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January 14, 1959

Dr. Lyman B. Smith, Curator  
United States National Herbarium  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Lyman:

This is just a note to thank you for the fine batch of reprints, and for the identifications of Colombian collections, and to say that we are sending you an additional lot of 61 duplicate specimens from El Salvador, which should reach you in due course.

With most sincere regards,

Paul H. Allen

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

November 26, 1958

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Paul:

I have sent the residue of your Colombian collections  
to Bassett Maguire as requested. Enclosed are some lists  
of identifications which should be at least partially new

to you.

Sincerely,

*Lyman*

Lyman B. Smith  
Curator  
Division of Phanerogams

Paul H. Allen - - Plants of Colombia

- 3017 *Pithecellobium* (*Macrosamanea*) *leucophyllum* Spruce det. E. P. Killip  
3022 *Tetrapteris mucronata* Cav. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3124 *Chamaecrista tetraphylla* (Desv.) Britton & Rose det. Killip & Gutiérrez  
3216 *Macrolobium bifolium* (Aubl.) Pers. det. E. P. Killip  
3248 *Vochysia spathiphylla* Stafleu Type no.  
3317 *Burdachia prismatocarpa* Juss. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3320 *Spathanthus viridis* Maguire Type no.  
3324 *Rinorea pubiflora* (Benth.) Sprague & Sandw. det. Smith & Fernández  
3326 *Piptadenia*, probably sp. nov. det. R. S. Cowan  
3347 *Vochysia artantha* Stafleu Type no.  
3366 *Sclerolobium* cf. *chrysophyllum* P. & E. det. R. S. Cowan  
3367 *Pterocarpus amazonicus* Huber det. R. S. Cowan  
3378 *Machaerium quinatum* (Aubl.) Sandw. det. R. S. Cowan  
3379 *Pithecellobium* sp. det. R. S. Cowan  
3382 *Heteropteris mossii* (Morton) Cuatr. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3388 *Carpotroche amazonica* Mart. det. A. Fernández  
3400 *Casearia javitensis* H.B.K. det. A. Fernández  
3401 *Pithecellobium* (*Zygia*) *latifolium* (L.) Benth. det. R. S. Cowan  
3404 *Swartzia urubuensis* Ducke vel aff. det. E. P. Killip

Unicates returned to Missouri Botanical Garden

Paul H. Allen

- 3023 *Epistephium parvifolium* Lindl. det. L. A. Garay  
3015 *Odontoglossum lindenii* Lindl. det. L. A. Garay  
3028 *Pitcairnia sprucei* Baker det. L. B. Smith  
3054 *Byrsonima chrysophylla* H.B.K. f. *kunthiana* Ndzu det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3060 *Xyris caroliniana* Walt. det. Idrobo & Smith  
3116 *Pitcairnia patentiflora* L.B. Smith det. L. B. Smith  
3140 *Byrsonima crassifolia* ssp. *insulata* Cuatr. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3145 *Trattinnickia burserifolia* Mart. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3179 *Atopocarpus papillosum* Cuatr. det. J. Cuatrecasas  
3183 *Caryocar glabrum* (Aubl.) Pers. det. A. C. Smith  
3195 *Xyris teinosperma* Idrobo & Smith Type no.  
3220 *Navia caulescens* Mart. ex Schult. f. det. L. B. Smith  
3221 *Navia caulescens* Mart. ex Schult. f. det. L. B. Smith  
3224 *Sobralia liliastrum* Lindl. det. L. A. Garay  
3240 *Epidendrum nocturnum* Jacq. Det. L. A. Garay  
3251 *Pourouma apaporiensis* Cuatr. f. *macrophylla* Cuatra. Type  
3257 *Galeottia negrensis* Schltr. det. L. A. Garay  
3285 *Codonanthe formicarum* Fritsch det. L. B. Smith  
3287 *Xyris yapobodensis* Idrobo & Smith Type no.  
3305 *Urospatha sagittifolia* (Rodsch.) Schott. det. L. B. Smith  
3311 *Sobralia liliastrum* Lindl. det. L. A. Garay  
3325 *Rodriguesia batemanii* P. & B. det. L. A. Garay  
3386 *Passiflora laurifolia* L. det. L. B. Smith

Dr. L. B. Smith  
Smithsonian Institution  
United States National Herbarium  
Washington 25, D.C.

July 11, 1958

Dear Lyman:

The most recent number of Richard Schultes *Plantae Austro-American-ae* (X) was awaiting me here in Honduras on my recent return from a three month junket to El Salvador and the United States. As usual, I note a fair number of plants which are described as new from localities collected by me ten years or more before the Schultes visits, which makes me wish again that some means might be found to work the small lot of my specimens in your hands currently with those of the other collectors, with the view of amplifying what may be inadequate material, if for no other purpose.

I have had recent occasion to discuss this problem with Dr. Bassett Maguire, of the New York Botanical Garden, and he has generously offered to take charge of the collection, and see that the various families are farmed out to specialists. It would, in consequence, be very greatly appreciated if the lot might be sent him, at your convenience.

With most sincere regards,

  
Paul H. Allen

Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Apartado 93, Tegucigalpa  
June 26, 1956

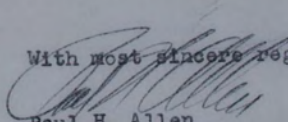
Dr. Lyman B. Smith, Curator  
Division of Phanerogams  
United States National Herbarium  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lyman:

Many thanks for your kind offer to send my small lot of Vaupes specimens to Maguire. Odd lots like this are a nuisance, unless they can be made to fit in to a general study of an area.

In regard to the unicates, I may be mistaken, but it is at least my impression that the plants were mine, and were given to the Missouri Botanical Garden on the condition that they be identified. Since they did nothing with them during the several years that they were in their hands, I felt free to pass them on to nearly anyone who would offer to work them up. The collection, in other words, has never been sold to any institution, and was accumulated on my own time, and at my own expense, which explains in part the personal interest that I have in it, as well as the small size of the lot.

With most sincere regards,

  
Paul H. Allen

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

June 23, 1958

AIR MAIL

Dr. Paul H. Allen  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Paul:

I will check your Colombian collections and send them off to Maguire. At present I do not know just how I am going to handle the unicates which are the property of the Missouri Botanical Garden and are still unmounted. I think it may be well to return them and have Missouri make the loan after mounting.

Sincerely,

*Lyman*

Lyman B. Smith  
Curator  
Division of Phanerogams



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July 11, 1956

AIR MAIL

Dr. Paul H. Allen  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Paul:

I will do my best to circulate your Colombian collections, but I am sure we never received those Apocynaceae and Asclepiadaceae which you cite because I have checked against the original lists.

We did receive most of the orchid numbers you list and I am taking the liberty of lending them to Mr. Garay while Dick is away. If Dick objects you can blame me, but Garay has been delivering the goods for us at a very good rate.

I am sorry that Dick beat you out on some records and I will try to prevent its happening again. I am leaving your plants with Dr. Cuatrecasas while I am away, since he spends all his time on the Colombian flora.

Here are a few determinations that have accumulated:

- 2368 *Guzmania scherzeriana* Mez var. *guatemalensis* L.B. Sm.  
(det. L. B. Smith)
- 3216 *Macrolobium angustifolium* (Benth.) Cowan  
(correction - det. R. S. Cowan)
- 3254 *Sloanea robusta* Witt. (det. C.E. Smith, Jr.)
- 3287 *Xyris subuniflora* Malme ~~(det. Smith & Idrobo)~~ *yapobodensis*  
3288 *Xyris spruceana* Malme (det. Idrobo) *Idroboi* Sm.
- 3346 *Qualea pulcherrima* Spruce ex Warm.  
(correction - det. F.A. Stafleu)
- 3361 *Mollia gracilis* Spruce (det. J. Cuatrecasas)
- 3365 *Passiflora spinosa* (P. & E.) Mast. (det. E. P. Killip)
- 3385 *Passiflora nitida* H.B.K. (det. E. P. Killip)
- 3385a *Bifrenaria aurantiaca* Lindl. (det. L. A. Garay)
- 5544 *Aspidosperma megalocarpon* Muell. Arg. (det. R.E. Woodson, Jr.)

Sincerely yours,

Lyman

Lyman B. Smith  
Associate Curator  
Division of Phanerogams

P.S. Have just turned your Malpighs over to Cuatrecasas for his latest project. L.

June 27, 1956

Dr. Lyman B. Smith  
United States National Herbarium  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lyman:

The sort of thing that I have particularly in mind covers groups which Schultes is working personally, or which you are farming out for him to specialists. Woodson, for example, writes me that he has just finished doing Dick's Apocynaceae, and has found a number of novelties among them. I find that my records show my numbers 3070, 3098, 3154, 3162, 3209, 3271, 3313, 3316, 3387, 3396, 3397, and 3398 still unreported in this family, as well as 3101, 3142, 3166, 3238, 3239, 3246, 3321 and 3407 in the Asclepiadaceae. While the first lot, at least, are fresh in his mind, this should be an ideal time to get these done, during the school vacation.

Among the miscellaneous things which Dick lists in the *Botanical Museum Leaflets* from time to time, I note species in the *Ericaulaceae*, which have largely been done by Moldenke. Do you suppose he could be persuaded to look at my numbers 3149, 3169, 3184, 3192, 3199, 3208, 3211, 3212 & 3213, which I still lack? Then again, since Dick is at the Ames Orchid Herbarium, we might as well let him have my orchids, to do together with his own. They are my numbers 2993, 2996, 3003, 3008, 3011, 3014, 3015, 3023, 3030, 3031, 3047, 3080, 3085, 3102, 3115, 3156, 3203, 3204, 3222, 3224, 3240, 3257, 3258, 3274, 3276, 3295, 3301, 3311, 3325, 3364, 3385-A and 3393.

Although the list is not extensive, I can't help but feel a twinge of envy when I see Dick list as a new species, or tremendous extension of range, some plant which I collected in the identical same area ten or more years ago, and which is not so much as cited in his list of specimens.

I'm not trying to make life difficult for anyone, I hope, but it would appear logical, as I have said before, that these collections be seen and worked together. I envy you your prospective trip to Brazil. How soon do you expect to leave? Dorothy joins me in the hope that this finds you & yours enjoying a reasonably decent summer, at least by Washington standards.

As ever,

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

June 11, 1956

AIR MAIL

Dr. Paul H. Allen  
Escuela Agricola Panamericana  
Apartado 93  
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear Paul:

Dick Schultes has only to ask for a family from our Colombian collections to have it sent, but at present most of his own collections are here for us to work up. Consequently I see no point in sending on your whole collection unless you specifically desire it.

I admit we have been slow in reporting your plants, but they are just too good to be easy. If you had collected a bunch of weeds (and I am glad you did not) we could have named them long ago. In naming Colombian plants we are down to revising the flora family by family. However, with Dr. Cuatrecasas here we are making better progress.

I will try to make some arrangement with Dick in the groups he is studying. If I can go to Cambridge before he leaves next month it should be simple.

Hoping to see you in Washington next year after I return from Brazil (about May).

Sincerely,

*Lyman*

Lyman B. Smith  
Associate Curator  
Division of Phanerogams

June 6, 1956

Dr. Lyman B. Smith  
United States National Herbarium  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lyman:

During my recent brief, but very pleasant visit in Cambridge Dick Schultes expressed a definite interest in seeing as many as possible of my Colombian collections, all of which, I believe, are now in your hands.

Since his return he has been slooly working up his own material from areas which I had visited ten years previously, and has been publishing a fair number of novelties which are also represented in the things which you have. It would seem to me to be highly desirable that these two collections from the same area be worked simultaneously. If you are in agreement, I am sure that you can come to some mutually satisfactory agreement with him as to disposal of duplicates and final disposition of types.

Our past junket took in Miami (our port of entry), Gainesville, St. Louis, Cambridge, Kennett Square, Gainesville again, and a final two days in Miami before return here. We particularly regretted not being able to have at least a day or two in Washington, but maybe we can find some legitimate excuse to do so next year.

Since I still have class work to prepare for this afternoon, I had better sign off. Dorothy joins me in most sincere regards to you & yours, and to the rest of the gang.

As ever,

Paul