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January 14, 1959

Dr. C. V. Morton, Curator  
Division of Ferns  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Morton:

This is just a note to say that we are sending you an additional lot of 61 duplicate specimens, mostly of arborescent species native to El Salvador.

We very much appreciate your kind offer to supply us with one thousand sheets of mounting paper in exchange. I would suggest that these be sent by ordinary parcel post, if that is convenient, to myself, c/o the above address.

Things rock along quietly but well here, with some interesting collections coming in from an area of highland cloud forest, where Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras meet. Many of these trees are new to El Salvador, and may be of a little better quality than the present sending, when they are ready for distribution.

With warmest regards and every best wish for the New Year,

Most sincerely,

Paul H. Allen



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 8, 1959

Mr. Paul H. Allen  
Centro Nacional de Agronomía  
Santa Tecla, El Salvador

Dear Mr. Allen:

We were pleased to receive your letter of November 11 and the three packages of herbarium specimens that you sent. It has not been our usual practice to exchange specimens for materials; however, we should like to oblige you. If a package of one thousand sheets of mounting paper would be sufficient for your needs we can send you that much from our stock. I think that this might very well be considered as an equal return for the specimens received.

If this is satisfactory to you, will you please let me know how the material should be addressed, in order that it may come to you without difficulties with the El Salvador Customs.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Conrad*

C. V. Morton  
Curator  
Division of Ferns