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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN EMBASSY

Tegucigalpa, D. C., June 23, 1950.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
El Zamorano.

Dear Wilson:

I have received your kind invitation for the luncheon in honor of Mr. Miller to be held at Zamorano on Wednesday, June 28. I have also received the invitations for Messrs. Miller, Jackson, Rankin and Dubois which will be duly delivered.

I have great pleasure in accepting and am quite sure that the above mentioned gentlemen will also attend.

I suppose you have noted that the invitations refer to "Miercoles 27", whereas they should read "Miercoles 28". I have taken the liberty of calling this discrepancy to the attention of Mr. Paz who states that the "invitados" will be notified that June 28 is the correct date.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Herbert S. Bursley

printer's error

The Broadmoor, Apt. 205
3601 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

Quirinda Doc:

February 9/52

This is a fine time to be replying to your good letter of December 21 - received with considerable delay, all of it in the dear old State Dept (why, I don't know, because the internal mail service is not too bad).

As an old Teetotaler I would still have liked to be in on the Christmas festivities at Antigua but distances are just too great and travel costs a bit out of my reach. Which reminds me that Uncle Sam wants me to make a regular inspection at Panama and I expect to leave on the 16th of February or the following Wednesday for that grand spot. The only catch is that Bubbie isn't feeling well and declines to go with me, so we shall both be smothered alone for 30 or 40 days.

Yesterday I had a letter from Willard Barker saying he still had the letter we sent to the Posseidos in his care. He says he heard you went to Cuzco but you didn't turn up at the Embassy in Lima. We are all interested in the dope you send us on the going off in T-yue, including

diplomatic appointments of the American zone, l'affaire (ou les affaires), Strohly etc. While we hear some gossip from time to time we have ~~tried~~ ^{tried} to keep out of anything except our own field - for reasons you will readily understand - alone consequently far behind the times as a rule.

I hear from Byron from time to time and he seems happy but for reasons I can readily appreciate doesn't give the inside dope. Recently I have seen a number of people with some Honduras backgrounds such as Douglas Crawford, Henry Taylor, several of the guards and dentelliers more important people whose names escape me. Any little tie with Honduras is like a breath of fresh air - for we will always love this country and be interested in anything that happens there.

Finally got Bobbie out of the kitchen*. Last night we went out for dinner and today we saw the most interesting Japanese film about which there has been as much talk.

Sköl And love to you both

X where she shines like
another girl named Helen.

The Broadmoor, Apt. 205
3601 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

September 26 [1952]

Dear Helen and Doc:

It wasn't only your greatly appreciated telegram which caused me to think of you more than ever yesterday.

We made a little quiet whoopee at noon with raki, dolmas, Rathan cheese etc., treating you all. Pat was with us and actually seemed to like the Near Eastern food. It still takes Zannaro to provide the works - that department.

In the evening we had drinks before and after dinner at Lenox and Cousin Lee Wilson took us to the Army and Navy Club for dinner. While there we saw Sid O'Donoghue, Jim Flexer and Bill Cochran, all ex-Latinos like ourselves.

This morning the Martha bush came. Again, many thanks, I have well enjoyed it.

Our life goes on with its usual relative calm.
I'm more or less in leave but the boys won't go
anywhere on any of her long fuses.

Pat registered today for his law courses which
begin Monday - so I suppose will see less of him.
Bobby is back at Georgetown Prep and Teddy is back
at work. She had a small party (Mexican
food) while we were out last night. Her
young man - nothing even slightly serious -
stayed on to help her and Pat with the dishes.

The family gave me the Don Giovanni
album (Hayden Society) and it's wonderful.

Sorry about Helen's teeth but if she'll
come here we'll try to provide adequate supplies
of anodyne -

I do appreciate being remembered!

Love,

Herbert

HILTON HOTEL



EL PASO • TEXAS

November 5, [1952?]

Dear Doc:

I am certainly sorry not to have been in Tegu to see you receive the Guatemalan decoration. If I remember correctly (I frequently don't) we saw you receive the Nicaraguan one -
Reuben Davis.

This trip is something of a grind but it is now about half over and someone had to do it. Since the Bros couldn't be with me this is about as good as any for it's not taken me farther from home than Guadalajara and we manage to talk on the phone about once a week.

Is there any hope that you and Helen will be in Warhington between Dec 15th and Jan 30th? I feel reasonably certain of being there at that time.

HILTON HOTELS: El Paso and Fort Worth, TEXAS Albuquerque, NEW MEXICO

OTHER HILTON HOTELS: The Town House, Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA The Conrad Hilton and Palmer House, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
The Waldorf Astoria, The Plaza and The Roosevelt, NEW YORK CITY Dayton Billmore, DAYTON, OHIO The Mayflower, WASHINGTON, D. C.
The Jefferson, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI Palacio Hilton, CHIHUAHUA, OLD MEXICO Caribe Hilton, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

This trip has been mostly uneventful,
and is doubtless just as well. Monterey
next stop then three small baden ports
+ then D.C.

I do want to congratulate you more
sincerely on the "meditation". You
certainly deserved it as well as a flock of
others you haven't got yet.

All the best, and fond love to Helen

Sincerely

Hubert Bruley



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12 years ago
Dec 5 - [1950?]

Dear Helen & Doc:

Both of us voted to see you
so, hope the trip was useful.

We have been on the go all
the time since you left. The staff party was
brilliant, they really made us feel more than
sorry to be leaving such an affectionate
group of people.

The radio party was grand
everybody's hats & so on, all of them
since they were sorry to see us go, we
hope some of them meant it.

Now for the news. We are
going down via Cherokee that was
one of the places the old man has
not thought of!!! He expects
to sail on Sunday Dec 11th and
arrive in Washington in the afternoon



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right in the Bedroom. (in case)
in case I come on way.

Here let us know how
I make out, to be sure to
try to sign.

Bless you both &
say thanks for making me
stay in Tegucigalpa to sleep at.

Affectionately

John

February 16th [1953]

Dear Helen:-

birthday, and

We'll be thinking of you +
wishing you the best of luck on the 18th.
It does seem like all the responsibility
is being pushed on to you. You as
both too big hearted, less you, we
would not have it any other way.

I am begining to get un-
scrambled, but am still looking like
a war horse, Teddy is moving
gradually. Guy is a Reserve Officer in
the Flying Corps, actually he is in the
Foreign Service

So Glad Maama is going
to be with you, she will have fun
give her our best love.

Our love & best wishes for
your birthday, do have some drinks
with a - skval - & Salud! wish
we could see you again Sunday. I
am afraid our trip to Spain will
not come off. Somebody else has gone
there already, Herbert is working on a
job here.

Our child is now in - Rota -

Love Luck to you, remember how
well everything looks to the outlooks,
even if anything goes wrong, for as the
only one who will know it, besides it
will not happen in your house.

Love as always Bethie

April 26th [1963?]

Dear Helen:-

Your sweet letter just
reached us, very thanks for inviting
us to Jamaica. Herbert is leaving
to-day for Panama, with no stops
on the way. I shall wait & see
what he says about the weather before
deciding whether to join him there
or in Guatemala. As soon as I
know his dates of departure I shall
be able to set a day for mine. If
you are still in Honduras and plan

to go to Guatemala I may come that
way, I shall let you know in good
time. What are your dates for Guatemala
and Madrid? Also will I need
any heavy clothes for Guatemala
in June?

Love's hoping we can all get
together soon, in the meantime much
love and very Thanks.

Bethie

I deeply appreciate your invitation but am
on such a tight schedule that a stopover in
Tegucigalpa is for the moment only a dream, hope to
see you both in Guatemala.

Love Herbert
P.S. Could you send me a new Pan schedule please?

118 Grafton St.

Cherry Chase 15,
Md.

September 26.

[1963]

Dear Helen and Doc:

Thank you so very much
for your Birthday card. Even tho I am
now 59, I still feel almost as young
as Doc, and I do enjoy being remembered.

Take off at dawn - 7 am.
(midday for Doc) Tomorrow for El Paso and
then to Mesquite City, Guadalupe, Mexican
border etc. to be gone until about Dec. 15.
Bobbie will try to get herself adjusted
to petit point and taking care of
John Robert in the meanwhile.

yesterday we had people
in at noon and at "tee" time for

physical culture exercises - with you
could have been here. We now have a
house, which is eigony. It includes a
large double bed where you will
both always be as welcome as you
made us in El Zamaro.

It is almost too much to hope but
should you be in Mexico City around
October 1, please look me up via
Embassy or Hotel Francis.

Thank love

Herbert

[Jan. 1954]

Bursley 3601 Connecticut
Washington DC (USA)

Herbert's letter received you must
come here instead Florida we have
empty house available with servants
beefsteak and every thing ^{stop} you
know how we love you and
want you with us airmail
pallones

Popano

January 24/54

Dear Helen and Doc:

Your telegram with the
dream invitation was just telephoned
to us.

We think and fondly hope
we can accept. It will take a day or
two to check up on the possibilities,
including talking to Mr. O'Hearne as to
when there are sailings. While I can
fly it is preferable that I don't in
non-presurized craft at any altitude
of importance, for the present.

Ajala!

Our dearest love to you both,

Herbert.

Jan. 29th 1940

Dear Helen & Doc:-

Your most cordial invitation made us so happy, we shall be delighted to be with you after all these years. We were so disappointed not to see you in Europe. Herbert went to see Mr O'Heane as he wants to make the trip by sea if possible. He thinks the sea air and rest is what he needs. We shall let you know as soon as we have anything definite & may thanks.

Herbert is pretty in his last day of conference at the office. We have had our photo to-day, the dentist - shopping and getting ready will take a little while. I had hoped this trip would come a little later as Blaine is expecting her baby in March & I wanted to be here to help. I guess the family will take over & her mother plans to come after Blaine gets home.

we have had the most
deceivable weather 70° one day & down
to 20° the next. Snow, sleet, slush
and rain made a bad combination.

Our old friend the Turkish Amb.
urged us to a huge reception at the
Mayflower in honor of the Turkish President.
It was fun seeing old friends again, the
lavish buffet, gorgeous decorations, astonishing
fashions and much champagne made
it quite a success.

That's just about all the
news for now.

Lasta la vista -

Love

Potter

Robert has solved our reading problems,
I'm very much afraid the position will be
reversed as he does not fit under the bed!
Maybe he could raise them -

Feb. 2nd = 1954

Dear Helen:-

Your nice letters keep us informed, I must admit I have fallen far behind with my correspondence. We were so pleased to see Henry Simbert, Anna & her husband came in for a moment, they make a very nice couple. Hope he made his plans, he did not allow himself too much time.

Robert & I feel quite a bit down after all the excitement of Teddy's wedding. Everything went off very nicely, even the weather was good to her. A beautiful, cold sunny day, a brisk wind but the sun shone the whole day. Sunday it snowed and it is still snowing, with sleet & slippery roads.

Teddy really looked very sweet, her dress had a light fitting satin bodice, with yards and yards of tulle in the skirt, floor length, worn over a corset. The veil was finger tips, she carried an old fashioned posy with satin streamers.

The bridesmaids were pink & blue taffeta, street length with creolin shirts same colored sleeves & banded. They also carried old fashioned posies, the pink one had blue satin streamers & the blue one pink, they looked very demure.

The groom, Herbert & the ushers wore the short black jacket & striped pants, white cambric & grey gloves. Jones truly a grey-blue silk, street length, white satin hat, white gloves & and orchid corsage. The groom's mother wore rose with white hat & the same corsage.

The chapel looked very pretty,

decorated with palms and white flowers
on the altar. They had a double ring
service and low mass. It was pretty
well filled with just family & the
immediate crosses and personal friends
of Teddy and Jerry.

The reception was quite well
done by the Officers' Club mess. The
cake looked very grand, the punch
was spiked enough to make
people talkative and relaxed. The
bridesmaids caught the bouquet.

They left church with wife &
drove down to Charleston for their
honeymoon. Teddy wore a dark blue
suit, had a red pompadour on his hat
blue accessories and a cashmere coat,
she looked very groomed & very self
possessed. Jerry seemed more excited, or
at least showed it more.

Since then I have moved Betty into
a new apartment and have unpacked
and put their things away. It looks
quite nice but very tiny. I don't know
where she will put her wedding presents,
they are all still here, she received
some very pretty things & practically no
duplicates. She has 8 complete plate
settings of "Royal Danish" silver and
some of the serving implement. A complete
China/ ^{set} of "Lenox" "Colonade," linens, crystal
picture stands, candle sticks etc etc. too
many things to remember off hand.

We had two afternoon parties
of people coming in to see the gifts, I still
have to go back to the new apt. to put
the family trunks before they get back.

I guess you must be just as busy
as can be getting ready for graduation.
Don't worry too much, they are always
successful. Best wishes & much

Love to you both from Herbert & Dothis

Leguagurpa

April 16th [1942]

Dear Helen & Doc:-

Needless to say we
hated to say - good bye. so will think
of it as - hasta - la - vista - & hope
it will be soon, & in Washington,
so we can at least make an
effort to reciprocate some of your
kindness. I think the rest did sleep
a lot of good, he slept more restfully
and is feeling better. Bless you
both and many thanks for everything.

After thinking
things over, our plans still stand.
I expect to leave to-morrow for

Washington and Herbert Jr Nicaragua
on Sunday morning. Jim is going
to keep an eye on him & he
promises to come home if he does
not continue to improve & feel
better.

Many thanks for the
letters, we are always so happy to
hear from the kids.

Lots of commotion on
the streets, went to several of the
Bunches, they certainly take the
Semana Santa seriously and
with a lot of pageants.

Herbert joins me
with thanks and regards to Eastie.
Much love
Bothe

Sunday

April 18th 1954

Dear Helen:-

The trip up was not half as hard as I expected. As you already know we waited for even to get started, we left at 10'clock, after waiting in the airport for over 2 hours, they had notified us of an early flight. Then another long wait in the Miami airport and finally got home at 2.45 a.m. It seemed so strange to walk into a closed home.

Went to carry Pass & then out to see the pandemics. She behaved beautifully all day, only cried when she was being bathed. Pat & Blair are a scream, they have taken their responsibilities too hard. I guess they will recover and act normally soon. It was with the trip to see them. Teddy is spending the night with me so we get caught up on the news &

happens.

Washington is at its best, the
agaveas, many blossoms, the sword
some fruit trees are in full bloom, the
grass is really green, it is warm &
clean.

Looking back, I still don't know
the answers to a lot of things. I enjoyed
being with you so much, hope we did not
wear out our welcome. Herbert's cold seemed
better & he promised to come home if he
did not feel better, I want him here but
I'd rather see him feel well and carry on,
hope to join him in Guatemala.

Bless you both for being so
good to us, we shall never forget your
kindness. Hope your Florida trip was all
you as far as Washington.

Love

John

THE BROADMOOR APT. 205
3601 CONNECTICUT AVE., N. W.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

La Cera de Uds.

June 12 (1954?)

Remends Doctor :

I'm a bit late replying to your letter of May 12 but I'm sure my ~~companion~~ understands my failings.

It is so good to get the real dope on things. While my time in Honduras was so brief, my attachment to the country is immense ratio and I want a bit of news from there.

Since I moved over to the Inspector Corps I do not have as much info on the personnel developments as I did before but the last I heard Byron's star was still in the ascendancy. He wrote to me while I was in Panama and I replied to the best of my ability asking that he write again about the time of my return here but he has not done so. He is my pride and joy and I look forward to his steady progress.

buffet.

Next stops U. of North Carolina to
which Bobly has been admitted.

I leave Saturday for Mexico City.
If you or Helen or both get up that
way please let me know so there can
be a reunion. The Embassy will
know where I am at any given time.
The schedule is roughly:

Mexico City - June 15-23

Veracruz - June 23-July 1

Mexico City - July 1-5

Atlixco - July 5-July 28

Montreux - July 28-Aug 15

Mex City Aug 16-20

Guadalajara August 21-Sep 5

Mexico City Sep 6-Dec. 9.

Big Bobly won't get down so far as
we can now plan until September.

My work recently has been interesting

We had a fine week and climaxed
by the arrival in good shape of the
banca Helen was kind enough to obtain.
Pat and Claire have it on loan with the
understanding Teddy is the real owner. If
there is any little dispute will let Teddy
again have the old original banca now
in our possession which I suppose borrowed
from Cristobal Colon (didn't you know
that bit of the history of one of our
treasures?)

The week ended consisted of a Father &
son golf at Georgetown Prep in which neither
the Buns nor the other family did very
well. Then a long session with various
cognac, meeting other parents (m. and f.) and
a good buffet. Sunday a sunny man,
diplomat etc. Much to our relief Bobby
got his - he had some last minute
difficulties with 4th year Latin for
which I can't blame him. This was
followed by a really elaborate

but not too strenuous. The trip to
Panama except for the separation
was fine so it may be that I'll like
the importers business. If not I'll
retire, build a house in San Antonio
and become an adviser to U.F.

I go by the new premises of the Cosmos
Club nearly every day. It looks like
an enormous reconstruction project.
It will doubtless have lots of space
and comforts but I fear it will never
have the true charm of the original
premises.

Here's hoping you and yours are
all thriving.

Sincerely,

Hubert



GRAND HÔTEL
STOCKHOLM

TELEFON 22 10 20
TELEGR. GRAND

November 2nd 1942

Dear Helen:-
Your letter of Oct 24th reached
us yesterday. We have been here nearly
a week and have seen very little.
The city is really beautiful, wish
we had come here in June & July
instead of Oct. Nov. On the whole
the weather has been not too good
rain, rain & more rain with an
occasional sunny day. We were
lucky on Saturday, the Consul
took us to visit an old Chateau
north of Stockholm on another lake.

There were only 12 rooms to the place, we visited 10 of them, the owner lives in part of it & the rest is closed. You can imagine how warm we were. Not a fire going in any of the fireplaces and no artificial heat either. Hebert says - "five or 205 for comfort" However it was very interesting. The ceilings were atrocious but there were lovely tapestries, pictures, furniture silver, china & history. The armoury contains 12000 guns & the iron shield which belonged to Charles V and was made by Benvenuto Cellini.

To-day I went to the National

Museum" it is really beautiful as
to architecture & its contents. A
good part of it was closed, don't
know whether they open different
rooms on different days, the
language has me ticked &
don't believe what they tell for
that everybody speaks English!
I took the Bascarda along, but
kept on wishing for more along.
They have something for practically
every country & every school of art.
I am taking Schubert on Sunday as
there are some beautiful views on
the pond floor.

So glad for interest in a
Radio, we have our small portable

entire us and get the news. The reception is
very poor here except very late at night.
We expect to be here at least three
weeks. Jack & Elizabeth have been
awfully nice to us. They have a lovely
Embassy, nicely furnished with a gorgeous
view, a swimming pool, squash courts a
lift, and really adequate reception
quarters. Fortunately they have the
additional money it takes to run
such a place. They are both leaving
tomorrow to go to Egypt for a
month's vacation, they hope to see
the sun & show out!

Don't know yet how or when
we shall start back for home.

Our very best love to
both of you.

Love
P. B. B.

Christmas
Greetings

[Dec. 1954?]

This will be our second Christmas
away from you all and while we have
much to be happy about wish we could
all be together. Much love

Dubert

Maybe we can all find
a warm spot to spend our
next Xmas - maybe be
together. Best wishes & love Bobbie

3601 Connecticut Av. Apt 24
Washington D C

Jan 2nd [1955?]

Dear Mama:-

A very Happy New Year to you & all good wishes. We have been here two weeks & I really have been thinking of you quite a lot. We left Helen & Doc well and on their way to Florida, all four of us wanted to say good-bye as we knew we would be gone by the time they came back. However, they have promised to visit me in the Spring on their way to California.

we hope you will have the opportunity
to join them here and visit us
also.

We were fortunate enough
to have all three children for
Xmas. Heaven only knows when
we shall all be next year, we
are most thankful to have had
this blessing.

So let us know how
you are, we are hoping to see
something of Nancy soon.

Thine in
affectionate regards.

Robert L. Vandy.



HOTEL

Canterbury
SUTTER NEAR TAYLOR
SAN FRANCISCO

Friday

Card

[1956?]

Monday

Dear Doc & Helen:

I telephoned you yesterday, hopefully, Valencia 4-3355 and a very pleasant individual said that you had already gone South. This was a great disappointment to me and to Claire & Pat who wanted you for dinner - (I am delighted with my 3 children).

This means that we can't see you as soon as we had hoped. I must move on to Chicago on Friday — but we expect to be in Warrenton until the summer when my requested retirement will probably take place, at that time you there.

I do pray that all goes well with you both and the

daughter -

POSTAL CARD SYSTEM
JANUARY 1900
Mend Love

Herbert

Almuñecar, Spain

May 7, 1958

Bursley

Dear Herbert,

As you will recall, I was unable to get to the State Department when we were in Washington last February, due to the heavy snows, hence I did not have an opportunity to discuss the matter of ICA becas with the gentleman to whom you referred me. These becas have been very much on my mind for the past five years or so, so I am taking this opportunity to present my views, in case you should desire to pass them on. I am thinking, naturally, of the becas in agriculture, which is the only field about which I know anything, and I am basing my comments on our experience at Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, and on my discussions with some of the men who have gone from Central America to the States with ICA becas.

If I am not mistaken, ICA has been giving two types of becas in agriculture. One of them is one year at an agricultural college, the other a short time, perhaps only a semester, in an agricultural college, with a somewhat lengthy tour of interesting regions in the States and elsewhere. I have in mind a particular case: a young man, one of our EAP graduates, who had been working at the cooperative experiment station in El Recreo, Nicaragua. This man was sent first to Washington for a couple of weeks, I believe, then he had a semester at Gainesville (Florida) then a brief trip to California, then to Puerto Rico, then Trinidad, then Turrialba (Costa Rica) then back to Nicaragua. He was booked to come to EAP for two weeks but I pointed out that he had recently spent three years there (where is was not a top-flight student by any means) and I could see nothing to be gained by his spending another two weeks with us.

Several years ago I discussed this matter of ICA becas with Dr. Mimms (I believe that is his name) who represented ICA and who told me the purpose of their becas is to give recipients a broadening experience, but not to get them academic degrees. And this is the point I want to bring up.

More and more it is becoming important for a young Latin American to have the título of Ingeniero Agrónomo or its equivalent, which is a B. S. A. from an accredited college in the States. When I was a kid we did not need to have a Ph.D. in order to aspire to a good job. Now it has become just about as important as it is to have a Union card if you want to work in a print shop. We have the problem in Latin America, that some of the countries demand a título from their own national college of agriculture, or a degree from a foreign institution approved by them and some do not seem to think that Cornell or Wisconsin or California meet their requirements. We cannot do much about this.

So to come back to the point: On two occasions, graduates of EAP who were sent by ICA to Florida for one year, and who made excellent records there, came to me at the end of the year and said "I can get my B.S.A. in another year, but ICA cannot grant a second year" and we have helped them out by giving them the second year. I think you know we have been able to send, from EAP, two to four boys to the

States annually, on full scholarships, for one year with a second if they made good, and they have up to now made good in every case and received the B.S.A. degrees, two with high honors and three with honors, out of a total of 18 who have been graduated at Gainesville.

What I am really trying to do is to present the views of these young Latin Americans with whom I have been in quite intimate contact. If I have understood them correctly, what they want is an opportunity to get good technical training terminating in a B.S.A. degree, rather than a semester or even a year at an agricultural college, with perhaps a trip to various interesting regions. Based on the feeling of these men, it would be my recommendation that ICA change its program so as to give the boys the opportunity they so earnestly desire.

Such a change would probably involve little more expense than is presently incurred, at least in the case of men who are sent for long trips such as the Nicaraguan case mentioned above. I understand the grant in this instance was about \$4500. We allow our graduates who are sent to Florida \$1900 per annum, which does not include tuition because that State has a law which permits the University to grant a certain number of tuition-free scholarships to Latin America and we have now been able to get these for our graduates - primarily because our boys have never let us down. Only one of them has had a D in his record and he got this in Swimming!

You know how strongly I believe in scholarships for Latin American students. In my 32 years in tropical America I have only known of one instance where a lad who was sent to the States did not come back with good training and genuine affection for our country and our people, and this case was that of a lad with kinky hair who went to the wrong place.

Perhaps the ICA program has changed in the past year or two. I do not know. But what I would like to urge is that consideration be given a policy of providing one year scholarships with the understanding that a second year would be financed if the student showed by his grades that he would probably be able to earn the B.S.A. degree. I would recommend that long tours of various States and countries be left out of the picture for undergraduates, or in other words, limit them to men who have had sufficient practical experience so that they know very well what they want to see and when they see it they can take full advantage of the opportunity. And thirdly, that scholarships (becas) should only be given to students whose records in schools which they have attended in Latin America are really outstanding. If students are not chosen on the basis of their records rather than recommendations from interested parties, we will not get the kind of students we should assist. I believe ICA has tried to be careful in this connection.

Sincerely,

Wilson Popenoe



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1958

Dear Doc:

As I informed you a while back, Rollin Atwood appreciated your letter of May 7.

I have now received another letter from him in which he suggested that I send you the substance of a recent ICA instruction. This you will find enclosed. He said that when it became available he would also send me for your information a copy of the further communication mentioned in the last paragraph of the enclosure.

We hope you and Helen are enjoying your travels and sojourns. We have settled down quietly in the Broadmoor (3601 Connecticut Avenue) again and are content to be back there. I may go to Mexico City next week (alone) but otherwise we have no immediate travel plans.

I met Tubby Marvin a few days ago. He is retiring in a month or two.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert S. Bursley

Attachment: as stated

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,
c/o Mrs. Martha Sussmann,
American Embassy,
Madrid, Spain

1. ICA/W's attention has been drawn from time to time to difficulties experienced by the USOM's in interpreting the provisions of M.O. 1300.1 with respect to training in excess of one year, generally for the purpose of obtaining an academic degree. Recently, the Office of Institutional Projects Abroad of the American Council on Education, representing the university contractors, also asked ICA/W for reconsideration of our policy with respect to training for degree purposes.

2. Accordingly, the problems surrounding degree training per se have been carefully restudied. As a result, the Director has approved criteria which should enable the contractors to operate effectively and yet assure conformance to the general objectives of the training program. Under these criteria training for academic degrees is authorized when:

- a. The training is consistent with and assists in the furtherance of U.S. objectives in the area or country.
- b. The degree is necessary for academic purposes.
- c. The host country's academic institution agrees to re-employ the participant after training.
- d. The participant agrees to serve the host country's academic institution after training.

3. Consideration has also been given to the manner in which these criteria are to be applied and by whom; i.e., whether by the USOM or by the Contractor. Actually, it is ICA/W's hope that there will be very close and friendly coordination between the USOM's and the contractors with respect to the totality of their operations, but such is particularly necessary with respect to participant training in view of the fact that the training of participants under the university contract mechanism must be related in a general way to training under the regular ICA participant training program. However, it still seems desirable to amplify how the criteria are to be applied to assure a common understanding.

Criteria (a) "That training is consistent with and assists in the furtherance of U.S. objectives in the area or country." Essentially, only an instrumentality of the U.S. Government, in this case the USOM, and certify that this criteria has been met. The USOM should take full responsibility for assuring that the information called for by the bio-data form is fully presented and, in particular, should state the proposed duration of the training program and the academic degree to be obtained, if any. Where a degree is to be obtained, the proposed duration of the training should reflect the judgment of the University Chief of Party as to the length of time necessary to earn the degree. Bio-data should be transmitted to ICA/W well prior to initiation of the training program. The ICA/W action officers will notify the

Office of Contract Relations here in those instances where training in excess of 12 months is required and where the contract provisions require specific ICA/W concurrence in such cases. The Office of Contract Relations will then forward authorization to the U.S. contractor with a copy to the USOM.

Criteria (b) "The degree is necessary for academic purposes." The determination as to whether a degree is or is not necessary for academic purposes is a technical judgment to be made by the contractor.

The contractor, in developing work plans, should take due care to estimate the numbers of participants to be sent to the States for degree earning purposes, the estimated length of time such will take, etc., in order that such plans may be accurately reflected in the costing estimates submitted to the USOM. It is at this point, i.e., in the program development phase, where the two interested parties should discuss this matter while the contractor should be left free to function in the operational phases.

Criteria (c) "The host country's academic institution agrees to re-employ the participant after training."

Criteria (d) "The participant agrees to serve the host country's academic institution after training."

It is essential that these two criteria be understood and accepted by the host country's academic institution and the individual participants. The manner in which these criteria are to be applied and reduced to written understandings should be jointly determined by the USOM and the contractor. The USOM should take all appropriate steps vis-a-vis the government concerned.

4. Where USOM's transmit bio-data on prospective participants, ICA/W will take this as evidence that the conditions of the foregoing criteria have been met.

5. ICA/W will consider on a case-by-case basis requests for extensions made on behalf of participants who have already initiated their training programs. The matter of extensions to participant training programs already in operation was also mentioned by the Office of Institutional Projects Abroad as an operational problem of some concern to it. ICA/W has in reply emphasized the desirability of determining well prior to the departure of the participant for the United States, the period of time which may be required and thus limiting the number of requests for extensions to the minimum possible. In general, ICA/W will need assurance that extensions requested in the future for the purpose of obtaining a degree meet the criteria set forth in the preceding paragraphs before granting approval. Extensions requested because of the participant's difficulty in adjusting to a new environment, or by the need for special study, or to make up for courses taken overseas but disallowed by the American university, or extensions to permit further study by especially able participants, etc. - - - - of a type impossible for the USOM or the contractor to foresee - - - - are in a different category and will be carefully considered on the merits of each case and with USOM recommendations in hand.

6. The Office of Institutional Projects Abroad has been informed of the contents of this communication.

7. Non-academic participants under the university contract program (those not intended to fill academic positions in their home country), as well as participants under the regular training program, will be the subject of a later communication.

SMITH

H. S. Bursley

Rancho California, Almuñecar (Granada)
7 Sept 1958

Dear Herb:

Many thanks for your note, included in Bobbie's last letter to Helen. I haven't read the "case study" you mention but know something about it; when they were gathering information Galo Paza, Tracy May and another chap whose name I forget spent a couple of days with us at Zamorano and told us about the project.

A long time ago I rec'd the memo you kindly sent me from the ICA boys about the scholarship business. Many thanks. The only thing about it with which I do not agree is the proviso that all Latins who get enough money to go ahead and obtain degrees in the US have to commit themselves to returning to their respective countries and taking up academic work under their respective governments, or something like that. I guess you know how I feel about the academic business. I am for schools like Zamorano (naturally enough) and then when a boy has finished there and you know he is going ahead to be a teacher in an agr'l school or an extension worker or something like that, send him up to the States and let him get some final technical training and a degree. This is what I tried to do at Zamorano - and I believe it worked. Incidentally, there is now a big drive at Zamorano to raise the level of our school to that of a University and give a B S A degree. I don't know just what will come of it.

They have been after me to go back to El Salvador and take charge of their new agr'l school for a couple of years. Helen and I have just decided that I better not tackle it. In the first place, I am 66 yrs old and one of these mornings am going to wake up dead, as we say in Spanish; and for another reason, the best publishing house in Spain is after me to prepare a manual of tropical fruit growing in Spanish, which I believe might prove very useful in Latin America for a good many years. So our present idea is to fly up to Stuttgart next month, pick up our new Volkswagen, then come back to Spain where living is cheap and the grub good, and do some writing. We have had a swell summer, with that trip to the eastern Mediterranean and the one to the Canary Is from which we returned last month. And to show you one reason why I like this part of the world, we came back on a brand new 22,000 ton Spanish steamer from Santa Cruz de Tenerife, in an air conditioned cabin, with plenty of grub and all the dago red you could drink, free, at a cost of \$22 per person for a four day trip. In New York I can hardly live on \$22 per day and no dago red included either. So we may hang around Spain for quite a while yet.

Affectionate regards to Bobbie and yourself
and to Bob if still there, and in that case tell him he was dead right about the Spanish thread; I had two cotton suits made in Madrid and the buttons began coming off the third day.

THE BROADMOOR
3601 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

September 30 [1959]

Dear Helen & Doc:

You can always be counted on.
It was so nice to hear from you on my
Birthday. Here's hoping you are thriving and
will be in these parts for a reunion before
long.

We are more or less making time.
I am fairly busy and may take a trip overseas
soon - unfortunately not to Latin America. My
hope is really to retire come Spring.

It was great fun seeing Teddy
and company - they are over near Boston.
John Robert is in New York with the
International Association of Chiefs of Police who

are holding their annual convention. He is
due back tomorrow. His base is here. They
have given him a very well paying job
but it does not hold extensive career
possibilities. However, he can learn
much and get a chance to bring up his
Spanish and French.

When UF went to 50 I sold most of
my extensive (!?) holdings. I have bought
back recently most of it and wish I had
some spare dough to buy more as a
mining speculation. Hope you all didn't
get caught when it went off.

Our best love to you Bill.

Hubert.

Antigua 20 Octb 1959

Dear Herb:

It sure was good to hear from you, as per yours of 30th pxmo ppdo. We continue to miss you and Bobbie down here and expect to do so indefinitely.

Helen is having a grand time rebuilding the two houses nearer to hear heart's desire - i.e., putting in two bathrooms with the assistance of Mr Kohler of Kohler, and probably an electric stove in the kitchen of the new house "always referred to as her house" which adjoins the old house on the north. Like the good cachureco which I am, I shall probably shun the new bathroom and continue to walk across the patio with my jug of hot water every morning for the shave. We have revamped the solar heater which works beautifully when the sun is shining, and when it is cloudy and damp as it has been for the past five days you don't want a bath anyway.

You mention UFCo. No, I haven't been caught. The 200 shares I bought 20 years ago at 60 are now 400 shares worth 26 each, so that isn't too bad; and I really believe the shares will bring a better price about a year from now. I don't think they can much lower. The news I get from the boys who have just come back from Boston is that things are going to pick up. You may have heard that a big mistake was made in changing the technique of Sigatoka control from Bordeaux mixture to a new oil spray which controlled the Sigatoka alright but cut down the weight per stem of fruit about 16 lbs. They have gone back to Bordeaux. The only thing which really worries me is the possibility of decreased prices in the US market. Production costs are way up, and will be hard to lower very materially. But a lot of our UFCo people are buying stock at 26 and frankly I would not be afraid to do so either.

You have heard about termination of the ICS arrangement here in Guatemala. It is regrettable, but I feel Guatemala was pretty much in the right. For the past several years results haven't been too good and the expense was great on both sides. Frankly, we haven't had enough men from the US - technicians - who got right out in the field and got their hands dirty and kept them dirty for a long enough time to accomplish worthwhile results. With a much smaller staff much better results were being obtained ten years ago when we had Bill Cowgill on coffee work, Charley Simmonds doing a magnificent soil survey of Guatemala (his maps are out and they are extremely valuable) and Bob Squibb working on animal nutrition.

I am still hounding the ICA boys to do what I think is a better job on the scholarships. Last case was one of my boys, a Costa Rican, who was given a scholarship to study vocational agr in the US. He wanted to go to Florida - where he got his BS on one of our EAP scholarships - to get his Master's, but they insisted on sending him to Pennsylvania, where they may be strong on Vo Ag but his boy wanted some tropical agronomy along with it. He finally was allowed to go back to Florida but made to have his major in Vo Ag which is his minor interest.

Helen has left off telling Arturo why the mojinetete doesn't fit the cojonete down at her house, and joins me affectionate regards to you both.

Antigua, Guatemala, 20 Oct 1960

Mr Herbert S Bursley,
3601 Conn Ave NW, Washington D C

Dear Herbert:

When I was in Managua recently I met an old friend of mine, Henry Stephens, who is local manager for Coca Cola. He has held this same job in Guatemala and in Barquisimeto, Venezuela and I believe in several places in Europe.

Henry wants to get into something more interesting, and he asked me if I thought he would have a chance in the Foreign Service. I told him I would ask your opinion. He is 51 years old, a large but not fat, fine looking fellow, with an excellent personality. His qualifications are a lot of administrative experience in Europe and tropical America, and a really good knowledge of German, French and Spanish. He is American born, of parents who came from Denmark.

Do you think there is any chance for him at his age; if so, where, Incidentally, he is a graduate of the University of Florida.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

THE BROADMOOR
3601 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

October 26. [1960]

Dear Doc:

Yours of October 20 "to hand"
today.

Frankly, I doubt that there is
much chance of a job for your friend at
this time in view of his age, especially if
his "administrative" experience has to do with
merchandising rather than Govl. operations or
something similar. However, I have been some
time since I had info. on that side of our
personnel operations (i.e. recruitment). Therefore,
I shall speak to the people in that "area" and
ask them to follow up if there is any possibility.
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I shall suggest an approach thru the
Embassy in Managua rather than a
direct one so as not to tip off his
associates. Even if there is something
doing, the appointive process is a fairly
long one as a rule. Of course, Mr.
S. could approach the Embassy without
being "called in", if he so desired.

Yours etc

Herb

THE BROADMOOR
3601 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

May 20th 1961

Dear Tex:-

I was so grieved and shocked over your sad news, my heart goes out to you with love and sympathy. Helen was such a good friend and a wonderful person, everybody who knew her loved her and will miss her dreadfully. I wish I could say something to comfort you in your loneliness and grief. I shall be thinking of you and praying for both of you. I am so glad the good Father gave her his blessing.

You may not have heard; but I
to have lost my sweet companion.
Herbert passed away in Orlando
on February 27th. He retired at the
end of the year and was hoping
to establish our home in Winter Park.
Unfortunately he did not live long
enough to enjoy his hard earned
retirement. I am each day, trying to
face the future without him.

God bless you and give
you strength to bear your sorrow.

With much love

Booth





WASHINGTON, D. C.

Hope you are
well. We have not heard
from you for a long time. Drop
us a line when you find
time, we'd love to know
where you are.

JUAN DE FLANDES (Active 1496-c.1519)

The Nativity (Samuel H. Kress Collection, Loan)

Christmas Greetings

and

All Good Wishes for

the New Year

Affectionately

Robert H. Brunsley

& John Robert

Dec 1962

SILENT



NIGHT

Hope you are back in
Good Health.
My family has departed
again. Daddy & Co are
in New York. But
is in Spain. Attendance
at our wedding is nice.
Love. All good
wishes for the new year

Christmas Greetings

and sincere good wishes

for

the New Year

Robert H. Bunsley

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