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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 20, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Escuela Agricola Panamericana
Apartado 93
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Central America

Dear Paul:

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences is pleased to inform you that your research proposal entitled "Rainforests of Golfo Dulce" has been approved by the National Science Foundation for the sum of \$2,500 for a period of approximately four years. A copy of the grant statement is enclosed in order that you may acquaint yourself with the conditions. The reason for making this grant over a period of four years is to permit the recovery clause as stated in the third paragraph of Dr. Waterman's letter to function properly.

Our policy with regard to reports on research supported by the Foundation is to keep them as simple as possible. We should like to have a short informal annual report (in duplicate) at the end of each calendar year and, at the expiration of the grant, a more comprehensive final report (in duplicate) of the progress of the research.

We also request that six reprints of each publication resulting from work done under the grant be provided as soon as such reprints become available; however, in this case we shall have to make an exception. We do not want this request to be a financial burden to you, therefore, if one or two copies can be spared, we would appreciate having them for informational purposes.

Should you have any questions about these or other matters, please do not hesitate to write.

As Dr. Steere is temporarily in Chile on behalf of another agency, I have been asked to take over his work here. He is expected to return early in July and at that time I shall be back at the Smithsonian. I hope that we shall see you in Washington sometime this year.

May I wish you success on this project.

Sincerely yours,

al
A. C. Smith
Program Director for
Systematic Biology

Enclosures

Tela, Honduras
July 30, 1959

Dr. A. C. Smith, Director
United States National Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Al:

This is just a note to confirm the sending, during the last month or two of approximately 150 duplicate herbarium specimens from El Salvador.

Since this project has been completed it is suggested that this might be a logical time to close out the exchange account and send any credit balance that we may have with you to the Centro Nacional de Agronomia, in El Salvador, in the form of mounting paper, as has been done in the past.

Further correspondence to El Salvador should be directed to Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen, who is Co-Director at the Centro, and who has a strong and informed personal interest in the herbarium, and its proper preservation.

With most sincere regards,

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

cc - Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen

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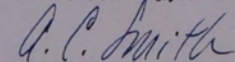
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Mr. Paul H. Allen
c/o Centro Nacional de Agronomía
Santa Tecla, El Salvador

Dear Paul:

We are now sending you 1000 sheets of mounting paper, in two packages by parcel post. This is considered as a return for the specimens of plants from El Salvador that you recently sent to us, in accordance with the correspondence that you have had with Mr. Morton.

Yours sincerely,



A. C. Smith
Director
Museum of Natural History

Enclosure

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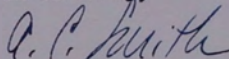
Mr. Paul H. Allen
c/o Centro Nacional de Agronomía
Santa Tecla, El Salvador

Dear Mr. Allen:

The 84 specimens of Salvadorian phanerogams that you recently forwarded to Mr. Morton are being accessioned by the United States National Museum as an exchange with Centro Nacional de Agronomía, Santa Tecla, El Salvador.

The material is excellent and we are pleased to have it for our collections.

Yours sincerely,



A. C. Smith
Director
Museum of Natural History

July 6, 1955

Dr. A.C. Smith
United States National Herbarium
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Al:

Thank you for your good letter, with the news that funds have been approved by the Fondation for the publication of our Costarican opus.

This is in many ways a somewhat unorthodox project, but I have spent nearly seven years trying to produce the sort of field manual that I wish someone had done for me about twenty years ago. Every native forester makes use of gross characters, and while my attempt probably isn't the last or best word, I think it is the logical approach.

Dottie has just finished the last drawings of leaf outlines and inflorescences to accompany the glossary, together with a map, and the whole thing is ready to go off to Florida as soon as we can find time to get in to Tegucigalpa. The project has been a lot of fun, but it will be something of a relief to see it completed.

Things run along quietly here, with our rainy season well started. Mangos are ripe, rice a palm high, and teaching in full swing. Even though I had never tried anything of the sort before, I find teaching rather stimulating (as you know, I like to talk, and this gives me a captive audience!) and I like the contact with the boys.

Just now we have a nice group of plants of *Laelia* (*Brassavola*) *Digbyana* in flower, which are quite different in significant detail from published plates and descriptions and Dottie is hard at it trying to get it down on paper. If it turns out well I may do a squib for Gordon's Bulletin.

Have you heard that Bob Woodson has given up the M.B.G. herbarium? Or that Russ Seibert has been named Director of the fabulous DuPont Estate at Longwood? I simply drool whenever I think of that 60 million dollar endowment. He will be a good man for the job, and in a position to do a great deal of good.

Dottie joins me in best wishes to you & yours, and to the gang at the Museum.

As ever,

Paul

July 25, 1954

Dr. A.C. Smith
Curator, Division of Phanerogams
United States National Herbarium
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Al:

As you know, I have a personal herbarium of about 5000 sheets, that we have been carting about with us for a good many years. It contains several hundred isotypes, and I hate to have it lost, or fall into the hands of some organization that won't take care of it, yet all present indications are that we are unlikely to have any further need for it ourselves. Its merit, if any, is that it reflects my personal interests, and is very rich in Orchids, Palms and large trees. None of the specimens are mounted, and very few have labels typed, but I could supply identifications for about 90% of the lot. Do you think the Smithsonian would be interested in the purchase of such a collection, and if so, approximately how much would they be willing to pay per specimen? Any information you can supply will be greatly appreciated.

As ever,

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August 20, 1952

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Paul:

I am writing this letter primarily to forward you a missive which may be of importance.

I returned only yesterday from a few weeks in Massachusetts where I finally completed the work on my Fijian collection and sorted the duplicate sets. It is a satisfaction to have finished that job and I now anticipate having at least a few months to work on tropical American plants.

As you have probably heard, we had an unusually warm July here, but the last two weeks in Massachusetts were very cool and wet. I left Nina and the children up there for an additional week, so I shall have to make one more quick trip to bring them home before Labor Day.

With best wishes to Dorothy and you.

Very sincerely yours,

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A. C. Smith
Curator
Division of Phanerogams

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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AIR MAIL

March 1, 1951

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

Dear Paul:

Conrad is about to leave for a few weeks in Honduras, and he asked me to forward to you the identifications of some of your Costa Rican plants. The enclosed lists include identifications of the material which you sent us in February and May, 1950. A few of the specimens are not completely identified because they are still under study. Conrad hopes to complete his work on these later this year in connection with another lot of your material which was received last summer.

As I went over the specimens to select a set for mounting, I was once more impressed with their excellence. This will certainly be a very valuable addition to the National Herbarium, and the duplicates will also be of great use to us. As you suggested, we are sending the first available set of duplicates to Tegucigalpa, and the second set to Missouri. Both of these sets are going forward as a gift from the United Fruit Company. The remaining duplicates will be sent to the institutions mentioned by you in an earlier letter.

Your recent note of February 12 has been received. I am still not convinced that your Guarea has been correctly identified. It may well be a new species, and perhaps I can go into the material further when we take up the study of your next lot. I am glad to hear that you are still finding interesting plants in your region, which has certainly been neglected by most collectors.

With best regards to Mrs. Allen and you, and with thanks for your continued cooperation,

Very sincerely yours,

Al

A. C. Smith
Curator
Division of Phanerogams

*I am planning to send
the include to Schweinfurth.
If you get any det. from him
(or make them yourself)*

Encls.

please pass them along to me.

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January 29, 1951

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Paul:

On receipt of your letter of January 24, we located the specimens of your No. 5377. It is definitely a Guarea, and comes very close to G. tonduzii C. DC. Fortunately we have an isotype of that species, which agrees very well with yours in foliage, although its leaflets are slightly broader and thicker in texture. Your plant has the fruits a little more definitely obovoid. Only one or two other collections are definitely referred to the species, and so we have no adequate series to show the variation. I feel that this is very likely the species, but would not like to make the determination positive from the material at hand.

Mr. Morton has not yet had a chance to identify your last lot of material. He is leaving early in March to spend a few weeks in Honduras, with the Escuela as a base.

I hope your work is progressing well. Best regards to Mrs. Allen and you,

Sincerely,



A. C. Smith
Curator
Division of Phanerogams

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
CIA. BANANERA de COSTA RICA
GOLFITO DIVISION

March 8, 1950

Dr. A. C. Smith
Curator of Phanerogams
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

We have at long last returned to Palmar, via the mid-west, Cuba and Honduras, to find two of your good letters and a number of your reprints, which are very welcome. Many thanks.

My stay with you in Washington could scarcely have been more pleasant or profitable, and I left, as usual, completely convinced that my collections could not be in better hands. Your kind cooperation in the matter of records, photographs and identifications is more than appreciated.

I will write you again as soon as things quiet down a bit, and send all of my Vaupes material, as promised.

Most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen

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

November 16, 1949

Dr. A. C. Smith, Curator
Division of Phanerogams
United States National Herbarium
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am taking the liberty of sending you, via ocean freight, one small wooden box containing some 375 plant specimens collected locally. The field collecting notes covering these are attached. These should be accessioned as a gift from the Research Department of the United Fruit Company, with the provision as in the past that one named set each be sent gratis to Dr. Louis O. Williams, Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and to Dr. Robert E. Woodson, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis.

Dr. Woodson has recently written me that he has received a named set of some 50 of my Costa Rican collections from you. Many thanks. Could it be possible to have someone type up a list of the determinations of those done thus far, and send them to me here? We are keeping a set of the specimens for local reference, and have no other way of naming them up.

Most sincerely yours,

Paul H. Allen
Agronomist

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June 6, 1949

AIR MAIL

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

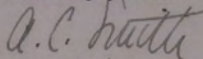
Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of May 30 amplifying a few points concerning your Costa Rican collections. As you suggest the best two sets of duplicate material will be sent to Honduras and to Missouri as a gift from the Research Department of United Fruit Company. We shall send out the remaining duplicates as a straight exchange from the National Herbarium. The collection will certainly be a valuable one, and I know that any institution will be glad to receive a set. I trust that you do not consider this matter very urgent as it may be several months before we can undertake the identification of your plants. In the meanwhile I shall have labels printed following your suggestions.

It seems very satisfactory for you to send specimens by way of the United Fruit Company. Of course this takes a long time but apparently the material is perfectly safe and it must save you a great deal of trouble to ship by this method. We shall expect some more material from you in the future, and with this in mind, I shall ask for a few hundred additional labels. If any of your future shipments necessitate a different heading on the label please keep me informed.

I hope that you are continuing to enjoy living in Costa Rica

Very sincerely yours,



A. C. Smith
Curator
Division of Phanerogams

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

May 30, 1949

Dr. A. C. Smith, Curator
Division of Phanerogams
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Herbarium
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your proposal regarding the distribution of Costa Rican duplicates would be satisfactory, I believe, and I would suggest only one or two minor provisions. The collections could be accessioned by you as a gift from the Research Department, United Fruit Company, with the understanding that a named set be sent gratis to the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, c/o Dr. Louis O. Williams, and to the Missouri Botanical Garden. The others could be sent out on normal exchange to the Institutions listed, as you have indicated. Since the Escuela Agricola is part of our own organization, I feel that they should benefit in any way possible from our activities here. I am asking that a set be sent to the M.B. G. simply for old times sake, but they are frankly in no position to exchange, since I believe they are already hopelessly in arrears with everyone.

The following plant label is submitted for your consideration, being essentially your own, with slight modifications.

Plants of Costa Rica
Provincia de Puntarenas, Canton de Osa

Name of plant

Habitat

Locality etc.

No. _____ Collectors name

Collected under the auspices of the Research Department, United Fruit Co.

I was considerably relieved to learn that you had actually received the plants. The packets were twice sent to San Jose, and twice returned to me here, after which I learned that each & every parcel in our troubled times must issue from the realm accompanied by all the pomp of proper documentation. A special export permit, issued by the Ministry of the Interior, complete with seals, stamps & multiple signatures would have been required for every packet, and I could picture myself growing grey & bedeviled by gastric ulcers in the process. In final desperation, I dumped the lot into a carton, and consigned them with my blessing to the freight department of the Great White Fleet, to reach you by sea, and in their own good time. Now that I know that such procedure works, I can plan to send you more by the same means.

I am very glad to hear that you also have my Vaupes material. It is really only a handful, but should contain some interesting things, and may at least serve to supplement Dick Schultes collections. When you send the determinations to Woodson, can you make an extra carbon copy for me?

In the past, when collecting in Panama, I had several years of very pleasant correspondence with various members of the National Herbarium staff, and I welcome the opportunity to establish such contact again.

Dorothy joins me in our best regards to yourself and family, and to Dr. Waldo Schmitt, Killip, Morton and the rest.

Most sincerely yours,

Paul H. Allen

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

May 25, 1949

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your letters of April 5 and 19 reached me sometime ago and I must apologize to you for the delay in replying. However, the specimens mentioned have just recently reached Washington and I have now had an opportunity to count them. I note that there are 75 numbers mostly represented by very generous duplicates. The specimens are certainly up to your usual standards, and it will be a pleasure for us to study them. Mr. Morton has expressed a willingness to identify the material. We certainly appreciate your sending us such interesting, well-prepared and generous specimens. The region is one of considerable interest and I know that your material will include at least several remarkable plants.

The distribution of duplicates raises some questions. Of course we are willing to send them to the institutions mentioned by you, but the question arises whether we can accession this material and send it out from the National Museum as a gift from the United Fruit Company. From our point of view it would be much simpler if you would permit us to send the material out as a straight exchange from the National Museum with an accompanying letter stating that the sets are being sent at your particular request to the stated institutions. The labels could carry a line indicating that the material was obtained under the auspices of the United Fruit Company. I did have in mind a label something like the following:

Provincia → Plants of Costa Rica
~~Esquinas~~ de Puntarenas
CANTON DE *OSA*
(name will go here)
(habitat data will go here)
(locality, etc. will go here)
No. Paul H. Allen
Collected under the auspices of *Research Dept.* the United Fruit Company

Is this correct?

Please consider this matter and let me have your suggestions. We should like to accession the collection before the middle of June when our books close for this fiscal year and so an early reply would be appreciated.

Dr. Woodson has sent us a set of your Vaupes collections filling out the unicates by loaning us the Missouri set when necessary. This extremely valuable material is now being studied by Dr. Lyman Smith who in general is responsible for our South American work. Of course, he will be helped out by Killip and me in regard to certain families.

Dick Schultes is labelling his extensive Colombian material and is sending us the best available set for identification. This material is also being handled by Lyman together with us. He has already noted several novelties in the two collections, but it will doubtless be a long time before the two collections are completed. We greatly appreciate your request to Woodson to send us your material.

I hope that your work is going well and that Mrs. Allen and you are enjoying living in Costa Rica. I have recently bought a house in Chevy Chase, and so we feel fairly well settled in Washington. It is very pleasant work here although thus far I have not had much opportunity to carry on research work.

Killip, Morton and other members of our staff join me in sending you our best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Smith

A. C. Smith
Curator
Division of Phanerogams

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

April 19, 1949

Dr. A. C. Smith, Curator
United States National Herbarium
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Within the last day or two I have learned that there has been an unfortunate mixup in our San Jose office, and that the plants promised you about two weeks past have not been sent. In the interval I have accumulated two more bundles of things, and since I plan to be in San Jose tomorrow, I will send these together with the earlier shipment.

The collecting notes covering the present shipment are attached. Distribution of duplicates, as a gift from the United Fruit Company, should be made as indicated in my former letter.

Regards,

cc - Dr. V. C. Dunlap
Mr. K. B. Block

ESQUINAS EXPERIMENT STATION
Cia. Bananera de Costa Rica
Palmar Sur, Costa Rica

April 5, 1949

Dr. A. C. Smith, Curator
United States National Herbarium
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your new location in Maryland sounds very nearly ideal, and I sincerely envy you the opportunity of having the magnificent facilities of the National Museum at your disposal. I wonder if Woodson has ever sent you my Vaupes collections? If he has not, I will write him to simply keep them in St. Louis, and I will send you my personal set which I have with me here. Although it was not an extensive collection, some of it was from territory not seen since Spruce's time, and should contain some interesting things. Also, just by the way, have you received Dick Schultes specimens? It would seem highly desirable to have the collections studied together.

On the strength of your kind offer made in Cambridge, and repeated in your attractive Christmas card, I am taking the liberty of sending you a small miscellaneous collection of local things. It has only been very recently that I have had adequate collecting facilities, but I hope now to be able to make up for lost time, since this is an unusually interesting area in many respects.

As you may know, our main project at Esquinas is the establishment of experimental blocks of fisher trees, but in conjunction with this we hope to accumulate general plant collections toward a projected survey of the resources of the region. Such a job takes time, of course, and usually requires the cooperation of some Institution such as your own, in the United States. I wonder if you would be willing to take care of general collections sent you, and distribute the named duplicates, as a gift from the United Fruit Company? We plan to keep a set of the plants here, for the use of visitors and local personnel, and those I have already kept out, and will hold here in numerical order, pending the receipt of names. At the present time I am trying to get sets of six, of each number, five of which are sent to you. After you have selected your own set, the rest should be distributed as follows:

Escuela Agricola Panamericana - El Zamorano, Honduras

Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis

Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Chicago Natural History Museum

Dorothy joins me in our warmest personal regards to yourself and family, and to Dr. Waldo Schmitt, "Daddy" Killip, Mr. Morton and the rest of the gang at the Museum.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Allen

cc- Dr. V.C. Dunlap
Mr. K.B. Block

THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS., U.S.A.

October 20, 1941

Mr. Paul H. Allen
Supply Department
The Panama Canal
Balboa, Canal Zone

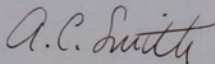
Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of October 17th, with the locality data for your last collection. Apparently your letters which have been attached to specimens have been lost in transit. Therefore, I think it best that you send such information separately in the future.

I received the specimens which you sent separately in pickle, but, as I mentioned to you previously, such material is hardly essential in the families in which I work. I suppose that it is very important for orchids and other families where the flowers press badly, but in such families as the Ericaceae and Araliaceae, pickled material is not necessary.

I shall let you know my eventual determination of no. 2700 as soon as I have a chance to work on it more carefully.

Very sincerely yours,



A. C. Smith
Curator of the Herbarium

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HARRISON W. SMITH
TAHITI

12 March 1941

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am enclosing a copy of a part of the Séance of the Tahiti Chambre d'Agriculture of 1917 relating to the Marquesan palm, *Pelagodoxa henryana*. Someone once asked where the plant had been described; so I found the answer & here is a copy for you.

You will note that it is found in very shady places. I have seven of these palms in five different places. One ^{of them} never sees the sun, is about 10 inches above the waterlevel of a brook & is a rich dark green. Without exception those getting the most light are the most yellow. I shall soon transplant at least two to shade & moisture.

The one you planted at the orchid garden certainly looked good when I saw it; but if it begins to be unhappy too much light may be the reason; & in that case I suggest among the trees & near the little brook.

I'm very sorry to learn that you have been laid up with malaria and hope that you have long since been entirely fit again. Take care of yourself.

The enclosed picture of one of my two nipa palms and of my largest durian fruit may be of interest. TUA, who holds the durian is $\frac{1}{2}$ Chinese $\frac{1}{2}$ Tahitian, a very fine man

With kindest regards to you & Mrs. Allen,
Sincerely yours

Harrison W. Smith

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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August 9, 1940.

Dr. Paul H. Allen
Supply Department
The Panama Canal
Balboa, Canal Zone

Dear Doctor Allen:

Your letter of July 28 has been forwarded to me from the U. S. National Herbarium and I note that you are sending some dried material to that address. Doubtless the specimens will also be forwarded to me. I shall be very pleased to study them and to dispose of the duplicates as you suggest.

At the end of September I am leaving the New York Botanical Garden to take a position at the Arnold Arboretum, consequently, in your correspondence to me after September 15 kindly use the following address:

Arnold Arboretum
Jamaica Plain
Massachusetts

Very sincerely yours,

A. C. Smith
A. C. Smith
Associate Curator

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Kennington, Md.

Dear Mr. Allen.

Many thanks for your attractive card, and I am glad to have your address. I hope everything is going well and you enjoy your work. If you have a chance to collect, please do send special groups, not only mine (Enc., Nymphaea, Hippocrepis) but Lyman's (Brachy, Begonia) & Killip's (Passiflora, Barnarea, etc.). In fact, we would take a try at anything you send - other people's specialties aside, of course. ↘

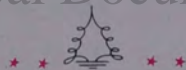
Greetings of the Season

WISHING YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPINESS

THROUGH THE NEW YEAR



Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Smith

United Fruit Company,
Almirante, Rep. de Panama, C.A.

Mr. P. H. Allen,
Missouri Botanical Gardens,
Balboa, C.Z.

Dear Sir;-

During his visit here a few months ago, I had a very pleasant time with Dr. Woodson, who also visited you this last summer I believe.

I happened to have a few things here that Dr. Woodson said you did not have in your collection, - namely Betel Nut; Pili Nut; Camphor.

I am sending you in this same mail a package containing a few germinated seeds of Betel Nut. If they do not arrive in good condition please advise me and I shall send you some ungerminated seed, - or small growing plants if you prefer.

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If you have space for a few Pili Nut trees (*Canarium commune*) just write me a note. I can send you a few small plants or a few seed as you prefer.

I do not at the present have any small trees or seed of camphor but I shall be glad to remember you if/when I do have some.

Dr. Woodson was a very acceptable guest here and it is a pleasure to carry out his wishes. I do not know just what is the nature of your collection so I hesitate to make any further suggestions regarding acquisitions from here.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time that it^{is} convenient.

Very truly yours,

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