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Mrs. Dr. Boppre.

Our very dear friend
Baroness
Dorotea Muzzi Falconi
will be visiting Antigua
with her niece and
friends. She is a
lover of beautiful things
so I am taking the
liberty of giving her
this letter of
introduction to you
and Mrs. Boppre.

Un abrazo:

Chris

Feb. 26th [1971]

Servicio Agrícola
H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

SAN SALVADOR, C. A. - APARTADO 53

2 de Enero de 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Honduras
América Central

Estimado Doctor Popenoe:

Haciendo referencia a la conversación sostenida entre usted y don Francisco de Sola, le comunicamos que tenemos la intención de hacer una segunda re-impresión del Glosario de Plantas Útiles y Alimenticias en el mes de Junio de 1964 y desearíamos obtener su colaboración para que efectuara usted una revisión de la primera re-impresión del Glosario y agregara en el aspecto "Fruticultura" una lista de aquellas plantas no incluidas en el presente Glosario y que en su opinión sería de interés agregar.

Sus servicios serán eventualmente remunerados y mucho agradeceríamos se sirva indicarnos el monto del mismo.

Adjuntamos a la presente un Glosario tal como salió de la primera re-impresión.

Sin otro particular y agradeciendo anticipadamente su cooperación, nos es grato suscribirnos sus atentos servidores.

SERVICIO AGRICOLA
H. de Sola e Hijos, Sucs.

LMh/amm.

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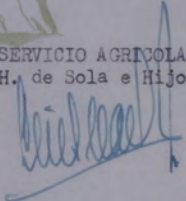
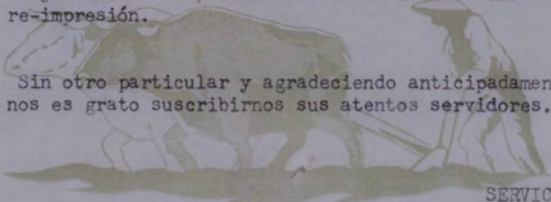
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SERVICIO AGRÍCOLA
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Wm. D. F.
January 3, 1964

My dear Doctor:

I am looking at your letter of the 2nd of last December. I should have answered it long ago but I have had many things to worry about, as you well know. I found your letter extremely interesting. You mentioned that you were undecided as to whether or not to give Doris a copy of your letter. Since then, I have had another letter from you, which I will locate sooner or later, and in which you express your sympathy for my brother's death and in which you tell me of the graduation at the School, about Mr. Wallace and Chico de Sola.

Conchita and I are going to see Doris at her home in Costa Rica on the 5th inst.--her grandchild--Pebble's new daughter--will be christened on the 7th, Conchita being Madrina. We will stay a few days with Doris and Ronnie before returning here. If you get this letter in time and feel like it, drop me a note to Apartado 1309 c/o Doris Stone, San Jose, Costa Rica with a copy to my Mexico City address.

Naturally, Doris and I are going to talk a lot about the School. I know how you feel about her and I don't blame you at all for anything whatsoever that you have done. If Doris and I and you had not taken action against the one person who put the School in such horrible shape--I refer to Ball Paddock--Lord knows what would have become of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I can understand Doris feeling terribly hurt, but I am going to try to convince her that if she had not done what she did, things would have been 100% worse and probably it would never have straightened out again. Doris was in favor of Burt going down there as Director. I personally suggested him to the Board while in New York, at which time they called him on the 'phone and he accepted from Florida. Doris knew and knows that if the School went along for many years in excellent shape, it was due to you, so I think that it is absurd for her to feel hurt against you. In fact, I don't know that she does, and if she does, I will certainly try to get her to see things the way I do which is, I think, also the way you do.

I don't care to write any more just now, but I will get in touch again with you, Doctor, before very long.

Sincerely,

WET:rh

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Escuela Agricola Panamericana ✓

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Gainesville, Fla.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua Guatemala, 9 February 1964

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

When I was down at Tela in early January, I had a visit from Julian Martinez Castillo, who is interested in working for you. He was a propagator with David at Lancetilla, before David went over to Los Angeles.

Julian is 62 years old, a native of Zaracoza in the Department of La Libertad, and has retained his status as a citizen of the Republic of El Salvador. He is not married, hence would come alone. He had five years of primary school in Zaracoza. He worked at Lancetilla from 1941 to 1951, then retired to start a little farm and fruit orchard of his own in the Lancetilla valley, which he is operating today, but not very profitably I assume. He later worked - after leaving Lancetilla, that is - for one year at La Lima.

He strikes me as a very humble, serious, and dedicated fellow, and I believe he is a plantsman. He has propagated extensively roses, mangos, avocados and citrus. He says he does not drink.

If you need such a man, I believe you might do well to call him over to San Salvador for an interview. In any case, I promised him I would ask you to write him - not later than some time in March. His address is Julian Martinez Castillo, casa de don Humberto Aparicio, Vice-Consul de El Salvador, Tela, Honduras.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe

Antigua, Guatemala, 17 February 1964

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Referring to letter from your office dated 2 January, I am enclosing herewith list of additions which I believe would be useful in preparing a new printing of that excellent little work "Glosario de Plantas Utiles Alimenticias" by Ing. A.J.Gonzales of the editorial staff of "La Hacienda".

It is scarcely necessary for me to indicate a few typographical errors in the first printing, but I have done so on the enclosed copy. Haggliero Gonzales and La Hacienda are to be congratulated on having put out so useful a list, and you are to be congratulated on making it available to more people.

Faithfully,

Wilson Popenoe
Director Emeritus

GLOSARIO DE PLANTAS UTILES ALIMENTICIAS

The following additions to the list are suggested:

DIOSPYROS KAKI L.f., kaki, caqui, Japanese persimmon, ebenaceas. Frutal.

EUGENIA DOMBEXI Skeels, grumichama, mirtaceas. Frutal

FRAGARIA VIRGINIANA Duch. fresa virginiana, Virginian strawberry, rosaceas. Frutal.

PASSIFLORA LIGULARIS A.Juss. granadilla, sweet granadilla, passifloraceas. Frutal.

PASSIFLORA QUADRANGULARIS L. granadilla real, giant granadilla, passifloraceas. Frutal.

PRUNUS SALICIFOLIA HBK. capulín, cereza, capulín cherry, rosaceas, Frutal.

RUBUS GLAUCUS Benth. mora de Castilla, Andes berry, rosaceas. Frutal.

VITIS LABRUSCA L. uva americana, American grape, vitaceas. Frutal.

In addition, the following corrections are suggested, not including typographical errors which are noted on the enclosed copy of the list, and which would of course be picked up when a new edition is published:

ANTHEMIS NOBILIS correct spelling of English name is Chamomile.

ARACHIS HIPOGAEA should be ARACHIS HYPOGAEA

BRASSICA OLERACEA CAPITATA, English cabbage, not only white.

CITRUS RETICULATA English name is mandarin or mandarin orange.

CROCUS SATIVUS Commonly known only as saffron in English

ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA Loquat in English, not Japanese medlar.

LABLAB NIGER MEDIKUS should be DOLICHOS LABLAB Linn.

LITCHI CHINENSIS Accepted English name now is spelled Lychee

SECHUM EDULE Add common names quisquil, patastilla.

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Marzo 20 de 1964

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Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Estimado Dr. Popenoe:

Nos referimos a su carta de Febrero 17, dirigida a Don Francisco de Sola, agradeciéndole en su nombre el habernos enviado la lista de adiciones en lo que respecta a la fruticultura, así como el habernos señalado los errores de imprenta de la primera edición del Glosario de Planta Útiles Alimenticias.

Mucho le agradeceríamos si tuviera Ud. la bondad de aclararnos lo siguiente:

El nombre científico de la Yuquilla (Queensland arrowroot) figura en la primera edición como "Canna Edulis Ker-Gawl", nombre que fue tachado por Ud. con un signo de interrogación. Podría Ud. confirmarnos si el nombre científico correcto es "Canna Edulis-L".

Agradeciéndole nuevamente su valiosa cooperación, nos es grato reiterarnos de Ud.

Attos. y Ss. Ss.

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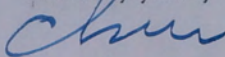
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o. Escuela Agricola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am glad to know that you are at the School and hope that on your way back you may stop here for a day or two to look at Altamira. The mangos look beautiful and I still have room for three or four more if you can suggest some good varieties.

The week before last I had Bill Cowgill and Arturo Falla up at Los Andes. Arturo is a very interesting young man and gave us a lot of tips on grafting. I gave him some RUBUS plants and thus have established the future bridgehead of my own competition. He is welcome to them.

Sincerely yours,



FdeS/elm



May 20th., 1964

CIRCULAR

TO: Directors - Board of Trustees of EAP
FROM: Francisco de Sola

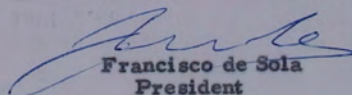
I have received today the following communication from
Carlos Sanz de Santamaría:

Washington, 12 de mayo de 1964

"Le agradezco mucho su amable comunicación de 21 de abril último y los folletos que usted tuvo la bondad de acompañar a esa carta, que he leído con vivo interés.

Muchas gracias por su gentil invitación para participar en el acto de clausura de labores del año lectivo de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana el próximo 6 de diciembre. Si para esa fecha me es posible viajar a Honduras, tendré el mayor agrado en clausurar las labores de esa importante Escuela. Más tarde me comunicaré nuevamente con usted al respecto."

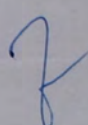
We shall have to wait further word as to whether Mr. Sanz de Santamaría will accept our invitation to be the Speaker at Graduation. In the meantime would Jorge Mejía please make contact with Mr. Sanz de Santamaría from time to time and keep me informed? Thank you very much.


Francisco de Sola
President

FdeS/elm

August 11th, 1964

Dr. Albert S. Muller, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras



Dear Bert:

I have your letter of August 5th and note that you will get in touch with Mario Valenzuela very soon. Dr. Popenoe, I think, will not be going to EAP for another 3 or 4 weeks since he told me he was expecting some guests in Antigua, but surely he will be in touch with you soon.

I have followed the copies of correspondence between you and Charlie Stillman; I have noted your budget expenditures so I am following your developments in this and in the other items mentioned by you such as, Ford and Rockefeller Foundation.

I am sorry to note the difficulty you have had with Prof. Bandon. It would seem that we may have to revise our entire teachers salary program in order to hold the people we want. Maybe this should be part of our next Agenda.

In reference to the International Petroleum Corporation grant I have heard nothing further but will try and get some information for you within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

FdeS/lh

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 9 February 1964

Dear Chico:

Your invitation to join you and family over in Madrid was mighty tempting, and greatly appreciated. At the time it came, I was down at Tela working with Dottie on the material for an issue of Ceiba. Bert called me on the phone and delivered the message, but I felt I should not leave at that time because I have so many irons in the fire here in Central America.

Dottie and I went thru a lot of Paul's letters and worked up what I think you will feel is a suitable appreciation of his work. And Dottie brought out an unpublished MS of his, on this work with timber trees of Panama - an annotated check list which was praised by the head of the U S Forest Service at the time it was prepared, which was some years ago. By including this in an issue of Ceiba, we will have enough for a complete Paul Allen issue. Bari Awan and I put the first issue in press just before I left Zamorano; this will not come out before the first of March. Perhaps even the 15th. When if you come over here for the Corn Conference (we are counting on this, especially Henry Wallace and I) you can look over this Panama paper, then Bari can take it to the printer and the issue should be out by the first of May. I believe it will be a good issue and we brought together about eight good pictures to accompany the MS.

Dottie is cleaning up Paul's voluminous notes and other material to turn everything over to the Research Department, and then plans to go back to St Louis to live with relatives. She is bearing up remarkably well but it is hard sledding.

I obtained some 6000 Cleopatra seeds for you at Lancetilla and took them up to Tegucigalpa and turned them over to Tentori. Miss Moran later advised that they had been received and planted. If they germinate well this will give you all the Cleo rootstocks you need.

Bert doubtless has written you about the results of his hasty trip to New York and Washington. He very kindly stopped a day with me on his return and told me all the news. Good not be better, except that George Gardner cut down the UFCO contribution this year from \$50,000 to \$25,000, but with the AID money I don't think this plantears any problems, do you?

I have asked Henry Wallace and a Mr Derektor who is to accompany him to stop here with me instead of at a hotel, and if you come I hope you will do the same. I think we can work up a nice little corn program among the Indians, though perhaps not as elaborate as Henry has developed since he was here.

Your folks have asked me to make additions to the Glosario de Plantas Utiles Alimenticias. I had to hold this until I got back here but will whip it into shape before the end of the month and send it over.

Faithfully yours,



August 5, 1954

Mr. Francisco de Sola
H. de Sola é Hijos, Sucs.
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dear Don Chico:

I received your letter of July 28 regarding architectural planning at the school. I will be able to go to Tegucigalpa this week and I will contact Mr. Mario Valenzuela about this matter. Both Bob and I were told by Dr. Popenoe that he would be over here either in August or September and we look forward to his help. We are especially glad to hear that you are coming and hope that the visit of Dr. Popenoe will coincide with yours. To help us on academic matters we expect the Dean of the College of Agriculture of Florida to spend a week with us the middle of September, during which time he will ascertain personally how our graduates will fit into the B.S. program in Florida.

We have received the first check for \$10,000 from the Rockefeller scholarship and training grant. A check for \$2,420 has come from the Chicago Museum for our Botany project. As you may have noted from our half-year budget expenditures, we were about \$10,000 below the estimated total, but we were over or under-expended on a number of items. Mr. Moore has written us about this and adjustments will be made in August.

I contacted the Ford Foundation in Mexico City last week, meeting with Drs. Tierney and Gamble. They indicated that support of Lancetilla was not within their program. They asked me to prepare a budget for a grant for our library for three years. In an interview with Dr. Wellhausen of the Rockefeller Foundation

*Best
very thank
again for
your courtesie
Ch*

-2- Mr. Francisco de Sola

it was agreed that I should send him a budget for the support of our bean improvement program which will include a study and evaluation of bean varieties suitable for all Central America.

I attended a three conference of the Caribbean Section of the American Phytopathological Society, similar to the one I attended in Costa Rica last year. Two of our EAP graduates presented papers, and one is Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

This week Prof. Edmundo Ramirez left for his new post in Nicaragua as manager of an important dairy plant at \$800 monthly. He had terminated his teaching schedule for 1964. I have a good replacement for the new school year.

Prof. Blandon, on leave of absence till August 1, having been absent since last August 31 as a student in Wisconsin, informed us ten days ago of his desire to accept a \$900 a month position on the Planification Board for Economic Development of Nicaragua. He came here in my absence and told a colleague he would respect his obligation to teach next semester on condition that his salary be raised \$100 monthly. In view of the fact he had received \$1000 for travelling to and from Wisconsin from our Rockefeller grant, he had been previously advised that his salary would not change until he got his Ph.D. When he ascertained somehow he could not exploit EAP for such an increase, he prepared a letter of resignation at Bob Armour's request, never even mentioning to Bob that he had been seeking an increase. For more than a year Dr. Popenoe has been of the opinion that Mr. Blandon and the EAP should arrange for a separation. I have a replacement in mind for next year.

I am very anxious to hear about our prospects for a grant from International Petroleum.

Sincerely,

Albert S. Muller
Director

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7 de Septiembre 1964.

DR. WILSON POPENOE,
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
ANTIGUA, Guatemala.

Estimado Doctor:

Acabo de recibir su carta del 4 de Septiembre y siento mucho saber que no va a venir con el señor Lau este fin de semana.

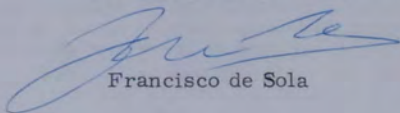
Yo ya tenía todo arreglado para estar con Ud. ese fin de semana y luego irme con Ud. a El Zamorano.

Con Pedro Rivera queríamos enseñarle una manzana que se produjo en Los Andes con material tomado de un manzanero que encontramos en una finquita más bajo de San Carlos, y que produjo en 2 años. La manzana se parece algo a Ben Davis y aunque no es de excelente sabor, sí es de muy buena apariencia y tamaño. Lo importante es que se dá a bajo elevaciones (4500 ó 5000 piés) y parece ser bastante precoz. Lo que me interesa ahora es conseguir patrón de buena calidad y buen desarrollo para plantar una cantidad grande en Mayo/Junio del año entrante. Talvez lo que tiene Jorge Benitez sea adecuado. Mientras podemos conversar Ud. y yo prefiero no pedir material Ben Davis, ya que prefiero trabajar con el material que ya tenemos a mano.

Caso de que cambie Ud. de opinión, lo cual espero, y piense venir el próximo Sábado, con o sin el señor Lau, el camioncito de Los Andes lo estará esperando en el portón de finca Las Cruces. Como Ud. vendrá desde Sonsonate por la calle de la Cumbre de Los Naranjos, pasará enfrente de Las Cruces poco después de pasar la propia Cumbre. Ahí será conveniente dejar su carro y venirse en el camioncito puesto que la calle está bastante mala.

Espero me mande un telegrama si puede venir, pues me agradaría mucho tenerlo en Los Andes.

Lo saluda atentamente,



Francisco de Sola

FdS/mdm.

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EL SALVADOR, C. A.

September 24, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

I was very sorry to have had to cancel my trip to the School last week, but it was materially impossible to work it into an already very overloaded program.

I went down to Panamá for a Fertica meeting and had already committed myself to visit the Motta cattle farm at Remedios on Sunday and Monday. This I did and was much impressed with what I saw. For the first time I have seen an Hacienda with potreros that look like potreros; well-planted; well-maintained; properly fenced, and stocked with Brahma-type animals. Furthermore, I saw, the following day, the new plantations of Mr. Ludwig just above David. They have already planted one million orange trees (Valencia type) and are breaking ground for the juice concentrate plant. It should begin to operate some time next year. They are also growing carnations for export. They would very much like to see you, and the man who is in charge of the Agronomia is Juan Ferrer who, I think you know from Gainesville days.

I also went up to Boqueté to make tentative arrangements for the next INCAE seminar which I hope to hold during the months of January and February next. I am sure you must know Boqueté very well. It reminds me of a European enclave--rather on the style of a Swiss mountain village. The seminar, if held there, should be very pleasant.

I am enclosing a copy of George Harrar's letter of the 16th which I am sure will interest you, and I do agree that Dr. Roberts would be a valuable addition to the E. A. P. Board of Trustees.

I hope to get over there while you are still in residence, so please let me know what your dates of travel are, and if by any chance I do not arrive before you start back for Antigua, please make it a point to come and stay with us for a few days on your way north. I would like to show you an interesting apple up at Los Andes. It is a graft of a seedling, growing at about 4,500 feet in a nearby garden. The fruit is good-sized, pear shaped, yellow and red, and slightly resembles

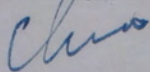
Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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September 24, 1964

Ben Davis quality; is fair to good, but above all it is very vigourours
and promises to be prolific.

Sincerely,



FdeS/cd
Enclosure

The Rockefeller Foundation

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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September 16, 1964

Dear Chico:

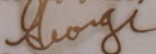
I have talked to our Director for the Agricultural Sciences, Dr. A. H. Moseman, and it is clear that the entire agricultural group here is interested in the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. Either Dr. Ralph W. Richardson or Dr. Lewis M. Roberts would, in our judgment, be appropriate nominees for membership on the Board of the EAP, but we have concluded that since Dr. Roberts will be spending very much more of his time in Latin America than will Dr. Richardson, he, Dr. Roberts, might be most helpful to the Board and, therefore, if you are agreeable we suggest that you might nominate him at the meeting in Zamorano as you have indicated you would like to do.

For your information, Dr. Roberts is a product of Texas A & M, Ph.D. at Yale, an airforce pilot during the war, and then joined the Rockefeller Foundation Agricultural Program in Mexico in 1945. In 1950 he became our director for agriculture in Colombia, and in 1959 was brought to the New York office where his responsibilities have to do with the operating activities in agriculture of this foundation in Latin America. As a consequence, he travels widely in Latin America with relative frequency, speaks Spanish, and has visited Zamorano.

I should perhaps add that Dr. Roberts' professional field is plant breeding and genetics, but that he is thoroughly familiar with the wide spectrum of agricultural research, education, and extension programs throughout Central and South America.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



J. G. Harrar

Mr. Francisco de Sola
Avenida Morazan 117
San Salvador, El Salvador
JGH:ls

October 21, 1964

To: Board of Trustees of EAP

From: Francisco de Sola

I have just returned from a visit to the School. I attended a Convention being held by Central American industrialists at Tegucigalpa, October 14 to 16, and combined the trip to good advantage. We were able to get some twenty-five members of the Central American business community to visit the School last Saturday. Although I was unable to stay for it, Dr. Muller had arranged an interesting visit for them, giving them refreshments at his home and luncheon in Mess Hall. I have since heard loud praises, all of which confirm what some of us have always felt: that the School should be visited more regularly by members of the different business communities of Latin America. In effect, during my talks at the industrial convention--when I prompted the question--I found that most people were relatively uninformed about the School, and all of them certainly interested in knowing more about it. We must devote more time and effort on an organized basis, and possibly more investment, to the attraction of visitors, and of this we shall talk more later on. Now to the School.

It begins to be apparent that we shall require to strengthen our budget in maintenance and upkeep. We have a large plant, which is being better run than ever on a smaller budget than before, with a larger amount of equipment, and we must add greater amounts for maintenance and upkeep in order to keep up our rising standards at all levels. Dr. Muller feels the same as I do on this, and plans to bring the subject up before the AID authorities on his next visit, when he will present figures for 1965 betterments and operations.

I. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

It is a pleasure to report that Mr. Robert Armour has taken hold of his post with full authority and competence. Dr. Muller feels that he is a desirable asset to the School and gives him excellent help and support in his labors. Mr. Armour teaches in Horticulture as well. Mrs. Armour teaches a short course in English for students and is doing special work in conversational English with about seventeen boys of the graduating class who are going to go on with post-graduate work in American universities. At the moment Mr. Armour is attending an American Society of Horticultural Scientists (Caribbean section) meeting held in Maracay, Venezuela, where he has been accompanied by Dr. Popenoe. These visits provide useful contacts and are good for the School and the individual.

II. ADDITIONAL LAND

I had been perhaps over-optimistically confident that a certain sponsor would have agreed to purchase a substantial tract of land adjacent to the School and give it to us as an outright gift. My undue optimism has

now suffered the usual fate and I am sorry to announce this grant will not be forthcoming. There is a slight possibility that we may be able to interest this particular sponsor for 1965, but I have strong doubts on the subject. I shall immediately start to look for another sponsor since I am more than ever convinced that we must plan for the future and purchase whatever adjacent land is available and suitable at the earliest possible moment. Land values are rising in Honduras. This is partly due to the interest of the School, but more than this, it is a logical result of the rising awareness and influence of the Common Market movement in the area. For instance, one of our neighbors at the School has over 150 acres in frijoles and similar amounts in corn, all destined and practically earmarked for the El Salvador market.

The opportunities to buy land at the moment may not exist later on, and we cannot allow ourselves to ignore the situation and run the risk of being forced into a position of land encirclement. There are about three tracts of land suitable and available; two are adjacent to the School and the other is not quite adjacent but also very conveniently placed. This last one of about 80 acres could be purchased for circa \$15,000. Are any of my gentle readers interested in being the sponsor?

III. BUILDINGS

You will recall that we have discussed a building program at several meetings. We now have an architect, Mario Valenzuela, from Tegucigalpa, in charge of this program, and together with Dr. Popenoe and Dr. Muller we spent a full afternoon going over the latest plans and the following possible additions to our existing plant:

a) Dormitories

As you may recall, there are four dormitory buildings, each housing forty students. Furthermore, each one of these buildings has what is called a "recreational area" which is a large room originally designed for such activities as: Ping Pong, Chess, lounging and reading. However, these areas are not really used for these activities and are often used for additional spare beds required, especially at the beginning of the school year when there may be some crowding. These areas could conveniently be converted, each one to three bedrooms, each to house six students, and since there are four such dormitory buildings, if this were done in each one of them, we would immediately have an additional twenty-four beds.

However, a further possibility is to build three more dormitory buildings on a smaller scale but on exactly the same lines as the existing dormitories so as not to disturb the harmony of the dormitory quadrangle. Each one of these small buildings would house twenty additional students, and it is our preliminary thought to start one of them in 1964 and build an additional one each year through 1966. At that time, if we were to follow the program outlined, we would have an increased capacity of 84 beds for students over the present capacity of 160, giving us an absolute figure of 244. Should this line of activity be taken, then we must think of expanding other

facilities as well.

b) Dining Hall

We have decided to increase the Dining Hall area by some 25%, by enlarging at both ends, North and South. At one end we shall incorporate a private dining area for faculty, where they can dine quietly and also hold faculty luncheon and dinner meetings. This area could also be used for dining facilities for the faculty families, and finally it would be a very good place for visiting Board members to meet with faculty and discuss different aspects of the School.

For the long future we shall have to build a complete new dining room, but this will be foreseen in the present planning.

Also we will immediately increase cold storage space as well as working areas in the kitchen for the preparation of meals.

c) Library

As you know, the library building now houses the herbarium, and both functions are suffering from lack of space. Therefore, rather than adding on to this facility, we consider it more convenient to build a completely new building of the same size and character of the library, immediately East of it, to house the herbarium collection. This would include a small area for research, an office for the resident Botanist, and an additional office or two for visiting scientists. This is the most important herbarium collection possibly in Latin America. It must be adequately housed and given sufficient importance to bring it into focus with the rest of the plant and the entire conception of Zamorano.

d) Chemistry and Physics Laboratory

We went into this addition rather thoroughly and have tentatively placed it South of the present main building, connected by an attractively covered walkway. Eventually it should be balanced off with the Biology and Natural Sciences Laboratory at the northern end of the same group of buildings. It will have offices for one or two faculty members.

e) Staff House

This house was originally planned for the use of bachelor staff, but has also been used for occasional visitors. It has eight rooms with two beds each and four bathrooms.

Having in mind the need to bring more people to the School, we plan to increase this facility, especially for use by visiting alumni.

Furthermore, we consider it necessary to build a new Guest House. This would be used for visiting families or different groups or special visitors, as well as for directors and their families.

IV. ALUMNI

I discussed with Dr. Muller the importance of organizing on a permanent basis a strong Alumni Association. It seems to me that this is the source of future financing. If we can motivate all of our alumni every year to make a drive for scholarships in their respective communities, we can, I believe, look forward to a yearly goal of fifty scholarships donated in the fifteen different communities that we now serve.

Since we are valuing our scholarships at \$2,500, this would mean that we would get an annual figure in the neighborhood of \$125,000, which is a respectful goal for the future.

For the present we can count on very few scholarship grants from the area, although I am certain of at least two in El Salvador. With a permanent, paid, alumni secretary, located in the School, with proper attention given to the subject, with proper public relations and organized travel on the part of the alumni secretary, I believe we can gradually build up to the desired goal. It will require some hard work, but we have started in one community with apparently favorable results. To this end, and since Dr. Muller must travel to Peru towards the end of this month, I have asked him to try to visit two other countries besides, and start grouping the Alumni with this function in mind.

At a talk which I gave last Thursday night to the graduating class on the subject of "How to Find a Job", we discussed this project also, and we agreed to hold our first informal Alumni gathering the day before our Board meeting. Therefore, we shall meet with the Alumni, including the graduating class, on Friday the 4th, at 8 p.m. At this meeting we shall organize the first Alumni Association provisional Board, study its needs and structure, and it will be an excellent time for our directors to meet some members of our Alumni group which, incidentally, is now close to the 900 figure.

V. SEED LABORATORY

This building and its function is most impressive. It serves not only as a seed bank, but more importantly, it gives excellent instruction to students in selecting, handling, evaluating and recognizing seeds. Furthermore, it will become an important scientific center for research and study, not only for our own students, but for other students of the area, if we should wish to admit them. Already we have received a request from AID for special students.

Apparently there has been a growing demand in the Zamorano valley for our corn and bean seed, and we have not been able to cover the demand. I foresee that we could easily produce for sale to other parts of Honduras or even throughout Central America, but here we must be very careful not to appear as entering into commercial activities.

VI. BUDGET

The 1965 budget will be sent to you prior to the meeting so that you may give it some careful consideration. Dr. Muller would appreciate any

observations you may care to make in writing or viva voce.

VII. FARM MACHINERY

Those directors who have visited the School during the last year are aware that we have an important amount of farm machinery on hand, about \$100,000 worth. This requires adequate handling and housing, and I am glad to report that we already have the start of proper housing sheds which should be extended a little bit more, and also a fairly good machine shop. This last would require enlarging or better yet, making it more independent of existing buildings since there is some conflict of area utilization with other functions. This situation can best be appreciated in situ. Already we are getting very good use out of the shop for instruction purposes, a course which is much appreciated by the students, especially on farm machinery and its handling and upkeep.

VIII. BODEGA

We went through the warehouse and noted with satisfaction that everything seems to be well-kept and in good order. The magnitude of our inventory on materials and supplies, which ranges between 120 to 160 thousand Lempiras, might be a matter for discussion at our Board meeting.

IX. BOUNDARIES

We have not yet been able to clear up all doubts as to the School boundaries. Titles are unclear in some respects, and the legal steps that are necessary to take for clarification are slow and cumbersome. The matter is in the hands of the School lawyer and engineers, but it does seem apparent that we shall end up with more forest land than we thought we had.

X. FORESTRY

The one unhappy note of this report unfortunately affects the School as well as the entire nation of Honduras. Large tracts of pine forest have been attacked by a borer *Tdendrotonus (Mexicanus) (Specium)*, which has infected many regions of the country. This identification has been made by the United States Department of Agriculture on the basis of specimens picked up by the OIRSA (Organismo Internacional Regional Sanidad Agropecuaria) and the Ministry of Agriculture of Honduras. Part of our forest land is affected. All efforts to combat this plague, on a national basis, have been given up since it is the considered judgement of experts that nothing can be done except for quick cropping of the affected areas. Dr. Muller informed me that we have already felled over 1,500 trees from our own forests. Fortunately we will be able to use this timber in the building program now under way so that we shall have no monetary loss, but damage to the forests, I am afraid, will become apparent more and more as the months go by. Being ignorant on the subject, I asked Dr. Muller's opinion and appraisal of the situation, and he has informed me that these situations occur when forests are not properly cropped and are allowed to produce too much old timber. It is significant that Honduras has never had the resources with which to develop access to its

forests and forest products. This may be the warning hand of nature... pluck the fruit at maturity before decay sets in.

XI. BOARD MEETING

We have developed a provisional agenda for our Board meeting, Saturday, December 5th. Since the activities will be very full, I trust that all the Trustees who plan to come down will arrive on Friday the 4th. This will give them a chance to attend the Alumni Association meeting that evening and will leave all of Saturday the 5th for us to dispose of all matters covered by the agenda. Graduation should be a very interesting event this year with the presence of don Carlos Sanz de Santamaria as guest speaker.

May I urge all Directors to come and help us in the resolution of many pending matters of real interest to the School. Furthermore, it will give me great personal pleasure to greet you on the doorstep together with Dr. Muller.

~~Francisco de Sola~~
President

Fds/cd

cc: Dr. Stacy May
Dr. Henry Allen Moe
Mr. Galo Plaza
Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Mr. George E. Putnam, Jr.
Mr. George P. Gardner, Jr.
Mr. John R. Kimberly
Dr. George Harrar
Mr. Jorge Mejia
Dr. J. Wayne Reitz
Mr. Thomas D. Cabot
Dr. Albert S. Muller
Mr. Charles L. Stillman
Mr. John W. Weeks
Mr. Franklin Moore



December 12, 1964

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N. W. Second Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
U. S. A.

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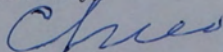
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Kind regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Francisco de Sola

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Enclosure

Candidates for EAP Board Membership

Roberto Ramirez	Honduras	President Banco Central.
Jose Bueso Arias	Honduras	Industrialist and Agriculturist, former Minister of Economy.
Jorge Manuel Deago	Costa Rica	Director Hydroelectric Plant, former General Manager of Fertica, S. A. (fertilizer products).
Jaime Solera B.	Costa Rica	Industrialist, leading citizen, former President Banco Central.
Joaquin Vallarino	Panama	Managing Director, Coca Cola Company, Banker.
Alberto Samper	Colombia	Turrialba.
Rodman Rockefeller	U. S. A.	
Jack Duncan	U. S. A.	W. R. Grace

7 de Enero 1965.

Sr. Ernesto H. Casseres,
Secretario - Tesorero
American Society for Horticultural Science,
Londres 40, O.E.A.
MEXICO 6, D. F. México.

Estimado Ernesto:

Siento no haber podido corresponder a su carta del 26 de Noviembre con anterioridad pero he estado viajando mucho.

Estoy seguro que el Ministro de Agricultura mantendrá su ofrecimiento de colaborar para el año 1966 para celebrar el Congreso Anual aquí en San Salvador.

No he podido encontrar a nadie quien quiera hacerse cargo como Chairman para esa reunión, por lo que tendré que ofrecerme yo interinamente, en el entendido de que si se encuentra alguien dentro del curso del presente año someteré su nombre para ser sustituido por el mío.

Con un atento saludo me suscribo,

Su Seguro Servidor,

Francisco de Sola

cc: Sr. Robert P. Armour
Dr. Wilson Popenoe. ✓

FdS/mdm.

Sat. - Aunt
[1905]

Dear Mr. Popper:

I am Terribly sorry
that you went to all the
trouble of going to Cruz
on my account with Pedro
and Jorge and expecting
me to show up there
- which I cannot do
to-day - (as per telez
sent you yesterday)

The reason is that
Leandra lost her Mother
just a week and a half
ago, is still quite
broken up about it, and
I do not like to leave
her for long. So I must
get back to-day.

I had a special reason
for visiting with you

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but will defer it for
another trip within a
couple of weeks or so.

I had bought over for
you some Sapucaya
nuts grown at La Colônia
and a bottle of wine
grown in sunny France.
It may approximate the
quality of Rubeus wine!

The Washington navel
at Los Andes are proving to
be a good commercial
venture since they came
on to market when there
is none available. This
in spite of their poor
quality - they are quite
acid and thick rind.
What can one do to
avoid this. Fertilizer?
Minor elements?

The 'Kelseys' are doing well, so also the Saturnas and Santa Rosa. I think Saturna is better for canning (which we are now experimenting with) When will you come over? Any week-end is good for me except

July - 9 - 12th since Ann Lipton & children will be up there.

Incidentally, she will be here this week, I believe, and is sure to look for you.

Adieu, hasta pronto.

Chico

AIR MAIL LETTER

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EL SALVADOR, C. A.

January 6, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

No news from you since December 12th, but I have heard that your meetings were very successful, as usual. I suppose you received my letter of December 12th by now, sent to Gainesville, but just in case you didn't, I am enclosing a copy.

We had Dick Hamilton here before the holidays, and his observations on the Altamira Macadamias were very interesting and valuable. He found one good clone amongst the many bearing trees, but recommends that no further seedlings be planted. He tells me that there are some good clones from grafted Hawaiian material at Barcenas, and I have already written Arturo Falla asking him to identify these trees before we send someone over to pick up the material. Perhaps you could give me some information on this. It might interest you to have a copy of the list of mangoes that Dick Hamilton considers good varieties in Hawaii as per attached sheet.

He was up in Los Andes with us, and in the very high part where we are growing apples, he recommends that we try four different things on account of the moisture and short duration of days:

1. Chinese Gooseberry (*Actinidia Chinensis*)
2. Curuba (*Passiflora mollissima* or *mixta*)
3. Some clones of good Capulin from Uyuca
4. Tree tomato (*Cyphomandra betacea*)

Do you know any place where I can get some of this material---besides the Uyuca material, of course.

On the high part of Los Andes the apples are not doing too well. It seems to be too moist and cloudy, and the fruit, although of good flavour, is of very poor appearance and full of defects.

I was in Peten on a jaguar hunt over the holidays with the children. Although we were unsuccessful in getting a jaguar, we all enjoyed camping out on the Pasion River. We also went up and down Pucté and Subin,



Dr. Wilson Popenoe

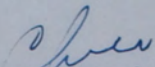
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I hope to see you soon, and do give us your good news.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

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MANGO VARIETIES FOUND IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
COLLECTION

INDIAN

1. Borsha
2. Neelam
3. Langra *
4. Chowsa *
5. Dasherri *
6. Taimuriya
7. Suvaranarekha
8. Van Raj *
9. Himayuddin
10. Himasagar
11. Zardalu
12. Fazli Zafrani
13. Jan. Pasand
14. Padiri
15. Prince *
16. Alphan
17. Fernandin *
18. Pulihora
19. Mundappa
20. Cherukurasam

HAWAIIAN

1. Joe Welch
2. Pope *
3. Momi K *
- 4.
5. Buchanan

OTHER

1. Kensington *
2. Carabao
3. Parwin
4. Osteen
5. Jacquelin
6. Otis Pivie
7. Oakrong
8. Palmer
9. Earlygold

(*) Proven varieties in Hawaii.

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ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
Antigua C., 17 Jan 1965

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

The time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things,
one reason being that I did not receive your letter of 12 December until
a couple of weeks ago when Dr Wolfe of the University of Florida brought
it down here.

Without doubt John Weeks sent me a copy of the minutes of the
Zamorano meeting, but I did not receive it. Bob Armour sent me a copy,
however. The copy sent by John may yet come, for in the past few days I
have received several air mail letters stamped in the States about December
15th. Charley Stillman et ux have been in Antigua twice, recently, and
I had some talk with Charley but did not learn much, except that he
thinks the solution of our financial problem is to charge full tuition
just as private schools do in the U.S. I need not tell you that I do
not go along with this at all. We are not going to get the right sort
of boys. Only a few days ago one of our crack graduates, Oscar René Hun
(1952) who has a fine agricultural business at Quezaltenango, told me
that we are not getting the material we got in his day, nor are the boys
getting as much practical training as they got in his day. Among our
very successful graduates I can point to quite a few like Hun who could
never have had the opportunity if they had been expected to pay even
\$120 a year. Nor if we had required the bachillerato. I am really
concerned about the situation. I believe we would do better to go back
to the old system of choosing boys through personal contact by staff
members who know promising boys from the other kind, as Julio Pineda
does (I believe) and not worrying too much about what preliminary train-
ing they have had, nor giving the scholarships only to those who get
the highest grades in the entrance exam.

I like the idea you have put forth, that of working thru the alumni
as fully as possible, and I believe the man you suggest, Manuel Antonio
Casseres, could do the job as well as any, if not better than any other
grad we have available. I know him well, because he was one of my boys.
He is dynamic, he is a good talker.

Oscar René Hun feels as I do (I believe Oscar is the son of a
German at Copan, by an Indian mother) that we are in danger of getting
away from the soil. Too much elaborate machinery, too much high-powered
laboratory work with not sufficient attention to dirt farming. The more
technical work could well come later - at Florida, perhaps - for those
who need it. This certainly is not more than 25% of our student body.
Mr Zemurray was a pretty smart hombre, and I think he visualised, very
accurately, the sort of school Latin America needs, more than any other.
With all this aid money we are in danger of over-expanding our physical

plant and our highly technical equipment at the expense of practical work in the field and the dairy and the nursery. Or am I all wrong? Probably wrong in part, at least, but I believe there is something in what I say.

APARTADO

TEGUICALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

About the suggestions for additional Board members. If I recall correctly, I believe the maximum allowed is 18. I don't know just what to think about this. It seems to me we operated more easily and perhaps more efficiently in the old days when we had a board of seven, all of them keenly interested in the school and all of them well-informed. But of course there are arguments on the other side. If we are to have a board of 18, and referring to the list submitted, I would be in favor of having one man from Honduras, most certainly. I don't know who it should be and I don't think it matters very much. The purpose is simply to have Honduras on the Board, as it should be. I think I would choose José Bueso Arias, as being closest to agriculture. I would favor Armando Samper of Turrialba, ex-officio, so to speak. We ought to be more closely associated with Turrialba for several reasons. And I would be very happy to see Redman Rockefeller ("Roddy") on the board because of his family connections and because he is a fine lad and he spent a summer with us and knows the school and I believe is fully in sympathy with our program. By all means, Roddy. And another, not mentioned, is "Kitty" Coolidge, daughter of Jeff. She is getting married in the near future to an old-school Bostonian of high standing; she is Jeff's daughter and should rightly inherit the toga, and she knows the school so well. Her mother is here at present and she thinks Kitty would be delighted. Kitty is on the board of trustees of Radcliffe, as you may know.

Thanks for sending me a copy of your letter to Ernest Casseres anent the next meeting (1966) of the Caribbean Region. I think you should by all means be Chairman, then let you pick someone in El Salvador who will do most of the leg work for you. If you will suppress your natural modesty for a moment - if you can, which I doubt - you will agree that this is the right, in fact the only proper, set-up.

At the next meeting, I greatly hope Bob Armour will be made editor, on a more or less permanent basis. The thing of having a new editor each year is not right. I feel sure Bob would take it and we can get the printing done in Tegucigalpa - where we have Ceiba printed - very conveniently and probably more cheaply than anywhere else. And when we have a permanent editor, several of us think there should be a committee of three, to pass on papers submitted at meetings and publish only those which are worth the cost of publication. Others could be published in abstract form. I would suggest that this committee be composed of the editor, the secretary-treasurer, and one other. Our parent society has a permanent editor, you know, and it seems to work; and I believe they also have a group which passes on what is to be published. This will become more and more important as time passes.

Again about the school, before I go onto a subject where I can probably make more useful comments. I don't think we are doing a good job on personnel. The turnover is very heavy, which means lack of continuity in teaching. This is in part due to that confounded trimester system. The University of Florida, from which we took our cue,

Now as to your letter of January 6th. I am glad to hear that Dick Hamilton was with you. I feel sure you have one or more good Macadamia seedlings in your collection. Arturo Falla told me the other day he had heard from you about grafting material. Arturo has no macadamias. Jorge Benitez is the only man who can help. He had some of the Hawaiian clones here at "k Pintado, but they were bulldozed out to put in alfalfa. There are some at Chocoma and I believe at Barcena. I think you had best let me help on this, by working on Jorge. He is tied up now with Kerns and does not get around to the places he used to visit.

Always faithfully yours,

Antigua, Guatemala, 18 January 1965

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador; El Salvador.

Dear Chico:

The Wallage Corn Improvement Program is harvesting a beautiful crop of seed, which must be distributed during the next two or three months. No use giving seed to the Indians if we cannot give fertilizer along with it. The idea now is to give out as much as we can to individuals, in each case with the corresponding small amount of fertilizer, and to distribute the rest through several cooperatives in the Quezaltenango area.

The amount we can distribute to individuals will depend upon how much money we have for fertilizer, and it is in this connection that we want to ask: Do you want to assist in this part of the program, and if so, to what extent?

The yields this year on the "Preparation Plots", with fertilizer which I believe you supplied, have been wonderful. I will be able to give you some figures shortly. Personally I am getting the feeling that considerably more than 50% of the success of this program is going to be due to fertilizing.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

cc Dr Milton Lau

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EL SALVADOR, C. A.

January 27, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am just writing to acknowledge your letters of January 17th and 18th, and before answering in full simply wish to say that in all probability we will get some further help from Fertica for the Wallace Corn Improvement Program.

Since I don't like to wear two hats on the situation, I have asked the General Manager of Fertica, Mr. George Oppel, to take the decision and communicate to you through one of their Guatemalan distributors.

Would you please also send on the information on yields direct to Mr. Oppel at:

Fertica, S. A.
Apartado Postal 5128
San José, Costa Rica

and send me a copy at your convenience.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Francisco de Sola

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February 6, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I now turn to your very interesting letters of January 16th, 25th and 30th. I have taken very much into account the remark made to you by Oscar René Hun, but I do not see much opportunity at this time of making any changes in the system of the School. It seems to be going well, and I believe the faculty would be opposed to making any radical changes.

I, on the other hand, would support some changes in the recruiting system which I don't think works to perfection--although it is not too bad. I would suggest, then, that you and I plan to act at the May meeting, which I hope you are going to attend and which I am going to suggest be held in New York City. This in deference to those members around New York like Stacey May and Henry Allen Moe who cannot move around much, and also to take advantage of the kind invitation of George Harrar to use their Board Room, my purpose being to keep George in close touch with us.

The Alumni Association is not really functioning yet. We had agreed with Bert to name Jacobo Zelaya, but he was not going to announce it until the Alumni Committee had finished their work on the "estatutos". It was felt more politic not to make the announcement until this work had been finished since some of the members of the committee were hopeful of getting the job themselves. Nevertheless, I think that by now the announcement must have been made since last week Miss Perez, of the New York office, went down to the School to gather some material for Charlie Stillman relative to the brochure which we are going to publish, and I took the opportunity to suggest to Bert that he and Miss Perez indoctrinate Jacobo in the card and follow-up system which she uses in New York on the Development Plan. I expect to hear from Bert within the next day or so.

I like your suggestions for additional Board members, and this will be taken up at the May meeting. If we include Kitty Coolidge what reaction do you think we may have in San José, Costa Rica?

With reference to the turnover of personnel at the School, I am sorry to advise you that Carlos Pacheco is leaving to go into the cattle raising business with his father-in-law in Costa Rica. Bert would like some suggestions for replacement. Can you think of any good ganaderos who can also teach?



Dr. Wilson Popenoe

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February 6, 1965

Alejo Esquivel is over in Guatemala right now looking into the Macadamia situation, and he carries with him a copy of your letter suggesting the contact with Jorge Benitez, which he will do. Thank you very much.

I haven't heard from Bert on the subject of Tomas Mejia. It would be an interesting arrangement, and I would support it providing it wouldn't upset anyone at the School.

I hope to get over to Guatemala sometime during this month, and will do my very best to come down to say hello. How about your coming over here for a few days of rest and relaxation? The lychees are in crop at the moment.

Congratulations on Hugh's appointment as Director of the Carribean Research Program at Gainesville. I shall write to him about Lancetilla.

I send you an abrazo and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Francisco de Sola
cmd

Francisco de Sola

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March 12, 1965

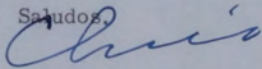
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just received your note written from Zamorano, and I am sorry that you won't be my houseguest on this trip. Nevertheless, I look forward to seeing you on your return from the States in late April or May.

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. and Mrs. Chapin, who, together with a group of the Board of Directors of William Underwood Company of Boston, (Jamón del Diablo), have been with us a few days to attend the innauguration of the new plant here. Mrs. Chapin is especially interested in gardens, and I told her that you had the best looking gardens this side of Viet Nam.

Saludos,



FdeS/cd



H. DE SOLA E HIJOS, SUCESORES

SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

9 de Abril de 1965 . -

Sr. Louis Martinz
Apartado 7339
Panamá, R. de P.

Estimado don Louis:

Yo he tenido muy buenos resultados
pidiendo árboles frutales a:

Bountiful Ridge Nurseries
Princess Anne
Maryland 21853
U. S. A.

Sugiero que les pida un catálogo, y
si desea algunas recomendaciones para escoger las dis-
tintas variedades de frutales, le sugiero consultar la
opinión del Dr. Wilson Popenoe, cuya dirección incluyo
al pie de la presente.

Muchos saludos,

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/cd

cc: Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓
Calle de la Nobleza No. 2
Antigua
Guatemala

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

April 27, 1965

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N. W. Second Avenue
Gainesville, Florida
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

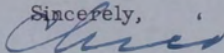
I am very happy to hear, from your letter of the 10th, that Hugh has been named Assistant to the Provost for the Center for Tropical Agriculture. The work must be very interesting, and I hope it keeps him coming down to Central America very often.

Do stop over at Los Andes any day you feel like it. If I am not there simply ask the caretaker, Julia Tenorio, to let you in. She already knows you, and she has standing instructions to turn the house over to you at any hour of the day or night. I mention this since I shall be leaving here on Thursday, May 6th, in order to make the New York meeting, and I am sorry that you will not be with us.

As regards naming ladies to the Board, although I am very fond of the Coolidge ladies, I wonder whether this is the best thing and whether it would not raise susceptibility in other quarters. Speaking of nominations, would you consider Roberto Herrera Ibarguen a good Trustee, as well as Jorge Manuel Dengo, this last one from Costa Rica?

I look forward to seeing you, and if not possibly before May 6th, then surely after May 20th, when I expect to be back.

Sincerely,



FdeS/cd

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June 9th., 1965

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

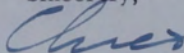
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you for your letter dated June 5th. and I am glad that you had so many pleasant visits recently.

As regards the *Rubus Glaucus* wine I am afraid that all of the ones I have tried are not much good. However I look forward to trying next time I am with you.

Having been in the Peten, at least what I saw of it, doesn't seem to me to be agricultural land of much promise. In fact I had the thought that perhaps the best exploitation of Peten would be to leave it as a primitive area and only use it for scientific as well as recreational facilities such as hunting, fishing and other activities of a conservationist nature. What do you think?

Sincerely,



FdeS/elm

Antigua, 29 June 1965

Dear Chico:

Your telegram reached me at Quezaltenango. It was thoughtful of you to send it, but we were sorry you could not be with us, because we had a very profitable three days in the highlands. Not being sure that you would receive the telegram I sent to Guatemala City I left the enclosed note for you with Maria, in case you came over here Saturday morn. We found that Rivera had left Quezaltenango two hours before we arrived there - we stopped overnight at Chichicastenango after having seen the pears (Comice) at Patzicia and everything at Helvetia.

Most important of all was the visit to the experimental collection which Jorge has worked on for some years - the planting at "Campo de Aviacion" near Quezaltenango. I have been worried lest the government forget this, but so far it is being maintained in pretty good shape. The thing of main interest to you is the group of young crafts which Jorge made just before he left the Ministerio. There are several apples there which you must have, if we can find some way to get trees for you next winter. They are not big enough to transplant yet, and I am terribly afraid that someone will take them out before we get a chance at them. He has Tropical Beauty, Simmonds from Homestead (may be Red Delicious), Dorsett Golden, Key West and a fine stock of Guinope (which I assume you have already). Due to reorganization of the Ministerio there are frequent changes in handling this station and Jorge can not get over there often. The fact that he was able to get permission from Kern's for this trip was the reason I didn't wait here to see you, and I believe you will agree that it was really important for me to seize the opportunity to go to Quezaltenango with Jorge because he is the only one whom knows what is there.

This is a bad year for the temperate zone fruits. Very few plums, few pears, a fair crop of apples. Juarez at Chichicastenango was beginning to harvest this crop; I am convinced that Juarez is Ben Davis and I believe he has Jonathan, but his is all mixed up on his nomenclature of varieties. I think we getting much new information on pears. Beurre Bosc is my choice; slow to come into bearing but bears heavily. Comice fine but not such a good producer. We found a new tree at Totonicapan, some 75 years old, a fine pear but probably from Europe and I doubt that we can identify it. Bartlett is growing well at Quezaltenango, trees Jorge planted, and I believe this may come into the picture.

I sincerely hope I can get over to Los Andes with you toward the end of July. Mrs. Zelaya sent me yesterday a fine basket of Kelsey plums from Carmona. Delicious, but they are not good keepers. This is probably why Kelsey has not become a great commercial plum in California, but it sure is the one I would plant for myself. Rivera says you have fruit at Los Andes and that there are two Kelseys. We must have taken scions from two different trees at Carmona. It won't be hard to straighten this out, on the basis of fruit you are producing.

Many thanks for sending me the excellent write-up regarding the load of lumber. That was a fine thing to do, from several standpoints. I have just written Bob Armour (Bert being away, so Bob has written) about the Indian boy from Chichicastenango who was sent over by Padre Casas, a fine Spanish priest who is really doing things for the Quiché Indians. This boy, Pedro Mejía, went over to Zamorana for training as you probably know. Bert was going to send him home this month but the Padre asked that he be taught to handle a tractor. Bob writes that Bert has agreed to his staying on another month to do this. (I really feel we ought to keep this boy longer; it costs us nothing as the Padre is willing to pay for his board and everything else). In any event, when he comes home I believe we can get a good write-up for the school in the Prensas Libres, based upon the government's interest in helping the Indians (e.g., the Wallace corn program and Padre Casas' work) and what EAP is doing to assist. I think it will make a hit.

I am sure you know all about the Guatemalan Tour which the N Y Botanical Garden is planning for Oct 22-Nov 5. They have 50 already signed up and may get 15 to 20 more. They have asked that Antonio Molina come over to accompany the tour and tell the visitors the names of interesting plants they will see along the roadsides. I will take part but Antonio knows more of the wild plants than I do. This will be another chance for the school to get some good publicity and it will also be fine for Molina, as there will be a lot of important botanists on the tour with whom he will get acquainted on an excellent basis - right in the field. I think it will be good for Louis Williams also, as it will be pointed out that Molina is working for Williams and the Chicago Museum in connection with its study of the Central American Flora.

I have six in the household - children and grandchildren - and after Marion and family go home this week Nancy and family, five in all, will come. I am having my hands full of course, but enjoy having nearly all my offspring with me this summer. Toward the end of July I will get back on the temperate zone fruits. We are really making progress in this field. The Fundación Eugenio Mendoza asks me to come down to Venezuela for some months to push ahead the program we started in the Andes around Mérida several years ago. I think toward the end of the year I might go, arrange to receive a lot of trees from the States, and plant them in the region Bob Armour and I thought so promising last year. I believe this would be the best way to push things ahead; much faster than growing young stock (and they don't have anyone who is prepared to do this, anyway; they have tried and it was a flop). We know enough about varieties to put out good apples, pears and plums, and to encourage them with strawberries and grapes.

Always faithfully yours,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS, SUCESORES

SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

2 de Julio de 1965

Señor Ernesto H. Cásseres,
c/o Hotel Liguanea Terrace,
KINGSTON, Jamaica.

Estimado Ernesto:

Lo he pensado bastante y siento no poder aceptar la Presidencia de la Sociedad Hortícola para el próximo año. Tengo la mejor buena voluntad pero es una imposibilidad física atender a tantos distintos asuntos, de modo que va a tener que disculparme.

Si Tomás Vilanova no acepta la Presidencia sugiero que sea Carlos Aguirreurreta, quien es ahora Director del ISIC y buen horticultor.

Podrían estar también Danys, Alejo y Manuel Martínez en la Directiva.

Ayer hubieron ciertos cambios en el Gabinete y el nuevo Ministro de Agricultura es el Ing. René David Escalante Orozco. El es Horticultor, trabajó muchos años en Venezuela y muy entusiasta. Creo que podemos contar con mucha colaboración de su parte para el Congreso y desde luego cuenten conmigo para asuntos de gestiones y fincas, etc; pero definitivamente no puedo aceptar otro cargo en la Directiva.

Sugiero que el Congreso se haga durante el mes de Junio cuando todavía hay algunos mangos y otras frutas.

Lo saluda atentamente,

Francisco de Sola

FdS/mdm.

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

July 2nd., 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Pedro Rivera is back and thank you for the time you gave him. I am sorry that I could not meet you at Quezaltenango since I had to get back here the very next day, but now I have heard from Pedro that you and Jorge Benitez were not able to go either and I do hope that this was not on account of ill health.

I wrote you a note from Guatemala which I sent along with the wine and with the Zapucayo nuts all of which I hope you received.

I am concerned about the orange trees at Los Andes. They are doing well but the rind is too thick and the fruit is rather acid. Can you advise me as to what can be done to sweeten the orange? Also could you tell me what other type of orange might be recommended for that 5,300 to 5,600 foot elevation? I wonder if Ruby might not be a good variety. What do you think?

I hope to come over and see you very soon.

Both Altamira and Los Andes are very beautiful. Next week we will start planting strawberries at Los Andes, and besides the Lassen varieties we will receive some Tioga, Fresno and Torrey. I hope you will come over soon and stay a week-end there with me.

Abrazos,

W. de Sola
Per Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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July 6th, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

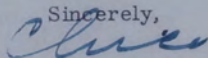
Since writing you I have received yours of the 25th and 29th of June with your very interesting information.

Pedro came back with a certain amount of material which is already in the ground and will be ready for grafting next January February. I am very anxious to have a talk with you before long so as to define some policy with my apple plantings at Los Andes. The same holds true for the next grafting season on plums and I really look forward to having a visit with you either in Antigua or at Los Andes.

I am very interested in Sapucayo nuts and have asked Bob Armour to give me all the information he may have at hand. We are now eating the first crop from La Cabaña and I am setting out many seeds so as to be ready for commercial planting next year although we do not know much about yields or economic values as yet. I wonder what information you may have at hand.

I do hope this finds you well and with kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



FdeS/lh

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July 12th, 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Since I know you have been worried about him I am sending you a photocopy of the letter received from Mr. Wallace which shows, at least, that he is in good spirits.

Jorge Benitez showed up surprisedly on Friday and brought me some Macadamia graft trees as well as substantial amount of graft wood, all of which I have used up at Altamira.

Thank you for your remarks on oranges at high altitude. I shall set out fifty Valencias to try them out.

Don't you think it would be useful for me to import some ~~M~~alling material to produce here for the future. Where would be a good place to buy some?

Sincerely,

FdeS/lh

{Francisco de Sola = Chico}

July 4, 1965

Dear Chico,

The data on earthquake damage was terrifying. My guess would be that in proportion to the country you really had more damage than the famous Chilean earth quake.

Thanks for the meteorological data. I am astounded at the amount of rainfall in July and the amount of cloudiness the year around. With such heavy rainfall it would seem somewhat difficult to hold strawberries over from one year to the next. ~~XXXX~~ In case you wish to hold over, it would seem essential to discover a berry which stands such extreme rainfall with the minimum of disease. I do not know whether the California berries have been bred for this ability. With so much cloudiness it would seem to be difficult to get top flavor in strawberries.

Something depends on just what C.M. Hyde Co. charge you per thousand laid down in El Salvador air freight.

I still think that Toga is probably your best bet. Tioga has a lot of Lassen blood in it but is a much better taste. It was bred especially for southern California conditions where they plant fresh in the late summer each year.

The Flaco x California will have small berries but they should be tasty. Fairfax (this is an inbred strain) is my best berry but I had not thought it would do well for you. Dabreak is the leading berry for Louisiana. I think it has a better flavor than the California sorts.

Nathan Derecktor is all wrapped up in his horses. This is a special type of madness which all who have Spanish blood understand. I am not made that way.

Leonorcita has been having amazing experiences for one so young. I have a grand daughter just finishing her first year at college. She amazes me as I am sure Leonorcita amazes you. They are so wise and so unexpected. Lets hope they marry wisely.

My game leg (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) has put me out of action. It is the Mayan curse. I should not have climbed the pyramid at Huehuetenango so fast. Probably I stepped on the blood of an ancient sacrificial victim.

Our project for the cold country of Guatemala comes slowly. I wish George Freytag had a little more part in it. He is very wise in the ways of corn.

Mrs. Wallace carries on remarkably well which is very fortunate considering the current state of my nerve trouble. There is no pain but great weakness. So hard to get around. Unless I can reverse this my traveling days are over.

Warm personal regards, (so un-British)
Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Wallace

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. CABLES: DESOLA

July 14th., 1965

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have your letter of the 11th. July and am delighted to know that you will be coming over here soon. I will be here uninterruptedly until September 10th. and as far as I know I can go up any week-end except the week-end of August 6th., 7th., and 8th.

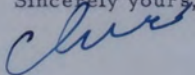
Your Key West apple is doing very well at Los Andes and has a small crop on it. I am anxiously awaiting maturation so as to taste the quality.

Jorge Benitez came over with 21 plants of grafted Macadamias from Hawaiian material. He also brought me enough scion wood from the parent trees at Chocoma to graft about 150 up at Altamira which is now being done. If this takes hold I will be a very satisfied man indeed.

I have decided to go in head first for Sapucaya and I am planting 400 up at Altamira in between the orange trees. The orange trees will come out gradually and are being replaced by an orange planting up at Los Andes which seems to be better business since the oranges up there come into the market when there are no oranges here and therefore command a better price.

Yes I agree with you that now is the time to keep don Enrique fully informed with chatty letters. My shipment of 84,000 plants of strawberries arrived from Hyde of which 60,000 are Lassen, 20,000 Tioga and 2,000 each of Torrey and Fresno. They arrived in fine shape and cost about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of a dollar each. I am trying to figure out a way of producing these plants cheaper myself and wonder whether you could advise me as to how this should be done in order to ensure a vigorous, healthy virus free plant.

Sincerely yours,



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Nvo. 296h [1965]

Dear Doctrr... Thak you for your letter of the 21st
and snapshots. In return I send you
one showign how to go through Harv rd in a hack -
and like it. I snapped my Achilles tendon Oct. 21 st
and have been on crutches and cherir everssince.
Now I have hired myself an electric golf cart and
am the envy of the entire school.

I went down to don Enriques funeral service in
Widgefield, Conn. The church was small but well
attended. I sat with the Derektors in the Wallace
family pew and afterwards we went to the Wallace
home to chat a bit with Mrs. Wallace. She was
brave and containeed. pparently don Enrique kept
notes on his ailment up to the very last, so as to
give inform tion to his doctors. I wired B rt. M.
to have a memorial service for don Enrique this
Sunday. Sent one of your snapshots to Mrs. Wallace

Hope you will come to the Zam meeting at
Ny.Y. next month. Will still have flat tire
but you cant keep me down when it comes to Zam.

Saludso

Chirco
[Francisco de Sola]

[1966]

TELEGRAMA

Francisco de Sola

H. de Sola e hijos Sucs.

San Salvador (Rep. de El Salvador)

Acabo leer libro de Rodman aunque su conversacion conmigo contiene
muchas palabras que yo no usaba es obvio que mi carrera esta terminada
no vendré a esa estoy enfermo y regresaré Florida.

WILSON POPENOE

CHARLES L. STILLMAN
TIME & LIFE BUILDING
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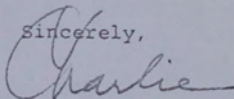
April 26, 1966

Dear Chico:

I have read with a great deal of interest your memo of April 14th to the Board of Trustees concerning your meeting with Mr. James Wallace.

I am fully in accord with your idea and hope the details can be worked out. This would include making sure that the Escuela Trustees have sufficient control over the funds to come under the tax deductible ruling enjoyed by U. S. citizens, corporations and foundations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlie".

Mr. Francisco de Sola
Avenida Morazan 117
San Salvador
El Salvador

cc: Board of Trustees

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

SUCESORES

Casa Fundada en 1896

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

June 2nd., 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 N. W. 2nd. Avenue
Gainesville, Fla.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It was great to hear from you again. Your letter of the 27th. May arrived yesterday.

We certainly look forward to seeing you in Boston, first at dinner with Kitty and later at the cocktail on Tuesday.

As regards the Wallace Fund, I am going up next week to visit with Mr. James Wallace and discuss the possibility of making a permanent fund out of it. When he was here in April I touched on the subject and received a favourable reaction. Therefore having been invited to visit the Pioneer Hi-Bred seed operations in Des Moines. I am taking advantage of this trip and hope to bring some news about the Wallace Fund to our Boston meeting.

I have received nothing from Milton Lau and I think it would be very interesting if I could show the Wallace people in Des Moines a copy of this report, or at least give them an outline of the work done with the Wallace Fund for the Guatemala corn project. Since there is not enough time to ask you to send me a copy here, may I ask that you send me a photostatic copy addressed to Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa where I will arrive on the evening of June the 8th.

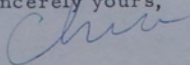
It is good to hear of the successes with your introductions in Spain and this must give you much satisfaction.

I certainly hope that you will finish up in California in time to get down here for the A. S. H. S. meeting which is going to be "estupendo".

I am enclosing a little brochure we made up with Miguel Elvir, Bert and myself for distribution in all those countries where he will

visit to try and get people to contribute. We find that there is a great deal of lack of knowledge about the School and a short quick brochure is needed. Even this one I think is too long and should be cut down somehow. I would appreciate your ideas.

Sincerely yours,



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Encl. -

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

July 12th., 1966

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

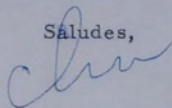
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just received your wire, and like you, I was distressed to read Rodman. In my opinion he is unquestionably a very great "energumeno" and you must not take him seriously.

I regret to hear that you are not feeling well as we were looking forward to have you here at the house during the coming week. If you feel better come on over, the guest-room is ready for you and the change in climate should do you good.

You need not attend to the meeting and perhaps at the end of the week you feel up to attending the banquet on Friday and then can tell us something about Spain.

Saludes,



FdeS/elm

TELEGRAMA

Antigua G, 26 julio 1966

Francisco de Sola

H de Sola e hijos Sucs.

San Salvador, Rep. de El Salvador

No estaré en esta jueves pero Maria recibirá a Leonorcita y
Faurel con un almuerzo antiguëño. Saludos.

Wilson Popenoe



October 31 1966

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
1722 NW 2nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I now turn to your most interesting letters dated 1st, 6th (a repetition) 10th and 24th October.

In the meantime the Ford Foundation group has been here as you will have been informed by my short report. Also, you should be receiving very shortly their own full report sent through John Weeks. I think it was a thing to have this group visit us, if for no other reason to place EAP firmly in the minds of the Ford people. From now on, I feel, we can receive almost any kind of support that we may need from them provided, of course, we have a reasonable basis to go on. They were much impressed with what they saw in Central America and the role of the School in this new changing complex.

All of your comments I find most pertinent, especially with reference to the eight points brought up with Ford. Since most of these points have been covered in the Ford report, I will abstain from further commentary except to say, that I am in general in accord with all of the proposals set forth by them. I am particularly interested in the solution given to the fourth year length to the B. S. degree; the higher tuition rates and the Loan Fund. This interesting combination has the following advantages; it will allow for one more year of agricultural education combined with humanities; it adds the prestige of a university degree; it will allow the School to select the best and most motivated students from the three year course; it will help substantially in financing costs; it will put us in a position to attract good quality faculty personnel, and finally, it should assure us a graduate of high technical and cultural quality.

Discussing the Loan Fund, it was made clear that the Ford Foundation would help establish this fund on a matching basis. They insisted that we should ask for this to be integrated as soon as possible after the final decisions were made so that we could invest the funds, and the proceeds would then help in further increasing it since

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the lending activity would only come about gradually, thus allowing us the benefit of income from the unused principal. Although they spoke of a sum in the order of \$400,000, I think, we should shoot for a higher figure; at least \$500,000, subject to an actuarial study. Also I think we should seriously consider a more realistic interest rate than 4% - otherwise we might end up financing all kinds of operations without knowing it.

I am very anxious to discuss all of this with you personally and look forward to your visit here sometime before the 30th November, since we should get over to Zamorano on Tuesday the 29th of November, so as to open the Symposium on Wednesday the 30th. Since there will be a crowd there, and for you to be comfortable, we have reserved the single room for you in the Casona.

Board of Trustees attendance at the Board Meeting which is to be held Saturday the 3rd of December is going to be good, and I hope you can prevail on Wayne Reitz to come, since his opinions on the changes to be made will be most valuable. The Ford people also told me they would view with favour seeing more Latins on the Board. To date we have six, including yourself. What would you think of inviting Ernesto Casseres of Costa Rica and/or Enrique Delgado of Nicaragua? Let's think it over.

I now turn to your letter including a draft of your talk for graduation. I find this simply wonderful. It sounds like you. It has all the historical aspects of the School, presented in a pleasant chatty manner and it also has the spirit and feeling of depth and sentiment which you are such a master at presenting.

I would like to make the following suggestions since you have been good enough to ask me. I know that you do not usually read your talks, and that you will speak from this paper. I believe that on page six, where you say: "we started small, we are still small, etc." you might mention the studies going on, and the thought that, although small physically we are large spiritually. I like the following paragraph very much, as well as the recognition of the trend to a higher academic level.

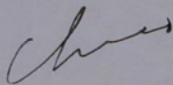
I believe you can also play up the fact that we are this year graduating the thousandth graduate. By actual count, there will be one thousand one, and there will be a little excitement as to who gets the thousandth diploma since this is done, as you know, "al azar". Finally, I think it would be better on page 9 not to compare the

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Florida B. S. degree to the Ingeniero Agrónomo degree. Whilst this is true, comparisons are usually odious.

My kindest regards, best wishes and warm thanks for these wonderful letters.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Chavez' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Gainesville, Florida, 11 November 1966

Sr don Francisco de Sola
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Many thanks for your good letter of 31 October. I also have your brief report to the Board, in re the visit of the Ford group. Obviously they are very much interested and, as you say, are going to give us much-needed support. There will be a lot to talk about at the Board meeting in Zamprano.

I sent Wayne Reitz a copy of my memo to you of 24 October (which was a final draft of the earlier one), hoping to have an opportunity talk with him, but he has been so busy these past weeks that I have not wanted to take any of his time. I assumed he had received the memo you sent to the members of the Board, in which you raised the questions which called forth my comments. I dont know that Wayne has offered his own to you, direct, but rather doubt it. I am enclosing a letter he wrote me which I suppose would have been just what he would have written you. I am afraid Wayne will not be coming to the Zamorano meeting; yesterday I called his Secretary and she said it is not on his program.

I have a reservation to fly to Guatemala on the 21st. I am planning to come over to El Salvador to spend a couple of days with you before we go to Zamorano. Incidentally, Dunlap is anxious to have a talk with me about Lancetilla before the first meeting of the Symposium. I suppose this could be arrange on the evening of the 29th, but maybe I should plan to fly over to Tegucigalpa on the 28th. We can figure this out when I get down there.

Your suggestions regarding the Commencement address are excellent and you rest assured that they will be incorporated. Since I am not

going to read the address, verbatim et literatim, we will talk it over when we are together in El Salvador and decide on a few points which deserve special emphasis. It is not going to be easy to make this speech, in Spanish; it really requires a bogotano, but at the same time I think perhaps it may be better to have it in simple, unadorned language coming from the heart.

I like the idea of bfining up the "thousandth student" business, and fully agree that we should not compare the B S as given in the U S with the Ingeniero Agronomo of C A. I had forgotten how Volio of Costa Rica, who ~~only~~ had a B S from Cornell, could not be incorporado even though he was Ministro de Agricultura. Nor have I forgotten how the Facultad at San José refused to grant any credit to the boys for three years at Zamorano. The curricula were not the same.

I will be sending you a telegram from Antigua, or maybe I will get in touch with you thru your office in the City. If I should come over to San Salvador before you are ready for me I could easily stay with Claud Horn or some other compadre of mine.

Faithfully yours

Wilson Popenoe

[N.D., ca Dec?
1966?]

Robert Wallace Esq.,
Hi-Bred Hatcheries
Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Bob:

We seem to have lost contact with you regarding the disposition of the Wallace Memorial Fund. We would very much like to get things lined up to the satisfaction of the Wallace Genetic Foundation. By this time you have doubtless discussed the matter fully and are ready to go ahead and tell us what you would like us to do.

We still have some \$14,000 in hand, which was deposited some months ago in the Banco Atlántida, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and is earning 4-1/2% per annum. When you were down here, and we talked about building up the fund to a very substantial figure, we believe you told us that the Wallace Genetic Foundation might be able to contribute \$5000 a year for another year or two - perhaps longer - but that this would be about the limit. We have not turned up any sources of significant contributions, so we have been basing our ideas on a total of \$25,000, which might be put out at 5% interest. We have had in mind several factors which we believe should be taken into account, when planning for the use of this money, either in a lump sum of \$25000 or the earnings of \$1250 a year. These factors are as follows:

1. However the money is employed, it should provide a memorial to your father, which is richly deserved because of all ~~the~~ he did for Latin American agriculture.

2. Since his major contributions were in the field of corn improvement and corn cultivation, we feel that the memorial should be tied in with this crop. We have the same feeling, which is intensified ^{by} ~~that~~ in his last communication with us - a note he wrote to

Wilson Ropenoe, by hand, only two days before his death. He stated

that he was sending a check in the amount of \$5,000 which he wished to be added to the sum still in hand down here, and used for continuation of corn and corn cultivation, especially among the Indians.

3. The work had been based, from the start, upon (the distribution of small lots of selected seed (not hybrid seed), fertilizer, and insecticides among Indians in the Guatemalan highlands, and small farmers in the uplands of Honduras, within reach of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana; and limited assistance to this school in connection with the breeding of corn for Central America.

We discussed with you what might be done. The following ideas were put forth for your consideration after you had returned to the States and could talk ^{with} others concerned:

1. A Wallace Memorial Scholarship could be given through Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, at intervals when accumulation of funds permitted, to a student who would agree to devote particular attention to corn improvement and corn production. We would hope - and almost expect - that the stimulus provided by this scholarship might result in the man's continuing to work with corn after he left school - in fact, become a professional in the field of corn growing, but past experience along similar lines has shown that we not ask the student to commit himself irrevocably in this respect.

2. We could give an annual cash prize to the student who turned in the best paper on corn improvement and production, based on work done while he was attending Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. This could be awarded by a Committee, on which it might be appropriate to have the Wallace Genetic Foundation well represented. As a Memorial to Mr Wallace, this program would ^{have} the advantage of being of annual recurrence, taking place in public on graduation day, and always presented as the "Henry A Wallace Memorial" or something of that sort.

We like this feature, because it would help to keep the memory of

your father green, here in tropical America. You will recall that we have boys from about 15 Latin American countries in our student body.

3. If you believe it would have pleased your father to have this money devoted more specifically to corn improvement, it could be used here at Escuela Agricola Panamericana, to permit us to devote more attention to the specific problem of developing better corn for this part of the world. We could do this by using the money to pay costs of labor, fertilizers, etc, then distributing the resulting seed to institutions and individuals who would make good use of it.

You and your associates may have other ideas. If you do, please tell us what sort of a program you would like us to carry out.

With warmest regards,

Cordially yours,

Francisco de Sola

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SUCESORES
SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

December 24th., 1966

Mr. Robert E. Wallace
Swamp Road
Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries, Inc.
Doylestown, Pa. 18901
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I am very pleased to have received your letter with the knowledge that you will be coming down here next February with Mrs. Wallace. Please feel entirely free to use any of our facilities here in Guatemala or in Honduras.

May I start by saying that the time you have allowed yourselves which appears to be only five days is woefully short to cover so much ground, especially since I am sure you will find many things of great interest in Guatemala. I hope you will spend a day or two here in San Salvador and two or three days at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras. However if time is so short I am sure that our office in Guatemala could arrange to hire a car for you with driver (I would not recommend that you drive yourself). I am sending a copy of this letter to our Manager in Guatemala Mr. Eduardo Mueyhondt who can make all the arrangements for you and whom you should contact on arrival at:

De Sola & Compañia
8a. Av. 14-51 - Zona 1
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Telephone No. 26 -827
25-512

The drive from Guatemala to San Salvador over the new road via Ahuachapan is not only pleasant and interesting but is also a short one and you can do it quite comfortably in from 4 to 4½ hours. From San Salvador to Tegucigalpa it will take you 5 to 6 hours driving comfortably and one hour from there to the Escuela. At the Escuela we have a comfortable guest-house which is at your disposal for as long as you wish to stay. The School will be in session and I am sure

you will find it interesting to see the boys at work. Also there are many interesting things going on there in growing crops and raising animals. The School has a small station at an elevation of 6,000 feet nearby and if you would like to walk up there you might see some interesting birds as you walk through the cloud forest.

As regards people to see in Guatemala city, I would suggest you call at Instituto de Nutricion de Centro America y Panama (INCAP) on Dr. Moises Behar the Director. The Instituto Centroamericano ICAITI, Director Sr. Manuel Noriega Morales. These two institutes are doing really good work in Central America and both of the Directors are men of much stature and sensitive to what is going on economically and socially in the area. Here in San Salvador I will put you in touch with many different people but it depends on how much time you can afford. You will be travelling from Guatemala to here and here to Tegucigalpa on a paved road and although the road from Tegucigalpa to the Escuela is unpaved it has a good surface. It is a mountain road of about 30 Kms. in length with 296 curves!

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I am sending copies of this letter to Dr. Wilson Popenoe, to Dr. Albert Muller, Director of the School as well as to the Assistant Director Mr. Robert P. Armour should one of them be absent while you were to arrive there.

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May I express my best wishes for the Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year and looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you, I am,

Sincerely yours,


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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. CABLES: DESOLA

December 28th., 1966

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I enclose copy of my letter to Bob Wallace which replies to his of the 8th. a copy of which you hold. It is a pity that these people come down so fast but I am especially glad he is coming so that we can straighten out the question of what to do with the Wallace Genetic Foundation money; that is to say whether we will make a permanent fund out of it or use it as expendable funds from year to year. While I was up in Boston I saw John Sears and had lunch with him. He is an exceptional nice person, isn't he? I was hoping that he and Kitty might come back to see us before they went back to cold north but they have not shown up.

Allow me to tell you what a great pleasure it was for me to have been present at the Symposium which paid just homage to you. The Proceedings will really be Monumenta Popenoeii and I am putting in my first bid for a signed and autographed copy from you. Also allow me to thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for that wonderful document you have given me and which will hang in my house together with your picture and the "Cita" which was read prior to handing you the titulo.

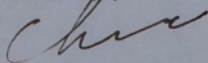
Speaking of titulos I think that your idea about Bob's doctorado is excellent. You always have excellent ideas and we should not worry about anything as long as we have you on the Board. I ran into Stacy May in Boston and he was still eager to work with Bob on the Ford Foundation report so I snatched the opportunity and he is going to be down at the Escuela the last part of February. Wouldn't you like to go at this time also? Bob is already working on his job and is being very thorough about it.

Getting back to the Wallace visit don't you think it would be a good time to try and induce him to think of the Genetic Foundation

establishing a permanent Fund at the Escuela?

After dictating the above Kitty Coolidge called from Tegucigalpa and they are now staying at the House.

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SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

Finca Altamira,
San Salvador.

- 1) El arbol No. 47 fué calificado como el mejor por demostrar ser buen productor de nueces, de cáscara delgada, redondos, de buen tamaño y de almendra blanca.
- 2) El arbol No. 59 tiene todas las características del No. 47 a excepción de que el color de la nuez no es uniforme. Por consiguiente no puede calificarse como buen arbol.
- 3) Los árboles Nos. 28 y 46 producen nuez redonda con concha delgada y consiguientemente se califican como árboles de buena calidad. El mismo arbol No. 46 fué calificado por el Sr. Hamilton como el mejor arbol en la plantación.
- 4) Los árboles Nos. 34 y 35 fueron clasificados como aceptables ya que dan muestras de ser árboles de alta producción.

Todos los árboles en la plantación se consideran buenos y pueden conservarse, como los árboles Nos. 20, 24 y 13 los que en opinión del Dr. [redacted] deben ser destruidos por tener concha de pobre calidad, o sea; nueces pequeñas que no son redondas y cuya

En cuanto a poda recomendó que se hiciera únicamente en el inicio del crecimiento de la planta para lograr un tronco único, y evitar una división de ramas del mismo, lo cual induce a la ruptura cuando el árbol sea adulto.

Francisco de Sola

cc: Sr. José María Díaz
Sr. Luis May h.
Ing. Tomás Vilanova
Sr. Robert P. Armour
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Int. Institute for Botanical D

Jan. 1967

Memo for don Francisco de Sola

You will remember Luis Gattoni, who was AID or whatever it was at that time, in El Salvador. I have just had a Christmas card from the two of them, Luis and his nice wife Vera, saying "Still in Korea, and will be until September 1967, when we go on home leave. There is a possibility of coming back for another two years".

Many years ago, when Luis was with STICA in Tegucigalpa, I talked with him about the post of head of the Dept of ~~Horticulture~~ Horticulture at Zamorano (I had known Luis for some 25 years, ever since he was head of the little agricultural school at Ambato, Ecuador). He was interested, but financially could not afford to take the job.

When the Gattonis left this hemisphere for Korea (only the good Lord knows why they sent a tropical horticulturist with more than 25 years experience to that part of the world) he told me it was his (and Verda's) dream to end their active days at Zamorano.

To build a permanent, experience staff it seems to me we are going to need at least three or four experienced, permanent men. What would you think of keeping the Gattonis in mind? You know enough about him to be able to judge the matter well.

Antigua G., 8 enero de 1967

Sr Don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

When I got back here a few days ago I found your letter of 28 December pxmo ppdo, also copy of one from Bob to Mr Wallace dated the 21st. I have just written Mr Wallace as per enclosed copy. I really think he should make Antigua his base during the days in Guatemala, don't you? I can easily get him around - INCAP and ICAITI or anything else he wants. I should think he and Mrs Wallace would almost certainly like to take a little spin around the highlands, verdad? I quite agree with you that we should take this opportunity to make definite plans re the Wallace Fund.

I am interested to hear that Stacy May is coming down in February. I will probably have to go over to Zamorano about that time to get some information out of Antonio Molina and the Herbarium, so perhaps I can plan to be there at the same time as Stacy. Speaking of the Ford Foundation report, Charley Stillman is here and I spent an evening at his house a few days ago. He seemed to be under the impression that we are planning to give a five year course, not a four year one. He did not seem to have any new ideas as to how we are going to finance even a four year course. I am getting more and more concerned about our financial future, what with AID planning to cut down on grants to us, and this "matching funds" idea which seems to be gaining in popularity in the States. What we really need is a healthy addition to our Endowment Fund, which I had hoped the Ford Foundation might give us, because HUGH, who had talked with them, was under the impression that they had something of the sort in mind.

Charley Stillman admitted that the Development Program hasn't amounted to much and didn't seem hopeful re the future; and I do not think that we can expect any big money out of the Alumni drive. The figures we were given at the Zamorano meeting show that we have dug into our Endowment to the extent of \$331,000 - though Charley Stillman the other evening thought it was much less. It looks to me as though we are going to be forced to dig into our capital heavily, hoping that before we eat it all up something will happen! If UFCo should begin to make some real money I believe they would come back into the picture in a substantial manner, but the future is uncertain; I understand they are not going to be allowed to change that serious situation regarding splitting up the Company next year - but of course I don't know anything about the matter.

I am glad Kitty too John over to Zamorano. I agree with you that he is a mighty fine chap, a splendid representative of those fine old New England families. Kitty was here with me for nearly a week before John came down, and I surely enjoyed running around the country with her. I believe she is going to become an important and useful member of the Board.

My New Year's resolution is this: Not to be away from Central America as much as I was last year (only two weeks in Antigua). I have become convinced that I can get more useful work done here than I can in Gainesville. I believe Gainesville fully shares that view.

Siempre su afectísimo

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
SUCESORES

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

January 14 1967

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

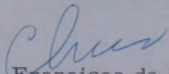
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am glad to hear from your letter of the 8th January, that there is a possibility that you may come over to the School when Stacy comes. He now advises that he will be arriving on Sunday, February the 19th. At that time I hope to get over there also and then we can go over whatever work Bob Armour has done, which I understand is quite a bit.

I have a different idea from yours on the Alumni drive, and having discussed it with Leon Schertler of the Ford Foundation, I am hopeful that we can make this really come alive.

I will also try to meet Mr. Wallace in Guatemala, although at the moment this does not seem possible, however we shall see.

Yours sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

Antigua, Guatemala, 24 ^{Jan} 1967

Sr don Francisco de Sola
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Enclôsed please find a copy of a letter I have just written to Robert Wallace. I believe it would be worth while for him to talk with Milton Lau while he is here in Guatemala City, but the main thing is for him to talk with you. I think he is cutting out a pretty heavy program for himself - Guatemala, El Salvador and Zamorano all in five days - but of course it can be done. I would rather not tackle that fast a trip - I cant take as much as I used to - but I will do it if necessary. I hope you will let me know if there is any chance of your being over here when Mr Wallace arrives, and if not, what do you want your people over here to do?

In your letter of January 14, which has just come back to me (Hugh is in and out so much, at Gainesville, that he does not get around to forwarding my mail very often) you mention coming over the Zamorano when Stacy May comes down on 19 February. I hardly could, anyway, and meet Mr Wallace here on the 22nd, and I dont believe I could add anything to your discussions with Stacy at Zamorano. I think I have written you that I had a couple of good talks with Charley Stillman here in Antigua. He didnt seem to have any very promising new ideas, so far as finances are concerned.

Warmest regards to all of you.

Faithfully yours,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
SUCESTORES

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

January 27th., 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Thank you for your letter of January 24th. together with copy of your letter to Mr. Wallace. Since then I have received word from him that he is arriving in Guatemala City on February 18th. and will leave from Tegucigalpa for Mexico City on the 25th. I enclose my reply to his letter. I will do my best to try to meet him on the 18th. in Guatemala so that we can spend the week-end together or at least Saturday and Sunday. Perhaps you will consider coming over here with him in the De Sola & Cia. car. I hope you will stay at Hotel Mirasol until Thursday when we can go over to Zamorano. Stacy May will be there then.

I think this is a very good opportunity for us to clear up what to do with the Wallace fund and I feel that Robert Wallace will have a very open mind towards it.

As regards Gattoni, you will recall that you and I have always kept him in mind for Zamorano and when I go over next I will put a bug in the ear of Bob Armour. In the meantime could you put a tentative bug in his Korean ear without committing us? I think he is an excellent choice for the Horticultural Department.

It occurs to me that if you and I still want to get Paul Allen's name on one of the laboratories at the School we will have to start educating our fellow Trustees. To that end I would ask you if you don't mind writing up something on Paul (which you already did so well for the Palm Society) and send it around as a circular to all Trustees. Frankly I think that a man as good as Paul and as dedicated as he was not only to the School but to Horticulture in general deserves a memorial.

Sincerely yours,

FdeS/elm
Encl. -

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

SUCESORES

SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

January 27th., 1967

Mr. Robert B. Wallace
President Wallace Hy-Cross Hatcheries Inc.
Doylestown, Penna.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

I have now received your letter of January 23rd. enclosing copy of a letter to Dr. Birdsell. This clears up my doubt and I am now aware that you will be arriving in Guatemala February 18th. and that you will stay in the area until the 25th. when you expect to fly back from Tegucigalpa to Mexico City. I will plan accordingly but it does not look as if I will be able to meet you in Guatemala.

Nevertheless I will set up interviews for you with Dr. Noriega at ICAITI and Dr. Moises Behar at INCAP.

In San Salvador I think you should meet some of our planning Board people, some of the economists of the Organization of Central American States (ODECA) and others. I think you should plan to arrive here on Tuesday the 21st. latest. This will give you all of Wednesday here and Thursday at noon you should move on to Tegucigalpa when I will hope to go with you to the School. Thinking it over it would be better perhaps for you to confine your driving only from Guatemala City to San Salvador which is only a four hour run. This transportation can be arranged by Mr. Muyschondt in our Office in Guatemala. Therefore I suggest that you make reservations from here to Tegucigalpa on Thursday on TACA Airlines which will give you part of the afternoon and all of Friday at the School.

The reason I had suggested that you get a driver is not because it is unsafe to drive alone but because I am always afraid that foreign drivers might not be able to cope with our local rather untamed truck and bus drivers who are a menace on Central American highways.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of an address

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

SUCESORES

SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

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I made the other day in Puerto Rico because it may give you a quick insight into some aspects of the present Central American scene.

Sincerely yours,

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

Encl. -

cc: Mr. Eduardo Muyshondt

Dr. Wilson Popenoe ✓

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DUPLICADO

Dear Chico:

[Feb 1967]

This morning Charley Stillman came over ~~xxx~~ to discuss Bob Armour's report of 2 February, ~~xxxxxxx~~ "Preliminary Study, Based ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Recommendations of Ford Foundation Report for EAP".

The discussion was very interesting. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Based upon Bob's report, Charley feels as I do, that we can develop a four year course which will meet with the academic requirements of CSUCA without sacrificing the practical training which ~~xxx~~ is so essential to the development of tropical American agriculture ~~xxxxxxx~~ and at the same time, provide the cultural and technical preparation which the Ford Foundation ~~xxx~~ feels is essential if EAP is to turn out leaders, and we all agree that we can have no higher ambition than to play an important ~~xxxxxxx~~ part in the development of leaders in ~~xxxxxxx~~ the field of tropical American Agriculture.

There seems to be no great problem in connection with Point 2 in Bob Armour's report - the revision of the present EAP curriculum to comply with basic minimum requirements of CSUCA faculties ~~de~~ agronomia. The Ciclo Basico now requires 70 ~~xxxxxx~~ credit hours; our present course is equivalent to approximately 40 credit hours. Could we not adjust our present three year curriculum to include the requirements of the Curso Basico, without cutting down the practical training, by postponing a few subjects we now give in our three year course to the proposed fourth year course? According to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Bob's memorandum, we are now giving 153 hours of professional work at Zamorano compared to 137 required by CSUCA.

Let us assume that 75 boys will enter in the first year- about as many as we can take with the maximum of 200 students considered to be about right by the Ford Foundation. These 75 ^{less minus} (with dropouts) on finishing the third year will be as well qualified from the angle of vocational training as the 1000 graduates we have ~~xxxx~~ turned out to date. And yesterday evening, in talking with Luis Cruz B. of Costa Rica, who ^{visited me} called on here, Zamorano graduates have ~~have~~ acquired a fine reputation for usefulness in the development of tropical American agriculture - and as I wrote you, that reputation, Hugh ~~xxxx~~ has written me recently, as gone as far afield as Viet Nam. They may not all be leaders, but they are, and have been, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ highly valuable, to Latin America. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Luis Cruz B., who knows the field very well, is strongly of this opinion.

I am sure the gentlemen of the Ford Foundation, who have done a wonderful job in studying ~~xxxxxxx~~ the potentialities of EAP, do not expect that by taking in 75 students a year, we can expect all of them to end up with the degree of Ingeniero Agronomo. Charley and I think that 25 to 30 should do so. We do not want to set up a program which will not leave the other 45 or 50 unqualified to assume useful positions or ~~xxxxxxx~~ be prepared to do good work for themselves. So how about something like this:

Re-vamp our curriculum so as to give ~~xxx~~ students in three years just about what they are getting today, with the titulo of Agronomo. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Offer a fourth year to those who desire to continue, and whose records have qualified them, to continue ~~xxxx~~ a fourth year and become Ingenieros Agronomos?

~~Perhaps~~ ^{I believe as} this is about what the Ford Foundation already ^{and yourself} had in



February 2, 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I enclose a copy of my first progress report on the study being carried out in relation to the recommendations of the Ford Foundation Report.

Concerning degree recognition, and our negotiations with the Univ. of Honduras I believe decisions at Board of Trustee level will have to be taken before these can be completed. I would appreciate having a committee decision on this point and, if a committee meeting can be arranged sometime during the second half of April, I believe this would be extremely beneficial to the progress, and ultimate value, of the study.

Please let me have your views on the above as convenient.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "R. P. Armour", is written over the typed name.

R. P. Armour
Asst. Director

Encl.

cc: Don Francisco de Sola
Dr. A. S. Muller

February 2, 1967

MEMORANDUM

To:- Committee Members, For Ford Foundation Report,
Preliminary Study Group.

From:- R. P. Armour *R. P. Armour*

SUBJECT:- PRELIMINARY STUDY, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE FORD FOUNDATION REPORT FOR EAP.

As members will recall, at the afternoon session of the EAP Board of Trustees Meeting on Dec. 3rd, I was charged with the responsibility of conducting a three-point study of the following subject matter:

1. Possibilities of recognition of the degree of "Ingeniero Agronomo", based on 4 yrs. of study at EAP.
2. Revision of the present EAP curriculum to comply with basic minimum requirements of number (1) above.
3. Budget revision based on requirements of number (2) above.

Furthermore, at the same meeting, the following trustees were selected as committee members:

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. L. M. Roberts
Ing. L. Robles
Don Francisco de Sola (Ex-officio)

In relation to the above I now submit my first progress report on the subject matter. This report covers the period December 1966 and January 1967.

PRELIMINARY STUDY - BASED ON FORD FOUNDATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

PROGRESS REPORT N° 1

(PERIOD DEC. 1966 - JAN. 1967)

I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 16, 1966:- Interview with School lawyer, Lic. G. Lopez Rodezno, to make initial contact with University of Honduras officials and for consultation concerning interpretation of the School's legal contract with the Government of Honduras, Decreto No. 47 of Jan. 22nd, 1942.
- Dec. 23. Exchange of correspondence with Lic. Lopez Rodezno on above subject to prepare agenda for first formal meeting with Univ. of Honduras authorities.
- Jan. 10, 1967: Formation of Faculty Committee for Curriculum Study.
- Jan. 13. First formal meeting held at EAP between University and EAP officials.
- Jan. 17-18 Visit of Ing. Edgardo Sevilla I., General Secretary, Consejo Superior Universitario Centro Americano. (CSUCA)
- Jan. 20-25 Visit of R. P. Armour to San Jose and Turrialba (IICA) Costa Rica.

II Progress made, under events shown on page one, and presented under the distinct headings of the aims outlined for this study.

A) RECOGNITION OF THE DEGREE OF ING. AGRONOMO

1. The position of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras is as follows:

- a) The "Ley Organica de la Universidad (Decreto No. 170) states:-

Page 4 Article 6: "Asimismo, integran la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, las Facultades, Escuelas, Institutos y demás centros de investigación y capacitación personal ya existentes o que se establezcan en lo futuro y que la Universidad reconozca."

- b) Decreto No. 47 del Gobierno de Honduras concerning operation of EAP states:

Article 8: "La Escuela queda facultada y autorizada, de acuerdo con las leyes de la materia, para expedir títulos profesionales a los alumnos que cursen y concluyan satisfactoriamente los estudios establecidos."

- c) Present discussions with University authorities are now in the "ante-proyecto" stage. Briefly, their present stipulations for recognition are as follows:

- (1) That EAP include the courses of the "Ciclo basico" in their revised curriculum, such courses to be given at EAP by EAP professors.
- (2) That the EAP fix a quota, with minimum and maximum settings, for number of Honduran students to be admitted each year (The limits of 20% minimum and 30% maximum, based on total number of entrants were discussed)
- (3) That the EAP provide technical assistance to the University of Honduras for the initial planning and operation of a "Facultad de Agronomia" to be established in the San Pedro area of Honduras.

PRESENT POSITION: We await presentation of the formal "ante-proyecto" to be drawn up by the Univ. of Honduras. This will be the basis for a further meeting at EAP.

2. Position of CSUCA regarding recognition:

- a) Ing. Sevilla states that, provided the "Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras" recognizes the title, all other universities, within CSUCA, will automatically do so.

This view was confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture and Dean of the Faculty of Agronomy in Costa Rica.

- b) Concerning recognition by other Latin American Countries, the position would appear to vary in each case but major recognition can be expected where cultural agreements between these countries exist.

Along these lines, the CSUCA lawyer is drawing up a table of recognition requirements for each country from which the EAP accepts students.

B) CURRICULUM STUDIES

1. The work of the Faculty Curriculum Study Committee:

- a) A summary of their first report (dated Jan. 20th) shows the following differences in the curricula based on CSUCA minimum requirements:

	<u>CSUCA*</u>	<u>EAP**</u>
Ciclo Basico	70	39.50
" Profesional	137	153.38
Electivas	20	-
	<u>227</u>	<u>192.88</u>
		Diferencia <u>34.12</u>

* Using recommended "Unidades Valorativas" as credit-hours.

** Calculating 3 hours of field work and lab. as 1 credit hour (U.V.)

- b) The committee will now begin actual work of course content and curriculum revision.
- c) During this work, and in the future, they will have close contact with, and assistance from, CSUCA advisers.

B) CURRICULUM STUDIES (Cont.)

2. Assistance from National Science Foundation (NSF/AID/ROCAP)

Following 2 days of meetings with Dr. I.D. Clement, of this program, it was agreed that assistance will be given to EAP by NSF specialists in the following areas of study:

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| a) Mathematics | c) Biology |
| b) Physics | d) Social Economics |

3. Advice from Turrialba (IICA) Personnel:-

- a) Help with curriculum planning should be requested from Ing. J. Becerra, Principal Educator, IICA, Northern Zone, Guatemala.
- b) An example of adequate courses in the Humanities may be obtained by study of the catalog of the University of San Carlos, Guatemala.
- c) Strongly advise that I attend the "PRIMERA REUNION TECNICA INTERNACIONAL SOBRE METODOLOGIA DE LA ENSEÑANZA DE LAS CIENCIAS AGRICOLAS" to be held in Guatemala City during 9-15 April 1967*

C. REVISION OF EAP BUDGET:

No action is being taken until phase B of the study is completed. Additional staff and laboratory requirements, as indicated by the curriculum study, are being noted.

* Ing. Robles will participate in the program of lectures under special invitation from IICA and CSUCA.

H. DE SOLA Y HIJOS
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SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

February 17, 1967

Mr. Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th. Street
New York, N. Y. 10020
U. S. A.

Dear Jocko:

I refer to copy of your letter of January 10th. addressed to Bob Armour. Bob was with me the day before yesterday and since he will be going to Guatemala for a conference between the 9th. and 15th. of April we have agreed to your suggestion that the Committee meet there. I am writing to Dr. Robles suggesting that we meet on the 12th. which is a Wednesday. If this is convenient we will then assume this date to be firm for our Committee Meeting, which I consider most opportune, especially after having had the benefit of discussing matters with Bob the day before yesterday.

Sincerely yours,

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

cc: Mr. Robert P. Armour
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. Leonel Robles

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Antigua, 1 Feb 1967

Dear Chico:

Just after writing the enclosed to Mr Wallace, I rec'd yours of the 27th ultimo, with copy of the one wrote Mr Wallace. I do not see that your letter involves any change in the set-up I had offered Mr Wallace, so I am not adding anything to mine. If you come over to meet him, and want to make the Sunday excursion I suggest, that would be fine; or if you want to keep him in Guatemala City Saturday night and carry out a different program on Sunday, it will be easy to make arrangements at the airport. In any event, I think you will want Mr Wallace to talk to Milton Lau, because Milton has been strong for a Wallace Memorial Fund such as we have had in mind.

Re Gattoni: He gave me his address, via APO at San Francisco, and I will write him a letter, reminding him of his interest in retiring at Zamorano and asking to let me know if he is still of the same mind. I think would be a good opening for him there and I feel as you do that he is the right type. I like the fact that is really a Latin American (tho you know that many years ago he took out US citizenship) and I feel that his wife would fit in well at Zamorano; which as you know, is about half the battle. In my own time, I lost more good men because their wives couldn't take it, than because they themselves were dissatisfied with the salary or any other conditions.

I am glad you want to go ahead with the matter of putting Paul Allen's name on one of the buildings. I suppose perhaps the new Biology bldg --but it could be another if preferred. I imagine this proposal should be brought up at the next meeting of the Board, shouldn't it? Kitty has just written me that John Weeks has told her the meeting will be in Boston, 6 June. Let's talk this over when Mr Wallace is here - for I assume you will be seeing each other at that time. I am afraid I will not be able to continue on the trip with Mr Wallace; Mr and Mrs Chickering are due to arrive on 10 Feb and will stay in my house for some time, and I will have to work with her on the book of paintings of Guatemalan flowering plants.

Again about the Paul Allen matter: It seems to me that the only member of the Board who was very vocal in his objection was Bert. Is that right? I am sure if we had gone ahead and put the matter to a vote it would have carried by at least a 2/3 majority but I know how you dislike divided opinion, and I am sure you are right. You probably recall that several times, in the history of the Board, we have tabled motions because opinion was divided. It certainly is preferable to have all voting unanimous. In the present instance, I think a word in advance (with Bert) is all that is required. But after I see you I will go ahead and prepare a memo for the Board if you still think it necessary.

Faithfully yours,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
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February 8 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala

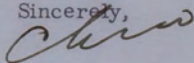
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I will certainly bring over the Café Listo with great pleasure, and I hope it will be possible for me to come over the day that Robert Wallace arrives, a Saturday, and stay with you over the week-end.

Thank you for sending me copy of your letter to Gattoni. I think I will talk to Bob Armour about this when I see him next.

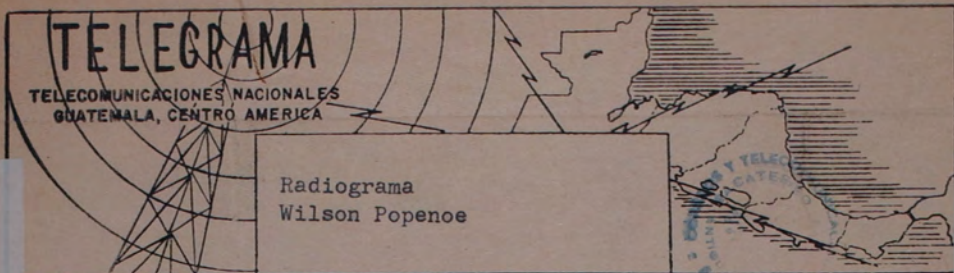
As regards the next Board meeting, this will be in Boston June 6th and I do hope you can come. In fact, I think it is important for you to come, especially if we wish to get the name of Paul Allen on the Biology laboratory. You are right, the main vocal objection came from Bert, but it is my impression that on his trip to the U. S. prior to our last meeting he also spoke about this to Weeks and Stillmann. I feel rather strongly about this.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

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Antigua, Guatemala, 23 Feb 1967

Sr don Francisco de Sola
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Undoubtedly you received from Charley Stillman a radiogram, which was repeated to me, and which read:

Arriving Antigua February 18 leaving March 12 can meet in Antigua Salvador or Zamorano charter or commercial as discussed January with Popenoe regards.

Charley came to see me shortly after his arrival here. He said that he had heard nothing about progress on the Ford Foundation report and since he was "on the committee" he thought he ought to check up. He asked me to get in touch with you and ask for a meeting as above.

I later took over to him Bob's excellent report of 2 February and sjoyed him that he has not heard anything because he is not on the committee. I left Bob's report with him for study. Incidentally, I asked him if he had any new ideas about financing the school if we go ahead with reorganization as recommended by the Ford group, and he was only able to mention what he thought might be done thru student loans and greatly increased tuition.

He asked me to tell you that if you happen to be coming over to Guatemala between now and 12 March, and have time to drop in on him here in Antigua, he would be happy to talk things over.

Incidentally, I asked him what he thought about naming a building for Paul Allen. I mentioned that he had made no comments when the matter was brought up at the Zamorano meeting. He said that buildings were usually made for men who had made substantial contributions to an institution; he could remember one such case at Yale but none at Harvard.

I mentioned that I knew of numerous instances where buildings had been named on the basis of major contributions in the field of education or science, as Jackson Hall and Emerson Hall at Davis, and many others. I told him that I believed the matter would be brought up again at the Boston meeting, and he said he would not oppose it.

I will try to speak with Wayne Reitz about this, if I get to see him at Gainesville next month. I have no doubt you have heard that Wayne is ~~retiring~~ as President of the University, effective September I hear.

Hugh writes from Viet Nam that he finds that Zamorano is well known and highly regarded in the group of agricultural educators with whom he is working out there. He says they need a couple of schools like Zamorano; that the agricultural college is a mess.

I shall be leaving for Gainesville early in March to attend the meeting which Johnny Watkins as requested in connection with the Proc. of the Symposium, then will come back here in plenty of time to be here for the committee meeting in April.

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

copy to R. P. Armour

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
111 WEST 50TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10020

March 6, 1967

Dear Chico:

This is my first day back in the office after a trip of three weeks' duration in South America. Before I set to the chore of digging my desk out from under the paper that has accumulated on it, I want to write you, with copies to the other committee members, to see if we can't definitely settle on a date for our committee to meet in Guatemala. I note that in your letter of February 17 you suggested Wednesday, April 12, as a possible date for our meeting. I note that in response to your suggested date, Ing. Leonel Robles has requested that consideration be given to moving this to the next day, Thursday, April 13. Since mail service is quite slow, I would like to suggest that we settle on April 13 and I am making my plans to be there at that time. In case we cannot get all of the points discussed that we might want to cover, I shall plan to stay over for the fourteenth. I am requesting a room reservation at the Guatemala Biltmore Hotel, and I will try to get a two-room suite so that we will have a convenient place to hold our conference.

I shall appreciate it if you and the other committee members will let me know as soon as possible if April 13 is a convenient time for us to get together.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis M. Roberts
Associate Director

Mr. Francisco de Sola
Avenida Morazan 117
San Salvador, El Salvador

LMR:sd

cc: Mr. Robert P. Armour
Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Dr. Leonel Robles

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. CABLES: DESOLA

March 21st., 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am terribly sorry to hear about Sally's condition and can only hope for the best.

I regret that you have this additional burden to think about at this time.

Of course there will be no objection to having Kitty here at the Guatemala meeting April 13th. Please tell her that she is entirely welcome. As a matter of fact I am sending her copy of this letter also, although I will be in Boston in the early part of April since the whole family is moving up to New York for Leonorcita's engagement which I think will be on April 5th. We shall be staying there at the Ritz Tower (Park and 57th.) and I will be going there on the 1st. of April. I am glad to note that Kitty wants to visit the School after the Guatemala meeting. I wish we had more Directors like her who visited the School as often.

Sincerely yours,

Chris

FdeS/elm
cc: Dr. Catherine C. Sears

ROBERT H. PETRIDGE, JR.
MEMBER, HORTICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURE

April 11, 1967

Sr. Francisco de Sola, President
Board of Trustees
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. de Sola:

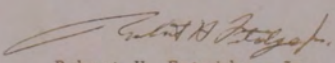
On May 25 Little, Brown is publishing FAMINE-1975! America's Decision: Who Will Survive? by William and Paul Paddock. William Paddock recently called me about a sentence on the dust jacket, written by one of our copy writers, which he feels minimizes the contributions others are making at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

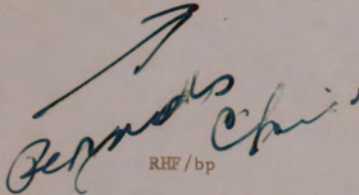
The sentence follows a statement that Dr. Paddock became Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in 1957, and says: "Under his administration it became the finest agricultural college in Latin America."

Dr. Paddock and Little, Brown are sorry for any embarrassment this statement may cause the Escuela. The sentence will be changed the next time the jacket is printed - possibly before publication date as pre-publication sales are going well.

Dr. Paddock has asked that you pass this information on to Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Mr. Albert Muller and others of the Board whom he knows.

Sincerely yours,


Robert H. Petridge, Jr.


RHF/bp

cc: Mr. William Paddock

Memorandum for Don Francisco de Sola

Re: Simon Malo as a possibility for EAP Board of Trustees.

When in southern Florida last month I made it a point to spend quite a bit of time with Simon Malo, both at the Subtropical Experiment Station and in his home, with a view to sizing him up as a possible member of our Board. Naturally, I did not let him know that I had any such idea in mind.

His colleagues at the Experiment Station and horticulturists in that region speak very highly of Simon. He is doing good work and has a good future.

Simon's wife is of Spanish origin; born in La Coruña but brought over by her parents to Tampa when she was two years old. They have three nice little children. Simon, as I think you know, has become a naturalised U.S. citizen, which he thought by some members of the Board to be a factor. I do not feel that way about it. I believe we could consider him to represent Latin America, and especially EAP, if he were on the Board. Our object, as I understand it, is to have the EAP alumni represented and both Bob Armour and myself think we could find no one better suited to the job than Simon. We both feel, Bob and myself, that he would be discreet when talking with other alumni, and above average in judgment and understanding.

Wilson Popenoe

3 May 1967

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
SUCESTORES
SAN SALVADOR, C. A.

May 4th., 1967

Mr. Robert H. Fetridge, Jr.
c/o. Little, Brown and Company
34 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02106
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Fetridge:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22nd. with reference to Mr. Paddock's preoccupation as regards a sentence on the dust jacket of his forthcoming book FAMINE-1975.

I appreciate the delicacy involved and hasten to assure you and Mr. Paddock that this in no way can cause any resentment nor reflect on the contributions which others are making at the School, so that he should feel no embarrassment whatsoever.

As requested by Dr. Paddock I am sending copies of this letter to Dr. Popenoe and Dr. Muller together with photocopies of your letter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm
cc: Dr. Paddock
Dr. Popenoe
Dr. Muller

Saludos

LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY
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34 BEACON STREET
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ROBERT H. FETRIDGE, JR.
MANAGER, ADVERTISING AND MARKETING

April 11, 1967

Sr. Francisco de Sola, President
Board of Trustees
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mr. de Sola:

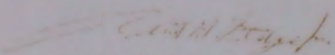
On May 25 Little, Brown is publishing Famine-1975! America's Decision: Who Will Survive? by William and Paul Paddock. William Paddock recently called me about a sentence on the dust jacket, written by one of our copy writers, which he feels minimizes the contributions others are making at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

The sentence follows a statement that Dr. Paddock became Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in 1957, and says: "Under his administration it became the finest agricultural college in Latin America."

Dr. Paddock and Little, Brown are sorry for any embarrassment this statement may cause the Escuela. The sentence will be changed the next time the jacket is printed - possibly before publication date as pre-publication sales are going well.

Dr. Paddock has asked that you pass this information on to Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Mr. Albert Muller and others of the Board whom he knows.

Sincerely yours,


Robert H. Fetridge, Jr.

RHF/bp

cc: Mr. William Paddock

Copia de esta carta enviada a Dr. Popenoe y Dr. Muller.
29 de Abril de 1967.

May 4th., 1967

Mr. John M. Fox
Chairman of the Board
United Fruit Company Foundation, Inc.
Prudential Center
Boston, Mass. 02199
U.S.A.

Dear Jack:

Back at my desk I wish to thank you once again for the extraordinarily generous gift of the United Fruit Company Foundation, Inc. which you were good enough to send with your letter dated April 18th.

Over and above the value of the \$50,000.00 with which you have contributed in order to allow the Escuela to liquidate its current indebtedness to Telsa Railroad Company, I value especially the spirit of understanding which has motivated this important donation.

You may be sure that henceforth the Escuela will keep itself current with Telsa Railroad Company in the services which it has so generously given to us during so many years.

Your statement to the effect that this donation does not replace the continuing annual contributions provided by the Company or the Foundation in the past, serves to strengthen and enhance the value of the relationship between our Institutions.

In thanking you in the name of the Board of Trustees for this generous donation may I add, together with my own personal thanks, my congratulations on your recent appointment as Chairman of the Board.

With kind regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY FOUNDATION, INC.
PRUDENTIAL CENTER
BOSTON, MASS. 02199

JOHN M. FOX
PRESIDENT

April 14, 1967

Mr. Francisco de Sola
H. de Sola e Hijos Suc.
Avenida Morazan 117
San Salvador, El Salvador

Dear Chico:

It has been brought to our attention that the balance of the account owing by the Escuela Agricola Panamericana to Tela Railroad Company has fluctuated for some time between \$40,000 and \$70,000. We realize that this situation arises as a result of the arrangement with AID whereby they do not pay the Escuela for authorized projects until the work is finished or has progressed to a certain stage.

It occurred to us that it might be helpful to the Escuela if the United Fruit Company Foundation made a one-time donation of \$50,000 to the Escuela, which amount would be used to liquidate the current indebtedness to Tela Railroad Company, with the understanding that future charges by Tela to the Escuela would be promptly paid and that the account would not be permitted to build up.

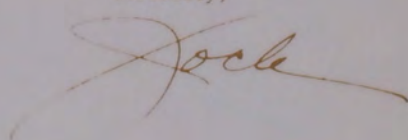
Accordingly, the Trustees of the Foundation authorized this donation, and I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$50,000. I hope you will agree that the above arrangement is reasonable and will assist the Escuela and, if so, you will advise Bert Muller as to our intentions so that he may be guided accordingly in the future.

This donation is not in place of the customary annual contribution provided by the Company or the Foundation in the past.

We feel that the Escuela Agricola Panamericana is still doing a magnificent job and merits our continued support.

Warm regards,

Cordially,



Enclosure

cc: Mr. John W. Weeks

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
SUCESORES

Casa Fundada en 1896

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

May 8th., 1967

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

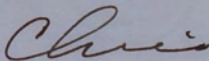
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I just received your memorandum dated May 3rd. on the subject of Simon Malo. I am prepared to back you on this. If there is any objection on account of his U.S. citizenship, then I suggest we propose Marco Tulio Cabezas who is teaching here at our University and who also is a Ph.D. from Gainesville.

May I remind you please on the possibility of your writing up a sketch of Paul Allen to be circulated to Trustees before the meeting. I think this will be necessary if we wish to get their support on naming the Biology building in memory of Paul.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm



May 10th., 1967

Dear Fellow Trustee:

I thought I would send along the "President's Report" prior to our meeting so that everyone could have a chance to look it over at their leisure.

I do hope we may have a full turn-out at Boston, June 5th, since this is going to be a very important meeting especially in view of possible curriculum changes now under study.

Sincerely,

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Francisco de Sola".

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

May 9th., 1967

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

The most significant event of the year has been the start of the curriculum studies which the Board of Trustees had been considering for sometime. Aid from the Ford Foundation was solicited and on October 22-26, 1966 we received the visit of an outstanding team of internationally known educators in agriculture. After travelling throughout Central America studying general conditions and the prevailing atmosphere as regards agricultural education they spent several days at Zamorano in discussions with Faculty and students. Finally they delivered a memorandum to us which is now under study by a special team constituted within our Faculty. This memorandum calls for the expansion and upgrading of our present curriculum and suggest the possibility of offering the degree of "Ingeniero Agronomo" which is the degree universally recognized by Universities and governments throughout Latin America.

At our next Board meeting June 5th. the Board of Trustees must address itself to this memorandum which will be presented by Mr. Armour who was asked to head up a special study Committee at E. A. P. A preliminary report shows that a considerable amount of study and thought will be required before any action is taken.

The need for curriculum revision has been felt for a long time. This pressure has come from Alumni and students who have felt that our present degree of "Agronomo" does not adequately position them in the agricultural-technical world as regards their colleagues who have graduated from other institutions. Quite apart from this, there is a general feeling

throughout Latin America of the need to upgrade agricultural education.

The area as a whole is painfully short of trained agronomists or agriculturists and the immediate future points to a continuing dearth of agricultural leaders. Expanding government programs based on the general pattern outlined by Alliance for Progress as well as the rising expectations of people make necessary a greater number of trained agronomists in the field so as to assure substantial increases in agricultural productivity. The recent Presidential summit conference held at Punta del Este during Pan American Week has pointed up once again the desire for a greater integration of the Americas as well as for a closer regional grouping.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM:

The Symposium on "Plant Introduction" held in honor of Dr. Wilson Popenoe took place between the dates of November 30th. to December 2nd., 1966. It was well attended by 20 Scientists, each of whom delivered papers, as well as by 25 observers and some E. A. P. faculty and students. It is the general opinion that the Symposium was a complete success. It produced interesting and valuable papers and brought together, within a harmonious atmosphere, the friends of Dr. Popenoe as well as friends of the School.

At the closing Graduation Ceremonies E. A. P. conferred on Dr. Wilson Popenoe the honorary degree of "Agronomo Honorario". This is the second degree of this nature issued by the School, the first one being conferred on Mr. Henry Wallace on December 7th., 1963.

JOINT SESSION WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

A joint session held with the Board of Directors of the A. G. E. A. P. (the Alumni Association). At this meeting we discussed informally some

of the aspects covered by the Ford report and were pleased to receive in general, a favorable opinion to some of the suggestions, such as the possibility of adding a fourth year to the curriculum; the possibility of offering the degree of "Ingeniero Agronomo" and the need to increase the tuition fee substantially.

We took occasion to announce at this meeting the resolution taken in our own Board meeting to the effect that henceforth at least one of the Trustees of E.A.P. will be selected from the Alumni. This news were received with enthusiasm and satisfaction on the part of the Alumni. We will name the first Alumni Trustee at our June 5th. Board meeting.

PAUL ALLEN:

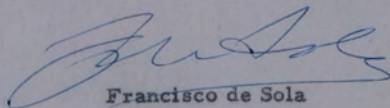
Prior to our last Board Meeting Dr. Popenoe and I had suggested that we name the new Biology Laboratory in memory of Paul Allen who was an active teacher at the School. However there was not sufficient information, it was felt, for Trustees to take a reasoned stand on the subject therefore the matter was tabled for further discussion.

I would like to bring this once again to the attention of the Board since I feel that Paul Allen's contribution to the School and to the field of tropical agriculture was sufficiently significant to justify naming one of the buildings in his name. He was a good plantsman, in love with the tropics, author, teacher and plant explorer, a skilled and untiring plant collector. In 1965 he was posthumously awarded the Founders Medal by the Fairchild Tropical Garden.

OFFICE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

It is evident that our effort at organizing the Alumni of E.A.P. and trying through them, to motivate the different communities in Central America to

come forth with financial aid for the School, has had good but limited results. It is my thought that this Office should be considerably strengthened and properly organized so as to cover additional activities other than Alumni matters. In fact its main function should be an active permanent fund raising effort throughout Central, South and North America and eventually other areas of the world. It should be staffed by competent men of high caliber and headed by a Director who would represent the School in every activity dealing with Alumni, or public relations in the fund raising effort and related activities. I would like to develop this point further at our next meeting.



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 May 1967

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Bob's report of the Biltmore meeting was extremely well done. I read my copy and passed it along to Jocko Roberts, as requested by Bob.

I am beginning to feel very doubtful that we can carry out the Ford Foundation recommendations - as regards the major points. The more I think about it, the more I feel that if all our graduates attempt to get incorporated in their own home countries or others in Latin America, we are going to run up against the same problem that medicos who go to the States and come back with fine preparation run up against - the local lads dont want too much competition from chaps who have the prestige of the Harvard Medical School behind them. It has happened to men in the agricultural field, too.

The Ford people tell us that what Latin America needs is leaders and of course leaders must have advanced training, these days. But if we turn out 50 boys a year with the titulo of Ing. Agronomo, not all of them are going to be leaders. In fact, I doubt that many more will, than has been the case in the past when out of 50 boys, some 5 to 10 went to the States. These 5 to 10 had shown the qualities needed before they left Zamorano, and mighty few of them failed to take positions of considerable responsibility when they came home. If there had been more of them - 50 a year as will be the case if we go to the University level, the situation wont be so easy.

I fear this problem would not be solved by pur giving our own degree, not sponsored by CSUCA or any university in Central America. I begin to wonder if we should not stick to the three-year program, perhaps raising the number of boys we send North (or to La Molina or Puerto Rico) every year from the five EAP used to give (others got AID scholarships, which were not always too wisely bestowed) to perhaps ten a year?

And the more I think of it, the more I doubt that we are going to bring together, and keep, the kind of staff we will simply have to bring together and keep if we are to give courses on the university level of which we can be proud. We have been proud of our practical training; the boys have too; and Latin Americans in general have grabbed our graduates because over the years they have seen that our boys were better prepared than graduates of many of the facultades de agronomia.

And here comes the biggest hurdle of all - finances. When the Ford people undertook their study of our case, I think we all felt

that, if we carried out the sort of program they had in mind, that is, the kind their study caused them to recommend, we could take care of the additional expense and perhaps more, out of funds they would provide. There was an article in "Science" a couple of months ago, in which it was made clear that the Ford Foundation had decided to cut down on its grants; it was desired to build up their capital. Two men from the Foundation who dropped in to our house here a week or so ago mentioned this - we had been talking about other matters, not EAP, so had no special significance in our case. But I think several members of the Board begin to feel that the Ford Foundation is not going to put tremendous sums into a school so small as ours. I believe La Molina now has something like 3000 or 4000 students. A million dollars spread out over 4000 students probably does more good than it does spread out over 200.

If we decide to go ahead without counting too heavily on financial help from Ford, we are going to be forced to push the tuition up to a point which I think will turn away many of our best prospects. We are going to get too many boys who are interested in the degree, in order to get a good job in the government. Galo Plaza has pointed this out and I don't think he is in favor of it. I think he feels (we can get his opinion on this) that it is better for us to remain an outstanding vocational school, the best in tropical America, rather than to be a small and perhaps mediocre college. I think it inevitable that a student who aims to get the Ing. Agr. degree by borrowing \$2500 would much rather borrow the money and go to a big school in the States or some other country. He will have a much wider range of courses to select for specialization, and I wonder if a small school like Zamorano, when it is on the academic level of big institutions, can hope to give the students prestige such as they would have if they came from a big and famous institution.

Based on experience at Zamorano I am afraid of lending large sums to students - \$1000 or more. Even if we get the money back in 90% of the cases, we will have to put pressure on many students (if we can judge by experience) and they are going to lose their love for Alma Mater.

I write all the above, Chico, just to focus attention on what seem to me some of the problems we are going to be forced to face at Boston, and perhaps make decisions of far-reaching importance. I don't suppose there is any chance of getting the Ford Foundation to give us any concrete statement as to how far we can lean on them for help, if we carry out the sort of program we are now pretty well prepared to outline. If we tackle an expanded program such as we have been discussing, without guaranteed support to the necessary degree, we are going to eat up our endowment fund in ten years - unless AID stays in the game in a big way, and we simply cannot count on that.

Faithfully yours,

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 May 1967

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Thanks for sending me copies of the correspondence with Mr Petridge of Little, Brown and Co. I think it was very decent of Bill Paddock to ask Little Brown to change the statement made on the dust jacket. I would really not feel hurt if they let it stand as it is. I am glad you wrote Paddock (via Petridge) as you did.

Thanks also for copy of Jack Fox's letter to you of 14 April, and copy of your reply. Now that UFCo has really begun to make some money (as evidenced by the increase of the quarterly dividend from 15 to 25 cents) it looks as though we may receive substantial help from them in the future. I don't know you feel about it, but it has always been my conviction that a great mistake was made when the school was divorced from UFCo, and I feel confident that Jeff Coolidge would never have stood for this.

I have had some correspondence with Ernesto Casseres about his retirement as Sec-Treas of the Tropical Region ASHS, and you have had a letter from him on the same subject, copy to me, dated 19 March. Ernesto wrote me on 31 March that he will bring the matter to the attention of the members of our group at the Panama meeting.

I have no doubt you remember how hard we worked on Ernesto at the Mexico meeting; and I remember how hard I worked on him at the Miami meeting in '61. I have no doubt Ernesto would like to be relieved of the work, but I gravely doubt that we will get anyone in his place who will do as good a job as he has done and is doing. I wonder if the time has not come when we ought to give the Sec-Treas what you might call a "token salary". Maybe \$500 a year. It seems to me the parent society, ASHS, has taken a step of this sort. I must check up on that. Of course it will be argued that we have no money, but we could afford it if we cut down on the size of our annual Proceedings. Post-grads who can't get their theses published, because professional societies in the States are having to hold down because of the greatly increased of publication, are working us pretty hard. I believe we should insist on publishing abstracts of many papers which are of great practical application, and I say this without implying that I am not strong for long range and "pure" research, but I think we are getting in the same situation as the societies in the States; we just can't publish everything.

I don't mean to say that we will have to offer Ernesto a salary in order to keep him. I think if he feels it is really his duty to stick by the job he will do it. Seems to me I asked him if it would help if we supplied him a little more assistance. This might be a good move.

Ever yrs,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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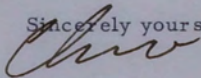
May 22nd., 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

In reply to your letter of 10th. May I would
heartly support a salary for the Secretary-Treasurer of
the Horticultural Society, but between you and me and the
lamp post I would like to get Ernesto away from that
Society and give him the job of "Director of External
Affairs of E. A. P.". Will talk to you more about this when
I see you.

Sincerely yours,



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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

May 20th., 1967

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle La Nobleza No. 2
Antigua, Guatemala

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I refer to your two letters of the 10th. May for which I thank you.

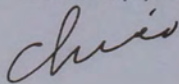
By this time you must have received the final report on the Ford Foundation study which, like everything he does, is very well done by Bob. I do have some doubts as to the feasibility of carrying out the Ford recommendations but believe we should do our very best to strengthen the curriculum. Of course your point is well taken nothing can be done without adequate finances. But we may be able to persuade Ford to do something substantial in this way.

You will note that in my "President's Report" I made mention of the possibility of using Paul Allen's name for our Lab. Building I hope we can get this through. As regards naming the Ag. Building for Henry Wallace I think perhaps we had better not push for two such actions at the same meeting but maybe talk a little bit about it and prepare the ground for action at another meeting.

I am sure the Proceedings of the Symposium will be very valuable and I was very happy to have been offered the opportunity of writing the Introduction all which is most sincerely felt by me.

I look forward to seeing you soon. I am going up to Boston arriving Saturday, June 3rd, at night and will be staying through June 6th, at the Ritz-Carlton. I look forward to seeing you at Kitty Sears' dinner on Sunday.

Sincerely yours,



FdeS/elm

Antigua, 22 May 1967

Sr don Francisco de Sola
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Re-reading my last letter to you, that of 10 May, I feel that it is not very clear. Maybe this one wont be either, but here is the way I feel about some of our maior problems:

1. The matter of brining together and keeping a staff. This is really going to be a tough job, and really, one that money wont solve. My feeling right along, based on my own experience and what has happened subsequently at Zamorano, is that our only hope would be to base our program on about five older men, Ph Ds who retired elsewhere or wanted to live in a mild climate or had the missionary spirit (you know how often I talk about that, and what I mean). The young Ph Ds are not going to remain happy very long (and their wives not at all) in the isolation and smallness of Zamorano. There will be an occasional exception, but mighty few.

2. The Ford Foundation wants us to turn out Leaders. Well, we are not going to turn out 50 a year. No school does this. And Two or three important men in the field of Latin American agricultural education have recently point^{ed} out to me that too many of the Ingenieros Agrónomos go in for government positions - they become bureaucrats who lose practically all contact with the land. Of course this is not saying that we do not want more Ingenieros Agrónomos; I am just asking, how are we going to keep our graduates from becoming bureaucrats? I mean, arm-chair agriculturists.

I rather like the program we have been following: during the three years he is with us, a student shows his ability and his

his qualities of leadership pretty well. We come to know him, and at the end of three years we pick him out for a scholarship to go abroad to finish his academic training. This has worked very well.

3. Tuition and financing. If we raise the annual tuition above \$500 I believe we are going to keep out a lot of fine candidates. Where they live near their local Facultad de Agronomia I believe they can get by on \$500 or pretty close to it, if they want to do so. We would have no trouble getting enough applications at \$1000 a year, but I greatly fear that too many of them would be lads who were just out for the professional degree in order to have título and probably get a job in the government service. And as for charging fourth-year students ^{\$2500}, I don't think 10% of them would stay at Zamprano; they would go to the States or Puerto Rico or La Molina, especially the States. It has been my experience that Zamorano boys are as keen to go to the States as I was to go to Cornell and study under L.H. Bailey.

If we stay at \$500 or lower, I believe many fine young lads will get help from local clubs like Rotary and Lions and probably AID and governments. I believe we may do better, so far as getting money for the school is concerned, from this angle than from having the Alumni Associations solicit funds - tho they could use this approach themselves. Many club members get great satisfaction out of feeling that they are backing a particular lad, whom they have chosen themselves, and the boy on his part feels that he must not disappoint his backers. It is wholesome all'round.

I do not like the idea of the school lending money to the students to pay their tuition. It is bound to end up in hard feeling in too many cases.

I believe we are in danger of moving too fast. Several of the best vocational schools in the States have been forced, by popular demand, to go onto the B S level. I have always felt that eventually we would be forced to do the same. And you know how I have urged that when we do so, we refuse to curtail seriously our vocational training.

We have been setting the pace for other tropical schools in the field of vocational agriculture. Hugh told me that they knew of Zamorano way out in Viet Nam and want a school like it. And look at the job they are doing in the Dominican Republic, and elsewhere. Bert Muller often mentions in his reports, visitors from officials of other schools. San Andres and Barcena are both based on Zamorano. Maybe the time has not yet come for us to abandon our leadership in the "vo-ag" field. If we go onto the university level now we will abandon it automatically. And to a certain extent we will throw ourselves into agricultural politics - this business of "incorporación" is the major example.

Both Galo Plaza and Wayne Reitz understand our problems very well, it seems to me. In your report to the forthcoming meeting at Boston you state that "a considerable amount of study and thought is required before any action is taken." This gives us time to get the views of all members of the Board, and I greatly hope that the two just mentioned will be asked for comments.

Faithfully yrs,

Wilson Popenoe

November 9th., 1967

CIRCULAR

To: Members of the Board of Trustees of E.A.P.
 (Excepting Dr. Albert Muller)

From: Francisco de Sola

I write once more to urge all Trustees to come to the next Board Meeting and Graduation Ceremonies - December 1st. and December 2nd. - in the hope that they may attend these functions.

At this time we will officially say good-by to Bert Muller who has served the School so purposefully and adequately during many years, - years which were critical during the life of the School. We will also deliver our token present of esteem and appreciation to him in the shape of a cigar box (filled with Honduras cigars).

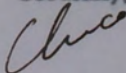
Also, there will be two inaugurations:

First; immediately after the Graduation ceremonies on Saturday the 2nd. we will unveil the plaque placed on the Biology Science Laboratory in honor of Paul Allen who was a teacher in the School for many years; after lunch we will inaugurate the flying strip which has been donated by the United Fruit Company.

Jack Fox, Chairman of the Board of the United Fruit Company will be the Graduation Speaker.

For all those members who arrive on Thursday the 30th. (which will normally be the arrival date so as to be able to start our meeting Friday the 1st. at 8:30 a.m.), there will be a dinner in the Mess Hall given by the Graduating Class in honor of Bert Muller to which all of the Trustees are cordially invited. The following night, Friday the 1st., we will dine with Bert in his house. Again I repeat I hope that as many of you as possible may be able to come down.

Cordially,



FdeS/elm

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

July 26th., 1967

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

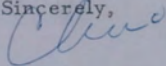
I refer to your letters of the 14th. and 15th.
July.

I think the idea of a bronze plaque for the Paul Allen Laboratory is a good one and since I am going up to New York next Thursday to meet with the Executive Committee I will propose it there. I don't think that the idea of naming the Laboratory in Paul's name was exclusively mine. Like most things it came together by a meeting of minds.

As far as the date of your coming over, the civil wedding is on Saturday afternoon August 26th. If you would like to come before that day please tell me the date and I will see that you are put up with Claud Horn. I don't suggest our home because it will be much too hectic at that time but do let me know the date you want to come over so as to speak to Claud.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,



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February 25th., 1969

Mr. Robert P. Armour, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your cable of today. I asked to speak to you on the phone since the mails are so slow. For instance your letter of February 19th., only arrived this morning the 25th. Following are the points that I wished to discuss with you:

- 1)- Rectoria: I note from your letter of the 19th. that the Rector may be able to receive us on April 11th. or 12th. Please try to firm this up providing of course the University is not closed. We should have this information in hand before you leave for your vacation.
- 2)- Meeting in Boston: I should be arriving there about the 19th. of March and will be around New England and New York City until the first week in April. You can reach me through Chico's telephone in Boston which is (Area Code 617) 523 3570. He will know where I am and if you need me at the financial review I might be able to make it back to Boston.
- 3)- Vacation: Good luck. Good speed. Please may I have some socks.
- 4)- Stone: Thank you for the photocopy. It sounds cheerful and I suspect we shall not get an answer to the invitation until after consultation with Tom Cabot. I have sent a copy of the invitation to all the Trustees that attended the New York meeting - 16 in total.
- 5)- AGEAP: Much wasted time. Let's get together on this if possible before you leave - which I doubt - but certainly after you get back.
- 6)- Velasquez' Painting: Received. Thank you. How much please?

- 7)- CIAT meeting in Colombia: Was very good. Will fill you in later. In the meantime you should know that I approached Kellogg Foundation through Dr. Russell Mawby, Vice President who was there, and informed me that they would like to keep their activities within the "food science technology area". I told him I thought it could be a useful area to work with EAP and suggested he visit you. He will do this sometime but in the meantime he would like some information on the School. Please send him a letter with background sending him the latest Reports. I think we could get some equipment from them; or funds for research, and travel on the part of the staff, or books, etc.
- 8)- In reference to your letter of February 18th. on the comments of curriculum committee as regards the "Convenio", it is my opinion that we should not change anything in the Convenio as now written. We could try to clarify some interpretation at a later date in further committee meetings. What is your opinion?
- 9)- With reference to your letter of February 19th. and AGEAP consultation as regards the fourth term I find their answer contradictory.
- 10)- Sequeira: What activities has he been up to and how much cash is in the till?
- 11)- Loan Fund: Taking advantage of a stay in Guatemala a few days ago I visited Dr. Antonio Saa del Rio, Manager of the Banco Granai & Townson. I proposed the question that his Bank and others in Guatemala might participate in a program of loans to EAP candidates, backed by our Loan Fund. He quickly responded in the affirmative and said he would be willing to go up to nine years payable in monthly quotas including capital and interest beginning the 5th. year. He felt that other banks would also participate and that we should approach the banking community collectively as well as individually. For this he requires something written, which I would ask you to request Dr. Sequeira to do. In other words projects of a brochure based on;
- a)- A credit of \$2,000 to be drawn down at a \$500.00 per year.
- b)- Repayment beginning the 5th. year, in equal monthly payments covering capital and interest or, alternatively, with higher quotas at the beginning tapering off towards the 9th. year, or any combination therefrom. Let's

have something simple and concise and intelligible and we will then approach different banks and different communities. I feel sure that we can get several banks in; Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Santo Domingo. That is about all we need really except a few banks in the other countries in which we operate. I feel that this is simply a matter of presentation and I am willing to do some of it myself if necessary in person but let's get Dr. Sequeira on the go.

- 12)- Telephone: I heard talk that we are going to request a telephone system from one of the Japanese firms. What success! Very necessary, I feel, to keep contact - between you and me.

Regards,

Francisco de Sola

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March 18th., 1969

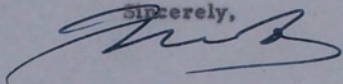
MEMORANDUM

From: Francisco de Sola
To: All Members of the Board of Trustees of E.A.P.

I am pleased to advise you that the Rector of the University of Honduras has indicated that the signing of the Academic Agreement between EAP and the University will be held on April 11th at 3:00 p.m. in Tegucigalpa.

I sincerely hope that as many Trustees as possible will be able to attend the signing of this document which will be an important milestone in the history of the School.

Sincerely,



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H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

November 12th., 1969

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

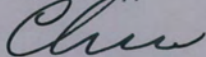
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your kind letter dated September 16th. only reached me today since it followed me up to San Francisco in September, did not find me, and returned here.

I wish to thank you for your very kind words and I assure you that your support is always the strongest inspiration in keeping objective in the face of difficulties at E.A.P.

Thanking you for your kind words,

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER
GOVERNOR

March 24, 1969

Dear Chico:

Many thanks for following up on your original invitation to visit the Escuela. As I told you, I'd like nothing better -- and I'd particularly like to see Dr. Popenoe again -- but I am still entangled with the New York State Legislature and as of now I have no real idea as to when I can make my first trip to your area.

But do give Dr. Popenoe my very warm regard and tell him I remember with great pleasure his many kindnesses to me and to my family.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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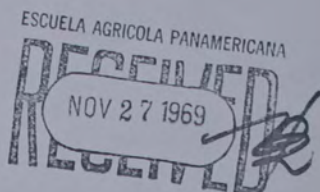
Mr. Francisco de Sola
President, Board of Trustees
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa
Honduras



ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

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November 20th., 1969



Mr. Robert P. Armour, Director
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
El Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Bob:

I came back from Mexico last night where I attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee which the Board of Directors of IICA named for an evaluation of the Institutes work, as well as recommendations for the future.

I visited with Dr. Gamble yesterday morning at breakfast and tried to put him up to date on questions of E.A.P. He was appreciative of the visit and was very interested in knowing how we stood on the fourth year development. I explained the best I could but I deem it to be highly advisable for you to visit with him on your return from Boston. He would very much like to talk to you to explore ways and means on how to handle the matching funds concept.

Contrary what others of the Board may feel I do not think it wise nor politic to suggest that we change the terms of our agreement with Ford. I think we must go ahead with the concept of matching their funds and instituting the fourth year as soon as possible.

I feel that a thorough and open examination of the problem by you with him would help greatly, and I even feel (this is purely a subjective, intuitive feeling which has no basis other than that), that this might also open up the possibility for further aid from Ford in the solution of our financial problems in general. Therefore I urge you to make the visit as soon as you can, making prior contact by wire or telephone so as to be sure of finding him free. Dr. Gamble would also like to get a feeling from you on how we stand with AID for the long term.

From copy of your letter of November 11th. addressed to George Gardner I note that you will be going up on December 10th. after Graduation. You could visit with Dr. Gamble on your way back providing he were free.

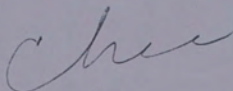
I am sending copy of this letter to George Putnam who was good enough to send me a copy of his letter to Henry Wilhelm dated November 14th. of which you also hold a copy.

I now would like to refer to your letter dated November 10th. I must say that I cannot agree with you that we can afford to delay action for four or five years on the four year program. This must be done latest by 1972 if it is to survive at all. Incidentally I believe that you should advise the University of Honduras on this delay whenever you consider might be convenient.

On the way back from Mexico could you meet with me here? Or if you think it best to meet in Guatemala I could also do that providing I knew the dates well in advance.

Please give my kind regards to Rie and I hope she has a smooth and rapid recovery from now on.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Francisco de Sola'.

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

cc: Mr. George Gardner
Mr. George Putnam
Mr. John W. Weeks

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

January 22nd., 1970

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

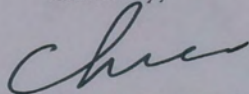
It was good to hear from you once again and I am glad you enjoyed Ithiel's visit.

He did tell me about your offer to get him a brass lion door knocker and since you have it already would you please send it to our Office in Guatemala City and ask Wilfred de Sola to hold it there until someone travels North who might be able to take it up to Ithiel.

By copy of this letter, I am asking Wilfred to reimburse you for whatever the value of the knocker may be.

Will try to make contact with you on my next trip to Guatemala.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

cc: Mr. Wilfred de Sola

Mr. Ithiel de Sola Pool



Antigua, Guatemala, 5 March 1970

Sr don Francisco de Sola
San Salvador.

Dear Chiso:

For some months the feeling has been growing on me that I should retire from the Board of ^{Trustees} ~~Directors~~. Next month I shall reach my 73th birthday. As Jeff Coolidge once told me, a man begins to go down hill at 65. The Army and Navy recognized this many years ago

So I have been wondering. You know that my devotion to Escuela Agrícola Panamericana will never falter, that I will never cease to help in any way I can. At the same time, I would like to see someone take my place on the Board who is devoted to the school, and who has been intimately in touch with it over the years. That man is my son Hugh. Not only does he know the school (he was born in Honduras, you know) but he is up to date on agricultural education in tropical America, which I am not. Furthermore, he is well connected with the Foundations in the United States and with institutions in Latin America on which we must depend, in large part, for cooperation. I have approached him regarding the matter. He is not at all anxious to add to his obligations, but I feel pretty sure he would accept membership on the Board if everyone was in favor and I urged him to do so.

Because of our long and intimate friendship, which will last until death do us part, I am coming to you first. If you think well of the idea, tell me so, and if you do not, I know you will be frank and you will have good reasons.

Now to the other purpose of this letter. While getting around among old friends in Honduras last month I could not avoid feeling that they resent, and in all probability will resent for a long time, a school in Honduras being headed by a salvadoreño. You know all about this, so I need go no further. The situation emotionally is so tense and bitter that I feel it would definitely be to the best interests of EAP for you to step into the background for the time being at least. I have heard that you plan to do this at Boston next month.

Another matter: Due to such factors as the small size of EAP, our isolation, and (in some instances) our salaries we are facing a serious situation. It will be much more serious when we go on the four year program, but we should not wait that long to hunt for new staff members. Outsiders have told me recently that we should get busy and get some good men right away for animal husbandry, agronomy and horticulture. All three of our departments. When I said "some good men" I meant "some more good men" of course. In the last few years the tide has been running against us.

Please write me as soon as you can, Chico. I shall have to fly up to Gainesville toward the end of this month.

With warmest regards always,

Faithfully yours,

Wilson Popenoe

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

March 19th., 1970

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

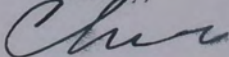
I thank you for your letter of March 5th.

I quite understand your feeling about your position on the Board and I will certainly support any move to have Hugh take your place whenever you feel you would like to take this step. If you would like to do it at the time of the next Board Meeting please tell me so and I will certainly nominate Hugh with the greatest of pleasure. I do so not only because I know that he would be an excellent Board member in every sense but also because in this way he will be continuing the fine tradition started by you without which the School would never have even existed let alone enjoyed the excellent reputation which it now has. I do appreciate your being frank with me and be assured that I am being as frank and sincere with you.

As regards the second purpose of your letter I have already taken the decision to present my resignation to the Secretary and I will be doing so within the next day or so. This will be ratified at the Boston meeting. I do this with great reluctance, but with the conviction that it must be done, although it is a difficult step to take. I conferred on this subject with Bob Armour and Jacobo Zelaya last week in Guatemala City and both of them were not only in agreement with me but felt that no time should be lost in doing so in order to protect the School.

I look forward to seeing you in Boston, and with kindest regards to the Señora,

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

Antigua, 30 March 1970

Dear Chico:

It is difficult to tell you how deeply I appreciated your letter of the 19th. Since receiving it, I hustled down to Nicaragua with Bob to attend the meeting of the Alumni Association, which, incidentally, both Bob and I thought Julio Cesar Zepeda handled beautifully; and which was set up with President Somoza in the chair, who made a fine talk about Zamoranos and what they are doing for Nicaragua and elsewhere, and when I went to bat I told what a good friend of the EAP his father had been. I got by pretty well by talking about the early days of the school, and pointing to Aquiles G3nzales in the audience, who came to EAP when he was 16, and is now a grandfather; and the row between El Zanate (one of four paisands) and Chorro de Humo (A Nica who was in the audience. All of which got me in the paper as La Reliquia: El Doctor Popenoe, which I thought was much better than getting involved in current politics. De Acuerdo?

I have just written a note for Johnny Weeks to read the April 6 meeting, in which I resign, based upon my desire to finish writing up fifty years experience with tropical fruits, rather than upon my age and increpitude (Alice didn't like that so much) and I particularly avoided any suggestion that Hugh ought to take my place on the Board. How my friends have bawled me out for having thought of that! The idea seems to be that our system in the old days was all wrong. Doris used to name members of the Board; you named some; I named some, and so on. There should be a committee on nominations, in line with modern practice. Bueno. You offer to nominate Hugh. I am sure you agree that he would be, and probably eventually will be, a useful member of the Board. But if brought up by one of my

old pals, like yourself, or by Kitty or by Wayne, someone is going to come up with the old cry "Nepotismo!". I think it would be better if Hugh were not considered until the next meeting of the Board.

Here's another point: You used to say that I was valuable to the Board because I had the history of the school at my finger tips, right from the start. As Director Emeritus I still have it, and you know that as long as I live I shall be glad to give it to the Board, whenever asked, by the Board as a whole or by any individual member.

Bob told me about his talk with you over here in Guatemala, at which Julio ~~Wepeda~~ was present. Just what you told me in your letter. We would have a tough time in Honduras, for the Lord only knows how many years, with a salvadoreño really running the school. But I very much want to see you stay on the Board. No one can object to that, because we have representatives from so many other countries served by the school. And I think one way to avoid problems is just what is planned: have Wayne take over as Chairman of the Board. At this juncture any Latin American is bound to have a hard time keeping out of Latin American politics, now that we are tied up to the University of Honduras. I have been greatly in favor of your policy of getting more Latin Americans into the picture. Ernesto Cassessa is doing the same thing with our Tropical Region of the ASHA and I like it. But there we do not have the problem of student nationalism of whatever you want to call it. I do not want to see our Zamoranos dragged into strikes and riots. They have shown a wonderful attitude so far, don't you think so? Let's hang onto this.

I would love to come over to El Salvador one of these days and bring Alice and spend a night up at Los Andes.

Ever faithfully yours,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS
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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

April 15th., 1970

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

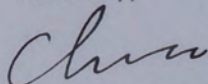
I have written you separately and officially on the subject of your resignation from the Board but I would now like to refer to your letter of March 30th. on the subject of Hugh's appointment.

On reaching Boston I approached George Gardner and others who informed me that it was your wish that Hugh had better not be appointed immediately, so as to give him the proper feeling about the Board's desire to have him with us. This was expressed by most people and, since I stepped down as Chairman, and Wayne took over, I thought it best not to insist. I will of course nominate Hugh at the next Board meeting which I can attend. If it were to be held at the School and I were not able to attend I will see to it that others carry the nomination since everyone present was heartily in favor of the idea.

In leaving the Chairmanship I do so with a great deal of regret - more than I could express except to other than my closest friends - but I shall continue to work on the Board in the hope that I may be useful in one way or another.

We look forward to having you and Mrs. Popenoe with us at Los Andes on a coming week-end and would appreciate your advising me when this might be convenient.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm



April 16th., 1970

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your letter of resignation was considered at our Board meeting held in Boston last Monday April 6th. After due consideration the Board decided regretfully to defer to your wishes and accept your resignation taking into account the reasons expressed.

All of us are aware of the importance, and applaud your decision, to devote yourself entirely to the compilation of your valuable experiences in tropical fruit crops during the last 50 years. We know how much this requires a lessening of your preoccupations as well as your undivided attention, with as much freedom of movement as possible.

In accepting your resignation from our midst we did so with the unanimous and spontaneous desire to express our deep appreciation for all those fine years during which you gave to the Escuela your undivided effort, good will, and full commitment, with entire selflessness. The very existence of the School stems from your initial effort, accompanied and supported by your loving companion, doña Helen. More than one thousand young Latin Americans have come under the influence of the Escuela and are living testimony to its merits.

We wish to record our gratitude, in recognition of your life work in helping to improve the quality of life in rural tropical America.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francisco de Sola", written in a cursive style.

Francisco de Sola

FdeS/elm

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 de mayo de 1970.

Sr don Francisco de Sola,
San Salvador.

Dear Chico:

Having just returned from Costa Rica, where after two very trying years with my daughter Sally here in Antigua we were finally able to get her interned in a fine institution where they make a specialty of caring for cases like hers, I am able to answer your letters of April 15th and 18th, both of which I appreciated more than I can express in words.

I realise, perhaps better than anyone else, what it cost you to give up your leadership of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I know, perhaps better than anyone else, how much love and dedication you have put into that school, which you and I have worked so hard to bring out of that era when things were simple into these turbulent times. You know that I have been afraid we were trying to go ahead too fast. I have always visualised such a school as is now planned, but I did not feel that we were yet ready for it. International developments in the student world are making it even harder than I had ever imagined.

You also know, my dear old friend, that when decisions were made by the Board I have always gone along with them, and when I met Bob Armour in Miami not long ago, shortly after he returned from the Boston meeting, I told him that he could always count on my support from the side-lines, and I meant it. I had been on the Board since its inception, and as Jeff Coolidge told me, just before he retired from the United Fruit Company, amman should be careful not to stay too long on the job. He had been 17 years Chairman of the Board, I had been 17 years head of Zamorano. I was still longer on the Board.

So, I am sure the time had come for me to retire. Probably I should have done so several years ago. It has been hard for me to fall in line with the times, hard for me to give up the philosophy on which the school was founded. But *Tempora mutamur y nos mutamur in illis*. I guess I am too old to mutamur! At the same time, I shall never lose my interest in EAP and my earnest desire to be of service in any way I can.

I made a mistake in suggesting that Hugh should fill my shoes. But I am grateful that you and several others of my friends on the Board were willing to go along with this. In talking with Hugh when I was in Florida a few weeks ago he was not strong for the idea. He feels that perhaps he can be of more service to the school from the side-lines than he could as a member of the Board. He is as dedicated to the interests of the school as are you and I; I think you know that.

Chico, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your reference to the work of my beloved Helen. She gave it the best years of her life, and she loved the school as I did. And the boys came to her as they would to a mother. I think it meant a lot to the school. And I should not add, but I am going to, that one of the greatest satisfactions I have had in recent years, is in meeting with graduates of EAP, who never duck around the corner when they see me coming in San José de Costa Rica or Managua or Guatemala City or San Salvador or anywhere else, but invariably come up and treat me like an old friend. How I appreciate this! And when I say, You have been out of Zamorano for twenty years, what did you think of me as Director? (Of course they wont say I had no use for you!) They usually say, you were tough, but you were just, and you made a man out of me.

I am proud of the record of our Zamoranos. When I went down to Managua something over a month ago, to the meeting of the International Alumni Association (on which I think Julio Zepeña is doing a fine job) I was surprised and delighted to see what an important part in Nicaraguan agriculture is being taken by our graduates. There, for example, is the Ingenio San Antonio, managed by a Zamorano, and his right and left bowers are Zamoranos - the Coronel Kautz twins. And how amusing it was, when I got on the platform and said, Now over there is Aquiles Gonzales, smiling like a cat who has just eaten the canary. When he came to Zamorano he was sixteen years old. Now he has two grandchildren! Gosh, how time has fugited.

Alice and I have had a pretty hard year, so before settling down to finishing the book of Fruit Culture in Tropical America, which is two thirds done, we hope to go over to Europe in another month or so, to spend some time in her native country Switzerland which she has not seen for thirty years, and to spend a week or two at Almuñecar in southern Spain, where Helen and I planted avocados in 1958. When we return, I hope I can still go on helping develop the cultivation of the Temperate Zone fruits in Central America. It is slow work, but we have made some progress. And my strength is not what it was 25 years ago. Or as the Irishman said, I aint the man I used to be, in fact I never was.

With warmest regards to all the family, and hoping to visit Altamira and Los Andes with you again one of these days, I am

Always faithfully yours,

H. DE SOLA E HIJOS

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

May 25th., 1970

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Calle de La Nobleza #2
Antigua, Guatemala

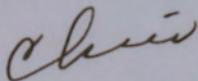
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Is not often that in a man's lifetime that he receives a letter such as you were good enough to write under date of May the 10th.

You have said so many nice things about me that I begin to feel like the widow who took her young child to the cemetery to witness his father's burial and who, after hearing all the eulogies they said about him, suddenly turned to the child and said; "come on Johnny let's go home we are at the wrong funeral". In Spanish it sounds better because she says; "vamonos Juanito, nos hemos equivocado de muerto".

Un abrazo and let us make the lychess bear every year.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

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SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, C. A. - CABLES: DESOLA

February 15th., 1971

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

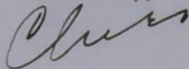
It was good to hear from you once again after such a long silence and also to know that you had been at the School and that things are pooping along. It is strange that Radspinner has changed over to Macadamias; but perhaps this is a good thing.

Yesterday Owen Smith was here and told me that a Company by the name of Brewer has acquired large tracts of land in Guatemala where they are planning to plant 500,000 Macadamia trees! If this is true we should start training Zamorano boys as Macadamia Ph.D's.

I have given up planting fruit trees at Los Andes and will also abandon strawberries and moras on a commercial scale since I am going to dedicate myself entirely to breeding Angus cattle and Angus cross-breds.

I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Francisco de Sola

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