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Tela, Honduras  
July 30, 1959

Dr. C. Earle Smith  
Curator of Vascular Plants  
Chicago Natural History Museum  
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Smitty:

Before leaving El Salvador at the termination of the project there we sent you a small fascicle of some 33 herbarium specimens that will represent the close of our exchange agreement, insofar as the Centro Nacional is concerned, unless activities are renewed at a later time.

I am somewhat vague due to the scrambled state of my records here after the move, but I would like to suggest that you close out the account and send any pending balance that we may have with you to Dr. Mario Lewy Van Severen, Co-Director of the Centro, in the form of mounting paper, as has been done in the past.

With most sincere regards,

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

cc - Dr. Mario Lewy van Severen

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

FORMERLY FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE SHORE DRIVE  
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

July 8, 1959

Mr. Paul H. Allen  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa  
Honduras, C. A.

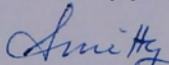
Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for the labels which arrived the other day. These specimens have now been mounted and are on their way into our herbarium. It is unusual to get a nice set of tropical fruit trees showing the selected variation.

Thank you also for the 94 specimens from the Centro which arrived yesterday. These are being credited to the Exchange in the amount of 12-1/2 cents each, for a total of \$11.75. I trust this meets with your approval.

Let us know when you need more supplies.

Sincerely yours,



C. Earle Smith, Jr.  
Curator of Vascular Plants

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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE SHORE DRIVE

CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

March 13, 1959

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

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for sending the herbarium material which arrived here in very good condition.

In accordance with the agreement, we are sending on to you by Parcel Post, a package of mounting paper. One question comes up concerning this exchange. Because of the great weight of the mounting paper, I find we have been paying \$7.95 postage per sending. I have investigated freight, but on shipments of only 100 pounds, brokerage fees eat up the saving which might be effected. The problems inherent in supplying greater amounts of paper in one shipment do not make this seem too practical. Therefore, I wonder if we can arrive at some agreement concerning this problem of postage. Would it be possible for you to send on to us a few extra specimens to help cover the differential between the postal charges which you pay and those which we pay on the mounting paper?

I trust that your work is going along well. I am much interested in the project which you are doing on trees. For your information, I am enclosing a Key to Cedrela which should be published shortly in a revision of this genus. I would much appreciate any comments you would care to make.

Incidentally, since coming to this Museum, I have been handed a bundle of specimens of Simarouba which do not appear to have been sent along with the exchange specimens noted in our records. They bear a label from E.A.P. and Louis Williams (Louis O. Williams, Paul H. Allen and Robert Armour) is the first collector noted on the label for three specimens. The remainder of the material is without labels. The collection numbers without labels are:

6803	6816	6829	6831
6810	6817	6830	6832.

It would be much appreciated if you can assist me in getting duplicate labels for these.

Sincerely yours,

*C. Earle Smith, Jr.*  
 C. Earle Smith, Jr.  
 Associate Curator of  
 Vascular Plants

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Gray Herbarium



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79 GARDEN STREET  
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June 8, 1953.

Mr. Paul H. Allen  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C. A.

Dear Paul:

The material which you sent of *Sloanea* appears to be *S. laurifolia* (Benth.) Benth. previously unreported from Central America. It corresponds most closely to specimens of *S. brachytepala* Ducke which I am reducing into the above on the basis of floral and fruit characters.

The species in South America is very variable in foliage, somewhat less variable in floral characters. It ranges along the main Amazon drainage and northward to the coast. Should you ever find flowering specimens of this tree, I would very much like to see them, as this will provide final confirmation of the determination. Thank you very much for the specimen.

Sincerely yours,

C. Earle Smith Jr.

May 30, 1953

Dr. C. E. Smith  
Gray Herbarium  
Garden Street  
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Louis Williams has suggested that you might be willing to give us your opinion on the enclosed scrappy material, collected near Golfito on the Pacific slope of Costa Rica. The tree is about 140 ft. tall, and the wood is reported by local people to burn like kerosene, which makes it of rather more than ordinary interest in the preparation of a utilization manual.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Allen