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**MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA**

SECCION ANALISIS Y  
PLANIFICACION  
NUMERO \_\_\_\_\_

BOGOTA D.E. abril 30 de 1.957

Señor Profesor  
WILSON POPENOE, Director  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zambrano, Honduras

Apreciado profesor y amigo:

Me he enterado que el próximo primero de junio, al cumplir usted treinta años de servicios continuos en calidad de técnico agrícola de la - United Fruit Company, se retira de la Dirección de la - Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, en Zambrano, Honduras, - recibiendo con honor y merecimientos múltiples el título de Director Emeritus, como justo homenaje de las - Asociaciones agrícolas e ingenieros agrónomos de los - países Americanos.-

En estos momentos de júbilo - para usted, su señora esposa y sus hijos, unas pocas pala - bras mías, uno de sus más viejos amigos y colegas, no - pueden faltar cuando la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, - entidad docente que usted fundara y dirigiera con tanta - inteligencia y pericia para la capacitación de los hi - jos de los campesinos de los países americanos, en -- agricultura y ganadería en forma útil y práctica para - hacerles productivas y avanzadas sus heredades rurales, - base del levantamiento del nivel de vida de las gentes - del campo y del aumento de la producción agrícola, le - va a conceder el título de Director Emeritus, con moti - vo de cumplir treinta años de estar divulgando la agri - cultura científica por los países americanos de habla - española.-

Siempre fue para mí muy honro - so haberle servido de asesor agrícola en cuantas oportu - nidades usted realizó reconocimientos agrícolas por va -



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rios de los departamentos, en los últimos veinte años que visitó a Colombia para ayudar al desenvolvimiento de su agricultura y fruticultura.- En este sentido, querido profesor, como le llamamos por aquí, fueron muy valiosos los servicios de cooperación técnica y práctica prestados por usted al país.-

En el desarrollo y mejoramiento de los cultivos de árboles citreos, aguacates, mangos, papayos, olivos, datiles, manzanos, nerales y ciruelos, su intervención en varios departamentos cultivadores de ellos estuvo muy acertada. Grande es, pues, la deuda de gratitud de los Colombianos para con el profesor Popenc.

Personalmente también mi gratitud es crecida y motivada, ya que muchas cosas buenas y prácticas aprendí de usted durante nuestras variadas giras por el territorio Colombiano. Sus importantes obras sobre agricultura y fruticultura, publicadas en español e inglés, son constantemente consultadas para ilustrarme.

Sea esta la solomne oportunidad para hacer llegar a usted mi congratulación sincera y profunda por la manera brillante como va a coronar su carrera de treinta años al servicio del desarrollo de la agricultura americana.-

Siempre cordial y viejo colega,

RAÚL VARELA MARTÍNEZ  
Jefe de la Sección de Análisis y -  
Planificación

RVM/mag.

BILLY MATTHEWS  
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

MEMBER  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE ON  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JACKSON BRYAN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

MAY 2, 1957

DR. WILSON POPENOE, DIRECTOR  
ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA  
ZAMORANO, HONDURAS

DEAR DR. POPENOE:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA AT ZAMORANO, HONDURAS, I WANT TO OFFER YOU MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS.

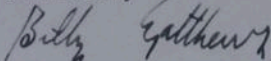
AS A MEMBER OF OUR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, I AM FAMILIAR WITH YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE PLANT EXPLORER FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE PRESENT DATE YOU HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF AGRICULTURE AND TO THE LARGER CAUSE OF BETTER HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WHEREVER YOU HAVE GONE.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN HAVE GONE FORTH FROM YOUR SCHOOL TO TEACH AND TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING TO THEIR COUNTRYMEN. PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THESE MEN HAVE OBTAINED UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE HAS ENABLED THEM TO MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE FIELD OF BETTER NUTRITION AND BETTER AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MANY OF THE SPANISH-SPEAKING REPUBLICS OF LATIN AMERICA.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND I HOPE ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RETIREMENT THAT YOU WILL HAVE MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE AN ABIDING AND CONSTANT INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS THAT YOU HAVE SERVED SO EFFECTIVELY AND IN SO MANY WAYS OVER AND ABOVE THE ORDINARY CALL OF DUTY.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY,



BILLY MATTHEWS, M. C.  
8TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA



NATHAN MAYO  
COMMISSIONER

THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
TALLAHASSEE

May 15, 1957

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

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

Every once in a while we hear of, and become acquainted with, a man whose task in life has not been particularly easy, but whose accomplishments in public service have been distinctive. Such is the case with you, and we are more than happy to extend you our congratulations on a job well done as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Many young men have been educated in this school; many have put their knowledge to work, bettering conditions in their communities and raising living standards everywhere.

This school and the work it has done will always stand as a memorial to the distinguished service you have given in furthering sound and proper agricultural practices, and in spreading the doctrine of working together in cooperation between the Americas.

We wish you well in your continuing years, and we know that you will not stop your work and just watch the world go by, but rather that you will still guide people to live together in friendly and cordial relations for the benefit of Latin America and North America.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Commissioner

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UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE  
ESCUELA DE AGRONOMIA  
CASILLA 1004  
SANTIAGO



Señor,  
Profesor, Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Middle America Information Bureau  
New York 21, N.Y.

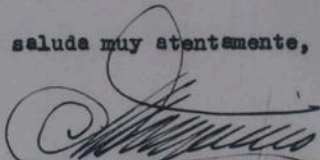
Distinguido Profesor:

Me es especialmente honroso y grato adherir, con todo entusiasmo, al homenaje que se le rinde por su magnífica labor en Ciencias Agrícolas.--

En este lejano rincón del globo, se conoce y admira los relieves de vuestra personalidad a través de vuestros libros y de las informaciones que nos ofrecen las publicaciones técnicas.--

Ojalá podamos contar con el privilegio de una visita suya a nuestro país, cuando se acoja a su merecido descanso.

Lo saluda muy atentamente, su admirador  
y S.S.,

  
MIGUEL DAGNINO MC. DONALD  
Director de la Escuela de Agronomía.--





THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
Caracas.

May 14, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the eve of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which you in truth conceived and have guided to its current lusty condition, I am constrained to send you my congratulations, not only a work completed, but on an endeavor so well planned, so successfully launched and so skillfully conducted that those of us interested in the sound development of these Latin American neighbors of ours know the school and its results will last. It was a sound idea carried forward in a sane and sensible manner fitted to the needs of the countries, and for that reason can expect permanence.

I will not speak of the school as being a monument to you as the implications of monuments have a finality not justified in your case. I know, from all I have heard, that although you will be in the records as emeritus you will be with the school always in spirit and often in person for what I trust will be many years to come.

Sincerely,

Dempster McIntosh

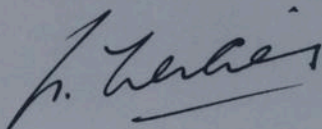
Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director Emeritus,  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

*Ministro de Agricultura y Ganadería*

Buenos Aires, 3 de mayo de 1957.-

Al señor  
Director Emérito de la  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,  
doctor WILSON POPENOE  
Zamorano - HONDURAS

Es con íntima satisfacción que adhiero al homenaje que se le tributa con motivo de su retiro, por su labor inteligente al frente de esa Escuela, con especial reconocimiento por su acción orientadora de la juventud hacia las nobles labores del campo, y por el acercamiento espiritual entre estudiantes de distintos países de América.



DR. ALBERTO MERCIER  
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA



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May 7, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popence:

Congratulations on your long years of valuable  
service to agriculture, and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Paul H. Millar  
Chief Inspector



MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA

REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA  
CENTROAMERICA

No. \_\_\_\_\_

El Ministerio de Agricultura de la República de Guatemala expresa su reconocimiento a la fructífera labor del Dr. WILSON POPENOE. Además de su personal colaboración científica acerca del maíz y frutas tropicales, cuyas profundas investigaciones se estiman de gran valor para el desarrollo de la agricultura nacional, sus gestiones al frente de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano se han proyectado en beneficio de elementos guatemaltecos que adquirieran allí conocimientos básicos y experiencias teórico-prácticas. Estas ejecutorias hacen que en Guatemala expresemos sentimientos de recíproca amistad y del mas alto aprecio a la personalidad del distinguido doctor Popenoe.— Mayo de 1957.

*H. G. Montenegro*Cap. M. ANTONIO MONTENEGRO M.  
MINISTRO DE AGRICULTURA

JOSEPH W. MONTGOMERY  
321 ST. CHARLES STREET  
NEW ORLEANS

May 14, 1957

Dear Doc:

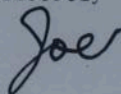
I hope that I may have the pleasure of assisting at the ceremony for your naming as Director Emeritus of the School, but at the moment cannot be sure of making it.

In teaching hundreds of boys how to do by doing and live and to get along together in the process, you have built a monument which will endure. In my visits to the School I have always been greatly impressed by the spirit and energy of the boys at their work and am sure they pass along in their extension and other efforts, not only their knowledge, but their spirit too.

It is easy to visualize the expanding results of your training of these boys and particularly gratifying to observe how it has sparked the establishment of like plans in growing scale and several countries. These thoughts must bring to you reward for your labors and real satisfaction.

To you and Mrs. Popenoe the best of health and happiness and with warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely



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

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

KENNETH H. REDMOND  
PRESIDENT

May 17, 1957

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

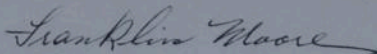
Dear Doctor Popence:

Upon your retirement from active duty in the United Fruit Company family, I am anxious to join your many friends and associates in offering to you and Mrs. Popence my every wish for your future happiness.

You are surely entitled to derive tremendous satisfaction from the many difficult tasks well done over the long years of your faithful service. Your success in attaining the high objectives set upon the establishment of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana is an outstanding accomplishment which reflects great credit upon both you and the Company.

My wife joins me in congratulating you upon your well-deserved appointment as Director Emeritus of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

Sincerely yours,



Franklin Moore  
Assistant to President



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE  
OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

AMERICAN EMBASSY  
Quito, May 7, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to be able to join with many others in testifying to continuing value of the work you have done toward the improvement of tropical agriculture.

I trust that your retirement June 1 of this year will not mean the cessation of those helpful articles so eagerly quoted in the local papers.

Sincerely,

Herbert W. Mumford, Jr.  
Agricultural Attaché

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# CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

BOCAS DIVISION  
ALMIRANTE, PANAMA

April 22, 1957

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

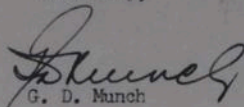
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

Word has just reached this Division of your retirement in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity to say you will be missed by the many of us who have been acquainted with you over the years. There is no doubt in my mind that the Latin American countries, who have sent their young boys to the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, have benefited tremendously by your teachings in the field of agriculture.

Blondy Gronblad, Dudley Linton and Tom Dunn, especially, join me in sending you our kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



G. D. Munch



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE  
OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE  
American Embassy  
Buenos Aires

April 30, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe,

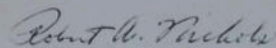
Today, when I received definite word of your retirement, I reached up and took your "Manual of Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits" off of the shelf. From the day that I was appointed Horticulturist to the Virgin Islands Experiment Station until many years later, that manual was my bible. It was some years later that I first met you and secured your autograph in this manual which, today, it is one of my prized possessions.

We really came to know each other well in 1942 when you were working to get "Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" under way. At that time you were also of great assistance to Dr. E.N.Bressman and me in starting work at Turrialba. It was in 1942 that I first visited Zamorano. I have visited there twice since then; on February 26, 1946 and on July 24-25, 1952. I have received and read every one of your monthly reports since you first started sending them out. In fact I have watched you and your "Escuela Agrícola Panamericana" with great interest and admiration.

There are a great many of your friends who have lived closer to you than I have. However, none are more sincere than I when I express my admiration for what you have accomplished. I am well aware of the odds with which you had to contend. Also none is more sincere in expressing my joy at seeing your venture grow and prosper.

Ila and I both wish you many many happy years of retirement. We know that they will be fruitful ones.

Very sincerely,

  
Robert A. Nichols  
Agricultural Attaché

UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO  
 ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE AGRICULTURA  
 -LUIZ DE QUEIROZ-  
 PIRACICABA

Piracicaba, 15 de maio de 1957.

Ilmo. Sr.  
 MARION MANN  
 DD. Secretário da "Middle America Information Bureau"  
 26 East 64 Street  
 New York 21, N.Y.- U.S.A.

Estimado Senhor:

A Diretoria desta Escola recebeu sua carta de 18 de abril do corrente ano, que a convida a enviar uma mensagem, que se incluirá no merecido "Book of Tribute", que será oferecido ao ilustre dr. Wilson Popenoe, Diretor da Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras.

A Escola Superior de Agricultura "Luiz de Queiroz", da Universidade de São Paulo, Brasil, sente-se rejubilada com o fato de que, com sua supra-citada carta, não fica à margem dessa merecida homenagem, promovida pelo mundo técnico-científico, que se movimenta em boa hora para tributar ao ilustre naturalista dr. Popenoe as expressões de seu mais alto apreço.

Não escondemos a V.S. o desvanecimento com que relatamos aqui alguns dos aspectos mais salientes da fecunda vida pública do eminente Diretor da Escola de Zamorano, os quais são de nosso inteiro conhecimento e que tanta admiração nos têm causado. Assim, sabemos que o dr. Popenoe, quando investido no alto cargo de Explorador Agrícola do Departamento de Agricultura dos Estados Unidos, teve ensêjo de percorrer vários países, tais como o Brasil, Hawai, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Índia, Arábia, Filipinas, Norte da África, etc., a fim de colecionar e descrever plantas frutíferas de climas tropicais e subtropicais. Essas plantas, cuidadosamente selecionadas, foram enviadas para a Califórnia e a Flórida, onde se estudou seu respectivo comportamento como culturas racionais.

De outra parte, seu renomado livro "Manual of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits", editado em 1927, contém a descrição de algumas espécies de plantas frutíferas e mui valiosas informações sobre a cultura das mesmas. Essa obra continua sendo bastante útil a quantos se vêm dedicando à fruticultura nas regiões de climas tropical e subtropical do globo.

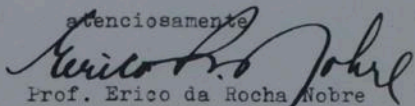
Mas, suas fecundas atividades especializadas não se cinjiram a esses estudos, pois que, posteriormente, foi muito merecidamente nomeado pela "United Fruit Company", de cujo quadro era Consultor Técnico, para ocupar a direção da Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano. Em contacto com seus alunos, logrou incutir-lhes o amor à agricultura e a compreensão de que se impõe a valorização das lides rurais. Conseguiu, destarte, que, com o regresso dos jovens diplomados por Zamorano se elevasse, por influência deles, o padrão de vida das populações agrárias, através da propagação dos conhecimentos sobre agricultura tropical, nutrição, pecuária e legislação rural. Relava sublinhar, outrossim, que o dr. Popenoe soube incutir no espírito dos jovens o sadio panamericanismo, pedra angular desse cordial e salutar intercâmbio cultural entre as nações irmãs da América Latina.

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Como depreende V.S., a Escola de Piracicaba conhece de perto a meritória obra educacional do preclaro dr. Wilson Ropence e, por isso mesmo, associa-se de muito bom grado às homenagens que no "Book of Tribute" lhe serão prestadas por motivo de sua primorosa atuação na vida pública.

Sem mais, pedindo a V.S. sinceras escusas pela demora em atender à sua carta de 18 de abril do corrente ano, valho-me da oportunidade para apresentar-lhe os protestos de minha elevada consideração, subscrevendo-me

atenciosamente



Prof. Erico da Rocha Nobre

- Diretor -

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

May 2, 1957

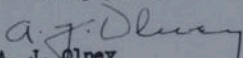
Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:

For more than a quarter of a century, horticulturists have recognized the pioneering accomplishments and contributions you have made to the fruit industry of America, and particularly to the vast undeveloped fields of tropical fruits. Mankind will forever enjoy the fruit of your labor.

I count it a privilege to bring greetings to you from Kentucky, with best wishes for the future on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

  
A. J. Olney  
Head, Department of Horticulture

AJO:D

AVENIDA 6 DE DICIEMBRE 1300  
QUITO, ECUADOR

Mayo 7, 1957

Sr. Dr. Don  
Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

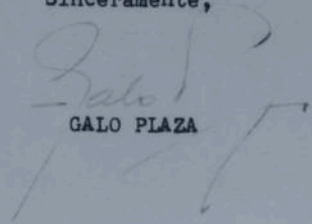
Mi muy querido amigo :

Con motivo de su retiro de la dirección activa de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, deseo dejar constancia de mi admiración y gratitud por la magnífica labor realizada, no sólo como organizador de una institución particularment adecuada a las necesidades de la agricultura latinoamericana, sino también por su extraordinaria contribución, al través de los años, con sus valiosos estudios y sabios consejos, a la agricultura tropical de América.

Aparte de su labor científica y docente, recordaré siempre sus nobles cualidades humanas, el afecto y la preocupación constante por sus alumnos, colaboradores y sus amigos, habiendo conquistado un sitio preferente en nuestros corazones.

Que goce usted plenamente de su bien ganado descanso, en Antigua o en España, pero nunca se aleje demasiado de los que le admiramos y le profesamos hondo afecto.

Sinceramente,



GALO PLAZA



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CIUDAD TRUJILLO  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

WILLIAM T. PHEIFFER  
AMBASSADOR

May 7, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It has come to my attention that your long and highly constructive career in the field of agriculture is being terminated by your retirement on June 1, 1957. While I have not had the privilege of knowing you personally, yet I have viewed admiringly from afar the fruits of your labor and I cannot refrain from joining your legion of friends and associates in saying "well done."

The wholesome and beneficial imprint you have made on the minds and characters of the many hundreds of Latin American graduates of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, since the establishment thereof by you under the auspices of the United Fruit Company in 1942, is indelible and the contributions you have made to the cause of Panamericanism is of incalculable value. Indeed, as much as any other one man, you have given life and substance to the policy of our country for the creation of a genuine and lasting working partnership with our Latin American neighbors.

In appraising the dedicated work you have done down through the years as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana we may aptly employ the words of Emerson and say that: "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man."

Trusting that your years of retirement will be abundant with blessings and the good things of life for you and your family, I remain

Sincerely,

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

W. R. POAGE  
CONGRESSMAN  
11TH TEXAS DISTRICT

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

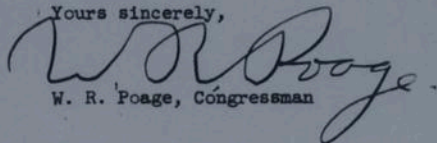
May 1, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popence:

Very few have the opportunity to render the great service that you have rendered to people in all corners of the world. When the opportunity does come, many do not recognize it. You had the opportunity and you accepted it. You had added immeasurably to the standard of living of multiplied millions of people. You have strengthened the spirit of good will between all the people of the Americas. You have done a great job and you are to be congratulated!

Yours sincerely,



W. R. Poage, Congressman

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# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON 10, MASSACHUSETTS

May 20, 1957

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

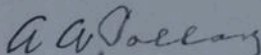
Dear Doctor:

Some forty years ago we met in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

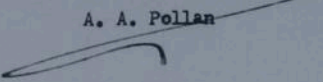
Since that time I have been proud to call you my friend. Over the years you have done much constructive work for your country, for Middle America, and for the United Fruit Company.

I congratulate you on your many accomplishments, and I also wish you and your family all good health and happiness for the future.

Sincerely yours,



A. A. Pollan



April 30th 1957

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

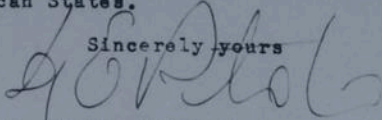
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement from the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, and the honor you are to receive as Doctor Emeritus, permit me to congratulate you most heartily for this well deserved distinction.

The years you have so devotedly dedicated to experimental work and the knowledge you have inculcated to innumerable students is the real spirit of Panamericanism, which foster the best relations in America.

May the work you so successfully started in Honduras be preserved and continued as a mean of strengthening the ties of everlasting friendship between the American States.

Sincerely yours



Dr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of  
Cuba to the United Nations



*Ministro de Agricultura y Ganadería  
Particular*

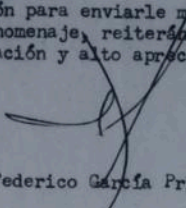
San Salvador, 10 de mayo de 1957.

Sr. Dr.  
Wilson Popenoe,  
Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
EL ZAMORANO - HONDURAS.

Muy apreciado doctor:

Por medio de Middle America Information Bureau me he enterado con verdadero regocijo que con ocasión de su retiro de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana del Zamorano, donde con todo acierto usted ha contribuido con los mejores años de su vida a la educación de muchos cientos de jóvenes latinoamericanos, será usted honrado con el título de Doctor Emeritus.

Deseo aprovechar la ocasión para enviarle ~~mas~~ más cordiales felicitaciones por tan merecido homenaje, reiterándole las seguridades de mi más distinguida consideración y alto aprecio.

  
Federico García Prieto



MINISTERIO  
DE  
AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

San José, Costa Rica, A.C.  
15 de mayo de 1957

Señor Doctor  
Wilson Popenoe  
Director Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
EL ZAMORANO - HONDURAS

Estimado señor:

Enterado de su próximo retiro de la Dirección de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, Institución que conocí de su energía sin ocios y de su vida consagrada al mejoramiento cultural de nuestras juventudes, he querido asociarme al homenaje, que en estas horas altas de su existencia le están tributando los que saben de su labor y de sus obras.

El título que se le va a otorgar por su infatigable esfuerzo dirigido al adelanto de las Ciencias Agrícolas - para provecho del hombre americano - debe entenderse como expresión pristina del reconocimiento y respeto comunes de quienes al través de los años lo han visto trabajando al calor de un permanente y sincero espíritu panamericanista.

Al consignar lo anterior, deseo con emoción sentida, testimoniarme mi complacencia por el honor con que ha sido honrado al designarsele Director Emérito del Centro Docente que Ud. tanto ha querido.

Haciendo votos por su ventura personal, se suscribe de Ud.,  
muy atentamente,

MINISTERIO DE AGRIC. E INDUSTRIAS



*T. Quiros*  
TEODORO QUIROS C.  
Ministro

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MINISTERIO  
DE  
AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

EL MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS DE COSTA RICA, se complace en dictar este Mensaje que, como tributo al distinguido Director de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana en Zamorano, República de Honduras, DOCTOR WILSON POPENOE, le rinde con motivo de su retiro, el día 14 de junio próximo, de tan importante cuanto bien servido cargo.

La vida de esfuerzo intenso del estimado DOCTOR POPENOE, - consagrada a la digna investigación del Suelo, especialmente de ese - suelo ubérrimo comprendido en la zona tropical; dedicada también a la formación de los jóvenes dentro de las mismas actividades agrícolas; - tratando en todo momento de elevar el cariffo del Hombre hacia estas labores y a vivir el espíritu de un sincero panamericanismo, obliga a quien de estos afanes conoce, a lamentar profundamente su separación.

Al consignar lo anterior con toda la emoción sentida, el Ministerio a mi cargo se une al Homenaje con que se le ha honrado, al designarlo DIRECTOR EMERITO de la citada Institución.

San José de Costa Rica, 15 de mayo de 1957.



MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIAS  
*T. Quiros*  
TEODORO QUIROS C.  
Ministro

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

American Embassy,  
Quito, Ecuador,  
May 14, 1957.

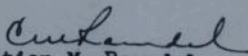
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wish to take this opportunity to express the gratification which we in the Foreign Service feel toward the Director of the Escuela de Agricultura Panamericana in Zamorano, Honduras.

Through your leadership a large number of students in every Latin American country, and particularly Ecuador, have graduated from Zamorano. Almost without exception the young men have been thoroughly prepared as young agriculturists, who on return to their own country have been leaders in the field of Agriculture. Here in Ecuador every graduate from Zamorano is working in his own field in a position of leadership, training others in better agricultural practices. This is the result of obtained sound training. In addition to technical preparation the moral integrity, sportsmanship and leadership that these young men have instilled in them is an additional reason for congratulating both you and your staff.

The young men who graduated from Zamorano while it was under your leadership are only just now beginning to make themselves felt. We feel sure that in the years to come, these young men will prove to be the corps around which a stronger and more democratic Latin America can be built.

Very truly yours,

  
Christian M. Ravndal,  
American Ambassador.

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

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

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April 29, 1957

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

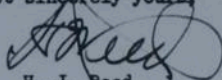
As one who has had an opportunity to see and admire some of the wonderful work you have done to promote education and agriculture in Central America, I am glad to join with your many friends in paying tribute to the accomplishments you have achieved.

It is not possible to appraise adequately the full impact of your life's work on the social and economic welfare of the countries that have been served, directly and indirectly, by the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, but I do know that the influence for good has been enormous.

Perhaps even more important is the contributions to better international relations - something that comes from the development of confidence and understanding among those who have been your students and will be the future leaders in Central America. For this, the people of this country are deeply indebted to you and the United Fruit Company.

Your life has been unselfishly devoted to a great task, and the results will give you much satisfaction and happiness in the years to come. I wish for you health, much pleasure, and many rewarding experiences.

Most sincerely yours,



H. J. Reed  
Dean and Director

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

The Agricultural and Technical College  
of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

April 30, 1957

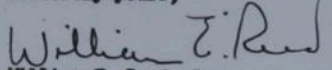
Dr. Wilson Popence  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popence:


I have not often had the opportunity of phrasing words of tribute to one who so richly deserves the commendation of his countrymen as you do. I consider myself fortunate to have had enough experience to gain some insight of the problems which confront anyone who works with people of different national or racial groups than his own. I can, therefore, better appreciate your long and noteworthy record; first, in furthering our scientific effort in the improvement of tropical agriculture; second, in providing leadership in the education of the youth of Latin America. At this time, when the eyes of your fellow-countrymen are cast southward in the hope that Panamerican friendship will stand firm against any aggressor, your past accomplishments stand out in bold relief.

I hope that all your years to come will be as successful and as helpful to others as those past. Please be assured that your work will stand as a pattern for others who will follow.

Sincerely yours,

  
William E. Reed, Dean  
School of Agriculture

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*State of Idaho Department of Agriculture*

ROBERT E. SMYLIE  
GOVERNOR

COMMISSIONER  
ROBERT REYCHERT  
306 STATE HOUSE  
BOISE, IDAHO

May 13, 1957

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

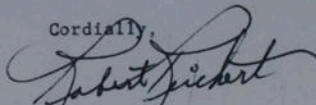
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I wish to extend to you my most sincere felicitations on this occasion of the high honor which has come to you, that of being appointed Director Emeritus.

Although I have not dealt personally with you in your outstanding and important work, I know that you have contributed greatly, not only to furthering research in the agricultural field, but in the training of young men to carry on the labors which you have begun.

Congratulations on your outstanding record of service, and best wishes for many happy years ahead.

Cordially,



Robert Reyichert  
Idaho Commissioner  
of Agriculture

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 1, 1957

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

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

On the occasion of your retirement as Director and your becoming Director Emeritus, I wish to add my congratulations to you on your long list of worthy accomplishments.

Your contributions to horticultural development in the United States are annually adding to the incomes from our farms and ranches.

I have been told about your service in the training of young men in Latin America and your research and development in horticulture and agriculture in this area. Your work has been highly commended by those whom I have seen that know about it.

There are great satisfactions in the kind of accomplishments you have brought about. I hope that there may be increasing satisfactions for you in the years to come and that these years may be many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Roy Reid".

T. Roy Reid  
Director

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
GAINESVILLE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 20, 1957

My dear Wilson:

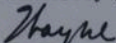
Now that you are looking forward to retirement from Zamorano, I want you to know how much we shall miss you. That you have done such a wonderful job in developing and steering Escuela Agricola Panamericana on a steady and fruitful course is attested by the fact that we have had such a difficult job in finding a suitable successor. I have often said that the requirements for a director of the school are more varied and exacting than for any president of a large university in the States.

As you look back on these past fifteen years, I know your heart swells with pride on the contributions you have made in educating and training so many outstanding young men. Wilson Popenoe's boys are known throughout the Americas, and may I add that they are well known on the University of Florida campus. Their contribution to the betterment of agriculture and the improvement of their communities are beyond measure. Along with their technical competence they have had instilled in them a healthy spirit of Pan Americanism, and no one was better able to do that than yourself.

Fran joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Helen. Fran well knows, as do you and I, how much Helen contributed to the ongoing of the school. In fact it is a job where one gets two for the price of one! We cherish your friendship and shall always welcome you here at the University of Florida. That Fairchild room will be available for you whenever you wish to use it.

With warmest regards and with deep appreciation for your magnificent work, I am

Sincerely yours,



J. Wayne Reitz  
President

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

30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York 20, N. Y.

Room 5600

June 3, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

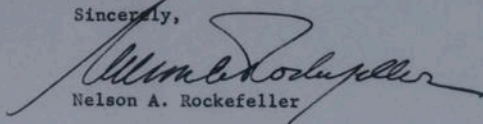
Your retirement gives an excuse to express in writing some of the thoughts about you which I know I share with a great many others.

Few people have added personally so much to other people's lives. You have had great impact not only through your organization of the school and your advice and counsel in the field of agriculture, but even more so through your generosity of spirit and true love of your fellowmen. I will never forget what you did for our own son, Roddy, and what it meant to him during that formative period of his life. I know that Central America in particular, and the Western Hemisphere in general, are better and happier places to live because of you.

The association with you, even though all too infrequent, is one that means a great deal to me.

With warm personal regards and very best wishes to you and Mrs. Popenoe,

Sincerely,



Nelson A. Rockefeller

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

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
80 FEDERAL STREET  
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OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

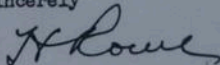
June 1, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I learned with regret of your retirement as the first Director and truly the organizer of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. This regret is partially offset by the knowledge that you will become the "Director Emeritus," and I hope through this you will continue as a source of inspiration for the ever-onward progress of the School.

I have greatly enjoyed our years of association in matters of mutual interest, and I hope that we shall be meeting again in the days ahead.

Sincerely



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



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I have just learned of your retirement on June 1 of this year as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana. I join with my colleagues and your friends throughout this hemisphere in congratulating you on this occasion.

Yours would have been indeed a productive career if account were taken only of your contributions over the years to horticultural research and to teaching in that field. You utilized your professional abilities to even greater purpose, however, and in your modesty and readiness to help others came to symbolize for Hondurans and other Latin American friends who sought you out, an exemplification of the true spirit of Pan Americanism.

Your many admirers in the Department of State and the Foreign Service hope that during your retirement they may continue to count on your counsel as a respected collaborator in the Pan American field. At this time we wish to express our gratitude for the notable contributions you have made to better living for and better understanding with our neighbors to the South.

With best wishes for your future happiness,

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Rubottom, Jr.  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Inter-American Affairs

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

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

NOVICE G. FAWCETT, *President*

COLUMBUS 10

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
*and*  
OHIO AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION  
L. L. RUMMELL, *Dean and Director*

April 26, 1957.

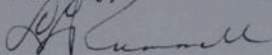
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

It was my good fortune to visit you and your school at Zamorano, Honduras, a few years ago in company with several other deans of Colleges of Agriculture in the United States. It seems only recently we looked over the farm and its many crops, visited the classrooms and laboratories, and saw the great contribution you were making in education and in international relations.

As you retire you must indeed get great satisfaction in the memorial you leave in trained young men, in greater productivity of these lands, and in greater understanding among nations. We wish for you many more pleasant years.

Sincerely,



L. L. Rummell.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
BERKELEY 4, CALIFORNIA

April 30, 1957

Dear Wilt,

So June marks another milestone or a re-saddling point on the trail - and with it a pause to re-pack the saddle bags, re-shuffle the load, then, with a good deep breath, cast a long look back on the trail thus far and start out again with an even finer vista ahead.

These years have gone romping by, but in them you have carved your initials deeply in Latin America - in its agriculture, its economic development, its international relations; but most of all, in the minds and hearts of people young and old.

You have brought to your tasks, in whatever field they have been, an enthusiasm, a warm understanding and an abiding, infectious good humor that has marked you well. When a Latin American visits our Campus, or if I, myself, have been traveling south of the border and ask of some agricultural official if he knows you, there comes the flashing smile and quick nod - "Si, Senor. Doctor Popence - muy simpatico." - an accolade worn by few.

Others will relate in more detail your many and varied contributions, but none are more fortunate than I, who have shared so much of the trail over so long a time with you. Little did we realize in high school days, when sprawled out reading tropical tales and guide books at 'Greenacre' that the dreams would be tame compared to what the years actually had in store.

You have carved out a career in several fields any one of which would be distinguished by itself. As an agricultural explorer you have found and introduced into cultivation here at home and abroad, new and useful plants

that have made our farms more profitable, and our patios gayer with color. As a tropical agriculturist you have added to the efficiency of production by your experimental work and by your advice continuously sought by many countries.

But, to me, your most lasting contribution will be that as a teacher, guide and understanding friend of some hundreds of young Latin Americans who have been fortunate to have attended Escuela Agricola Panamericana under your leadership. In addition to a thorough going, practical agricultural training, you have added other essential ingredients; the dignity of hard work, the joy of achievement, the spirit of team work - a requisite in getting most worth while things done.

These lads from many countries up and down Latin America have learned, through you, tolerance and understanding toward each other's backgrounds. They have found that the things they have in common are far greater than the things in which they differ. They have learned of the friendliness of America through the example of their Director, who could solemnly administer discipline when necessary but withal an ill-concealed twinkle of understanding in his eye.

It is a pleasure to meet these young chaps now holding responsible positions up and down the long chain of Latin American countries. They are Sr. Director's greatest contribution among the many that have marked his years.

So now you add another honorary degree, "Emeritus", and with it more freedom to do the things you, yourself, may choose - to again follow the trail for new and better plants - to visit former students and with a friendly hand on the shoulder, swap campus yarns, and give the touch of needed encouragement. They are pioneers in a new agricultural era opening up in Latin America, with its promise of international cooperation and better understanding.

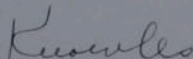
These should be rich and satisfying years ahead, a harvest season of what has been, and still a planting season for the future - a future

that still will need your understanding and goodwill.

May our trails continue to cross and re-cross, for I, too, have been beneficiary of your enthusiasm and vision and your irreplaceable good humor - and still need them.

The saddle bags are in order, the poncho tied on, another draft on the canteen and you head up the trail once more. This time there will be no fixed turning, no schedules, no reports, no parents to placate. The air seems already fresher and the view of the ranges clearer, the way bright. We are on our way again.

Cordially and affectionately,



Knowles A. Ryerson

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

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# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET BOSTON 10, MASS.

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PORT MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES

May 3, 1957

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

Dear Pop:

Since you and I joined the company in the same year, as did Hartley Rowe, we can all be considered as "Classmates" and eligible to wear the old school Chiquita Banana Tie.

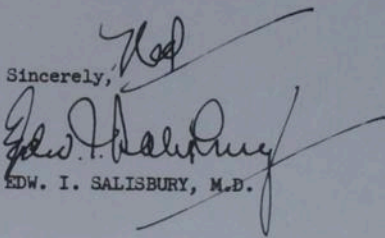
On the occasion of your transfer from the School of Agriculture to the School of Hobbies I wish to tell you how happy I am to have been associated with you for more than thirty years in the service of the company.

You have brought to us many rich treasures from the tropical world and helped us on our way, as it were, from the stick and hole planting of the Mayan to the modern concept of scientific agriculture.

I know that you will find much to do in the years to come, and the good wishes of Kathleen and myself go with you and Helen on your fruitful journey into a new carefree life.

Vaya con Dios.

Sincerely,

  
EDW. I. SALISBURY, M.D.

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Señor Doctor  
WILSON POPENOE  
Director de la Escuela Agrícola  
Panamericana  
Zamorano (Honduras)  
C.A.

Muy apreciado señor y amigo:

Con motivo de su nombramiento como Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, establecida por la United Fruit y dirigida por usted y que tantos servicios le ha prestado a la agricultura de los países Latino-Americanos, nos es grato transcribirle la proposición aprobada unánimemente por esta Sociedad:

## PROPOSICION No. 11

"LA SOCIEDAD DE AGRICULTORES DE COLOMBIA, se asocia con júbilo y gratitud al homenaje que con motivo del nombramiento de Director Emeritus de la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana de Zamorano, Honduras, se le ofrece al señor Doctor - WILSON POPENOE, eminente fruticultor y quien durante muchos años ha estado en contacto con la agricultura colombiana, prestandole invaluable servicios tanto en la investigación a ríco la como en la formación de jóvenes colombianos en las nobles tareas del agro, a través de su escuela de Zamorano".

Al felicitar a usted nuevamente por tan merecido homenaje al cual se asocian los agricultores colombianos, nos es grato suscribirnos de usted, atentos servidores y amigos,

SOCIEDAD DE AGRICULTORES DE COLOMBIA

GERMAN VALENZUELA SECRETARIO

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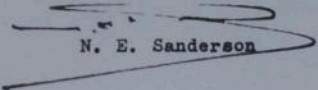
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA  
April 29, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As one who has known you and worked with you in tropical agriculture for many years, I am sorry to see you retire from a lifetime of specialized endeavor in the field of horticulture. However, any one of your many contributions, to the United States Department of Agriculture for the famous experimental garden at Lancetilla and more than anything for the establishment, building and direction of the Pan-American Agricultural School in Honduras, would have fulfilled the lifetime desires of most of us. You are leaving behind many lasting and constructive contributions, as well as many living tributes to your ability in the graduates of El Zamorano who are working so successfully in all phases of agriculture in Costa Rica.

Very sincerely,



N. E. Sanderson

PROVINCIA DE BUENOS AIRES  
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DIRECCION DE AGRICULTURA  
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Dr. Wilson Popenco,  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, HONDURAS.

CITAMOS

SU CARTA

Distinguido doctor Popenco:

Quando ya hace años supe la forma en que funcionaba esa Escuela, bajo su experta dirección, comprendí los beneficios que resultarían para las distintas regiones a donde fueran sus ex-alumnos becarios a aplicar las enseñanzas recibidas y como por su intermedio --como si fueran hilos conductores-- se transmitirían los adelantos científicos para la agricultura.

Ahora en que usted se retira, aprecio que así como otra de las plantas introducidas en la horticultura tropical, usted ha cultivado previa tarea de aclimatarla y luego de seleccionar las estirpes más adaptables, esta planta de la educación agraria cuyos frutos combatirán el hambre en todas las Americas. Y lo ha hecho, claro está, con éxito.

Reciba mis parabienes y que goce por mucho tiempo de su merecido descenso,

muy cordialmente



*Bartolome ScheLOTto*  
BARTOLOME SCHELOTTO  
ING. AGR. DIRECTOR

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

May 13, 1957

COTYR H. MOUSER, CHIEF CLERK

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

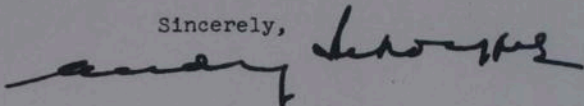
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

May I take this opportunity to express my admiration for the splendid work you have done during your long service in the field of Agriculture -- which covers a field too wide to cover in a brief letter.

Your consistent progress in Agricultural Research both with the United States Department of Agriculture and then with the United Fruit Company, and culminating in the vastly important area of instructing our good neighbors down South in scientific Agriculture, has won you a niche in a basic industry the value of which can not be gauged in the present.

With all good wishes for the days ahead, and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

MAY 13 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popence:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express appreciation of the agricultural research staff of this Department for the many years of distinguished service rendered by you to bring about agricultural progress in the Americas. Your zeal as a plant explorer in this Department, followed by your efforts as Director of Research for the United Fruit Company, have given you years of rich and profitable experiences which you have generously shared with your associates.


The several generations of young men you have so ably instructed in the Pan-American Agricultural School provide a widely scattered corps of technicians demonstrating the benefits of scientific farming methods throughout all of the Latin American republics. Under your tutelage they had many opportunities to absorb concepts of mutual helpfulness that should provide inspiration in their home communities, wherever these may be.

The background of your agricultural experience is rich with accomplishment. Your career as leader of scientific agriculture is one that will long light the path of agricultural advancement in many lands.

We hope that the period of your retirement will be a comfortable and happy one and that you will continue to be available for consultation and temporary assignments in Tropical-American activities.

Sincerely yours,

*B.T. Shaw*  
Administrator



CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC  
COLLEGE

San Luis Obispo, California

April 23, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

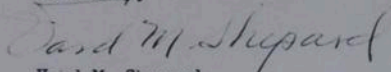
On this occasion of your retirement, may I express my esteem for you personally and for the distinguished career which you realized as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano, Honduras.

We are well aware of your outstanding leadership in furthering sound agricultural practices and in the encouraging of the concept of interdependence between the Americas. But, it is from former students, such as Don Fiester, and associates, such as Paul Dougherty, that we have known of your fine work with hundreds of young men you trained to teach, to do Extension work, to do special tasks for their local governments, and to go back to their own communities with improved practices which raised living standards through their practical knowledge of tropical agriculture, nutrition, animal husbandry, and rural legislation.

Since no man who has lived a constructive, stimulating, dedicated life, as you have, can ever truly retire, it is our hope that you will have this period of "autumn" to continue the furtherance of your ideals without the demands of a Director's schedule.

Members of my staff join me in wishing you well and thanking you for your tremendous contribution toward making this a better world in which to live.

Sincerely,



Vard M. Shepard  
Dean of Agriculture

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POPENOE

I WELL REMEMBER OUR TRIPS THROUGH THE BUSH IN HONDURAS AND  
YOUR EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ANYTHING THAT GROWS STOP IN MY  
OPINION EACH CENT SPEN~~E~~ ON THE SCHOOL AT ZAMORANO HAS BEEN WORTH  
FAR MORE TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA THAN EACH DOLLAR  
EXPENDED BY ANY OTHER PROJECT IN THE AREA

T P SIMMONS

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON

LOUIS S. SISTO  
COMPTROLLER

April 30, 1957

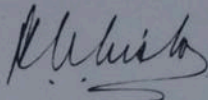
Dear "Doc"

Much water has flowed over the dam since you first took up your duties in Lancetilla in 1925 and the days when we were neighbors on the beach at Tela always bring back pleasant memories.

In the intervening 30 odd years, your contributions to tropical agriculture and good will in Latin America need no comment from me.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you many, many years of good health so that you can enjoy your leisure years to the fullest.

Sincerely,



UNITED FRUIT COMPANY  
80 FEDERAL STREET  
BOSTON

April 17, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

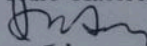
It has come to our attention that you wish to retire by June 1, 1957, from your position as Director of the famous and well-known school of agriculture at Zamorano, Honduras.

You and I have had some very pleasant associations in the past and I have particularly appreciated your efforts to have boys from countries which I have been interested in attend your school and, very particularly, your interest in having Cuban boys go to Honduras to get the benefit of the wonderful instruction you were able to give them.

I also am very appreciative of the kind attention you and your kind wife showed me on the only occasion that I visited Zamorano. I understand that you, on your retirement, will be honored with the title "Director Emeritus" of the school and I want to express to you how much pleasure the conferring of this distinction on you pleases me.

I know how much enjoyment the school has given you and I hope that your years of retirement will be as pleasant.

Yours sincerely,



I. E. Soyland

Dr. Wilson Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 22, 1957

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

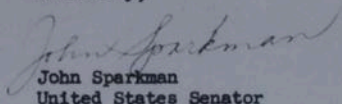
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

It is my information that you plan to retire  
on June 1, 1957.

You have had long and distinguished service that  
has meant much in furthering sound agricultural practices  
and in building up and expanding good will among the nations  
and peoples of the Americas.

As you go into the retirement which you have so  
richly earned, let me express my appreciation of the tre-  
mendous job that you have done. At the same time I wish for  
you many years of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,



John Sparkman  
United States Senator



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
Guatemala, Guatemala,  
May 7, 1957.

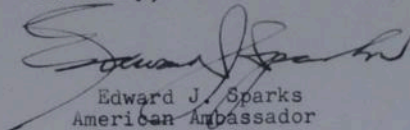
Dear Doctor Popenoe:

I was very sorry to hear of your retirement as Director of the Escuela Agricola Panamericana but it is consoling to know that you will remain as Director Emeritus. It is the school's good fortune that you are not severing entirely your ties with it.

Your imprint on Central America will not be eradicated easily. By helping to train young men from many Latin American countries you have contributed significantly not only to the advancement of knowledge in the field of agriculture but to international understanding and good will. Several of your graduates have already made names for themselves. One of them, Oscar B. Lafuente, is employed by the Embassy as an Assistant Agriculturist in the office of the Agricultural Attaché.

I join with your many friends everywhere in expressing admiration for the work you have performed and in wishing you many more years of a happy and useful life.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Sparks  
American Ambassador

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

TEXAS TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 13, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

As long as I live I shall remember the interesting visit I, along with a group of fellow educators from the United States, had as guests of the United Fruit Company at the Pan-American School of Agriculture (Escuela Agricola Panamericana) located in Zamorano, Honduras.

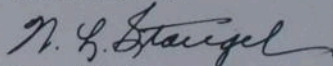
As the active director at that time you impressed us to the extent that we could sense the part you had in the school's planning, growth, and development. The highlight of our visit, however, was the opportunity to meet and visit with you in your extensive herbarium. I had never seen as wide a collection of grasses as you had made in your worldwide travels. This material you had carefully identified and made available to the students attending the Pan-American School of Agriculture.

We were impressed by the eagerness for knowledge evidenced by the students and with the efficient manner in which the school was managed. There is no question in my mind that your life will be lived over and over again by those who have had the good fortune of coming under your supervision. In time we all reach an age at which good judgment directs us to cease the active life in which we have been engaged. Although there are always regrets when this time comes, there are many compensating memories.

It is becoming that you receive the distinction of Director Emeritus of Escuela Agricola Panamericana, which institution you have served so faithfully and well for these many years. Permit me in a humble way to extend best wishes to you in the life that you live following retirement. It is most pleasing to me to know that I had the privilege of meeting, visiting with, and knowing Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,



W. L. Stangel  
Dean of Agriculture

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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  
EL RECREO Y CUKRA HILL

APARTADO 11  
BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA

May 9 1957

Doctor Wilson Popenoe,  
Tropical Agricultural Ambassador at Large,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Popenoe:

It was with a bit of pleasure that I heard of your retirement, pleasure only because I felt it at long last gave you the opportunity of accomplishing those things you had always desired to do, but never could because of the responsibilities placed upon you.

I know very well that there is no retirement for you. This is only a transfer to other duties as it were. I feel all your friends will be hearing more of you and your work in the near future.

Your association with me and friends of mine was one of impact. Your sincere interest in tropical materials was one that affected me personally. I know the same has been true with your other friends and students. It must be a most pleasant experience to look back over the years and see the effect your work has had upon your friends, students, yes and even the economies of the countries you have lived in, worked in and loved.

We join in wishing you and Mrs. Popenoe many full years of happiness.

Sincerely,



Edward T. Starwood.

San Jose, Costa Rica  
May 6, 1957

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

Dear Pop:

It seems strange for me to be writing you a letter that is not about something you and I feel should be done. I think that if the records were examined, between us we have "agitated" together about more different things, including pig raising, yuca cultivation, Indian schools, museums, and commencement speakers, than any other two people.

The first event that stands out concerns the site for Zamorano. Walter Turnbull, Juan Manuel Galvez, Bill Taillon, you and I, how we searched: La Florida, Lake Yojoa, high Intibucá to mention some, and how we discussed, and finally worked it out.

Then came the building plans and structures and your famous Moresque arch which has made such an architectural success of the residence hall for instructors. While at the same time you were figuring out programs and what might be called extension work for visiting rural teachers, always with a view of keeping "roots-in-the-earth" by emphasizing the practical angle.

The graduations and that perennial feeling of dancing butterflies are things we shared in common. You, who always know what to say and how to give an emotional moment a light touch, have stopped the tears on more than one historic occasion of young men who had successfully terminated the practical and academic training of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

All these things and many more are unforgettable, Pop, but most of all I keep in mind your sheer and innate enthusiasm and your interest in everything no matter how insignificant. They are characteristics which have contributed so much to make Zamorano a success, and have left an indelible impression on both Roger and on me. I might add with all sincerity that remembering your enthusiasm and your interest has helped me on many an occasion.

With best regards to you and to Helen, and don't forget we still have many plans.

Cordially and sincerely,

*Doris Stone*

Doris Stone

WILLIAM M. SUTHERLAND  
65 MT. VERNON STREET  
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

April 29, 1957

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

Dear Doc:

I am writing this some time prior to your retirement and I am doing so with reluctance. For thirty or more years I have had the pleasure of knowing you well. I have been seeing you all too infrequently of late, but I remember every minute of the association with pleasure. Your friends, and I have talked with Portuguese friends of yours in Lisbon, Spanish ones in Córdoba, and American and Latin American ones everywhere, all remember you with the same full measure of affection.

Edna Mae and I hope that you and Mrs. Popenoe will feel free to hang your hats at the Casa Sutherland whenever you are in our vicinity.

Your friend,

*Bill Sutherland*

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

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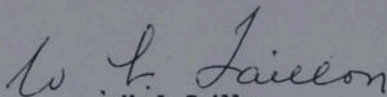
W. L. TAILLON  
MANAGER

Guatemala, Guatemala  
1 May 1957

I have known Dr. Popence since 1926. He has the significant faculty of leaving a lasting influence in every field with which he was identified. These have included the great Tropical Plant Experimental Station at Lancitilla in Honduras, Tropical Research, Tropical Agricultural practices, and since 1942 the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. He gave the Agricultural School at Zamorano international prestige.

Dr. Popence, with his knowledge of the Spanish language, his warmth, his interest, and understanding of Latin American culture and traditions, is indeed a true Ambassador. He carried his tremendous knowledge of agricultural problems to many Latin American countries. His influence in those countries is one of permanence. The graduated classes of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana, since 1943, are carrying on the Popence influence throughout Latin America.

It is indeed fitting that Dr. Popence be honored with the title of Director Emeritus of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

  
W. L. Taillon

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

June 1, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The world of agriculture is greatly indebted to you for your innumerable contributions to its advancement and it is a pleasure for me to salute you on behalf of the people of Georgia on the occasion of your retirement.

Generations yet unborn will benefit from the outstanding work you have done, and it is my hope that your retirement will mean only the beginning of even greater service to mankind.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

*Herman E. Talmadge*

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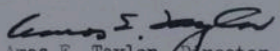
May 14, 1957

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

I want to join your many other friends in extending all good wishes on the occasion of your retirement as Director of Escuela Agrícola Panamericana. It is a matter of regret that I can not number myself among those who have been directly associated with you and your work at the School near Tegucigalpa but, like many others, I have learned much about the spirit of Panamericanism generated by your devotion and accomplishment.

It must be a matter of real satisfaction to you to know that your work in training young agriculturists has given a concrete meaning to the processes of friendly cooperation among the peoples of the Americas. May you have many years ahead to enjoy the leisure you have earned and to see the fruits of your work realized on an even-widening scale.

Sincerely yours,

  
Amos E. Taylor, Director  
Department of Economic and  
Social Affairs

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

MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA, COMERCIO  
E INDUSTRIAS

SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA

DEPARTAMENTO \_\_\_\_\_

PANAMA, 24 DE abril DE 1957

Doctor  
Wilson Popenoe,  
Escuela Panamericana,  
Zamorano, Honduras.

Estimado doctor:

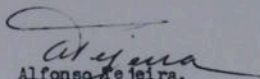
He tenido conocimiento de que está usted próximo a retirarse de la Dirección de la Escuela que ha venido regentando tan acertadamente durante varios lustros.

Los amigos suyos que le queremos tanto vemos con gran pesar su alejamiento de una institución que ha servido tan generosa y lealmente al fomento agrícola en las Repúblicas Centroamericanas. El beneficio que Panamá ha obtenido de esa Escuela se ha hecho palpable en la labor desplegada por los egresados de ella que trabajan tanto con el Gobierno Nacional como con entidades privadas o en sus propias fincas.

La semilla por usted sembrada crecerá como el grano de mostaza de que nos habla el Evangelio y su figura como científico y educador aumentará con el correr del tiempo.

Sirva esta carta para manifestarle mi más profunda estimación y desearle tanto a usted como a su familia venturosos años.

Créame como siempre su admirador y amigo,

  
Alfonso Tejeira,  
Secretario de Agricultura.



A. W. TODD  
COMMISSIONER

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES  
MONTGOMERY

May 10, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

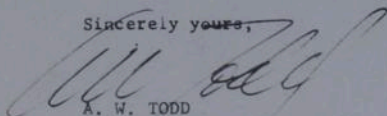
Let me congratulate you on your retirement from service with the United Fruit Company.

You have rendered outstanding services to the field of Agriculture throughout the world and I know that the influence that you have had on the many young men with whom you have worked has meant much to our Nation.

I wish for you every happiness as you enter Retirement and feel sure that your service to all man kind will live on for years to come.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



A. W. TODD  
Commissioner

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MISION PERMANENTE DEL ECUADOR  
ANTE LAS  
NACIONES UNIDAS

Nueva York, abril 30 de 1957

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

Querido Dr. Popenoe:

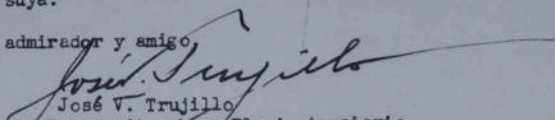
He sabido que sus amigos y admiradores están preparando un homenaje de admiración y justicia para usted y para la admirable obra que ha realizado en la querida Patria hondureña, al dedicar lo mejor de su inteligencia y lo más delicado de su corazón a formar varias generaciones de hombres que han salido de la Escuela que usted dirige con genial acierto muy bien preparados para transmitir su enseñanza, para servir a sus Gobiernos o para trabajar en las comunidades de donde procedieron, retribuyendo en esta forma a la Sociedad el capital moral e intelectual que recibieron de usted, distinguido profesor. No podía pues faltar la voz de uno de sus más modestos admiradores, que cree interpretar lealmente el sentimiento del país que representa ante las Naciones Unidas - la República del Ecuador - y por eso he querido dejar constancia en esta carta del reconocimiento que no solamente al pueblo de Honduras sino también todos los pueblos latinoamericanos le deben a Usted por su devoción a la Ciencia y por su lealtad a la Educación que le ha permitido ofrecer a nuestro Continente el mejor aporte para el progreso tanto en el orden material como en el orden intelectual y moral.

Nunca se olvidarán sus sencillas y profundas enseñanzas sobre nuestra agricultura tropical, sobre la nutrición para mejorar la calidad física de nuestros pueblos, sobre la legislación rural y tantos otros programas a los que la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana ha dedicado su atención desde 1942 en que fué fundada.

Se retira usted a la vida privada llevándose la íntima satisfacción de haber cumplido una tarea de legítimo valor humano, y tenga la seguridad de que su recuerdo y sus enseñanzas vivirán constantemente en su Escuela, en sus Profesores y sobre todo en sus alumnos. Su espíritu animará siempre a la Escuela Agrícola Panamericana.

Me permito formular los más sinceros votos por su ventura personal y por un retiro lleno de paz, que sólo se puede gozar con una conciencia tan limpia y clara como la suya.

De usted su admirador y amigo,

  
José V. Trujillo  
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario  
del Ecuador ante las Naciones Unidas



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1957

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is a privilege for me to have an opportunity to place in the record a tribute to a man who has devoted so much of his life to developing, among the young people of the hemisphere, the close ties of understanding and culture which are a first essential to understanding among nations. Your contribution to the improvement of agricultural practices and living standards throughout Central America is well known and I am sure that your influence will continue to be felt, as those whom you have taught carry the work forward.

Of even greater importance, perhaps, is the inspiration which all who know you have derived from the example of a man who has spared no effort to push forward the program for scientific education in Latin America and who has maintained such high intellectual standards.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Turkel  
Director  
Office of Inter-American  
Regional Economic Affairs

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

# GRENADA COMPANY

W. W. TURNBULL  
GERENTE

Puerto Libertador, R. D.  
May 6, 1957

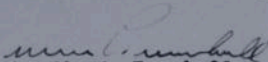
Dr. W. Popenoe, Director  
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

My dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is with sincere regret and yet with warmhearted happiness that I have learned of your forthcoming retirement - for through your constant devotion to duty and ever untiring efforts in behalf of the United Fruit Company and all of the Latin American community as a whole, you have certainly earned a well deserved rest.

Mildred and myself, as well as the whole Grenada Company organization, join in wishing you and Helen many, many years of peaceful contentment and continued happiness in all of your endeavors, which we know will continue to enrich the whole world in which we live.

Yours most sincerely,

  
W. W. Turnbull

WALTER E. TURNBULL  
TORRES ADALID N° 308  
MEXICO 12 D. F. MEXICO

May 8, 1957.

Doctor Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana  
Zamorano, H o n d u r a s. C.A.

My dear Doctor Popenoe:

It gave me great pleasure indeed to learn that on your coming retirement from the "Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana" at Zamorano, Honduras, the United Fruit Company is conferring on you the title of Director Emeritus of that school.

For fifteen years I was able to see the "Escuela" built under your supervision and then operated and directed by you - also I was in a position to appreciate the many difficulties which you had to overcome. I do not know of anybody that could have more efficiently carried out this delicate job and at the same time so thoroughly fulfilled the ideas and dreams of the person or persons who are responsible for the existence of that wonderful institution.

I regret not being capable of properly praising your work; many others have done so and will continue to do so, however, fortunately what you have accomplished stands and speaks for itself. Latin America will not forget her good friend Doctor Popenoe.

Please let me say that I am sure that you will give credit where credit is due and when I say that I refer to the wonderful and most helpful cooperation which your charming wife Helen always so gladly gave you.

Among your multitude of friends, Conchita and I ask that you and Helen accept our most sincere wishes for the happiest of retirements.

Sincerely,

W. E. Turnbull

# UNITED FRUIT COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

Bananera, Guatemala. April 27, 1957

Dear Dec:

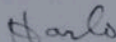
I have called you "Dec" for the past quarter century and know you will not mind it being used here in the few lines I wish to write for inclusion in the "Book of Tribute" being presented to you upon your well earned retirement.

Our association over the past twenty-eight years has been for me a close and happy one, and your good advice and guidance to me over these years has been so very helpful and which I shall forever appreciate. It is just a "natural" for you to give out and have accepted your advice in so many matters, especially in tropical agriculture and most recently - that is, for the past 15 years - in Tropical Agriculture Education through the Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Zamorano.

I think I have a very special reason, which some folks would not understand, for being proud of the job you have done in establishing this excellent Agricultural Educational Institution in Middle America.

You know that I wish you the best of everything in your retirement.

Always,



H. A. von Wald

Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Middle America

# Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT



SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

April 24, 1957

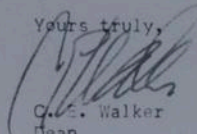
Dr. Wilson Popenoe  
Director Emeritus  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Zamorano, Honduras

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

The faculty and student body of the School of Agriculture and Home Economics at the Florida A and M University considers it a privilege and an honor to salute you on this occasion for the many contributions you have made to the general welfare of all mankind. Your services have been felt throughout the world.

We are sincerely hoping for you many years of health and happiness.

Yours truly,

  
G. E. Walker  
Dean

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UTAH STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
Division of Agricultural Sciences

School of Agriculture  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
Cooperative Extension Service

Logan, Utah

April 24, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

One of the most pleasant and worthwhile experiences of my lifetime was my visit to Zamorano and the Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana. The significant thing about it, however, was the opportunity I had to become acquainted with Dr. Wilson Popenoe.

You will recall the visit made by the Deans of Agriculture nine years ago this summer. It seems only yesterday because of the spirit of life, achievement and brotherhood of man which we observed to permeate the campus and the hearts of your students and faculty. It was clearly evident to us that this progressive spirit emanated from the founder and leader of Escuela Agricola Pan-Americana.

What greater contribution could one make to his fellowmen than that which you have made at Zamorano and elsewhere in Middle America. In fact your influence for good has spread throughout Latin America. Through it the seeds have been sown not only for the improvement of agriculture, but for raising the living standards and also the educational level for all the peoples of Latin America. You have furnished the stimulation and pointed the way for a great educational movement that will brighten the lives of countless people.

In the years ahead you will see the fruits of your labors unfold. The harvest will be great and unmeasurable. In this you can justly take great pride of achievement.

I take this opportunity to commend you for the very significant educational movement you have started and for your outstanding success in this work.

Please accept my personal appreciation for the opportunity of knowing you and of becoming acquainted with your work. I also want to join with others in wishing you good health and happiness for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Walker  
Dean and Director

*Kansas State College*

Manhattan, Kansas

President's Office

April 23, 1957

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

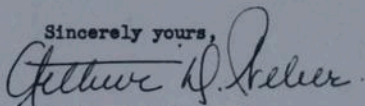
Dear Dr. Popence:

One of the highlights of my trip to Honduras was the opportunity to visit the Escuela Agricola Panamericana at Zamorano. While I was disappointed that you were not there at that time, it was gratifying to note the great respect with which you were held by staff members and students. Your influence was manifested in many ways during our visit. This impact on the agriculture of Central America, through your own work and that of your students, represents an outstanding achievement for which you deserve high commendation and praise. It is my hope to visit the School again sometime and when I do I know I shall see further evidences of your distinguished service there.

It was also my privilege to visit the experimental garden at Lancetilla. To me this was a fantastic development — the color and variety of tropical plants and crops were amazing. Here again I was reminded of your foresight and understanding in bringing together this truly remarkable collection. But beyond all these physical manifestations of your good work are the evidences of good will and cooperative spirit which you have engendered in the peoples of Latin America. No one can assess the importance of the contribution which you have made to the culture of these countries. All of us in the field of agriculture are proud of you for what you have stood for and accomplished as a scientist and as an ambassador of good will.

Our best wishes go to you for continued good health and happiness wherever you are and whatever you do.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur D. Weber  
Acting President



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
Managua, Nicaragua,  
May 17, 1957.

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

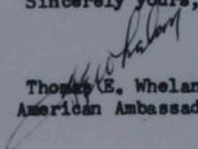
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

We just learned today of your coming retirement on June 1, 1957. While I regret that I did not have the opportunity of knowing you better, I have heard many high expressions of the wonderful work that you have accomplished.

As you know, former President Somoza characterized you as one of the great benefactors of Central America.

With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas E. Whelan  
American Ambassador

Pier Three, North River  
New York 6, N.Y.

Edmund S. Whitman

April 22, 1957

Dear Doctor Pop:

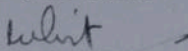
It just won't seem the same without you around! I remember so clearly our first meeting in the moving picture hall of the Tela Clubhouse over thirty years ago. We were very young and we were very merry -- and we had great plans to set the world afire with the Maya society. I only wish that I had been able to stick around long enough to participate with the Popenoes in the wonderful work they did bringing the Maya in general and the Quirigua aspect in particular to the attention of the world.

I have felt very close to you all through the tumultuous years -- especially those years following your pioneer work in establishing, organizing, and running the Escuela Agricola Panamericana.

No other entity of United Fruit Company has proven to be such a valuable instrument in the Company's tool box of public relations. Everything about the School; its concept, location, architecture, curriculum, faculty, and students, and most particularly its genial, tireless, imaginative, and altogether delightful Director has made it a joy for a man whose job it is to reflect the character of United Fruit Company to the public.

We will miss you, Doctor Pop. Keep well, retain your inimitable sense of humor, and keep up the wonderful work in the fruitful years that lie ahead.

Ever your friend,

  
E. S. Whitman

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



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN EMBASSY

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,  
May 9, 1957.

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

Dear Wilson:

Louise and I feel a great personal loss in your and Helen's retirement from the school. However, it is certainly satisfying to know that you will be based, in your retirement, in Antigua. Since we have our own small house there I am sure that we will be seeing much of you two, not only there but that also being a person of such activity and with so many friends and acquaintances in this country I am sure that we will see you here frequently.

As you know I am taking a very deep personal interest in the programs for agricultural development of Honduras. Naturally, as Chief of Mission here and with our Point IV program as part of this mission I have had an official reason to do so. However, my interest has gone beyond that and my stimulating talks with you and the example you have given me are responsible.

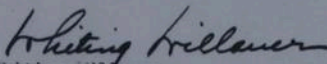
You will recall participating in a study which I caused the Embassy and other experts to make as to the impact of better agricultural techniques in the overall economy of Honduras. I think both you and I were pleasantly surprised when we discovered that the potential would increase the gross national product by a sum equalling twice the current national governmental budget. Figures like these are sometimes easy to arrive at without meaning very much but in the case of this estimate there is truly a solid foundation and a goal which is within the reach of the people of Honduras. The reason that this is true is largely because of the work you have done in the Pan American School. Any such tremendous improvement would be impossible without the technically qualified manpower to bring it to fruition and it is this manpower which you have created from scratch out of the five hundred graduates of the school. There are enough of these who are Hondurans to assume the leadership of the great development and I venture to say that the same possibilities through the same leaders exists in all of the many other countries of this area who are enjoying the benefits of graduates from their countries.

It is not only, however, on the manpower front that you have contributed; the improved types of plants, the breeding of animals, the development of techniques adaptable to the types of soils and peoples in this area are matters of everyday benefit to the well-being of millions of people who are living and working today in these countries.

Herewith my best wishes for future happiness and a continued profitable career which I am sure has many years to run, not only as Director Emeritus but as an active consultant in the ever present problems of increasing the standard of living of your great friends, the peoples of Latin America.

Warmest regards from Louise and me to you and Helen.

Sincerely yours,



Whiting Willauer  
United States Ambassador



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,  
San José, Costa Rica,  
May 7, 1957.

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I was very sorry to learn that you are retiring from your work as Director of the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana at Zamorano. Your fame has spread so widely, because of the magnificent work that you have done for years at the School, that you must inevitably be greatly missed when you depart. Nevertheless, the living monument to your accomplishments which will remain in the abilities of hundreds of students who have learned modern agricultural practices at Zamorano should be the best possible satisfaction to you in your well-earned retirement.

With sincere congratulations for your achievements, and with very best wishes for future happiness,

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Woodward  
American Ambassador

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



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Embassy of the United States  
of America,  
Santiago, Chile,  
May 9, 1957.

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

Dear Dr. Popenoe:

It is hard to imagine that you are laying aside your spurs - and I am sure that you are not going to "fade away" but in some way continue, in a more pleasurable manner perhaps, in contributing to the advancement of not only tropical horticulture but to the youth of Latin America.

This, I think, is the real monument you have erected through your work at Zamorano. This will stand as a lasting benefit which I know from personal experience has already been most productive wherever students from the "Escuela" have returned home to help improve the agriculture of their respective countries. They have learned to do by doing - not an easy task for any of us - nor were you an easy taskmaster, but a most effective and necessary one in instilling these valuable principles. Because of this, they have promptly gained the respect of their elders who have adopted the recommended practices more readily, and so been a credit to your efforts.

In a very very small way it was my privilege to have worked with you in this.

And now, "Todos saludos" to a man, a real friend, and an outstanding educator and scientist. It is my hope that our paths may still cross in the future.

With all best wishes for your future, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

*Samuel Heald Work*

Samuel H. Work  
Agricultural Attaché

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

May 7, 1957

STORRS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

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

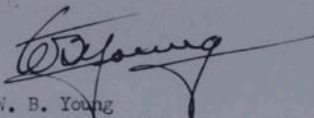
Dear Dr. Popenoe:

I am most pleased to have an opportunity to convey to you my personal congratulations as well as the congratulations of our staff of the College of Agriculture and the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station for your many years of distinguished service as an agricultural scientist.

Your work as an explorer, a research scientist and an educator is well known and stands as a monument to your efforts in promoting sound and beneficial agricultural practices for the benefit of mankind throughout the world and especially in the Americas.

Wishing you many happy years ahead, I am

Very truly yours,



W. B. Young  
Dean and Director  
College of Agriculture

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**Richard Nixon, Vice President of the United States**

**Jose A. Mora, Secretario General, Organization of American States**

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Company, Honduras

Si Corley, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Agriculture  
and Commerce

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Costa Rica

Leon S. de la Lastra, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Argentina

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

Gerald A. Drew, American Ambassador to Haiti

Jorge Fidel Duron, Secretario de Relaciones Exteriores,  
Republic of Honduras

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M. D. Farrar, Dean of Agriculture, The Clemson Agricultural College

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Boston, Massachusetts

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J. W. Howe, Director, Division of Agriculture, Texas College of  
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Robert V. Howley, President, Tropical Radio Telegraph Company

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John Kelley, Research Department, United Fruit Company, New York

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A. Rodriguez Landaeta, Decano de la Facultad de Ingenieria  
Agronomica, Universidad Central de Venezuela

Karl M. LeCompte, Member of Congress

Emery Leonard, United Fruit Company, Boston

W. H. Leonard, General Manager, Standard Fruit Company,  
La Ceiba, Honduras

Clay Lyle, Dean, Mississippi State College Division of Agriculture

Cecil B. Lyon, American Ambassador to Chile

H. Macy, Dean, University of Minnesota Institute of Agriculture

V. T. Mais, Chiriqui Land Company, Panama

Thomas C. Mann, American Ambassador to El Salvador

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Planificacion, Ministry of Agriculture, Colombia

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Nathan Mayo, Commissioner, Florida Department of Agriculture

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Universidad de Chile

Dempster McIntosh, American Ambassador to Venezuela

Alberto Mercier, Ministro de Agricultura y Ganaderia, Argentina

Paul H. Millar, Chief Inspector, Arkansas State Plant Board

M. Antonio Montenegro M., Ministro de Agricultura, Guatemala

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Franklin Moore, Assistant to President, United Fruit Company

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Quito, Ecuador

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Robert A. Nichols, Agricultural Attache, American Embassy,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil

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of Kentucky

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Galo Plaza, Quito, Ecuador

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