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August 14, 1941

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
c/o Tela Railroad Company
La Lima, Honduras

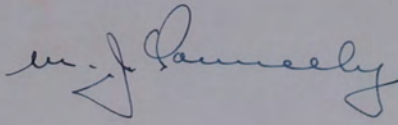
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Knowing your interest in matters pertaining to quinine, I think you will be glad to know the following:

In looking over some old laws of Guatemala I came across a decree issued in Guatemala City , April 29, 1882 providing for the payment of 1500 pesos to Sarg Hermanos for the planting of 2,200 Chinchona Succirubra in the farm "Sacoc" jurisdiction of Coban. The same decree provided that Sarg Hermanos should sell to anyone who wanted them one-third of the seedlings which these trees produced.

In the same book there is another decree approving a contract with one W. J. Forsyth who was hired by the government at \$250 per month plus a bonus of 5 pesos for each 1,000 quinine trees which would be planted in lands appropriate for quinine cultivation. Forsyth was to acquire seeds in Ceylon. No mention is made as to where planting would be done and I have seen nothing to indicate that it was done.

Yours very truly,

Saludos ! 

Boston 10, Massachusetts
February 4, 1947

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

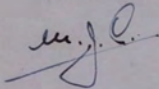
Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

I found a small picture of the Lamb of God which is attached hereto. Another picture appears in Webster's Dictionary under Agnus Dei. The picture attached is evidently the reverse of that on your altar front but it gives you an idea of the standing Lamb.

I have also seen a picture of a Lamb lying down with the banner both with and without the book of the seven seals but, presumably, when the Lamb is lying down the correct heraldic position is on the book of the seven seals.

In your letter you have the Latin "Ecce" spelled "Ece" and "Ecce" - the latter is correct. If "Ece" appears in the wording, it may be one of those frequent misspellings of words which we so often run across.

Sincerely,



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Boston 10, Massachusetts
February 4, 1947

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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From the sketch I am not quite certain whether the Lamb is standing or lying down. In "Church Symbolism" by F. R. Weber, Cleveland, 1938, we find, "The use of the Lamb of God is likewise of most ancient origin. It is based upon such scripture verses as Isaiah 53,7, St. John 1,29 and Revelations 5,12.... In ancient examples the Agnus Dei may be seen lying upon the book of seven seals or carrying the banner of victory. It must be crowned with the three-rayed nimbus signifying that it is a symbol of divinity.... The Lamb of God, like all other symbols, ought to be somewhat conventional rather than minutely realistic. It must not look like a woolly little lamb but may be ever so slightly archaic in drawing so that the devotional meaning back of it is not lost sight of...."

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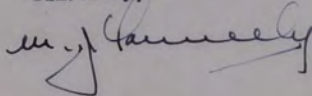
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I am sending this much along now as I know you will be anxious to get busy on your work but, as above stated, I will continue to look for suitable pictures of the Lamb.

Kind regards to you both in which Helen joins me.

Sincerely,



Boston 10, Massachusetts
February 25, 1947

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

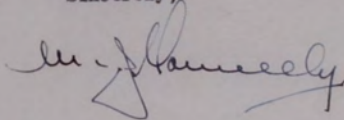
Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

Further to your recent request for information on the Agnus Dei, I now attach photostat copy (negative and positive) of the two conventional Lambs, that is, the one lying down on the Book and the other standing with the banner, which were obtained from "Church Symbolism" by F. R. Webber, published in Cleveland 1937.

With the negative, at least I think that is what you call the white on black, you can blow up the picture you want to any size although perhaps the size given on the black on white will suffice to give you adequate detail for the restoration you have to do on the altar front.

If there is any further information you want, please do not hesitate to call on me. It is a pleasure to look up these things for you as it gives me something to do in my spare time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. J. Hancey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Attachments-2

Boston 10, Massachusetts
March 7, 1947

VIA AIR MAIL

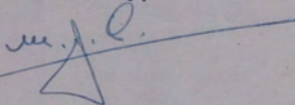
Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

In your letter of the 3rd instant you mention receiving a photostat copy of the Lamb but you do not mention receipt of my letter of February 4th giving the wording of the inscription that surrounds the Lamb. Just in case it miscarried, I attach copy of my letter of reference.

Kind regards to Wilson and yourself.

Sincerely,



Attachment

Boston 10, Massachusetts
February 4, 1947

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Kind regards to you both in which Helen joins me.

Sincerely,

M. J. Connelly

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, ONE FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ARTHUR A. POLLAN
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

August 11, 1947

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Wilson Popenoe
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

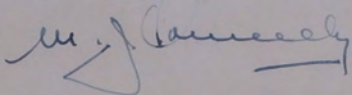
Dear Mrs. Popenoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing photographs of the altarpiece and detail of the Agnus Dei. I think you did a splendid job of reconstruction and, if you wish to leave Zamorano, I am sure you would be able to get a job in a museum in this country doing reconstruction work.

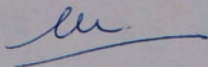
If I can be of any assistance on your next project, please be sure to call on me.

Kind regards to you both.

Sincerely,



We understand he discussed with his wife the minutest details of his work and that she made many of the decisions, much to the consternation of the people in Tingo Maria, which might have had much to do with his leaving there.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

Boston, Massachusetts

November 16, 1955

*Answered
22 Nov 1955*

Dr. Wilson Popenoe
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor:

I refer to your letter of the 4th instant concerning Ben Birdsall.

I have asked several people here regarding him. You may recall that he joined us originally in 1929 as soil chemist, later transferring to the Agricultural Department. He resigned in 1936 to resume his studies in the United States. Five years later he was re-employed as overseer and after two months left us to work for the United States Government. We understand that he worked in many departments of the Government and apparently reached the peak of his earning power when he was with W. R. Grace and Company at a salary, we understand, of \$22,500. He did not wish to travel so he left that job and, after awhile, became associated with one of the United States departments in the Point IV program, stationed in Panama, at a salary, we understand, of about \$16,500 plus house allowance.

It is true he approached Mr. Rowe with a view to re-joining the Company in the Research Department at about the time Dr. Dunlap retired, but this was after Mr. Rowe had arranged for Dr. Thornton to succeed Dr. Dunlap. I might say here that it was also felt that Ben might not be happy with us at a much lower salary than he was getting with the United States Government.

Your estimate of his age is fairly close. He will be 49 years of age on December 14th.

I, personally, believe it would be well for you to continue your search elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Martin

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UNIFRUITCO BOSTON

CONNELLY HOPE YOU AND ESTHER CAN BE WITH US FOR TENTH GRADUATION
FEB 18 STOP YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT THIS SCHOOL

WILSON AND HELEN POPENOE-AMM

MARTIN J. CONNELLY
29 ROTHERWOOD ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE 59, MASS.

Sunday, April 8 1956.

My dear Doctor,

Here we are with April almost one-third over, and we are having a real "old-fashioned" snowstorm. Just about 10 inches of wet, heavy snow, which is going to raise old Ned with the shrubs. This is the fourth snow in three weeks. Makes me wish that when my father came here from Ireland as a boy he kept on going West or South.

Late in January you sent me some "Poetry" written by your friend Anastasio Izquierdo of Berlanga de Duero. Well, being snowbound, I was re-reading the one about your visit to Berlanga, when I noticed that the thing was printed on a pedacito of the Loteria for January 5th, so I am returning it to you in the hopes that you will share in the "gordo" which, as Anastasio says "no vendriamuy mal."

In reading the paper on Fray Tomas read by Prof Ernesto Castellero Reyes at the III Congreso Catolico (how the heck did a Huguenot get a bid to that) de la Vida Real, I noticed that he made reference to the alligator which the good bishop brought back -stuffed- to Spain from Panama. Enrique J. Arce in his "Biografia del Obispo Berlanga", "America Espanola" 1940 p 277/295, also mentions this as well as the two mitres, chausable and chalice of Fray Tomas which are preserved in a niche of the of his chapel. Did you by chance see them? Of course you say the calman because you sent me a picture of it. Your friend Anastasio wrote:

Si no se ponedlos medios
que lo puedan consevar
twndremos que cantar pronto
se va el calman, se va el calman!

y segun se parece del foto, el sabio Anastasio tiene mucho razon.

Very best to Helen and yourself from
Esther and the rest of the Connelly tribe and,

su servidor,

Martin

Quincy Hospital

Quincy, Mass.

March 07 - 1957

(St. Patrick's Day - in the morning)

My dear Doctor

Many thanks for your kind note received some days ago. I am getting along well - but slowly, and have callouses in the usual spots from being in bed four weeks. Now I am in a wheel chair 5/6 hours a day, and am making my first steps on crutches. From present indications I shall be here another 2/3 weeks and then expect to spend a week or two in N. O. or Florida before going north.

Esther is here with me, having come down 4 days after the accident, which makes things much easier around!

So you are returning at the end of this month! Delicious! Had I done so, instead of continuing to work on the big case, I should by now be on my way to call on Tray Tomas' people! Arise! Hope another year will see us all in Spain.

You must enjoy being in Antigua. Did you know that Bernad Diaz, the collector of my "C" has recently been

re. translated into English? He lived on your
street in Antigua & helios.

What a real satisfaction you must
feel to have graduated 542 boys from
East during your term there! A real accomplish-
ment not given many people.

May have a chance to see you in
Guatemala before I leave for Yaguajay.

I hope so.

Very best to Helen and to you from

O. K. East and me both. I hope you will

be very happy.

Love from the West.

So you are returning to the land

of the mountain! I hope so.

Instead of working in the field you

should be on your way to the school

to teach the people. I hope you will

be in the field in the

in the field in the

80 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts
August 1, 1957

Dear Doctor:

I was very happy to receive your letter of July 27. I believe that Fray Tomas de Berlanga deserves something much more serious and lasting than a squib in UNIFRUITCO. I would like some day to cooperate in preparing a complete record of his life and of important things connected with it; for example, the introduction of the banana into the new world, the introduction of the tomato and the potato into Central America from South America, the discovery of the Galapagos Islands, his mission to Peru where the King sent him to get Pizarro into line, etc. Several of these things are covered in letters which he wrote to the King of Spain which are still preserved in the Archives of the Indies in Sevilla. I have copies of a couple of his letters and hope some day to get copies of all of them. I also have much other material I secured from Sevilla, Santo Domingo, Panama and the Library of Congress which I do not feel like turning over to Gordon Kidd at this time.

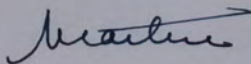
When you were in Spain in 1955, you wrote me two letters regarding your visit to Berlanga de Duero which I am now returning to you - together with the snapshot of the alligator which Fray Tomas brought to Spain from Panama.

It is a fact that "Fra Berlanga" is not a correct name to use; "Fra" is Italian. The correct name, of course, would be the full name Fray (a contraction of Fraille, meaning Friar) Tomas de Berlanga. When the ship was named, I told the people here that the name was not correct, but got nowhere. Berlanga of course is the name of Fray Tomas' birthplace and was adopted as part of his name when he professed religion, as under the rules of the Dominican order he had to drop his family name.

I would like very much to go to Spain with you this year, but I find this quite impossible. If all goes well, I will go there next year.

Kind regards to Helen and yourself - in which Esther joins me.

Sincerely,



Antigua Guatemala, 12 Sept 1957

Personal

Mr M J Connelly
United Fruit Co., Boston, Mass.

Dear Martin:

Last week I finished my two months' contract in Salvador, after having completed a pretty thorough survey of fruit culture, during which we located many fine things worthy of propagation, especially mangos; and we organised two nurseries, one near Sonsonate and the other near Usulután. A fortunate thing for us was the arrival of a new ICA horticulturist, Mr Mortensen from South Texas, who has had plenty of experience with Citrus and avocados and is going to supervise the nursery work. The weak point is good propagators; it may take some time to get the local lads properly trained.

We are getting our library reorganised, incorporating what we left here with what we brought back from Zamorano, and I am really surprised to see what a fine lot of material on Spain we now have. As for going back to Spain, we are not hurrying as there is quite a lot to be done here; they are asking me to be consultant on some fruit projects here, for one thing. But I am sure we will be heading across the water before many more months go by. And once we get over there, we may stay quite a while. Among other things, we want to visit the Canaries to see if I can get any hunches as to what kind of banana Fray Tomás took to Santo Domingo. As I have previously mentioned, I have a strong suspicion that it was the butuco or majoncho or burro or cuatro files or chato - the variety so common in Central America which does not require any soil or any water, and is so different from other bananas that Professor Cheesman of Trinidad told me he was strongly inclined to think it is a different species of Musa.

I am returning herewith the notes I sent you from Spain, after having taken off any data which might be useful to me if I ever come to writing up the story of the introduction of the banana into this hemisphere. I do not think I shall attempt this until after I have been to the Canaries, and if I finally get around to it, I feel as you do that it will probably merit publication in some scientific journal like "Economic Botany" or "The Scientific Monthly". I shall not attempt to cover any other part of the life of Fray Tomas except his origin and the story of the banana - I will leave it to you to work up a complete biography of that admirable character!

Life is pretty pleasant here in Antigua, in spite of the fact that tortillas, which 15 years ago were 14 for a cent are now two for a cent. Coffee used to be ten cents a pound here - green beans - and is now 50 or so. Best thing is to use "No es café" (sic) which is made out of grain and flavored with cinnamon. It is not so good as "Nescafé" I am sorry to say.

Best regards to all of you.

Sincerely,

Boston, Massachusetts
September 19, 1957

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

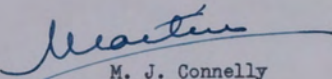
My dear Doctor:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 12. I imagine you are very happy to be back in Antigua and, in spite of the ghosts, etc., I can't think of a nicer place to be.

I was interested to hear of your plans for visiting Spain. Apparently, you will not be in Spain much before the new year, but be certain to let me know when you will be there and, of course, give me addresses so that on the off chance I get to Spain next year I will contact you and together we can gather information on our favorite Bishop.

All your friends here send kindest regards including Dr. Dunlap who was here yesterday. I read him extracts from your letter which interested him very much.

Best regards to Helen and yourself in which Esther joins me.


M. J. Connelly

Antigua, Guatemala, 22 Sept 1957

PERSONAL

Mr M J Connelly
United Fruit Co.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Martin:

It was good to have your letter of the 19th and to know that there is hope of getting together with you folks in Spain. Our departure is postponed; I still have some work to do in Salvador and now they want me to look into some things here in Guatemala - the Instituto Centroamericano de Investigacion y Tecnologia Industrial, which I believe is a branch of FAO or something of that sort. I feel an obligation to this part of the world, but I also want to get something done in southern Spain before I die. The establishment of good avocado varieties, the lychee, better loquats, Japanese persimmons, the subtropical peaches and plums, et id genus omne. I wish I had another lifetime to do a lot of the things which ought to be done!

It now looks as though we will go to Spain early in the new year, and the big drawing card is the International Horticultural Congress in France next April. So let us meet in Spain next summer, and we will hope to have a Volkswagen in which the four of us can go to Berlanga de Duero and a lot of other places which Esther and yourself will love as we do.

Helen joins me in affectionate regards to both of you.

Ever yours,

Wilson Popenoe

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY
80 FEDERAL STREET
BOSTON

October 31, 1957

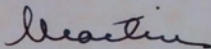
My dear Doctor:

I am attaching copy of itinerary of Mr. & Mrs. Coolidge who expect to be in Guatemala from the 7th to the 9th of December. Presumably they will write you, but in any event, Mr. Coolidge has expressed the desire of seeing something of you during his stay in Guatemala. You will also be getting a copy of a circular letter which we are addressing to the Managers on the Coolidge visit.

What are your plans regarding Spain? Do you expect to visit there any time during 1958? I will have to give the matter considerable thought in the near future, as I am winding up here at the end of December.

Very best to Helen and yourself, in which Esther joins me.

Sincerely,



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

Antigua, 10 Dec 1957

PERSONAL

Mr Martin J Connelly
United Fruit Company,
80 Federal St, Boston, Mass.

Dear Martin:

This is a tardy reply to your letter of 31 October, in which you announced the visit of Mr and Mrs Coolidge. They spent Sunday with us and left yesterday morning; it was a joy to have them here (we figured out that it is just about 20 years ago, that they spent two or three weeks here) and the visit served to crystallise our plans quite a bit, which is the reason I can answer more or less definitely your question about our forthcoming trip to Spain.

Mr Coolidge told me he plans to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP some time in February. This will be in Boston, of course. We had been planning to leave here for Spain in March. If we go to Boston in February, we will probably spend a couple of weeks in Washington and then fly to Spain. The Big Point about Spain - and Helen doesn't let me forget it more than 20 minutes at a time - is Semana Santa in Sevilla. So we will aim to fly early in March at latest. Helen isn't too keen about being in Madrid at that time, so I am telling her we will head right down to the Mediterranean coast.

It is probable that we shall be in Spain for several months. I have some work to do at a little place called Almuñecar - I may have told you about it - which is on the coast about 15 kms west of Motril, where you hit the Mediterranean when you drive down from Granada, 70 kms.

It seems to me just and proper that we should get together in Spain for a time. There are so many things we would enjoy together! I think both of you will enjoy the country just about as we do, which means that you keep out of the main tourist centers - or when you are in them, you keep out of the main tourist hotels. I don't think I am mistaken about this - it is so much fun living with the people and they are so good and so interested in you, and they never tried to stick us but once, when the hotel keeper added 15 cents to our bill which might easily have been a mistake anyway.

I am going to make a few suggestions. If you fly to Europe, you may want to stop in Portugal for a few days - you may want to go to the shrine of the Virgin of Fatima which is about half way between Lisboa and the Spanish border. If you go there, by all means continue on north by car to Spain; you cross the Tuya and before you know it you are in Santiago de Compostela, which is definitely a must for you. The Spanish Tourist Department has recently trimmed up the old royal hospital in Santiago and made it into one of their excellent paradores; it is right across the plaza from the cathedral and you will love it. We have stayed at the Hotel España, which is also close by, because the parador was not yet open; and the España is allright. It will cost you about \$3.50 per day at the España and about \$4.50 or \$5 at the parador, both with meals and good ones. Helen will agree with me

in saying that Santiago de Compostela is probably the most fascinating spot in Spain.

When you go to Madrid, we recommend the Hotel Lope de Vega, address José Antonio (also known as the Gran Via) numero 59; right in the center of town, a very ~~déjà-vu~~ small hotel which has floors 9 and 10 and 11 of a large building - you will note that many hotels in Madrid work on this basis, not a whole building, and there may be 4 or 5 hotels in one. We have stayed at the Lope de Vega three times; one of the best rooms, 110, has a balcony overlooking the Royal Palace and it has a private bath and just the best service you would want, and all for about \$3.50 per day, two persons, without meals of course. This is high living, for Spain, and we never paid so much for a room elsewhere, but it is worth it! Two blocks away is the Restaurant Valencia where you can get an excellent paella and somewhat farther away, a 15 cent taxi ride, is Siete Picos, where you get a splendid meal for about 75 cents U.S. cy. You will not want to leave Madrid.

I imagine we will see you in Boston in February. If you think of going to Spain for Semana Santa we will see what can be done; they say it is impossible even at this date to get housing, but we have some good friends there and I feel sure we could get rooms in a private house. Ordinarily, we stay at the Hotel Simon in Sevilla, a very nice little hotel at about \$2.75 per day with meals. In Granada we always stay at the Pension America, right up under the walls of the Alhambra, which is run by some old friends of Helen's, and they will give us any Spanish dishes we request, all for about \$3 per day. You will want some time in Granada; and I think it might be fun for us all to drive over to Berlanga de Duero and see the church of Fray Tomás.

En fin, I feel sure we can get together somewhere in Spain, and I suspect we will have a chance to talk about it in Boston in February. If your plans will permit, I would strongly urge that you try to get over there for Holy Week in Sevilla. If we can't get lodgings right in town we can stay in one of the outlying villages - there are several of them within half an hour's drive. We have a chauffeur in Madrid, Francisco Ruiz Muñoz, whose address is (or was, last year) Lista 68, who has taken us all over Spain in his venerable Fiat at a cost of about 10 US cents per mile and he is a very decent chap. We might even buy a little car when we get over there - it depends on how much time we intend to stay in Europe. We had a baby Renault last time and it worked out at about 6 cents a mile, including loss on re-sale.

So let's go to Spain!

Warmest regards from us both,

Dec 26, 1958.

My dear Doctor.

I suppose that by now you are back in Antigua and enjoying better weather than you experienced during your last few days in Madrid, which your letter of the 19th indicated was a bit miserable.

I have mislaid the ^{name and} address of your Washington bank, so I am enclosing a check for \$100 to settle up for the 5000 pesetas which you were good enough to prearrange in Grenada. As usual I am much in your debt for your kindness.

I delivered the jewelry items to Jeff in person and John Kelly's

was handed to Arthur Marquette
who was in Boston and I advised
John by phone to be on the look
out for Arthur. I am now
advised by John that the piece
was received etc.

I am not certain how you
should be addressed in Antigua
and the next time you write
please let me have your
correct mail address. This I
am sending in care of Bill
Taillon and asking that he
forward it to you. -

All good wishes to Helen and
to you, in which Ethel joins
me, for a Happy New Year
full of everything you both
desire.

Sincerely
Martin Riney

While our street address here is Primera Avenida Sur num. 2, this is not a very big town and mail and telegrams simply addressed Antigua always come thru promptly, especially because the lads at the PO and telegraph always know there is something in it for them.
Antigua, Guatemala, 17 January 1959

Dear Martin:

Many thanks for your letter of 26 December and the check for \$100 which I have cashed with Dana Condon. While I got the pesetas at 52 there were some transfer charges, etc., so I guess the figure is about right. And speaking about charges, hombre! We have spent the last five days getting our Volkswagen out of the aduana at San José de Guatemala. Two trips to the port, two days in Guatemala City, una infinidad de papeles and signatures and timbres, everything from a basic import duty of \$267 (which isn't too bad) to 64 cents I had to pay one of Tom Bradshaw's men at the port for I don't know what. But I got a receipt in triplicate which in itself was worth 64 cents. It cost 23 bucks to get the car from ship to dock, 11 bucks from the outer end of the dock to the inner end (aduanas) and so on. I have learned more about the workings of government in this past week than ever before. AND THEN, when we finally got the lovely little Volkswagen up here it was only to find that the 1959 placas have not yet arrived and the car can not move out of our zaguan until it has placas on it. Que hacer? Pues, se puede comprar placas de 1958, y usarlas hasta que lleguen las nuevas. Y eso cuanto nos va a costar? Pues las placas y licencia para 1958, \$30, y para 1959 lo mismo. Y no estamos ya en el 1959. Pues si, pero ----.

We have received letters from Mrs Coolidge and Mrs Kelley that the things you kindly took for them arrived safely and seem pleased. Mrs Kelly especially. I think I told you that when I first knew her she was Ethel Hipkins and worked in our office in the Dept of Agr in Washn, where Jack Kelly met her. She was so pretty that she appeared in the Washington Star as a Nell Gwynn girl, whatever that was.

It has been mighty good to get back home and find everything in statu quo ante, except the garden needed some attention, which it has recd in the form of 14 carretadas of manure during these past two weeks. Before we settle down to write that book, we are going up to Mexico and California for a short trip. I deliberately chose the 30-day ticket for two reasons, (1) cheaper, and (2) we will have to come home in 30 days whether our friends in California argue or not.

Papers are full of talk about a threatened railroad strike. Tom and the jefe of the SAMF had an all day session; the President has called a conference and so on. The Minister of Agriculture has asked me to spend a week at the Escuela Nal. de Agricultura and give him my advice; the Diario Latino in El Salvador came out with an article saying I have been contracted by the gov't to take over the Dirección of the Escuela Nal. de Agricultura in that country, which ain't so, and I have had to write five letters this morning to friends who are anxious to hear when I am coming, which will be when San Juan baje el dedo.

We think often, and shall continue to think often, of that lovely trip we had with Ester and yourself - probably our farewell to Spain, or mine at least. And good old Padre Sol at Berlanga de Duero! And that wet snow at Sorial! And those gorgeous cathedrals and the Alhambra! I never get enough of Spain. Helen joins in affectionate regards to

M. J. Connelly
29 Rotherwood Road
Newton Centre 59. Mass.

Antigua, Guatemala, 16 July 1959

Dear Martin and Esther:

Helen and I speak of you often, and our very pleasant tour of Spain. We hope all goes well with you. As for ourselves, we have kept unconscionably busy since we got back from Europe just in time for la Noche Buena.

In January we went up to California for a month, to see our respective relatives and to check up on new developments in the field of horticulture. Then we came back here and in May I flew down to Venezuela, where I undertook a small job for the Fundación Eugenio Mendoza - a private affair financed by what I suspect is the richest hombre in that country. Three very interesting weeks, going all over the country to locate good places for fruit growing and to recommend suitable varieties for each. Then I came up to Costa Rica, where I spent two weeks attending the annual meetings of the Caribbean Region, American Society for Horticultural Science (I was Secy-Treas of our region group for five years) and then back here again, and now we have just returned from Mexico, where I went to give a series of lectures and demonstrations for the Curso Internacional de Horticultura, sponsored by the Organización de Estados Americanos. Had a nice four day tour of Mexico from the city up to San Luis Potosí and Irapuato. And now we hope to stay put until end of November, when we shall probably fly up to Gainesville, Florida, to take part in some more meetings. I am getting to be the meetingest guy you ever seed.

In Venezuela they told me the papers reported that UFCO had bought a big tract of banana land at the south end of Lake Maracaibo. They asked me what I knew about it and I told them I knew nothing, but I did know we had a tract of land over at Carrasquero which UFCO had held for a long while but did not seem to be very promising for bananas. I wrote Whit about this and he no further land had been purchased. If anybody ever tries to grow bananas on that Carrasquero tract I think the plantations will boil down to about 500 acres cuando mas. Venezuela, to me, was rather depressing; the anti-gringo feeling so strong you can positively smell it in the air.

Life here in Antigua is mighty pleasant. Good climate, good people, and good grub. The latter is getting higher in price but what isn't? Good tenderloin steaks still only 60 cents a pound if you agree to buy a pound of soup bones with every order.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to you both. If I can finish writing that darn manual of tropical fruits in Spanish by next spring, and if God grants me grace, I think we will fly back to Spain again about May. The papers say they have devaluated the peseta, officially, to 58 per dollar which I suspect means we could get about 65 by buying in New York.

Ever yours,

29 Rotherwood Road,
Newton Centre 59,
Massachusetts.

August 6th 1959.

My dear Doctor,

On the off chance that you have not heard of it from other sources, I am very sorry to report the passing of T. Jefferson Coolidge, who died today in Beverly Hospital some ten days after he had undergone surgery. The paper said heart failure, but did not say what the surgery was for, nor have I heard from the office. Funeral will be private.

I feel that the Company and every employee has lost a great deal with Jeff's passing. In my opinion he contributed more than most of our Directors, and he, in his quiet manner, did more for the employees than was generally known or appreciated. He put together our Retirement and Death Benefit Plan, and by his keen financial ability built up a fund which returns much more than the 3% on which the plan was predicated. As the fund grew he insisted that the increased benefits be passed on to the employees. He was of great help to me in my work, as he was to you, and he was always willing and happy to listen to ones problems and give suggestions of ways to overcome them.

He will be missed at 80 Federal!

Hope all goes well with Helen and with you, and that you are both enjoying splendid weather in the delightful city of Antigua.

Maureen has received good news; she goes to work in the Fogg Museum Library, at Harvard, on the 1st of September. Needless to say we are happy about it.

Well, no more for now. My very best to both of you in which Esther joins me. You should see us! Esther, Maureen and I have just finished one coat of paint on the walls and trim of our sun room, and start the second coat tomorrow. We are proud of our work, and at today's prices for painters we have saved quite a nice penny toward our next trip!

Take it easy!

Martin

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MARTIN J. CONNELLY
29 ROTHERWOOD ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE 59, MASS.

Sep 9, 1959

My dear Doctor,

Thought you might
be interested in this clipping re Jeff's
estate.

Saw Jen MacPhail a couple
of days ago - She told me she thought
you were out of the country, so I
suppose you are occupied in your
favorite project of helping out
the other fellow.

We have had a very hot
August - 13 days over 90° - and
September is starting out in like
manner. Quate would begin
cool to me - the city, that is, - but
I imagine it is very hot on the coast
this month.

If my writing seems worse
than usual - excuse it - I have a
swollen thumb and it keeps
getting in the way!

all the best to Helen and
you in which Esther joins me.

Sincerely
Martin

Antigua, Guatemala, 26 Oct 1959

Dear Martin:

It was good to have yours of 9 Sept. No, we haven't been far from base recently, but two of the men I worked with in Venezuela came here, at different times, and I had to spend several days taking them through the fruit-growing regions. The first chap hit the season just right for the apples, plums and pears - and they are getting pretty good here. Mostly due to trees which have been brought in from California since you and I first worked in Guatemala.

The changes in Bostpn have kept us a bit dizzy down here, especially Bap's sudden retirement which dropped like a bombshell in the Guatemala City office. Local changes here in Guatemala and Honduras haven't been of such a nature to upset anybody - but Virgil Scott who dropped in for the morning a couple of days ago says the end is not yet. Harlo von Wald and wife spent last Sunday with us - just before hopping for for Puerto Libertador. It is pretty sad about Bill Turnbull. I had great admiration for him and for Reggie and Walter Hamer - I hear Walter is back in Mexico, having left the Guayaquil job.

You probably know more about Company happenings than I do. I hear Bookout is retiring; Dave Clward going and will be replaced by George Munhh at La Lima. Clyde DeLawder replaces Von Wald at Bananera and Van Diepen takes over Tiquisate. I ran into Dana Condon in the office the other day and I asks "How's every little thing?" And Dana replies, couldnt be worse. Couldnt unload fruit up north for two weeks and now we have a washout at Aguas Calientes with 60 carloads of coffee here in the City awaiting shipment".

Bill Paddock just sent us members of the Board of Trustees copy of a letter from Red Moore saying that it was decided, at a meeting of the Executive Committee, that monnes would be named by the Company to replace Jeff Coolidge and Ken Redmond on our Board of Directors. That in the future the Company did not want anybody on our Board. Of course we dont know just what this means. Jeff Coolidge told me one time that he wanted to get the Rockefeller Foundation into the picture. He did this by finally get the Foundation to permit George Harrar to serve on our Board and he has taken and is taking a very active part. The budget has jumped from the \$300,000 that it was in your day and mine to \$400,000 and I understand the 1959 budget is overspent for the period. If UFCo backs out - and it seems to me under present conditions it might reasonably do so, I would favor one of two things: either get the Rockefeller to shoulder the burden (and I think the burden could and should be lighter; we used to raise it ten to 20 percent a year, you will remember) or do what Jeff Coolidge said when I asked him one day what we would do if the UFCo no longer wanted to put in any cash annually. He replied "Eat up your endowment fund; you can live on it 25 years and that is as long as we need to worry about".

Helen is busy putting in two modern bathrooms; I am busy cashing checks. I dont intend to take on any more expertin' jobs until next spring; I have to finish this book for Salvat Editores of Barcelona. Might take the MS over there personally and see it thru the press! We join in affectionate regards to you of you.

Antigua, 29 Nov 1959

Dear Martin:

A few years ago I sent a paper to the Tercer Congreso Católico de la Vida Rural, held in Panama. Running through the Memoria of this Congreso I find an extremely interesting paper El Obispo Fray Tomas de Berlanga, by Prof. Ernesto J. Castellero Reyes. In this paper Castellero Reyes says that Fray Tomas introduced the tomato into Panama. He gives quite a few references to works which treat of Fray Tomas, including: "Memorias Historicas de Berlanga" by Dr Juan M Dedoya, no date or place of publication. Biografia de Fray Tomas de Berlanga, Obispo de Panama, por Mariano de Alvares, tampoco date and place of publication. El Obispo que Introdujo el Plátano en America, por Juan a Sosa, idem. And the Enciclopedia Católica, which is in the library at Zamorano.

I don't know whether either you or I will ever get around to working up the history of the introduction of the banana into the New World; I think you have a better chance than I have, and I shall leave it to you for I have my hands full and my physical strength aint what it used to be (or as the Irishman said, in fact it never was).

I should have gone up to NYC for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP which took place last week but I just felt I could not be of any help. The problem is this: UFCo (as I think I have told you) has announced officially that it no longer wishes to have a representative of the Company on the Board of Trustees and it wishes to cut down its annual cash contribution as rapidly as possible, until the school is on its own or getting financial support from other sources. Fortunately, Mr Gardner has written Bill Paddock they will help out this coming year and until other sources of income can be found. I enclose a memo from Paddock which shows how things stand at present. You need not return this. I don't know what was done with the 1960 budget at NY last week; perhaps you do. My hope is that the Rockefeller Foundation will step into the picture; I have the feeling that this was the hope of Jeff Coolidge also, though he never made it quite that plain to me. It is my feeling that the school can operate quite efficiently on a maintenance budget of about \$300,000 and a betterment budget of about \$30,000 if necessary; we were pretty close to that two years ago, you will remember.

I am and shall continue to be of the feeling that I should stay out of the picture; I believe the school is in the hands, now, of George Harrar, Bill Paddock and Doris; though I believe the Company will continue to stand back of the project as long as necessary. I hope so, at least. Since the Rockefeller Foundation is so deeply interested in agricultural education in tropical America they might take over to the extent necessary to make up the difference between the earnings of the endowment fund and the annual expenditures; and of course, as Jeff Coolidge once told me, You can use up the endowment fund year by year, and it will carry you for a long time - meaning of course that we could cut into our capital and it might not be a bad idea.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to Ester and yourself,

Sincerely,

Sunday, December 13 1959.

My dear Doctor,

To Helen and to you, from all of us, all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. That sounds very much like the traditional greeting of a Bishop - "health and benediction", but it is our sincere wish that you both have a splendid holiday and that everything you hope for in the coming year will materialize.

Had a letter from Bob Beasley a short time ago, and, as you know, a copy of a letter he wrote to Whitman. Bob and Mary seem to be enjoying themselves in the Malaga area, and I do hope for them that the winter will be an open and warm one. We did not get to Malaga, but hope to do so at some future date.

Right now we are giving considerable thought to what we shall do this winter. As it now looks, we shall go to Southern California, and gradually work our way up to Oregon. As neither of us has been on a banana ship for many years, we may, if there is a service from New York, go to Barrios and after a few days in Quirigua and the city, fly to Los Angeles. We shall see what we shall see.

It is too bad that you could not come up for the EAP meeting. I am certain that your ideas on the finances would have been sound, but whether they would have been accepted is quite another thing. They will sorely miss (or will they) Jeff, who contributed so much to the successful financing of the school. He was quite sound when it came to finances. I think that the xx school might well be operated for a few years from the \$2,000,000 fund, and so reduce the burden on an already overtaxed UFC treasury. I wish I could see Ned Bigelow and put that idea in his head. I do not have too much confidence in some of the people there, in fact I feel the lack of experience on the part of the several heads of the monster well may ruin it. Strange how easy it is to get far away from something with which we lived and worked for so many years. I go in once a month to a TRT meeting, but more and more I feel that I am an outsider. Mais, c'est la vie. Getting back to the school for a minute. I think that in the back of his mind Jeff felt that the EAP might well be nationalized one day, and that that day would be hastened if it were to give degrees and thus bring its courses directly under the aegis of the Minister of I.P. I think this fear /I think influenced in no small manner his decision to currently use, rather /you felt the than accumulate, the income from the endowment fund. One thing /same that must not be lost sight of is the fact that the EAP retirement /way contribution funds (employer and employee) are co-mingled with the /about it. endowment fund, which should not be dissipated to the point where the retirement fund will suffer. Possibly now would be a good time to review the retirement fund and possibly insure it in one of the old line companies.

Have you seen or heard anything of Walter Turnbull? It must be a year since I heard directly from him, but have heard indirectly that he is quite fit. Is Tono Mata OK? Wrote him some weeks ago but have not had a reply, so was wondering.

Now let's see.

Memorias Historicas de Berlanga

by Juan Manuel Bedoya. The only reference I have on this is the date "1845" in a memorandum from Jose Antonio Susto (see below), and a reference to this work as "Edicion de 1845" by Enrique J Arce who wrote a biographical sketch on Fray Tomas in 1940.

Biografía de Fray Tomas de Berlanga, Obispo de Panama

by Mariano Alvarez. This was a "folletito publicado en Vitoria, Espana, 1918, y titulado "El Venerable Padre Fray Tomas de Berlanga, Obispo que fue de Panama"

El Obispo que Introdujo el Platanó en America"

By Juan A Sosa (sic) There is some confusion here. The reference in Castellero Reyes' work was to this title by Juan A Susto (NOTSasa) Juan Antonio Susto, who wrote me a memo in 1940 was at that time Director del Archivo Nacional y Secretario de la Academia Panamena de la Historia. He wrote a short memo or folletito on Fray Tomas, and in its bibliography he refers to a work by Juan B Sosa "Panama Vieja - Los Mitrados Catolicos" published in 1919 Only a short piece referred to Fray Tomas. Copy of that part is attached. Hope that the above will help some.

I had read elsewhere, in Arce's sketch, about Fray Tomas having introduced the Tomato into Panama from Peru, and he tells that When Fray Tomas was Obispo de Panama he visited the huerta of Juan Romero, who had obtained tomatoe seed from the lot brought from Peru by the bishop. He was amazed at the quantity of tomatoes Juan had cultivated, ~~xxx~~ fruits of which he sold in the city, and Juan told him "....pero a vos, senor Obispo...es a quien debo este medio de ganarme la vida." Evidently then the gente was not afraid to eat the love apples. Where did our early fear of them come from.

Swell, no more for now- Hope you both are keeping fit, and that you are taking things easy and enjoying life.

ToHelen and to you, all the best from Esther and,

Esther

Fray Tomas de Berlanga, dominico, natural de Berlanga del Duero en la Provincia de Soria, del Consejo de Su Majestad. Tomó el hábito en el convento de San Esteban de Salamanca, profesando el 10 de Mayo de 1508 de manos de Fray Benito de Santa María, Prior del convento. Pasó a América probablemente entre los Padres Predicadores que condujo Fray Domingo de Mendoza a Santo Domingo en 1510, y sirvió como Provincial de su Orden en Méjico. En 1528 se encontraba en Santo Domingo cuando los Oidores de esa Audiencia concertaban enviar una comisión a Carlos V., para exponerle al monarca las necesidades de la isla. Fue escogido para desempeñarla el devoto Fray Tomás quien la cumplió a satisfacción. Berlanga pasó al mismo tiempo a Roma y logró que se creara en la Isla la Provincial de Santo Domingo, gracia que se venía solicitando desde 1519 y que fue confirmada en el Capítulo que se celebró en esa gran Sede en 1530. Electo Obispo de Panamá el 11 de Febrero de 1534, le tocó señalar el sitio para la fábrica de la iglesia Catedral y del convento de la Merced. Fue esogido en 1537 como árbitro para dirimir en el Perú las desavenencias de Almagro y de Pizarro; tomó mucho empeño en favor de los indios; hizo visita pastoral a los pueblos ya fundados en el territorio istmeño y en 1539 partió para España a dar razón de varias cosas de Gobierno y del incendio ocurrido ese año en Panamá, a cuya ciudad volvió a principios de 1541. Su estancia entonces debió ser muy corta según se colige de lo que respecto del Prelado traen la "Relaciones Históricas de Berlanga" por Juan Manuel Bedoya. "Habiendo venido a España (en 1541 o 1542) con ánimo, de renunciar la mitra, murió en esta villa de la que era natural", el día 8 de Julio de 1551, según la inscripción de la loza que cubrió su sepultura, en la Capilla de los Cristos o de Panamá, al lado de

la Epístola, que él hizo construir en la Iglesia de la Colegiata de la nombrada ciudad, en la cual se conservan dos mitras y una casulla del venerable Obispo, así como un lagarto disecado que el mismo llevó del territorio de su diócesis.

Source: Juan B. Sosa, "Panamá la Vieja", Pages 101/2
Imprenta Oficial, Panamá, 1919.

Dec. 15, 1959

My dear Helen:

At last I take my pen in hand! If my thoughts of you have reached you, you know how steadily & pleasurably I have relived these past weeks. My diary has been beside my bed, & each evening I have reviewed the day. What a wonderful time we did have and so much of our visits in Spain, I would love to repeat, and ^{to} add the South. The latter is a must, & I would enjoy being there with you. I wonder if Martin & I will be doing that soon?

I have just finished another book about Spain, "Reapers of the Storm" by Lytton, Sturz - a most depressing "documentary novel of Spain today" 1958. It was written secretly by these two while visiting a small fishing village, near Malaga & dealing with the aftermath of the Civil War - magnificent character of the Spaniards & the tragedy of modern Spain. Do you know it? It was an eye opener to me in some respects, and I am glad we did not encounter that side of Spanish life. They did not use the real name of the village and from letters from the Beaulieu, it would seem they are in this same area. The Beaulieus love it.

This has been the shortest year ever. What a horrible thought that the years pass more swiftly as one grows

older - they are too short & swift already & I don't exactly feel old yet. However it was a good year, full of many blessings. I have been very busy. The household chores are a bit bigger, having four to feed. Martin has become quite domestic & has assumed many little jobs formerly delegated only to me, - for instance, he does a good deal of the shopping. It is amazing how busy he keeps himself. For that, I am certainly grateful.

Maureen is happy with Fogg Museum & the personnel, but feels the work too routine and without challenge. Perhaps later on it will become more "meaty." It is so good to have her at home for this year, at least, for I fear she will change positions next fall. She is enjoying her little car and her salary & feels quite wonderful to have been able to purchase a Kathe Kollwitz print & a Dutch, 17th Century, print, a gem. Just now she seems to be in a black & white phase.

Martin & I have been doing a lot of talking as to where we want to be when the snow flies here. We haven't come up with a decision yet, just ideas, and we better hurry since the ideal time for departure would be about Jan 15th and that isn't far hence. It would be great to go to Guate. - time will tell. Martin will spring it on me one of these days.

What an upheaval in the Fruit Co!
Aren't we glad we are on the outside
looking on the inside. My chief interest
now seems to center around those
dividends! Really happy that Martin
escaped all this recent ^{to do}.

Wonder how Christmas is celebrated
in Antigua? Here it is being approached
with all the glitter and commercialism
imaginable. Too bad that so much of
the deep, lovely, spiritual aspects of
the Season are being disregarded by so
many. Three families, one ^{each} the Connells,
have a progressive dinner, Christmas
day, and this year it is my turn to
have the turkey and fixings. The Frapps
will do the cocktails & the Russes the
dessert. It is fun going from one house
to the other. I believe we shall be fourteen
in number. On Sunday I have the
Connellys ^{slav}, sixteen in all, for dinner.
No maid, no day help, no caterer!

Martin & the girls join me in
sending you our warmest greetings
and sincerest wishes for a wonderful
good New Year, not only to you, but to
Dr. P., of course.

Love,

Esther

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

Antigua G, 23 Dec 1959

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Martin:

Yrs of 13th and Esther's of 15th, and both very welcome before proceeding to the important business of the day, I will pause to say that we hear from Bob and Mary Beasley every little while; we are familiar with their village, in fact almost know their house, and I just wish the rest of us could be in that same neighborhood for the winter climate - and the summer also - is wonderful. I used to wonder why people went from Madrid to Torremolinos (near Malaga, you know) for the summer. I don't wonder any more. All year round fine climate.

Bill Paddock writes that they will probably ignore, in the future, the policy that at least one parent of a student must be a native born Latin American, and "furthermore, when opportunity presents we will probably follow the policy of accepting students from any area in the hemisphere, provided they speak Spanish and are high school graduates. This means we can take from Canada and the United States and Argentina." I suppose Jamaica also, the only limitation being a knowledge of Spanish. This is quite a change in policy. Bill has sent me a memorandum he has presented to ICA in Washington asking for \$74,000 to provide new housing for the staff at Zamorano. I imagine he may get it.

You ask about Walter Turnbull. We hear from him rather frequently and every time we go to Mexico we see him. Last time was in July of this year. He is pretty well but aging a bit and he went through a period earlier this year when he was not at all well. Based on his history we would of course rather expect heart trouble, but he does not seem to be having any. I will say that he greatly misses the old contacts in the Company and his old friends, and seems to appreciate greatly hearing from any of us. He and I didn't always see eye to eye on agricultural problems - for example I opposed the development of the North Aguan - but we have always been good friends and he was always terribly generous and kind; and now that our technical problems no longer exist we look back and appreciate all his kindnesses. I think maybe we could use a more like him in UFCO.

Sam Zemurray had the good fortune to take over at just the right time, didn't he? Shares at an all-time low but conditions in the tropics pretty favorable. The new crowd aren't having the traditional Zemurray luck. So many things have piled up in the past few years. And of course I feel the lack of the old jefes with lots of experience and great wisdom - altho I am sure some of the new men have the wisdom though as yet they don't have the experience. Both are valuable. But Oh, how we need Jeff Coolidge!

You know Jeff never talked too much, but the impression I got, that he felt the school would be nationalized sooner or later and that we should not look ahead more than 20 years. As to the retirement contribution of EAP employees, I believe Red Moore has brought this up. Red seems to have taken over school matters at the Boston end; before long I should receive a copy of the minutes of the New York meeting and will know better what is going to be done. You say it is too bad I could not come up for the NY meeting; I really don't believe I could have been of any help. The questions are, putting the school on the university level, cutting it loose from the Company, and getting support from other sources - and it seems Paddock is looking to ICA particularly probably because he was associated with that group for a while and knows some of them personally.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO

Now to another matter: both you and Ester give us the idea that you are not too keen about wading through those snowdrifts which are shortly to pile up between your house and the station where you catch the Framingham local. Now the place for you is not anywhere in the US - neither California nor Florida - but right down here in tropical America. We have talked it over this morning at our usual hour for discussion of current topics, 5.30 to 6.00 a.m., and we think this should be your program:

I don't believe you have seen the little house we built some years ago on a lot which adjoins ours and faces on another street; we bought the lot to have more gardening space and we built the house just because we got in the habit of building things and liked the idea. It is a nice little house, big living room with a fireplace, good large bedroom, and - just by the Grace of God and General Jackson - we last week finished a modern bathroom, space for which had been prepared but we had to consult Kohler of Kohler and Mr Kelvinator. The house is now complete and we think, comfortable. No kitchen, but we have an electric hot plate on which you could prepare your morning coffee if you wanted to loaf around until maybe 6.45 or 7 o'clock. (Or even later; I would like to do so, but this gang comes to work on the new bathroom in the big house at 7 and promptly Arturo the Mestro announces he has no cement and I have to hustle down town and get some). You can eat with us in the old house as often as you want; we eat pretty light at night, usually soup and salad, but at noon we usually break out a T-bone or a leg of lamb or something of that sort.

So why don't you come down here around 15 Jan, the date you mention, make your headquarters here until you get tired of it, and by that time I would suggest you think of going down to Tela for a while. I believe they have lots of spare space there and George Munch who is now in charge is one of the old guard and I am sure would line you up. Also, I think it would be a fine idea for you to go over to EAP for a couple of weeks; they have a big guest house there, rarely occupied. I didn't build it as a guest house - we always took care of the guests - I built it for an Asst Director of which there is none to date.

And there are other mighty pleasant places down here - if you get tired of Antigua. You know all of the Company ones. And there are others where you can live very comfortably on \$5 per diem per capita, as for example Quezaltenango (a bit too cold now) and Escuintla (where we spent a recent week-end, new place, good food, pretty pleasant); and my favorite hotel in Central America is the Florida over in Santa Ana, El Salvador, where at \$4 per diem we get a great big old fashioned room and swell food.

You can fly down from Miami on Aviateca to Guatemala City for about \$100 round trip. About the same on TAN, with less frequent flights. Both direct from Miami to Guatemala, and we like and use both. Better think it over, and decide to come; and before you leave Boston, drop in at SS Pierce and get 3 cans of crab meat as per enclosed label. We won't be able to do one of Ester's lobster newburg's down here but she and Helen can whip up something pretty good with this crab meat.

Helen joins me in saying we will be at the air port to meet you, and mientras tanto

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

Antigua Guatemala, 9 January 1960

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Martin:

This is just to confirm my recent letter in which we suggested that you and Esther come down here, occupy our little guest house which now has fireplace and hot water complete, until you get tired of it; then you could move on to Tela or EAP or somewhere else if you wished to do so. There are lots of good bets.

I write to confirm because the mails have not been working too fast recently.

Guess I haven't told you that Bill Paddock wrote that the Board of Directors nominated three new members (Board of Trustees I should say), namely Rodman Rockefeller (one of Nelson's sons who spent the summer with us at Zamorano some years ago, a man named McCormick and a man named Ault. I do not know the latter two. Bill says none of the three has yet accepted.

Bill also said he thinks they are going to enlarge the geographical scope of the school and take in anybody from the Western Hemisphere providing he can speak Spanish; this includes North Americans and Canadians. You know our original idea was to limit scholarships to (1) those countries which are in the tropics, because we thought we could not prepare boys very well for other regions, and (2) limit the scholarships to those countries which we did not think were very well provided with agricultural schools that's why we left our Puerto Rico and a number of others. Bill adds, however, that students accepted from such countries as the U S and Canada would be expected to have a deep interest in tropical agriculture and likely to follow careers in the tropics.

Let us know when we shall meet you at La Aurora. Remember that TAN and Aviateca have direct flights from Miami to Guatemala City. I was checking up on Aviateca just the other day; \$104 round trip from Miami to Guatemala, plus tax at the Miami end. They fly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and we are now using TAN and Aviateca in preference to Pan Am because of the difference in price and because they have good records. Of course the Viscount jet-props of TACA from Miami are fine riding too, but we always stick to the Miami route.

Ever yours,

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

Antigua G, 15 Jan 1960

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Dear Martin:

Just got a radiogram from my boy Hugh who is getting his doctorate the the Unit of Florida and he wants to come up, so I can walk in the academic procession with him. Guess we will go - leaving here the 27th and being gone a week or ten days.

This not need change your plans in any manner, if you are Esther figure on coming down here. The guest house will be all ready for you and Maria and Toya will take good care of you until we get back. Just ask Bill Taillon to send you over here with your baggage; Maria will be expecting you.

Hastily yours,

Wilson Popenoe

MARTIN J. CONNELLY
29 ROTHEWOOD ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE 59, MASS.

Jan 18 1960

My dear Doctor,

Thank you very much for your letters of December 23 and January 9, and for your kindness in offering us the use of your house should we desire to spend some time in Antigua.

We have been sort of planning a trip to Guate for some time, and have asked the passenger Dept to advise us immediately there is news of a sailing to Barrios. We should like to spend a few days at the old haunts of Quirigua, and then go to the City where plan to pensionarnos for a while. We would then go to Antigua for a few days and take advantage of your kind offer. Then on the California and Oregon, where Esther's family are located.

I am not certain that I agree with the new policy being dictated for EAP. I think we should continue to operate it, until such time as it might be nationalized, as a Latin American school, limiting the students to boys from the perimeter of the Caribbean, plus Ecuador, and denying admission to boys from the other countries of South America. Jamaica, too, I would leave out as they have good agricultural schools available at home and in Trinidad and further for the color question which exists, let's face it, even with those latinos who have never seen a real negro. Possibly because so many latins have some negro blood in them they have inferior complexes when it comes to the black question, and hope subconsciously to become the superior race by pointing the finger of scorn, and hate, at the black man. I believe it is only a question of time until EAP is nationalized, and if I could ever have an opportunity to talk with some of the board I shall ~~xx~~ express my opinion that the endowment fund should be dissipated before that happens. I think that if some folks in Honduras thought they could reach the endowment fund for their own gain the day of nationalization would be speeded up.

I have to go in to 80 Federal tomorrow for a TRF meeting. How the morale there has nosedived. Some of the NY people are not too happy either, and

several of them are being to Boston, including Whit, Marquette, FDCo heads, and possibly others including Kansas. Perhaps the GO should be moved from Boston to some point more logical - New Orleans, Mobile or even S.F. Personally I think the only thing that is keeping it here is the makeup of the board. A move out of Boston seems stymied for the nonce, as I understand they will move from 80 Federal to a new building near the Copley Plaza in about two months time.

So far we have had a fairly mild winter, only one good snow storm. We were threatened with another couple, but the Good Lord took pity on us and chased them out to sea.

Had a letter from Bump the other day. He is in Guate more or less permanently. I do not think he would have too much trouble in getting new connections, possibly such as local representative in Guate for American and European firms who are desirous of having a representative there without the expense of maintaining a complete organization. If I were younger, I think I would try for some such connections. Possibly Tona could operate a legal reporting service such as that operated by Julio and Ruth in Bogota. Would bring in a few nickles as a supplement and not as the main source or income. After all, Bump has a good pension.

Well, Doctor, many thanks again for your kindness in inviting us to Antigua. We shall let you know our plans as soon as the passenger boys give us the green light on the ship.

I have the crab meat from SSPs, so will look forward to the newburg.

Esther joins me in sending all good wishes to Helen and to you.

Sincerely,

Martin

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 9 Feb 1960

Dear Martin:

Last night I returned from two weeks in Florida, where I went to see Hugh get his Ph D and to make a horticultural tour of southern Florida with him. At Gainesville I had a chance to talk with Pres Wayne Reitz, who is now a member of the Executive Committee of EAP as you know. He is concerned about the finances of the latter and wonders if Mr Zemurray would leave about \$5,000,000 to the school. I don't think there is a chance of that, do you? I told him my program would be (1) cut back the expense to about \$325,000 per yr; Get the Company to chip in \$100,000 of this for a year or two, and if that is not possible, then dig into the Endowment Fund as Jeff Coolidge suggested. Reitz was not very strong for the last-named idea.

We have not heard from you regarding the possibility of seeing you here - but I must mention that the mails have not been working very well of late. We shall be leaving here about March 10, not before, for Commencement at Zamorano. We hope you and Esther will come.

Helen joins in affectionate regards to you both.

Always sincerely,

Quetz. Sunday
March 6, 1960
[1960]

My dear Doctor.

On the eve of your departure from Quetz. I want to thank Helen and you for your great kindness in taking care of us so nicely - we enjoyed every minute of our stay in Antigua. It was so nice being with you folks and as I told Esther every time I talk with you I seem to become educated in some thing or another. Stones, birds, flowers, books, in fine, 'todo'!

We go to Petalhué - see tomorrow and to Tapachula Tuesday where we will take the train to Vera

crazy. After a couple of days in
V.C. we will train to Mex. City
for another few days, then on
to El Paso by train and to
L.A. - also by train. We may
be crazy as loons, but I have
always had the yen to make
that trip by train through Mexico
We can always fly if it should
be too tiresome.

Present plans call for
our return home last half
of April - we shall see how it
goes - after some few days in
the f.l. area we will drive
to Portland, Oregon where
Escher has several brothers

Hope you knock them
dead when you address

the EAP students -

Very best to Helen and
to yourself.

Sincerely,

Martin R. R. R.

I want to say for
your return home last half
of April - we shall see how
soon - after some further
the E. R. R. we will drive
to Portland, Oregon where
father has several brothers
Hope you reach them
check when you return

Antigua G, Domingo de Ramos 1960
[Easter Sunday]
[March 27, 1960]

Dear Martin:

I shall stop watching the processions long enough to drop you a few lines. Wonderful processions. Roman centurions, Arab legions, and everything else. Bigger and better every year.

We had quite a stay at Zamorano. Rather painful in a way - just like going back to the old home and finding mother and father dead. But the place looks very well except for the orchards which the last jefe of horticulture pruned almost to death. Bill spent \$94,000 on betterments last yr and \$72,000 the year before, against the \$25000 to \$35000 which you annually gave me - and, which to my mind was enough.

The graduation ceremonies were good. Pres Villegas Morales on the platform but did not make a speech. Doris and I limited ourselves to vdry short speeches. About 1200 people present including students. Doris did not bring a delegation from Costa Rica this year. Chico de Sola came from Salvador; he and I rounded up quite a bit of planting material for him to use on his finca.

UFCo has committed \$200,000 for this yr; \$150,000 for next, then gradually out of the picture, so I hear. I am sorry. I would like to see the Company stay behind the school, on the basis of \$100,000 per annum, which would do the job if kept on the old basis. Doris is out to get four million dollars to add to the Endowment Fund; they think this will suffice to carry on the school along Bill Paddock's lines. Doris says she is not in favor of putting it on the University level; it was not her father's idea nor Jeff's nor yours nor mine nor hers. But I believe Bill will get it there. Bill is now aiming at seven new \$10,000 houses for the staff. Money, money, money. Is this why the Company is backing out? I don't know.

Ever yours,

Antigua, 28 Oct 1960

Dear Martin:

We were glad to have news of you all thru Esther. We don't get much news from Boston these days, nor from EAP; as a friend of mine wrote, I am one of the desheredados.

For 25 years I have been trying to find horticulturists to fill important jobs down this way, and now I am trying to find jobs for important horticulturists. Mack Palmer has been let^{as} you doubtless know, and Tom Grieve in Costa Rica; two good men in my field. And the office in Guatemala City seems just about deserted. I can't understand it all, but I can't help feeling that the Board of Directors much know what they are doing.

As for EAP, you doubtless know that Bill has announced that anybody from Point Barrow to Tierra del Fuego can enter if he speaks Spanish, has a high school diploma or the equivalent, and passes the entrance exam. Of course I am not in favor of taking gringos or Canadians or even Argentines; I wanted to keep the school limited to Latin Americans from countries which do not have good schools of their own - schools of the vocational type. The next move is to put the school on the University level - which it practically is already, but to speed up the schedule by a trimester system, with three semesters or trimesters a year (it boils down to a question of classroom hours) so our graduates can be given a degree equal to a B S, and go up to the States as Post Graduate students to get an M S in one year. I have always liked the idea of giving our grads two years in the US before they got a BS; there are so very many fine courses in the technical field, which I do not believe we can ever hope to give down here, because our school is so very small and we can never hope to have a tremendous staff of well prepared teachers. Florida for example has nearly a thousand; we have nearer ten and I don't mean ten thousand either.

I am trying to keep out of the picture, completely, because I know my views are not popular. Apparently the school is now in the hands of Doris and Bill Paddock. The latter has improved materially the physical plant, which is extremely attractive; it has cost money, about \$100 to \$150 thousand more than you let me spend, and I still think you let me spend enough. And of course the increase is per annum. Bill has been trying to get \$124,000 from ICA for more houses and other physical improvements but hasn't landed it yet. He wants seven more of the large-sized houses. I think you know UFCo has announced that the school no longer is fostered by the Co; that they will eliminate the ~~financial~~ financial support just as rapidly as the school can find money elsewhere.

Helen and I are talking about going back to Europe next spring, spending most of the summer in southern Spain. Depends on much money the I come Tax boys leave to me. How I wish I had sold my UFCo shares at 50 as Helen wanted me to do!

We join in affectionate regards to you both.

October 31 1960 (Hallowe'en)

My dear Doctor,

It was so nice receiving your letter of the 28th, which as you will see came through in good time. It has been a long time since I had direct word from you, although we do hear from you through mutual friends.

I have worried considerable of late regarding the ultimate fate of the Old Unayt, and like you am still holding too much depreciated stock which brings in not enough to keep us in beans - much less rice. Also like you I was stuck with my stock by being in Europe when the dividend rate was reduced from \$3 to \$2, and the stock eased off from 48/50 to about 40. I felt that my loss would be too great by selling then - my average is 48, so foolishly or not, I rode it all the way down. I saw Louie Sisto a couple of weeks ago - he feels UFCo will eventually come back, and I certainly hope he is not over optimistic. The people in power have brought about a wonderfully organized confusion. No one knows what one is doing or why. All sorts of new men are being brought in at fabulous pay the theory being, I think, that the more people in the organization who know nothing about the banana business the more money we will make. Each time I talk with some of the "regulars" I come home quite depressed and as Confucius probably said - "Lower that a snake's ass".

The EAP is a good example of the confusion. We have no right whatsoever to operate a college and give degrees. The Ministerio de E.P. is bound to intervene in the operations and will sooner or later dictate the courses, name the faculty, etc., etc. Beyond that I look for a nationalization of the school, and that sooner than later if the boys in Teguci find ~~xamock~~ out about the endowment fund and can put their fingers on it. If the UFCo does not further support it I can see trouble ahead. What happens to the EAP retirement plan, funds of which are co-mingled with the endowment fund and credited with interest at the rate of 3%. Looking back - and forward - I think we were quite lucky to get out when we did - If only I could liquidate my stock at cost I would be quite happy.

I do hope you will have success in placing Mac Palmer and Tom Grieve. I wonder if they could not find something attractive in their respective countries. Agricultural know how is always an asset. Have they explored the possibilities of representing manufacturers of fertilizers, fungicides, etc.? By the way, have you read or heard of the elimination of the ~~xamock~~ screw worm fly in Florida, and of the coming eradication of the gypsy and brown tail moths throughout the US? In the case of the screw worm fly, vast numbers of males were bred, treated and made sterile with XRay and freed to seek out females, who, frustrated, pass through their lifes' cycles childless. The moths attack is based on the work of chemists who produced synthetic moth sex odors and again frustration. I read the story recently but can not find it today. Perhaps your friends in Gainesville can get it for you.

Do write again when you can spare the time. Sincerely hope your trip to Spain will materialize. You get so much out of it.

Esther joins me in sending you our warmest regards.

Sincerely

Antigua, Guatemala, 19 Dec 1960

Señor don Martin Connelly,
29 Rotherwood Rd, Newton Centre, Mass.

Dear Martin:

It was good to have your letter of 31^o Octubre pxmo ppdo. As to the future of Mama Unay, I have the feeling that the drive toward diversification may be a good thing in a way, but that we will not make the money out of beef cattle or anything else which we used to make out of bananas. And as regards the latter, I don't think a breeding program can possibly accomplish enough in the time left to us, to save the situation - you know quite a lot has been done and by good men like Cheesman in Trinidad, without having much of an impact on the overall picture.

I am enclosing a copy of the "Proceedings" of the mtg of EAP at NY last month. I think you will read this with interest, and pls send it back to me some time "for the files". There are several good points in it; others not so good from what I believe is sound. For example, I would have gone out myself if we had to look for money instead of hiring a professional firm of fund-raisers in NY to do it. If a chap came to you, a chap who didn't know the EAP at first hand, and asked you to ~~step~~ in, how much would you give? The preliminary survey carried out by Marks and Lundy at a cost of \$8400 was as follows: They sent a man down to Central America. He spent a week at the school "(in residence)" and then he talked with 30 people in Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras, all but one of whom (he said he did not know the school) commented that EAP has done a fine job in the past; that it ought to be supported; and that they would look with favor on a drive for funds.

The good features in the "Proceedings" to my mind are as follows: Bill's program of taking boys from anywhere in the New World, Point Barrows to Tierra del Fuego (as he has put it) seems to have been put back on its feet, and I assume by Doris, to limit without saying exactly limit, students to Spanish-speaking tropical America, which is the way we always had it, except that we said Spanish-speaking republics (to keep out the puertorriqueños who have plenty of good schools of their own) and no motion was approved to have three Trimesters a year in place to two Semesters and give the lads a degree at the end of three years.

I tried hard to get Tommy Grieve placed in Salvador, but was not successful - probably due to politics over there at the moment. Mac Palmer is here in Guatemala City; I failed to get him placed in Nicaragua but I think we may find work for him somewhere in this part of the world. I am trying to get Grieve into the FAO - they could use him very well. Bob Armour who left Salvador (you recall that he was a long time in Lancetilla) went home to Scotland to raise Ayrshire cattle and after four months came back to the New World, and is entering the University of Florida to get a degree in agr. Good idea. I shall go up to Florida about 15 March to take part in the horticultural meetings and then see whether or not Helen and I fly over to Spain, wh I suspect we shall do. So cheap by Guest Airways to Madrid from Miami. Merry Christmas to Esther and yourself from your devoted friends Helen and

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January 6th 1960

My dear Doctor,

Many thanks for your letter of December 19th and for the enclosures, which I am returning herewith. I'd rather not do much thinking about the EAP because what they are trying to do is so foreign to what we knew as the founders policy, which even today would be a sound one, that I get rabioso, billioso and I I don't know whatoso. If I had anything to do with UFCO I would not give the school another centavito, but rather I would tell the Brain Boys to take the income of the endowment, use it as far as it would go, make up the deficit from the principal - now worth \$6,366,000 - and so on and on until the principal was eaten up perhaps 25 years - can't check this because I have no annuity tables handy. I would kiss the BBS and the school good bye, because I think it is a foregone conclusion that before the principal would be eaten up ~~the~~ the school will be rationalized. I told that to Red Moore some time ago, but apparently he was not able to sell it to the BRS.

Did you get the post card John Kelley and I mailed you? The Co asked us if we would take a look at the bananas in Brazil and the marketing of them in Sao Paulo, B.A., and Montevideo. Of course you and I know from past reports, literally a score of them, that the Santos Litoral is not banana country, nevertheless we agreed to go, and one of the new VPs, a fellow named Scowcroft who is in charge of sales, went along with us. Well, bananas in that area just are not good. Soils generally are 4.5 to 5.5 pH, rainfall averages 70" of which 51% falls January to April, temperatures range from 43/50 minimums May/August, Sigatoka is rampant with no control practiced, although all the planters say they will start spraying "Soon". Cavendish varieties are grown, dwarf and Giant (pardon the expression) with weights usually between 11 and 18 kilos. Well, one evening when we had reached the firm opinion that we would recommend against any Co participation in the banana industry, we walked slowly into a cantina and there conceived the idea of sending you a joining card of greetings. John is fine. We were together in the G.O. on the 5th and 6th, i.e. yesterday and today, working on our report which was delayed account of the holidays. Told him I had heard from you and that I was writing you. He told me to give you his very best. Enjoyed Sao Paulo, Santos, B. A., Montevideo and Santiago Chile, but I think my preference would be Santiago. People there are very friendly, while perhaps the innumerable skyscrapers in the other cities makes them too much like N. Y. for my liking.

Going back to the bananas in Santos Litoral - they are grown in areas between latitudes 23:30 and 25:00 South, which means as comparison, something North of Tampico, Mexico. For about 5/6 months each year all fruit shows effects of chill, drought and Sigatoka, and banana business there is for the birds. Yte strangely they grow worlds of it, exporting 11.5 millions to B.A. and M'video and 600,000 to England - Lord Vestey Interests. By the way, "young" C.L. Veitch is Vestey's top man in Santos. He is retiring this year and will live in Portugal.

I hope your trips to Florida and Spain will materialize. Both would involve things close to your heart, so take advantage of the opportunities as long as you can travel. We'll be dead long enough, so live it up!

All the best to Helen and to yourself in which Esther and the girls join me.

Sincerely,

Martin

Antigua, Guatemala, 10 Jan 1961

Dear Martin:

Imagine my surprise (you cant possibly do it) when I received a card from you and Jack Kelley, postmarked Montevideo. My first thought was, what are those birds trying to do, set up a refrigerated steamship line to carry frozen meat to Israel? And now comes your letter, explaining it all; and I sure am interested to hear of your findings.

Of course you and I see eye to eye re EAP, and to me the situation is pretty serious. What you say is just what Jeff told me five or six years ago; if you cant live off the earnings of the endowment fund eat into your capital, for we should not worry about more than 25 yrs longer. But Bill is determined to make EAP the principal agricultural University in Latin America. At the same time, in the 20 page memo he has just sent Washington, asking for \$389,000 (three hundred and eighty nine thousand bucks) for betterments which will make it possible to operate the College more economically in the future, he lists more than two hundred boys individually, who were graduated in your day and mine, on the old basis of plenty of hard work and no luxury and instruction from men who did not necessarily have to PH D's, and who have gone ahead and done outstanding work in their respective countries. If we go onto a high academic level, we are not going to turn out that sort of boys; we are going to turn out a lot of white collar bureaucrats; though Bill always mentions that the practical training which has been the secret of the school's success will not be reduced. I hear, however, that we are losing a high proportion of the first year students because they are bachilleres and cant see why they should be required to acarrear majada as Mr Turnbull used to put it, and accurately - for that is what they do in the dairy.

I wonder if the Company would have turned thumbs down on the school if we had kept on the old basis of about \$100,000 a year over and above the endowment earnings. And I wonder just what the opposition was at Boston anyway. As you will note by the enclosed, when you need not return, Mr Gardner thinks sufficiently well of the school to give it some shares of I dont know what - Itek. But as for Marts and Lundy expense of \$67,000 to tell us how to raise money, if I had been thrown up against the need to go out and hunt for funds I would have gone personally, because I could have been more convincing, as one who had worked with the school since the start, than anyone in New York who is a professional fund raiser and who doesnt know the school. Tho I understand the latest move is to hire a man who does know the school but has not necessarily worked there, and he will be trained by Marts and Lundy. Well, we will simply have to wait and see, but how greatly I wish the school could have remained on the even keel, the keel laid down by Sam Zemurray who is nobody's fool; and just have continued turning out boys who would have done as good jobs as those first five hundred.

They keep me pretty busy here; I just wish someone would give me a half time secretary so I could keep up with my correspondence, most of which is concerned with the agricultural and horticultural development of tropical America. Helen joins in affectionate regards to all of you.

Ever yours,



B.O.A.C.

May 26th 1961.

My dear Doctor,

Many thanks for your two letters, received in good time.

I much enjoyed reading the enclosures regarding the old church at Berlanga de Duero. I certainly hope I shall be able to visit it again someday and give a few pesetas to help toward the cost of repairing it. I certainly think the UFCo should make a donation, and if I have an opportunity to TALK to Pres Sunderland I shall tell him why I think they should contribute. They are not making any money, but they still should give something. After all, Uncle Sam (through Income Tax) would stand 52% of the donation. I am sure that Jeff Coolidge would have given something, and Sam Zemurray also. After all, Fray Tomas in a way was responsible for the being of UFCO, and it is only fitting that his burial place be protected. I think it would be a wonderful thing if you could see your way clear to revisit Berlanga de Duero - on a nice day - and give the Parroco some ideas as to how he could raise money. It would be interesting to get the history of the couple who are buried in front of the main altar. Do you know who they are - WERE - and were they owners of the old castle just outside of the town? We really did not get as much as we might have gotten out of our visit, but the rain and the utter darkness of the church precluded our doing much looking around. Hope Padre Poza will get enough money to install electric lights. Did the old Padre Sol pass away? He certainly was a saintly old figure. Wonder what ever



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happened to his sister - the nice old girl who showed us around the church.

And again I wonder what has happened to Fray Tomas' mitre and gloves. Hate to think of their being lost - or worse.

Saw Ed Whitman a few days ago. I do not think he was happy with the reorganization plan, and I certainly do not blame him. Of all the stupidity. All I can think of when I watch the new brains is a lot of kids playing house or playing store. They are hiring new brains at salaries equal to the total salaries paid all of the managers in the time of Uncle Dick, Doswell, Thomas, et als, and I am certain tht they will not produce a small fraction of the company wealth that any one of the old managers produced. It is pitiful that they have allowed the company to go to pot as it has- the only good product today is alibis.

I think you would enjoy a visit to Gainesville. How long will you remain there isf you do come up? Hope somehow we can get together and we might just do that. At any rate be sure to keep me informed of your whereabouts.

Bob Beasley did not call me and he left Boston before I knew he was here. Sorry I missed him and Mary.

Well, no more for now. Do take care of yourself. Esther joins me in sending you affectionate abrazos.

Sincerely,

Martin



B.O.A.C.

June 13 1961.

My dear Doctor,

Thought you would be interested in seeing pictures of the new TJCollidge residence which appeared in Sunday's HERALD.

To me it is not a HOME because it would be very difficult for me to live in it. I would be in the dog house eight times a day what with coming in from the garden with dirt on my shoes and grass clippings falling out of my ~~xxxxxx~~ trouser cuffs. And there is no place to throw my wind-breaker or sweater when I sit down for a few minutes rest between chores and approvechar los momemticos to catch up on the doings of Lady Chatterly and her lover or just to do a cross word puzzle. No, that is no place for a banana cowboy.

Seriously, what a shame that Jeff did not live to enjoy his new home, and what a crying shame for dear old UFCo that he did not live period. Somehow I feel very strongly that the ills that have been visited upon us just would not have happened if Jeff were sitting in the front room. It is pitiful to watch some of the present 'brains' in action. They are so much like a bunch of children playing house. Ah well, que va ser.

Let me know when your piBs for Gainesville are crystalized. All the best, in which Ksner joins me.

Sincerely

Martin

Antigua, Guatemala
July 29, 1961

Mr. Martin J. Connelly
29 Rotherwood Road
Newton Centre 59, Mass.

Dear Martin:

Many thanks for your letters of May 26 and June 13, especially the pictures of the perfectly gorgeous new Coolidge residence, better than some of the palaces we saw in Europe. Of course I feel as you do. The place is simply so luxurious I would have to follow the Japanese custom and take off my shoes before I went through the front door.

As for Berlanga del Duero, Padre Poza did not give me any news about our old friend Padre Sol or his sister. Hugh and I are talking about going to Europe again next year in which case we will hope to strike better weather at Berlanga and get a little more information. As I have told you the history of Fray Tomas deserves a good writeup which would logically include quite a number of details regarding his early history and the old church, which is good enough to show up well in two or three photographs.

Hugh and I have bought tickets on Aviatega for August 7 ultimate destination Gainesville, where Hugh has secured a nice little apartment for the two of us. I am feeling well enough now so that I do not hesitate to do a reasonable amount of travelling, and I even hope that I may be able to do some lecturing or something of that sort at Gainesville. I plan to spend the first semester there. This terminates in early February. I am being urged to visit the University of California at that time and give a few lectures. I shall have to wait and see how things work out. There is a meeting of the Board of Trustees of EAP, to be held at New York City about mid November. Doris thinks I ought to attend this meeting and I may do so. Doris stopped here on her way north from a meeting of the EAP academic committee at Zamorano. They had quite a lively time discussing Bill Paddock's desire to put the school on the University level and give the equivalent of a B.S. degree. Doris is strongly opposed to this ~~as~~ as also are several other members of the Board. Nothing will be done immediately as Bill is away in Europe on a four months vacation, but my feeling is that the majority of Board members are going to insist on keeping the School vocation which was Mr. Zemurray's desire. Doris says too much emphasis is being placed on getting Ph.Ds for the faculty and giving more classroom courses to the boys. This program would inevitably cut into the practical training but Bill is sure this would not happen.

With best regards to you both,

MARTIN J. CONNELLY
29 ROTHERWOOD ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE 59, MASS.

August 24th 1962.

My dear Doctor,

It has been so long since I heard from you that I thought I had better get off my horse and write to you. Last I heard from you, your plans were to visit Guate some time during the Summer. Did you make it? We would so much like to go there for a visit, but think we shall put it off until until a later date.

Did John Kelley write you? I had a couple of letters from him recently. He is going to Germany (from Honduras) about now, and will work his way down to Spain where he will attend a convention of, I think, the Refrigeration section of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association of which he was long connected as Director and then President. The meeting will be an international one, and will be held at Santiago de Compostela. He wanted me to recommend a Hotel ~~at~~ in Madrid, for one night, en route to Compostela, and a week after the meeting. I suggested the Lope de Vega, which you and we both liked, as being reasonable and central. Also told him about the California restaurant close by if he does not want to sit up all night waiting for the hotel dining room to open for dinner. Told him about our friend Segunda who, if she is still there, will take good care of him. As I remember it, some of the front office people speak English, so John and his wife can get help.

Esther and I have practically decided to go to Europe in 1963. We have not made up our itinerary, but we shall get after that real soon. We feel, however, that we should take advantage of a sailing out of Boston by the VULCANIA of the Italian line on March 7th, and sail from England for home in June. As I said, what we do in between is yet to be worked out. Told Esther today that she should set down what she wants to see where, and we will work out tentative schedule and costs. I would be willing to take a total of four months, if we can fit it into the operating budget. Of course I shall keep you advised of our plans as finally worked out. Do not know whether we shall stop in Spain. I should like to, but Esther may want to pass it up in favor of something we have not seen. Vamos a ver. Have you any plans Spainward next year?

I feel certain Marian has an entree with Maria.

Esther and I, as I wrote you, are working on an itinerary for a trip to the Mediterranean, and we plan to sail from Boston either on the Saturnia Feb 14, or the Vulcania March 7th, most probably the former, and want to see something of Greece, Jordanian Holy Land, Egypt and Italy. Beyond that we are in a blank. but after working up a tentative schedule to that point, and deducting the cash results from the budget, we shall project the trip as indicated by the remainder. . That sounds almost like an old Irishman who when asked how to calculate the cubic of a pile of coal said, 'You multiply the 'hite' by the 'breth' by the thickness by the 'lent h', and he probably arrived at the right answer!

One cannot enter the Jordanian Holy Land from Israel, so it is necessary to enter Beirut (if coming on ship), thence Damascus, Amman and Old Jerusalem. Leaving one either retraces his steps, or walks across the border into Israeli Jerusalem and sails out of Haifa. What a cockeyed world we live in.

If you should get to NY this Fall, do try to come to Newton; we have a room for you, and will do our best to get you to fill up on Boston Baked Beans, fish and lobsters. Esther says she will throw in a Lobster Newburg or two.

Well, Viejo, take care of yourself. Hope the echo is still working in the Assembly Hall, so that (using your own words) you do not have to repeat your admonishings to the student body.

All the best from both of us, and do plan to spend a few days with us when you come North. Perhaps you should visit the G.O. so make this your headquarters.

Sincerely,

Marion

*Hi - do plan to spend some
time with us when you
come north - My heart to
you -*

Esther

Sep 5 1962

and was awarded a travelling scholarship to continue her studies in Japan, where she will go soon.

My dear Doctor,

We were very, very glad to get your letter of the 5th, particularly as it brought us news that you are back at EAP tackling the Herculean task of cleaning up the Augean stable, or what is left of it after Mr Bloody P. got in his dirty work. I get more and more disgusted day by day as I learn of the stupidity which reigns, and has dominated the UFC thinking for the past several years. I do not know what will be left of our Company after a time, brains we have not, and all the talent we are bringing, with very few exceptions, falls way short of the calibre necessary to rehabilitate what was and still could be a sound, prosperous Company.

But enough of my gripes! However depressing, in one regard, your return to EAP may be, I am certain that it will do you - and the school - a world of good. Of course times have changed, morale shot to Hell, students more radically inclined and more demanding, but with all of, shall we say modernization, I know of no one better equipped than you to deal with the task.

Esther and I would like more than anything else we can think of to visit you there, but we have conditioned ourselves to the fact that we shall remain here for the present - in fact we almost went to Guatemala last week, but decided against it as we very much want to go to Europe early in 1963. Maureen went to Guate last Saturday for a three weeks visit, accompanied by Franny Trapp, a neighbor and daughter of very good friends of ours. I wrote you in Gainesville a couple of weeks ago, telling you of their trip, and asking (here assuming that you were in Florida) for a card to Maria, so that they could visit the Casa Popenoe. When I did not hear from you, I wrote, a few days ago, to Marian Clason, asking if they somehow could see the house. The girls will be turistiando in the City, Quirigua, Antigua, Highlands, etc, and I can well imagine that they will have a wonderful time. Franny is interested in ceramics (just completed her fifth year in the Boston Art Museum School of Art) so she will probably be snatching and examining every cacaxte load of ollas and tinajas she meets up with on the highways, much like you snatched huipiles off the very backs of the inditas to add to your wonderful collection (collection of huipiles, of course, not inditas)

Forgot to mention that I gave John Kelley your Florida address, and he said he would write you and tell you about his trip.

For a while I was working on a per diem basis in connection with the Anti-trust suit, but have ~~xxxxx~~ finished up the particular phase of the problem, and for the past month have been awaiting a call.

Maureen just dropped in. Told her I was writing you and she informed me that she and the daughter of Dr Trapp are going to Guate in about 10 days. She says she would like to visit the Popenoe house, and I told her you would be pleased to open the door for her if you should be in Antigua, and to give her a card for Maria if you are in Florida. Now that I have compromised you would you please send a card to me for Maureen. Dios se le pague.

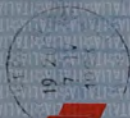
Did our friend finally leave EAP? He was probably a very much surprised man when his resignation was accepted! Hope they get a man with his feet on the ground. The idea of the school as you operated it was sound and is still sound - a place where a boy can learn to be a working agriculturist, not an aristocrat who runs his farm in Chiquimula from a comfortable home in Guatemala City - or Paris.

Saw Mrs Redmond on the street yesterday. She told me they are selling their home here in Newton and will build a new one in Tuscon, Arizona. He bought a big lot there for a home, and another 5 or 6 lots as investment.

Well, Viejo, write when you have a moment, and in the meantime, abrazos de Esther y de su servidor,

Martin

Well, Meg, take care of yourself!
Meggie Connelly
Escher says "Don't do doctor" -



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29 Rockwood Road
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E. meglio inserire qualsiasi oggetto.
Il si è ritenuto di fornire qualche oggetto che ce ne sia.

E. valido per l'Italia e l'Europa.
Valido per gli altri paesi extraeuropei.

Other bathroom things - stairs, stairs
and more stairs. At Agrigento we were
on the 2nd floor of a nice little hotel - no
elevator and 52 steps up! Seems
too that the old Roman delighted in
building on top of the heel - result -
more stairs.

Rome, Palm Sunday
April 7, 1963

Dear Doctor,

We are just finishing up our
Sopran in Italy, an interesting but foot
and leg tiring stay of 3 weeks. This noon
we fly to Cairo for a four week guided
tour of the Middle East, which we are looking
forward to.

We very much enjoyed a trip
around Sicily from Palermo to Cagugato
Siracusa Taormina and Catania. Saw
literally thousands of hectares of lemons
and oranges, but no agave cacti. How did
you slip on on that? The red orange is
particularly good. These people eat a lot
of fruit - pears and apples are plentiful,
and from the looks of plum and peach
trees, now in full bloom, these too will be
in abundance. Bananas are to be had
everywhere at 350 Lire (\$0.56) per kilo.
Seems to be a fixed price all over - Rome
Sicily and the north. That is not cheap - but
they feel. We bought Oranges at 100¢ (\$0.16)
per kilo - good price.

In Eastern Sicily, we noted vast areas
of terraced hills cultivated to fruit and
work of terracing is going on on all sides
they use ~~a~~ tufts (Shadis of Zamorays?)
and artistic like, the Italian makes
each terrace an eye pleasing job.
Of course the labor is fairly low
and the hill lands cheap, so they would
up with a fruit farm which is not too
costly.

Did you go to Quetz? Hope some
day we can go there again - possibly
in the winter.

Talking about winter - all of Europe
is quite good and we will welcome (I
think) the heat of Egypt.



M
29 Rotherwood Rd,
Newton Centre 59, Mass.

August 17th 1962

My dear Doctor, It seems ages since we have had any word from you, long before we left for Europe early in March.

I wrote you from Italy and sent a card from Israel, but I am afraid that that was the extent of my correspondence.

The roads were quickly with alternate right and left hand springings. We came home about the middle of June, earlier than we had planned, but suddenly I felt that I had had enough.

Amman, the capital, is a modern city with a splendid hotel - Al Urdun. After Italy, which we thoroughly enjoyed, we went to Cairo where we joined a four weeks tour of the Middle East operated by American Express. After seeing the frontier problems, especially in the Arab countries, I strongly recommend that people going to that area join conducted tours and not attempt to do it on one's own.

Gaza in the south which should add to the country. I am sure that the in Egypt we "did" Cairo, Memphis and Luxor (King Tut's tomb) and apart from the dust enjoyed it very much although in my last days there picked up a bug which laid me flat with bronco-pneumonia when we flew into Beirut, Lebanon. Fortunately, an American was meeting one of our party on arrival and recommended a medico who was really good. He loaded me with anti-biotics, expectorants etc., etc., and had me on the road in three days. As I had to take it easy I did not see



BOAC

In talking of the progress being made in Israel vs that in the Arab countries, we must not overlook two very important factors. Firstly, Israel has been most fortunate in the financial help it has received from Jews all over the world. Hospitals, schools, concert halls, museums, synagogues, etc. have been given in toto by wealthy Jews, a large modern hospital, either the first or second finest in the Middle East, was given by Hadassah, and although new is now being enlarged. Hadassah, of course, is supported by the hundred of local groups ~~xxxx~~ throughout the world. Again, Jews in every walk of life, here in the US and heavy contributors, either through the purchase of bonds, which they do not expect to see repaid, or by direct contributions. We visited a synagogue, very modernistic, and shaped like a mushroom cap. It has perfect accoustics - and it was a gift from an American Jew. We saw a concert hall which was given by Helena Rubenstein - there must be money in double chins and crow's feet - and other buildings given by British and South American Jews. The second factor is that Israel has had the good fortune of making up its population with people from all over the world, scientists, men of letters, of the professions and trades, etc, all forming part of the melting pot that is Israel. We too have had a similar melting pot including Huguenots and Irish, which has accounted for our successful growth, but the process here was much slower than in Israel where the emergency conditions arising out of Hitlerism and the war demanded a haven for the Jews, a high percentage of whom were well educated and trained and were absorbed as a

going concern into the new country. Our education was much slower. For the first 150 years the immigration of our Northern areas was limited to England, as was our commerce. With the lands being developed in the Gaza, mi area, the population of Israel will greatly be increased, but the country is small in area, so that ~~inxxxx~~ there is a limit to the number of people the country can support. There are people in Israel and in this country who look down their noses at the Arabs, adversely comparing the progress - real progress of Israel, with the negligible progress of the Arab countries. The Arab countries are poor and backward, but who is to say that given the brains, training and ambitions of the Israeli immigrants and the great financial aid of the world Jewry, the Arab countries too would be on the road to self sufficiency.

Wow, I did not expect to get an a soap box! Better get going.

Visited Istanbul - interesting - and Athens - a dream - Athens is clean, friendly and free of beggars and minor street merchants - a welcome relief from the Arab countries. Then on to Vienna, Salzburg, Zurich, COPENHAGEN - which well deserves to be written in caps, and finally London. We skipped Northrn Germany and Ireland, which I so much wanted to see again, but that will give us an excuse to return to Europe.



Saw parson Kelley in London a couple of times. He has retired, but when we were in London he was substituting for a friend of his. Talked with the Kieffers a couple of times but did not seem to be able to get together. We left London rather suddenly as I was a bit tired and one day said to Esther - 'Let's go home Friday or Saturday' There was no opposition so we got on a direct PAA from London to Boston and were home in six hours. Wow, it used to take us that long to fly from NO to Guate.

Have no idea whether you are in Florida or Guate so I will take a chance and send this to Gainesville.

Hope all goes well with you, and that you are feeling in the pink.

Esther joins me in my saludes and abrazos. Do write when you have a minute.

Sincerely,

Heather

Monday, February 24 1964

Dear Doctor,

Many thanks for your invitation to use the guest house at Casa Popenoe should we decide to make the trip to Chapinlandia. However, as our plans are as tan nebulosos that I think we should pass it up for now, much as we both hate to. After you so kindly wrote from Tela in mid January, offering us your hospitality, I replied in much the same tenor as above, but apparently from your latest letter mine has not yet caught up with you. I mailed it to Tela, not knowing where you might be, or how long you might remain in Uncle Dick's house. I hope some one was good enough to forward it to you by this time.

This letter I shall mail to Ahtigua, where Maria will always guard it until you show up.

I think you are smart to keep working, even though so much of it is for free - it will keep you young. We visited Rollins Campus when we were in Orlando in 1958. Quite a nice campus in a beautiful city. As a matter of fact I like central Florida so much better than either coast. Miami you can have in a hand basket. There are literally hundreds of lakes in central Florida, as you know. I would like to drive to and around Florida, but I am now too old to push a car that distance.

Have you been to Belize recently? They were given self government January 1st, as a forerunner of complete independence. I think it is a crying shame to give those small colonies independence - they have no visible means of support. I imagine England is glad to be rid of them because they are just a drain on the treasury. I was stationed in Belize three years when I was a youngster and always enjoyed it - it is a good place for a young man, if you know what I mean.

Was into the GO a couple of weeks ago on my more or less semi annual call. Too many new faces to suit me. Looked for Dr Dunlop, but he was in Trinidad. Visited with Beckstrom.

We had two real snowstorms last week - for a total in Newton of 24". Weather bureau says total to date this year is about three times same period last year. I do not like any part of it. If I had any sense - which I haven't - I'd sell 29 Rotherwood and move to a warmer clime. I would not have any problem with Esther, but Maureen fights the thought. Maybe she'll weaken some day.

Hope you have a splendid trip to Florida.

Again many, many thanks for your kind invitation. Do hope that one of these days we will be able to accept.

Esther joins me in sending saludes.

Martin I Connolly

P.S. - Knowing your interest in Avocado,

I planted a seed in the sun room -

south western winds, and now
have a healthy looking plant
7" high - I am looking forward
to cutting a hole in the ceiling!

Lee.

29 Rotherwood Rd

February 28, 1964

Newton Centre
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My dear Doctor,

Be very frank on this!

It must have been my upbringing in the Frutera, but our plans have all changed again. I was told of a ship - the new PETELA - which is sailing from NY to Barrios on the 7th of March, due Barrios on the 12th AM, and we have decided to avail ourselves of the opportunity, so, we shall be in and around Chapinlandia for the balance of March. I think we shall have a couple of days in Bananera, with the Oscar Holms, and then plan a trip to Belize. Do not know whether it will be by plane from Barrios - twice weekly service - or from the City - again twice weekly. Three or four days in Belize, and then the City. Hope we can spend a couple of days in Antigua and in that case will check with Maria to ascertain whether we can use the guesthouse - always assuming that it is not comprometido. She will, of course know, and we will, naturally, take care of the arroz y frijoles. I should much appreciate it if you will authorize Maria to accept us, again always provided you have not promised it to some other friend. ~~Based on the schedule you gave me of your contemplated Florida trip I am~~ afraid we shall miss you, which I personally regret very much, because there are so many notes to be compared, but your states sojourn may be extended to NY or Boston, in which case we can get together. Again, should we return from Guate to New Orleans or Mobile, we might arrange onward transportation to include a stopover at Gainesville. That

would appeal to be, as we could kill many birds with one stone. I always like NO and we could possibly hire a car there, drive along the Gulf Coast, to Gainesville, Ocala, etc, leave the car in Florida and be on our way.

I shall contact Marion Clason immediately upon arrival in Guate, so ~~you might~~ give her any last word you might have for me.

As I wrote Oscar Holm, Esther and I are as excited over this trip as a par de novios. It is over 50 years since my first trip to Guate, and I always love it. The Chapines and Chapinlandia are tops with me.

Well, Viejito, no more for now.

Enjoy your Rollins and Florida visits, and take care of yourself.

Sincerely,

June 30 1965

My dear Doctor,

It has been so long since I had word from you that, like Sidney Cuthbert, I take my pen in hand to write you to find out what gives.

I do not think I have written you since we returned from Desert Hot Springs, Calif, and Tucson in mid March. Had quite a nice stay in that part of the world, especially in Tucson, which is booming. Of course it would be furnace hot there in mid-summer, but in February and March it was delightful. Took advantage of our stay in Arizona to visit Guaymas, where we stayed at a resort hotel, Playa de Cortez. That was nice, but the town of Guaymas is for the birds. It is much like Barrios will be in some fifty years, if you can visualize that. The drive down from Tucson, Nogales, Hermosillo, etc., was very nice. Hermosillo especially is a delightful city. We joined up with the Redmonds in Tucson, and they were very generous with their air-conditioned car.

In So Cal we drove down to San Diego, which we both enjoyed very much. Spent one whole day in Balboa Park — zoo, gardens, etc. — and can say it was one of the high spots of our trip. Also drove to Indio, Salton Sea, etc. Was sorry to hear that much of the date orchards are being uprooted on account of the high labor costs. We were at Salton Sea about six years ago, when realstate men were thick as could be, selling lots to unsuspecting easterners and northerners, but, contrary to their promises and hopes there has been practically no building there, which is quite in contrast with the rest of Southern California. Coming through Escondido I 'phoned Bob Beasley, but, because my sister in law

was having trouble with her ulcers, we did not get to see him, but rather hightailed it back to Desert Hot Springs.

Esther and I have booked on PAA out of Boston August 6th for London, where we will spend a week, then to Amsterdam for another week and then to Weggis (near Lucerne) Switzerland, a nice little town on Lake Lucerne. Have no plans beyond Weggis, we may take in some of Austria, Bavaria and, a very faint maybe, Florence. At any rate, we shall wind up our ~~stay~~ trip with another period in England, and, if the weather holds out, Ireland. At present, as you can see, we are going to be quite footloose.

Have absolutely no Company gossip. You know of course that the production people have been transferred to New Orleans and Maritrop people have gone back to New York. I do hope that the old Company will come back, although frankly it will be a long haul. Read in the paper this morning that the Directors voted no dividend, the third one omitted in a row. Boy, was I stupid to hold onto my stock. I rode it all the way down, and many others did the same. My holdings are peanuts compared to some - Redmond for example still holds 2,000 which averaged \$48.00, but the dividends we were getting would be quite welcome.

Saw Marian Clason when she came through Boston, all too short a visit however. Suppose by now she has returned to Guate.

No more for now, Viejo. Take care of yourself, and write when you have a free moment. Esther joins me in sending salutes to you.

Sincerely
Jonathan

PS Apparently you did not come North for the EAP meeting. Oscar & Merced Holm bought a place at 4a Avenida Norte #11, Antigua, which they are repairing. Our best to Nina Maria and her daughter.

July 14th 1965
Bastille Day - 1799/1965

My dear Doctor,

I do not know whether you Huguenots celebrate or not the fall of the Bastille, but if you are like the Irish you will celebrate the fall of any authority. At any rate, live it up!!!

Yes, Dunlap went to New Orleans with the Research-Production groups, but I do not know how long he will remain there. He must now be at retirement age. You will remember that he retired early, and then came back as a consultant, but his normal retirement date must be here - or passed. Someone told me - I cannot remember who, that when Bing Miller is retired, and that should be fairly soon, Van will take over the production end in addition to research. They could well consolidate to effect some savings. With increased pressure from labor AND governments in Latin America as well as in the US, I am am afraid that regardless of what operating economies may result from more efficient operations (that's a joke, son) that just cannot offset labor and frings benefit increases that are bound to come. I think that this year - if dividends are reestablished, I shall liquidate my stock, and the girls stock too, even though we take a heavy loss. At least we could get $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ / $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, Massachusetts tax free, in fully insured Mass. Cooperative Banks, and could get US and Mass Income tax relief on the loss. All this against NO income from Fruit, ~~stock~~ and as the future does not look too bright for UFCO, eventually we could come out about as well as we could waiting for market to reach our cost.

Death Notices

MOELLER—Ruth (Spofford), July 1st in Barranquilla, Colombia. Sister of Robert N. Spofford of Walsboro, Me., Walter O. Spofford of Swamscott and Arthur L. Spofford of Medford, N.J. Moeller lived in South America for 35 years where she was a former employee of the American Legation.

The above notice appeared in the BOSTON HERALD of July 10th. It is rather a peculiar sort of Obit. What ever happened to Julio? I had not seen Ruth since she left the GO to go to Colombia, and that well might have been 35 years ago. Before she married Julio. They lived in Bogota, and, among other interests, ran an information service which featured the translation of laws, decrees and other matters of interest and selling to any who were interested in such pormenores. She was a smart girl and a splendid secretary.

I too would like to spend a time in Spain. I feel that we did not do justice to Berlanga de Buerio and Archivos de las Indias. I think what would be required is to make that the main reason for the visit, and not merely parts of a much broader program. I assume that the Old Padre has long since joined Fray Tomas and given him the latest on the dessicated alligator. I really wanted to get together more information on Fray Tomas, but I have been more than lazy during the years. Have been in Washington and have not sought material in the L of C, in Mexico City, ditto, and here in Boston, the librarian of Saint John's Seminary (a college for education of priests) is a good friend of my nephew. This librarian told me that they have one of the finest libraries in this area on the early history of Latin America and make their material available to schools generally on a loan basis. He has invited me to use the facilities, but I am just too busy eith pendejadas to take advantage of his offer.

I am damn certain that you could do a better, more economical job at the school, but I think the powers that be just do not have any interest in EAP excepting on the two or three days each year when they have their meetings. They sorely need a Sam Zemurray and a Doctor Po-pay-no-ay, to furnish the ideas and know-how and executive ability. And a TJC to act as a balance wheel. I am afraid that that is a combination they will not again have.

Well, in three weeks we shall be taking off. I must say with all frankness that I do not face it with all the piss and vinegar of former years, but still I am sufficiently enthused to be anxious to be on the way. As I think I told you, we head for London, than Amsterdam, Weggis - near Lucerne - after which we have no definite plans. Maybe Austria, or Southern Germany, but most certainly will wind up in England for a spell and possibly the land of my fathers. Most of the countries are becoming overrun and spoiled by tourists - a crying shame - I cannot imagine Spain with 12 million of them. Makes one ashamed to be an American.

Take care of yourself, Viejo. By the way, have you any plans to visit Florida this coming winter?

Esther joins me in sending saludes y abrazos.

Lucille

November 4th 1965

My dear Doctor,

It has been ages since I have written you that I think I shall make a real effort to get out an epistle today. Esther is out painting with a couple of friends, so there is peace and quiet in the house at the moment, excepting when Maureen's dachshund, whose name is Luigi of all things, decides to make a fuss over the wind, or kids passing by from school. Luigi is a great addition to the house. He is a miniature, 13 months old, given Maureen by her boss who raises dachshunds, miniature and standard as a hobby. I thought Ludwig would be a much more appropriate name for a dachs, and started to call him that and give him his orders in German, but as he responded to neither I gave up in favor of his AKC registered name - Luigi, really Nixon's Luigi.

Hear from Marion Clason at times, and she never fails to mention you, either that you have been in to the UFCo office, or had not been. She is a fine correspondent, and writes a very newsy letter.

Since last I wrote you Esther and I were in Europe for seven weeks. We took it much easier this time, did not try to cover too much territory, and enjoyed it much more. We were in England a total of 17 days, Amsterdam 7, Switzerland 21 and Innsbruck 4. In England we spent several days doing the sights and making day trips out. Also went to Winchester, Salisbury and Bath, which of course consumed several days. Saw the Kiefers a couple of times - they live in Oakley, near Basingstoke on the main line from London to Southampton. They both asked for you. Bill had a bout with his heart a year ago, was

in bed 2/3 months, but has had a fine recovery and seems to be enjoying life. He went off on a rifle club shoot, and when I saw him he had just returned from a several days stay with Lang(Sp) who has a small farm in Norfolk. He was an overseer in Guatemala years ago.

Also saw Father Kelley, who lives in St Albans, a delightful town about 22 miles out of London. He has retired from his church duties, and lives in a two room apartment. The Abbey at St Albans is charming. If you remember your history, you will know that Alban, the first English saint, was a Roman soldier, martyred by the Romans for his conversion to Christianity. Since that time there has been a succession of churches at the site of his execution, the present one dating from Norman times.

Bath, as its name implies, has large ^{hot} mineral springs, used by the Romans, and people before and after them. Actually, the ruins of the Roman baths were discovered less than a century ago, ~~while~~ while excavations were being made to enlarge baths the English had built unknowingly on top of the Roman ones.

Enjoyed our visit to Amsterdam, and took the opportunity to visit Haarlem, Volendam, Marken, etc. Rode a wonderful train, the Rheingold, from A'dam to Lucerne, which runs alongside the Rhine for several hours, extremely interesting, watching all the traffic on the River, and the great number of castles, vineyards, etc.

We spent 8 days in a small town, Weggis, on Lake Lucerne. Had a delightful hotel, Albana, overlooking the lake, and took some fine pictures from our room verandah. Made several one day

trips from Weggis - Engleberg, Tribsee, Rhone Glacier, Grimsel and Furka passes, etc. We want to go back to Weggis. Were in Bern for a couple of weeks, and fell in love with it - our first visit there, and I hope not our last. From Berne we made day trips, notable to Solothurn, Murten, etc, as well as a four day trip to Innsbrucke.

At times we had rain and cool weather, but not enough to cramp our style. We really enjoyed ourselves, and arrived home completely 'untired'

You, what have you been doing? (sounds Cajun)
Have you made any trips for lecture purposes?
Have you any plans to visit Florida this Winter?
I think you missed out on your last planned trip there.

Have not been in to the office in months, but then I do not suppose they miss me too much. Old people go out and new people come in and soon the staff is so diluted that they folks there have nothing in common with the 'once-upon-a-timers' and, I feel, rather resent their coming in. Of course the Tropical office is now in New Orleans, the Purchasing management moved back to N Y, the Research whittled down, etc., etc., so the number of people and amount of office space, (built up by Sunderland as a means of self-glorification) had been much reduced.

Saw Redmond a few days ago. He has bought a nice home in Dover, Massachusetts, about 10 miles from 29 Rotherwood (through Wellesley and South Natick) and he and Peg are enjoying it thoroughly, but I imagine they will get itchy feet when winter really comes and head for Tucson. Remember how we used to wish the Company had

Divisions in certain places? Well I think I would like to work in a Division almost any place between Tucson and Guadalajara. Remember Joe Gerchow and his weird stories? Once he spread the rumor that the Company would open a Division in or near Rio, and that Carmen Miranda's father would be Gerente. He built it up so much that he was getting requests from various and sundry people to help them get placed in the 'new' Division.

Well, Viejo, think by now you will be saying 'That bird really has a diarrhea of words', so will say adios for the present.

All the best to you from all at 29 Rotherwood, and do write when you have a spare moment.
To Dona Maria our saludes.

Sincerely,

Heather

Does the mailman prefer "Calle de la Nobleza" or the less romantic numbered street? I think the sign says 2 Calle Sur 2, or was it 2 A S 2?

November 22 1965

My dear Doctor,

Thought you would be interested in the enclosed clipping from yesterday's NY TIMES, regarding burial services, or more properly stated funeral services of Henry Wallace. Somehow or other this article seems cold. Regardless of his political beliefs, he was Vice President of the U.S., (and there are few of them left) so it could have been played up a bit more. No matter how radical some people judged him to be in the '30s and '40s, he would be a conservative by today's standards. And so passes into dust and history another illustrious American.

How go things with you? I suppose you are about to oil up your shot gun and go out into the hills to hunt a chompipe (? Sp) for Thanksgiving. Well, good hunting, and don't get any shot in your teeth. I can remember when I was on the farms at Creek, I went to Gualan on a few occasions to buy provisions (much cheaper than in the commissary) and bought turkeys at \$1.25/1.50, and they were big ones. Bought my sack of rice from Juan Coll, who also operated a distillery on his sugar farm. His syrup was made into panela, and this was distilled as he needed rum; he also had rice and beans in large quantity. Some years later Juan showed up in Belize, a political emigrado. His properties had been confiscated and he had little left. You may have known him. Also you may have known Juan Danton, a not too well educated Frenchman who operated a hotel just behind the Gualan station. Dr Winn and I were in Gualan one day and lunched at Juan's hotel. The Doctor wanted a drink, and Juan brought him one - warm. The Doctor asked "Juan, don't you ever have ice here? To which

Juan replied, "On yes, Doctor, we have ice two or three times a year sometimes" An so it goes.

Well, Viejo, I think I will be on my horse and catch up on last week's chores.

Take it easy!

Martin

I am just reading a book I picked up at a second hand store - "Man of Glory - Simon Bolivar" by Thomas Rourke- 1939. In it the name of Francisco Zea was mentioned several times. When a congress convened in Angostura, Venezuela, in 1819, Bolivar was elected President of Colombia, and Zea V. P. A few days later Bolivar went off to resume his fighting and Zea was Acting President. Only three ~~dx~~ years later he died in Bath, England, in the Royal York House, in which we stayed recently while visiting Bath, and was buried in Bath Abbey. In both the hotel and Abbey there are suitable plaques commemorating his demise. Zea had been sent to London by Bolivar to work for recognition of the new ~~xxxx~~ republic. I should have said Nueva Granada, not Colombia.

October 16 1968

My dear Doctor,

As usual we were very happy to receive your letter of the 10th, and to learn that you are still going strong. Keep it up!

UFCO? Well, as Al Smith might say,

'All I know is what I read in the papers'. It has been very active. I will try to give you a run down in a couple of nut shells, so here goes:

Fri. Sep 20 Stock closed at $50\frac{1}{2}$ after 8 weeks of routine trading at closings of between $46\frac{1}{2}$ and $50\frac{1}{2}$.

Mon. Sep 23 Routine Closed at $51\frac{1}{2}$.

Tues Sep 24 Market boiling; total shares traded 819,900 and closed at $58\frac{1}{2}$. It was

later revealed by UFCO and AMK corporation that the latter had acquired

about 740,000 shares, about 10% of UFCO

at $56\frac{1}{2}$.

Wed. Sep 25 Exchange closed

Thur Sep 26 Still strong, closed at $63\frac{1}{2}$, up 5

Friday Sep 27 ditto $69\frac{1}{2}$ up 6

Total increase of 19 points for the week.

Fri Oct 4 Closed at 68

Fri Oct 11 Closed at 75, i.e. up $24\frac{1}{2}$ in two weeks.

AMK reported on Oct. 10 that they were not correctly reported and that they had not made a bid for UFCO, but they were having discussions with UFCO. However, says I, they already have a paper profit of $740,000 \times \$19$ or \$14.1 millions, which

will buy a hell of a lot of rice and beans. AMK is in many lines, including Morrel, meat packers.

ZAPATA Offshore oil drilling, has been talking with UFCO for months and recently offered \$50 in short term notes and $3/7$ of a share of ZAPATA then selling at $80\frac{1}{2}$ or about \$84.50 for each share of UFCO. (\$50 plus $80\frac{1}{2} \times 3/7$)

DILLINGHAM CORP of Hawaii owners, I understand of DOLES and a shipping company and other interests in Hawaii, on September 30 offered an exchange of stock, i.e. $3/4$ of a share of Dillingham \$2 cumulative convertible preferred (par value and market not stated) plus $8/10$ share of Dillingham common for each share UFCO common. Ten days later Dillingham upped its offer, which now stands at 2 shares Dillingham Common plus $3/10$ share of a new \$3 cumulative preferred stock, non-callable for five years and then ~~convertible~~ ^{callable} at \$73. It would have a \$70 liquidation value and be convertible into 1.6 shares of Dillingham. Dillingham common closed at \$36 Monday, so it looks as though their last offer means about \$93 for UFCO, i.e. 2 shares D'ham @ \$36 72.00
3/10 " \$70Pfd 21.00 93.00
I have not seen today's paper so do not know what the stock did yesterday. On this basis and on \$84.50 Zapata offer UFCO should go up further.

Yes, we held out, so now have a good paper profit.

Enclosed are some clippings which might be of interest to you.

Understand Stann Creek grapefruit has been hit by Mexican Fruit fly. UFCO is reported interested in buying citrus there.

All the best, and write when you can- always glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Heath

November 4th 1968.

My dear Doctor,

Thought you might be interested in reading this article regarding the growing unrest of the Basques against Franco. These boys can give the Generalissimo a bad time if they really get going.

Fruit has not been terribly active of late, off quite a bit from its high of 76 it closed at 68-3/8 last Friday.

We had our first frost on early morning of November 1st. I really hate to see winter come. I would like to live in a warmer climate in the cold months, but there is no denying that New England is a beautiful place about eight months of the year.

Have not seen nor heard from any Company people in ages. Strange how, after a lifetime of Company associations, one can become so utterly separated from it. It might possibly be different if the old management still had control, but my feeling very definitely is that their slogan today is 'Todo para mi'

A banking friend told me about one of his customers who really was in trouble; his wife, his mistress and his note at the bank were all two months overdue.

Do you expect to spend any time in Gainesville this winter? We just might go there in February.(x) If I were younger I would drive, but today I think we will fly to Jacksonville and hire a car as we did last winter. (x) To Florida, that is.

All the best from Esther and,

Esther

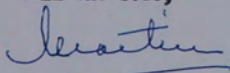
Tuesday,
November 5 1968

My dear Doctor,

Well, UFCO is in the news again, as you will see from the enclosed clipping from this morning's GLOBE. UFCO closed at $72\frac{1}{4}$ yesterday and TEXTRON at $43\frac{1}{8}$. On that basis and on basis of two shares of ~~XXX~~ NEW COMPANY for each share of UFCO and one for each share of TEXTRON, UFCO should be worth $86\frac{1}{4}$. It will be interesting to see what happens in the next few days. The market is closed today - election day.

Your friend Sears is up for election as Sheriff today so will not mail this until tomorrow so I can tell you how he fared.

All the best,



Wednesday
November 6th 1968

Well, the election s are about over although some states, inclu ing California, have not completed tallying. It now looks as though Nixon would squeak in by a narrow margin. That is not a good way to end an election, as too many soreheads will remain. Sears lost out as sheriff to Eisenstadt and conceded his defeat early today. I heard that he may teach at Harvard. As I said these close elections are not good. I prefer the kind where Estrada Cabrera got 75,000 and his opponent, a Livingston Carib 14. That is decisive and leaves no doubt as to the will of the electorate!

January 27 1970

My dear Doctor,

As usual I was glad to receive your letter of the 21st inst. and to learn that all goes well with you.

I had heard about the deluge from Agua, and assumed, or was told, that the rains filled up the crater which broke through the lipon your side of the mountain. From what you say this assumption is in error. That leaves only one other assumption and that is that the area of the mountain itself formed a huge "drainage basin" and that with the toffential rains this basin found a natural drainage pointed at the villages you mentioned. Right?

The reason that I am so prompt in answering your letter is that we are leaving here next Tuesday, February 3rd, flying to Tamps, where we will pick up a rented car and, hopefully, spend four weeks in Florida. Until last Friday we had planned to drive down, having just bought a new Pontiac Le Mans, but weakened and decided to fly and rent a car. We have what I think is a pretty good deal, a new 1970 Chevy II, with 4 door sedan, automatic shift, power steering, radio, heater and \$100/300 liability insurance, with first \$200 deductible at rate of \$45 per week, we buy the gas. I do not want to be bothered with any \$200 deductible, so I am paying an additional \$7.50 per week and am fully protected the people from whom I am renting are the Greyhound Bus Company. Use is limited to ~~xxx~~ state of Florida, which is OK.

Yes, our good old UFCo has changed. I have not been in the offices in ages. Just have the feeling that nobody there

seems to give a hang about the old timers.
I continue to be mad about the sell out to
AMK. They bought the company for paper.
I feel certain that UFCo could have prospered
on its own with bananas as the No. 1 product.
It may be OK to ship cut flowers and plants,
but as you so correctly envision it, bananas
pay the bill. Andrew Preston and V M Cutter
must be spinning, not just turning, in their
graves.

I would like very much to see Honduras
again, and hope to do so before Gabriel toots
his horn. Doubt if there are many people
left of our class - Aycock of course- Have
heard that there is a fairly good hotel in San
Pedro Sula. Perhaps whoever is in Lima would
let me visit La Lima and Tela.

We still expect to go to Europe this
Summer (Gad, I am getting to be a lousy typist!)
Have not finalized plans, but we will take
advantage of the new 29/45 day air fares, and
visit Lisbon, Mallorca and Switzerland. Of
course we will spend about 3 weeks in Weggis, on
Lake Lucerne, which place we very much enjoy.
Have you any plans to visit Europe this summer.
if so, and if you want no more than 45 days, look
into the new fares.

Well, Viejo, all the best from both of
us to both of you. Keep well and enjoy yourselves.

Sincerely,

[Martin Connolly]



Feb 21 1971

my dear Doctor,

As you say it has been a long time since we exchanged greetings - the last word being in July, ~~last~~ when you were in Germany and we were in Weggis Switzerland - Unfortunately you said your plans did not permit of your coming to Weggis, but you did not say where you might be in the Zurich area - Had we known we might have called on you, as we were there twice during our stay in Switzerland. Next time finish out your address!

We had a delightful vacation in Portugal before going to Weggis and homeward bound went to Cobenz by train from Lucerne for a few days, then up the Moselle river by



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boat to Cochem - a delightful spot -
then to Trier - a double delightful
spot; Roman ruins, burial place of
Saint Matthew, painting by St Luke, etc.
Thence to Luxemburg and Rheims - of
jeanne d'arc fame. Really a nice trip.

No, I am absolutely in the dark
as to going on at E.A.P. and the UGB
(Q.E.P.D.) but I am afraid both have
passed their zeniths. To me it is absolutely
ridiculous to have a budget of \$780,000
for the school. Perhaps I am spoiled
by the economical operations which
were the rule when you called the
shots. I hope Mr Black's
check was a personal one, but
somehow I believe Papa (or Mama)
Unit picks up the tab.

We came here on Feb 1
and now plan to return home on
mar 15. Esther's brother and his
wife - from Portland, Oregon joined
us so we have been quite busy



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Driving around seeing the sights. We have a chevy, which I rented for the duration. In Bradenton a few days we called on the Hogaboons, who are in fine shape and quite happy in their new home there. Haven't seen any other retirees but we try to get in touch with Jack Strange when we go to Winter Haven next week.

Had we been alone here I wanted to make a quick trip to Belize and Guatemala, but that will not happen now.

All the best to both of you from Esther and me and do write again when you have a moment - Suzie & S. Mark



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December 10 1971

Dear Doctor,

when I read the attached notice in yesterday's paper of the omission of the current dividend of United Brands, I thought of you. Yesterday the stock reached an all time low of \$9, but in my humble opinion it is not any great bargain at that price. If the old team was in control the present and the future of the company would be much brighter. I have absolutely no confidence in the present management. As you may have read in the November 30 UNIFRUITCO, the financial results for the first nine months of 1971 were anything but good, only \$3.8 millions or 22¢ per share. What they need is a real old time austerity program such as some we ran in spite of the opposition, and worse -undercutting -, by some of the 'powers-that-were' in La Lima. Ah well, I should not get an ulcer at this stage. Only recently I saw an article, quoting Mr. Black, to the effect that the Guatemalan Government would not approve the sale of Guatemala division to Del Monte. I suppose, among other things, that they wanted a deposit of the accumulated cesantia for UFCO employees. I do not know that this is so, but I would assume so. I have no idea what stand the Justice Dept in Washington will take now.

I was much interested in your remarks regarding Garavito's paintings. I hope you make a million on the lot you acquired! I well remember the large Garavito in the Palace Hotel. It is indeed too bad that that old landmark has passed out of the picture. I seem to remember that I was told or had read that the Palace would be torn down and an office building erected on the site. In the old days it was the gathering place for OFERS and others, but eventually we were not treated well- during Madrid's days, and we drifted off to the San Carlos and the PanAmerican. I still like the latter, - it is central food is good, and the management friendly. Hope to see it again before, in your classic words, "San Juan me apunte el dedo" Why San Juan I do not know,

possibly because the other caller of names and times is ~~an~~ Gabriel ~~and~~ the horn player: waht has happened to don Manuel Herrera? Always enjoyed chatting with him. A banana farmer he was not, and you will remember we at one time had to take over the operation of his farm at velasquez, para proteger nuestro posicion, as the Cubans would say. At that time Don Manuel stayed away from velasquez for 18 months and then complained to WET that we were neglecting the cultivations, and we paid him \$25/30,000 so that he could stop quejando. Some of our good farmers told me it was quite untrue, and was in fact a game, to put it politely.

The people who were responsible for the white elephant in comayaguela were the same ones who were responsible for the building of the so called Zemurray house in Tela. The Old man ~~once~~ told me that he did not know anything about it until it was well underway - that he did not like it, was unhappy staying there, etc., etc. I told him that the reported cost of it, I think \$65,000, was not the true cost, because certain people in Lime contrived to hide expenditures, when the original and supplemental appropriations were overrun. I told him once that he should use the building as a regional grammar school for kids from honduras and nearby divisions. He thought that would be a good solution, but the plan never got off the ground.

Were you told that Carl Krauth, once Accountant in Guate., C. R., etc and Frank Murthur, Asst Treasurer under Jack Udell, passed away a short time ago. Me, I'm feeling fine, how are you?

Well, Viejo, take care of yourself. Esther joins me in sending recuerdos y abrazos to Alice and to you.

Martín
Read in the UNFRUITCO of Nov 30 that the Co. gave the Govt of Guate Quirigua Hospital to be used as an AID assisted school for training medical practicanted. I remember your first visit there, and how busy you were setting our fruit trees!

at Trepague Island, Fla.,
3/8/52

Dear Doctor,

Just for the record, I
am sending you a copy of the
picture I took of you a week ago at
the Helms' house. I shall send
John Kealey a copy as soon as I
get home as I do not have his
address with me.

It was very nice being
with both of you - and I do hope
it will not be too long until we
see you again.

Exeter sends me in
sending Salutes to the two of
you - Sincerely,
Martin.

P.S. - We are returning home on
the 16th just in time for St.
Patrick's Day !!

March 21 1972

Dear Doctor,

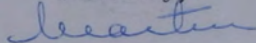
Knowing your interest in United Brands I am certain you will be happy (?) to read the enclosed clipping. I just do not see how they can come up with such a loss, 1970 \$2.1 and 1971 28.1 million! I imagine they are writing off a lot of cats and dogs picked up from AMK et al. What they need as I have often said, is a liberal sprinkling of our old time management. What a lot we can charge to George reabody Gardner, who by his choice of incompetent management put the skids under our dear old UFCO.

We returned from Florida on the 16th, giving up real warmth for the cold of the North. However, the sun is high, and if I remember my almanac, today is the first day of Spring, so we can look for better things to come.

It was nice seeing you again in Antigua. Although my stay in Guate was a bit marred by my little upset, I did feel much better during our last days in Chapinlandia. and now I feel like going back to enjoy the things I missed in my all too short stay.

All the best to the Senora and yourself, in which Esther joins me.

Sincerely,



As we have often mentioned in our talks, had TJC lived GPG's power would have been curbed, UFCO would have continued to prosper and the shot-gun-wedding with AMK never would have taken place.

Monday, August 13, 1973

Dear Doctor,

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 4th instant, which must have come up by a carib cayuco. At any rate, it was good hearing from you.

Apparently you did not go to Europe this year - nor did we. First of all we expected that one of Esther's brothers would come here from Oregon, and by the time he decided not to come the exchange situation exploded, making a vacation in Europe much less attractive than in former years. When last we were in Wegis, Switzerland, our hotel rate for beautiful double- and I do mean double - room with bath and overlooking Lake Lucerne, Mount Pilatus and Rigi, including all meals, membership in the beach and sports clubs, worked out under \$27 US for the two. Today, assuming the same Swiss Francs rate as previously, the rate works out just about \$43 US. Quite a boost. I have yet to find any sabio who can explain to me the workings of foreign exchange. If you know, please tell me, in words of one syllable, or maybe I could get it if you used two.

The notice you received from the Company is a requirement of the US Govt. It seems that many companies had so called pension plans administered by themselves, to which employees contributed. If, as so often happened, a member resigned or was fired, his contributions remained in the pot. He had no vested rights. Even worse, he often reached retirement age only to find there were no funds to pay him his pension. Again many employees ~~xxxxxxx~~ approaching retirement age were fired without recourse and got no pensions. To regulate all of this, Congress

W. L. L.

recently passed regulatory legislation covering private pension funds, which was long overdue. Now, among other things, an employee is entitled to vested rights, so that if he leaves Company A and joins Company B and later Company C his pensions in each company is protected, so that at retirement age he will not have to find his way to the welfare office, as has so often been the case.

Our pension plan was protected from the start by the Trusteeship written into the original plan and approved by the US Treasury and Internal Revenue service. The Company and the employees lose all control of their contributions, once made, as such control is with the trustees, Old Colony Trust Co., as our former president, Lic. Sunderland, found out quite promptly and emphatically when he tried to draw back a couple of million dollars of company contributions when the UFCO was having money difficulties. Our plan is strong, so do not worry - the company can not monkey with it!!!!

I was interested to read that the boys at Zamorano were bringing in liquor. I think they - years ago - tried to bring in girls, but the then Director would have none of it, but as the story goes, some of the boys made arrangements with a friendly lady from Teguci - the wife of a government official, I was told, who brought girls from Teguci on Sunday picnics, so everybody was happy.

Esther joins me in sending saludes to both of you, and in hoping that you will not wait so long until we next hear from you.

All best, on the almost 60th anniversary of my joining the company, which historical event occurred August 20-1913, during the presidency of don Manuel....

Heaton

September 19 1973

Dear Doctor,

Maureen showed me a copy of "SCIENCE" (American Assn for the advancement of Science) for 31 August, in which appears under "Books Received" the following:

Flora of Guatemala. Paul C. Standley, Louis O. Williams and Dorothy N. Gibson. Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, 1973. vi pp - pp 237-418, illus. Paper, \$7.25. Fieldiana: Botany, Vol. 24, Part 9, Nos. 3 and 4.

Is this a reprint or a revision of an earlier work by Paul Standley. It seems to me that he wrote such a work 25 or more years ago, and if I remember correctly he had no collaborators. Is Paul still alive? The last time I saw him was at EAP when he was putting together an herbarium which promised to be the most complete one south of Washington. At any rate I have lost all news of him since I left our Company, as I have Louis Williams whom I always liked and whose ability I greatly respected. Dorothy Gibson does not ring a bell, she well may be a staffer at Field.

A while ago a friend asked me for the name of a motel on the Reforma road not too far from the center of things. I have heard of such place, and it even was pointed out to me, but I cannot remember the name or the address. Enlighten me if you can.

Yesterday we had very heavy rains, with tornado watch warnings; fortunately there were no tornadoes, although some did occur in Connecticut.

Have you ever heard of such a mess as we are having in Washington? Nixon under a cloud and Agnew said to be about to resign because of charges against him in Maryland in

connection with graft, kick-backs, etc. If he does resign he could be subject to indictment by Maryland courts, if he does not resign he can be tried and subject to impeachment by the Congress. He is not being given any support by Nixon, and in the radio news this morning it was said he was being thrown to the wolves by Nixon. That would not surprise me. Under an ammendment to the Constitution, I think the 25th, the president can name the successor to the V.P. if that office becomes vacant, subject to affirmative vote of majority of Congress. The V.P. would be in the drivers seat for the GOP nomination in 1976, and the Congress, being overwhelmingly Democratic, does not want to give that office to someone who might be too strong a man against one of the Democrats in 1976. There has been some talk that Nixon might name Connally (no relation) or Rockefeller, however if it is thought Congress might not go along, as they both have White House aspirations and would be strong candidates against any Democrat. If Nixons nominees are not approved, says the news service, Speaker Alpert, a Democrat, could ~~be~~ under the 25th ammendment, become VP.

I really think your Guatemala system of succession is much better- three of four designados or a palace coup.

Still have not heard from anyone in the G.O. Have not been in there in ages, but they have not missed me I am afraid!

Hope all goes well with you and the Senora, and that the tourists are not giving you too hard a time. I think all of that is a terrible imposition/ Are they still 'lifting' souvenirs?

Esther and Maureen join me in sending saludes y abrazos to both of you. Keep well!!

Sincerely,

Maureen

Antigua G., 5 May 1974

Dear Martin:

In the words of one of my professors at Zamorano, Jaime Villegas of Antioquia, "Martin, is a question."

I have been in correspondence with my lawyer in Gainesville, Fla., who drew up my will and will probate it when the time comes. Which reminds me of one of Hugh's stories. Big black mammy down in Georgia walks into the Coa't House and enters a door and see a judge sitting and says, "Mister boss, is you de judge of reprobates?" And he says, "Well, missy, I am the probate judge". And she says, "Yes dats it, dats it. Well, my brudder he died detested, and left these four little infidels, and I wants to be named their executioner."

Here's my problem. My lawyer told me when he made my will four years ago that when I got the total value of my estate down below \$60,000 (sisty thousand dollars) there wouldnt be any tax to pay, federal tax. Well, I have no real pro erty whatsoever, in any country, and thanks to our present period of depression my securities have a market value of not more than \$50,000. In addition all I have is my "Retirement and Death Benefit Fund" in the United Fruit Company, Q.E.P.D., and they wrote me a few years ago, at the time I changed the beneficiary from my daughter Marion to my daughter Nancy (both girls lost their husbands in National Defense) that on my demise my beneficiary would receive one month's salary at the time I was retired from UFCO, and it would be approximately \$17,000.

Now, my mawyer who doesnt know anything about our Retirement and Death Benefit Plan, wants to know if this \$17,000 will be considered part of my estate, or not? Will my heirs pay a death tax on it, like he says you do on insurance policies these days, or is not subject to tax - unless Nancy is taxed on it as income.

I assume you have a similar Death Benefit coming to your assignee, and know what the tax situation will be when you cash in your checks. If so, will you be good enough to drop me a line and enlighten me, and if you do not know, will you tell me where to write and find out? If the Company will tell me. Some years ago when I insured of the Mass Mutual Ins Co about my life insurance policies, they said they did not want to make any statement since they did not know what the tax laws would be at the time of my death. Since the latter is now proximate, in fact just around the corner, the tax situation which exists as of this writing will probably exist when my daughter uses my Social Security \$250 funeral allowance and buy a Spanish cedar coffin with little cherubim and seraphim carved all over the nether side, and hires a black 1962 Chrysler to lug me over to San Lazaro, - rather, to haul the decorations while 8 of my old Zamorano graduates tote me past the Palacio de los Capitanes Generales for the last time.

I would ask you to please rush your reply, were it not for my doctor, at the time of my last visit, told me that I have nothing to fear (to use Winston Churchill's words) but the "ruthless and irreversible march of senility." Good Lord, ain't that enough?

Our best to all of you. Why dont you come down here for the summer instead of having to sweath it out in Boston? Mrs Jeff Coolidge was down here, with a house 4 blocks from us, all the month of March. We had a good time, talking about those days when UFCo shares were at 153.

Ever yours

May 30 1974

Dear Doctor,

Your letter of the 27th instant - good time!

You refer twice to the fact that UFCO advised you on two occasions that your beneficiary would receive ONE MONTHS SALARY, and this leads me to believe that you may have been considered a legal resident of Honduras or Guatemala, hence operating under some different retirement plan, or provisions of ~~the~~ a revision of the main plan itself. US residents are covered by an insurance feature which provides the equivalent of one years salary, but I now seem to remember that Tropical employees, being entitled to cesantia, are not so covered. By all means write to United Brands and get the thing clarified, and ask for any Plan rules that may apply to you. I am sorry if I have goofed on this.

Another point---- you apparently are considered a resident of Florida, at least your lawyer, in Florida, is advising you on your estate problems. If you are a resident of Florida, you may be in line for the one year's salary and also to free medical insurance. Ask United Brands about this.

As you know by now, I am sending this to Zamorano so that between bouts of eating fiberless (I read it fiberglass) *Mango!* you can get off a letter to the todosabios in ~~Guatemala~~ *Boston*.

Mercedes Holm is spending a few days here with us and joins Esther and me in sending saludes and abrazos to Alice and to you.

I certainly would like to go back to Guate - I feel that I was cheated out of my last visit by my little bout in Antigua. Now I feel okay, estupendo ~~of~~ what have you.

If there should be any old timers in Tegucigalpa who remember, me give them my saludes, and certainly to Aycock should you see him.

Sincerely,

Heather

*As you can see, my old portable is kicking-up.
It is too late in the game to buy a new one
so we will have to put up with it - Maybe
if I hit the correct keys it would write
with fewer errors!*

August 16 1974

my dear Doctor,

I just received a nice gift from a grand-niece, a copy of "Flowers of Guatemala" by Carol Rogers Chickering in which a note with considerable gusto that of the fifty color plates in the book, eighteen were described by W. P. This fact, together with the many references to Paul Standley's "Flora of Guatemala" makes the book doubly interesting. Of course it only scratches the surface, but I suppose a more comprehensive work would fall in the category of a Bailey or an illustrated catalog of the Herbarium at EAP.

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Guatemala was outlawed about the time the Quetzal came into being, 1928 I believe. Maureen has quite a collection of them, almost 200, as a supplement to her collection of Guatemala coinage, both colonial and modern. She says her collection is her hedge against inflation. I picked up a few for her when we were in Cuatle last March, but I was not there long enough to really look for them.

Well, Viejo, no more for the moment. Esther joins me in sending saludos y abrazos to Alice and yourself.

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Sunday,
November 3 1974.

Dear Doctor,

This seems to be clipping day, so I am enclosing a couple which may be of interest to you. I had no idea that Tom Cabot was or is an explorer. I knew that he made an overland trip from Colombia to Quito, but this Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta expedition in 1939 is news to me. It is possible that he financed such an expedition, but as the old saying is - "Lo mas probable es - quien sabe! Unlike the presidents of our country, I did not remove from my office when I retired, the many things of historical value which, among other things, would verify Tom's tenure of office as president of the UFCO, but I would guess that he was in power in 1939..

Hope all goes well with you, and that you were able to have your fiambre last Friday - November 1st.

We have had several hard frosts, (and how I hate these forerunners of winter) but for the past three days we had temperatures of 70°. That I like!

As seems to be our custom, we have made reservations in Treasure Island, Florida, for eight weeks commencing January 8th. I rather think we will pass up Chapinlandia this time, as, because of my upset in Antigua in early March, Esther is against making the trip, although I am all for it. As you know, I am ready to go to Guatemala at the drop of a hat, or more properly speaking at the drop of a beret, which I have adopted. The reason

for the beret is simply this - when Esther drives the car she has the seat moved so far forward, that, ~~in~~ in the seat beside her, am raised up so ~~far~~ that it is impossible to wear a conventional hat - simple, eh?

Do you remember Al Carpenter who held various accounting jobs with OFCO through the years? He died in Palm Beach, Florida, (where he had lived since his retirement) October 21. He was a very capable man.

I cannot remember whether I acknowledged the clipping on the Company's revolt against the imposition of 2½¢ per pound on bananas exported from the various countries. So many countries have followed the Arab squeeze tactics on oil, even Jamaica has applied a whopping tax on bauxite ore exported. It is indeed too bad that we cannot retaliate. I think there are ways we can, but we say such moves would not be ethical, moral, or what have you. Bob Howley had a very appropriate expression which would cover, but, being Sunday, I will refrain from writing it here.

Well, viejo, no more for now. Esther joins me in sending saludes y abrazos to Alice and to you, along with our wishes that you both keep well.

Sincerely,

Martin [Martin?]