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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

6 April 1972

Mr. Kenneth D. Whitehead
Deputy Director
Foreign Currency Program
Office of International
Activities
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

As agreed upon during a recent telephone conversation between yourself and Mr. Roark of the University, the previously announced support is to be adjusted upward to correct a misunderstanding of the salaries of the American participants. In addition, other details may also be useful in explaining our position concerning this project.

- 1) The American participants need to be five as last year, i.e. the two principal investigators and three student assistants, two of whom will complete collections of material for their Ph.D. theses and one to assist in processing material together with the P.I.'s.
- 2) This would require five round-trip air fares between Boulder and Ljubljana for the American team. From our standpoint, it is desirable that one Yugoslav be given an opportunity to come to Boulder next winter, to assist in the writing of the results of the research, but we leave this decision to the SFCP office.
- 3) All salaries requested for the American participants are commensurate with the regulations of the University for summer salaries of faculty and graduate students. If they receive a salary it must come from grant funds. However, we want to emphasize that since it is important that the team be given an opportunity to leave in the middle of May to collect the spring flora, and then stay for three and one-half months, the principal investigators agree to work that period of time in Yugoslavia for only two months' salaries, if the SFCP office regards this as appropriate, whereas the University does not feel it can ask the student assistants to work without pay for any part of the time, because of the discrepancy between the paid time for the P.I.'s and the student assistants.
- 4) Mileage and rent for cars has been doubled from the sum allotted last year, for reasons explained earlier in the report for last year. It is more important than ever that this sum be maintained, since otherwise it will be difficult to complete the work during this limited time; considerably more travel for collection will have to be made if the work

is to be properly completed, both the general investigation and the special studies by the graduate students, and this requires trips at the same time to various places by the different participants.

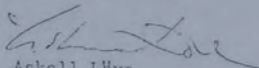
- 5) The per-diem is the one given in the instructions from the SFCP and not that unilaterally reduced last year, an action that resulted in a considerable hardship for all the participants and an actual reduction of their salaries since they preferred that rather than to reduce their work. Although the P.L.'s agree to work for a two-months salary each though their actual time of work in Yugoslavia will be three months and one half each, it seems reasonable to ask for a per-diem for three months for all the American participants, lest direct research costs be paid out of their own pockets.
- 6) The need for renting an office for the American participants was explained in the report. Last year the two P.L.'s used their salaries to pay for such a facility.
- 7) The budget for the Yugoslav participants certainly is the minimum acceptable to them. It is largely self-explanatory if compared with last year's budget.

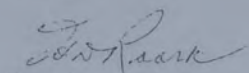
We want to emphasize the importance of the participants being allowed to leave around the middle of May for their 3 1/2 months stay in Yugoslavia, so that they will be able to include the important spring flora of the mountains in their final work. Therefore, it is important that decisions on the budget be made as soon as possible, and that the P.L.'s be furnished with the necessary papers for authorization of official travel and other such documents as soon as possible, so that timely arrangements for the travel can be made through the TWA (preferably) or the PanAm office in Denver.

We sincerely hope that you can somehow arrange to fund the attached budget amounting to \$51,820. Similar to the arrangements made last year, we would like to request that the American Consulate at Zagreb handle the funding of this project.

We will be pleased to answer any further questions you might have.

Sincerely yours,


Askill Löve
Professor


Howard D. Roark
Operating Manager
Office of Research Services

BUDGET

I. Expenditures for international travel and transportation.	
1. Air fare, 5 round trips for the American participants, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. to Ljubljana, Yugoslavia @ \$936	\$ 4,680
2. Additional round-trip for one Yugoslav participant	936
3. Excess baggage and air freight for books, equipment and herbarium material and cytological collections	<u>500</u>
	\$ 6,116

II. Expenditures in Yugoslavia.

A. For American participants:

1. Salaries and Wages	
a. Askeff Löve (PI), 2 mos. at \$2,060/mo.	\$ 4,180
b. Doris Löve (PI), 2 mos. at \$1,800/mo.	3,600
c. Three student assistants, 3 mos. at \$710/mo.	6,390
2. Mileage and rent for cars	3,600
3. Per diem: 450 man-days at \$17	7,650
4. Office rent for American participants (3 mos.)	<u>1,000</u>
	\$26,420

B. For Yugoslavian participants:

1. Salaries and Wages	
a. Franc Susnik, (PI), 5 mos. at \$500	2,500
b. Ernest Mayer (PI), 3 mos. at \$500	1,500
c. Two student assistants, 2 mos. each, at \$500 per month	2,000
d. Special assistant, 12 mos. at \$300	3,600
2. Local travel (mileage and vehicle rental)	4,000
3. Field maintenance and per diem	<u>4,000</u>
	\$17,600

C. For cooperative efforts:

1. Expendable supplies	
a. Laboratory supplies	\$ 1,300
b. Photographic and other supplies	500

C. For cooperative efforts: (cont'd)

2. Laboratory and office rent for Yugoslav participants	\$ 2,000
3. Publication costs	2,000
4. Administrative costs	<u>2,000</u>
	\$ 7,800

GRANT TOTAL \$51,820

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Prof. Love Exhibit 8

Form approved by
Comptroller General, U.S.
March 19, 1953

**PURCHASE ORDER, RECEIVING REPORT
AND VOUCHER**
(For use in foreign countries only)

D.O. Vou. No.
Bu. Vou. No.
Purchase Order No.
PAID BY
James F. Drackman-USA
Belgrade, Yugoslavia
0229

Department or Establishment
U.S. Smithsonian Institution

Prepared at (place) (date)
American Embassy Belgrade, Yugoslavia 6/9/72

Purchaser
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, DR.

Ordering Officer (Payee)
Dr. Askell Love, Designated Representative

Address of seller
c/o University of Ljubljana

Contract No. SFG-2-7626 (dated) 6/72

Order is hereby placed with the above-named seller for the articles or services described below, to be furnished:

ITEM NOS.	ARTICLES OR SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE		AMOUNT
			Cost	Per	
	Funds made available for the maintenance and other expenses of the American project participants. Project title: "Cooperative Studies on the Cytotaxonomy of the Yugoslavian Flora". \$26,420.00 Ref. Deptel A-5346 dtd 5/30/72			ND	449,140.00

Use continuation sheet(s) if necessary

Ordering Officer (Signature)	Approp. Allocation	Funds Available:
Name:	Obj. No.	Name:
Title:	Amnt.	Title:
		TOTAL

I certify that the ordered items listed were received on _____ (date) except as follows:

PAYMENT:

Complete

Partial

Final

Amount billed, as per attached bill(s)

Differences

Amount verified correct for ND 449,140.00

Prepayment Audit (Signature or initials)

Approved for
ND 449,140.00 \$ 26,420.00

Exchange rate
ND 17.00 to \$ 1.00

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify this voucher correct and proper for payment.

Signature of Authorized Certifying Officer
Dorothy E. Weltrauch
Title: Authorized Certifying Officer

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION

Fund	Allotment	Oblig. No.	Paying Office	Date Paid	Object	Amount
33X0102	SFG-2-7626					\$26,420.00

Check No. 09972 dated _____, 1972, for \$ 449,140.00 on Treasurer of United States.

Check No. _____ dated _____, 1972, for \$ _____ on _____

Cash on _____, 1972, for \$ _____

Payee
Dr. Askell Love
Designated Representative, Univ. of Colorado

Ref:

July 2, 1972.

Very confidential!

Mr. Kennedy B. Schmeitz,
Director, Foreign Currency Programs,
Office of International Activities,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Schmeitz:

We were disappointed when we arrived in Ljubljana in late May and discovered that, contrary to promises, no authorization for our funds had been sent to Belgrade from Washington. We have been told that the Embassy has, at the request of us and Dr. Suišič, repeatedly contacted your office by telephone or telegram for such an authorization in late May or early June. When the authorization at last arrived, I was informed by the scientific attaché, Dr. Liimatainen, at his next in command, Mr. Darovec, that even then nothing could be done because they needed a new approval by Zanter, the Yugoslav Research Council. This looks to me as a plainly deliberate harassment since Zanter agrees (according to what has been told to Dr. Suišič, our coinvestigator) that they already approved our program and funds for five years last summer and so they do not believe this has to be done again. They also seem to feel that when your committee last winter summarily decided to cut short the funding after this summer this was unfair and not motivated, but that is a matter for your politicians to discuss. Whatever is correct, this situation hardly is conducive to scientific work as that for which we contracted, but we certainly are not those who are dragging feet. Also, I am wondering why all this negativism is needed now, when you actually have terminated the project after this summer because your committee funds us less competent than our Yugoslav colleagues and — and we certainly had lost all interest in this kind of Smithsonian encouragement.

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Since we trusted that our funds would be available on our arrival in Ljubljana, we brought with us a minimum of dollars to use during our stops en route only. Therefore, when we had waited for two weeks, I asked the scientific attaché, per telephone, on June 9, if he could not advance us some money, in the safe anticipation of the evident approval of the funds by Zameta. Astonishingly, he categorically declared that this he could not do, because it was against some regulations. Dr. Savič and the University had lent us some money for food and other absolute necessities when we arrived, but since I did not feel that I could ask him for more, and since Dr. Ljumentar also indicated that even that had been against some regulations, about which we were and remain ignorant, we continued to restrict our activities and food purchases to a minimum and asked those, from whom we have rented living quarters, to bear with us, and explained why. That they did gladly, but with evident surprise. A couple of days later when nothing happened, I mentioned to the attaché per telephone that we were seriously considering the necessity of returning home. Against that he advised strongly and said the money would become available, and then indicated that he knew that if we did leave, we would be required to repay probably all the money lent to pay the salaries of the assistants, and I got the faint notion that he said that the University of Ljubljana would not support us, why? On June 14, according to a note in my book of transactions etc., however, one of his associates, who presented himself on the place as Mr. Stora (or Stora?) of the Office of the Scientific Attaché at the American Embassy, phoned me in the morning when I had just arrived at the Institute of Biology. He told me that the attaché, as he had indicated to me earlier, had informed him that it seemed likely that Zameta would not act on our funds until in August after the vacations, and that Dr. Ljumentar therefore had proposed that he, Mr. Stora, help me to get an advance or loan, equivalent to the salaries of our group, through a Ljubljana businessman, Mr. Francoski, who he said was well known and trusted by the Embassy. When I asked, if there were some conditions, I was told that since such a bypassing of Zameta might be misunderstood by the very sensitive Government, the transactions must be kept absolutely secret as a "national security" matter, and the lender would require that when we repay him immediately after receiving our funds from the Embassy wherever that could be, he must be given also the sum intended as per diem for all five of us in the budget because of his high risk. I could not refrain from using the word extortion about this, and wondered if it would not be wiser and less expensive and more honest towards us and especially our assistants to ask the University to help us without such vagaries, since its authorities had clearly shown interest in doing so when lending us money without any interest at our arrival.

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The answer to this was categorically negative, and it was at least indicated again that even that small loan had been against some serious regulations. Mr. Storn advised me that they were only trying to help me, not to force me to accept this, but admitted that he saw no other way out, "because of the attitude by Zaneta". He repeatedly warned me not to mention this to Dr. Svirnich or to discuss it with anybody, especially not with my wife and co-principal investigator, and I believe some of his words, which I did not write down at once and thus cannot recall exactly, could, and perhaps should, be interpreted as threatening, though not explicitly. Naturally, I became upset when hearing this, a project which I feel to be an outrageous and unjust reduction in our otherwise reasonable summer budget; I had questions mainly because of the assistants, although I have not told them about the problem and still believe that three months' salary is reasonably good, even in the most expensive of Yugoslavian cities. I pointed out to Mr. Storn that this was a serious deviation from and actually a drastic reduction in our budget which certainly must be approved by your office, and asked to be allowed to discuss it with the attaché himself. I was told that he was out of town, but was instead, after a few minutes (not seconds) delay, contacted with Mr. Barlovec, the kind in command. (I must add here within parentheses that I have actually met only the former in the past, in Belgrade, with you, and that summer I talked only on the phone to Mr. Barlovec. I have so far this summer only talked on the phone to Dr. Liimatainen and his associate, Barlovec and Storn. I understand from some remarks by Dr. Svirnich, that Dr. Liimatainen has already visited Ljubljana for a couple of days during the time we have been here this summer. Mr. Litch and Dr. Asp have told me that even Mr. Barlovec has visited them in our laboratory in the Botanical Garden and invited Mrs. Litch out to a restaurant. Why neither of these gentlemen visited us, at least rather than our assistants, is a puzzle to me). When Mr. Barlovec at last came to the phone, he told me that the proposal presented by Mr. Storn had been discussed and felt to be the only acceptable possibility out of our difficulties, and reminded me that the Embassy was authorized to approve or propose or even force upon us any changes in the budget which later would be reported to Washington. Since I recalled that Mr. Whitehead of your office had, before we left for Yugoslavia in 1971, told me at least twice on the phone that if we needed an approval of even drastic changes in details of the budget the Embassy was fully authorized to allow this, so far as it did not involve an increase in the total sum, I accepted this explanation. I also recalled that when I asked Mr. Whitehead in the fall of 1971 if I should report on progress for an adjustment in the airfare for Mrs. Reid to be sent to him, because Dr. Svirnich had told him that Mrs. Reid was not actually contributing to the project (which was correct), Mr. Whitehead told me that this would be reported by the Embassy and I should not mention it to avoid confusion, when recalling also this, I felt more assured, although I asked Mr. Barlovec

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if he could inform you and get your approval — that he said had already been accomplished before I was contacted by his colleague. Since I am here with a group of five to accomplish considerable research work during a short season, I must admit that I felt trapped and with a dagger pointed at me, but since I feel I must trust the diplomats at the Embassy, I reluctantly agreed to accept the proposal. I was then instructed how to contact Mr. Francodring by telephone, but also strongly advised once more not to even mention this to Dr. Šušteršič or ^{to} anybody else, and then especially not ~~to~~ ^{to} my assistants, or to my wife. I believe Mr. Bulović is a Yugoslav working at the Embassy so I was astonished to have him warn that all this caution had to be taken because of the risks for persecution or worse in this communist police state, and this he dared to say by telephone from a foreign embassy to me, a foreigner whom he does not know.

I contacted Mr. Francodring around noon on June 14 and found out through the desk answering the telephone that the number given me by Dr. Šušteršič was that of one of the banks in the city; the girl he talked to at the bank and who answered the phone told me exactly how I could recognize him near the entrance of another bank not far from his own, though he himself did not tell me that he spoke from a bank. Less than an hour later, when I had returned from lunch at home, I met him at the place agreed upon. He is a somewhat stout and thin man of my age, in his middle 70's I believe and with some signs of high blood pressure. His face is pleasant and confident looking, that of a man of accident appearance and culture. He speaks English well but hesitatingly and told me that he was more fluent in German. Mr. Francodring and I sat down at a table in a corner, where he took a thick brown envelope without any writing or text out of his naturally colored and clearly hand-made leather briefcase. He gave the envelope to me and said that it included the sum agreed upon in dollars at the rate of the day. I counted that sum later. I offered him a receipt, but he turned it down saying that the officers at the Embassy use his security. I then offered to go out with him for a cup of coffee or milk, but he politely declined. I also asked if he would not sign his name and address on the envelope, but he smiled and said that even that was not possible. Then he rose to his feet, shook my hand and said "since this is a communist police state, perhaps we ought to depart separately, and almost at once he had left the bank. I did not see him on the street when I myself departed.

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I was, back at the Institute, half an hour before it closed at 2 p.m. Just what I believe is the story though it is, not so called here, and we ourselves work all the day as at home. There I met Dr. Šušteršič, who told me that he had again contacted the Embassy and, I believe, Zanteš, with the same lack of result. That did not disturb me now. Some time passed for me, and I went to one of the offices at the back of the building to take it, because the street noise in the front offices is deafening. It was Mr. Štern, who only said that he had heard from Mr. Francušek that the transfer had been made and congratulated me on behalf of the Office to that news and work could at last proceed without further interference. When I expressed my worries that I had received no written confirmation of the action which I told him I did not find pleasant, he said that no receipts were needed because the Embassy was fully informed and would later furnish me with documents to be presented with my financial report to the Smithsonian, or they would send such documents directly to you with a copy to me signed I believe by Zanteš. He also suggested that your office was it would continue to be informed, I understood either by telegram or teleprinter, though the latter is not very reliable and not understandable. Before ending the conversation, Mr. Štern suggested what Mr. Božović had told me earlier, that now I should (write by hand) pay the assistants their just two months' salary, but emphasized that I must ask them to sign two blanks — and he requested two blanks — receipts each and advised me to carefully explain that the Embassy would later decide what ought to be written on these receipts, without giving them any reason for objection, these were his words. I followed this instruction when Dr. Arp and Mrs. Blisker came to my home later that day to get their money, but dated the receipt July 1 as Mr. Štern also had told me to do. With the assistants and my wife, who got the impression that the real funds had at long last arrived from the Embassy, were somewhat puzzled, but seemed to accept what I felt was a clumsy explanation.

This might all have been satisfactory if our funds had really been delayed until August, as indicated to me verbally by the diplomats. However, only nine days later, on June 23, Dr. Šušteršič told me that he had had a pleasant from his friend Šubhnik at Zanteš, and also from Dr. Kimmatainen at the Embassy, both of whom had told him that the transfer of the entire funds had been approved and that I would receive a bank cheque by registered mail — which was a great improvement from last year when I was required to pick up the funds in person either in Belgrade or at the consulate in Zagreb.

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That letter arrived on Saturday, June 24, and on Monday, June 26, Dr. Šušnik came with me to the bank where I cashed the cheque for 419,140 dinars and paid 150 dinars for the service, which I thought ought to have been prepaid by the bank. This was the equivalent of \$26,420 at a rate of 17 dinars per dollar. I asked for the possibilities to open an account, but was told (as I know from earlier occasions last year) that foreigners were not allowed to own a bank account in Yugoslavia. Therefore, I had to keep the money at home and dispose as soon as possible of what had to be paid to others. Dr. Šušnik received at once the sums he and the University had lent me earlier in the spring without interest and gave me receipts. All my dealings with him have been exemplary.

Before we left the Institute on Monday around 2 p.m., I contacted Mr. Franušević at the same phone number, and again the telephone clock at the bank seemed to be somewhat jiggled before connecting us. We agreed to meet at the same place as last time at 10 a.m. next morning, Tuesday, June 27, so that I could pay him back. Naturally, I was tempted to discuss this with Dr. Šušnik, but he would not have been able to help. I judged rather than recused to accept what I believed looked like dirty tricks by the Embassy people, since they must have known the status of the transfer through Zanetas already when they proposed their arrangement. However, I am brought by news to break a promise however advised. I met Mr. Franušević at the correct time and place and handed over to him an envelope with his earlier loan plus the few dinars subjected that the diplomats had ordered me to pay for his "wishes" and claimed had been approved by your office, the sums being written outside the envelope above my signature. He had required no receipt from me and gave me none, nor wrote his name on a page and never even said his name himself and never himself mentioned his telephone number or address. And also this time he left politely and quietly that I did not see him on the street when I followed him out.

Later that same day, June 27, I paid the salary for an additional month to Mrs. Vikič at Dr. Arp's instigation by the Embassy people, I believe by Mr. Štern rather than by Mr. Barlovič, and with the same arrangement of two bank receipts each. When I did this in the laboratory of the Botanical Garden, Mrs. Vikič made a short remark in passing that I understood as that Dr. Šušnik had indicated to her or them that they ought to get more, so I wondered if he had made a slip and mentioned the problem? If so, that shows that he knew nothing of this transaction

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and that also the Embassy people have retained to mention it to him, but he has our budget with all its details. If the assistants should ask again later, I will try to explain without revealing anything important about what Mr. Barčević and Mr. Štam call a national security, but will then tell them, also on the authority of Mr. Barčević, that the three months' salary remains their own if they should stay shorter; if they should insist that they be paid the gas diaries, I will pay it out of my own salary rather than to reveal anything about the transaction because I have promised to keep quiet about it. Since I agreed to this matter against my conscience, I am not asking that the Foreign Currency Program regard our losses, although I would feel it would be proper to offer this to us. 100 dollars rather than worthless diaries.

I had been only a short while at the Institute in the morning of June 28, when one of the office people called me to the telephone. It was Mr. Štam, who told me that Mr. Francoski was satisfied, and asked if I had paid the assistants for the third month. Then he added, somewhat hesitantly, that because of some administrative regulations (and he even mentioned that there had been substantial losses on the car rentals from the University car pool last year) he was forced to instruct me that it would be necessary to transfer the funds budgeted for our travels inside the country and the costs of office and laboratory on our side of the budget, to the University authorities. I was puzzled that Dr. Štamik had never mentioned this and mentioned that I would like to discuss this with him, but was again warned; a national security was again mentioned, that he must be kept outside of this, and instead I was told that this matter would be taken care of by one of the administrative clerks or officers of the Institute alone (and the word "alone" was repeated). He was identified by just name only (though I know his full name) and I asked never to mention it, for reasons of national security again! I was told to pay him these sums without requesting a receipt at this time, but the Embassy would later see to that I got a satisfactory documentation. The University would, instead, furnish us with gasoline coupons, and other devices with which to pay our fuel and hotel costs when travelling long to or about the total sum of the mileage. I contacted the rather shy gentleman who speaks little English and rudimentary German immediately after this conversation, and the same afternoon I gave him the funds required. I asked for no receipt, but he printed out that paper receipts would be produced when the Embassy had decided about their working system we would leave in the fall. I then received a bunch of the coupons.

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In this context I may remind you that the funds mentioned in connection with our laboratory and office space as contracted to those on the Yugoslav side of the Budget had been included at the request of Dr. Suinik who had seen the first summer that the laboratory at the Botanical Garden and his small office at the Institute were insufficient for our use so we proposed to work in one room in the house in which we lived. I told Mr. Storn about this and that I felt no such rent was needed more than the first summer, but he did not discuss that remark but suggested that this sum must be given to the University and that appropriate receipts would be forthcoming later through his office. When I suggested my question and proposed that these funds rather be requested through the Embassy to the Foreign Currency Program, he said that that could be decided later when a decision on it had been reached by the Embassy of the University.

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The need to discuss these matters with anybody, Mr. Debove mentioned when I spoke to him on the phone a couple of days ago, that when our date of departure had been decided, he would like to give Dr. Suinik some preliminary information so that he could get his help as intermediary when vouchers, etc. needed to be collected for me for their securing and completion, and also when all documents needed to be given to me before our departure. However, he still stressed that I should discuss nothing with him myself or give him or others (and here my wife was once more mentioned) no hints or informations, since this could endanger the security of these papers and perhaps others. I wonder if this is a threat of some kind or only a friendly advice? But it probably means that I will be able to use Dr. Suinik as my intermediary if some adjustments or corrections or documentations are required after we have returned home?

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Allow me to mention at last that this Smithsonian affair has upset me considerably so that I am pleased to know that the project terminates soon, although it will take a year before the main parts of it are published. We had expected least cooperation and encouragement but harvested denigrative treatment and roadblocks by outsiders. The Embassy has advised against my reporting anything separately to you, but I want this to be filed, confidentially, together with whatever reports it sends. And I sincerely hope that they keep their promises of perfect and honest documentation for our protection, but trust that you will assist us if needed at that level. But I believe I must admit that I have felt hunted and outwitted alone at sea as if the hayman's nose was being forced around my neck by those whom I believed were my protectors, in what they call a "communist" police state which has done us nothing.

I beg your pardon that I write this letter for hand so that you may have difficulty in deciphering an Embassy of Documentation copy of it before I am typing the letter. I am, however, writing it in the peace of the new airy laboratory in the Botanical Garden where no typewriter is available to me at where nobody can read this confidential letter over my shoulder. In order to prevent that the letter may be intercepted in the Yugoslav mail, as one into the hands of those Americans who do your letters for communist countries, I will bring it to Ulaya just tomorrow when we drive to their for other packages and mail it from an Austrian post office. I hope the fact that the letter is copied during its writing from my memory of note, in my record books does not cause it to become confused and absurd. Despite the difficulties and worries, however, we believe we are doing a good work, though less than we had hoped for, not only because of the disturbances mentioned but also because even our colleagues here seem to have lost much of their enthusiasm after all the calculated delays and interferences from Washington, so even they seem to be relieved that this all will soon end. That I believe is a pitiful ending of an otherwise great dream.

Yours sincerely,
L. Skellam