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TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

December 3, 1959

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Botanist-in-charge
Lancetilla Experiment Station
Tela, Honduras

Dear Paul:

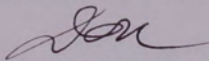
We are sending to Santa Tecla, El Salvador 815 sheets of mounting paper in payment for the 65 botanical specimens which you sent to us at the rate of twenty-five cents (25¢) per specimen. I believe that my count is correct. If I made a slip up, please let us know and we will correct it. One of the specimens, your No. 7109, lacked a label. If you could properly identify this, we would appreciate having you do so.

Dr. Lundell asked me to beg of you to make us a duplicate set of any of your specimens. I believe I asked you to do this before. Any arrangement which you wish to make in the way of exchange, purchase, etc. will be agreeable to us. We have a high opinion of your specimens and value having them in our herbarium. We will certainly be grateful to you if you can do this.

With best wishes of the Season to you and Dorothy from the Corrells.

Sincerely yours,

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION


Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory

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** provide label.*

Tela, Honduras
July 30, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory
Texas Research Foundation
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

You will note, doubtless with almost as much surprise as we feel ourselves, that we are back in Honduras, after a very pleasant and stimulating year in El Salvador. Now that the project there has been completed, I would like to suggest that you close out your account with them and forward any pending balance in the form of mounting paper, as has been done in the past. Our most recent shipment, a small fascicle of 33 specimens, went forward in June, and should be in your hands by now, or will reach you shortly.

Mounting paper and further correspondence in regard to the exchange should be addressed to Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen, Co-Director of the Centro Nacional de Agronomia at Santa Tecla, who has a strong personal interest in the herbarium.

With most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen
Botanist-in-charge
Lancetilla Experiment Station

cc - Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RENNER, TEXAS

February 18, 1959

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Santa Tecla
El Salvador, C. A.

Dear Paul:

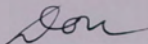
I have not acknowledged your letter of January 14 because I expected to also acknowledge receipt of the specimens you mentioned. As yet we have not received the 51 herbarium specimens, but they are probably somewhere along the way.

As you suggest, we will wait until you have accumulated some credit before sending a ream of paper. If, however, you are in need of it, we will be glad to ship it to you at any time you say so, and you can send us specimens as you obtain them.

I suppose that you and Dorothy are rather pleased to be out of Honduras at this time. I hope that the little upheaval they had was not too serious and will in no way affect your position there.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

January 14, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory
Texas Research Foundation
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

Under separate cover we are sending you an additional batch of 51 duplicate herbarium specimens, which we hope may be of some use. You will note that a few of these are still holdovers from the miscellaneous lot of things found here when work was begun, sometimes without adequate data. These we keep in our own collection only until the particular species can be replaced by something better, but feel that they can serve as stopgaps in the meantime.

We very much appreciate your kind offer to send us mounting paper in exchange. I would suggest that you wait until we have accumulated a credit equal to the value of a ream of paper, and that shipments be made in that quantity until further notice.

Things run along quietly but well here, with some very interesting collections coming in from the northern part of the country, where an area of highland cloud forest covers a peak shared by Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. Many of the trees from this region are new to El Salvador, and may be of interest to you when they are ready for distribution.

Dorothy joins me in best wishes for the new year, and in warmest regards to yourself and family.

Most sincerely,

Paul H. Allen

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RENNER, TEXAS

5 January 1959

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Centro Nacional De Agronomia
Santa Tecla, El Salvador

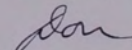
Dear Paul:

Now that the holidays are behind us, I am trying to catch up with a little lax correspondence. You will be interested to know that we have received the shipment of specimens totaling seventy-six (76). They came through in good condition. We do appreciate your sending this material to us and hope that you plan to continue doing so as you make your collections. We would like to have specimens not only from El Salvador but from any other region in Latin America, and, of course, we would much prefer having your personal collections.

We will be very happy to exchange mounting paper for specimens received. In order to arrive at some rate of exchange, would you be satisfied receiving paper at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per botanical specimen? I presume you would like to have standard gray herbarium mounting paper. If you will let me know if the above is satisfactory to you, I shall have some paper sent to you. If there is any question, please let me know.

We hope that you and Dorothy had a fine holiday season. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RENNER, TEXAS

September 6, 1958

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

Dear Paul:

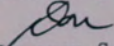
Thank you for your nice letter. Are you on leave of absence from Zamorano or are you permanently located at your present address? Your work on a timber utilization manual for El Salvador sounds interesting. I spent quite a bit of time with Earl Smith in Peru this spring. He is working on the forest resources of that country. You may remember that he worked on the forest resources of Cuba. I know that you will enjoy your work.

In regard to the duplicate specimens, we should be most grateful to you if you can arrange to send us a set of what you may be able to spare. As you have suggested, we would like to have as good a specimen as possible with locality data and collector, as well as any other information that might be available for the specimen. We should certainly like to have you keep us in mind when you collect in the future. We should be very happy to have you make our herbarium a depository for your collections in the United States. We would see that they are always available to anyone for study and shall certainly let the world know where they are.

I do not know what arrangement you wish to make. We, of course, will defray any expense of getting the specimens to us; packing, shipping, etc. Are you interested in exchange of specimens? I should appreciate your advice along this line. As I mentioned in my previous letter, we would accept material from any Central American country as well as Mexico.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory

CENTRO NACIONAL DE AGRONOMIA
SANTA TEGUA, EL SALVADOR

August 25, 1958

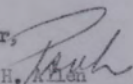
Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory
Texas Research Foundation
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

Your good letter regarding the possibility of securing duplicate specimens from Central America was forwarded to me from Zamorano and has perhaps come at an opportune moment, since I am in the process of trying to organize a small herbarium that I have found here, as a preliminary step in the production of a timber utilization manual for the country. It is already apparent that there are going to be a lot of duplicates, but a great many are unidentified, and without ANY information as to where, when or by whom they were collected. A high percentage of these can be named, and I plan to distribute duplicates to one or two institutions here in the country, who will be willing to take anything known to occur in the country, and no questions asked. Perhaps 40 or 50% have at least locality data, and the name of the collector, and these might be of more interest to you. Let me have your reaction to this, in any case, and I in turn will let you know how many specimens might be available, when I have had a chance to work through the lot, which runs to perhaps six or seven thousand sheets.

We are just barely moved in, and able to again put our hands on books and files, but are looking forward to the assignment with a great deal of pleasure. Dorothy joins me in warmest regards to you and yours.

As ever,


Paul H. Allen
Botanical Consultant

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION
RENNER, TEXAS

August 13, 1958

Mr. Paul Allen
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Paul:

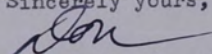
We are trying to build up a greater research center for the Southwest and adjacent Latin America. We, of course, need all the library and herbarium facilities that we can obtain. We are especially interested in building up our plant collections not only from the U. S. Southwest but also especially from Mexico and Central America.

I am wondering if you have duplicate specimens available which we might be able to obtain? If so, we should certainly like to make some arrangements satisfactory to you for us to acquire them. Any specimens that you might now have on hand or expect to collect in the future would be a most welcome addition to our herbarium. I should appreciate your advice regarding the above.

We hope that you and Dorothy are enjoying your work at the School. The last time I saw Louis and Rua in Beltsville they were both in good health and appeared to be very happy. The Hodges, as you doubtless know, are riding on top of the world at Longwood.

With best wishes from all the Corrells,

Sincerely yours,


Donovan S. Correll, Head
Botanical Laboratory

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PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 27, 1954

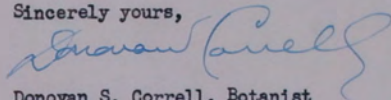
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Allen
Fairchild Tropical Garden
Box 407
Coconut Grove, Florida

Dear Dorothy and Paul:

I want to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your not only beautiful but useful publication on the Orchids of Panama. I had followed your treatment in the various issues of the Orchid Journal with much interest and I am indeed happy to have the completed work in one bound copy. I hope that you will plan to produce more such cooperative undertakings.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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April 1, 1954

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Don:

We are delighted to hear that the reaction to your Orchids of Guatemala will justify a second printing. The two volumes make a very handsome set, and should be in the library of anyone even casually interested in Central American plants. You are of course perfectly welcome to the cuts for as long as they are needed. Just for the record, and your information they are as follows:

Epidendrum atropurpureum

Oncidium ampliatum

Sobralia decora

In the unlikely event that I have any urgent need for one or all, I could write to Miss Ross and ask for their loan for a week or two.

Our weather feels like summer has come, and we're frankly enjoying it. We hope that this finds you and yours in the usual fine fettle.

As ever,

Rach

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PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

March 30, 1954

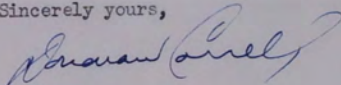
Mr. Paul Allen
Fairchild Tropical Gardens
P.O. Box 407
Coconut Grove, Florida

Dear Paul:

I had assumed that the Chicago Natural History Museum had returned the orchid cuts which I had requested them to do after the publication of the *Orchids of Guatemala*. Upon hearing from Miss Nell C. Horner, Editor and Librarian of the Missouri Botanical Garden, stating that they had not received their cuts, I again wrote to Miss Ross, Editor at Chicago. Miss Ross, who has just returned from a trip to Cuba, informs me that they are holding the type with the cuts included with the idea of running a reprint edition of the *Orchids of Guatemala* in the near future. She tells me that sales have been such that they feel that a new edition will be necessary. Unless you are in a particular hurry for these cuts I should appreciate very much your allowing the Chicago Museum to hold them in order to run this new edition.

We hope that you and Dorothy are enjoying your work and that you are in the best of health.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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December 29, 1953

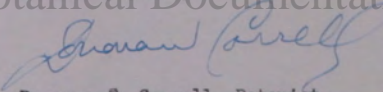
Mr. Paul H. Allen
Fairchild Tropical Garden
P. O. Box 407
Coconut Grove, Florida

Dear Paul:

Your letter of December 15th has been received. I have written to Dr. Just to check up on the three zinc cuts which you have not received. It is doubtless my fault since I failed to tell him before that these should be returned to you. When I learn something I shall let you know.

With best wishes to you and Dorothy for a Happy, Prosperous New Year,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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December 15, 1953

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Don:

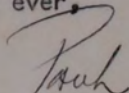
This is in very belated acknowledgement of the handsome second volume of the Orchids of Guatemala which arrived about a week past. The entire work is up to your usual high standard and is an extremely valuable contribution to Botanical science in Central America.

Today's mail brought all of the balance of Dorothy's drawings from Chicago, but we still lack three zinc cuts; Epidendrum atropurpureum, Oncidium ampliatum and Sobralia decora. Do you suppose that these might have been sent to Woodson in St. Louis?

I don't know what we will ever do with these things, but curiously enough this has been the second re-use since the original printing, and we like to keep 'em on hand, just in case.

Dorothy joins me in appropriate Holiday greetings to you and yours, and most sincere thanks.

As ever,



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BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

November 13, 1953

Mrs. Paul Allen
Fairchild Tropical Garden
Coconut Grove, Florida

Dear Dorothy:

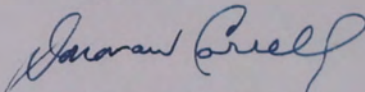
The carbon copy of my letter to Dr. Just is self explanatory. If you do not receive your drawings in the very near future please let me know and I will check up on the matter.

We are very grateful to you for the privilege of using your beautiful drawings in our work. Under separate cover I am sending you the second part of the Orchids of Guatemala.

I am sorry to have missed you while I was in Miami recently and I hope that you are rapidly recovering from your operation. I enjoyed very much visiting with Paul and I must admit that I was almost envious of the beautiful house which has been built for you. It is really a lovely home.

Again many thanks for your generous cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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November 13, 1953

Dr. Theodor Just
Chicago Natural History Museum
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Dr. Just:

I should like to clear up as soon as possible the matter regarding the drawings and cuts used in the "Orchids of Guatemala." As you realize, Dorothy Allen loaned us some of her drawings, Dr. Woodson loaned us some cuts, and the rest, excluding the drawings and cuts prepared at the Chicago Museum, were borrowed from Harvard University. I shall take up below each of the above points:

The original drawings borrowed from Mrs. Paul (Dorothy) Allen are as follows:

- Fig. 18 *Sobralia decora* - *cut*
Fig. 89 *Epidendrum atropurpureum* - *cut*
Fig. 95 " *Lindleyanum* +
Fig. 105 " *Stamfordianum* +
Fig. 111 *Cattleya Skinneri* +
Fig. 135 *Chysis aurea* +
Fig. 180 *Oncidium ampliatum* - *cut*
Cochlidium speciosum +

I should appreciate your sending these direct to Mrs. Allen at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, Fla. or, if you prefer, to me and I will transmit the drawings to her.

Those orchid cuts loaned to us by Dr. Woodson could be returned direct to him at the Missouri Botanical Garden. They are as follows:

- Fig. 19-*Sobralia decora* var. *aerata*
34-*Spiranthes prasophyllum*
67-*Masdevallia simula*
91-*Epidendrum ciliare*
97- " *oncidioides* var. *gravidum*
101- " *Schlechterianum*
113-*Laelia rubescens*
121-*Isochilus major*
125-*Bothriochilus macrostachyus*
128-*Galeandra Buxeri*
132-*Calanthe mexicana*
137-*Bulbophyllum* (lips)
146-*Cycnoches Warszewiczii* (pistillate flower)
155-*Gongora maculata*
158-*Lycaste tricolor*
159-*Zygopetalum grandiflorum*

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- Fig. 161- *Maxillaria caparidii*
165- " *Friedrichsthali*
168- *Trigonidium Egertonianum*
175- *Aspasia epidendroides*
182- *Oncidium crista-galli*
187- " *pusillum*
189- *Signatostelix guatemalensis*
191- *Ornithocephalus bicornis*

Besides the above cuts which were used there were several that were borrowed from Dr. Woodson which were not included in the orchids because they proved to be duplicates. These were:

- Pleurothallis Broadwayi* - Fig. 96 in Panama Flora
" *Brighemi* - Fig. 105 in Panama Flora
" *Grobyi* - Fig. 114 in Panama Flora
Cycnoches Tondusii - Fig. 165 in Panama Flora

The rest of the drawings and cuts, excluding the drawings made by Mr. Tibbitts and the cuts made by the Chicago Museum, should be returned direct to Dr. P.C. Mangelsdorf, Director, Botanical Museum of Harvard University. I have a few drawings which were sent me by Miss Ross which I shall return to the Museum at once.

If there are any questions regarding the above I should be most happy to try and answer them. If I can be of help in any way in this matter please let me know. I shall greatly appreciate your giving this matter your earliest attention.

Again, I wish to thank you and the rest of the staff at the Museum for your interest and guidance in pushing through the publication of this work. I am sure that if Professor Ames were living he would be highly pleased with the results.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Donovan S. Correll
Botanist
Specialty Crops Introductions

c.c. to Dr. P.C. Mangelsdorf
Mrs. Paul Allen
Dr. R. E. Woodson, Jr.

Palmar
February 24, 1953

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Don:

The first half of your very elegant Orchids of Guatemala has just been received. After having seen your fine volume on the Native Orchids of North America I should have been prepared, yet I am always amazed at the wonderful way in which you manage to combine accurate, detailed scientific descriptions with such a beautiful format. This is unquestionably the finest thing of its kind ever to be published in Latin America, and one of which you may be justly proud. You should see Dottie showing off her autographed copy & ending her little spiel with " & he has such a charming family too." Such Sir, is Fame.

As you know, I have been to Miami & returned to more prosaic things since writing you last. To say that I was favorably impressed would be a masterpiece of understatement. The grounds are magnificent, and I only hope we can measure up to such lujo if the appointment is confirmed. Just now I am hammering out field keys to our forest trees at the rate of 8-10 pages a day, and looking forward to another 2-3 months of the same. My little projects don't match yours for size or complexity, but are just enough to make me appreciate the hundreds of hours you must have put in on them.

We expect to be here until about the end of March, after which we will shift our operations to Zamorano for orthodox keys and last minute descriptions of species. Dorothy is working on drawings, and while we won't have as many as we would have liked, most of the species done thus far have never been illustrated previously, so far as I can determine. We plan to steal an idea from your book, and use vignettes of flowers or fruits of some of our trees throughout the text. Just now she is doing a single fruiting capsule of Virola surinamensis, showing the nice face-like aril. I have hundreds of photographs, but they seldom show up as well.

Most sincere regards,

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January 29, 1953

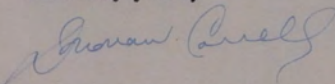
Mr. Paul Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Golfito Division
Palmar, Costa Rica

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your letter of January 16th in which you gave me a lot of information regarding your experience and background. Since Walter Hodge recently talked with the Garden people I am turning your letter over to him so that he will have this information on hand. As I have stated before, I should be very happy to act as one of your references if need be.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

DSC:lwf

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

Palmar
January 16, 1953

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Don:

Many thanks for sending the copy of the Orchids of Guatemala. Judging by your other work it will be a fine thing, and we are looking forward to seeing it with a great deal of pleasure. Our mails are slow, but we should have it within a week or two.

The position at the Fairchild Tropical Garden sounds very interesting. It would be much like the work at the Missouri Botanical Garden Tropical Station in Balboa, which we both enjoyed so much. Right now I am up to my eyes typing keys for my "Rainforests of Golfo Dulce", but I expect to have the job completed within about sixty days. If it were desirable, I could knock off for a week at any time and fly up to Miami for an interview.

We have had nearly eighteen years in the tropics, but I have felt for some time that I would like to get into some location that would not be quite so isolated. We could bring to them a herbarium of about 6000 specimens, containing many isotypes of Palms and Orchids, a good library on Tropical American botany, with many reprints, a very extensive series of Kodachrome slides of native and cultivated plants for lecture purposes, about 2000 black & white negatives of the same for publication, as well as nearly a hundred pen & ink drawings of Orchids.

Our work at Esquinas has been largely plant introduction, some 600 species having been established there during my time. As you know, we have had previous experience managing similar collections at Balboa (three years) Summit (two years) and the present location (five years). Published projects have been the Poisonous & Injurious Plants of Panama, the last half of the Orchids of Panama, a revision of the genus *Cynoches*, and miscellaneous squibs, mostly on Palms and Orchids. The present "Rainforests of Golfo Dulce" is still in manuscript, but will be published in CEIBA. It will cover some 437 species of trees, with descriptions of the ecological formations, both non-technical & orthodox keys, extensive utilisation lists etc. as well as many illustrations.

I could give for references Dr. George T. Moore, Dr. David Fairchild, Dr. Emery Moore, Charles Schweinfurth and J. J. Oakes.

We hope that this finds all of you well. Please say hello for us to the Hodges.

As ever,
Paul

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PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

January 13, 1953

Mr. Paul Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Golfito Division
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar, C. R.

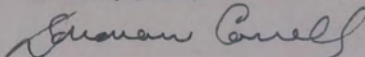
Dear Paul:

Your letter of January 5th has been received. It is true that the first part of the Orchids of Guatemala is out. Last week I forwarded a copy to Dottie. You should receive it before very long.

It is rather a coincidence to learn that you are interested in the possibility of a position elsewhere. Walter Hodge returned from Miami recently, and while there he talked with Mr. Loomis and others regarding a position open at the Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Both of us think that you might be interested in this position and Walter is writing you regarding the details. If you are interested in the position after hearing from Walter please let me know and I shall do all I can to help you land it.

With best wishes to you and Dottie,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

Palmar
January 5, 1953

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Don:

We have heard, via the tropical grape vine (Cissus communis) that your Orchids of Guatemala is out at last. Congratulations! How can we get a copy? If you will order one for us, we will send you our check as soon as we hear from you as to cost.

We are still hard at it finishing up our tree manual and check list of the local flora. Dottie has just completed a drawing of Nazareno (Peltosyne purpurea) which is just about her best effort to date, and she is nearly finished with Vantanea Parbourii, a fine timber tree in the Humiriaceae, in fact, the first recorded species in that family known for North America. I have at last decided to type up a preliminary check list by families, which went out a few days ago, and now for the long grind on keys. We should be pretty well done by March or April, which will wind up our work here.

You wrote me once asking whether I would be interested in employment with your organization. I couldn't do anything about it at the time, but now that we are about done with this job I am definitely interested. We would of course prefer something in Latin America, or in a nice WARM state like Florida or California, but what'cha got?

We hope that this finds you & yours well, and recovering from the holidays. Please give the Hodges our best when you see them.

As ever,

Paul

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

July 31, 1951

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar Sur, Costa Rica

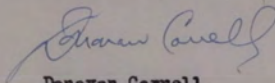
Dear Paul:

Thank you for your good letter of July 19 in which you were most kind to me in regard to my recent publication on American orchids. I appreciate very much your opinion since you are in a position to evaluate any work done on the orchidaceae. Believe me, it is more of a relief than a feeling of pride to have this work out of the way since it was in the wind for so long.

You will be interested to know that I was in Chicago recently, at which time I went over the Guatemala Orchid Flora so that the printers could begin work on it. We hope that this work will be out by the first of next year.

With all good wishes to you and your wife,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan Correll

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ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
PALMAR SUR, COSTA RICA

July 19, 1951

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Bureau of Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Correll:

By todays mail I have just received a copy of your truly magnificent "Orchids of North America". It is without any doubt the most strikingly handsome thing of its kind to be done in modern times. You can take a bow for a very fine piece of work. My most sincere congratulations.

Paul H. Allen

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May 23, 1951

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia, Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar Sur, Costa Rica

Dear Paul:

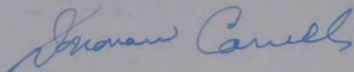
Many thanks for your good letter of May 8 and the drawings and plates, including the one from Missouri, which have arrived in good condition. We greatly appreciate Mrs. Allen's and your generosity in allowing us to use these beautiful illustrations in the Guatemalan Flora. I have asked Dr. Just to have the engravers be unusually careful in handling the drawings so that they will not be marked or smudged.

It is too bad that the American Embassy did not cooperate and send the parcel by diplomatic pouch. Probably if you had been a Honduran they would have accepted it without question. It usually depends upon the individual stationed at the Embassy as to whether you will get cooperation or not. Some are exceedingly cooperative while others are absolutely negative to the nth degree.

As far as I can determine, the cost of shipping the drawings and illustrations was \$6.12. If there was any additional cost, please let me know and I will reimburse you for shipping the illustrations to me. As soon as the plates are made I shall have the drawings returned to me for whatever distribution you wish to make of them. I will hold them until I hear from you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan Correll

Enclosure: Check \$6.12

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ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
PALMAR SUR, COSTA RICA

May 8, 1951

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Bureau of Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Correll:

Your letter regarding the orchids has been with me for some time, but was received on the day I left here for nearly a month spent in the highlands of Honduras, and it is only since my return that I have been able to do anything about it. Several days ago a parcel was sent you via PAA after the local American Embassy refused to accept it for transmission in the diplomatic pouch. Sometimes I wonder just who's side they're on. Anyway, the Air Waybill number is 026 - 1 - 1055877, and the port of entry will be Miami Florida. You should probably have it by now, but if not, this may help you trace it. It contains the following drawings and plates:

~~Oncidium ampliatum~~

Cattleya Skinneri - Drawing

Chysis aurea - " " RETURNED (HILLARD)

Epidendrum Stamfordianum " " " " " "

Epidendrum Lindleyanum " " " " " "

Epidendrum atropurpureum - Plate

Sobralia decora - " " " " " "

Corvantes speciosa - Drawing

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By today's mail I have written to Kirkwood, Missouri, and asked that the plate of Oncidium Ampliatum stored there be sent to you. If you are able to get the plate of the Corvantes from Gordon you won't need the drawing, but I sent it along just in case there are any last minute complications.

To date we have tried to keep our set of original drawings together, with the vague idea of perhaps having the set bound some day, so that it would be appreciated if you would ask whoever makes the plates not to mark on the front of the drawing, and to keep them as clean as possible. We have found that they are usually quite cooperative, if you explain the reason for it. When you are done with them, it would probably be best to have them returned to you, and we will either pick them up ourselves, or ask someone in the U.S. on vacation to bring them down for us.

While in Honduras I had the pleasure of collecting ~~Excibitor~~ Lycaste virginialis (Skinneri) in flower for the first time, as well as Chysis bractescens. In other groups there were such fine things as two species of Roystonea, a fine Euterpe, Pavotis Wrightii, Erblichia odorata, Bernoullia flammea, Vochysia guatemalensis, Abies guatemalensis, Taxus globosa, Cupressus Lindleyi, Pinus avacahuite etc., most of which were new in my collection, and not a few new to Honduras. I picked up amoebas again along the way, and today, for example, I feel kinda peaked, but it was worth it.

Most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

March 27, 1951

Dr. Paul Allen
Palmar, Costa Rica

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your good letter of March 15 in which ^{you} enumerated the orchid drawings which you will permit our including in the Guatemala flora. We are, indeed, grateful to you and your good wife for such generosity.

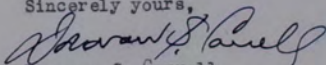
Yesterday I received proofs of the orchid plates which Dr. Just has at present. He hopes to start setting up the manuscript before summer. It will be necessary to have as soon as possible all illustrations so that they may be numbered and tied in with the manuscript. Of course, this would not preclude insertions later on. It would, however, necessitate renumbering the plates. We should certainly appreciate the privilege of including the illustrations which you now have, namely:

Cattleya Skinneri
Chysis aurea
Epidendrum Stamfordianum ✓
Epidendrum Lindleyanum ✓
Epidendrum atropurpureum ✓
Sobralia decora ✓
Oncidium ampliatum ✓
Coryanthes speciosa ✓

I have taken the liberty to write Gordon Dillon about using the plate of Coryanthes speciosa. In regard to sending these illustrations or plates to the United States, when you are ready to do so I suggest that you use the enclosed tags which will bring any parcel direct to our Inspection House without interference at the border; also no permit is needed when these tags are used. If you are near a U.S. Consulate or some State Department office you could ask them to send the parcel by Air Pouch. Just tell them that we are in a hurry to get the plates and that we also want to be doubly assured that they will arrive in the United States safely. You could use this letter as a verification of our request through you. If you send the parcel by regular mail or air, we shall be glad to defray any cost to you.

Many thanks for your continued cooperation,

Sincerely yours,


Donovan S. Correll



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Palmar, Costa Rica
March 15, 1951

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction
Bureau of Plant Industry Station
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Correll:

I hope you will pardon the long delay in answering your most recent letter. I am glad to hear that the staff artist in Chicago has had time to complete some of the missing genera, and that they are to your satisfaction. Some of the things you lack are far from common, and someone is probably faced with the thankless task of trying to resurrect what looks like a live plant from dried & mangled hay.

Most of this dry season has been spent in company with carpenters and painters, engaged in very necessary, but very annoying repairs to the house. During this time our furniture and brick-a-brack has been piled to the roof in my office, and it has only been very recently that I have been able to find things again.

As I understand it however, typesetting has not actually begun, so perhaps we have a little time. We now have here and available for your use the following drawings:

Cattleya Skimmeri (New drawing, not complete)
Chysis aurea
Epidendrum Stamfordianum (Completed since writing you last)
Epidendrum Lindleyanum
Coryanthes speciosa (Gordon Dillon has the plate of this)

We hope to be able to add at least a few to the above, as flowering material becomes available. We already have plants of some of the things you need in our small collection, and I expect to go to Honduras next month for some general collecting in the high mountains near Lake Yojoa, and may be able there to get plants of some of the others to flower out here.

You will remember that in addition to the above drawings, we have here in Palmar plates of *Epidendrum atropurpureum* and *Solrealia decora*, and a plate of *Oncidium ampliatum* in Kirkwood, Missouri. If you need any of these urgently, we will get the necessary export permit and have them sent to Dr. Just. It would be a little better from our standpoint to hold the drawings until later, since there is some prospect that Dorothy may exhibit the lot in San Jose in the near future. Shipment of such things of potential dollar value outside of the country is somewhat complicated, and it would be easier to send all we may be able to accumulate together in one lot, under one export permit.

Does any of the above make sense? I still have two carpenters beating a tattoo in my ear. Let us know how things are going.

Regards, as ever,

Paul H. Allen

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

January 28, 1951

AIR MAIL

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar Sur, Costa Rica

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since writing to you on January 16 I have received from the Chicago ^{Museum} twelve drawings of Guatemala orchid genera which ~~was~~ very creditably done by their staff artist Tibbitts. Since practically all of these were included on the list I sent you as being still unillustrated I hasten to send you the names of these in case your good wife might begin work on any one of them. These are:

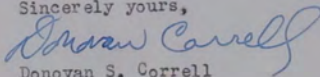
Cyripedium irapeanum
Phragmipedium caudatum
Elleanthus capitatus
Mullschlaegelia aphylla
Jacquinella globosa
Coelia triptera
Lacaena bicolor
Paphinia cristata
Lycaste virginalis (V. Skinneri)
Notylia bicolor
Cryptarrhena lunata
Scelochilus Tuerckheimii (floral dissection only here; I should like
the plant illustrated if possible)

Besides these yet to be completed by Mr. Dillon, mentioned in my letter to you, there are still seven genera yet to be illustrated. These are:

Corymborchis forcipigera (C. cubensis)
Xylobium elongatum
Chondrorhyncha Lendyana
Mormolyca ringens
Trichocentrum candidum
Macradenia Brassavolae
Odontoglossum sp. (any species)

Where more than the above species occurs in a genus any species would be acceptable to represent the genus. I thought you would like to have the above information. Thank you for anything you and Mrs. Allen may do to help the project to its completion.

Sincerely yours,


Donovan S. Correll

Guatemala orchids

* SWISS AS YET UNILLUSTRATED

(no drawings for these species)

Habenaria entomantha
" monorrhiza

Vanilla inodora
" pompona

Sobralia fragrans
" macrantha
" xantholeuca

~~Wallislaetitia aphylla~~

Frescottia stachyodes
" tubulosa

Cranichis apiculata
" ciliata
" cucullata
" diphylla
" mexicana
" schaffneri
" sylvatica
" wegneri

Ponthieva maculata
" parvula
" pulchellae
" triloba

Spiranthes acaulis
" adnata
" amabilis
" aurantiaca
" cerina
" costaricensis
" funkiana
" eriophora
" guyanensis
" hemichrea
" hyemalis
" llaveana
" minutiflora
" obtecta
" pauciflora
" pyramidalis
" rosulata
" rubrocallosa
" sarcoglossa
" schaffneria
" seminuda
" speciosa
" tonduzii
" tortilis
" trilineata

Goodyera striata
* Corymborchis forcipigera

Stelis chihobensis
" cleistogama
" despectans
" johnsonii
" leucopogon
" microchila
" perplexa
" purpurascens
"

Physosiphon minor

Masdevallia chontalensis
" erythrochaete
" floribunda
" linearifolia
" pusilla

Scaphosepalum standleyi
~~Sobralia Decora~~

Lepanthes acuminata
" appendiculata
" gibberosa
" guatemalensis
" inaequalis
" johnsonii
" oreocharis
" samacensis
" stenophylla
" turrialvae

Pleurothallis abbreviata
" amesiana
" cardiothallis
" carici
" ciliaris
" circumplexa
" cobanensis
" compacta
" corniculata
" dolichopus
" fuegi
" gacayana
" ghiesbreghtiana
" glandulosa
" hirsuta
" hondurensis
" immersa
" johnsonii
" lancilabris
" leucantha
" matudiana

*Ellenanthus -
linifolia
piformis*

Guatemala orchids - 2

(no drawings for these species)

Fleurothallis minutalis
 " muricata
 " ophiocephala
 " pachygloussa
 " pansamalae
 " pedicellaris
 " platystylis
 " plumosa
 " pringlei
 " repens
 " segregatifolia
 " sertularioides
 " stenostachya
 " setosa
 " tribuloides
 " tuerckheimii
 " violacea
 " vittata
 " xanthophthalma
 " yucatanensis

Malaxis acianthoides
 " brachyrrhynchos
 " carnosa
 " corymbosa
 " excavata
 " lepanthiflora
 " lepidota
 " majanthemifolia
 " pandurata
 " parthonii

Liparis vexillifera
 " arnoglossophylla

Nageliana angustifolia

Epidendrum abbreviatum
 " alatum
 " arbuscula
 " aromaticum
 " bractescens
 " brassavolae
 " campylostali
 " candollei
 " centropetalum
 " cerinum
 " chinense
 " chloe
 " chondylobulbon
 " clowesii
 " enemidophorum
 " collare
 " coriifolium

Epidendrum cristatum
 " condylochilum
 " diffusum
 " elegans
 " eustirum
 " fragrans
 " ibaguense - RADICANS - CAN NOT
 " imatophyllum
 " ionophlebium
 " isomerum
 " leceratinum
 " leucheanum
 " ledifolium
 " limbatum
 " lindleyanum
 " lucrosum
 " microcharis
 " moyobambae
 " neurosum
 " nitens
 " ochraceum
 " pachyrachis
 " paniculatum
 " pansamalae
 " papillosum
 " parkinsonianum
 " pentotis
 " physodes
 " polyanthum
 " polybulbon
 " porpax
 " pseudoramosum
 " ramosum
 " repens
 " selligerum
 " singuliflorum
 " skinneri
 " skutchii
 " stanfordianum - local PARK
 " stenopetalum
 " subaequilum
 " teretifolium
 " trachythece
 " tuerckheimii
 " varicosum
 " verrucosum
 " viejii
 " virgatum
 " vitellinum
 " xipheres

Cattleya aurantiaca
 " bowringiana
 " granulosa

CATHEYA SKINNERI

(no drawings for these species)

Laelia glauca
 " superbiens
collection " tibicinus
 " wendlandii

Brassavola cucullata
 " acaulis

Meiracyllium wendlandii

Scaphyglottis amethystina
 " confusa
 " crurigera
 " cuneata
 " lindeniana
 " livida
 " longicaulis
 "

* Jacquiella globosa

Isochilus linearis

Arpophyllum spicatum

* Coelia triptera

Bethriochilus densiflorus
 " ^{guatemalensis}

Polystachya clavata
 " lineata

Epidanthus parenthesis

Corallorrhiza macrantha

Eletia ensifolia
 " gracilis
 " reflexa

Chysis aurea

Bulbophyllum aristatum

Mormodes buccinator
 " skinneri
 " stenoglossum

Catasetum russellianum

Cycnoches egertonianum
 " ventricosum

* Lacaena bicolor

* Paphinia cristata

Stanhopea devoniensis
 " eocornuta
 " oculata
 " quadricornis
 " saccata

Gongora cassidea

Coryanthes picturata

* Xylobium brachypus - *ESQUINAS*

" foveatum
 " elongatum
 " sulfurinum
 " tuerckheimii

Lycaste aromatica - *Plant in collection*

" candida
 " cochleata
 " cruenta
 " deppei
 " lasioglossa
 " virginalis (Skinneri) * Guatemala National Flower

* Chondrorhyncha lendyana

Maxillaria alba
 " cobanensis
 " cucullata
 " curtipes
 " elatior
 " meleagris
 " mooreana
 " nagelii
 " nasuta
 " pulchra
 " purpurea
 " ringens
 " rufescens
 " tenuifolia
 " uncata - *ESQUINAS*

* Mormolyca ringens - *HONOURAS*

* Trichocentrum candidum

* Scelochilus tuerckheimii

Trichopilia tortilis

(no drawings for these species)

*Odontoglossum bictoniense
 " cervantesii
 " convallarioides
 " cordatum
 " egertonii
 " grande
 " laeve
 " maculatum
 " majale
 " pulchellum
 " rossii
 " stellatum
 " stenoglossum
 " uroskinneri
 " williamsianum

Brassia maculata

Oncidium ^{Am. PLANTUM} ansiferum
 " ascendens
 " bicallosum
 " brachyandrum
 " cavendishianum
 " cebolleta
 " ensatum - Panama
 " glossomystax
 " johannis
 " leucochilum
 " maculatum
 " nanum
 " nebulosum
 " oblongatum
 " ochmatochilum
 " oliganthum
 " pergameneum
 " phymatochilum
 " reflexum
 " splendidum
 " stelligerum
 " suttoni
 " tenuipes
 " titania
 " wentworthianum

Leochilus labiatus
 " oncioides
 " pygmaeus
 " scriptus

Lockhartia hercodonta

Ornithocephalus inflexus
 " iridifolius
 " tripterus

*Notylia bicolor
 " barkeri

*Cryptarrhena guatemalensis
 " lunata

*Macradenia brassavolae
Dichaea glauc
 " graminioides
 " hystricina
 " muricata
 " tuerckheimii

Campylocentrum brenesii
 " schiedei
 " fasciola

[NO ILLUSTRATION FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
 GENERA - ANY SPECIES LISTED ABOVE WOULD
 BE SATISFACTORY AND GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.
 I HOPE THAT THE GUATEMALA NATIONAL FLOWER,
Lycaste virginalis (skinneri), CAN BE
 ILLUSTRATED BY SOME MEANS:

1. Mulischlaegelia
2. Corymborchis
3. Jacquiiniella
4. Goelia
5. Lacaena
6. Paphinia
7. Xylobium
8. Chondrorhyncha
9. Mormolyca
10. Trichocentrum
11. Scelochilus
12. Odontoglossum
13. Notylia
14. Cryptarrhena
15. Macradenia

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

January 16, 1951

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar Sur, Costa Rica

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your good letter of January 12. You are, indeed, most kind and generous to offer for inclusion in Professor Ames and my work on Guatemala orchids any illustrations which you may have. Through such cooperation as you and Dr. Woodson have offered it has been possible to obtain illustrations for nearly all of the 89 genera as well as a good number of illustrations of the species above those illustrating the genera. I should greatly appreciate borrowing the following illustrations, or rather the plates, of those listed in your letter. These could be sent direct to Dr. Just at Chicago. I am writing to him today and I will ask him to be on the lookout for these:

Catleya Skibneri
Chysis aurea (drawing here)
Epidendrum atropurpureum
Oncidium ampliatum
Sobralia decora

Epidendrum Lindleyanum (drawing)
Coryanthes speciosa

I appreciate your offer of the others. However, these either do not occur in Guatemala or we already have an illustration for them. For your interest and convenience I am enclosing a list of all the Guatemalan species for which we have no drawings. Also on page four is a list of the genera for which we have no drawings. We hope to have these illustrated in time. Dr. Just wishes to have all the illustrations for the genera complete before beginning setting up the manuscript into type. There are 7 additional genera to be illustrated, but Mr. Dillon is planning to complete drawings which he began of Arpophyllum alpinum, Govenia superba, and Crybe rosea. Dr. Just arranged several months ago to have the Chicago staff artist complete the illustrations for the remaining genera, but as yet I have not received any results from this artist. It will take years to complete these if the artist takes as much time in proportion to complete the remaining ones. I am somewhat concerned about such a long delay. The material sent to the artist to draw included Cyrtopodium irapeanum, Phragmipedium caudatum, Eleocharis capitatus, and Wulfschlaegelia aphylla. It is interesting that Mrs. Ames never illustrated any species of Odontoglossum which occurs in Guatemala.

If your good wife wishes to contribute drawings for any species on the enclosed list, especially any species in the still unillustrated genera,

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her contributions will be most gratefully accepted. I feel that if this work be pushed to completion it, in combination with yours and Dr. William's fine Panama Orchid Flora, will be most useful - largely because of the illustrations - to anyone wishing to work on Middle American orchids.

I wish again to thank you for your wonderful cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Donovan S. Correll
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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 18, 1931

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Botanical Experiment Station
Caja Costero de Costa Rica
Pinar del Rio, Costa Rica

Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your good letter of January 13. You are, indeed, most kind and generous to offer for inclusion in Professor Allen and my work on Guatemalan orchids any illustrations which you may have. Through such cooperation as you and Dr. Woodson have offered it has been possible to obtain illustrations for nearly all of the 88 genera as well as a good number of illustrations of the species above those illustrating the genera. I should greatly appreciate borrowing the following illustrations, or rather the plates, of those listed in your letter. These could be sent direct to Dr. Just at Chicago. I am writing to him today and I will ask him to do the lookout for these:

- Sovata decora
- Quelima angustata
- Polystachya atrorubra
- Quelima aurea (drawing here)

I appreciate your offer of the others. However, these either do not occur in Guatemala or we already have an illustration for them. For your interest and convenience I am enclosing a list of all the Guatemalan species for which we have no drawings. Also on page four is a list of the genera for which we have no drawings. We hope to have these illustrated in time. Dr. Just wishes to have all the illustrations for the complete before beginning setting up the manuscript into type. There are 7 additional genera to be illustrated, but Mr. Dillon is planning to complete drawings which he began at Polystachya alba, Sovata aurea, and Quelima. Dr. Just arranged several months ago to have the Chicago staff artist complete the illustrations for the remaining genera, but as yet I have not received any results from this artist. It will take years to complete these if the artist takes as much time in proportion to complete the remaining ones. I am somewhat concerned about such a long delay. The material sent to the artist to draw included Quelima lutea, Polystachya lutea, Polystachya capitata, and Polystachya capitata. It is interesting that Mrs. Allen never illustrated any species of Polystachya which occurs in Guatemala.

If your good wife wishes to contribute drawings for any species on the enclosed list, especially any species in the still unillustrated genera,

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ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
C.A. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
PALMAR SUR, COSTA RICA

January 12, 1951

Dr. Donovan S. Correll
Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions
United States Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Correll:

You are of course more than welcome to use any orchid illustrations that we have. Since I'm not too well informed on the Guatemalan Flora, I will list the lot at present available. Enclosed are proof prints of those for which we have zinc plates. The others are recent drawings.

<u>Bifrenaria pickiana</u>	- Drawing
<u>Brassavola nodosa</u>	- Plate
<u>Cattleya Skinneri</u>	- Plate
<u>Chysis aurea</u>	- Drawing (Complete plant with fls.)
<u>Coryanthes speciosa</u>	- Plate (Amer. Orch. Society)
<u>Epidendrum atropurpureum</u>	- Plate
<u>Epidendrum Lindleanum</u>	- Drawing
<u>Epidendrum nocturnum</u> var. <u>latifolium</u>	- Plate
<u>Horisea bidentata</u>	- Plate
<u>Marillaria variabilis</u>	- Drawing
<u>Notylia Cordesii</u>	- Drawing
<u>Oncidium ampliatum</u>	- Plate
<u>Phragmipedium longifolium</u>	- Plate
<u>Sobralia decora</u>	- Plate
<u>Sobralia leucocantha</u>	- Plate
<u>Spiranthes Navarrensis</u>	- Plate
<u>Triseuris falcata</u>	- Drawing

All of the drawings and some of the plates are here. The rest of the plates are in Kirkwood, Missouri. If you will let us know which you can use, we will send, or have them sent to either Beltsville or Chicago, as you wish.

Regarding the possibility of my doing field exploration for the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction, I should say unfortunately the chances at present are slim, unless of course you could work out some sort of cooperative deal with the United Fruit Company. We are engaged in a long term project on nearly all aspects of tropical timber woods, which involves a certain amount of exploration work to secure botanical material for identification and seeds for trial plots of desirable species. Unless these plans change in the near future, which I regard as unlikely, any work with your Division would have to be along the lines indicated.

Most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

January 9, 1951

AIR MAIL

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Cia Bananera de C.R.
Palmar, Costa Rica

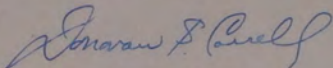
Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your beautiful Christmas and New Year card. I have always admired your wife's drawings and I am very pleased that some of her drawings which she made for your Panama Orchid Flora are to be included, with Dr. Woodson's permission, in Professor Ames' and my forthcoming Orchid Flora of Guatemala. Since we do not have an illustration of Epidendrum atropurpureum, I am wondering if you would be kind enough to permit the use of the drawing which you used on your Christmas card. We are trying to illustrate as many species as possible as well as the 89 genera occurring in Guatemala. If you and Mrs. Allen would like to have this drawing included, we should appreciate your sending it to us so that a cut can be made. Thank you for any consideration you may give to the above matter.

I do not recall whether you acknowledged my letter of inquiry regarding the possibility of your doing some field exploration for our Division. As far as we know there will be continued field exploration during the next fiscal year, not only in Latin America but also in various parts of Africa, especially West and South Africa. If you think that you might be interested in some of these possible trips, we should appreciate your letting us know of your interest.

With all good wishes to you and your wife for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll
Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

July 12, 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul Allen
Esquinas Experiment Station
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar sur Costa Rica

Dear Paul:

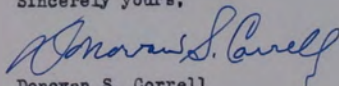
There is a strong possibility that our Division may hire several Botanists in the immediate future to do field exploration in search of plant materials for chemical analysis for possible plant producers of the anti-arthritic drug cortisone.

While thinking about possible candidates for these proposed positions, your name came to mind and I thought I would drop you a note regarding the matter. We do not know if it will be possible to hire anyone who has not taken Civil Service Examinations, nor do we know at present exactly what may develop. I, frankly, do not know if you are even remotely interested in the possibility of working for the Government. However, I thought I would send you the enclosed application blank to fill out and return to us if you are at all interested in what might turn out when this program begins rolling in the near future. If you wish to take the time to fill out the form, it would be most useful to have in case something develops which might be of interest to you.

I might mention that the Agaves, Yuccas, and Dioscoreas are of special interest, although any species in the Liliaceae, Amaryllidaceae, and Dioscoreaceae will be welcome for chemical analysis. Field work will thus be primarily in the southwestern United States, Mexico, Middle America, and probably the West Indies. I tell you this in order that you might know what the duties of the men employed will be.

We would be interested in hearing from you at once regarding the above. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll
Botanist
Specialty Crop Introductions

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