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July 2, 1972.

Very confidential!

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

Dear Mr. Schmertz:

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. Savšnik, 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, of his next in command, Mr. Barlović, that even then nothing could be done because they needed a new approval by Zamtes, the Yugoslav Research Council. This looks to me as a plainly deliberate harassment since Zamtes agrees (according to what has been told to Dr. Savšnik, 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 you 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 terminating the project after this summer because your committee finds 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. Thereafter, 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 Zamtes. Astonishingly, he categorically declared that this he could not do, because it was against some regulations. Dr. Sušnik 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. Limnetaireum 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 refund personally all the travel costs as per the salaries of the assistants, and I got the faint notion that he said that the University of Colorado would not support us, why? On June 14, according to a note in my book of translations etc., however, one of his associates, who presented himself on the phone as Mr. Steen (or Stein?) 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 Zamtes would not act on our funds until in August after the vacations, and that Dr. Limnetaireum Thereafter had proposed that he, Mr. Steen, help me to get an advance or loan, equivalent to the salaries of our group, through a Ljubljana businessman, Mr. Francodetič, 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 Zamtes might be misunderstood by the very sensitive Government, the transactions must be kept absolutely secret as a "national security" matter, and the banker would require that when we repay him immediately after receiving our funds from the Embassy whenever 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 rapacity, 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. Sturm 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 Zamtes". He repeatedly warned me not to mention this to Dr. Sušnik 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 interpreting as threatening, though not unfriendly. Naturally, I became upset when hearing this proposal which I found to be an outrageous and unfair reduction in our otherwise reasonable summer budget; I had qualms mainly because of the assistants, although I have not told them about the per diem and still believe their three months' salary is reasonably good, even in this most expensive of Yugoslavian cities. I pointed out to Mr. Sturm 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, connected with Mr. Barlovec, the second in command. (I must add here within parentheses, that I have actually met only the former scientific attaché, Mr. DeClerck, last year, 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 associates, Barlovec and Sturm. I understand from some remarks by Dr. Sušnik, that Dr. Liimatainen has already visited Ljubljana for a couple of days during the time we have been here this summer. Mrs. Kirk and Dr. Arp have told me that even Mr. Barlovec has visited them in our laboratory in the Botanical Garden and invited Mrs. Kirk 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. Sturm had been discussed and found 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 paper that the Embassy, through a phonecall to me from Mr. Barlovec, had asked for an adjustment in the airfare for Mrs. Reid to be sent to him, because Dr. Sušnik 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 summer, 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. Francodruž by telephone, but also strongly advised once more not to even mention this to Dr. Sušnik or ~~with~~ to anybody else, and then especially not ~~with~~ to my assistants, or to my wife. I believe Mr. Barlovec is a Yugoslav working at the Embassy so I was astonished to hear him warn that all this caution had to be taken because of the risks for persecution or worse "in this communistic 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. Francodruž around noon on June 14 and found out through the clerk answering the telephone that the number given me by Mr. Stern is that of one of the banks in the city; the girl hesitated somewhat before he were connected. Mr. Francodruž 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 bent and thin man of my size, 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 evident affluence and culture. He speaks English well but hesitatingly and told me that he was more fluent in German. Mr. Francodruž 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 handmade leather briefcase. He gave the envelope to me and said that it included the sum agreed upon in dinars 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 were 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 communistic 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. for what I believe is the siesta though it is not so called here, and we ourselves work all the day as at home. There I met Dr. Sušnik, who told me that he had again contacted the Embassy and, I believe, Zamtes, with the same lack of result. That did not disturb me now. Soon the phone rang 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. Stern, who only said that he had heard from Mr. Francodruž that the transfer had been made and congratulated me on behalf of the Office to that now our 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 before I leave Yugoslavia. He also repeated that your office was and would continue to be informed, I understood, either by telephone or telepointer, though this last impression may be my misunderstanding. Before ending the conversation, Mr. Stern repeated what Mr. Barlovec had told me earlier, that now I should (not only could) pay the assistants their first two months' salary, but emphasized that I must ask them to sign two blank — and he repeated "two blank" — 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 suspicion", these were his words. I followed this instruction when Dr. Arp and Mrs. Wirk came to my home later that day to get their money, but dated the receipt July 1 as Mr. Stern also had told me to do. Both the assistants and my wife, who got the impression that the real funds had at long last arrived from the Embassy, were somewhat perplexed, 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 repeatedly by the diplomats. However, only nine days later, on June 23, Dr. Sušnik told me that he had had a phonecall from his friend Sukloviĉ at Zamtes, and also from Dr. Liimatainen 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. Sušnik came with me to the bank where I cashed the cheque for 449.140 dinars and paid 150 dinars for the „service", which I thought ought to have been prepaid by the sender. 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 knew 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. Sušnik 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. Francodrug at the same phone number, and again the telephone clerk at the bank seemed to be somewhat puzzled 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. Sušnik and with my wife because I felt I had been forced rather than coerced to accept what I believed looked like dirty tricks by the Embassy people, since they must have known the status of the transfer through Zamtes already when they proposed their „arrangement". However, I am brought up never to break a promise however absurd. I met Mr. Francodrug at the correct time and place and handed over to him an envelope with his earlier loan plus the per diem budgeted that the diplomats had ordered me to pay for his „risks" 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, never wrote his name on a paper 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. Kirk and Dr. Arp as instructed by the Embassy people, I believe by Mr. Stern rather than by Mr. Barlovec, and with the same arrangement of two blank receipts each. When I did this in the laboratory of the Botanical Garden, Mrs. Kirk made a short remark in passing that I understood as that Dr. Sušnik had indicated to her or them that they ought to get more, so I wondered if he had made a slip and mentioned the per diem? If so, that shows that he knew nothing of this transaction

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And that also the Embassy people have abstained 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 around what Dr. Barlovič & Dr. Stein call a "national security", but will then tell them, also on the authority of Dr. Barlovič, that the third month's salary remains theirs, even if they should stay shorter; if they should insist that they be paid the per diems, 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 refund our losses, although I would feel it would be proper to offer this to us. In dollars rather than — worthless dinars.

I had seen 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 Dr. Stein, who told me that Dr. Franičević was satisfied, & asked if I had paid the assistants for the third month. Then he added, somewhat hesitantly I felt, that because of some University — he was, it seems, originally right — regulations (and he even mentioned that there had been substantial losses on the car rentals for — 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 & laboratory on our side of the budget, to the University authorities. I was puzzled that Dr. Šušnjić had never mentioned this and mentioned that I would like to discuss this with him, but was again warned, "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 offices of the Institute close (and the word "close" was repeated). He was identified by first name only (though I knew his full name) & I asked never to mention it, for reasons of "national security" again! I was told to pay him these sums without requiring a receipt at this time, but the Embassy would later see to that I get a satisfactory documentation. The University would, instead, furnish us with gasoline coupons and other devices with which to pay our food & hotel costs when travelling & keep to or above 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 pointed out that proper receipts would be produced when the Embassy had decided about their wording & we would leave in the fall. I then received a stack of the coupons.

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In this context I may remind you that the funds mentioned in connection with our laboratory & office space as contrasted to those on the Yugoslav side of the budget had been included at the request of Dr. Sušnik 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 Dr. Stern about this and that I felt no such rent was needed more than the first summer, but he did not discuss that remark but repeated that this item must be given to the University and that "appropriate receipts" would be forthcoming later through his office. When I repeated my question & proposed that these funds rather be refunded 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 & the University.

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It surprised me that although the diplomats have emphasized the need (not) to discuss these matters with anybody, Dr. Bedovič 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. Sušnik some rudimentary information so that he could get his help as intermediary when vouchers, etc. needed to be collected for me for their scrutiny & regulation, 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 & give him or others (and here my wife was once more mentioned) no hints or information, since this could endanger the security of these persons & 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. Sušnik as my intermediary if some adjustments or corrections or documentation 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 honest cooperation and encouragement but harvested clandestine 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 entrapped alone and even as if the hangman's noose was being forced around my neck by those whom I believed were my protectors in what they call a "communistic 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 my European handwriting, and I apologize for not typing the letter. I am, however, writing it in the peace of the now empty laboratory in the Botanical Garden where no typewriter is available to me and where nobody can read this confidential letter over my shoulder. In order to prevent that the letter may be intercepted in the Yugoslav mail, or come into the hands of those Americans which open letters from communist countries, I will bring it to Ulagenfurt tomorrow when we drive to there for other purposes and mail it from an Austrian post office. I hope the fact that the letter is composed during its writing from my memory and notes in my record books does not cause it to become confused and obscure. 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,

Yskell Löw

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Brief eingelegt zu Prevalje adress 17. September 1972

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Boulder, September 4, 1972.

Confidential.

Dear Franc:

When we left Ljubljana, I got a brown envelope with my name only in type. I understood that it must be from the Embassy people though that was not said, but was told that if something important was missing, it would be sent to me by airmail, but also that I ought not to open the envelope until I had arrived back home. Although I was tempted not to follow such a silly recommendation, we had so many other matters to attend to during our travel that I did not open it until the day after we returned to here. This letter is caused by the content, or perhaps rather lack of content, of that envelope, more about that below.

I am grateful that I also got the information about the plants from Milan in the last minute, although it is incomplete. I am sure that by aid of his earlier reports I will be able to complete the joint papers promised for your new Scopolia journal so that its printing will not be further delayed. The other papers and the computerized Atlas will be completed during the winter, we hope, or at least during the coming year, but we need the material that your computer center in Ljubljana promised to complete in early September, because that will save us time and money and make it easier to write some more interesting papers about the many results already collected. Naturally, we will keep you as coauthor and send the manuscripts as soon as any one of them is completed.

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When you read the continuation of this letter, you will appreciate that I am sending it to your Prevalje address as you suggested in case some correspondence was needed that should not get into wrong hands in Ljubljana. I am also sending it through our old colleague in Graz, as you suggested last year, and will ask him, both in an enclosed letter and in another letter to be sent separately tomorrow, to send it to you in Prevalje either by a personal messenger or at least mail it inside your border, and will then ask him to acknowledge its receipt. That arrangement should, as you said, secure that this letter will not be picked up by any wrong Yugoslav hands. It will also, I believe, make it unlikely that the letter will be intercepted by the American secret police, which seems to have a tendency to read and copy mail to and from socalled communist countries, especially when sent to and from immigrants, as we think we have observed since we came here. I will keep a copy myself in a secure place at home and will destroy it as soon as I get the material to be mentioned below. I am sorry that because of the Smithsonian pressure for my report at once, I am forced to write this to you and ask for your help and thus perhaps endanger your peace of mind in what Mr. Barlovec repeatedly called "a communistic police state", although we observed little of the latter. But I hope that you feel that you can trust that we will keep all this very confiedntial as we ask you to do also, so that nobody here or in your country will be able to get it into hands that could hurt you or any others.

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that the Embassy people kept you completely uninformed about what they forced me to do and accept, and prevented me with threats from discussing anything with you and even Doris, in the name of "national security"and similar intimidations. I must, however, now break my forced promise since they apparently have broken their, so that you will no longer be kept in the dark because otherwise you cannot help me, but I will not, at least not yet, discuss it with Doris in order to save her the worries I have myself. Allow me to say that when I voiced reluctance to follow the "advice", those on the other side of the phone pointed out repeatedly that if I did not "cooperate", there were means to prevent me and my family to leave the country, "and more", and also even other threats that I do not want to mention, and also pointed out that then I would get no "protection" from the Embassy that I felt was harassing me. Without such compliance, we would at best have been forced by lack of funds to return without having accomplished any of the work planned, and the Embassy people did not hesitate to point out, when I mentioned that possibility when we had been without funds for three weeks, that then we would certainly be required to pay back all the international travel costs for all five of us, in addition to compensation to the assistants, etc. I did not break their repeated bans, until now, on discussing anything with you or even with Doris, perhaps I ought to have asked you to help me go to your police for protection, but I was afraid of the American reaction.

The first peculiar activity that I observed in connection with our project after all the initial hounding had been bypassed, was when I had to meet Mr. Schmertz "for instruction" on my way to Ljubljana after Xmas 1970. Because of a mishap in Denver, I had only a short time in Washington where he met me at the airport. He talked generally about the trip, and I wondered why he could not have saved me the visit to Washington if it were only to listen to generalities that a seasoned traveller knows and to explanations of how I should pick up my small travel funds in Belgrade at the Embassy rather than get them sent by mail to Ljubljana so that I could save two days of tiresome travel. Then he slowly got me to move with him to an empty corner of the hall and began to mention meeting somebody in Slovenia, I got the impression that this ought to be near the Adriatic or at some research station though no place was mentioned. He said something like that I should indicate my willingness to assist the person in question by saying that I had "the best regards from Ken Schmertz", which he repeated twice and emphasized the importance of the shortened first name. I did not quite follow what he meant, but suddenly it dawned on me that he was perhaps proposing that I become involved in some gathering or transfer of information or some material for which the mail and the Embassy could not be used for some reason. So I reminded him that I am a foreigner both here and in Yugoslavia and that I would have nothing to do with activities other than research. He changed color slightly but kept his posture and said some meaningless phrases that I forgot at once, looked around, and then said that since he had some other engagements, he hoped I would excuse that he left me before my plane should leave, shook my hand and wished me well on the trip and asked me to give his best regards to Dr. LeClerck of the Embassy. When I phoned Doris in the evening from New York, I told her that I had apparently been contacted for some spying but had declined, and she was clearly relieved, of course. I never mentioned this to you and was careful not to mention Mr. Schmertz to anybody I met when going around with you in Slovenia that early January 1971, although I had a feeling when we were in Portorož that a certain colleague was trying to get "the regards" from Mr. Schmertz; this may, however, be my misunderstanding. At least you never indicated that you had been instructed by the Embassy or others to introduce me to any particular persons except the deans, the rector, the minister of education, the vice-president of the republic and some other officials.

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When we at last arrived in Ljubljana in the summer of 1973, everything went as expected so we all had, I believe, reason to be satisfied with the substantial results of our energetic work. We felt generally comfortable, not least because of your attitude and help despite that the Institute kept you busy as had also been the case with me in Boulder when you were with us in 1968. When we returned to the States in the fall, we had no reason to be worried. Therefore, we were shocked when we received late in the winter, after numerous attempts by our Office of Research Services, a copy of a letter from Mr. Schmertz that had been addressed and sent only to our provost, without a copy to us, in which our work was condemned on basis of some "judgement" by, evidently, others than our peers; and the University was thus informed that our program was being terminated because of our incompetence although we would get some nominal support this year, without any salaries for us! I sent you a copy of this letter, but I ought perhaps to have sent it to Dr. Ripley and asked for an investigation by my real peers, or to have refused to go back at all, since this was still one more sign that our participation in this research that we had planned with you was clearly not appreciated by the Smithsonian powers for some reason other than our and your interest and qualifications and the interest of Yugoslav authorities.

Because I knew that you were expecting us to continue, I accepted an offer of help from our Office of Research Services. I ought to have been suspicious when only a little pressure from them caused that our entire budget was reinstated - without even the unfair cuts we had had to suffer at the last minute the first year. So we continued our preparations and left here soon after school ended in May, to be able to attend the Flora Europaea symposium in Portugal, where we planned to discuss the problems to be worked on in Slovenia with several European colleagues. I have told you about this successful stopover.

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I was again shocked when you showed me and gave me xerox copies and translation of the letter that you had received from the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington with the slander of me and my work from Mr. Schmertz, and the translation of your answer. But I was very much more troubled when we both seemed to be unable to get our funds through the Embassy which showed no interest in helping us, because I wondered if this might perhaps indicate that the American scientific attaché had also been contacted by Mr. Schmertz and that he felt that he must assist in at least making my life miserable during the summer. You know that story still better than we do since you carried the brunt of the efforts on our behalf with the Embassy and Zamtes for weeks.

The brown envelope and its contents are directly connected with the troubles with our funds. Although I realize that some of the threats with which the Embassy people forced me to accept their clandestine "solution" of our problem and also to promise not to discuss or reveal anything to you or Doris or anybody else may not be restricted to our stay in Yugoslavia but reach also to Boulder, I must take the risk and tell you the minimum background needed so that you can help us - if you feel you also can take the risk, if any? But perhaps I am scared for no valid reason? I have perhaps observed too much undercover activities against immigrants and liberals in Boulder?

When we had waited in Ljubljana for two weeks for our funds, and when both mine and your phonecalls resulted in nothing, I asked Dr. Liimatainen on the phone if he could advance me some money, in the anticipation of the approval by Zamtes. He categorically declared that that would be impossible because of some "regulations". When I told him that you and the University had already lent us some money to buy food, he became upset and claimed that even that was "against the regulations" and must not be repeated nor reported - I did not understand to whom. A few days later, I contacted him again with your help and told him, as we had discussed, that if this continued we would have to consider returning home because we could not continue without money. That he strongly advised against and warned that it would have "serious consequences" for us and certainly cause that we would be forced to pay back the cost for international travel and the salaries of the assistants at least. That was my last direct contact with Dr. Liimatainen.

On June 14, when I was in your office, one of the clerks in the administrative office asked me to come to the phone at the back of the building to speak to the Embassy. A voice that I had never heard before, in English with a slight foreign accent I believe, introduced itself as that of "Ben(?) Stern (or Strn?) of the office of the scientific attaché at the American Embassy in Belgrade". (I am not sure that I got the first name right, but got the impression that the pronunciation of the latter name was German rather than Serbian, but I may be mistaken). He told me that he was phoning because the scientific attaché felt that Zamtes would probably not act on our funds until in August after the vacations, and that this worried him much. Therefore, he had proposed that Mr. Stern should try to help me to get an advance or a loan, preferably equivalent to the entire salaries of our group, through a businessman in Ljubljana who is well known and trusted by the Embassy. The conditions, however, that were said to be necessary because this gentleman would be taking great risks, were that the entire sum intended for per diem in our budget had to be given to him whenever we could repay him the loan immediately after the release of our funds by Zamtes. I believe I used the word extortion when I reacted to this proposal, and wondered why we could not ask the University for a better loan, since our first loan was free of interest. That was not only categorically denied but I was warned not to mention such a possibility to you or anybody else again because it was definitely "against the regulations". I am tempted to refrain from mentioning the name of the gentleman, whom I met in a bank after having contacted him through a phonecall to a number which I found out was that of another bank, because I do not want to hurt him. However, since this may help you to help me, Mr. Barloveć (who supported Mr. Stern through other phonecalls to convince me of this necessity) and Mr. Stern gave me his name as Mr. Francodruž; he answered to that name but never said it himself, and I could not find it in the telephone directory so perhaps it is fictional, does it not simply mean Franc's friend? He is a pleasant man in his 70's, evidently used to affluence and highly cultivated, somewhat bluish in the face perhaps because of high blood pressure? I once saw him as a passenger in a car that left the Institute's parking lot when we drove in, so perhaps you know him, that was in July? He had the loan in a large envelope that he handed over to me without formalities and refused to accept a receipt from me before he left the bank in a hurry. That very same day I followed instructions from the Embassy and paid the assistants their first two months' salaries; I was told to ask them to sign two blank receipts and explain that this had to be done so until the Embassy had decided about the text required. That I did hesitantly and I believe very clumsely.

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Only nine days later, on June 23, you told me that your friend Suklović at Zamtes and Dr. Liimatainen had informed you that the entire funds were being transferred, and the next ~~day~~ bank day you brought me to the bank where I cashed the cheque. I paid you back the loans and got a receipt without asking for it, of course. I also contacted our lender soon after and paid him back his loan with the additional per diem funds, as instructed, although I admit that I had protested mildly to Barlovec because of the short time of the loan; he mentioned "national security" and some other words that I understood as intimidations. The Embassy had instructed me not to ask for a receipt since they would arrange that matter to my full satisfaction later in the summer, so I did not mention it, though I did ask him if he could write his name on the envelope, which he declined.

A week or less after I had received the funds from the Embassy, one of your office people called me to the telephone in the business office, and Mr. Stern was again on the phone. He said that they had been made aware of that everything now was under control and in full order and recommended that I now should pay the assistants for their third month "to make it easier for them to transfer (or exchange?) their money", and told me to follow the same arrangement with two blank receipts each. After some hesitation he then added that some University or Zamtes regulations apparently required that I must transfer the funds budgeted for our travels inside the country, and also the cost of office and laboratory on our side of the budget, to the University, which would instead furnish me with plenty of gazoline coupons and later with satisfactory receipts as last year, covering the entire sum budgeted, despite that we were using our own car as I told him and would have vouchers for the mileage needed. I wanted to discuss this with you, but was seriously warned against mentioning it to anybody. I then added that I felt that since we were working mainly at home, the sum for office and laboratory which was originally put on the budget because you had insisted upon it, should rather be returned to the Smithsonian through the Embassy; that he did not answer but repeated what he had said earlier, and told me to pay the entire sum to a gentleman in your administrative office with whom I had difficulties in communicating because of his limited knowledge of the languages I master well or somewhat. I followed the instructions and received a lot of coupons for which I insisted I must give him a receipt which I wrote for hand on a sheet of Institute paper, addressed to the Institute, of course without a copy, unfortunately. I was not given any receipt and asked for none, since I had been told by Mr. Stern not to because receipts would be furnished by the University through the Embassy later. I had no reason to doubt that the Embassy would do this before we would leave.

Although both Mr. Stern and Mr. Barlovec had told me that everything done was being reported to Washington that had approved this action, and said that I did not need to report it to the Smithsonian, I felt that I ought to file my version of the matter with the Foreign Currency Office. Therefore, I wrote a long letter, by hand, to Mr. Schmertz on July 2, when I could sit alone that Sunday afternoon at the Garden laboratory, and told him more details than I am telling you and asked him to file the letter. I sent it from the post office in Klagenfurt the next day. Natutally, I have heard nothing from him about it, as I did not expect an acknowledgement of such an explanation of matters that he evidently knew from the Embassy.

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Here I must also mention that although I met Dr. LeClerck when I got my small funds for the first short visit in January 1971 in Belgrade, I have never met any of the three present Embassy gentlemen in person, but only been introduced to them and their voices by telephone, two of them by you and one, Mr. Stern, by himself and confirmed by Mr. Barlovec. You have never mentioned Mr. Stern, so perhaps you do not know him? However, you said once in June that Dr. Liimatainen had been in Ljubljana for two days, but he did not show interest in meeting us then, perhaps he was too busy? Mary told me at least once, that Mr. Barlovec had visited her and Gerry with you in the Garden laboratory and that he had invited her out - but you did not tell us about that visit, and when I asked you about it, you clearly did not want to talk about it for some reason. But I believe that visit was somewhat later, in July, though I apparently did not make a note of it.

You may recall that Gerry never felt well after his bad stomach infection early in the summer, and around July 20 he expressed his wish to return home earlier than planned. So did Mary also a day or so later, as I then told you. The day after we returned from the long trip south, July 27, Mr. Barlovec contacted me per telephone at the Institute and told me that he knew about this decision (how, he did not say, I had not told him), which he should make no difference to the assistants who could keep their three months' salaries. However, he said that now the Embassy needed all -and he emphasized all - our records, vouchers and bills connected with finances and travel, even certain food bills, and the books in which I had written such records, and my own personal notes other than scientific, so that they could "evaluate" them and "arrange" our documents satisfactorily. I wondered why he needed "everything" but then he said firmly and sternly that it would be wise, "because of national security", not to ask but follow instructions, and it astonished me and actually frightened me to here him say specially, that if these were not followed, and also if I discussed these or other related matters with anybody - and he repeated anybody - then there were means to prevent us from leaving the country - "and more". (I thought of course discussing this with you and Doris even if I had not mentioned anything before to either of you, but refrained in the fear that the family then might suffer; later I have wondered if I ought not to have done so and asked you to help us get some protection, but that could perhaps also have endangered our return to America..."or more"). Then he told me to write down the following "instructions" which he read slowly to enable me to get them complete, and I jotted them down on a sheet of Institute paper that was on the desk where I sat:

" Fill out signed receipts for the full salaries of K.L., D.L. and L.L.K., dated July 1; also for full per diems for all three.

Fill out one of the signed receipts each for G. A. and M. K. for their salaries for three months, same dating. Also for their full per diems.

Since Gerry and Mary want to return home earlier than planned, other receipts must be made out as if they had received salaries and per diems for only two and a half months, May 26 - August 12. These receipts are to be dated July 1, but not signed. The Embassy will get their signatures, if needed, and will later furnish me (K.L.) with proper documents to show that their instructions have been followed throughout. Do not use already signed receipts except as mentioned before, but send them to the Embassy; they will be returned if proper.

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Because unsigned receipts will leave 1 1/2 months of funds unaccounted for, the Embassy requests that I fill out one receipt for ND 20,740 as a salary ($710) and per diem ($510) for Michael Fisher, Mary's guest. Print his name below in parentheses for identification only. (K. reacts: This is very wrong...B.: Do you want to return, or...? K.? I will conform but under duress). The Embassy will get Fisher's signature, if needed. These are all formalities to satisfy Washington, which is fully informed, I (K.) will be furnished with "fully satisfactory receipts and other explanatory documents", what kind not said.

Tear out and keep receipts for K., D. & L., but leave duplicates or copies in the receipt book which must be sent with other papers. Add above and later data and informations behind other transactions on separate pages in record book, which must be sent intact.

Mileage costs: ordinary receipts from receipt book, no duplicate, dated Ljubljana August 7, my name and "ND 63,750 (and in letters) for rent of three cars from car pool, 75 days each, with free gazoline and no mileage limit, à ND 8500 (= $500) per month each." No signature, only a formality, correct receipt from University through Embassy. (I protest: this is very wrong; B.: same "warning"). B.: Came to think of that full mileage records must be sent with other documents, also such vouchers as verify mileage or places. This is approved by Washington, the procedure that is.(No mentioning directly of Schmertz, but I get the feeling that he has approved, by telephone or teleprinter, but that may be my mix-up).

Undated receipt, my name, no duplicate, ND 18,360 (and in letters), text: "for rent of laboratory and research space for three months à $360 = ND 612) per month." No signature, this is "only a kind of a guideline" because the University will furnish proper documents through the Embassy. (I object: why not return these funds to the Embassy and the Smithsonian, because we work in a room in the house where we live. B.: This is according to regulations (requirements?), would advise to comply, if not, "might delay departure or...").

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This must all be done at once so departure will not be delayed. Put everything in a large University or Institute envelope, write "Mr. B." on the outside, nothing else, seal properly and sign over sealed part, also on bottom seal of envelope. Deliver to business officer at the Institute, who accepted the funds earlier. The Embassy will copy all the material, also for the University, and return together with additional documents before we leave, through Sušnik or the business officer, except papers that may be incomplete that will be airmailed to us after our return home.

Finally, words of thanks for this time, welcome next year, remember no discussion with anybody, and destroy the paper with these instructions when they have been followed."

I brought the entire collection of vouchers, papers, documents and receipts and receipt books as well as two record books to your office next morning, July 28. Fortunately, you were not there so the office was empty, so I could arrange everything into some order in peace. Then I went over to the business office, where I met the gentleman mentioned, and he seemed to have been waiting for me. We said only very little because of the language difficulty, but he clearly understood that the sealed envelope was to be airmailed or sent to Mr. Berlovec at once. Then I went back home with my duodenal ulcer that had been troubling me unusually much this summer, I believe for evident reasons.

I heard nothing from the Embassy the following week and refrained from phoning them even the day before we should leave, because I trusted that the envelope would be handed over to me not later than when we said good-bye, as also was the case. You brought me to visit the lady who is the new Vice President of the Republic, Dr. Kornhauser, on Friday morning, August 4. Later that day Gerry left and you insisted that you should drive him to the airport, not we. During the weekend we were busy with various matters, but on Monday morning, Mary's landlady, from the house next to Stina's, came over rather upset and told us that Mary had left with you and Gerry with little or no luggage on Friday without mentioning that she would not return in the evening, and she still was not home. She knew that Mary had a reservation with JAT some of the next days to leave for America through Germany. Now her worries became ours, since we also were unaware of Mary's whereabouts. We wondered if we should go to the police in case she had met with some accident or foul play. Therefore, I went to see you at the Institute and asked for your help and advice, but you said that we could wait since she would probably return "today". But when I asked you where you had left her when you returned from the airport on Friday, you were evidently startled that I knew that she had gone with you and said that she had wanted to walk around at the airport and return later by bus. I became suspicious because this was evidently not true, so when I left the Institute for home, I went first to JAT where the girl Irène told me that Mary had flown to Belgrade on Friday, as far as I understood with Gerry, who would continue to America from there, whereas Mary should return with the afternoon flight, as you actually had indicated. So she did and you picked her up. As you once observed, Mary is promiscuous so I can guess her errand, but why did Gerry go to Belgrade without telling me? And I still wonder why you did not tell me about this when I came with my worries to you in the morning, at least to calm me down? Perhaps Barloveć, for some reasons unknown to me, had asked you to arrange this visit without my knowledge, Mary told me that he had invited her south and arranged that she could live for these three days in the apartment of one of his friends who was not there and then showed her around the city, but I did not ask her about Gerry, why should I tell her that I knew? I wonder if their visit to Belgrade is not most clearly confirmed by the fact that the four receipts that were unsigned when I sent them were signed when they were returned to me, because I doubt that the Embassy has equipment to transfer so skillfully the signatures from the blank receipts I sent? Perhaps Mary brought the envelope that I received at my departure the next morning? Perhaps she also knew about the contents of the envelope and somewhat more, Gerry mentioned once that she had been writing to Mr. Schmertz whose address she had not gotten from me, is it possible that she knew him before leaving the States?

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To return to the envelope mentioned at the beginning of this letter and later. I had wondered why it was so much thinner than when I sent it to Mr. Barloveć. When I opened it at last in Boul der, I was disturbed to find out that it contained only one record book, not two, and all that the pages containing what Barloveć had instructed me to add had been torn out (it is a spiral book), and that the only salary and per diem receipts were those that he had told me to write, under threat, but now they were signed by Gerry and Mary (but not by her friend). There was no document from the University and no explanation from the Embassy, but both the receipts for the office and the cars that he had forced me to write according to "instructions" were now signed by what I believed was Stina's signature, although I cannot be sure about that because her receipts for our personal rent were missing. So were all our other documents and verifications of travels etc. that Barloveć

had said he needed to "copy" and would return. But if the signatures really are Stina's, they must have been transformed in some way or another from the missing receipts, because she was in Ljubljana all this week, and I do not believe that such a devoted communist would cooperate in such clandestine activities for a foreign embassy against us or any others. There was, however, a half of a sheet of white paper on which was typed in capital letters that I suppose are from some special typewriter because they differ from those on our typewriters both here and in XXX Yugoslavia. It said: "Base your financial report on this selected material, which you ought to file at your University business office. We will send explanations and copies of your other material directly to Washington and airmail copies and originals to you in due time. Embassy. Destroy when read."

I am writing all this to you because I have still seen nothing of the promised airmailed material, and because the Smithsonian people have been pestering me for my financial report since we returned to Boulder, although I believed that it could wait until your final report has been received by me around the end of the year. I wonder what they are up to, or if they want to continue the coercion and at last follow the old Colorado rule to "give him a fair trial and hang him." I am beginning to wonder what kind of people we have been dealing with, at least Mr. Schmertz has belonged to the CIA according to his second in command Mr. Whitehead. But let me summarize the points on which we need your help as soon as possible; since I want to give only a correct financial report, whatever recommendations the Embassy gives:

1) I need back the record book that disappeared and, especially, the pages that had been torn out of the record book that was returned.

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2) I want back the correct receipts for the three months' salaries paid to Gerry and Mary. If the Embassy prefers that receipts for their full per diems ought to be included, although incorrect, I can include them, but then must have an explanation attached from the Embassy, and from myself.

3) If the last condition is not adopted, I must ask that the Embassy furnishes me with the promised receipt for the entire per diem funds paid to their Mr. Francodruž. Also, I then need a proper explanation of this "transfer" from them, to present at least to the University here and probably also to the Smithsonian, although the latter are said to have approved the entire transaction.

4) I expect to get valid receipts as promised from the University, or at least from the administrator involved, but am sorry that his name evades me and I never jotted it down. With this ought to be an explanation from the Embassy.

5) I would appreciate a bona fide explanation of the entire affair from the Embassy, although I trust that they told me the truth when they said that everything was being discussed and reported to Washington. Because of the latter, I could perhaps waive that request if the others are honored, for that I would appreciate your recommendation.

6) If nothing of this is done, I wonder what is up their sleeves, but then I am forced to follow their last "instructions" and send in their false receipts, which I then fear were "arranged" to complete the witchhunt with my own innocent and naive help received under threats. In that case, if an explanation should be requested by the University or other authorities, then

I would feel free to show at least the copy of the slanderous letter that Mr. Schmertz asked the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington to send to you, your translated answer, my copy of the handwritten report to Mr. Schmertz that I mailed from Klagenfurt, a copy of this letter, and other similar documents, though I realize that only the first is properly documented as is also the condemning letter to the University of Colorado. But I would hesitate to show more of these latter letters than what pertains to the matter, and would delete parts that might put you or your assistants and other assumed innocent people mentioned or indicated in some jeopardy, because I would rather suffer myself than hurt those who are guiltless or under my direction, whatever their misdeed if any, and I will do everything, however foolish from my own point of interest, to protect Doris and Lóa, so do not mention them.

If you feel that this entire story is dangerous or too hot for you to handle because of entanglement about which I know nothing, I would understand your reluctance to become involved, and then also your possible destruction of this letter and a categorical denial of ever having received it, if somebody should ask. In order to secure that possibility, I do not register it here, and I promise to destroy all possible letters from our colléague in Graz that confirm its receipt and delivery, though perhaps not at once but certainly during this winter. But if you, as I expect from what I have observed about your fortitude, should decide to help us in this, openly or secretly, you are permitted to show this letter to respectable Yugoslavs, for instance Dr. Kornhauser, who is both a renowned scientist and trusted politician and who could advise wisely on proper actions, if any. You may also copy it, in its entirety or in part, provided that it will not be used to hurt more or less innocent people here or in Yugoslavia, if that is possible.

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I must say at the end that I find this entire story to be a distasteful sign of a miscarriage of justice and rottenness that I had heard of but never believed could occur in those high institutions that I always have trusted. But I hope those who are guilty of possible mistakes do not have power to prevent necessary corrections without force, and that even here we will find people with fortitude who will be willing to help their friends if needed. But whatever happens, we will complete the Atlas and other basic parts of the project irrespective of Smithsonian support. Of course, we are disappointed, as I know you are too, and sorry to have had to learn once more that the reward for good and progressive scientific work of no military or political significance is ingratitude - because those many who are neither creative nor logical feel professionally threatened, for no valid reason. But we and you can at least rest in the satisfaction of having done our best. Whatever happens in the future, we know that our work will fare well when judged by the generation of our grandchildren, as Linnaeus suggested for his great Species plantarum that his contemporaries did not understand. I wonder how many American or even European colleagues could have accomplished as much under such duress for two summers only?

We would like our Slovenian Atlas to be published in the series of the Slovenian Academy if possible, and the smaller papers ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ in your Scopolia journal. However, we would also like to find other support, without any political interference, to continue with you the entire Yugoslav and Balkan cytotaxonomical dream, since we do not believe that you want to exchange cooperators as us for some "better American botanists" as suggested by the incompetent slanderers.

With the best regards and thanks from us all to you and the family, your two brothers and your remarkable father in Prevalje,

As ever,

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Needs all our records, everything on paper, vouchers, bills, gagda receipts, hotell bills, even our food bills, all record books, all personal notes, not scientific, for evaluation and arranging of documents. (Why everything?) Wise not to ask but follow instructions, no discussions with others, nobody, if not, have means to prevent you leaving the country — and more.

Follow this instructions, will read slowly for noting down exactly:

Fill out signed receipts for full salaries of A.L., D.L. & L.L.M., dated 1/7, also full per diems for all three.

Fill out one of the signed receipts each for G.A. & M.M. for their salaries for 3 months, also full per diems, same dating.

Since G.A. & M.M. return earlier than planned, other receipts needed as if they had received salaries & per diems for 2½ months, 20/8 – 12/8. Same date, not signed, no names. Embassy gets their signatures if needed, will later furnish me with proper documents to show that their instructions have been followed throughout. Do not use already signed receipts but return send them to Embassy, will be returned if needed.

Because unsigned receipts leave 1½ months of funds unaccounted for, requests that I fill out one receipt for ND 20.740 as a salary (8710) & per diem (8510) for 22/6 – 22/7 for Michael Fisher, Mary's guest. Print his name below in parentheses for identification only. (Is this in any way Dr. Do you want to return, or ...? I will enquire). Embassy will get Fisher's signature if needed, these are all formalities to satisfy Washington, perhaps, I will be furnished with fully satisfactory receipts and other explanatory documents, what kind not said.

(No question of the threat).

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Tear out and keep receipts for A., D. & L. but leave duplicates or copies intact in receipt book which must be sent with other papers. Add above and later data and informations behind other transactions on separate pages in record book, which must be sent intact.

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Undated receipt, my name, no duplicate, ND 18.360 (and in letters), text: "for rent of laboratory and research space for three months à $360 = ND 6120 per month." No signature, "only a kind of a guideline" because Univ. furnishes proper documents through Embassy. I object: return funds to Embassy and Smithsonian, we used room in house we lived in. D: this is according to regulations (requirement?), would advise to comply, if not, "might delay departure or ..."

This all must be done at once so departure will not be delayed. Put everything in a large Univ. or Inst. envelope, write "Mr. B." (only letter!) on outside, nothing else, seal properly and sign self over sealed part, also bottom seal. Deliver to business officer at Inst. who accepted funds. Embassy will copy all material, also for Univ., and return together with additional documents and instructions before we leave, through Sušnik or business officer at Inst.

Friendly words with thanks for this time, welcome next year, remember no discussion with anybody, destroy paper with instructions when used.

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Dear Askell and Doris:

The letter of Mr.Schmertz took my breath awy, specially the telephone information of D.LeConte, Executive Director, Smithsonian Research Founadation. Mr.LeConte was in Beograd, but we have contacted only by telephone. He asked me also about the laboratory in Velika Čolnarska and who was Mr.Kapor. My answer was very short and ....I amm not familiar with it.
I think that the people of Smithsonian Institution decidet to finish the Project.
I enclose the new Chromosome List, separatly I send the material which we prepeared in the Compiuter Center in Ljubljana. Some days ago I received the budget from Sarajevo, which I also enclose.
We will see how the Program PL-480 will continue when Vice-President Dr.Sirotković will come back from U.S.A. For the time being the whole matter is very uclear. I myself had so many talks with the ZAMTES and Ambassy, that it becoms a little tiring.
I am waiting for the second correction of Scopolia. That should be a satisfaction. Milan and Blanka are busy and soon will you get the new Chromosome list. From the Czechoslovakia I got the application for a visit in August. The would like to see our Chromosome work. I answered them positively.
Ernest is asking me, that you like to know what is the matter with the official letter to your University.
In your last letter to me, you did not mentioned it.
More I think about the Project, more I am angery and such an end.
Write me, what a official letter do you need.

As ever

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Department of Environmental,
Population and Organismic Biology

Boulder, April 2, 1973.

Dear Franc:

Quem Juppiter vult perdere dementat prius, said the Romans, and I cannot but think so about Mr. Schmertz, who apparently continues his withhhunt. We have just been informed by our administration that he now has "disallowed" $7550 of our funds from last year, and accuses me of all kinds of misuse of the funds, among that overpayment to the students! I have, of course, never been asked about any of these points, so the University is astonished about the methods, but orally we are told that this all is based upon informations from you ! Of course, I do not believe that and am sure that you would be as shocked as ever if you knew all the methods that the Smithsonian utilizes. I am sorry that we ever came into contact with them, but glad that we got into contact with you, and I am sure we will find some other methods to continue and complete our cooperation which already has resulted in something great - despite all the troubles from these small minds without scholarship.

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You mention in your last letter a letter from Mr. Schmertz, that shocked you much. Since we have not seen such a letter and you forgot to send me a copy of it, would you please, xerox it and send it to me at once so that I can keep it in the collection of documents? This may be important as an evidence of the witch-hunt, which we will get the authorities to look into sometimes. Please, send the copy at once and see to that it gets to my home address: 473 Harvard Lane, Boulder, Colo. 80303.

I am enclosing the list of plants that the students determined last summer and need to get completed. Would you be able to ask Milan to add the pertinent information as soon as possible so we can publish the numbers in the August number of Taxon which goes to the editor in late April or early May?

I also hope that your new list, which you mentioned in your letter, is so complete that you can send it at the same time, because if it comes to me later than late in this month, I will not be able to get it into Taxon until the November number. And the more we can get into print the better for the continuation of the fight with the witch-hunters, which I still am fighting alone because you never wrote that letter to Ripley which you spoke about last summer so he still is unaware of the defamatory letter through the Embassy.

We have at last succeeded to complete all the references, correct taxonomic and other mistakes and clean the list from at least major printing errors and are putting it on tape so that we can make up the long bibliography. I will try to send you a microfilm for reproduction as soon as possible.

All the best - and react at once!

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND
VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

March 27, 1973

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Professor Askell Love
Ramaley 219
University of Colorado

Dear Professor Love:

I am attaching copies of material recently received from the Smithsonian Institution. As you can see, the auditors have recommended a disallowance in the amount of $7,575 on Grant No. SFC-2-7626 for which you were responsible. I shall be grateful, if you will let me have your response in writing at your earliest convenience.

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Yours sincerely,

Lawson Crowe
Provost

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Enclosure

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

February 22, 1973

Mr. Thurston E. Manning
Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Mr. Manning:

The Smithsonian Institution has received and audited the interim financial report on Grant No. SFC-2-7626, which was awarded by the United States Government, acting through the Smithsonian Institution, to the University of Colorado on May 17, 1972.

As shown on the attached report, the auditors have recommended, and I concur, that $7,575 of reported expenditures be disallowed. Please forward a refund of $7,575, or the equivalent in Yugoslav dinars, to the Treasurer, Smithsonian Institution, as soon as possible.

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You may write me at the above address or call me at (202) 381-5924 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

F. G. Barwick
Chief, Supply Division

Attachment

Audit Report on
Interim Report on SFCP Grant No. SFG-2-7626
For the Period May 16, 1972 to September 1, 1972

Expense	As Reported on Interim Report	Amount Audited and Allowed	Amount Audited and Disallowed
Salaries and Wages	$14,170	$12,750	$1,420 (1)
Living Allowance	7,650	6,010	1,640 (2)
Rents, Comm., Utils.	4,600	85	4,515 (3)
Total	$26,420	$18,845	$7,575

Notes: (1) Amounts reported are in excess of actual payments as follows:

Gerald Arp	$ 355
Mary Kirk	355
Michael Fischer	710
Total	$1,420

(2) Amounts reported are in excess of actual payments as follows:

Gerald Arp	$ 565
Mary Kirk	565
Michael Fischer	510
Total	$1,640

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(3) Lab and office space were not rented. Rental payment of $1,080 was for Dr. Love's living quarters, for which he received a living allowance. Cars were not rented from University of Ljubljana.

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

THIS AGREEMENT AND RELEASE entered into this 31st day of May, 1973, by and between Askell Löve, hereinafter referred to as "Löve" and the University of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as "the University."

Löve herewith tenders his unqualified resignation as Professor of Biology and Associate Curator Phanerogams, University of Colorado Museum, effective upon the signing of this Agreement. It is mutually agreed that this resignation has been agreed upon by the parties at the request of Löve, which request was necessitated by personal reasons.

The University agrees to provide Löve with all employment benefits now due and owing as a result of his employment service and tendered resignation.

Upon satisfaction and execution of this Agreement and Release the parties hereto each agree to release and forever discharge the other from all and all manner of, action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, contracts, damages, judgments, claims and demands of whatsoever kind and nature arising from Löve's resignation and financial grant obligations.

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The parties to this Agreement and Release mutually covenant and agree that no public notoriety shall be given by either party to this Agreement and that the contents hereof are a matter of mutual confidence and are not to be made public by either of said parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this _____ day of May, 1973.

Askell Löve

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

By _____

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
FACULTY

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, OR CHANGE OF STATUS
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) ☐ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MISS | NAME (LAST IN CAPS) LOVE, | FIRST DORIS | MIDDLE/MAIDEN | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 522-68-5806 | DATE June 1, 1973

) RANK OR TITLE: Research Associate | CITIZEN (SPECIFY COUNTRY): Iceland

) DEPARTMENT OR PROJECT TITLE: EPO Biology | PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS: Baraley 110

) ACCOUNT NUMBER (DEPT. NO., SUB, B.C., OBJECT CLASS): 170C-01- | POSITION NUMBER: A-3 | University of Colorado

(SUBMIT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN ALL CASES, AND USE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW TO DESCRIBE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.)

We recommend that the above named:

☐ Be APPOINTED ☐ Be REAPPOINTED TO THE POSITION DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR THE PAY PERIOD AND DATE INDICATED BELOW AT A SALARY OF

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☐ ACADEMIC YEAR 19____ ☐ FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING _____ (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR) AND ENDING _____ (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

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INDICATE THE APPROPRIATE TERM OF APPOINTMENT: ☐ SUMMER ONLY ☐ 1 YEAR ☐ 2 YEARS ☐ 3 YEARS ☐ WITH TENURE ☐ OTHER: _____

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AS OF _____ (EFFECTIVE DATE) REASON _____

☐ Be GRANTED LEAVE ☐ WITH FULL PAY ☐ WITH HALF PAY ☐ WITHOUT PAY FOR _____ (ACADEMIC YEAR, SEMESTER, OR TERM)

REASON _____

☐ Be TERMINATED May 31, 1973 (SEMESTER, TERM OR LAST DAY OF SERVICE) REASON: ☐ REASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY ☐ ACCEPTED A POSITION IN ANOTHER UNIVERSITY ☐ ACCEPTED A POSITION IN INDUSTRY ☒ OTHER (STATE IN SPECIAL CONDITIONS)

☐ Be CANCELLED: APPOINTMENT DATED _____ FOR _____ (period of time) . REASON _____ .

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: CONCURRENT APPOINTMENTS, FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY SERVICE AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS, STUDENT NUMBERS FOR STUDENT APPOINTEES, ETC. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS. FOR CONCURRENT STAFF APPOINTMENTS, GIVE PERCENTAGE OF TIME.

Resignation

PROJECT DIRECTOR | DEAN OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN | APPROVED FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY | FUNDS VERIFIED BY RESEARCH ACCOUNTANT

APPOINTEE

(LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE OR MAIDEN NAME)

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of Dr. Áskell Löve and Dr. Doris Löve of the university of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, I am pleased to give the following statements:

I) Dr. Áskell Löve, who is born in 1916 in Iceland, entered the University of Lund in the fall of 1937 after having undergone his maturity examination at the Reykjavík College in Iceland. He attended courses in zoology, botany, cytogenetics, and geography and received his Filosofie Kandidat degree in January 1941. As special subject (honours) he had cytogenetics and his published thesis was named "Cytogenetic studies in Rumex." Besides this paper he had already published six other scientific papers in botanical dytogenetics or taxonomy in internationally recognized periodicals. Already in May 1942 he was examined for his Filosofie Licentiat degree in cytogenetics, in which he received the highest marks obtainable. His thesis discussed the cytotaxonomy of the group Acetosella of the genus Rumex on 148 pages, but besides this he had published six more papers during the same year. In May 1943 Dr. Löve got the permission to publicly defend his 136-page printed paper on "Cytogenetic studies on Rumex subgenus Acetosella" (Hereditas 30, 1943), for which the University bestowed upon him a Filosofie Doktor's degree. The cost of the printing of the thesis was supported by the British Council. During this same year Dr. Löve had published still four other scientific papers.

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II) Dr. Doris Löve, who is born in 1918 in Sweden, entered ~~the~~ the University of Lund in the fall of 1937 after having undergone the maturity examination at the College of Kristianstad in Sweden. She attended courses in zoology, botany, cytogenetics, and geography, and received her Filosofie Kandidat degree in May, 1941, with cytogenetics as a special (honours) subject. Her thesis was published under the title "Some studies on sex-determination in Melandrium rubrum", but she had also published two other papers in internationally recognized periodicals. In May 1943 she was examined for her Filosofie Licentiat degree in cytogenetics and received the highest marks obtainable. Her 100-page thesis was named "Sex determination and intersexuality in Melandrium" but besides it she had published six more scientific papers. Already the year afterwards she was permitted to defend publicly her 90-page thesis "Cytogenetic studies in dioecious Melandrium", for which the University bestowed upon her the Filosofie Doktor's degree in May 1944.

III) As to the quality and meaning of the degrees of the Swedish Universities and their comparability to British degrees, the following is stated:

In order to be accepted as a student at a Swedish University, the student must have passed a maturity examination from a Swedish College (gymnasium) or have a comparable knowledge from schools abroad. All Scandinavian colleges reach this standard. Besides his own language (grammar, literature, history, composition) the student is required to master (speaking, reading and writing, grammar and literature) everyday English, German, and French (and in the language lines also Latin and /or Greek, Spanish, Russian, etc.). Other subjects taught include History, Geography, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and geometry, including elementary and higher algebra, differential and intergral calculus, and coordinate geometry.

The teachers at a Swedish College must have at least a Filosofie Licentiat degree in their subjects, but preferably and usually they have a Filosofie Doktor's degree, and the final examinations are passed under the personal supervision of University Professors. At this time the students are usually 18-20 years old. " Swedish maturity examination is, therefore, comparable to the requirements of the first two years of a British or American University.

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The degrees presented by the Faculty of Science of the Swedish Universities are the following ones: Filosofie Kandidat (Fil.Kand.), Filosofie Magister (Fil.Mag.), Filosofie Licentiat (Fil.Lic.), and Filosofie Doktor (F.D.or Fil. Dr.). The teachers teaching the students for these degrees all hold the highest degree and are elected for their posts in a strong and official competition with other candidates. Their application, published papers, and scientific ability is scrutinized by specialists in the subject (Swedish as well as foreign) and by several higher instances of the University itself and the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities before the Government can make its decision. The professors are supposed not only to teach their subject but also to undertake scientific research works and guide the research by their students. The graduate division of all the Swedish Universities is a very strong one.

The degrees are received in the following way:

1) Filosofie Kandidat (Fil.kand.) requires that the student takes a full course in at least three different subjects and receives six marks as a total. The mark 2 is given for a general course, and can be increased to 2 1/2 if the student shows a special ability in the subject. If a student wants to receive three marks (honours degree) he has to widen his knowledge to the subject considerably and also present a thesis based on personal research within a special field of

the subject. The field is chosen by the student himself of suggested by the professor, but the research work and its results are usually carried out and published by the student himself. There is no time limit for any degree at a Swedish University, but the average time in Natural Sciences at the University of Lund with one three-marks (honours) subject seems to be about 3 1/2 years.

2) Filosofie Magister (Fil.Mag.) degree is the degree required for teachers at a Swedish highschool. The student has to select his three subjects from a variety of combinations, and must add a course in Psychology and Education. Otherwise the requirements are the same as for Fil.Kand.

3) Filosofie Licentiat (Fil.Lic.) degree. A student, who wishes to study for a Fil.Lic. degree starts after having received three marks in a Fil. Kand. or Fil. Mag. subject and goes on to specialize in this subject by comprehensive courses and literature studies. He has to pass a rigid examination and must present a thesis which demonstrates that he is fully capable to undertake independent scientific research and describe, interprete as well as defend his results. This degree allows (licentiates) the student to go on towards his Fil. Dr. degree or, if he possesses a Fil. Mag. degree, to teach at a College. A student with a Fil. Lic. degree is generally titled as a doctor. The average time for requiring a Fil. Lic. degree in Natural Sciences is about 3 years beyond the Fil. Kand. degree.

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4) Filosofie Doktor (Fil. Dr., F.D.) is given by the University of Lund only for outstanding research work published in one or more papers of remarkable quality. The thesis has to be publicly defended in the presence of representatives of the Academical Consistorium and is then criticized by at least two eminent specialists in the field, Swedish or foreign, one of them appointed by the University, and the other by the candidate himself. Criticism ex auditorio is common in many subjects and the meeting is usually attended by a considerable public. The average ~~age~~ time at which a Fil. Dr. degree is received at the University of Lund in the Natural Sciences is about 9 years, and it takes as an average 2 - 3 years beyond the Fil. Lic. degree to receive this stage. This degree seems to me to be fully comparable with a Sc. D. from Oxford or a D.Sc. from Cambridge in England.

IV) In translating the Swedish Academic degrees to English it is generally accepted that they should be comparable as follows:

Fil. Kand. (general courses) : B. Sc.
Fil. Kand. (specialized) : B. Sc. (Hon.) or M. Sc.
Fil. Mag. (not met with in England) therefore given as B. Sc., B. Sc. (Hon.), or M. Sc. according to specialization).

Fil. Lic.: Ph. D.,
Fil. Dr.: D. Sc. or Sc. D.,
This all as to the standards of the English Universities at Oxford and Cambridge.

Lund, 3rd July 1953.

Bertil Hanström

Prorector of the University of Lund,
Professor and Director of the Department
of Zoology.

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

Department of Environmental,
Population and Organismic Biology

June 1, 1973

Dr. Askell Löve
Ramaley 219
Campus

Dear Askell:

Acting upon administrative directions which I am obliged to effect, it is my unpleasant duty to implement the following decisions:

1. That your appointment for the 1973 summer session be cancelled;
2. That Doris' appointment as Research Associate be terminated at once, since her continuation at the University would in effect allow you access to facilities from which you have resigned;
3. That all of your and Doris' personal belongings be removed from Ramaley before June 8;
4. That all keys (yours, Doris') to your Ramaley quarters, and to the building, be returned to the key office before June 8;
5. That all University-purchased equipment, whether on external or internal funds, grant or budgetary in source, to our departmental stockroom, or left in 219 Ramaley, before June 8; and
6. That you at once instruct all correspondents to send your mail to your home (or other) address (although we shall continue to hold your mail for you in the departmental office, where you can pick it up as usual during office hours).

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An administrative check will be made on June 8, so I am advised, to assure that these decisions have been effected.

I am very sorry that there must be such an abrupt halt to your research activities, and to our academic association, but it is at this point inalterable.

Very sincerely,

Hobart

Chairman

HMS:eo

cc: Provost Crowe
Dean Briggs

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

Department of Environmental,
Population and Organismic Biology

June 12, 1973

Askell Love
473 Harvard Ln.
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Askell:

Thank you for returning the material indicated on your list of June 5. We have checked that list out completely and acknowledge receipt in full. Items 4, 5, 7 and 8 (movie camera, 8-mm projector, tape recorder, still camera) we find on the CU equipment inventory, pp. 460, 415, 460 and 449, respectively.

Very sincerely,

Hobart

Hobart M. Smith
Chairman

HMS:eo

cc: Briggs
Crowe

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from the desk of

WILLIAM E. BRIGGS

9-27-71

V: Bill Love

Here's a dandy example
of my concern over Univ-
wide review of research
asst. salaries. Doris
Love is proposed (page 12)
for $1800/mo. salary which
is quite an increase over
her last salary. It is
easy to say OK if some
agency will furnish it, but
should we try to maintain
parity. (Incidentally she
may be well worth it.) B

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9/28/71

Lawson Crowe,

I see no problem in the Research Associate Salary for Doris Löve. It seems in line with her total experience. I would therefore leave it up to the agency to decide if she is worth it. I am against imposing any University wide policy on Res. Assoc. salaries. We should object only if they seem incompatible with the amount of experience

Bill Love

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the faculty of the Department of Biology

FROM: W. E. Briggs, Dean WEB

SUBJECT: Departmental Problems

DATE: May 16, 1969

This is my sixth year in this office. The first major problem that was thrust upon me on beginning my tenure in this office was that of the Department of Biology. The problem in varying states of disarray has existed until the present time. In this sense both I as dean, and you as the departmental faculty, have failed in whatever attempts we have made to provide a climate in which an appropriate level of academic enterprise can be maintained. I have recently been made aware of the dissatisfaction on the part of some of you with the manner in which Professor Löve is carrying out his responsibilities as chairman of the department. I profoundly regret that any reaction to these views on my part could be interpreted as my lack of confidence in him or as a feeling of inability of the chairman to present accurately and forcefully the needs of the department or to work constructively with this office. This is far from the case. I do not know who might constitute a wholly acceptable chairman of the Department of Biology, but in my view, Professor Löve has been a long way from inadequate in acting in the best interests of the Department. Unfortunately, the department has not been a participant in either the HSAA or SDP programs. In spite of this through working together with limited resources, I believe we have made progress in adding both well-established and promising young scholars to the faculty, in developing research programs and facilities, and in providing a departmental reorganization which has much potential. This progress is severely hampered however by actions on the part of individuals or groups of individuals which tend to be divisive and to undermine the efforts of the department as a whole. I have always stood for department autonomy and for the incumbency on me to respond to the needs and desires of a department as they are determined by appropriate groups of colleagues in accord with established procedures.

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Even after six years I have not abandoned the hope that significant progress can be made in the department. This is not easy even in the best of circumstances. It is almost impossible if attitudes of pettiness and self-interest prevail. I continue to stand prepared to support you and your chairman in any constructive way I can.

You may or may not approve of this manner of communicating with you. I trust you do approve of my concern about <u>your</u> department and that you are willing to examine carefully and objectively constructive ways in which it can be improved.

WEB:ah

Office of the Provost and
Vice President for Research

NAME Löve Áskell
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ACADEMIC TITLE Professor DEPARTMENT EPO Biology

REPORT ON SCHOLARLY, PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

(If at the University of Colorado for less than two years, indicate starting date _____.)

I. BIBLIOGRAPHY (Use only those parts that apply to your situation, identifying each part A., B., C., etc., as indicated below):

A. Titles of books and monographs published. Give full title and reference. Do not include manuscripts which have not been printed.

B. Reports and pamphlets (e. g., mimeographed material).

C. Articles and technical papers. Give exact and complete reference - volume, dates, and inclusive pagination. Do not include manuscripts not yet printed.

D. Abstracts (indicate whether of your own work and/or of others).

E. Reviews. Give complete reference; include printed materials only.

F. Films, art exhibits, musical compositions, poems, concert performances, etc.

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C. See attached sheets

E. See attached sheets

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II. RESEARCH, WRITING, OR OTHER SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK IN PROCESS:

A. Sponsored (Name or title of project, name of sponsor, time period, and description of your role in the project):

Study of the cytotaxonomy of the Yugoslavian flora. A project in cooperation with Professor Eernest Mayer and Professor Franc Sušnik of the University of Ljubljana, sponsored durinf the summers of 1971 and 1972 through a grant from the Smithsonian Institution's Foreign Currency Program. Several papers in press and in preparation, and also a critical checklist of the flora to be printed in Yugoslavian publications during the coming years.

B. Unsponsored (Describe topic and nature of activity):

The following research projects from previous years, in cooperation with Doris Löve, continue to receive our attention:

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1) The history and origin of the arctic flora.
2) The cytotaxonomy of the flora of Canada.
3) The cytotaxonomy of the flora of Spain.
4) The cytotaxonomy of the Rocky Mountain flora.
5) The evolutionary classification of Gentianaceae.
6) Polyploidy and its evolutionary significance.
7) Continental drift and the history of the boreal flora.
8) Chromosome atlas of higher plants: a critical compilation of available reports of chromosome numbers, the first volume being prepared for the Pteridophyta, together with Professor R. Pichi-Sermolli of the University of Perugia, Italy.
9) The history and origin of the Icelandic flora.
10) Biosystematics of alpjne American plants.
Etcetera.

III. PUBLIC SERVICE IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY:

A. Consultation or service with public agencies or groups:

Name of Agency or Group	Type of Activity	Dates of Activity

B. Speeches, public appearances, or performances:

Location	Type of Activity	Dates of Activity

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C. Other public service activities (e. g., extension or continuing education programs, work with civic and charitable agencies or groups, etc.):

Type of Activity	Dates of Activity

IV. COMMITTEE SERVICE (Departmental, school or college, or University committees, excluding thesis committees):

Name of Committee		Dates of Service
Executive committee	EPO Biology Dept.	1971 -
Graduate committee		1971 -
Greenhouse committee		1971 -
Chairman, Division of Population Studies		1971 -

V. EXTERNAL SCHOLARLY OR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Offices held in professional organizations, conferences attended, papers presented, editorial work, etc.):

Organization	Types of Activities	Dates of Activities
Flora Europaea	Consultant in cytotaxonomy	1956 -
Flora North America	Advisory Committee	1967 -
Nucleus, Int. Journal.	Editorial Board	1958 -
Cytologia, Int. Journal.	Permanent Committee	1959 -
Caryologia, Int. Journal.	Editorial Committee	1965 -
Int. Ass. Plant Taxon.	Chairm. Committee on Chemotaxonomy	1964 -
Int. Union Pure & Appl. Chem.:	Member Commission on Chemical Taxonomy	1971 -
Exkursionsflora von Deutschland:	one of three members of editorial comm.	1971 -

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VI. IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION (Teaching innovations, curriculum planning, new courses or methods developed, or other work relating to improvement of Instruction):

Types of Activities	Dates of Activities	Current Status
New Course: Adv. Class. Flow. Plants:	1972, fall.	
New course: Plant Evol. & Biogeogr.:	1973, spring.	

VII. EDUCATION (Degrees, fellowships, prizes, additional graduate or postgraduate study, teaching or lectures at other institutions):

Type of Activity	Dates of Activity
Two lectures on evolution and geobotany: Univ. of Minnesota, spring 1971.	
Taught biosystematics one week at Wake Forest University, January 1972.	
Seminar on continental drift and evolution: Wake Forest University, January 1972.	
Seminar on continental drift and evolution: University of Tennessee, February 1972.	

VIII.

COURSE SECTIONS TAUGHT

Campus or Other	Course No.	Section No. (*)	Contact Hrs.	Credit Hrs.	Number Students Enrolled
		SUMMER SEMESTER 1972			
		FALL SEMESTER 1972			
Blder	Biol 430		6-8	4	15
	460		6-8	2	2
		Ind. Study	4-6	3	3
		SPRING SEMESTER 1973			
	597		4-6	3	3
	590		6-8	3	14
		Ind. Study	4-6	4	2

Indicate percent of Professional Effort for each of the following categories for 1972-73.

	% of Time
1. Direct instructional activity - lectures, prep. of lectures, grading etc.	
a) Undergraduate level	15
b) Graduate level	15
2. Individual student instruction - include independent study and thesis students	
a) Undergraduate level	10
b) Graduate level	10
3. Research, scholarly and creative work	20
4. Public service under university sponsorship	0
5. Administrative activities	5
6. Student counseling and advising	5
7. Committee Activities and other university assignments	5
8. Professional services	0
9. Consulting	0
10. Other (specify) answering letters, reading, etc.	15
TOTAL	100%
Average hours per week	80-90

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II. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT INSTRUCTION OR SUPERVISION (Independent study, research courses, thesis supervision):

Name of Student	Level of Student*	Title of Project or Thesis	Dates

Independent study for 2-8 students per semester.

Thesis supervision and advising for Ph. D. students:

Pierre Legendre: Ph. D. 1971
Allan Hale: Ph. D. 1971
Gerald Arp: Ph. D. 1972
Patricia Nelson: M. A. 1972
Hugh Bollinger: Ph. D. expected 1973
Barry Johnston: Ph. D. expected 1975
Patrick McGuire: Ph. D. expected 1975

Also advice to various other Ph.D. students working with other professors.

SIGNED [signature] DATE April 14, 1973

X. EVALUATIVE COMMENTS BY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN, DIVISION HEAD, OR DEAN:

Please provide your evaluation of the foregoing report, commenting on the significance, quality and value of particular items (publications, projects, performances, etc.).

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A scholar of international fame and assiduous zeal. He must really work as much as indicated in order to produce as much as he does. His vision and objectives are broad, not so narrow as they are regarded by those who judge him superficially. His speculations on continental drift and biogeography are standard-setting, and his long continued work on cytotaxonomy of plants is stabilizing a controversial field in a highly fruitful way.

His contributions to the University are largely through research and influence upon graduate students, but these are truly major - else, of course, they would not counterbalance the modest contributions in service and undergraduate teaching. He has however made exceptional contributions to the department in service, as Chairman for four years. Professional service, national and international, is without equal in our department.

SIGNED Robert W. Smith DATE April 20, 73

* Level of student: B - Bachelor's, M - Master's, D - Doctoral, L - Law.

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
BRONX • NEW YORK 10458 212/933-9400

December 2, 1971

Dear Professor Löve:

In response to your letter of November 27th I am sending you under separate cover those previous reprints which did not reach you, except for three papers of which I could not have reprints.

Thank you very much for your encouragement for my prospective project. I appreciate very much also your frank opinion concerning the PL-480 project and related matters.

I also have a very unpleasant experience already in participating a PL-480 project in Ceylon. Although I was the actual initiator and organizer of the Ceylon Flora Project, I was used as a"foot soldier" on a ridiculously low per-diem of less than 2/5 or 1/3 the usual U. S. Government per-diem applicable to Ceylon. My conscience and devotion to sciences were thus misused.

Your last remark applies not only to the PL-480 programs but also in general how we immigrants are treated in this country. I feel that we, immigrant scientists, are always prejudiced and segregated by improper rating of our scientific ability and by being intentionally separated from the societies of born Americans, even though such segregation seems to me to be unconstitutional! I have long been feeling that we immigrant scientists should be united and should form a league to proect ourselves. I thought that such an organization could be formed, if we can find a lawyer of a strong sense of justice.

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Our Chinese student from former British colony, where English is their mother tongue, could not get a job in any college after his obtaining a Ph. D. for the reason that his English is not good. This is ridiculous, especially when we think that a number of American-borns cannot even spell English properly. I know a large numbers of immigrant scientists must end up in a junior position such as associate prof. or res. associate simply because they are not American-borns. As such I do not have any possibility here. We ought to do something to protect us and to reserve our right, don't we? U. S. sciences couldn't have made such an enormous progress without our immigrant scientists' contribution.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

T. M. Koyama

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
BRONX PARK • BRONX 58 • NEW YORK

May 19, 1964

Dr. Robert W. Pennak
Department of Biology
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Dr. Pennak:

Your circular of May 13 regarding an opening for a plant taxonomist at the University of Colorado is at hand. I would like to recommend a man whom you might not realize is available. That is Dr. Askell Löve, now at the University of Montreal. He was born in 1916 in Iceland, and I believe he remains an Icelandic citizen. In spite of his age and a long list of publications, I believe you can get him as an Assistant Professor.

Dr. Löve is a very able, extremely enthusiastic, hard-working, productive, and opinionated botanist. He attaches considerably more importance to chromosome number as a taxonomic character than the majority of taxonomists (including myself) now do, and this results in his reaching conclusions, in some instances, which are not in accord with those of most of his colleagues. However, I have a considerable sympathy for heretics; there is always a chance that they might be right and the rest of us wrong. Some of my own views on other taxonomic-evolutionary matters are considered heretical by some of my colleagues.

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Dr. Löve got caught in a meat-grinder at the University of Montreal (figuratively speaking, that is). Tenure as we know it in the states apparently does not exist there, and I could name two other very well known botanists who lost their jobs at the University of Montreal during the past decade under conditions which would have made the A.A.A.U.P. scream bloody murder if it had happened in the United States. So Askell finds himself out of a job, and overqualified for most of the jobs available. The top jobs, on the other hand, go to people who are a little more orthodox, or who are unorthodox in approved ways.

Dr. Löve is a very good field man, as well as knowing his way around a cytological laboratory and an herbarium. He knows plants as they grow. He is a real naturalist in the best sense of the word.

Most of Dr. Löve's work until now has been on boreal plants, but he is beginning to feel a bit cramped in the relatively impoverished arctic and subarctic flora, and he is extending his interest to other groups as well. You may be assured that if he comes to the University of Colorado he will quickly learn the local flora and start out to add to our knowledge and understanding of it.

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Dr. Löve's appearance is rather striking, and in some respects reminiscent of the cartoon-image of a college professor. He has high cheek-bones, deep-set eyes, and slightly hollow cheeks. He wears his hair long and combed straight back. There is nothing in all this, however, to cause any embarrassment to his colleagues in his department or to the university. I don't doubt that some of the students will make fun of him behind his back, but that does not disturb me. I think that his combination of enthusiasm and knowledge of his subject will go over well with the students, and that he will be an effective teacher.

I should point out that Askell's wife, Doris, is also a Ph. D. in botany. She is very competent, and indeed there are those who think she is the better botanist of the two. Some of Doris' work is done strictly independently, and some in collaboration with Askell. She is very careful not to get in Askell's way and not to criticize him; I get the impression that she values her marriage more than her professional career. To my mind that is all to the good. If you hire Askell you will get two for the price of one.

If you want to avoid all controvery and hire someone who is safe, sane, and dull, then Askell is not your man. If you want someone full of spirit and ideas, who may stumble sometimes but who brings life to the group and gets things done, then he is as good as anyone you will find, and better than most. I hope you take him.

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur Cronquist

Arthur Cronquist
Curator

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

May 21, 1964

Dr. Robert W. Pennak, Chairman
Department of Biology
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Dr. Pennak:

I understand that Dr. Askell Löve, a cytotaxonomist with an international reputation, is currently looking for a position in a western University of the United States. His situation is so desperate that it appears that he could be induced to leave with an offer of an Associate Professorship or even Assistant Professorship.

His knowledge of the Colorado flora should be superb; his teaching ability is reportedly excellent; and his professional competence is of the highest. If he were added to your staff, this would give the University of Colorado, overnight, an international reputation in the area of angiosperm systematics.

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Dr. Harlan Lewis, Department of Botany, UCLA, knows Dr. Löve personally and he could give you any background you might want as regards his personal attributes, etc.

For what it is worth, if we had such a position open at this University, there is no question but what we would give him number 1 consideration.

Most sincerely yours,

B. L. Turner
Professor

BLT:bh

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN
COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

May 21, 1964

Professor Robert W. Pennak
Department of Biology
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Professor Pennak:

Thank you for the notice of a position in taxonomy in your department. I do not have a student to recommend at this time, but I would like to suggest that you give very careful consideration to the appointment of a somewhat senior man, namely Dr. Askell Löve, 4525 Kensington Avenue, Montreal 28, Canada. He has a very envious international reputation and many outstanding publications in the application of cytological data to taxonomy. He is a very dynamic individual who would add prominence and stature to any biology department. I know that he is available for a new position, and I think it will be a very fortunate department that appoints him. Colorado is ideally situated for him to continue his outstanding work on arctic and alpine plants and for this reason you might be able to attract him at a level below that which he would normally command.

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Sincerely yours,

Harlan Lewis

Harlan Lewis
Professor of Botany and
Dean, Division of Life Sciences

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO MUSEUM
BOULDER, COLORADO

12 June 1964

Dr. Robert Pennak
Biology Dept.
Campus

Dear Bob:

I was able to meet with Dr. & Mrs. Askell Löve in Aspen yesterday evening and talked with them for two hours. I have known the Löves through their publications for some years, but I did not quite expect the fascinating people they turned out to be. I would strongly urge that he be offered an appointment at the highest rank available, for he is one of the leading minds around in biosystematics today. It happens that by a fluke we are able to get first crack at the opportunity. I'd summarize my impressions of him as follows:

1. Löve is one of the leaders in biosystematic thought in the world. He is articulate, has an infectious enthusiasm, is in active contact with the people in the field, contributes by good publications, essays, symposia etc., is respected by the profession.

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2. He has been a leader in organizing symposia of international scope, and in organizing biosystematic groups and serial publications in the cytotaxonomic field.

3. He, like many European taxonomists, operates from a broad base of knowledge of all groups of plants, and would bring to the Rocky Mountains an insight into the taxonomic problems which abound here. The area has long needed an active man of his type to relate the Rocky Mountain biota with the broader circumpolar one.

4. Doris Löve is a superior student in her own right, and the productivity of the family is almost evenly divided between the two. They are a very effective team, their children are grown so that they enjoy freedom to pursue their research more effectively than ever before. The Löve's are in the prime of their careers and from what I have heard from former students, they are extremely stimulating to graduate students. I also feel that he would bring to the Field Botany course a splendid background and the right kind of enthusiasm to make a fine thing of it.

Sincerely,

William A. Weber
Prof. of Natural History

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

June 11, 1964

Dear Bob,

Several days ago I agreed to give you my candid appraisal of Áskell Löve. These are my impressions.

Frankly, I found Professor Löve to be considerably different than I had imagined previously. While I had not met the man personally prior to today, many of my colleagues had. I received the impression from them that Dr. Löve was a very tense and somewhat difficult man to be around. From my brief encounter with him today, I do not consider these reports to be completely valid.

I found Löve to be fairly relaxed and even possessing a cryptic sense of humor. Professionally, he is rather outspoken on certain matters, and a lot of people do not agree with him, including myself. In fact when I came here one of my prime interests was to attempt to refute one of Löve's ideas about the distribution of polyploids. Nonetheless, it is valuable to have heretics around who do not follow the general field in their thinking. The teaching duties did not seem to bother him, although we did not discuss it in too much detail. My only real doubts about him would concern the teaching problem, especially in Field Botany, since it is one of the few courses where we can attract Botany majors at an early stage of development. He should be excellent in the graduate courses, however, because of his great depth of knowledge in the field and his considerable experience in the various floras of the world.

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There is no doubt that his name would increase the stature of botany in this department. No one can work in the cytotaxonomy of the flora of the north temperate region without encountering his (and her) ubiquitous presence. The man is unquestionably a leader in the field, and might help the graduate program in botany considerably. His presence would lend a continental flavor to the department which might add just enough heterogeneity to make him really worthwhile. Furthermore, one should not neglect his wife in the overall consideration. I personally found her to be a charming person, and it must be remembered that she is also a Ph. D. in Botany. In fact I have heard it stated that she is possibly the best of the two. The two of them would certainly contribute a great deal to our knowledge of the flora.

Personally, I would be flattered to see a person of Löve's stature assume my position in the department. One could ask for little more in terms of a successor. I recommend him most highly, and hope that it is possible to offer the position to him, at as high a rank and salary as is possible. In many ways it would be a travesty to offer him less than a full professorship, but this is another matter entirely.

Del Wiens

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REF.:

Dec. 24/1972.

Dear Askell and Doris:

As always I hoped to write to you having the things clear but....
I am sorry both general things /Scopolia and Project/ are in "prepearing". The Project is completely in the hands of the Americans. From yugoslav side our project was presented to the Smithsonian Institution as a 5 years project. Therefore is no reason to present it again /these are official instructions/.
After your departure there was a lot of talking and writing about our work - the visits of the American Embassy were not only casual. More about it, when you come. When you will send the new financial program, please let me know the situation of the yugoslav part. I personally thing that the american side will be coverd only by the family - without students. I have some reason for that. It is clear that all depends on the Smithsonian Institution, who will deside in his own way.

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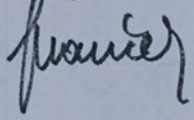
To day I have heen in the Computer Center where I have got the distribution lists of areas. In one of these days you will get also the new Chromocome list. The Scopolia paper is in print /Ernest was not delighted to be with us, so I leave out his name/. I am waiting for the first proofs every day.
At home is nothing new. The hous in Prevalje already has its roof and windows /without instalations/.
The mother is always the same - all others are well. Tomaž is in first steps of the puberty. Marjetka is every day noisier. On the Institute they have presuaded me to be director for the next period /my promise for only one year/. Milan become quiter. In spring he will go to Dr.K.Jones for 2 -3 weeks /some weeks ago Dr.Jones was in Lj./. In March he can go with Tine to the Central Africa where one of Slovenian enterprices cuts the wood. He will fix and collect material, of course. What do you mean? I enclose the picture of Favagera. Blanka is finishing the chromosome caunts of Luzula Slovenians.

A few month ago we have some political /positive/ shakings. But of course nothing like to make big exchanges.
Excause me for my silence - to all my best regards and successful 1973

Yours



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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20560

February 22, 1973

Mr. Thurston E. Manning
Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Mr. Manning:

The Smithsonian Institution has received and audited the interim financial report on Grant No. SFC-2-7626, which was awarded by the United States Government, acting through the Smithsonian Institution, to the University of Colorado on May 17, 1972.

As shown on the attached report, the auditors have recommended, and I concur, that $7,575 of reported expenditures be disallowed. Please forward a refund of $7,575, or the equivalent in Yugoslav dinars, to the Treasurer, Smithsonian Institution, as soon as possible.

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You may write me at the above address or call me at (202) 381-5924 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

F. G. Barwick
Chief, Supply Division

Attachment

Audit Report on
Interim Report on SFCP Grant No. SFG-2-7626
For the Period May 16, 1972 to September 1, 1972

Expense	As Reported on Interim Report	Amount Audited and Allowed	Amount Audited and Disallowed
Salaries and Wages	$14,170	$12,750	$1,420 (1)
Living Allowance	7,650	6,010	1,640 (2)
Rents, Comm., Utils.	4,600	85	4,515 (3)
Total	$26,420	$18,845	$7,575

Notes: (1) Amounts reported are in excess of actual payments as follows:

Gerald Arp	$ 355
Mary Kirk	355
Michael Fischer	710
Total	$1,420

(2) Amounts reported are in excess of actual payments as follows:

Gerald Arp	$ 565
Mary Kirk	565
Michael Fischer	510
Total	$1,640

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(3) Lab and office space were not rented. Rental payment of $1,080 was for Dr. Love's living quarters, for which he received a living allowance. Cars were not rented from University of Ljubljana.

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REF.:

Ljubljana, July 12, 1971.

Urgent.

Mr. Kennedy B. Schmertz, Director,
Foreign Currency Program,
Office of International Activities,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C. 20560, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Schmertz:

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Our first two weeks of work have been so intensely filled with collecting trips, fixing material, microscoping, discussions, etc., and compilation of the numerous results already achieved that we have not even had time to write cards, still less letters. And we expect this pace to be kept for the next six weeks at least.

This time I am forced to write to ask you to authorize, as soon as possible, the Embassy to pay the medicare costs or medical insurance which the authorities here require for us all. Professor Sušnik discussed this a couple of days ago with the Embassy people when he was in Beograd to take part in a farewell party for Mr. DeClerque, and was told that such an authorization must be requested at once.

You may be interested in knowing that the inflation in this country is considerable so that since I was here in January the index has risen 17% and that the living costs here are said to be at least as high as those in Beograd. Despite your reduction in our per diem we manage, though not without some detriment to our effectivity which I will discuss closer after we return to America, but the students grumble more than we do. The main point is, however, that the results are already overwhelming and that we enjoy this surroundings and cultural atmosphere more than words can describe.

With the very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Askell Löve

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REF.:

Ljubljana, July 31, 1971.

Mrs. Betty J. Wingfield,
Foreign Currency Program,
Office of International Activities,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C. 20560, U.S.A.

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Dear Mrs. Wingfield:

When I spoke to you on the phone about two months ago, you told me that I ought to write to you and ask for that the $250 that were left for excess baggage after you had authorized the Pan Am to make the first $250 worth available to us should be authorized, so that we could use the sum when we return late in August. I do still not know exactly how much our excess weight will be, and not if we will be able to send some of it by freight, but when I discussed this matter with the JAT office here yesterday, they advised me to ask for authorization for excess baggage, which they then would be able to change into freight, if advisible, though they doubted that our herbarium material and books would be as safe that way. Therefore, I would appreciate if you could send this authorization as soon as possible through the channels that are appropriate, so that everything will be in order before we leave.

The University authorities here are somewhat astonished to hear from me that I have not yet heard from Mr. Schmerts regarding my letter to him from July 12, but I hope I am right in blaming summer heat and vacation time for the delay.

All the best regards to you all,

Sincerely,

Ankell Löve

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Date 7/20/71

SCHMERTZ
WHITEHEAD
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WINGFIELD
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KING
ELLIOTT

File: LÖVE - Yugoslav Flora

Comments:

The question is: did he include medical insurance costs in his grant? This was his responsibility (refer to appropriate para of Program Announcement, under Budget format). When I talked we say this. At this point, he has to tell us what the costs are for his team — we don't know, and there is no channel for our "authorizing" such payments — but we can consider amending his grant to provide for these costs. Write to him please. W

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Mr. Kennedy B. Schmertz, Director,
Foreign Currency Program,
Office of International Activities,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C. 20560, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Schmertz:

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Our first two months of our Yugoslavian interval filled with collecting trips, fixing material, microscoping, discussions, etc., and compilation of the numerous results already achieved that we have not even had time to write cards, still less letters. And we expect this pace to be kept for the next six weeks at least.

This time I am forced to write to ask you to authorize, as soon as possible, the Embassy to pay the medicare costs or medical insurance which the authorities here require for us all. Professor Sušnik discussed this a couple of days ago with the Embassy people when he was in Beograd to take part in a farewell party for Mr. DeClerque, and was told that such an authorization must be requested at once.

You may be interested in knowing that the inflation in this country is considerable so that since I was here in January the index has risen 17% and that the living costs here are said to be at least as high as those in Beograd. Despite your reduction in our per diem we manage, though not without some detriment to our effectivity which I will discuss closer after we return to America, but the students grumble more than we do. The main point is, however, that the results are already overwhelming and that we enjoy this surroundings and cultural atmosphere more than words can describe.

With the very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Askell Löve

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Boulder, May 12, 1969.

Mr. Kennedy B. Schmertz,
Director, Foreign Currency Program,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C. 20560.

Dear Mr. Schmertz:

When Professor Franc Sušnik of the Institute of Biology of the University of Ljubljana in Yugoslavia was here with me as an exchange scholar for several weeks last summer, we discussed in considerable detail the need for a combined attack on the cytotaxonomy of the Yugoslavian flora, which includes more than one-third of the described species of plants of the European continent. Because of lack of cytologists and biosystematists in the country, only a handful of the species of this rich and variable flora have so far been cytotaxonomically studied, whereas adjacent parts of Central Europe are known up to 80-90% in this respect. I and my wife and our associates, past and present, are interested in cytotaxonomy mainly as a tool for studies of the origin, history, and evolution of arctic and alpine floras, which we have studied with what we think is considerable success in various parts of Europe and North America during the past thirty-odd years. Therefore, we feel that the Yugoslavian flora might be an ideal material for such investigations, especially since we have reasons to believe that though much of it originated in situ, or by dispersal from northern Europe and southern Asia, at least some part of it has austral, Gondwanan, relationships. So we showed our interest to Dr. Sušnik and encouraged him to look into the possibility of Yugoslavian acceptance in case we would apply to the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program for support of such a project.

I have received the enclosed letter from Dr. Sušnik, in which he confirms that the Yugoslavian acceptance has already been secured. At the same time, he enclosed an official invitation, signed by Professor El Mayer whom I also know personally, to take part in the Third Yugoslavian Biological Congress in Ljubljana in late June, and emphasized that if this were possible, I could meet all those concerned with the project and also discuss all its details before the final application had to be sent to the Smithsonian.

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Since I am supposed to be the chairman of our Department during the Summer School this year and have to do a good deal of research work in the mountains and also complete a couple of papers and a book before attending the Botanical Congress in Seattle in August, in addition to the fact that I do not have funds for international travel, I answered Drs. Mayer and Sušnik that I were in doubt that such a visit could materialize this summer. However, when your colleague, Mr. Whitehead, was here a few days ago, he urged me to try to make such a visit and then also to write to you to request "research development" funds to visit Ljubljana and Belgrade in order to make final arrangements for preparing such a proposal. Since my wife, Doris Löve, who has Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees from the University of Lund and considerable research experience, will be my main American cooperator and co-principal investigator here, it would be beneficial for the visit if she could accompany me, especially in view of the fact that she is a better linguist and speaks, in addition to eight other languages, Russian, which ought to make communication with other Slaves more easy.

I have checked with a travel bureau here about the costs of such a travel, and I am informed that it would come to about $820 per person. That price is based upon the assumption that the travel be by coach, though I am in doubt that it would be wise to fly in that way when the real visit has to be limited to so few days that one hardly can rest between the trips east and west. This, however, your office might be able to discuss and adjust.

Since I have no short vitae form and list of main publications available, I trust that you will find it possible to check the informations about both of us in the last edition of the American Men of Science or, for me, the World Men of Science, both of which I am sure you have available. I have published several hundreds of research papers and about a dozen books in the wide field of biosystematics and biogeography, and I am sure that several of the members of your Natural History Museum will be able to vouch for that my research qualifications are acceptable for your program.

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Although I cannot promise to make this visit this summer, for the reasons given above, it is important that an answer be given as soon as possible, because the longer the delay the more unlikely is the possibility. And the people in Ljubljana also need to be informed well in advance if such a visit is to be materialized.

My telephone number in Boulder is (303)- 443-2211, extension 7325 in the office during the day, and (303)-443-9980 at home during evenings and weekends.

With the very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Áskell Löve,
Professor and Chairman.

October 16, 1969

Mr. Thurston E. Manning
Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Mr. Manning:

This will acknowledge receipt of the proposal entitled "Cooperative Studies on the Cytotaxonomy of the Yugoslavian Flora" submitted to the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program by Drs. Åskell and Doris Löve.

Administrative and scientific reviewing of the proposal will be initiated promptly. You will be informed of the results as soon as possible, probably during the month of January after our Advisory Council completes its deliberations.

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Since the current research commitments of the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program are now running approximately equal to current annual appropriations to the Program from the U. S. Congress, actual funding of the proposal, if approved scientifically, may have to be delayed until further funds become available from future Congressional appropriations to the Program.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth D. Whitehead
Deputy Director
Foreign Currency Program
Office of International Activities

Smithsonian: 202-628-1810

cc: Drs. Åskell and Doris Löve

Md.: Denver – N.Y. Pan Am eller TWA

N.Y. – KFLV

Pan Am 40: dep. 10^{45} p.m. – KFK 9^{15} a.m. Fr.

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Sunday, 21/2 Denver TWA. room – N.Y.

Monday N.Y. Pan Am 76: 5^{40} p.m. → Belgrad 3^{25} p.m. next day.

Tuesday Belgrad: one whole day

Wd. + Thursday Belgrad – Ljubljana: ? – Belgrad

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Saturday + Sunday – Keflavik

Wednesday 4/3 Keflavik – N.Y. Pan Am Wd. 2^{25} p.m. – N.Y. 3^{25} p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Boulder, February 22, 1970.

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

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Let me first of all thank you for your as always friendly and helpful and encourging talk on the telephone last week. As a result of this, I immediately started to work on a reasonable revision of our Yugoslavian proposal, and though this is a short week for our Office of Research Services, they have promised me to complete the new material as fast as possible and send it to you not later than at the end of the week. I know from your conversation on the telephone that you will not be too exact as to meeting the deadline next Sunday if they have at least sent the material as early as they can complete it. You will see that the revision in budget is considerable, and though we have also changed some of the details and not others, I hope your Council realizes that we all will do our best to get more results in print out of this work than they are used to see from others - this is no criticism of anybody. We also have mentioned the Julian Alps and their neighborhood as our area of work the first summer...even that is not much of a change, because Dr. Sušnik and we had already agreed that it would be most important to work the first summer in the best known region, i.e. just the Julian Alps.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Sušnik for your information, and I am sure that he would appreciate to hear from you also before he contacts his colleagues in Belgrad for the revision.

I am trying to make up a list of possible reviewers for you, but hope you allow me to send it either later this week or early the next one, because I have less time than I would like to complete it this weekend. And other days have to be used for strict university work, at this time of the winter.

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If something should come up that I need to ask you about before the final material is sent, I will contact you per telephone, though I do not anticipate that this will happen. But let me end this letter by saying that we are grateful to you for your understanding and help and that we hope to be able to demonstrate through our work that we are worthy of your optimism.

With the very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Åskell Löve.

Encl.: copy of a letter to Professor Sušnik.

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Boulder, February 28, 1970.

Dear Franc:

Enclosed is a copy of the revised proposal which has been sent to Washington. I will send you two other copies with separate airmail on Monday, in the hope that you then get at least one of the envelopes and can present the case to the people in Belgrad. I am sure that they will give their support fast and effectively, as they did in the first case, and am only sorry that the buresucracy in America is so far from being effective but instead filled with quasi-specialists who find it necessary to delay whatever the very few able people want to do. I am frustrated with this all, but hope your frustration can be overcome. Perhaps it might be worth while to ask the Belgrad people to mention to the Americans that since this actually only is a revision, they feel the final and positive decision ought to be made with further delay, because otherwise the start of the work is jeopardized. And I can tell you, that if the wise men in Washington not only delay this further but turn this revision down, I want to have nothing more to do with them and will instead turn my interests to some other work; I am tired of being harassed by lack of wisdom at the top levels and by bureaucracy that has nothing to come with of positive remarks.

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You may have observed that Mr. Whitehead tried to let it look as if specialists had judged the proposal here. Unfortunately, as you also know, there are very few real specialists in cytotaxonomy in America though many small prophets want to let it look as if they could judge what we have been doing, or trying to do. You can see that they even made the remark that we ought perhaps to concentrate on a field of our specialty - as if they were greater specialists in the cytotaxonomy of the European flora! When I asked Mr. Whitehead directly who the judges were, he could not tell me, but since he is an unusually sensible bureaucrat, he asked me to give him the names of some American and foreign specialists, who would be able to judge such a proposal - though this he ought to have asked for long ago. At the Smithsonian there are only very old-fashioned taxonomists, as you know, and also at the NSF at present, and these were the judges of the proposal! However, I hope this time the decision will be without remarks and positive and that it will come very much earlier than the long delay last time indicates.

Perhaps it might help speed things up to mention from your side that you all are astonished to see that so little understanding is met with in America for investigations in which we wanted Yugoslavia to get ahead of the Russians by aid of this grant - and then also to mention the fact that the Russians are getting very much ahead of even other Europeans in this field now, publishing more than one-fifth of all such studies annually? It may help wake up their inferiority complex, which is as great here as with other large nations which seem to find it peculiar when others do more than they themselves even in fields which do not require much money. And Americans still cannot understand how the Russians, who were only 4% literate in 1920, could shoot the first Sputnik and even hit the moon ahead of the Americans themselves - but most of those who discuss achievements in science here do not know that the Soviet also has a complete flora, whereas we have none and will not have any for the foreseeable future, thanks to the inability at the Smithsonian. Do what you feel is best - but I hope you get the matter through the Belgrad committee fast and effectively and get them to make appropriate remarks on this unnecessary delay.

Mr. Whitehead told me that if you felt it might speed up things at your side, we might be allowed to make a visit to discuss with you and others involved in making the decision. Since time is rather late, however, I would prefer not to have to go for even a week before we can go to start the work, since I cannot see the need for this. But it is, again, typically American to even suggest this, typical of ineffectivity at high levels.

This letter is, of course, only for you, though you may use parts of it if you so feel, if that could further our needs.

Hope to hear from you soon, and hope also that you are not too much disappointed in this unnecessary delay which perhaps shows you under which kind of treatment we have to work in this large but still small-minded country. The main thing is, however, that we should get the work with you effectively started this spring, because then I am convinced we all can get out of it something so great that the small sould in Washington will be more than shocked and do everything they can to help us make it greater.

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Our winter continues to be extremely mild and comfortable, and our tulips, hyacinths, crocuses and daffodils still are flowering - a month earlier than usually! There is a lot of snow in the mountains, but here it is so dry that we have to water our evergreens regularly, and the grass is more yellow than ever before. But we can still get a lot of snow on the lowland, and in May we can get rains that could wash away houses, as it did last year, so it is too early to say that the winter has not come. But now it cannot become severe, we are over the time when the frosts can reach much below 10°C, fortunately.

With the very best regards from us all here, and all good wishes.

Sincerely,