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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1957

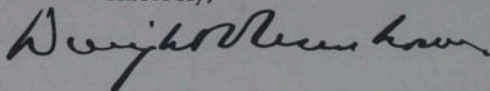
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

From many sources I have heard of the fine work you have done as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, and now I understand that, on the occasion of your retirement, you are to become Director Emeritus. I hope you will permit me to join with the many distinguished Americans who salute you not only for your outstanding contribution to hemispheric understanding through your work at the School, but for your many achievements in furthering sound agricultural practices throughout the world.

The Escuela Agricola Panamericana, of course, excites my admiration because it so practically demonstrates ways in which the technical knowledge we have gained can be employed to increase the productivity and raise the living standards of our good neighbors to the south.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Mrs. Nixon and I join your host of friends and admirers throughout the Western Hemisphere in sending our warmest good wishes to you upon your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras.

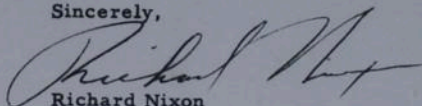
We would like to take this opportunity as well to congratulate you upon being named Director Emeritus of the School which, under your leadership since its founding in 1942, has received unparalleled prestige in the countries of Latin America.

Distinguished as you are in the fields of horticulture and agriculture, you have shared your great knowledge with your students. More important still, over the years you have given those young men a deep insight into human nature which in turn will lead to an even better understanding and more friendly relations between the countries of North and South America.

Mrs. Nixon and I look forward to the time when we shall see you again, and she joins me in sending our best wishes for the happiness and good health you so rightfully deserve in the years to come.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



Richard Nixon

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

*And we are particularly proud of  
our fellow Californian!*

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May 14, 1957

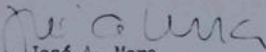
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with mingled feelings of regret and joy that I salute you on the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Those of us who have for many years been so keenly aware and so proud of your distinguished leadership in the training of practical agriculturists, whose subsequent accomplishments have symbolized your genius and guidance, can not be otherwise than regretfully conscious of your absence from the familiar scene. Yet, none of us would have this feeling detract by a single iota from the pleasure which comes to your many friends from the knowledge that you have so fully earned the leisure and relaxation which lie ahead and which we hope you may be able to enjoy for many years to come.

My felicitations and good wishes to you. May the spirit of Panamericanism to which you have given meaning and reality by translating lofty principles into good deeds be always the emblem of the reward you so richly deserve.

Very sincerely yours,

  
José A. Mora  
Secretario General

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

SAMUEL ZEMURRAY  
NEW ORLEANS

May 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I regret very much my inability to be present upon the occasion of your becoming Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana and am sure you know how much I wish I could be there to tell you personally that you have indeed done a good and lasting work in turning out hundreds of graduates well prepared for practical agriculture in an important part of Latin America. Ninety eight percent of these boys are active in productive work. Through extension services of various governments they carry what they learned at Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana to thousands of small farmers. Some of them are prospering upon their own farms and serving as pilots for their neighbors. All are in great demand for extension work and teaching in other agricultural schools.

The example you have set has inspired schools in Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Ecuador and other countries to follow the program of practical training which you established in Zamorano, - that is a wonderful tribute to you and a fine advance of the ends and purposes of the School.

We could not have come as far with the work of Zamorano without the complete dedication of many years of your life to it and I am grateful to you and Helen for the enthusiastic way in which you have done it. Now the school is well established and it comforts me to know that you will continue your interest in it and help in any way you can.

I renew here my expression of respect and appreciation for the solid job you have done for the school and Latin America and the assurance that my best wishes and sincere friendship go with you and Helen.

Sincerely

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

T. JEFFERSON COOLIDGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

May 1, 1957

Dear Wilson:

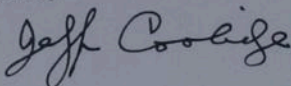
I cannot let your retirement pass without writing you a line to express - however feebly - how much I appreciate the tremendous service you have rendered as head of the Escuela Agricola.

You must indeed be proud of what you have accomplished in the field of agricultural education, and the wonderful example you have set with the School at Zamorano. Again you must indeed be proud when you think of all the graduates for whom you are so responsible and their splendid work throughout Central America.

You and Helen understand so well how all the Coolidges feel toward you both and what a pleasure it has been to know you and visit you in your kingdom. All our best wishes go to you both and we trust you will have even more time than in the past to see us and discuss all our interests.

All best wishes for your future success and happiness in whatever endeavor you undertake.

Most sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

KENNETH H. REDMOND  
PRESIDENT

May 20, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the School over which you have presided since its inception, I want to be among those who wish to record their feelings of high regard for you and voice their appreciation for your having made the School the success it has achieved under your guidance. The character of any institution cannot but reflect that of its founder and director. In this instance, the School at this time represents the culmination of the sound philosophy of Mr. Zemmurray, its founder, and the dedication of Wilson Popence in adhering to the precepts of that philosophy.

It has been my regret that circumstances have not permitted me the privilege of knowing you and working with you as closely as others in the Company. Your accomplishments both in the Company and at the School speak eloquently for themselves and it is in this knowledge that I wish to offer my congratulations to you on this occasion.

It is my earnest hope that your retirement will bring to you and Mrs. Popence a full measure of continued good health, much happiness, and the opportunity to pursue it to your hearts content.

Sincerely and cordially yours

*K.H. Redmond*

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RENO, NEVADA

OFFICE OF  
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

May 11, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Pan-americana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have learned that you are to retire from active duty on June 1, 1957. Although it has not been my privilege to work with you, your good work in the Americas is appreciated by all who know you. I am certain that the influence you have exerted upon the younger workers will be a monument of which you can be justifiably proud.

My very best wishes for a long period to enjoy the many things you wish to do which you have had to defer.

Sincerely yours

*James E. Adams*  
James E. Adams,  
Dean and Director

JEA/mg

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS  
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

May 21, 1957

Department of  
HORTICULTURE



To All The Friends Of Dr. Wilson Popenoe:

It has been my pleasure to know Dr. Wilson Popenoe during the past ten years, but previous to that time he was a legendary figure to me.

It was always a source of great interest, and even envy, to me to read of all of his explorations in Central America and Mexico. In my work with subtropical fruits I kept up very closely with his findings and introductions and I also derived great pleasure and benefit from his book on tropical and subtropical fruits.

In 1947 it was my good fortune to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Popenoe, both in their home at Antigua, Guatemala and also at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana in Honduras. The school and the program of training of Latin American boys was a source of amazement to me at the time of my visit and I have enjoyed keeping up with the program in his monthly bulletin.

Dr. Popenoe has always contributed greatly to programs at the various horticultural meetings, including the recent meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Horticultural Institute.

There is no question that his influence on the agriculture, and particularly the horticulture, of the Latin American countries has been very great and his keen mind and friendly understanding will be remembered for many years.

I am pleased to add my name to the list of those who hold Dr. Popenoe and his work in the highest regard.

Sincerely,

Guy W. Adriance, Head  
Department of Horticulture

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1957

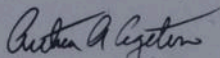
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with regret that I learn of your prospective retirement from your important work as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Your distinguished work in experimental and practical agriculture of your earlier years has been climaxed by the distinction of your performance as Director of this school.

Not only the hundreds of young men who have gone forth from your school to teach and to spread the doctrine which you have taught but also the countries and communities they have served owe you a tribute and a debt that would be difficult to pay.

May I wish you well in your retirement and express the hope that your continuing interest in the advancement of the less well developed countries of the hemisphere may bring further outstanding developments.

Sincerely yours,

  
Arthur A. Agaton

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director of the Escuela Agricola  
Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PHILLIP ALAMPI, SECRETARY  
TRENTON 25

May 7, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

Although I have never had the pleasure of your acquaintance, I have read glowing tributes to your ability as a plant explorer and as an educator.

Please permit me, therefore, to extend to you my best wishes for continued health and happiness in your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras.

Sincerely yours,

*Phillip Alampi*



INSTITUTO INTERAMERICANO DE  
CIENCIAS AGRICOLAS

TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA

April 27, 1957

El Instituto es un Organismo especializado de la Organización de los Estados Americanos. Fue establecido por los Gobiernos de las Repùblicas Americanas para promover el adelanto de las ciencias agrìcolas por medio de la investigación, la educación y el desarrollo de servicios regionales.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrìcola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Pop:

Back there in 1942 we were trying to figure out how to promote food production in Latin America during the war. Inadvertently, there was one man of wisdom in our midst. After listening to our schemes, he said "Get Wilson Popenoe to take over this job. Give him ten Chinese gardeners. Then we can forget the whole thing".

But you had Zamorano on your conscience. For casualidad, only yesterday a group of us were talking over a job in which a young man is failing. Someone advised, "get a Zamorano for that job, then we can forget the whole thing"...

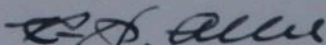
We are getting accustomed now to seeing the Zamoranos remaking the face of the tropics. The old tropical tramp among us know that everyone of them has a bit of Wilson Popenoe in him. I haven't seen one of them walking through a canal in his dinner jacket yet but I expect to any minute.

Zamorano is one of those rare places that is the elongating shadow of a man, and more. After the first class was graduated, it could have been destroyed and a plow drug over it as the Romans did with Carthage, and it still would have been worth all the investment of the United Fruit Company and all the dedication which you and Helen and the others have lavished on it. But beyond that, you have put your stamp on Zamorano as you have on so many places and so many people - a stamp that will carry it on into the future.

Now, Pop, let me get personal - I came into these tropics of yours only sixteen years ago, fortunately under your tutelage. Those months when we philosophized, slogged through the mud from Juan Viñas, tried valiantly to keep ahead of the Mexican lemon crop in the patio in Antigua, and, incidentally found a good site for the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, set the tone of this institution also. As is the nature of things, my shadow will be lifted from Turrialba some of these days. Whatever of it remains will be inter-mingled with the lore of these lands and the cordiality among men which is uniquely Wilson Popenoe.

I see that the word Emeritus was first applied to a Roman veteran. Now that you and Helen have become Emeriti, gather up your togas and come to see us once in a while.

Saludos,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. Allee".

Ralph H. Allee  
Director

VICTOR L. ANFUSO  
8TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

OFFICES:  
ROOM 1641, NEW HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

11 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano  
Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

It is a great honor to extend personal greetings to you and sincerest wishes on the occasion of your retirement after more than three decades of distinguished service with the United Fruit Company and the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Your many friends and well-wishers in all walks of life take note on this occasion that you have given selflessly of your time, efforts and energy towards the improvement of agriculture, the education of many young people in this very important field of human endeavor, the raising of the standard of living in some of our neighboring countries in Latin America, and in fostering a spirit of good Panamericanism in the relations between the United States and Latin America.

May the good Lord be very kind to you in the years ahead and may he bless you with many more long years of health and achievements for your fellow-men.

Sincerely yours,

*Victor L. Anfuso*

Victor L. Anfuso, V.C.

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE • EAST LANSING

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE • OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 3, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

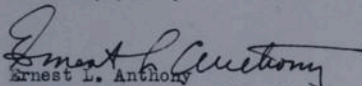
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It seems such a short time since I had the pleasure of some days with you and your most kind and gracious wife at Zamorano. I only recently learned of your plans for retirement. I want to assure you from my own experience that it is not so bad as many folks would have you believe. For one who has carried such a heavy load I am sure you will appreciate a lessening of this responsibility.

The most interesting development which has taken place at Zamorano under your patient leadership and kindly guiding hand stands out in my mind as one of the most valuable developments that has taken place in the improvement of agriculture in the Americas and is an everlasting practical demonstration in agricultural education that has been so much needed. It stands as no other as a monument to you and your genius. I hope someone may be found to take your place who is capable and far-seeing enough to see that it continues to render fruitful service.

May we hope now that you may have more leisure time and freedom of movement that you will plan to visit us here at Michigan State University and allow us to return some of our indebtedness to you. Also may you have many years of happy retirement.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ernest L. Anthony  
Dean of Agriculture (Emeritus)

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FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA DE MANIZALES

UNIVERSIDAD DE COLOMBIA

Manizales, abril 30 de 1.957

Señores  
MIDDLE AMERICA INFORMATION BUREAU  
Conducted By United Fruit Company  
26 East 64 Street  
New York, N.Y.

Apreciados señores:

Con mucho placer aviso a ustedes recibo de su muy atenta carta de fecha 18 del presente mes, por la cual hacen saber a la Facultad de Agronomía de Manizales que el distinguido hombre de ciencia-agrícola, doctor Wilson Popenoe, Director fundador de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, en Zambrano, Honduras, cumple al presente treinta años de servicio técnico agrícola en la United Fruit Company y que en tal virtud dejará la Dirección a partir del próximo 1º de junio.

La United Fruit Company, por intermedio del Profesor Wilson Popenoe, como respetuosa y cariñosamente le llamamos sus colegas en Colombia, cumplió notablemente un programa de cooperación agrícola en los países latinoamericanos para el desarrollo de los cultivos de importancia comercial principalmente de frutales tropicales, seleccionando siempre con fortuna los mas adecuados para cada cual.

Durante los treinta años de servicio técnico del profesor Popenoe, visitó a Colombia con mucha frecuencia y siempre anduvo acertado en sus consejos prácticos para el fomento de determinadas plantas. Los gobiernos de los ex-presidentes Eduardo Santos, Alfonso López y Mariano Ospina Pérez requirieron la presencia en el país del profesor Popenoe para el reconocimiento de determinadas zonas a fin de encontrar su ayuda en el desarrollo de específicos cultivos de árboles frutales.

En Boyacá, Cundinamarca, Caldas, Antioquia, Valle, Cauca, Nariño y Chocó realizó ciertas empresas de cultivos de frutales, ahora prósperas y económicas.

FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA DE MANIZALES

UNIVERSIDAD DE COLOMBIA

Hoja #2

En todas esas secciones colombianas-dejó marcada su obra en forma práctica y útil. Su nombre está inscrito con caracteres imborrables.

Es también muy solicitadas y leídas-sus obras de cultivos de árboles frutales tropicales y de la zona templada, en los idiomas inglés y español.

Por todos estos motivos, la Facultad de Agronomía de Manizales se honra en tomar parte con motivo de conferir al profesor Wilson Popenoe el título de "Director Emeritus" ganado por haber consagrado su brillante vida de técnico agrícola al mejoramiento de la agricultura de frutales en los países latinoamericanos, al igual que un científico agrónomo hijo de cada uno de estos países.

De ustedes atento y seguro servidor,



ALFREDO VELEZ ARANGO  
DECANO DE LA FACULTAD DE AGRONOMIA  
DE MANIZALES



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NUMERO 10688

## G A B I N E T E

Bogotá, D. E. mayo 14 de 1. 957

Señor Profesor  
WILSON POPENOE  
Middle America Information Bureau  
26 East 64 Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

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Distinguido Profesor:

En mi carácter de Ministro de Agricultura en Colombia me fue especialmente grato conocer la noticia de que el 10. de junio próximo a usted le será conferido el honorífico título de DIRECTOR EMERITUS DE LA ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA en Zamorano, Honduras, fundada y dirigida por usted desde el año de 1.942, en nombre de la United Fruit Company que la sostiene, con motivo de llegar a los 30 años de estar al Servicio de esta Entidad, en calidad de Técnico Agrícola.

Su elevada preparación científica, experimental y práctica en los ramos de fruticultura y horticultura americanas fueron las bases que la Compañía aprovechó para que usted figurase durante cinco largos lustros como su Consejero Técnico Agrícola dedicado a trabajar para conseguirse el formal desarrollo y progreso de estas dos industrias en los países americanos, especialmente en los tropicales.



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El Ministerio de Agricultura recuerda con gratitud las múltiples ocasiones en que usted practicó reconocimientos en distintas zonas de producción del país, animado de divulgar sus conocimientos profundos a fin de hacer de la fruticultura y horticultura colombianas dos pujantes actividades económicas, gracias a que existen extensas regiones con suelos, climas, aguas, vías y poblaciones rurales especialmente adecuadas para desarrollar en ellas señalados cultivos de árboles frutales tropicales y de la zona templada, con voluminosas y prósperas empresas comerciales.

Se aprecian mucho sus memorias técnicas e informes sobre el fomento de los cultivos de cítricos, aguacates, mangos, olivos, dátiles, papayos, vides y muy especialmente del banano.

Asimismo los técnicos agrícolas del Ministerio constantemente consultan los dos importantes informes que remitió en dos distintas épocas para informar sobre los dos severos reconocimientos agronómicos que practicó en las regiones de frutales del Departamento de Boyacá, con afán de hacer de esta importante Sección, el mayor centro de producción de naranjos, limoneros, manzanos, perales, ciruelos, duraznos, dátiles, olivos, morales y fresales con prósperos resultados económicos. - Recomendaciones persuasivas por razón de las singulares condiciones ecológicas que ofrece Boyacá para esos cultivos.

En la Biblioteca y en el Fichero Científico Agropecuario de este Despacho están coleccionados gran parte de sus informes técnicos y de sus obras sobre fruticultura y horticultura, que son de obligada consulta para todos los profesionales y cultivadores de los países americanos. - Constituye noble y justo motivo para que los pue



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blos de las Américas tengan su nombre como el de un ilustre benefactor en el campo agrícola.

En tal virtud, en nombre del pueblo de Colombia deseo hacer llegar a usted la más calurosa felicitación por la distinción científica que le confiere la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, alcanzada tras toda una vida consagrada al estudio, a la investigación y al servicio de hacer superior la agricultura americana.

De Ud. cordial amigo y servidor,

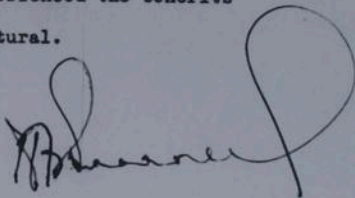
  
JESUS MARIA ARIAS  
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA

RVM/dtg.

Those of us old timers of the Jamaica Division from the late 20s up to the time we were wiped out by Panama Disease in the days of Gros Michel, will recall the visits we received from Dr. Wilson Popenoe, or just "Pop" as we knew him, with great pleasure and interest.

Dr. Popenoe played no small part in the agricultural development of our Company's holdings in St. Catherine and Vere. His prodigious academic knowledge and infectious enthusiasm in the field of exploration were a constant source of inspiration to all Company employees and friends of the Company with whom he came in contact.

With his retirement our Company will have lost the active guidance of an outstanding educationist and pioneer in their operations, and whose personality will long remain a legend in all those Central American and West Indian countries which were fortunate enough to have experienced the benefits of his wide knowledge of things agricultural.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. F. Bicknell', with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

H. F. Bicknell

Kingston  
April 29, 1957.

La Puerta  
May 8, 1957

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

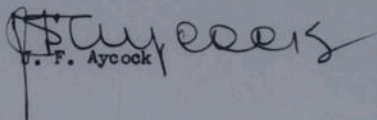
I have recently learned of your coming retirement as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana at El Zamorano, Honduras, and it is my wish and hope that you will enjoy a much needed and deserving rest from your ardent and meritorious labors.

The reputation, high standing and great success of the Escuela in its particular field, not only offers ample evidence of the efficacy of its curriculum, but in itself bears the best testimonial to your personal interest and deep devotion to a greatly needed and most praiseworthy cause.

It must be a source of great pride and satisfaction to yourself and the founding fathers of this institution to review its early history and ponder its magnificent accomplishments, and it is my sincere hope and wish that its future may continue to be blessed with some of the Popenoe spirit for progress and achievement.

With all good luck to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

  
U. F. Aycock

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
El Zamorano

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1957

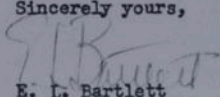
Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana I consider it a real privilege to associate myself with the many others who are given opportunity now to express an appreciation for the splendid work you have done in developing agriculture in the tropics and in promoting a friendly understanding between the Americas. The work you have done will endure and constitute, always, the kind of memorial for which so many of us strive but so few acquire. In the retirement which you have so richly earned may I wish for you contentment and happiness which I am sure the years ahead will bring.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
E. L. Bartlett



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina,  
May 13, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Having been informed that you are about to retire as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the extraordinarily useful contribution you have made to agriculture in Central America and to the principle of technical assistance as an instrument of international cooperation. I am sure the impact of your work will continue to have a great effect.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Willard L. Beaulac".

Willard L. Beaulac

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET

BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

SAM O. BAGGETT  
VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL

26th April 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoes:

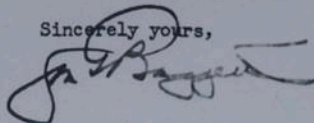
While I understood that you were planning to retire about June 1st, official advice of this prospective retirement has just reached me.

I remember that when I first came with United Fruit Company you were already playing an important part in the agricultural activities of this Company. I have followed your activities ever since and have always been greatly impressed by your knowledge of tropical agriculture and of the history and mores of the peoples of Latin America. Your work at Lancetilla will stand as a monument to you for many years to come. I know, too, that it has been your knowledge, interest and inspiration that has contributed so much to the successful launching and operation of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. During the time you have been Director of this School I know that you have inspired a great many young men in Latin America and that they will be your close and lasting friends.

I certainly regret to see you retire from the services of this Company and the Agricultural School, but I know that you will continue your activities in some manner so as to give others the benefit of your knowledge of tropical agriculture and the governments and people of Latin America.

My very best wishes to both you and Mrs. Popenoe.

Sincerely yours,





DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1957

Dear Dr. Popence:

At this time when messages of cordial regard and high esteem are coming to you from tropical regions around the globe which are today healthier, happier, and more productive because of your work, I am happy to add my tribute to the rest. In particular, I should like to stress the importance of your years of service in making possible for your people a diversified training which is already proving valuable in the development of their own countries.

In the allied fields of agricultural research and agricultural education your contributions have strengthened the inter-American cooperation and solidarity which underlie our achievements as peoples dedicated to peace, freedom, and progress.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Maurice M. Bernbaum".

Maurice M. Bernbaum  
Director, Office of  
South American Affairs

Dr. Wilson Popence,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

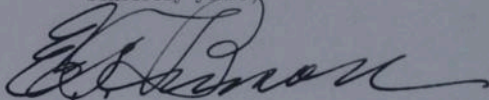
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your many friends in the Department of Agriculture join with me in expressing sincere appreciation for your many contributions to the agriculture of the Americas.

The introduction of valuable new plant material into the United States during your earlier work as a Department of Agriculture plant explorer, the progress made in developing tropical agriculture during your later career as United Fruit Company research director, the training of countless young agriculturists under your inspiring guidance at the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, your continuous fostering of good relationships between North and South America--for these and many other contributions we shall always thank you.

As you continue to make your leadership felt in your new position of Director Emeritus, the gratitude and kindest regards of your friends in this Department go with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Secretary

# SECOND BANK-STATE STREET TRUST COMPANY

BOSTON 6. MASSACHUSETTS

EDWARD L. BIGELOW  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



May 17, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilson:

My tour of duty as a Director of the United Fruit Company has been a most interesting experience and one that has brought me in touch with many fine people. Among the most rewarding has been the opportunity to come to know you.

I well remember the colorful visit which I had at the school with the Senators Byrd and Chapman and particularly the warm welcome which you and Mrs. Popenoe gave us. The outstanding feature of this visit was, I think, a serenade to the Senators by the school marimba band. I suspect that it was your suggestion that they play for Harry Byrd "Anchors Away" and for Virgil Chapman "Roll Out the Barrel". Both of these gentlemen were delighted with the selections.

As you assume your new title as Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, you deserve to feel a real sense of satisfaction having made a lasting contribution to the cause of closer relations between the Central American countries with each other as well as with this country.

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your many contributions in this field as well as in the field of tropical agriculture.

In March Mrs. Bigelow and I had the pleasure of visiting your lovely house in Antigua. It was her first trip to Central America and I think your house interested her more than anything else she saw. We were disappointed not to see you but hope that before too long you will be paying a visit to New England and we will see you here.

Best wishes to Mrs. Popenoe and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

*Asd Bjstau*

ELB:HJW

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
OPERATIONS MISSION TO PANAMA  
THE INSTITUTE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS



P. O. Box "J"  
BALBOA, CANAL ZONE

April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano (Tegucigalpa)  
Honduras, C. A.

Dear Wilson:

It has come to my attention that you plan to retire from your present work as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. Those of us who have carefully and hopefully followed the Zamorano Project, which you so well and capably have carried out, are extremely grateful for the great sacrifice and effort that you have extended in achieving this remarkable accomplishment.

In many respects we all are happy that you have seen fit to retire at a stage when accomplishment is so significant and, of course, we all wish you well. On the other hand, however, there does exist in the minds of all of us that certain concern and preoccupation that you successor or successors conceivably may not be able to do what you so capably have done. Under the circumstances we have no choice but to extend to you personally our sincere gratitude for a job well done, and our best wishes in your new fields of endeavour and that you will get as much satisfaction from them as you have had from the School.

We also have great hopes that the institution that you founded and so ably managed will continue to serve the needs of the Central American and neighbouring Latin American republics, in turning out capable young men who have developed the skill of working with their hands and the confidence that comes from the experience of doing things, rather than the more common youngster who has learned his lessons well and knows the theory, but unfortunately has never had a real opportunity to learn to do it by practical experience.

Godspeed and God bless you.

*Benjamin J. Birdsall*  
Benjamin J. Birdsall  
Chief of Field Party  
Division of Agriculture  
and Natural Resources

# CIA. BANANERA DE COSTA RICA

GENERAL OFFICES EIGHTY FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.

K. B. BLOCK  
GERENTE

CABLE ADDRESS:

BANANERA GOLFITO

GOLFITO DIVISION  
GOLFITO, COSTA RICA

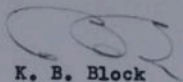
May 3rd, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director of EAP  
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras.

Dear Doctor:

Having known you for over 30 years, it is with regret that I hear of your retirement. I remember very well the many ideas you developed when in the Research Department, many of which contributed greatly to more and better bananas. I saw you develop Lancetilla, which must be a great satisfaction to you and all who know that beautiful place. I think of the many good times we had together socially, your contagious good spirit and zest for happy living and good fellowship. My sincere best wishes always.

Very truly yours,



K. B. Block

KBB:emc



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
La Paz, Bolivia,  
May 14, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It seems only yesterday that I had the privilege of visiting you at Zamorano, but I find on referring to the records that it was in June of 1944. I have the clearest and most favorable memory of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in its relatively early days, and since then I have heard from many sources of the continued growth of the school and of its influence throughout the republics of the hemisphere. I congratulate you heartily on your very great achievement there.

I wish to extend to you my very warmest good wishes and the hope that you will enjoy long and happy years of retirement, and I know that you will enjoy the continued admiration and esteem of all those interested in the progress of the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

Philip W. Bonsal  
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

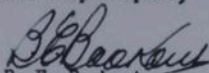
Guayaquil, Ecuador  
April 26th, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Your retirement after thirty-one years of service with the Company is worthy of note not only because of the scientific contributions you made early in your career but as well and most particularly because of the signal job you have accomplished in organizing and directing the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. The success which you have achieved in carrying out the aims and hopes of this institution on a scale which leaves nothing to be desired speaks for itself. It has been adequately commented on by those eminently qualified to make such an appraisal, which would make any remarks I would wish to offer redundant; I therefore limit myself to an expression on behalf of myself and my staff of "Well done!", which is accompanied by our sincere wishes for a pleasant and peaceful retirement which will be to your liking.

With deep respect,

  
B. E. Bookout



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
Rio de Janeiro,  
May 9, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

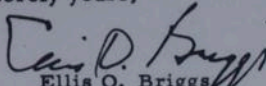
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It gives me sincere pleasure to add my expression of recognition of the contribution you have made across the years to agriculture, and to those who dedicate their lives to agriculture, in this hemisphere. Although I have not had the pleasure of meeting you personally, I have for years been aware of your achievements as scientist and educator. People who have been trained in the Pan American School of Agriculture have carried their inspiration to Brazil, as well as the other American Republics where I have served, and your influence has crossed all the frontiers from Texas to Tierra del Fuego.

We in the American official family in Brazil add our thanks to you not only for your distinguished achievements in agriculture, but also for your accomplishments in promoting the interchange of scientific information, and thereby the concepts of interdependence, of unity and of amity among all the nations of this hemisphere.

With admiration and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ellis O. Briggs  
American Ambassador



THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AND EXPERIMENT STATION  
AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

LARAMIE, WYOMING

May 12, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It must be a great satisfaction to look back at a lifetime of service and contribution such as you have rendered. I had heard of you long before I visited Central America. In 1952 I had the privilege of coming to Honduras and Guatemala as a guest of the United Fruit Company. Visiting your school was one of the highlights of the trip. You and your staff had developed a wonderful plant and program.

It is a pleasure to join with your former students and friends in congratulating you on your achievement and in wishing you the best for the future.

Sincerely,

H. M. Briggs  
Dean and Director

HMB: mh

DEPARTMENT



AGRICULTURE

*of*

PIERRE

May 11, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that you will soon retire as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and that you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

Your splendid and outstanding service through all these years has earned for you international recognition and many have benefited by your untiring efforts.

Please accept my hearty congratulations, first on your outstanding achievements through the years and, secondly, on the well deserved honor being conferred on you.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Bruett*

Charles Bruett  
Secretary of Agriculture



MISION PERMANENTE DE HONDURAS  
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS  
475 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

May 7, 1957

The name of Dr. Wilson Popenoe is already consecrated among the great scientists that have contributed, with such nobleness of purpose, toward putting into practice the high ideals of Pan Americanism. Those of us who have had the privilege of knowing the remarkable achievements of Dr. Popenoe through the establishment of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, can say without reserve that this center of learning has been one of the most successful enterprises for bringing about a new kind of citizen in our America. The school is a meeting place of eager youth in search of greater and brighter horizons, and provides the opportunity for a more intimate knowledge of one another and the strengthening of common aspirations. By means of experimentation and conversion of nature into a true servant of man, Dr. Popenoe has been a brilliant and effective pioneer in Latin America. As a Honduran, I am especially proud that Honduras, due to the climate and the richness of its resources, was the country chosen as the location of this now famous school. On the occasion of his retirement, I wish to express to Dr. Popenoe my deep admiration for his work in the service of Mankind.

*Tiburcio Carías, Jr.*  
Tiburcio Carías, Jr.

Permanent Representative of  
Honduras to the  
United Nations



MINISTERIO  
DE  
AGRICULTURA  
Programa Cooperativo de  
Experimentación Agropecuaria

ESTACION EXPERIMENTAL AGRICOLA DE LA MOLINA

LIMA—PERU S. A.

Apartado 2791 - Teléfono 71560

Al Dr. Wilson Popenoe

La influencia de la labor del Dr. Popenoe se extiende más allá de las regiones en que él ha trabajado y de las personas que han recibido sus enseñanzas y han tenido contactos personales con él. Las innumerables publicaciones que ha realizado en su larga vida profesional son una fuente perenne de informaciones para los investigadores agrícolas de toda la América Latina.

En la Estación Experimental Agrícola de La Molina en 30 años de vida institucional hemos encontrado en las obras del Dr. Popenoe una invaluable base de consulta en nuestros trabajos sobre frutas tropicales. Los Agrónomos peruanos que aquí han realizado estudios sobre paltos, mangos, plátanos, cítricos, chirimoya, etc., publicados en boletines e informes especiales, pueden considerar que su labor ha sido menos difícil por haber contado con la experiencia y conocimiento previos del Dr. Popenoe vertidos en sus magníficos libros.

La Molina, 7 de Mayo de 1957

Ing°. Agr. Mario G. Cabello  
Superintendente de la Estación Experimental  
Agrícola de La Molina.



MGC/zrl.



MISION PERMANENTE DE COSTA RICA  
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, HONDURAS

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I am sure that all Costa Ricans - as a matter of fact - all Central Americans are going to experience the feelings of personal loss when you retire from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. We had learned to take you for granted.-

Every student that has come to the School to learn, has later gone forth to teach. Your dedication to the improvement of the agricultural standars of the zone has already began to give fruit in better farms, better nutrition, even better legislation.-

In more ways than one, the work of the School has been your work. Many good things in Central America can now be traced to you, and to your spirit of service. The name of Wilson Popenoe shall not be easily forgotten in our lands.-

With my best regards and wishes,

Alberto F. Cañas  
Permanent Representative  
of Costa Rica  
to the United Nations

University of  
Rhode Island

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

KINGSTON, RHODE ISLAND

April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

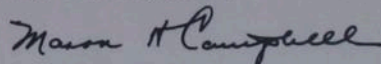
I have just learned that you will retire this year. Although I have not had the privilege of being personally acquainted with you, I know of your good work and I am, therefore, taking this opportunity of paying tribute to you.

Your early work as Plant Explorer for the United States Department of Agriculture was in a field which has been very important to the agricultural program of this country. It is through the good work performed by you and some of the associates in that field which has made it possible for us to develop new and improved crops for the United States.

Your association with the United Fruit Company has made it possible for you to share your experience and knowledge with many young men who have benefited by your teachings and associations. I am certain that the agriculture of Honduras will advance to a high degree.

May I again say "Congratulations" to you for the fine work you have done and extend my best wishes to you in your period of retirement.

Very sincerely yours,



Mason H. Campbell  
Dean and Director

MHC/mja

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Congress of the United States  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington

May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

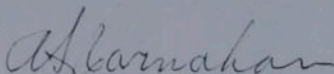
I have just learned of your imminent retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and have been very pleased to note that you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Movements, I have been interested over a long period in noting the outstanding work you have done during your long career of public service.

I am indeed happy at this time to send you this message of tribute for your fine accomplishments and public service in the fields of both agriculture and education. It is indeed nice to know that you will be Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and your host of friends and well-wishers will join in hoping that although in retirement, you will still make contributions to the advancement of both education and agriculture.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
A. S. J. Carnahan, Chairman  
Subcommittee on International  
Organizations and Movements

THOMAS D. CABOT  
77 FRANKLIN STREET  
BOSTON

1 May 1957

Dear Wilson:

Quite the pleasantest part of my years of association with United Fruit Company was the opportunity it gave me for frequent visits to Zamorano. I loved that happy valley and was very proud of the school. I felt it was the shadow of you who conceived and directed it, that it truly represented the ideals of service, productive labor and friendship with nature that I admired so much in you.

I feel confident the school will continue to serve Middle America by providing inspired and trained young men to advance its agriculture. The benefits from this program which you have started so effectively are already large and in the future will prove immeasurable.

Yours very sincerely,

*Tom*

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana  
Zamorano, Honduras

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

ALMYR L. BUMP  
VICE PRESIDENT

May 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doc:

Certainly, many people have written to you regarding your research pioneering, educational successes and plant introduction achievements in the United States and Latin America.

I hope you will also accept a word of thanks from me for your role as "idea catalyst" in the United Fruit Company. I am one of many who remembers and has reason to be grateful to you for the many discussions on banana culture that you stimulated and participated in from 1925 to date. I am sure these discussions started many people thinking more actively about their jobs, and about bananas and that they had a fine over-all result, both for the participants and for the Company.

If you had to select your outstanding accomplishment, I am sure you would choose the Zamorano School but, understandingly, I am prejudiced in favor of what you did for the banana.

With best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

*Almyr L. Bump*

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(And State Agricultural College)

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AND HOME ECONOMICS

April 23, 1957

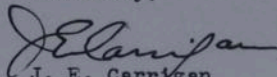
Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

I have learned that you will retire from active duty as of June 1, 1957. I wish to extend to you my sincere congratulations on a life of great service in the field of agriculture in Central America. I am sure that your accomplishment, especially with respect to the many fine students whom you have helped to render worthwhile service, must afford you lasting satisfaction.

I wish for you great pleasure in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

  
J. E. Carrigan  
Dean

EMBAJADA DE EL-SALVADOR  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1957.

Mr. Marion Mann,  
Secretary,  
Middle America Information Bureau,  
26 East 64 Street,  
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

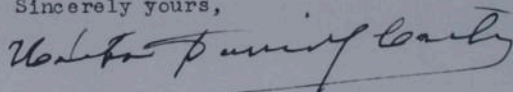
I regret exceedingly to answer with delay your kind letter dated May 2, 1957, concerning Doctor Wilson Popence, Director of the "Escuela Agricola Panamericana" of Zamorano, Honduras, who will retire on June 1, of this year.

Doctor Popence has done, during many years, a wonderful work in several Republics of Central America in promoting sound agricultural practices and he has also contributed greatly to foster friendly relations between the Central American Republics and the United States of America. As a consequence, Doctor Popence is regarded as a very good friend of Central America.

I regret that my letter will reach you after the deadline for your forthcoming publication, but I wanted to assure you that the wonderful work that has been performed by Doctor Popence is sincerely appreciated in my country and in the other Republics of Central America.

Thanking you for the information conveyed in your kind letter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Héctor David Castro  
Ambassador of El Salvador

HDC/jlc

EMBAJADA DEL ECUADOR  
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Mayo 8, 1957

Sr. Dr.  
Wilson Popence, Director de la  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano,  
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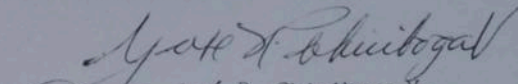
Señor Director:

Como usted a través de muchos años de fecunda labor, ha contribuido con sus conocimientos y experiencia al fomento de prácticas saludables en el campo agrícola, contribuyendo, al propio tiempo, al mejor entendimiento panamericano, la Misión a mi cargo se complace en extender a usted los más cumplidos parabienes en estos instantes en que usted se retira de la vida activa de los negocios.

La Escuela Agrícola Panamericana que usted estableció y dirigió desde 1942, ha facilitado a centenares de jóvenes centroamericanos a adquirir conocimientos básicos en agricultura tropical, nutrición, legislación rural, etc. Singularmente la Escuela a su cargo ha enseñado a la juventud a vivir en una atmósfera de trabajo y comprensión, disciplina y respeto mutuo, que son precisamente las normas que traducen el auténtico espíritu Panamericano.

Usted ha sembrado una semilla que está destinada a producir nobles frutos en el porvenir.

Le saluda cordialmente,

  
Dr. José R. Chiriboga V.,  
Embajador del Ecuador

WM. H. CLAFLIN  
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May 20, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

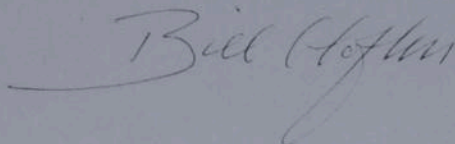
Dear Wilson:

This letter carries with it my deep appreciation of all you have done for the advancement of agriculture in Latin America over a period of many years. You likewise have made great contributions to stimulate the interests of many youths from Latin American countries in this most important subject.

It was many years ago that I first had the pleasure of meeting you at Soledad, and I have always enjoyed seeing you every time our trails have crossed since that time.

With best wishes and congratulations for your outstanding contributions,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hoffman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The title of Director Emeritus, of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, is a deserved and fitting honor for your achievements in the promotion of a sound agriculture in that area of the world and in spreading the gospel of interdependence and good will between the Americas.

I want to join those who salute you on the occasion of your elevation to this position of recognition and esteem.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have received glowing reports on your work with Escuela Agricola Panamericana. It has been brought to my attention that hundreds of young men have been trained under your direction to teach, to do extension work, to serve local governments, and generally to raise living standards through their practical knowledge of tropical agriculture and public policies related thereto.

I wish for you a long and vigorous life in which you may continue in the joys of your work from this new and exalted position.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold D. Cooley*  
Chairman

DAVIS J. CLOWARD

LA LIMA, HONDURAS

C. A.

La Lima, Honduras  
May 6, 1957

Dear Doc:

You and I have been associated with the United Fruit Company for the past 30 years in various capacities and at various locations. We are both approaching the age of retirement, and I understand yours will take place in the near future. Although we have never worked in the same department, nevertheless our association has been close enough to permit me to assay and appreciate the value of your work and service to our Company, and I wish to felicitate you on a job particularly well done.

The Lancetilla Horticultural Gardens and the Escuela Agricola Panamericana will always stand out as monuments to your initiative and accomplishment. While I was Manager of the Grenada Company in the Dominican Republic from 1943 to 1955, we annually sent young men to this School, and the graduates without exception returned with nothing but praise and gratitude for the training and attention which you and your staff had given them. One of these graduates is now Director of Agriculture, and in general they have all turned out well and are a credit to the School and their home communities.

I do not know your future plans, but please remember that the Tela Railroad Company, by whom you were once employed, will always have guest rooms available for you, and will feel honored by your visits. Knowing you, I am sure that retirement will not mean any let-up in your active life, but merely new fields and projects. My best wishes go with you in these endeavors.

Sincerely,



D. J. Cloward

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
El Zamorano

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE  
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May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

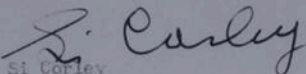
Dear Dr. Wilson:

It has come to our attention that you will retire from active service June 1, 1957. Although we are not acquainted with you personally, we do know of your fine contribution to the development of a greater agriculture through your many services in experimental work, in teaching and in consulting with those attempting to render a better service to mankind through agriculture.

As you retire, to enjoy the fruits of your labor, many of us who are trying to carry on, will remember your many contributions through the science of agriculture and your many years of devoted service.

As you retire, we wish you health, contentment of mind, and happiness.

Sincerely,



Si Corley  
Commissioner

SC:gw

June 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The United Fruit Company Office, New York, has just informed me that you will retire on June 1, 1957. How well I remember you as my neighbor in Tela, Honduras in 1928 & 1929. Your experimental garden at Lancetilla put in production many imported trees, vegetables and fruits that David Fairchild had always hoped could be tried out in the Western Hemisphere. Your Lancetilla and Port Arturo Fruit Farm were real life savers for those of us who had to get their provisions from local sources. I left Honduras before the organization of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at Zamorano up in the mountains near the capital. That place has become a National College of Agriculture and will do more to improve and extend agriculture in Latin America than any other school attempts that I know about.

Your side interest in the study of the Mayan civilization has also made you a valuable local authority.

I wish you a happy and comfortable period for the remainder of your life.

*Herbert C. Clark*  
Dr. Herbert C. Clark  
Former Director-Gorges Memorial Laboratory

TELA RAILROAD COMPANY  
Agricultural Department  
Honduras Division

La Lima, Honduras  
May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericano  
Zamorano, Honduras, C. A.

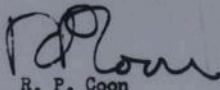
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that you are retiring soon. You have earned, by your accomplishments in Agriculture and in education in Latin America, a well deserved retirement, although your presence will surely be missed at Zamorano. You are leaving a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill. You have built a lasting monument to your honor in the youth of Middle America that you have trained at Zamorano.

I remember a conversation regarding education that we had several years ago—before the Escuela Agricola Panamericano was founded. We both agreed that good teachers were rare, but that the few good ones accomplished more than all the rest combined. The good teacher manages to pass on to his students a philosophy that is of everlasting value to them regardless of the subject he teaches. From conversations with many of your graduates, I am sure you have fulfilled the qualifications with distinction of a good teacher. You have every right to be very proud of your accomplishments.

Wishing you much happiness in your retirement and with best wishes for you and Mrs. Popenoe always, I am,

Sincerely yours,



R. P. Coon

Superintendent of Agriculture

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PARA EL DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE

Desde Setiembre de 1956 estoy en Louisville, Kentucky, en un entrenamiento general de todo lo relacionado con el cultivo y la industria del tabaco. Estudio con la Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., enviado aquí por la Republic Tobacco Co. de San José de Costa Rica.

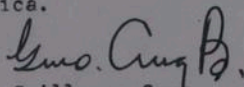
Pero aquí, en este valvén de trabajo, de estudio y de actividades diversas, es donde me siento más "zamorano". Es decir, los fundamentos de mi cultura agrícola y de amor al trabajo, obtenidos en la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, me han servido de perfecta guía aquí, en este gran país, donde la actividad febricitante parece ser la médula de la existencia.

Después de prestar servicio militar en este país y cuando aún distaba mucho de graduar su primera promoción, obtuve la beca que me permitió estudiar dos años en El Zamorano y trabajar otro. Luego retorné a mi patria, Costa Rica, donde bien pronto pasé a trabajar con la Republic Tobacco Co., la principal empresa manufacturera de cigarrillos de ese país centroamericano. El impulso, el brío y el conocimiento que brindó a quien esto escribe la EAP, y en especial la sabia dirección del Doctor Wilson Popenoe, han sido llamas que no ha apagado ni podrá apagar el viento de los años. Antes bien, se han ido acrecentando a medida que he tenido que enfrentarme a la lucha por la vida en diferentes formas y colocado en diversos ángulos.

Soy un convencido de los grandes beneficios que para la juventud tiene un establecimiento de formación de agricultores prácticos como éste que concibieron los directores de la United Fruit

Company, con Sam Zemurray a la cabeza. La Escuela Agrícola Panamericana ha logrado un gran propósito de relieve continental: Unir a los agricultores nuevos de las tres Américas, formarlos y devolverlos a sus países para que contribuyan a las nobles tareas de la producción, promuevan el adelanto agrícola y hagan efectiva la confraternidad interamericana, por el conocimiento recíproco adquirido en las aulas y en los campos de la EAP. Por eso es que quienes hemos pasado por El Zamorano, somos miembros de esa gran familia panamericana de los "zamoranos" a la cual me enorgullezco en pertenecer.

Sea esta oportunidad para expresar mi eterno agradecimiento al eminente Doctor Popenoe que tanto bien ha realizado en la formación de auténticos agricultores, así como por su fecunda labor en el mejoramiento de la agricultura en América.

  
Guillermo Cruz,  
ZAMORANO.

Louisville, Kentucky, Mayo 1957.

*Embajada  
de la  
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*Washington, D.C.*

May 15, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I wish to express to you the most cordial felicitations on your work in furthering sound agricultural practices and goodwill and understanding between the peoples of the Americas.

Your accomplishments in the field of agricultural teaching and guidance and the many men who have benefited from your knowledge and experience are brilliant examples of Panamericanism and Inter-American cooperation.

Please accept our most heartfelt congratulations on the title of Doctor Emeritus which has been bestowed upon you as a most fitting reward for your many years dedicated to the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana and to the wonderful work you have carried out during that time.

Sincerely yours,



*Leon S. de la Lastra*  
LEON S. DE LA LASTRA  
Chargé d' Affairs, a.i.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

May 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, I wish to add my best wishes to the many similar messages I am sure you will receive from friends throughout the hemisphere.

For many years I have heard of the work being done at Zamorano under your direction to prepare young men from the Spanish-speaking tropical areas of Latin America to realize more fully the great potential agricultural wealth of their countries. These young men have fully justified the faith which inspired the founding of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana and I feel that the examples of industry and competence they are now setting in their respective communities are in a real sense reflections of the example set before them by you when they were students at Zamorano. Thus has your patient painstaking labor at Zamorano been magnified many times over and the spirit of Pan American cooperation been given practical application through your agency. You deserve the sincere congratulations of all of us who are working to enlarge this spirit of mutual aid and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Dreier  
Representative of the United States on the  
Council of the Organization of American States

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

American Embassy,  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti,  
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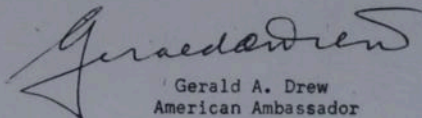
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned that as it must to all men, retirement has crept upon you and that you are soon going to undertake a well deserved and I hope protracted rest from your many years of fruitful endeavor in Latin America.

As an old Central American hand myself I think I can fully appreciate how much you have done for that part of the world. Your scientific accomplishments have been matched by your work in the humanities as Director of the Zamorano School where you have brought together for training outstanding young men of the whole Caribbean area. It is a work which will bear fruit for years to come.

Mrs. Drew joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Popenoe many years of happiness. If your paths should bring you through Haiti, we hope very much to see you.

Cordially yours,



Gerald A. Drew  
American Ambassador

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Pan-americana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

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SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

Para el Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.-

Entre los forjadores de una nueva conciencia en América, destaca, a mi ver, el doctor Wilson Popenoe, prototipo del educador moderno, con sentido profundo de la realidad de nuestra América y de sus necesidades.

Investigador que consagró sus mejores años a la botánica, lo mismo en los Estados Unidos, como más tarde en la América Tropical, el doctor Popenoe se dió a la gran tarea de mejorar variedades, aclimatar especies de otros climas, determinar el valor nutritivo de nuestras frutas y mejorar las variedades de éstas, a fin de que brindasen un mayor rendimiento económico.

Este solo aspecto ya implicaba, en realidad, un ángulo digno de ser señalado como uno de los aportes más generosos y de mayor valía en nuestro hemisferio.

Pero el doctor Popenoe, un hombre que se da constantemente a sus semejantes, tratando de ayudarlos en las más diversas formas, hubo de asumir su condición de educador de agricultores. De forjador de Caballeros del Campo con un nuevo criterio: formar buenos agricultores que no blasonaran de sus diplomas, pero que supieran lo que estaban haciendo, con criterio moderno, utilizando al máximo los recursos de la técnica y obteniendo el mayor beneficio posible de la tierra sin destruir los recursos naturales.

Más de quinientos muchachos de gran número de países de

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la América Latina pregonan en sus respectivos países las excelencias de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, fundada por la United Fruit Company y formada y dirigida hasta el presente año por el ilustre doctor Popenoe, un verdadero americano en el mejor sentido del vocablo: americano de las Américas y para las Américas.

El mejor homenaje que puedo tributarle a quien como Wilson Popenoe, con cuya amistad me honro sobremanera, es señalar su condición de educador. El ha realizado una obra provechosa y como es investigador serio y responsable, ha penetrado mejor en los estratos de la joven conciencia de las muchachadas del hemisferio y ha sabido convertir a cada uno de sus discípulos en un hombre de bien: capacitado, sano de cuerpo y de mentalidad clara y bien orientada.

Mi REVISTA DE AGRICULTURA ha seguido con atención cariñosa el desarrollo de las actividades del doctor Popenoe, el incansable hombre de ciencia y el sabio guaiador de juventudes. Cuando su palabra estimulante ha venido a las páginas de mi Revista, ésta se ha engalanado, como se hermosea la naturaleza cuando en las madrugadas admirables de mi tierra, el rubicundo sol se levanta dorando las serranías y vistiendo de oro los valles inmensos.

No abandona el surco de la educación agrícola el doctor Popenoe. No obstante su derecho al disfrute de un descanso tras de tan prolongados años de labor, seguirá, a manera de sumo sacerdote del esfuerzo agrícola en el Continente, dando sus luces y sus consejos, a más de que su obra, cristalizada en la mente y en el

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brazo de muchos centenares de buenos agricultores, sigue beneficiando a las Américas.

*Luis Cruz B.*

**LUIS CRUZ B.,**  
Director REVISTA DE AGRICULTURA  
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DR. WILSON POPENOE  
DIRECTOR EMERITUS  
ESCUELA AGRICOLA PAN-AMERICANA  
ZAMORANO, HONDURAS

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS AND THE APPRECIATION OF ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GREATER TIES BETWEEN THE AMERICAS FOR A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHERING SOUND AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES IN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SINCERELY.

ALLEN J. ELLENDER  
U. S. SENATOR

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OFFICIAL  
DAY LETTER



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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FRANK G. CLEMENT  
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COMMISSIONER

May 15, 1957

*Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras*

*Dear Dr. Popenoe:*

*So you are joining the select society of Emeritus.  
Congratulations to you and to them.*

*Your public record covers a period of service in Agri-  
cultural fields that has given reassurance that this is  
still to be a world of plenty. Your contribution to  
that end will be remembered.*

*Best wishes,*

*Buford Ellington*  
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Guayaquil, Ecuador  
May 2nd, 1957

Personal

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Doctor:

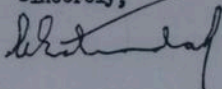
It is with deep regret that I have received the news that you intend to retire in June.

I hope that you will have many full years ahead of you in which you can play, rest, or work at those things you wish to do.

There is no need for me to tell you what the whole world knows as to your unequaled achievements in the field of Agriculture and Education. I am sure it is a great satisfaction to you to look back over the years and review your triumphs.

After you retire I hope you will return to South America to the scenes of your early studies, and I will have the pleasure of seeing you here in Ecuador.

Sincerely,



TITO PEREZ ESTRADA

JARDIN BOTANICO  
SAN PEDRO SULA,  
HONDURAS C. A.

San Pedro Sula, Mayo 8 de 1939

Sr. Dr. Wilson Ropenoe  
Escuela Agrícola El Zamorano

Estimado Dr.:

Todos los sentimientos interés por las plantas nunca olvidaremos que Ud. es el que con mayor entusiasmo ha impulsado en nuestro país las útiles y sanas aficiones por el cultivo de ellas.

El estímulo que de Ud. hemos recibido y la amistad sincera que siempre nos demostró, tanto a mi difunto hermano Alvaro como a mí, perpetuarán el recuerdo de tan excelente amigo en su atto. S.S.

Tito Pérez Estrada

*Correspondencia Particular  
del Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores  
República de Honduras*

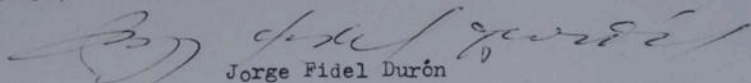
TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE

Of course, honor should be rendered always and whenever honor is due. However, in my opinion, seldom do we have the opportunity to render tribute in life to one of the living exponents of service to others in the most heroic and gallant manner. The tendering of the title of Director Emeritus to Doctor Wilson Popenoe for his exceptional accomplishments and services, in and out of Honduras, is one of those things most deserving and in which I know positively that the people of Honduras joins unanimously.

Since the year 1926 Doctor Popenoe has devoted his life to the study and development of potential money crops from the tropical belt around the world and as a result his name is a household word in matters of tropical agriculture, nutrition, animal husbandry, rural legislation and the like.

However, his best monument stands in his practical work developing and fostering the spirit of Pan Americanism pragmatically carried out with unstinted devotion at the Agricultural School of Zamorano. The young men of all America he has trained so ably through the years will be the eloquent mouthpieces of an everlasting and transcendent life devoted to the world community and an ever needed and needful humanity.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, June 15, 1957.

  
Jorge Fidel Durón

THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
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April 30, 1957

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Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola  
Pan Americana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

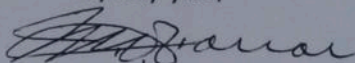
I wish to extend to you my congratulations upon reaching the age of retirement. As an agricultural scientist and educator you have had a full life of rewarding experiences.

I know of the wonderful botanical garden at Lance Tilla, Honduras, to the building of which you contributed so much. Its famous exhibit of bamboos is one I would like to see.

I have been told by a member of my staff who has visited your agricultural school that it has done and is doing under your direction an outstanding work in training agricultural leaders for the Pan American countries. For this accomplishment I know you are justly proud.

Your retirement is well earned. I wish for you many more years of pleasant associations and relaxation.

Very truly yours,



M. D. Farrar  
Dean of Agriculture

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~~Office of the Director~~

April 26, 1957

Dear Wilson,

I feel a little out of place in the present distinguished company, but Bill Mais seemed to think that a letter from me would be appropriate, seeing as how I have known you, or you me, probably longer than anybody else in these parts. Certainly the tales you brought back to "In the Woods" of the wilds of Central America put you in a class with Frank Myer in my hall of heroes.

What a fortunate thing it was that you did not stay in Washington, to be swallowed in that maestrom of futility, instead of being able to survey with satisfaction the enormously full and useful life you have carved for yourself in these lovely lands. To be the first to do anything is a joy in itself, but to be the first to start something which will grow and affect the lives of even increasing numbers for generations to come is, it seems to me, the greatest satisfaction one can have. Pa had it and so have you, and no one can take it from you.

Elva and I envy you and Helen your future in Antigua. To live in that house, with no regrets and the satisfaction of a job well done would seem as close to heaven as anyone is likely to get.

Ever affectionately,

*Sandy*



The State of New Hampshire  
Department of Agriculture

May 6, 1937

Office of Commissioner

State House - Concord, N. H.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I would like very much to join the other Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture, in adding my expression of gratitude to you for the contributions you have made to agriculture in the field of your choice.

I am sure that your contributions will be long remembered and expanded due to your vigorous support of progressive agriculture. Satisfaction must be complete for a work well done.

I sincerely wish you well and all kinds of good luck.

Sincerely,

Percy I. Pitts, Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture  
and  
President, National Association  
of Commissioners, Secretaries and  
Directors of Agriculture

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May 6, 1957

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Dr. Wilson Popcoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Pop:

It seems like only yesterday when we sat in Paul's study there in Pasadena ten years ago and you told me about what you called an "experiment in agriculture" at Zamorano. That brief talk I consider the most important that I have ever experienced. Through it, I had that rare pleasure, and I mean just that, of spending almost three years with you, Helen and the "boys".

You know, Pop, I don't think one can begin to properly evaluate an "experiment" like Zamorano until one has been away from it and has seen the boys in their own environment working along with other graduates. The last several years I've had that chance and the Escuela boys are good.

They are not afraid of working with their hands and know what agriculture is all about, Pop, but more important they all have a quality which sets them apart from the rest. They all have a certain undefineable spark that shows itself through their interest in agriculture and willingness to do their best always. Without a doubt, this spark is a part of the fire that you yourself have and have imparted to every young man you have worked with. I saw it while I was there at the school and I have seen that it still exists long after the boys go out on their own. I hope that a little of it has rubbed off onto me too.

Yes, the experiment that you and Helen started is now a proven success. Although she, I know, would be the first to give you the full credit, I and a few others, know just how very much she has given of herself too. Without you both the Escuela would never have resulted in the wonderful institution it has been and now is. Be proud of your work for you both with the help of United Fruit through the boys you have trained have made a contribution to Latin America that can be equaled by none.

To all of us, whether staff or student, the Escuela has a very special place in our hearts and thoughts. I for one can

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never forget our bull sessions in your patio over a tall one?

How can I ever thank you for your "lessons" on avocado growing, the best mangos, what to plant on Uyuca or how to get the asparagus to grow better. How does one express his feeling about the Sunday night waffle sessions or talking to Helen as she retouches another canvas or her help in meeting new prospects?

Pop and Helen I never can tell you how very much you both and the Escuela means to me and has meant to "the boys". Now I understand you will be leaving. This is sad news but at the same time I realize that it will give you a chance to do some of the many other things you have denied yourselves there. I hope among your future efforts you will consider visiting us in Turrialba and this time not just for over night.

My best wishes always to you and Helen where ever you go.

Sincerely,



Donald Fiester  
Horticulturist



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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Dear Dr. Popenoe:

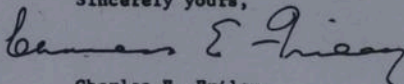
I have recently been advised that you plan to retire on June 1, 1957, from your work as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Zamorano, Honduras. This information was first received while my wife and I were spending the winter in Antigua where we have a home, and at that time we learned to our great pleasure to expect your return to Antigua as a permanent resident.

I had the pleasure of meeting you some years ago, and as we usually spend the three winter months in Antigua, we look forward to seeing you again.

A recent note from the Middle America Information Bureau gives in somewhat more detail the background of your work with the United Fruit Company and the warm regard in which you are held by that organization. May I say also that your thousands of friends throughout the world hold the same warm regard, and I speak the sentiments of my friends in the middle west in expressing deep appreciation for your outstanding contributions to a better agriculture in the New World. I also express the sincere hope that you may have many more years of useful and happy activity in your chosen field.

With high personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Charles E. Friley  
President Emeritus

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Tegucigalpa, de junio de 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Muy estimado amigo:

Cuando recibí la noticia de que un grupo de sus amigos le haría un tributo con motivo de su viaje, - aunque lamentando su partida - sentí alegría por lo justo y merecido que ello significa. Feliz fui también, pero entonces sin ninguna pena, cuando al fundarse la Escuela supe era Ud., admirado y sabio maestro, el escogido para la dirección de ella.

Doctor: En este homenaje va incluido lo mucho que Honduras mi patria, que también es patria suya, agradece las enseñanzas que con el cariño y bondad que en Ud. son característicos ha impartido durante muchos años a sus alumnos hondureños.

Su vida, Dr. Popenoe, como ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, ha sido de servicio efectivo de divulgación panamericanista, llevado a cabo con toda devoción y lealtad, - conducta ésta que lo hace acreedor a que nosotros lo califiquemos como "Ciudadano de América".

No dano su modestia, estimado Doctor, al afirmar que si el gran Humboldt y el maestro y sabio Valle existieran, Valle y Humboldt serían sus amigos: El Barón de Humboldt vino de Europa a América, con el real permiso del Gobierno de España a hacer numerosas exploraciones científicas y regresó con un rico bagaje de colecciones después de explorar el vasto campo de las ciencias naturales, y Ud. Doctor, con iguales fines, ha recorrido muchos países de Europa, Asia y Africa, y regresado a regar y poner al servicio de los pueblos de América la semilla de su aprendizaje; y Valle, gran amigo de Humboldt, y un gran convencido de que la agricultura es la madre de la riqueza, pedía con entusiasmo en la última sesión del Congreso Federal de 1926:

"Quiero que se multipliquen las plantas útiles, y se aumenten con ellas la riqueza y comodidades de mis conciudadanos".

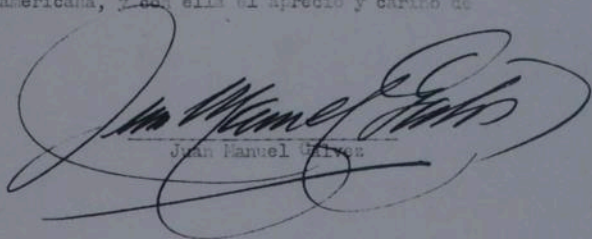
"Veo que una sola semilla vegetal puede hacer rico al país que la cultiva y fomenta".

"Hagamos venir semillas y estacas de vegetales que no tenemos".

"Traigamos las de maíz que da 400 fanegas de cosecha por una de semilla, y traigamos peras y otras plantas de provecho y regalo".

Anhelos todos éstos, querido amigo Porence, que Ud. ha hecho efectivos llevándolos a la práctica para bienestar de muchos aquí en Honduras y en otros pueblos de su América.

Reciba, estimado amigo, en unión de su apreciable esposa, mi más sincera felicitación al recibir hoy el merecido título de Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, y con ella el aprecio y cariño de su servidor y amigo.



Juan Manuel Galvez

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
HAVANA

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

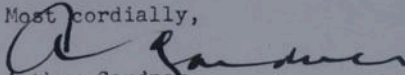
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a profound pleasure for me to associate myself with your host of friends and colleagues in this Book of Tribute you so richly deserve.

You clearly have merited this expression of high esteem through your many years of experience in furthering progressive agriculture, a line of endeavor which beyond a doubt has greatly enhanced our country's relations with Latin America.

The Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, which has proved itself over the years as a valuable contribution to tropical agriculture, is a permanent memorial to your very fine work. I am sure that through your personal contact with hundreds of young men of Latin America at the Escuela you have imbued in them a strong and lasting spirit of good Panamericanism that bids well for the future.

Most cordially,

  
Arthur Gardner  
American Ambassador

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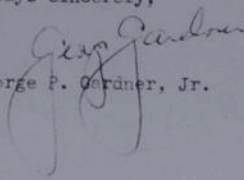
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras  
Central America

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Among your many visitors in the recent past as you may recall have been myself and my wife. It seems only yesterday that we were down there at Zamorano with the Coolidges and Forbeses. I have always been interested in the School as a project and know that its future contributions will be significant largely because of the devoted work which you gave to it. Although a graduating class does not seem large the knowledge that a single graduate may bring back down to his native land may have an effect which is considerable. It must be tremendously gratifying to share in this.

We hope that we may have a chance to see you in Antigua on our next trip. Until then, our congratulations on a job well done. Our best wishes to your successor and our hope for a happy and active life for both you and Mrs. Popenoe (and I am sure it will be active!).

Always sincerely,

  
George P. Gardner, Jr.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 15 1957

AIR MAIL

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is indeed a great privilege to join with your many friends in commending you for the tremendous part you have added to agriculture and to extend my continued best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Your record as an agriculturist has been outstanding and your efforts have resulted in valuable contributions both for the United States and for the citizens of the nations of Latin America. I am sure that you cannot but be especially proud to know that your work as Plant Explorer in the service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture led to the establishment of the great California avocado industry, and the growing Florida mango industry. Both of these projects have meant additional income for the United States farmer.

Your career with the United Fruit Company in the experimental garden at Lancetilla, Honduras, was equally rewarding and this work resulted in the introduction of potential money crops which led to the betterment of the farmers to the south of us. The research which you directed in the field of bananas has not only helped the Central American countries, but many thousands of consumers.

Although you are retiring, the many hundreds of young men who had the benefit of attending the Escuela Agricola Panamericana which you established and directed, will continue to carry on your ideas of betterment of agriculture and thus to benefit Latin America. Aside from all of this I understand you have been an Ambassador of good will in agriculture between the Americas. The school at Zamorano will forever be a living memorial to your life and to the friendship of the Americas.

With my best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gwynn Garnett  
Administrator

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington

3 May 1957

Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

May I join with your many friends in commending you and extending my continued best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Yours has been a productive life both for the United States and for the citizens of the nations of Central America. It must give you especial pleasure to know that your work as Plant Explorer in the service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture lead to the establishment of the great California avocado industry and the growing Florida mango industry. Your research in the field of diseases of bananas have made these fruits available to all the world.

In my estimation, however, your work in the Escuela Agricola Panamericana surpasses even these successes, for you have been a fine Ambassador of good will and agricultural enterprise to Central America and your work has done more to increase agricultural production in Central America and to give the Central American nations a sound economy base than all of our technical assistance programs. The school at Zamorano will be a living memorial to your life and to the friendship of the United States and Central America.

With my personal best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

  
E. C. Gathings



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING · HARTFORD 15, CONNECTICUT

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On behalf of Connecticut's agricultural producers, as well as upwards of two million consumers, I am happy to take this occasion on your retirement to congratulate you upon a long and highly distinguished career.

Your work as a Plant Explorer and later as an educator has been felt directly and indirectly here in Connecticut although the center of your activity has remained many miles away.

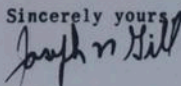
The people of Connecticut, one of the foremost per capita markets in the United States, have enjoyed an increasing flow of the products of tropical agriculture as well as industrial raw materials from the Latin American Republics.

Connecticut agriculture and industry also have benefited from increased trade outlets to the south. I am especially mindful of the poultry, dairy cattle and sheep sent there as breeding stock. Other agricultural exports include eggs, apples and potatoes.

From time to time we have occasion to welcome exchange students in agriculture from countries served by the Escuela Agricola Americana. We are always glad to meet and exchange ideas with them.

The development of mutually beneficial interdependence between America's is due in no small measure to work such as yours, in education and guidance.

It is significant that these benefits have been the fruits of enlightened private enterprise.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Joseph N. Gill  
Commissioner

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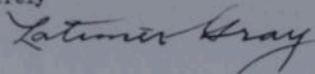
WILLIAM LATIMER GRAY  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

May 8, 1957

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

In 1942, the United Fruit Company undertook to organize, build, and endow the Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana in Honduras. This was to become one of the most constructive educational projects ever attempted. At that time I was asked to be a director and treasurer, and I found that you were named to establish and direct the School. Over subsequent years its accomplishments have been unique. The young men it has educated from the neighboring Republics of Latin-America have contributed in raising the living standards of their countries, and have fostered the happy relationship not only between the Spanish-speaking Republics but also with the United States. This success is due in no small measure to the distinguished guidance and service rendered the School by you. As Director Emeritus we know that you will continue your interest in following the good work of the School which you founded.

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana  
Zamora, Honduras

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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L. S. GREENBERG  
ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND  
SUPERVISOR OF TROPICAL LABOR RELATIONS

4 May 1957

Dear Doctor Popence:

I have just learned about your retirement on 1st June and your appointment as Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Your untiring efforts and the personal interest you have taken to give the young students from all over Latin America a sound education not only in agriculture but in guiding them in their every day relations with the other students will do much to foment good Pan-Americanism and will be invaluable in future relations in Latin America.

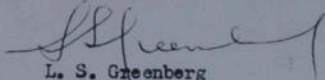
From the Directors of the Barcenas Agricultural School in Guatemala, who have been in contact with you over the years, I have heard only praise for the invaluable knowledge and help you have given them.

You have not only done a great job in the field of agriculture, but have done a wonderful public relations job.

I feel honored to be among those who have been in contact with you over the years and had the opportunity of seeing the great progress of the school under your guidance.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,



L. S. Greenberg

Dr. Wilson Popence  
Zamorano, Honduras

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AND  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
Office of the Dean and Director

May 9, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:


You have my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your retirement from active service, when you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus. For one who has been so active and distinguished for so many years in the service of the public some recognition now is well earned and I am very happy for you.

I am not at all sure that we have ever met, but I have some acquaintance with your work through literature. Consequently, I find it difficult to add any personal touch in my message for inclusion in this Book of Tribute. On the other hand, I know your contributions to society are of such breadth and wisdom that you deserve special recognition by others who devote time and effort to similar public services.

We folks at the Land-Grant colleges of agriculture can well appreciate the tremendous satisfaction you must have gained from your work with young men. In my own case I can think of no greater reward for my services than to learn of the success of our graduates from the College of Agriculture. For services in this area alone you deserve high tribute.

My best wishes for continued service and good health for many years to come are with you always.

Yours sincerely,

  
H. C. Grinnell  
Dean and Director

HCG/g



Mayo 7 de 1957

Dr. Wilson Fopenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamora, Honduras

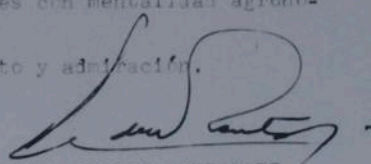
Distinguido Dr. Fopenoe:

Reciba estas letras como un tributo de reconocimiento por la meritoria labor desarrollada desde el año de 1926, primero como incansable investigador que permitió establecer los primeros lotes de introducción de plantas en Lantilla, Honduras, y después a partir de 1942, abarcando la tarea más noble y difícil que es la de enseñar, al establecer la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana que dió oportunidad a cientos de jóvenes para recibir un entrenamiento en relación con agricultura y ganadería tropicales que tanto han contribuido al aprovechamiento de los recursos naturales--renovables de Centroamérica.

Los mexicanos estamos en deuda con usted ya que al --proporcionarnos sus sabios consejos relacionados con agricultura tropical demostró una vez más que la ciencia no reconoce barreras ni tiene nacionalidad.

Los que estamos ligados con la enseñanza y la investigación sabemos aquilatar el esfuerzo que ha desarrollado--como incansable forjador de jóvenes con mentalidad agronómica.

Reciba mi más profundo respeto y admiración.



ING. LEONEL ROBLES GUTIERREZ  
DIRECTOR, ESCUELA DE AGRICULTURA

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

HARLAN HAGEN  
CONGRESSMAN, 14TH CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

May 9, 1957

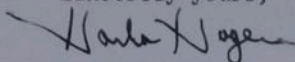
Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

I would like to take this opportunity to join with your many friends in paying due tribute to you upon the occasion of your retirement and the conferring upon you of the title of Director Emeritus.

One of the most valuable aspects of the friendly relationship of the people of the United States to their Latin American neighbors is the exchange of information and knowledge in those areas with respect to those activities in which they have a mutual interest. One of such activities is the development of sound agricultural programs resulting in the maximum development of trade relationships. To the extent that an agency of North American Government or private business could develop better agricultural knowledge in Latin American countries with respect to crops particularly suitable for those areas, a major benefit was foreseeable. We are familiar with the splendid work of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, in this field. In relation to your directorship of this institution you have accomplished a great service which entitles you to the high regard of all persons residing in the Americas. The influence you have exercised will continue to be reflected by the many young people who have been trained under your supervision and who will utilize the knowledge developed by projects operated under your direction.

Sincerely yours,



HARLAN HAGEN, M. C.

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May 10, 1957

Dear Wilson:

It is a pleasure for me to have an opportunity to join with your many other friends and admirers in paying tribute to you on the occasion of your retirement as Director of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Although I am aware of your distinguished record prior to becoming the first Director of the School, it is your association with the School to which I should like to direct my comments.

I remember very well the first days of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, when I was one of your earliest visitors. At that time, I was tremendously impressed with the vision and planning which went into the physical plant, program, and objectives of the Escuela. I also became quickly convinced that the officials of the Fruit Company had chosen most wisely in selecting you as the leader of this important educational venture, and felt sure the School was destined to have a brilliant record under your leadership.

In those earlier days, I could not foresee how much greater the future accomplishments would be than had been anticipated. Under your leadership, the School has achieved a position of distinction throughout the Americas because of its high standards and the quality of its instruction and graduates. You must be extremely proud of the many young Latin Americans who have studied under your tutelage, and have gone on to achieve distinction in all branches of agricultural science. Many have returned to serve the needs of their own immediate communities; others have chosen to pursue agricultural science at the postgraduate level. This signalizes the degree of balance obtained within the School, the stimulating leadership which the boys received, and the continued interest which you have had in your students throughout their years as students and thereafter.

This first phase in the history of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana has, of course, been a critical one and the

Dr. Wilson Popence

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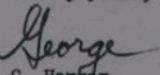
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future of the School will depend - in no small measure - upon its record under your leadership. It is, therefore, gratifying to all concerned to know that this record has been so outstanding as to assure sound future progress and increasing benefits to agricultural education and development in the years to come. Future generations of faculty members and students will be aware of and grateful for your vision and wise leadership during the formative years of Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Its present recognition and future accomplishments will be - in no small measure - a monument to your devoted, gifted service, and spirit of self sacrifice in the best interests of the institution.

In closing, may I pay tribute to Helen, your partner in this dramatic venture at Zamorano, who has, I know, been as deeply interested and as steadfastly devoted to the welfare of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana as anyone who has been associated with it.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. G. Harfar

Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, HONDURAS

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

April 24, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director, Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

In my boyhood days, a Dr. Popenoe from the College of Agriculture at Manhattan, Kansas, used to visit our farm and discuss various horticultural problems with my father. I understand that this particular Dr. Popenoe was a close relative of yours. If I remember rightly, you and I had some conversations about this matter several years ago while I was visiting the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano.

That visitation was one of the highlights of our trip to Honduras and Guatemala during the summer of 1948. You will recall that two groups of twelve men each, most of them from the various land-grant institutions in the United States, visited the holdings of the United Fruit Company in Central America. The gracious hospitality of Mrs. Popenoe and yourself during that visit was unparalleled.

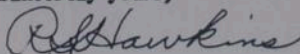
One of the things that particularly impressed me was the orderliness of the grounds and buildings at your school. I have visited a number of such schools in various underprivileged countries around the globe, but have never seen one that was more impressive than your school.

It must be a matter of supreme satisfaction to you to realize the impact that your school has had upon the young men and their communities in countries of Central America and certain South American countries.

You are probably now retiring to the home which you purchased many years ago in Antigua. It was our special privilege to visit this old mansion and to talk with the caretaker about the history of this house and the entire area.

My best wish for you is that you and Mrs. Popenoe will enjoy many long years at Angigua, if your present plan calls for retiring there.

Sincerely yours,



R. S. Hawkins  
Director

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BROOKS HAYS  
8TH DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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May 2, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I should like to congratulate you upon your retirement as director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. Your work has done much to further good relations between the Americas and provides an admirable example of the true role of the educator. By coupling your great technical abilities with human understanding, you have won the admiration of all the peoples of America.

My best wishes to you for many more fruitful years in retirement.

Sincerely yours,

*Brooks Hays*

WAYNE L. HAYS  
18TH DISTRICT, OHIO  
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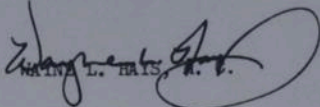
Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano  
Honduras

Dear Doctor Popence:

I am happy to join with many others in paying tribute to you for the great work that you have done in helping to raise the living standards of the peoples of the world, which it seems to me will be the basis of an enduring peace and understanding amongst the nations of the world.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
WAYNE L. HAYS, R. O.

WLH:wca



SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

W. L. HENNING  
SECRETARY

May 13, 1957

My dear Doctor Popenoe:

It is my very great pleasure to extend to you my most sincere congratulations for your outstanding accomplishments in agriculture and your magnificent contribution to the creation of cordial relations among the peoples of Latin America.

Yours has been a full and profitable life. In your well-earned retirement I am sure you will continue with many of your lifelong interests and activities that will be of great benefit to your fellowmen.

Sincerely,

W. L. Henning

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus, Escuela  
Agricola Panamericana  
Zamarano  
Honduras

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
405 HILGARD AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

Air Mail

May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilt:

The announcement of your forthcoming retirement, June 1 next, comes as a shock and gives rise to feelings of sorrow. I was not altogether surprised for I had known for several years past that the time of your retirement was approaching. It is with gratification however, that I learn that you are to be honored with the title of Director Emeritus. I count it as a privilege to have been invited to contribute a letter to this volume, which I am told is to be presented to you on the occasion of your formal retirement.

It has been my great good fortune to know you, both as a friend and professional colleague, almost from the beginning of your fabulous career. While our paths have crossed much less frequently than I could have wished, nevertheless, through mutual friends and correspondence I have been able to keep reasonably close in touch with your work and contributions. I can truthfully state that very few, if any, of my friends or acquaintances have contributed so broadly and importantly to horticultural science and agricultural education as have you. It is both a privilege and a pleasure to attest to these contributions. As I have thought of them in general, they seem to fall into four broad categories.

The subtropical fruit industries of California and Florida have benefited greatly from your work, notably so in the case of the avocado industries of the two states. No other person has contributed as much to these industries.

Your professional contributions to subtropical horticulture and tropical horticulture have been numerous and important. Your book "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits", though published long ago and out of print for many years, is still the standard reference book. You are without doubt the leading tropical horticulturist in the western hemisphere, and there are few others anywhere better or more favorably known.

During the past 15 years you have made an outstanding contribution to agricultural education in Latin America. In my judgment, it is the greatest single contribution in that field and one from which you are entitled to derive great satisfaction. It will be difficult indeed

Dr. Wilson Popenoe

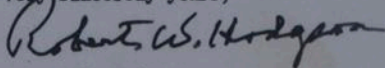
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to follow up your leadership.

Finally, you have served for many years as an unofficial but highly effective ambassador in Central America, promoting international good will and understanding. Certainly no other American has done as much in that connection as have you.

In conclusion, the hope is expressed that your retirement from the active directorship of Escuela Agricola Panamericana will give you time and freedom to continue your career in tropical horticulture.

Very sincerely yours,



Robert W. Hodgson  
Dean and Assistant Director

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POPENOE

NO ONE HERE CAN ADFQUATELY EXPRESS OUR THOUGHTS ON THE GOOD  
THAT YOU ARE DOING DAILY IN THIS COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR ZAMORANO  
GRADUATES STOP IT WOULD GIVE YOU GREAT PLEASERE TO SEE THE  
FACES OF THESE YOING MEN LIGHT UP WHEN THEY TALK OF THEIR SCHOOL  
AND THE MANNER IN WHICH DR POPENOE SENT THEM/<sup>OUT</sup> PREPARED TO FACE  
THE WORLD STOP THERE COULD BE NO GREATER REWARD THEN JUST  
KNOWING HOW MUCH OF THEIR SUCCESS WAS CONTRIBUTED BY YOUR  
TEACHINGS STOP ENTIRE STAFF WISH YOU MUCH HAPPINESS IN YOUR  
COMING WELL EARNED RETIREMENT

HOLCOMBE

University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION—EXTENSION  
SERVICE IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

LOUIS B. HOWARD, *Dean and Director*

May 14, 1957

Doctor Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Doctor Popence:

Although it has not been my good fortune to know you personally, I am grateful for the opportunity to address a short letter to you to express, for the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, our appreciation for the contributions you have made to the agriculture of this country during your active period of service both in the United States Department of Agriculture and as an employee of the United Fruit Company.

My associates in the Department of Horticulture, who have been more closely acquainted with your work, have informed me of the many contributions that have resulted from your efforts. For these I congratulate you heartily and wish you many more years of interesting and productive experiences.

Should your future travels bring you in the vicinity of the University of Illinois, we should be happy to have you visit us.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis B. Howard.*

LBH:BJK





TROPICAL RADIO TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
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BOSTON

ROBERT V. HOWLEY  
PRESIDENT

1 June, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The objectives and accomplishments of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana have always been of deep concern and interest to me because of my own association with things Latin American for the last forty-five years.

Truly the School has done pioneering work; and its concept and realization are in large measure your handiwork.

In your retirement I am certain it will be a source of continued pleasure to you to look back on this contribution you have made toward a better Pan-American world.

With all good wishes to you for many years of richly-earned relaxation, I am,

Sincerely yours

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zammarano, Honduras



REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR  
MINISTERIO DE ECONOMIA

DESPACHO DEL MINISTRO

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Quito, a 3 de Mayo de 1957.

Al Señor Don  
Marion Mann,  
Secretario de Middle America  
Information Bureau,  
26 East 64 Street,  
New York 21, N. Y.

Distinguido Señor:

Me es grato contestar su atenta e interesante nota, fechada el 26 de Abril del año en curso.

Agradezco a Usted que se haya dignado participarme que la Institución a que Usted pertenece, prepara un homenaje de aprecio y gratitud, al Doctor Wilson Popenoe, Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras.

Conozco y admiro la valía del Doctor Popenoe, sus excepcionales cualidades, - su gran capacidad profesional y toda la múltiple y magnífica labor que él efectuara. Me adhiero, por lo mismo, con suma complacencia a ese homenaje y felicito a Usted y, por su intermedio, a los señores de esa Institución, por la valiosa iniciativa de galardonar públicamente a tan eminente personaje.

Al evocar, con emoción y gratitud, su permanencia en la Escuela Agrícola de Zamorano, los jóvenes compatriotas que a ella fueran, asocian su recuerdo al de la ilustre personalidad del Doctor Popenoe y le expresan commi go, en este mensaje de congratulación, el anhelo y la esperanza de que la simiente de su obra - bienhechora, fructifique siempre y produzca una cosecha cada vez más abundante y provechosa.

Hago propicia la oportunidad, para presentar a Usted el testimonio de mi alta consideración.

J. Federico Intriago A.,  
MINISTRO DE ECONOMIA.

DONALD L. JACKSON  
16TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

LEOLA R. LONG  
SECRETARY

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Congress of the United States  
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Washington, D. C.

May 7, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

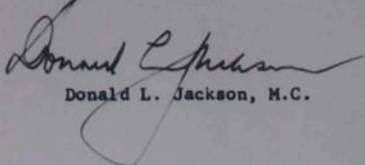
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

Central America, Latin America, and all the world are better and finer places today because of your intelligent and far-reaching efforts on behalf of understanding and cooperation. As Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, you have established yourself, not only in terms of technical knowledge, but in the larger sense of humanitarianism and understanding. Under your leadership hundreds of students met in an atmosphere of work and brotherhood, and learned the lessons of skill and cooperation. From your teachings they went back to their respective lands to spread the technical knowledge and the understanding they had gained.

As a link between the minds of men, you will long be remembered by those who benefited directly from your knowledge and guidance, and by untold hundreds of thousands whose lives have been enriched by your teachings and assistance.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to add these few inadequate words of commendation to the many others you will receive.

Most sincerely,



Donald L. Jackson, M.C.

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# SERVICIO TECNICO AGRICOLA DE NICARAGUA

EN REPRESENTACION DEL  
MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y TRABAJO  
Y  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ESTACIONES EXPERIMENTALES DE  
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APARTADO II  
BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA

May 9 1957

Doctor Wilson Popenoe,  
Escuella Agricola PanAmericana,  
Zamarano, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

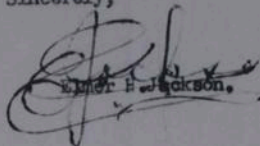
Although I am informed of your retirement, I feel as though you will never retire. I feel as though this retirement of yours is only an opportunity for you to do those things that have interested you for many years, but could never be accomplished because of the press of your duties.

The impact of your patient, understanding leadership and that great ability of yours to instill interest in your students was a marvel to see.

I know that the opportunity to be one of your students will always be appreciated and that the time spent in your presence has made a better man of me and one who is wholly devoted to Tropical Agriculture. I know that this experience can be stated by many many of your students.

It is with sincerity that I express my desire that you have many happy and full years ahead.

Sincerely,



Elmer F. Jackson.

WILSON POPENCE

El nombre de Wilson Popence está asociado al recuerdo grato de dos ilustres botánicos de antaño, pues me fué presentado por Henri Pittier en el Laboratorio de William E. Safford, en el verano de 1919, en el Departamento de Agricultura de Washington. Estudiaba entonces las especies del género Persea y le interesaban muy especialmente las formas silvestres del aguacate (Persea americana ).-

Teniendo noticias por el Doctor Pittier de mi visita a Washington, quiso aprovechar la oportunidad para comentar sobre un posible viaje de estudio a Costa Rica, en el caso de que existieran aquí aguacates de tipo primitivo, como es el caso. Nuestra entrevista, hablada en criollísimo español, fué muy amena y provechosa, quedando decidido su viaje a nuestro país para el año siguiente. Bajo los auspicios de Pittier y Safford, dos grandes figuras de la Historia Natural, se inició nuestra amistad, mantenida de la manera mas firme hasta el presente.-

A mediados de 1920 vino Wilson Popence a Costa Rica por vez primera. Ambos estábamos mozos y teníamos la misma devoción por las plantas. Viajando a caballo y a pié recorrimos y exploramos hasta los rincones mas abruptos y apartados, durante varios meses. No nos atajaron los caminos intránsitables, ni la inclemencia del tiempo, ni las comidas detestables, ni las posadas con pulgas y mosquitos. La satisfacción de encontrar el material perseguido ó las agradables sorpresas de plantas interesantes que aparecían al azar, nos mantuvo siempre entusiastas, optimistas y conformes. Me maravillaba

observar que ni los elementos descontrolados, ni la rudeza de la vida campesina de antaño, - de ambiente tan distinto de la vida cómoda y grata de su país - , le hicieran modificar su sonrisa, ni disminuir su habitual buen humor.- Abandonó el país con tristeza, pero satisfecho de su misión cumplida.-

Muchas veces estuvo en Costa Rica después y otras tantas volvimos a hablar de plantas y de proyectos y trabajos suyos. Recordamos también tiempos viejos, cuando todavía lucíamos cabellos rubios y éramos invulnerables a las lluvias tempestuosas, a los caminos fragosos y a las pulgas de las posadas. En un principio era el "intrepid explorer" del Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction del U.S. Department of Agriculture quien nos visitaba. Más tarde llegó el pomólogo eminente al servicio de la Frutera ó el hombre de Ciencia mundialmente conocido, a quien el Gobierno Americano enviaba en misiones especiales como embajador de la política del "buen vecino". Finalmente, como Director de la Escuela Agrícola Pan Americana, ideada y financiada por <sup>Sam</sup> David Zemmurray, pero creación de su mente inquieta y fecunda.-

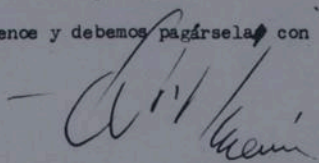
En 1940 me hizo su obligada visita, como lo hacía cada vez que pasaba por Costa Rica. Estaba entonces en Cartago, operando una pequeña farmacia profesional. Nuestros cabellos eran ya más blancos que rubios. Pero Popenoe continuaba siendo el mismo, entusiasta, optimista y sonriente, a pesar de algunas indiscretas "patas de gallo" Me habló de su misión por Ibero América para escoger la sede del Instituto Inter-Americano de Ciencias Agrícolas, la más importante universidad especializada en la agricultura científica de los trópicos del mundo, entonces en proyecto. Confidencialmente me confesó que recomendaría la zona de Turrialba, en nuestro país, por cuanto, en su opinión, allí concurrían las mejores características

Otón Jiménez

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de suelo, clima, razas, vías de comunicación y otras. Y también por la oportunidad para demostrarle su gratitud al país que tantas satisfacciones le ha dado. Me pareció que exageraba, pues recibíamos mucho a cambio de poco.-

Su promesa fue cumplida. El Instituto Interamericano de Ciencias Agrícolas se levantó en Turrialba y su labor científica beneficia no sólo a la Agricultura de nuestro Continente, sino al mundo entero. Ha hecho conocer y dado prestigio a nuestra Patria, vale decir, ha puesto a Costa Rica "en el mapa". Los costarricenses estamos en deuda con Wilson Popenoe y debemos pagársela con monedas de buena ley.-



Otón Jiménez

San Jose, Costa Rica  
Mayo de 1957.-



SECRETARÍA DE ESTADO  
EN EL DESPACHO DE  
**RECURSOS NATURALES**  
REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS, C. A.

**AÑO DE DON JUAN LINDO**  
**1857-1957**

*Tegucigalpa, D. C. Mayo 15, 1957.*

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
**DIRECTOR EMERITUS**  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.  
El Zamorano.

Muy señor nuestro:

Ha sido del conocimiento de esta Secretaría de Recursos Naturales su próxima separación del cargo de Director de esa prestigiada Escuela que desde su fundación, con tanto acierto, ha venido desempeñando.

El Gobierno de Honduras, através de esta Secretaría de Estado, al lamentar su retiro desea constancia de su reconocimiento por su labor altamente meritoria en pro de la agricultura nacional.

La Estación Experimental de Lancetilla, de la que fué usted -- ilustre fundador y que cuenta en la actualidad con la colección más completa de -- plantas económicas en las Américas, ha servido de guía en la investigación agrícola de nuestro país viniendo con su trabajo a fortalecer la industria nacional, base firme en que descansa nuestra economía.

La Escuela que con tanto amor y devoción usted fundara y dirigiera, constituye el mejor monumento que un Apóstol de la Ciencia puede dejar a la juventud. De los 543 egresados de esa benemérita escuela, 148 son hondureños, muchos de los que han llegado a ser excelentes servidores en las diferentes dependencias de ésta Secretaría de Estado.

La América Tropical está en deuda con el Dr. Wilson Popenoe por sus sabias enseñanzas y las doctas aportaciones que durante su vida de estudios e investigaciones hiciera al engrandecimiento y tecnificación de su agricultura.



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*Tegucigalpa, D. C.*

servicios prestados como Asesor Técnico de esta Secretaría de Estado y como De-  
legado Oficial de nuestro país a diversos Cónclaves Internacionales en donde siem-  
pre supo poner muy en alto el nombre de nuestra cara Patria.

El Pueblo y Gobierno de Honduras esperan tener siempre en -  
usted al gran amigo y al hombre de ciencia que ha contribuido con su obra al desen-  
volvimiento de nuestra Nación.

Con toda consideración,



*Rodolfo Jiménez*  
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RODOLFO JIMENEZ  
Oficial Mayor de Recursos Naturales, por la Ley.

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 82 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 16, MASS.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

PIER 3, NORTH RIVER  
NEW YORK 6, N. Y.  
TELEPHONE WHITEHALL 4-1700

May 8, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Wilson:

Ethel and I are just about to leave New York for a trip to Panama and Costa Rica. We had hoped to visit Honduras this year, but plans could not be so arranged. Therefore, we will not be able to tell you in person how very sorry we are that you are leaving Zamorano and the Fruit Company.

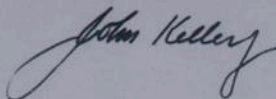
We are one of the fortunate people in the Fruit Company who have had the privilege of meeting you and working with you when you first came to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to work with Dr. Fairchild in the Office of Foreign Seed & Plant Introduction. Those days will always bring back very happy memories because it was there that we met you and so many wonderful people who worked with you under Dr. Fairchild - Messrs. Dorsett, Bissett, Shamel, Young, Dr. Meier, and many other fine Department men who cooperated in this foreign plant introduction work. Your work and the enthusiasm that you displayed in it were always a great inspiration to me, and I know they must have been to many others who were fortunate enough to know you and to work with you.

I came to the Fruit Company in the very first part of 1917, and it was a real pleasure to learn a little later that you were to join the Fruit Company also. I will always remember the visits to Tela when you were in research work there; and in Lancetilla, and the many trips we took together on motor cars through the farms in the study of fruit handling. Your working with me on our fruit handling and other problems was most helpful.

The good work you have done in establishing the school at Zamorano is well known and is testified to in many quarters. The sound agricultural practices that you have established and the many young men that you have helped must be a source of real satisfaction to you. I know that you will be missed at the school by the student body as well as by the instructors, and I feel that the Company is losing a great living exponent of the best in Inter-American relations.

Both Ethel and I send to you and Mrs. Popenoe our very best wishes for health and happiness in whatever you undertake.

Sincerely yours,



MARITROP TRADING CORPORATION

JACK R. KANSAS  
PRESIDENT

PIER 2, NORTH RIVER  
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

May 14th, 1957

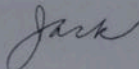
Dear Doc:

Understand you are retiring next month from active service at the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which you developed, nursed and managed so brilliantly. It is difficult to find adequate words to tell you how sorry I am that your richly deserved retirement will remove such a truly great administrator, educator, and developer of good will in Middle America, from the field of action.

It has always been a privilege and pleasure to know and be associated with you. I hope and pray that you and Mrs. Popenoe will enjoy the best of everything in the years to come, and that you will never lose interest in your outstanding creation.

Regards.

Sincerely



Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

MOSCOW, IDAHO

April 30, 1957

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

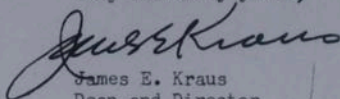
We understand that you are retiring on June 1, 1957 as Director of the above organization. It is also our understanding that upon your retirement you will be honored with the title of Director Emeritus.

Although I do not know you personally, I have heard very much concerning you from many people. Your very fine service with United Fruit Company which you joined in the 1920s has been most outstanding. Also, the distinguished career which you had with the United States Department of Agriculture as Plant Explorer was most outstanding and one which will be of lasting significance to the plant industry fields of this country.

We have learned from other people the very fine work which you have done in your present position as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. The many young people which you have trained and whom have subsequently gone to local governments in their local communities to do extension work, to teach, and to serve their fellow countrymen have certainly been a tribute to you.

May I wish all the best for you upon your retirement and I hope the future years will prove as fruitful as those in the past.

Very sincerely yours,



James E. Kraus  
Dean and Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
EXPERIMENT STATION  
EXTENSION SERVICE  
LINCOLN 3, NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF  
DEAN AND DIRECTOR

April 29, 1957.

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a pleasure for me to join with your many friends in paying tribute to you on the occasion of your retirement, which I understand will be June 1, 1957.

While I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally, I have known of your work through our common association with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and because of my interest in the work which you have been doing with the United Fruit Company.

You have made a great contribution not only to the development of the banana crop in Central America but directly and indirectly to the improvement of the economic status of the people in these countries. I have learned through several mutual friends of the fine work which you have carried forward in your program in Central America.

I do not know your plans following retirement but would expect that you have already developed plans to make further contributions to agriculture in one way or another. I also trust that you have developed some hobbies which will add to the interest and pleasure of your years of retirement. I hope that there will be an opportunity to meet you at some future time and to learn from you first hand of your many experiences in Central America.

With all good wishes and best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



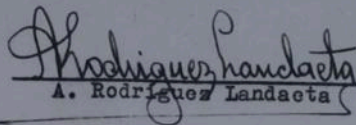
Dean and Director.

UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA  
EL DECANO DE LA FACULTAD DE INGENIERIA AERONAUTICA

PARTICULAR

El Dr. Wilson Popenoe constituye para la América Latina en lo que a Extensión Agrícola se refiere un alto exponente del valor humano, ya que bajo su docta dirección se han preparado eficientemente numerosos jóvenes que han ido a prestar servicios valiosos en el ramo de la agricultura a sus diversos países.

La memoria del Dr. Popenoe debe ser para nosotros los latinoamericanos, un índice de estímulo, de vocación y de voluntad; y estoy seguro que la semilla que ha sembrado dará sus frutos para el progreso de la agricultura en nuestra América Latina.

  
A. Rodríguez Landacta

Maracay, 14 de mayo de 1957.

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May 6, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

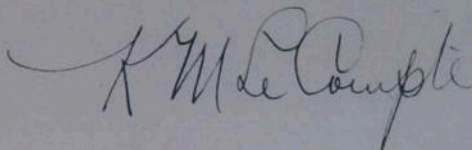
My dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned that you are retiring as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, and at this time I want to express my sincere admiration for the splendid work you have done.

Agriculture is an essential part of any nation's economy and you have made an immeasurable contribution toward the development of the agricultural potential of the tropical belt with the resulting benefits in increased living standards and strengthened relations among the countries that comprise the Americas. You have served our country nobly and have proved yourself a real ambassador of good will.

I commend you for the valuable services you have performed, and wish for you many happy years of retirement.

Yours very truly,



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
80 FEDERAL STREET  
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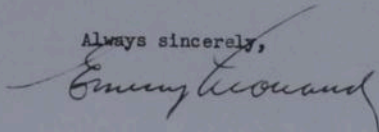
April 22, 1957

Dear Doctor:

May I add this "postscript" to what I have written you before to wish for you and Helen great good and abiding happiness in the years that lie ahead.

It has been a true privilege to have known you down through the past and I do hope that our paths will cross again as time goes by.

Always sincerely,



Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

# STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS

May 9, 1957

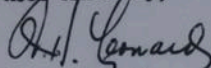
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana  
Tegucigalpa, D. C., Honduras

Dear Wilson:

I have heard that you are soon retiring from your duties as Director of the Zamorano School which you have so ably handled since its foundation. I first knew of your work when in charge of the Fabrica "Blanquita" and had occasion to hire some of your graduates. At that time I was impressed by the training that these boys had acquired. Since then in connection with my duties in the Standard Fruit Company I have run across other graduates and in practically all cases they have impressed me with the value of the training that they acquired under your direction. I speak not only of employees of our Company, but of those working on their own or with Honduran Government Agencies. I am sure that you should feel extremely proud of having brought to fruition the plans conceived by Mr. Zemmurray and yourself to give an opportunity to many Latin American boys whereby they could learn the principles of agriculture which would best fit their and their country's needs.

It has been a great pleasure to have known you and I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations on the work that you have accomplished as well as wishing you many years of pleasant retirement from your arduous labors.

Most sincerely,



W. H. Leonard  
General Manager

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STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS  
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May 13, 1957

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

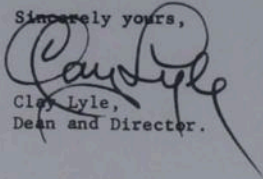
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We have learned that you are retiring on June 1, and we wish to join your many other friends in extending greetings and good wishes on this occasion.

We congratulate you on your long career of distinguished service to agriculture in the Americas, both as a plant explorer and an educational leader. The world is much richer in material things, and especially in the field of international fellowship and good will because of your fine leadership over the years. Your contribution to peace in the Americas is immeasurable as the students whose lives you have touched carry your philosophy back to their respective countries.

We offer our best wishes for many more years of active interest in international matters. We know it will bring deep satisfaction for you to see the increasing fruits of your years of work.

Sincerely yours,



Clay Lyle,  
Dean and Director.

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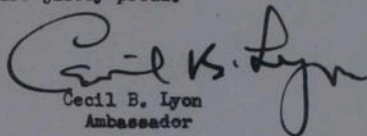
THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Embassy of the United States  
of America,  
Santiago, Chile,  
May 10, 1957.

Since the early years of my work in the Department of State on Latin American affairs, I have heard glowing accounts of the work of Dr. Wilson Popenoe in Honduras. I have long hoped to visit the Escuela at Zamorano and see the work of the renowned tropical agriculturist at first hand. Unfortunately Dr. Popenoe's imminent retirement will deny me this pleasure.

However, I take this opportunity of paying tribute to a distinguished American, Dr. Wilson Popenoe, of whose work his countrymen are justly proud.

  
Cecil B. Lyon  
Ambassador

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE  
ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 24, 1957

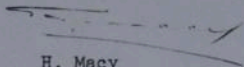
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As you reach the time of retirement, we extend to you our greetings and our sincere congratulations upon a long and distinguished career as an agricultural scientist and a builder of international good will.

It is most appropriate that you carry into retirement the well-merited designation as Director Emeritus. The good wishes of a host of friends and admirers will be sincere and hearty. We hope that you will have long years of health, happiness and comfort. It should be a great satisfaction to you to look back upon many years of constructive service to your fellow-men and to the advancement of science.

Cordially yours,



H. Macy  
Dean of the Institute

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# CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, ONE FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PANAMA, REP. DE PANAMA

April 26, 1957

Dr. Wilson Fopence, Director  
Escuela Agrícola PanAmericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

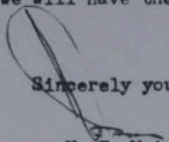
Dear Doctor Fopence:

I have just learned about your forthcoming retirement as Director of the school, which is well deserved after so many years of real hard and active work.

As you know the Ministry of Agriculture in this country and also Point Four or Panto Cuatro, try to get every graduate from your school to work for them as they realize that these boys are well qualified and have the background and training that is needed to make them leaders in their field. I believe that this point alone, points to wonderful job you have done in developing the school to bring it the fame it now has throughout Latin America.

Both Thelma and I are sorry that you have reached the retirement age but we both wish to take this opportunity to wish you and Helen the best of everything in the future and hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,



V. T. Mais  
Representative



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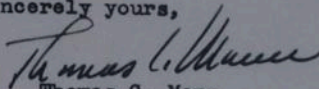
American Embassy,  
San Salvador,  
El Salvador,  
May 8, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the eve of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras, I send you my congratulations for a distinguished, fruitful and unselfish career in the field of tropical agriculture which has contributed materially to the agricultural progress of the area. We shall be sorry to see you go but take some consolation in your plans to continue to reside near us.

Mrs. Mann joins me in sending to you and Mrs. Popenoe our kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas C. Mann

Dr. Wilson Popenoe,  
Doctor Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.