobody can do that. I do hope, however, that the new director will succeed in maintaining the same sorts of standards that you set, even though it is a virtually impossible task. It certainly is not necessary for me to tell you what a magnificent job you did at the School and in everything else that you undertook. I do want to say, however, that I am very happy to have had the privilege of visiting with you several times and absorb some of your ideals and wisdom.

Also I want to express, most sincerely, the hope that you will be very happy at Antigua and that life will never become dull, as I am sure it never will to a person like you.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

E. C. Stakman
E. C. Stakman

San Salvador, 7 July 1957

Dr E C Stakman
University of Minnesota
St Paul.

Dear Dr Stakman:

Your letter of 26 June certainly warms the cockles of my heart. I know you can realise that it was pretty hard for Helen and myself to leave EAP, which we had see grow out of a pasture, but the time had really come. I know there may be instances where one can carry on until he is 75 or so and still be doing a good job, but 65 is enough for me.

We are established at the old house in Antigua, though I have already taken on a short time job, and there are likely to be more of them. Right now I am in Salvador, trying to help this government give a boost to the production of tropical fruits in general. In the future I hope to continue, on a private basis more or less, in the field which I have loed long since and lost awhile, that of plant introduction, especially the introduction of new and better varieties of tropical fruits in some of these countries.

With sincere appreciation of your letter.

Faithfully yours,

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November 13, 1962

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N. W. 2nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

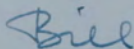
Unfortunately Dr. Lucille Kopp's monograph of Lauraceae has not yet been published, for lack of funds. Perhaps you could talk Bill Haines into publishing it through the University of Florida Press! However, if you wrote to her directly, here at The New York Botanical Garden, I am sure that she could give you the information that you wish, at least if it did not entail the publication of Nominanuda.

We have had some very enthusiastic reports from Helen and Bill Haines on their wonderful trip to visit you in Guatemala.

Your travels sound fascinating although I was sorry to hear of Paul Standley's decline. It is all the more a pity when a man has been such a monument in his field.

I will look forward with pleasure to seeing you on my next visit to Gainesville--unless you have gone farther south for the winter.

Most sincerely,



William C. Steere
Director

WCS/gd

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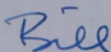
April 6, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Casa Popenoe
Antigua, Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

This is just a note to thank you for taking the enormous trouble of coming to the Garden's annual downtown meeting last week and speaking to our members and their friends. It was the largest and most successful meeting we have ever had and we appreciate your contribution to its success. I hope that our brisk spring weather, including the snow storm we put on especially for you, did not make you regret too much the fine deed you did on behalf of Guatemala, horticulture, and the Garden. We all thank you for your contribution of time and energy to these good causes.

Sincerely yours,



William C. Steere
Director

WCS/gd

cc: Mr. Phil Clark

Antigua, Guatemala, 27 Novbr 1968

Dr Wm C. Steere, Director
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, New York 10458.

Dear Bill:

When Bassett Maguire was in this neck of the woods two or three months ago he told me that the monograph on LAURACEAE of which Dr Caroline Allen had sent me part of the MS (Persea) a long time ago, is now in print. I am very anxious to receive a copy of this. Could you send me one, together with bill? Or let me know how much cash to send, including postage?

I think I have mentioned before that Dr Allen and her colleague, when they prepared this monograph, did not know that the rather extensive collection of Persea material which I made in tropical America between 1916 and about 1925 is in the herbarium at the National Arboretum at Washington. At least this is what I seem to recall Frederick Meyer telling me at Zamorano a year or so ago. I wish Dr Allen could get hold of this material (it was in the herbarium of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction originally) and see if there are not some things which would justify a brief article as a supplement to the monograph.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

U
J. H. Stein,
Apartado 523,
San Jose, Costa Rica,

Nov, 13th 1940.

Dr. Wilson A. Popenoe,
Santa Marta, Colombia,

Dear Doc:-

It's some time since I heard from you and a lot has taken place in the last year, and although I am no longer with the Company I am still 100% for them,

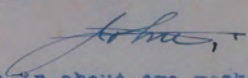
At the present time Fernando Castro and I are interested in possibility of development of the yuca industry on both the West side and Atlantic.

I thought possibly you might know something about this industry in Brazil. I understand that they have a flour there known as Farinha de Mandioca which is made from yuca and I believe there are possibilities for developing this industry here and will ~~be~~ give the labor a much cheaper bread,

Possibly the Department in Washington might have something on this and I would certainly appreciate if you could get me anything or advise how I can get complete information on mills and the manner of manufacturing this article also the manner of mixing with other flour as I understand in some cases they use pure yuca flour while in others they mix with wheat flour,

Thanks for any information you can give me on the above and with very best regards for you and the wife, I am,

Yours most sincerely,



P.S. I expect to return to Mexico in about two weeks and will be there for a month or so after which will return here, My address in Mexico is Mazatlan #34 Mexico, D. F.,

J.H.S.

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J. H. Stein,
Mazatlan, No. 34,
Mexico, D. F.
Mexico,

December, 15, 1940.

Dr. Wilson A. Popenoe,
La Lima, Honduras,

Dear Doc:-

I wrote you on November 13th, from San Jose about data on yuca and thought possibly you might have some information on this industry from Brazil.

I understand that in Brazil they produce a flour from yuca that is called Farinha de Mandioca. This is used straight for making bread and is also mixed about 80% with wheat flour which gives them a very cheap bread and understand is universally used throughout Brazil.

Fernando Castro and I are interested in possibilities of developing this industry in Costa Rica and would certainly appreciate any information you might be able to give us or any recommendations or suggestions you might give us as to where we could get required data as to cultivation on large scale and necessary machinery and process for making this flour.

I am sure this will be another step towards lowering cost of living of the labor in Costa Rica and will in turn be of vital interest to the Fruit Company, as could be developed on the Atlantic side and reclaim some of the present abandoned lands around Matina.

Possibly the Agriculture Department at Washington might have something on this and as I am going to Washington in couple of week on other business I thought you might be able to recommend some one there that might help me on this.

With thanks for any help you can give me on this and with best
regards for you and the wife in which Argentina joins me, Sincerely,
John S.

ALFRED E. STENDAHL
3474 BERRY DRIVE
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

March 19 1973

Dear Wilson

I am bringing some friends to Guatemala for the usual quick look that will include Yucatan.

We arrive in Guatemala city Friday April 6 in the afternoon & drive to Antigua. If plane is on time we will be at the Hotel Antigua in plenty of time for cocktails & dinner and would love to have you join us.

I am also inviting the Smiths.

I believe the last time we all met at the hotel - Carl was along. I believe I talked to you some years later, but don't remember if Carl had died at that time. At any rate both Carl & Bird are now gone and the children & children's children are carrying on in family style.

Please let me know if you can
join us and I will again check
with you as soon as I drive into
Antigua.

Sincerely
Al Stendahl



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GEORGE H. SPALDING
SUPERINTENDENT

November 8, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

The California Arboretum Foundation, Inc., through the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, has just published 100 copies of "Plants for Extra-Tropical Regions" (Horticultural Notes on Southern California Plants) by Peter Riedel. Mr. Riedel was a well known Santa Barbara Horticulturist and these notes of his represent a life time of study and observations.

Dr. Straw, who was Acting Plant Taxonomist on our staff, prepared this incomplete rough draft of the notes for publication and makes the following comment: "The reader should understand the preliminary nature of both the manuscript and its publication format. The nomenclature has not been verified and is known to contain many errors; indeed, many entries will be found under each of their possible synonyms, not always with cross references. The notes on some items are based on Mr. Riedel's personal experience and may be very useful; the notes on many others are based on reading and surmise, and their validity may be open to question. It is deemed desirable, however, to preserve the vast amount of valuable material here included, and it is hoped that the reader will, understanding our aims, be then less critical of that which may have less value, accepting the notes for what they obviously are, and not for what they might have been had Mr. Riedel lived to see them in final form".

Comprising 763 pages in a bound volume, these notes are now being distributed gratis to institutions where they will be of greatest value; yours was suggested as one which might have use for them. If you do not anticipate being in a position to put this volume to use, we will understand and appreciate being so advised. Will you please let me know within 30 days if you would like to receive this volume.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Stewart
Director

WSS/rmp

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 January 1958

Dr Wm S Stewart, Director
Los Angeles State and County Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue,
Arcadia, California.

Dear Doctor Stewart:

Referring to your kind offer of a copy of Pieter Riedel's notes, I hesitated to ask for one, because you have a very limited number to distribute, and I feel that there is perhaps not enough interest in California plants at Escuela Agricola Panamericana to justify your giving us one. As you perhaps know, I have recently retired as Director of the school, and have come back to my old home in Antigua, where I shall continue my interest in new plants and plant introduction. Right now I am leaving for Spain, where I am going to spend some months with a friend who has a fine property on the Mediterranean coast, due south of Granada, with a climate just about like that of Vista or La Jolla. We hope to do some introduction and nursery work with subtropical fruits, especially avocados.

Ralph Cornell knows what I am trying to do here. If God grants me grace (as my friend A D Shamel, of grateful memory, used to say) I hope to keep on for some years in the field of tropical and subtropical pomology.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

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CHICAGO

Finca Cubilquitz, Dept. Alta Verapaz
March 2, 1942Dr. Wilson Poponoe,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Poponoe:

I certainly appreciated your writing Mr. Fritz Rosengarten, Jr. and had a conference with him several weeks ago. He was very kindly and friendly to me and seemed very interested in cooperating with our expedition. I have made arrangements at a later time to visit Mapbal and also his Finca El Naranjo. From his latter finca I can collect to advantage on Volcan de San Pedro and Santa Clara.

Right now I am using as a base station the Finca Cubilquitz of W. E. Diesseldorff. It is an historic spot, as you know, because so many type specimens described from Alta Verapaz were collected at Cubilquitz by von Tuerckheim. After finishing here I shall go by mule to Chisee, then have the equipment carried by mogos to near the Peten line to a ranchito called Yalpeynech, also property of W. E. Diesseldorff. I will work northern Alta Verapaz and adjacent southern Peten from here, getting in the high mountain near Chinaga and the tributaries of rivers flowing northwest. Then I will take to the Rio Canequen and work it and tributaries in southern Peten. This will all be undertaken in March and April. I will return then in May to Finca El Naranjo and probably will do a little of Volcan Atitlan from Finca Moca. (over)

I will tackle Huehuetenango and Quiché.

Had wonderful collecting in the Sierra de las Minas. Forests of Guatemala's sugar maple (*Acer Shutchii*) known previously from 1 spot in Quiché are found there. The summits of many of the peaks there are covered with sphagnum and climbing violet and each peak needed exploring, because I found many species on one, which did not occur on the other. Also lots of *Podocarpus* on the tops in the cloud forest. It's better not to say one or another tree in Guatemala is rare until more detailed exploration has been carried on. In the western half of the Sierra de las Minas are forests, on the higher parts, of *Cupressus*, *Abies*, and the *Pinus Ayacahuite* (long cones) as well as *Chiranthodendron*, ~~and~~ and many species known previously from Guatemala in the altos or volcanoes of the Occidente. My altimeter registered 9000-10,000 ft. for a number of the peaks I explored; so the tops are quite a bit higher than is shown on the map.

I will appreciate when you have the time to drop a letter of introduction for me to the man on the Pacific coast who is cutting lumber near Olispo, also one to Gordon Smith of Finca Moca if I go to those places.

Thanking you again for all your help and hoping to see you as soon as time permits,

With best regards to you and Mrs. Pagonse,
with the best of luck for your new station,

Sincerely yours,

Julian A. Steyermark

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CHARLES L. STILLMAN
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February 5, 1971

Dear Pop:

The meaning of the attached giving a new address and telephone number nearby in New York City is that I have retired from TIME Inc. and am now in business for myself.

As of now this means that I have been accorded the title of Honorary Chairman of the Board of Eastex (100% owned subsidiary of TIME Inc.), remain an active director of that Board and may be invited to become a non-voting Advisory Director of TIME Inc.

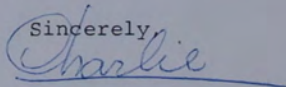
For the time being I choose to call myself, as the card says, a "Management Consultant" and to begin with I do have a consulting agreement with Eastex but with no restrictions as to any other activities in which I may choose to participate.

I continue my interest in education and other public affairs.

My principal and voting home address remains the same as it has been, One East End Avenue, New York 10021.

My secretary, Miss Jean Carroll, has also retired from TIME Inc. and will be with me at this new address.

If you wish to know more, please write or telephone me at this new address.

Sincerely,


Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Bagaces, Guanacaste
Costa Rica
May 5, 1964

Dear Don "Pop:"

Matt and I enjoyed reading the article on Fairchild very much. I imagine Kay Sweeney has it but I will ask her when I see her. I hope that you found time to say Hello to her when you were in Miami as I know she would consider it a privilege to talk to you and would like to get some information from you regarding the house and gardens.

We spent 5 weeks on the Linea Vieja, living at Williamsburg in a house now owned by Standard Fruit. The RR went by our front door and delivered ice every other day. We had indoor flushing toilet, wash basin & shower. What luxury!

We had a good season there, finding some jades and 2 gold pieces which were unexpected. We wanted to try to dig one of the "laja" style huacas and did so for 3 days - and here found the gold; altho' the graves were not of the true "laja" type.

Then we went to Palmar Sur and photographed some of the big stone balls. We think we found 4 new ones.

After that, to the juncture of the Rio Toro & Rio Cuarto beyond Pital in an area being newly opened up to fincas.

Then here, where we have dug 2 sites in stone palenques and have 3 boxes of pottery but no jade. It has been "most interesting" and we have learned a lot. Such is the life of an archeologist.

We have both been fine. The life in the campo agrees with me better than that in civilization. Early to bed and early to rise. We get up at 4:45 here, coffee from a thermos, and to work at 5:05. Work thru' until 2 when the men are popped, and we are ready to quit too.

When you get to D.C. again, be sure to let us know and come out to the house so we can talk more about "old times" and "old friends" and new ideas.

Matt joins me in sending best.

Sincerely,

Mrs Matt Stirling

Guatemala

March 27th 1972

Dear Ms. Popenoe,

Our visit To your house, and meeting
you & your husband, were dreams come
true for my husband and me.

I have never enjoyed a visit so
thoroughly, nor seen so many wonderful
things, both inside and out, and
our deepest Thanks for letting us
come.

It was such a privilege for Dick to
hear Dr. Popenoe talk of his grandfather's
partner, Mr. Bradley Palmer, & the thought
of that wonderful tree growing in your
patio, I shall never forget.

Very best wishes To you both. Sincerely, Noel Storer

Monday.

[C1939-A41]

Dear Mrs Popone: Just a line to thank you
most kindly for that delicious luncheon last
Saturday; we all enjoyed our day in Antigua,
thanks to you - your most charming mother &
nancy. Your generous donation of
rhubarb has caused a sensation! I shared some
with a neighbour, who in turn shared it with her

Brother who is most anxious
to inquire whether you know
if he can get a plant or
seed somewhere for his
"sitio" in the country?
I shall look forward to
seeing you all "en esta su
casa" next week. Miss Mac-
phail will be back by Monday
21st late. I don't know
what John Smith is actually
in England, but a telegram
from Maci yesterday.
Salutes to all from
Sincerely [Lilly del Gorne]
Lilly del Gorne

2127 N. W. 7th Place,
Gainesville, Fla., 32601
November 6, 1965

Dr. Wilson Poponoe,
Casa Poponoe
Antigua, Guatemala.

Dear Wilson:

We received your letter and were delighted to learn about the silverware box which you were sending up to Gainesville via Hugh. We did not get back to Gainesville till a month ago, then it was quite a while before Hugh returned so only recently did we finally make connections. However, we now have the hardware all on the box and can begin to use and appreciate, as well as admire, it. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness. It was a complete surprise but a most welcome one.

I did a little woodworking this summer while we were up in State College, Pa. My project was to make drop-leaf table about 46 x 56 inches (top dimensions) out of a rather unusual wood, *Juglans alba*, which in the north goes by the name of butternut or white walnut, being much lighter in color than *Juglans nigra*. It really turned out pretty nice in spite of the fact that the "manufacturer" was such a rank amateur at woodworking.

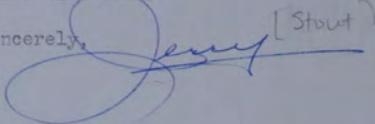
After our trip down to your country last spring, I immediately went up into Tennessee to teach biology at a small college located almost right in the Smoky Mountains. It turned out to be quite a fantastic experience, so much so that it is almost incredible. The college is a Presbyterian one, which is nothing against it I suppose, except for the fact that its administration is so completely fundamentalist that in this day and age such an institution is just about as close to the Twentieth Century in actions and outlook as are the Indians surrounding you down there in Guatemala. I still refer to my teaching experience in that "Bible Belt" area as my "foreign assignment".

I just returned from the Florida State Horticultural Society meetings in Miami Beach. I had thought possibly I might see you down there. I did spend some time with "Santiago" Knowles, who appears to be as wrapped up in his botanical work as always. One of his friends is attempting to set up a "Caribbean Research Institute" and Jim is much involved and has already been on one two-weeks archeological trip over to San Salvador. Jim would be delighted to have you telephone him if you get into the Miami or Homestead area. His telephone is a local call from either place---his post office is Goulds.

Hugh gave a very interesting talk at an Agricultural staff meeting last week. I went over purposely to hear him. I believe Jim Knowles and his friend of the Caribbean Research Institute intend to meet and talk with Hugh in the near future.

Again many thanks for the box. Hugh thought the wood used in the box was Spanish cedar. Certainly smells like cedar.

Sincerely,

 [Stout]

Dear Wilcox -

My "thanks" too for the beautiful box - !

Wish you could see it now - ! But you
will when you come next time to D'ville -

I've just finished a stunning outfit
for our little daughter in law. Jean from
one of those "shirt lengths" I purchased
in market at Chichicastenango (after our
refreshing run) - The dark red with black
design — Embroidery on back of blouse
also



also Jean didn't want
a full skirt
so I got a
whole dress (2 piece)

Again - thank you for this beautiful
box - such a wonderful reminder
of the delightful week with you -

Thank you also for the many good
times during that week -

Dorothy
Lydia

Dec. 8

[1962]

Dear Wilson:

I just returned from the Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida meetings in Clearwater. I think Hugh, together with Dr. York, did an excellent job of arranging a program for this meeting. One whole session had to do with fertilizer programs for tropical countries and they had brought five notable speakers to take part in the symposium. I was much surprised to find that Dr. Richard Bradfield, whom I believe you know also, was one of the prominent speakers. He was my major professor at Ohio State when I got my Ph. D. there.

We haven't done much travelling since we saw you. Did get to Jamaica last winter, along with Dr. and Mrs. Jamison, but because they had their expenses paid on that particular trip, they insisted on "living high" and stayed at the Hilton Hotel at Ocho Rios. We saw a lot about how other Americans live when they want to spend money in a country like Jamaica, but we saw almost nothing of the country itself and had practically no contact with the people other than hotel waiters and others involved in taking money from American tourists. We certainly didn't see Jamaica in anything like the same manner that we saw Guatemala. Made us appreciate much more the wonderful reception you gave us down there.

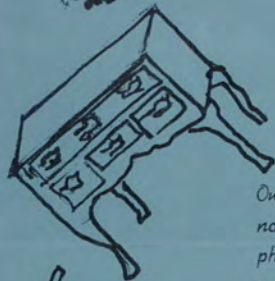
I still have gotten nowhere on publication of my MSS on how to use irrigation and have essentially quit trying to find some one to take over publishing it. All say there ought to be such a book because of the water conservation angle if nothing else, but they all say, also, that they think someone else should stick their necks out in publishing. Bill Haines offered to take it, but I know he has no channels for selling such a book, therefore I don't think it is worth the agonies I would need to endure if I were to try to get it done by Florida Press.

Believe John Watkins either has already gone, or soon will go, to the Honduras meetings. I think it might be a very interesting experience to attend such a conference some time, and maybe I'll make it to some one in the future.

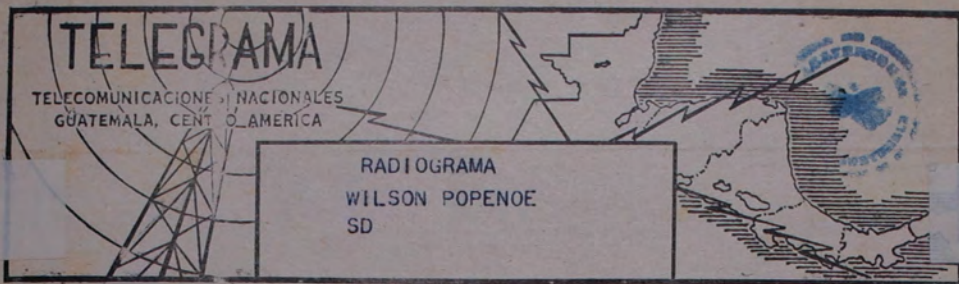
Best wishes and all that-----

Sincerely

James [Stout]



Our friends ask, "What's your PROJECT now-a-days - are you going through another phase?" - Through so many we've already passed that we're sure this one won't be the last - But whenever a sign ANTIQUES FOR SALE hangs out before an old shack or jail - our brakes screech loud and the tires slide for we just can't resist a look inside - for under the dust that like a pall covers everything from wall to wall - we may ex-hume if we persist some bric-a-brac we just can't resist - sure would look nice in our house too so home we must bring it without adieu. One thing we're certain you will guess; Lydia's to blame for all this mess - though she insists she heard Jerry inquire while looking at a stool held together with bailing wire - "What is the price of that something over there; and if we take it will you include that chair?" - Thus does a Dodge become a truck, and for us to stay solvent takes lots of luck.



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WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE IN CONNECTION WITH GUATEMALA ARTICLE WE ARE PREPARING FOR READERS DIGEST WILL CALL - IN PERSON AFTERNOON SUNDAY JANUARY 26 TO SEE IF VISIT THEN FESIBLE LOOK -- FORWARD VERY MUCH TO MEETING YOU.

DONALD AND DOROTHY STROETZEL.



Dr I J. Strumppf

P.O. Box 247
Balboa Heights, C. Z.
October 8, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popinoe
Antigua, Guatemala

My dear Dr. Popinoe:

You may remember that you were kind enough to show me your house in Antigua last June. I knew your brother in the States and have been friends of the Fairchilds for many years. Sandy Fairchild, incidentally, had dinner with us last night and we discussed you and your great courtesy to my wife and me on our visit.

I wonder if you could help out in a matter that has come up. The widow of an old Canal Zone worker, who is a Honduran is a good, hard working woman who has a farm in the Chepo area of Panama. I operated upon this woman fifteen years ago and again thirteen years ago, both by cesarean section. She has a farm and is desperately anxious to keep it for the sake of these children. The boy is now 15, and very much interested in farming. The mother does not want the boy subjected to the left wing influences of the school in Davisa and cannot get him into that school nor does she want to. My question is this: is there any way you can help to get this deserving son of a very deserving widow into the school at Tegucigalpa? If you can do so, would you let me know how I can go about helping this family.

My very best greetings to you.

Sincerely,

I J. Strumppf M.D. F.A.C.S.

Mr Alexander, father of boy, was one of the old original Canal builders. He died at 80.

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua Guatemala,
Domicilio Conocido.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

Your name has been given to me by our mutual friend Miss Dorothy Parker, who has told me that you are presently in El Salvador but that this letter will reach you some time in the next two months.

I am interested in studying the possibility of Aguacate production in the states of Tabasco and Chiapas, and Miss Parker thought that you might possibly have done some work in this general area.

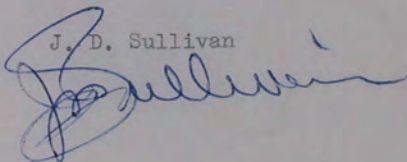
I shall appreciate any orientation that you can give me with respect to such a study, and as this subject is entirely new to me I will be happy to have as much detail as you can give me.

This is a personal study which has as its object the setting up of a personally owned plantation in one of these states.

With kindest regards and my thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

J. D. Sullivan



Antigua, Guatemala, 3 January 1958

Mr J D Sullivan
Apartado 20913
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mr Sullivan:

Your letter of 24 September finally caught up with me - I have been moving around a lot here in Central American and in two weeks expect to leave for Spain, where I have a project for assistance in the establishment of aguacates on the Mediterranean coast, and shall probably stay in that part of the world for some months as I want also to see what the boys are doing in Israel, where they are struggling against odds to grow tropical fruits.

I am assuming that you are not familiar with the three races of aguacates - Mexican, Guatemalan, and West Indian. You probably are familiar with them, having eaten them all, but if you are going into aguacate cultivation you have to give them first place in your plans. I am sending you under separate cover and by ordinary mail, a copy of my bulletin "Fruticultura Centroamericana" which contains quite a few data on aguacates in general. I hope you will find it of interest.

Presumably you plan to market your fruit in Mexico City or Vera Cruz or one of the other large centers of population. I should think this would be your only hope. In that case, you are going to be pretty far away from markets in Chiapas and Tabasco, or rather, Chiapas or Tabasco. In the former there is a fine aguacate region in Soconusco, which as you know is the territory from Tapachula northward for a hundred miles or so. But in this region they grow the West Indian race, and these aguacates are not too suitable for shipping long distances nor do I believe they are as popular in the big markets of Central Mexico as are the smaller, black or green, thin-skinned aguacates of the highlands. Personally I would not attempt to produce in either Chiapas or Tabasco (especially in the latter) West Indian aguacates to ship to Vera Cruz or Mexico City.

At Hacienda Kahuentla, a couple of miles from Atlixco which in turn is about 20 miles from Puebla, Henri Gilly for some years has been developing orchards of Mexico and hybrid aguacates, also one Guatemalan variety, and has done very well except where he put his trees on heavy soils. It is absolutely useless to plant aguacates on lands which are not naturally well drained. You cannot dig enough ditches nor put them close enough together to give aguacate trees the conditions, the freedom from saturation, which they require. The trees will die from root rot after a few years, or before.

Br Gilly has been growing the Fuerte aguacate, which originated in Atlixco and which is now the backbone of the California industry; and he has been growing the Hass, a Guatemalan variety from California. Atlixco is at 6000 feet. You can not grow West Indian avocados there.

If you want to go ahead and develop an orchard in Chiapas or Tabasco you should first take into account the altitude of your property. If it is below 3000 feet you will have to grow West Indians, though you could grow some of the West Indian x Guatemalan hybrids

from Florida, such as Choquette, Hall, and Simpson. These are not so well adapted to the lower elevations as the pure West Indians but they would probably succeed. I would rather plant them at 2500 or 3000 feet. If you should be above 5000 feet (which would be difficult in the States mentioned, you could go in for such things as Fuerte, which are of good quality and have thick enough skins to withstand shipment to Mexico City.

Personally, if I wanted to plant avocados for the market in Mexico I would go to the Atlixco region or Querétaro on somewhere in the State of Mexico over toward Michoacán. I would stick around 5500 to 6000 feet and plant some of the newer varieties from California which are similar to Fuerte and more productive than the latter. And first of all, I would join the California Avocado Society, 4833 Everett Ave., Los Angeles, to get their Yearbooks which are chock full of valuable information.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

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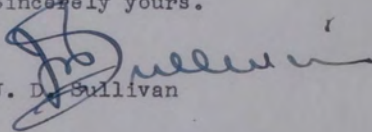
Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Although you might not receive this letter until your return from Spain, I want you to know that I appreciate very much the detail which you gave me in your letter, and the copy of your bulletin "Fruticultura Centroamericana" which I have also received.

I shall be guided by your suggestions, and while I will probably be considerably delayed in getting on with this project, I shall certainly keep in touch with you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours.


J. D. Sullivan

JDS/df.

14 Calle 10-63. Zona 5.
Ciudad de Guatemala.

Dear Wilson: I understand that you were
honored with a medal + diploma! Congra-
tulation, you deserve it all. Sorry I was
not there to drink a glass of champagne
in your honor!

I was sorry not to get a minute to go
& see you, while while the VIIth Assemblies
Sessions, were held in Antigua. I got your
message from the ladies who visited you -
& saw the lovely "flore del volcan" that you
gave them - I was green with envy! My
old, large one, is rather the worse for age!

All good wishes and regards
from this old friend

Lilly de Jongh Osborne

Nebaj, El Quiché
July 11, 1940

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
United Fruit Co.
Guatemala City
Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Sir:-

Though unfamiliar with the organization of the United Fruit Company, I assume that all information relating to openings on the research staff must pass through your hands. At any rate I am interested in securing a position with UFC, and I am submitting to you my application and qualifications.

At present I am on the staff of the University of Michigan in the capacity of Research Associate in the Museum of Zoology, Research Associate in the Laboratory of Vertebrate Genetics, and Instructor in the Department of Zoology. I am thirty-three years of age (July 9) and am married. My entire training was secured at the University of Michigan, B.S. '30, M.S. '31, Ph. D. '33. My field of specialization is herpetology, though during my studies at the University I minored in Botany, Geology and Geography. Since the completion of my doctorate I have been employed continuously by the University of Michigan with the exception of one summer when I was engaged by the Wisconsin Biological and Geological Survey for ichthyological investigations, and a short period of last summer when I carried on some research for the Cranbrook Institute of Sciences in Detroit.

For the past eight years I have been engaged in a survey of the herpetofauna of the Maya area sponsored by the University of Michigan in cooperation with the Carnegie Institution of Washington. My field investigations have been carried on in the Petén and British Honduras and more recently in Alta and Baja Verapaz (1938 and the current year.) At present I am completing my Verapaz studies, and am in this Cuchumatanes region in an effort to establish the western limits of the Verapaz fauna. Prior to this work I made zoogeographical and ecological investigations in the southwestern United States and in the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota. My field of endeavor is, incidentally, zoogeography, and systematics.

I am a member of the usual run of scientific societies and fraternities in the United States which I need not list. I regret that I am unable to furnish you with a list of my publications, but they deal largely with the southwestern United States and the fauna of the Neotropical Region. My source of publication has been largely restricted to the Occasional Papers and the Miscellaneous Publications of the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, the Biological Society of Washington, and Copeia (ichthyological and herpetological journal.)

Inasmuch as it may seem suspicious to you that one with a secure position with ample opportunities for research at a major American university should seek other employment, I offer you the following explanation. Putting it bluntly, though perfectly satisfied with my

present position, I feel that I was never "cut out" for the academic life. Having been raised in an industrial atmosphere, the petty quibblings and what I choose to call "small-mindedness" of the academic environment - with which you are probably familiar - tends to "grate on my nerves." Moreover the practical application of science has always appealed to me more than the undirected ramifications of pure science with which the academic mind is so often cluttered. I might add that my 1940-41 contract, though available, has not been signed and that I am free once my present investigations are completed (mid-August.)

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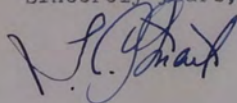
As to what possible use you/make of a zoologist on your staff, I would point out that my training, through my own efforts, embraced a good general foundation in the natural sciences as a unit. My botanical training, while not complete, was, nevertheless, comprehensive, and my first crude endeavors in research (as an undergraduate) were in the field of plant anatomy (comparative structure of cambium.) It has, moreover, always been my contention that, in research, a knowledge of the tools is of less importance than the ability to use them. In other words, knowing research procedure, it should be fairly simple to obtain fundamental botanical principles.

If, at the present time, you have any openings on your research staff, I would appreciate your considering my application. I can, of course, always furnish you with letters of recommendation for myself, and I can come to the City at any time for a personal interview. Inasmuch as I will be travelling around here in the Quiché, my only permanent address is:

a/c Carnegie Institution of Washington
9a Avenida Norte #54
Guatemala City

Trusting that you will give this matter your full consideration,

Sincerely yours,



L.C. Stuart

[Jan 26 1975]

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD AND DOROTHY STROETZEL

Unfortunately, I have to be away at noon today, attending the housewarming of an important Guatemalan family near Tecpan. I shall try to get back by four oclock. If you arrive before that time, my daughters Marion and Sally may be here; if not, you will be received by the maid Pancha who will show you into the library where I suggest you read the enclosed brochure "La Casa del Oidor" and then wander over the house at leisure. By that time Mrs Popenoe and I hope to be here.

I first came to Antigua in 1916, as an Agricultural Explorer for the United States Department, hunting for avocados worthy of propagation and planting in other parts of the world, especially, California and Florida. I spent several months in this valley and fell in love with it, for the interesting ruins of the Spanish colonial period, for its scenic beauty, and for the Indian life which has always fascinated me.

In 1925 I joined the United Fruit Company, and with my young wife Dorothy went to Honduras to establish an experiment station for the introduction of new crop plans which might help diversify agriculture in tropical America. Dorothy and I came over here in 1927, she fell in love with the place as I had already done, and we decided to buy a ruined colonial home, restore it, fill it with furniture of the period, and make it our home - a home for ourselves and our children and our children's children. For many years I had to work in other parts of tropical America. Dorothy died in 1932; I carried on; married again in 1939 and my second wife Helen and I planned to retire here when the time came. You can get the rest of the story out of the "Casa del Oidor".

[ca. 1965?]

Sunday -

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

I do want to thank you so much for all you did to make my visit to Guatemala so delightful. Our few days in Antigua were not nearly enough, there is so much to see and do. Meeting you and seeing your beautiful old house and garden was a highlight of our botanical tour and I enjoyed the afternoon in which you showed us the magnificent church ruins, more than I can say. We all hated to leave Guatemala but we left so many wonderful things undone for lack of time that I am sure we will all be back soon. Thank you again.

Very Sincerely -
Angela Place Supplee.



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J. Aubrey Sutton
1741 Bryan Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

May 23, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

We recall with pleasure our meeting you at the Casa Iberia, Rollins College this spring, and hearing your delightful talk at the "Cafezinho". You kindly suggested that we let you know when we would be in Antigua.

We plan to be there about noon on Sunday, June 21st and stay until the P.M. on Tuesday, the 23rd; we will be stopping at the Hotel Antigua.

We do hope that some time during this stay, we can get together with you to renew our acquaintance and to see your famous house.

Sincerely,

Calvin J. Winters
J. Aubrey Sutton

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AIR MAIL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Antigua
Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

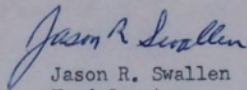
I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Smithsonian Institution has reprinted Standley's Trees and Shrubs of Mexico. This has been the most requested number of the Contributions and I think about the most useful. The price has been set at \$20. I enclose a card with further information about it.

I remember well my visit to the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in the fall of 1951. I still have not been able to get all my specimens identified that I collected then.

I hope you are enjoying Antigua. I thought it was just about as interesting a town as I have ever seen.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Jason R. Swallen
Head Curator
Department of Botany

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