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

10/10/66
To Dr. Gates

from George B. Van Schaack

Report on Murphy & Mackey plan submitted on October 6, 1966.

1. Careful examination of the subject plan compels me to disagree with my moderately jovial acceptance of it last Thursday as, on the one hand, a proper cut-down from the previous plan, and, on the other, a basis for our proposal.

2. As for the suitability of the "cut-down" method used, it is remarked there are at least three ways of providing less space; by decreasing the size of the module, but retaining the general layout; by deleting certain modules and altering the general layout; and by a combination of these methods. Whatever merits any of these methods may have, any one of them may well have serious flaws if applied without knowledge of how the space is to be used. I have already pointed out in the meeting how seriously the first of these methods can affect the number of herbarium cases which can be accommodated. I shall show below, with regard to the library, 1) that the same method has (as reported to us) falsified (to us) the actual percentage decrease of stack area (the desirability of such decrease is irrelevant to the falsification of its representation); 2) that the same method has cramped the very part of the library which had already been compressed into too little space on other scores, into a completely unacceptable area, and 3) that the architects, by ignoring the very carefully worked out plan for level 3 with which I presented them, have destroyed in several important details relationships and adequacies which were especially established to make the plan attractive to people who know something about libraries and herbaria. That the architects can be expected to be ignorant of these details and their importance is again irrelevant--the details of my plan were not proposed from whim, but from knowledge and to see these brushed aside through ignorance and replaced by vague squiggles and inept arrangements only convinces me the more that these people are no more trustworthy than they have always been reported to me as being. They seem hell-bent on following their own noses even when they cannot tell the difference between heliotrope and gasoline--a half hour with Walter and me spent telling us what they propose to do would

have saved them a lot of time and us a lot of time and annoyance--
I should never have agreed to this method of cut-down, which is
definitely the worst of the three for this building.

3. The library module size has been changed from 21'8" x 21'8" to 21'8" x 20'--a gross reduction of module size of 20"/260" or .077. Somehow or other this should be reflected more or less accurately in space changes based solely on modules. In the earlier plan the main stack area (per floor) occupied 7 1/4 modules and was marked on MEM's plan as occupying 3220 sq. ft. In the latest plan the number of modules is still 7 1/4, but the space occupied is marked as 3045, a gross reduction of 175 sq. ft., i. e. a reduction of 175/3220 or .054. Either the new figure should be nearer to 2975 or the old one nearer to 3290, the exterior wall (by my computation!) not being significant in this instance. Thus the reduction here is made to look not as great as it really is--the actual 7.7 per cent is, however, 50 per cent more than implied 5.4 per cent, and the relevant 8000' involved a mere bagatelle of \$ 16 000 to \$ 20 000. (I do not wish to imply my belief in dishonesty, but I am convinced of carelessness). What the reduction has produced in the herbarium I do not know, except as I pointed out in the meeting the great reduction of herbarium cases, the architect's drawings having been made from the depth of their ignorance without asking our knowledgeable assistance.

4. On level 3 reduction of the module size has changed previously assigned areas as follows:

	before	after
a) Reading room	700	670
b) Offices	668	646
c) Technical processes	875	805
d) Catl-bibl.	527	500
e) Archives and rare books	1160	700

a) To begin with, the reading room with 700' was too small, but at least with its shape it provided excellent wall space for periodical and reference shelving. Not only has this been cut down from

68' to 50', but the room has been so narrowed (from 21' to 16') that walk-space along the wall and shelving is essentially entirely eliminated (this can and must be corrected by restoring to the reading room the adjacent corridor--southward--and putting the stairs around the corner.

b) Changes here are admittedly small and perhaps of no particular importance.

c) The decrease here is again not excessive, but the fact remains that as presented by me in two modules of original size the room was anything but spacious.

d) Again the decrease does not look excessive, but the former size and better shape were already not adequate.

e) Here the decrease of 460' is excessive and is brought about by the architects having completely ignored my own use of some of the free stack area for rare book stacks. Their conception of a rare book and archives area is infantile and I must insist on restoration of the original size by taking one full module (at the right) for rare book stacks. This, however, can doubtfully restore the quite good arrangement I had designed.

5. a) Taking the module just mentioned away from the free stacks leaves a linear footage of free stacks on level 3 of 1680'--my plan had provided 2345'. Here is ^{another} ~~first~~ instance of the architects having destroyed a careful, worked out detail of importance. In the 2346' earlier planned there would have been shelved the floras and monographs, the books most often consulted. At present these occupy in very crowded shelves 1300'--they will fit into the 1680' now provided, but as time passes one or the other (floras or monographs and/or both!) will move downstairs.

b) Other convincingly good details I supplied the architects which they totally ignored are: 1) the arrangement of furniture in the cat.-bibl. area (of which no trace remains); 2) the periodical shelving, possible in the presently ^{proposed} reading room only if change-back (see 4a) is undertaken; 3) the furnishings of the reading room which, as shown, make the area look like a primary school home management thesis; 4) the elimination of water fountain and wash basin (to end on a damp note!)

6. As I have said, the plan is unacceptable--and for me the architects are discredited.

to Dr. Gates.

From: G. B. Van Schaack

Subject: Further report on Murphy and Mackey plan submitted 10/6/66.

1. I shall maintain in this report that Murphy and Mackey have shown both irresponsibility and at least implicit dishonesty in presenting this plan without giving clear and sufficient reason for the change of module size.

2. On or about August 26 Mackey Sr. and Jr. met with the planning committee and presented a plan A (dated 8/22/66) in rough outline to be used as a basis for the final plan to be attached to the grant proposal. This plan was laid out in modules (in general of 21' 8" x 21' 8") more or less clearly marked; on one sheet of it is a summary of gross size of each level and the total of 39,100 sq. ft.

as indicated by module size were
It was made clear at that time that the dimensions to be used by Drs. Lewis and Van Schaack in fitting into the plan such facilities as they believed necessary and desirable. Moreover, the total gross size of 39,100 sq. ft. was accepted on the basis of probable cost--even after it was corrected to 42,320 sq. ft. when Mr. Paddock pointed out that the third level of multitier stack had not been included.

On the basis of these agreements both Lewis and Van Schaack spent much time and effort mapping out suitable areas, taking into account the fixed size of herbarium and library furniture, each of them presenting to M & M detailed drawings of how the furniture fitted and how areas should be articulated.

3. On 10/6/66 M & M presented a plan B in which all modules had been reduced in E-W measurement to 20' and some in N-S to 20'. In the E-W direction this means a 7.7 percent decrease for the whole building and in the N-S direction some additional decrease, in all, as shown below, 10.8 percent. The plan B as presented is marked as of gross area 41,843 sq. ft.

4. By actual count the number of modules in A is:

Level 1	23
2	22
3	23
4	24 1/4

7 1/4 for extra stack floor

99 1/2 modules, at 471 sq. ft. gross equals
46,864 sq. ft. for plan A

Measurement of B by direct calculation rather than through modules gives 9790, 9012, 9772, 10,072 for the four levels and 3139 for the extra

stack level; a total of 41,785 sq. ft. in agreement with that of M & M.

We find then a decrease of 46,864-41,785 or 5079 sq. ft., which is 10.8 percent.

4. Now for the irresponsibility and dishonesty. A was initially reported as 39, 100 sq. ft., corrected at our notice to 42,320; it was never corrected by M & M to the true figure of 46,864 sq. ft. So much for irresponsibility.

The error was, however, obviously noticed by them, for, without any communication to us between the meetings that the size was being reduced, it turned up in B to be 41,843, just under our accepted figure of 42,320. It is almost humanly impossible not to believe this was deliberate masking of their initial error with the intent to deceive us. This is usually considered as deliberate dishonesty.

5. Finally, for the muddle created. Had we been informed in August that the gross size of A was 46,864 sq. ft., we should have then and there not accepted the layout as a basis for making final proposal plans. What we might have done may not be clear, but had we accepted decreased module size, Lewis and Van Schaack should have spent their time working on the module agreed upon then instead of on one changed without their knowledge--neither of them likes to waste time this way. The work they did is largely lost, for with modules of 21' 8" x 20' furnishings, other needs and area relations are different from those for modules of 21' 8" x 21' 8".

6. I submit that M & M are irresponsible and that at least some of their personnel dishonest. I, for one, have no stomach for working with them further and should like to have an open discussion of this in our committee with or without Mackeys as you might wish. I am, myself, quite prepared to meet them with what would substantially be an accusation of playing fast and loose with words, numbers and our time.

To Dr. Gates.

From G. B. Van Schaack

Subject: Report No. 3 on Murphy & Mackey plan submitted October 6, 1966,
or what to do about the muddle we are in now.

1. It would be nice to think we could slay the enemy and hire another firm of mercenaries to carry on for us, but this is obviously too fanciful. However, we must construct some plan to send with the proposal which all of us can defend. I cannot defend the present one as it now stands and these remarks regard the only idea I have on how to modify the latest plan so that it looks defensible without spending more time than we have left.

2. The true bind is on level 3 and now with the building cut down to the size which we think we can afford, it is clear that we cannot have on level 3 all of the things which we have planned to put there: 1) centralized library operations; 2) centralized herbarium operations and Flora of Panama; and 3) enough stack area to shelve the books most frequently referred to (floras and monographs). It has throughout been my own belief that level 3 is not the proper place for the herbarium technical area nor perhaps the best place for the Flora of Panama, but the position in these areas is not my responsibility and I present no opposition to their being left on level 3 if that is where Dr. Lewis believes they should be placed. It is impossible to split the library operations area into two levels without making it completely inefficient. Obviously there remains only one thing which can be done, namely to give up the idea of having on level 3 any substantial number of open stacks. To the library operation this is more or less immaterial and I think it must be left up to the herbarium and the staff generally to decide whether it is more important to have the floras and monographs shelved on level 3 or to have the Flora of Panama and/or the herbarium technical area on level 3.

3. Whatever the decision in this last matter may be, there is not enough time left now to consider all the re-arrangements which would have to be undertaken and I recommend that the plans to be sent with the proposal be redrawn substantially as in the latest version, but with practical₄ all of the stack area on level 3 incorporated into the library operation area to restore the amount of space which was in the previous

plan and to make the articulation of various areas again look reasonable. Even this will be substantial work for me, but I am not agreeable to having a plan presented to the NSF about which I would have to say upon being questioned by them that I had not agreed to the plan anyhow.

Proposal for a department of bibliography and associated special collections.

A. It is proposed:

- 1) that there be created the position of bibliographer, to be coordinate with that of the librarian and of the director of the herbarium;
- 2) that certain material of the library be designated as 'special collections', and, as conditions provide, eventually be so segregated; and
- 3) that a permanent library committee be set up, consisting of the director of the Garden, the director of the herbarium, the librarian, the bibliographer, and one other member of staff.

B. The duties of the bibliographer will be:

- 1) to initiate policy for the special collections, to be submitted to the library committee for approval, modification, or rejection;
- 2) to administer the curation and use of the special collections subject to the policies adopted under 1);
- 3) to carry on bibliographic research (largely in the special collections areas) leading to publishable papers (e.g. accounts of single items or treatments of small groups, such as the works of a single author or those relating to a single group of plants, etc.; to initiate proposals for larger projects such as the preparation of a pre-1750 bibliography, or one for the icones volumes of 1730-1850, or for a Linnaean catalogue, or a catalogue of Dr. Engelmann's library, or a study of Dr. Sturtevant's work and his library and papers, or an inventory of all the Engelmann reliquae, etc.; and to organize and execute those for which financial support is found;
- 4) to render bibliographic assistance, to the staff, students and other patrons, such as is not routinely available from the library staff;
- 5) to prepare regularly for each issue of the Bulletin a substantial paper (three to eight pages) relating to library material in such special ways as to be of particular interest to the Bulletin subscribers;
- 6) to act as consultant to the librarian on acquisitions, cataloguing, binding, and other matters as the librarian may find useful.

C. The material designated as special collections will be:

- 1) all manuscript material;
- 2) all printed material of 1850 or earlier;
- 3) all other printed material of exceptional value (e.g. large illustrated works, special limited editions, etc.);
- 4) certain fragile material (e.g. Bulletin Herb. Boissier--the present set almost untouchable);

- 5) all -iana material (Engelmann library and other reliquae, Treleasiana, etc.);
 - 6) the archival sets of the Garden's own publications;
 - 7) Printed material especially relating to the Garden;
 - 8) photographic material.
- D. The initial staff of the bibliographer may be himself alone, but it is recognized that he cannot begin to discharge all of the duties outlined above without assistance. In particular, a steady flow of publishable work will necessitate at least a full time clerical assistant and half the time of a graduate student intraining for botanical bibliographical work.
- E. As funds become available the bibliographer's budget will provide not only for staff as in D, but as well for acquisitions in the special collections areas and for binding, etc., of such material.
- F. Initially the bibliographer's position may be set up on part time, but it is naturally a full time position. The bibliographer's salary, pro-rated for full time, and his age and competency warranting, shall be commensurate with that of the librarian and of the director of the herbarium.

March 27, 1967.

To: Dr. Gates

From: G. B. Van Schaack

Subject: Adequacy of architectural advice for the Planning Committee

1. I expect your call to an early meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss the advisability of replanning the proposed library-herbarium building. As the member with longest active interest in seeing a new building planned and funded I can be expected to take part in the committee's activities not only with the sense of concern and responsibility to be expected of all members but also, I think, with a special concern. I am sure you are aware that although the books in the library were paid for with Henry Shaw's money, their curation in all respects (except for the very limited amounts spent on inferior binding) was, until I became librarian in 1958, very significantly (60 o/o ?) a personal gift of the underpaid library employees: since 1958 the percentage may have dropped to 50 o/o. I think I can claim a special interest in the deliberations of the committee and a special concern in certain conditions under which these are carried out.

2. Surely one of the most important of these conditions regards the adequacy of our architectural advice, in all respects--competence, reliability, responsibility and integrity, to name the ones of greater concern. Initially, some sixteen months ago, when I learned that Murphy & Mackey had been selected as our architects I must confess I was greatly disturbed as well as somewhat appalled. Nothing which this firm has done in discharging its duties under the planning grant has lessened my discomfort here--on the contrary, I have become increasingly disturbed and dismayed, till now I cannot but beg you to take the opportunity presented to discharge this firm and to seek another. I am aware of five facts, any two or three of which would, in my opinion, warrant this action. With all of these you are at least as fully acquainted as I am, so I merely list them: a) the near fiasco and the proximate collapse of the scientific function of the Garden incident to the building of the climatron, of which Murphy and Mackey were the chief architects with, so far as I am informed, complete responsibility for seeing that things went right instead of wrong; b) the abandonment of responsibility in the design of the new headhouse, in several respects as badly planned as one can conceive--again the work of Murphy & Mackey; c) the matter of miscalculation on our plans of last summer, which was not acknowledged by Murphy & Mackey, although it was very obviously silently recognized by them as evidenced by the changes made in the next set of plans--as a result this misinformation induced us to make in the meantime, or later to accept, important compromises in the planning which might have been unnecessary--on this matter I wrote you an explicit memorandum in early October last; d) the quite damaging remarks of the NSF architect regarding the architects who had advised us and who had drawn the plans submitted; and e) the very poor impression made upon the NSF Committee on the occasion of its recent site visit by Eugene Mackey Jr., the member of the firm almost wholly responsible for the matters under criticism in c) and d).

3. I have discussed my concern with both Dr. Cutler and Dr. Lewis. While their concern fails to coincide with mine in a number of details, they agree in believing the question of the adequacy of our architects is a proper subject for Planning Committee discussion; they and I would like to have at least a portion of the next meeting devoted to it. In particular they have pointed out the greater emphasis mechanical engineering should have in any plan, and especially in the possible new plan of a new type of herbarium to occupy almost all of the new building--one of much simpler, purely architectural design, but with greater engineering problems.

Dear Miss Woodson:

I did not have the privilege of knowing your brother but I have heard many fine things about him. He spent most of his professional career at the Missouri Botanical Garden and left an indelible mark on the institution. As you know the Garden has had several decades of severe financial stress. We are devoting ourselves to the task of improving the financial situation and securing the future of the Garden. The Missouri Botanical Garden is a remarkable institution which is unmatched for certain unique qualities and which stands with the precious few great botanical institutions of the world. The Garden absolutely must continue with its leadership in botany. We are certain that it can and will do so.

I have an idea I would like to suggest to you. Perhaps you will find it interesting and will wish to discuss it with me sometime. You may wish to help us create an endowed position, the Robert E. Woodson, Jr., Herbarium Curatorship, to give recognition to the years of devoted work he spent in the herbarium. In order to do so would require an endowment of approximately \$250,000 or, we could create the Robert E. Woodson, Jr., Herbarium Assistantship for an endowment of approximately \$150,000. It is possible you would wish to enlist the cooperation of some friends in establishing this endowment. I can only tell you that the endowment of a position in the name of Robert E. Woodson, Jr., would be the single finest act you could do. The outstanding herbarium at the Garden and its fine library are the primary reason for any work in plant taxonomy at Washington University. Without these great collections students would be severely limited in their training and faculty could not carry on research in plant taxonomy. I know that Dr. Woodson had a great interest in the future training of botanists in plant taxonomy and plant evolution. In order that such training be made a reality it is essential that we guarantee the vitality of the herbarium and the work therein. It is on this basis that I wish to appeal to you to help establish this very significant and essential position. By this one action you can add great strength and impetus to the one field of endeavor which your brother considered of utmost importance.

I can think of no more appropriate memorial than a position within the herbarium in the name of Robert E. Woodson, Jr. I hope you agree with me and will be willing to discuss this further. We depend upon people such as yourself, who realize the importance of botanical research to help mankind guarantee the future of this great institution. If we who know and understand these things cannot help then we cannot expect others to do so.

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Sincerely yours,

February 16, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: MBG STAFF
FROM: Dr. David M. Gates
SUBJECT: Trustee-Staff Relationships

I have just returned from a meeting with the newly elected Officers of the Board of Trustees. They informed me that there have been a number of occasions recently when they have received calls or letters from, or had contacts with, staff members concerning Garden affairs. They explained to me their concern that these matters should go to the Director first and I agreed wholeheartedly.

Our Trustees are very busy men. Indeed, they are Trustees and explicitly not Directors. The administrative relationships within the Garden organization are very clear. Staff Members report to Department Heads who in turn report only to the Director. It is only reasonable that all administrative matters come to the Director's office first. If the problem cannot be resolved there and requires the attention of a Board member, then a Trustee will be consulted. It is often embarrassing to have matters about which I had not been informed beforehand by the staff member called to my attention by a Trustee.

We will administer this institution as effectively and efficiently as possible. You are always welcome to discuss any problem or question with me, or with Mark Paddock, either in my office or over lunch. We are only here to help you do your job and to help this institution. Your discretion in this respect will help all, including yourself.

June 20, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. George Van Schaack
FROM: Dr. David M. Gates
SUBJECT: Books from the Library

Every time the Director's office has checked out books from the library we get frequent calls from the library staff requesting return of the book. We shall be grateful if this is not repeated.

When the Director's office checks out a book from the library it will be on indefinite loan. If the book is specifically needed at a definite time please say so and we shall return it to you promptly.

Obviously, most books which we borrow will be kept a very short time, however, some will be kept longer when we have a continuing need for them.

CC: Dr. Van Schaack ✓

April 12, 1967

Mr. F. A. Johns
Box 406A, RD#3,
Somerset, N.J. 08873

Dear Mr. Johns:

I was pleased to read your letter addressed to Dr. Van Schaack. I am as certain as one can be, without a personal interview, that you are well qualified for the position of librarian in our library at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Our situation here is almost unique and very challenging. It is a highly specialized library with limited staff. The person who eventually becomes head of the library will have the opportunity to build staff and to look forward to new facilities for the library.

The current support is modest and is derived entirely from our own private income. The librarian must feel the challenge of the situation and appreciate the unique character of this remarkable botanical library. The position is not one commensurate with positions of top administration within a large university library system.

It is possible we could match your present salary. I am certain we could not offer substantially more. Our annual increments are comparable with yours at Rutgers. You could expect to hire a professional librarian as an assistant. Present staff consists of the head librarian, a full time library assistant, and a half-time secretary. The assistant librarian position is being left open until the new head librarian is located. Several of our scientists on the staff hold professorial appointments at Washington University, teach classes here and at the Garden, and supervise graduate research programs. Traditionally it has not been possible to make professorial appointments to the library staff.

I am not certain that this gives you particularly strong inducement, but if you are interested in further detail I shall be pleased to telephone you or to have you call me collect. Our number in St. Louis is 314-865-0440. It is just possible that you would find this to be precisely the right position.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Gates
Director

DMG:am

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"



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September 29, 1967

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear George:

It is a bit hard to say thank you with the proper dignity for the many years of dedicated service you have given to the Missouri Botanical Garden. I am sure there have been many times when you felt your efforts were little appreciated. This is often the fate of those who assume responsibility for safeguarding the resources exploited by others. You will agree, I am sure, that libraries are more often than not exploited. If not exploited in the harsh sense of the word, often they are used to exhaustion. My understanding is that this incredible library was abused and threatened with exhaustion when you assumed responsibility for its management.

It is hard for me to know how much you sacrificed in order to maintain and further the best interests of the library and herbarium. There were several years when no one else would assume the responsibility for the library and the herbarium. There were years when it required an almost superhuman effort to hold the two facilities together and many times when you alone put 60 to 80 hours a week into the effort. I have learned a great deal of this by talking with staff and alumni.

The herbarium was threatened with misuse and disruption when you were willing to pick up the task of putting much of it in order. You have worked behind the scenes to provide scholarly guidance and wise counsel to any who came to ask for information. You spent countless hours helping others to document references or to search out the proper herbarium specimens. You studied book binding, repair and restoration until you could set the very highest standards for the books of our library. You have seen ever so clearly the fundamental purpose of this library and herbarium, especially so at times when many questioned the value of their survival. You understood, as few others have ever understood, those intangible qualities that distinguish a great research resource from an ordinary one, and those features which will be of enormous significance 100 or 500 years from now and even beyond.

Dr. George Van Schaack

Do not believe for one minute that your efforts were in vain. Students, professionals and layman alike who came to know you here in this labor of love will always be grateful for all you have done. Your name will be remembered in the halls of the Missouri Botanical Garden library and herbarium far longer than you would ever believe possible. Your efforts bear witness to an incredible task well done and for that we thank you so very, very much.

We wish you good health and happiness for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Dave

David M. Gates
Director

*This letter could not have been written by Gates.
Only Dr. Edgar Anderson could have written it -
and it is practically certain that Gates released
it some ten days or two weeks prior to handing
it to us on Sept 29.*



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

January 9, 1968

Dear Anne,

I am immensely pleased to hear that you found my proposal of having the Redouté restored by Donnelley something which you are happy to support. And I am glad you have been able to find money for this support over and above the usual generous contribution from Jack's fund, which is what I had in mind when I spoke of a 'special' gift. Naturally Dave would not be pleased to have me ask you to designate any part of the usual gift for a particular purpose. I want you to have the special credit of providing this important restoration, which I trust will encourage others to contribute to the support of the museum treasures of the library.

Many, many thanks for taking this care off my mind, for it was my duty while at the Garden to get the Redouté set restored, and I have been concerned that I didn't discharge that responsibility.

Dave has written me to express his appreciation of my continued concern for the Garden's library, and I am sure he will be glad to hear how gratified I am at your gift. I am also pleased to hear from you that he is keeping the valuable books in mind for top level restoration.

Best wishes for a successful drive.

Faithfully yours,

cc: Dr. David M. Gates



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

January 9, 1968

Dr. David M. Gates, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter of the 6th. As you can see by the enclosure I am answering Mrs. Lehmann most gratefully for her gift, which pleases me very much. I am so glad she was able to find extra money to take care of at least this one of the major responsibilities I was unable to discharge while at the Garden.

Best wishes for a successful drive.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack

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THE MORTON ARBORETUM

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LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

January 31, 1968

Dr. David M. Gates, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 60110

Dear Dave,

Heartiest congratulations on the new look of the Bulletin. Barbara
has done a very excellent job.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Bibliographic Consultant

Jan 4, 1969
Mrs. John S. Lehmann
10 Apple Tree Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63124

Dear George:

You wrote me such a nice letter, and I can see why you are worried over the irreplaceable treasures the Garden has. I have talked to Dave Gates, and as I had a sum left over from Jacks fund after giving them the usual amount, I said I did want the 8 volumes restored by Donnelly, and so you can relax and know they will be taken care of.

One nice thing I learnt from Dave which you may already know- is that Erna Eisendrath is coming back to do work in the Library. She and Bill are both retired from the University, and she wants to do volunteer work at the Garden where she began her career in Botany. I do think she is good and she is certainly needed. Dave Gates agreed that with the valuable books Donnelly should restore them, and so far they have not had the money to do much in that line.

The funds drive starts off the 15th, and Dr Speers will talk to a big luncheon and stress the importance of the Garden, etc. I feel sure they will raise the goal set eventually, and then will have funds to do the many things needed.

I am sure you are as valuable to the Morton Arboretum as you were here, and you are still missed by your many friends, myself included. Old Joy Morton was a friend of Jack's father and as I remember both started life ~~from~~ Iowa.

With all good wishes for 69, and my very best to you George,

Ann C.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"



2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63110
TOWNSEND 5-0440

January 6, 1969

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
The Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

I can well appreciate your intense interest in the condition of the rare books in our library. Because of this interest I had expected that you yourself might make a substantial personal donation towards their restoration. I was disappointed when, on the other hand, you approached Nan Lehmann to use some of her money for this purpose.

Nan Lehmann's money is already coming to us on an annual basis. The \$5,000 for the Redouté restoration is simply taken out of funds we are getting anyway. These funds are urgently required for the many essential tasks that need to be done here each year.

If, on the other hand, because of your deep feelings about the value of these collections, you had spent your efforts locating funds for use by the collections, we would have been very grateful indeed. You might have approached the Morton Foundation on our behalf and been very successful. With the many foundations in Chicago surely you could appeal to one or more of them for help to our library. You might also consider appealing to the Donnelly Publishing Company for a contribution in this regard as well. This would be particularly appropriate now that we have our first public fund drive starting this month.

George, I appreciate your concern about our collections and I appreciate your willingness to help. I am not, however, pleased when you take recourse to the funds we already have available. Nan has designated that the money be made available for the restoration of the Redouté and, of course, I will see that the restoration is done. At the same time I will try to reduce the cost from Donnelly as well as to raise other money. Why don't you yourself join with us in this attempt and raise funds up there for this purpose. For that we would be eternally grateful.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave".

David M. Gates
Director

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Gates

Henry Hitchcock

Rte. 2, Box 340, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017
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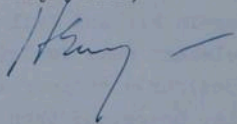
Dear George,

A very Happy New Year to you and I do hope it will be one which will find you in good health throughout its entirety. The article about you in the bulletin I thought great and called Erna to tell her so. She seemed pleased and we both agreed we missed you and were only partially compensated for your loss by the thought your new post would be a happy and pleasant one. I can't give you much news about the Garden as I haven't heard any. Did I report that the net net of the director's report at the last meeting was to thank ~~one~~ Tom Smith for having made possible some new carpeting in his and Padlock's office, Leicester for having released some funds (he had previously given to the garden) for a chipper and new roofing on part of the display house, and then he advised the board that he thought there must be some new toilet facilities at the Garden. Now, really, that kind of a report is an insult to the intelligence of the trustees. There must be something going on at the garden which is interesting or there must be some new plans or hopes etc which he could arouse a little spark ~~from~~ ^{at} the meeting rather than make such a perfectly stupid and inane report. I wrote

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that I thought that if he could not come up with a more interesting report than that he would soon find ~~first~~tees would not attend as faithfully as in the past and that with all the money we were spending we ought to be ~~so~~ getting something for it worth telling about. Well, enough of that. I was really impressed by all your activities as mentioned by Erna and realize how much I ¹⁸missed from our many meetings for lunch in not getting you talk on your past experiences instead of practically solely on the MBG. Don't you think the Bulletin has at long last been tremendously improved? Could it be that my feeling is somewhat biased because of the space given your esteemed self. Will close to get this in the mail. It's snowing and cold and I don't know how much longer ¹³progress and ingress will be possible.

Cheerfully yours,



December 19, 1968

Dear Anne:

Your lovely Christmas card has come again to cheer me with your remembrance. I hope the year has brought you the consolation of adjustment to Jack's death, and that 1969 will give you many good things.

Your message "We miss you" has set me to thinking beyond the cheer your card brought me. I remember things I saw in the Garden's library before I left a year ago and again on my two visits last spring, which caused me anxiety for it. I am not going to burden you with an account of these except to mention an incident recently reported to me and a remark that leaked through--these not in complaint or criticism, but in explanation. A few days ago a friend of mine visited the library, and Miss Maddox showed him two copies of Supplement 8 of *Elèves*' great monograph on the lilies. "You see", she said, "Dr. Van Schaack used to buy duplicates. Would you like to buy one of these?" He examined them and replied, "But, Miss Maddox, these are not duplicates--one is hand-painted, the other is printed--they both belong here". She replied, "Really! I'd never notice a thing like that".

The remark that concerns me was reported as made by an influential member of staff, who seems to have been upset about the possible cost of having the Redouté *Les liliacées* rebound in a fine binding, his feeling being that an ordinary St. Louis bindery would do well enough by it. I think you must remember my showing you this work. It is in eight volumes, large folio, each color-printed plate accompanied by a proof in black on brown paper. There were only five such sets (as attested by a letter from Dr. Sargent to Dr. Trelease, to be found in the first volume), and as a work, it was certainly the finest thing that Redouté did, a genuine tour de force, a monument of color-printing and of publishing in the early 19th century--in fact, a museum piece. I estimate its value at not less than \$30,000. even in its broken binding. Three years ago Dr. Gates and I asked Mr. Tribolet of the Donnelley Company here in Chicago, himself the finest rare book binder in America, to consider rebinding it. He said he could do it, using all new materials like the old, which were then still available, and replace the paper guard sheets, very badly foxed now, with new ones permanently treated against foxing. But, he said, he would have to charge \$3800. for doing the eight volumes. At that time we did not have that much money for such a job, and it was postponed.

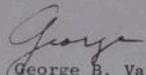
I should like to see the set protected from being misbound, as well as the Garden protected from making the irreversible error of misbinding it. I have talked again with Mr. Tribolet yesterday, and he is still willing to undertake this enormous job. There are nearly 500 colored plates, an equal number of proofs, the same number of guard sheets, and for each plate a full sheet of text. Handling these some 2000 separate pieces and getting them back into eight beautifully bound volumes would take hundreds of hours of time. He tells me he would now have to charge \$5,000.

I hope you will feel this project worthy enough and urgent enough for you to consider underwriting it. If you could make this special gift to the Garden I believe you would not only feel great satisfaction in it, but that you would, at the beginning of the forthcoming drive, call public attention to the museum character of many of the library's treasures, the importance of their preservation, and the fact that it is possible only through adequate funds.

I should not, of course, want you to pass along any suggestion of my criticism of Miss Maddox's adequacy in the library; in fact, except for one reason, I should prefer not even to have my name mentioned. But that cannot be avoided because I believe it important that this set be done by Mr. Tribolet. I think I am acquainted with the work of all the best rare book binders in the United States, at least of those who could take on a job like this, and were it my responsibility I would not entrust the rebinding of this particular set to any of them except him.

May you give yourself the rewarding satisfaction of seeing this truly rare work restored to a state where it can safely be consulted for scientific work and freely used as a museum exhibit!

With warmest greetings,


George B. Van Schaack

Grossman

11/12/73

Dear Ed, I am chagrined to be answering your kind letter of a year ago. I enjoyed hearing from you, and I thank you for your information. It was some months before I got to Portland, but my first business there was to see Jerome Bitchoff. We liked each other, and had a very friendly talk. As I remember he held equivocal views regarding my best course with so small an estate, and advised me to see a friend of his in ^{trust department of the} Eugene branch of U.S. National Bank of Oregon, suggesting he might advise a simple trust. I did so. At the time, January, I was getting back some of my old energy (I had arrived here almost utterly exhausted), and, feeling less urgency, I did nothing but sail along until now.

[I found that Bitchoff had stayed basketball in Reed College with a WW II friend of mine here, and that his family + friends
Now I am on a spot, having fallen into rather unsatisfactory health, and I shall probably very soon have a simple trust set up, which will include the minor bequests I can hope to make. My departure from ^{the} better health ^{that} I had ^{last} spring and early summer came quite suddenly late in June. ^{So} ^{sharply} I didn't recognize the process.

seriousness of the phenomenon, and ^{suffered it through} ^{a long} delay, seeing my physician ^{only} ~~met~~ the first of October. Even then he did not recognize any particular syndrome, and simply said he didn't know anyone in the Northwest who would know how to advise me. The symptoms mostly involved an abrupt change in sexual phenomena - at first an almost enormous ^{sometimes lasting for hours, only subsiding when I got to bed} increase in libido, ^{for which, as many since, I had no} particular use. He advised me to write Dr. Markham. Instead I waited a few days, and as the condition worsened I asked ^{my physician} to send me to the best local urologist. This man confessed ignorance of some aspects of the phenomenon, but suggested I should at once cease using a male hormone which had been prescribed some seven years ago by ^{B. Topp} Dr. Forsyth in St. Louis to bolster my low blood pressure. I recognized the advice as reasonable from what little I knew of these matters, and at once questioned ^(to myself) why my regular physician had not at least thought of this advice. ^{The urologist did not need me saying, I'd gone} ^{to follow my advice I don't think you need see me again?} Now after four weeks without using

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I ~~have~~^{with} a firm recommendation. I ~~hope~~^{hope}
this is not too much to ask you, for I
have no end of evidence that the greater part
of the satisfactions you have in
your work rest in ~~the~~ marginally (or
completely) non-legal help to your friends.

When I left St. Louis I left behind a
great many friends I miss very much, among
them yourself and Betty, and two friendly
professionals I can never replace - you &
Dr. Foregosh. The kind of approach to the client
or patient which you two give is very rare
in this rapacious world. I wish I had
had the health to spend my retirement
in or near St. Louis. [†] This doesn't mean that
Eugene hasn't treated me very well, for it has.
My hair is now halfway down my back, and
once seen I am not forgotten. Except for
a mere one or two ^{infrequent} incidents with people above
high school age, it is only the latter group which
ignore me, ^(and all others) and never return my smile or greeting.
I have made a fairly wide acquaintance on
the campus, only two blocks away, with both
faculty and students. I hunt everyone on the

Digitized by the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

Library staff knows me, and many of them
know how much I criticize the way the
whole library system here was sabotaged
by the recently retired previous librarian -
he was so bad that soon after I came here
I determined not to meet him, if possible,
although Aubrey Eaton had told me to take
his ^{own} feelings to him. The new librarian is
a totally different person, ~~and~~ when, recently,
by invitation of a concerned library staff
member I saw him on the matter of the
appalling bad binding this library has
been using for years, he received my
remarks seriously enough to make them
the subject of a special library staff meeting.
Unfortunately it will take more than
that, however, to put the matter straight.
One of the worst features of state educational
institutions is their necessity to employ
state civil service people. Of course, some of
these are competent and diligent, but many
are incompetent, but can't be fired. All the
binding has been exposed through the hands

remained from that responsibility I'm
not sure there will be much improvement.

Eva just recently spent three weeks
with me. She is holding her health and
right remarkably well, and gets about
the country without trouble. I can't imagine
undertaking what she proposes next spring
- joining the Smithsonian Eastern Mediterranean
3rd ^{day} ^{trip} ^{to} ^{the} ^{area}, followed by a couple of weeks
solo in Greece. As always, she asked after you.

I hope both Betty & you are in
the best of health - I know you are in
the best of spirits. Fond greetings to
both of you,

Geary



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

October 16, 1967

Dr. George B. VanSchaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

I am happy to tell you that the Board of Trustees of The Morton Arboretum is pleased at your acceptance of the position recently offered you. We shall be glad to have you enter upon your appointment at your earliest convenience. This appointment is for two years, with the possibility of renewal upon mutual agreement. Your annual remuneration will be \$10,300, plus occupancy of the Smith house in Arbordale, which will be reconditioned for your comfort.

Your title will be Bibliographic Consultant, your position to be on my immediate staff rather than in the library. In particular, although your major duty will be concerned with the library's collections, your institutional contacts with any member of the library staff are to be considered by her and by you as a contact between the library staff as a unit and yourself as an independent unit.

As outlined in our conversations, your duties will be mainly four: first, to prepare a catalogue of the "rare books" of a nature later to be determined by conference; second, to study the nature of the present total collection and its place in the library complex of the Chicago area in order to reach recommendations for its continued growth and use in the most desirable manner; third, to confer with me whenever I feel the need of your counsel in formulating policy; and fourth, to render such advisory counsel to the library staff as it may wish to request.

In addition, I hope, of course, that you may find interest in entering into other activities, such as giving an occasional lecture, writing for the

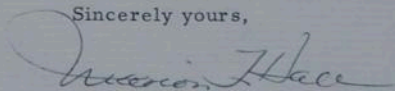
Dr. George B. VanSchaack

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October 16, 1967

Quarterly or other periodicals, helping to prepare exhibits, and the like, as may meet your skills, our needs, and be accommodated in your schedule.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marion T. Hall".

Marion T. Hall
Director

MTH:hl

P.S. I am enclosing a check to cover your travel expenses to the Arboretum.

3313 Regal Place
St. Louis, Mo. 63139
November 6, 1967

Dr. Marion T. Hall, Director
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Truf,

I am sorry I shall not be able to get to Lisle before you leave for Guatemala, but it seems fairly certain now that I shall be on hand early in December. A sale contract for my house was executed yesterday, with a stated closing date of November 21 (if possible) and a possession date of not later than December 9. It seems clear there will be noddifficulty about financing for the buyer since he requires a loan of only \$2000. But my lawyer tells me that title certification could be held up as long as three weeks these days. In the meantime I shall proceed with packing, but it is doubtful I could arrange to be on hand for at least four weeks. Packing, by the way, is going to be something, for I figure I have some two tons of books! I propose to hire a man to help me get these boxed up—the movers seem not to promise a very good job in my opinion, and their charge per box, of which I shall have at least a hundred, is \$2.35.

On the whole I have been very lucky in selling so soon—the market is practically dead here at this time of year. It just happened that two elderly people who are chafing at the noise in their apartment saw the ad my agent had put in Saturday morning, came around at one thirty, and had bought the place in less than an hour.

I shall still have a number of things to do after my arrival—what with no woman to put to work on that sort of thing—so it looks as if it will be about six weeks before I should be able to report for active duty. Let us say that I shall aim at December 13th, if that is agreeable to you.

I continue to look upon this whole matter as a kind of fairy tale, in which I expect to be a very happy actor. So I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the year for the first of what I hope will be many conferences.

Greetings to the family and best wishes for a fine trip.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schanck

HALL, M.T.



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

November 9, 1967

Dr. George B. VanSchaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter telling me that you would be able to join us on December 18. This date is perfectly satisfactory. Work on your new home is almost completed and will be ready for you to move into at that time. Please let me know if there is anything we can do at this end to help you.

You are correct in thinking that your grounds will be taken care of by the Arboretum so there is no need for you to bring your lawn mower.

I assure you that we are eagerly looking forward to your joining the Arboretum staff, and we will do all we can to make your stay here a happy and productive one.

Sincerely,

Marion T. Hall
Director

MTH:hl

8313 Regal Place
St. Louis, Mo. 63139
November 14, 1967

Dr. Mariah T. Hall, Director
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear Truf,

Thanks for your letter of November 9th, confirming the fairy tale once more!

Yes, thanks, there is one thing I should appreciate your having done for me--the installation of a telephone on or before December 8th. Here in St. Louis I have always managed well enough with a two-party line, and I believe that will do as well in Lisle.

As I remember it the telephone connection is as shown on the accompanying sketch--as it were, in the axil of the eastern door of the double doors in the dining alcove. I think there is a shelf wedged in there for holding the phone--this I should have asked to have removed--perhaps it can still be done. At any rate, I should like the phone connection to be changed to the point marked in blue X on the sketch--toward SE corner of West bedroom, about a foot S from the corner marked C, in the bedroom, ~~on~~ the wall at floor level. I shall provide a resting place for the phone. I think the normal cord provided is only about 6' long, but that an intermediate length about 12' - 15' is available if requested--this latter I should prefer.

My mover is Atlas Van Lines (local St. Louis dealer, Dodge Moving & Storage Co.) As set up now the van will arrive at the Smith House at 8:30 Monday morning, December 11th. I expect to be there to meet it. Shall I be able to pick up a key to the house between 8 and 8:30? Just in case I should be delayed I shall have provided the driver with a plan of the house and a list indicating where each piece is to be placed (at least as to room or basement) However, unloading must be preceded by payment. If I am there I shall be prepared to make this payment, but if I should not have reached there would it be possible for the Arboretum to make (or contract for) the payment as an advance to me? If so, whom should the driver see about this at the Center? The total is expected to be in the range \$500 to \$600.

I trust these details will not be onerous. Many thanks for your attention to them.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schnack

Texas Research Foundation
Renner, Texas
August 5, 1964

Dr. George Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

I have just returned to Texas after spending July visiting California herbaria. Taxonomists there tell me that the Shaw School of Botany has disbanded and been replaced by Molecular Biology. A recent article in Science described the situation in an unfavorable way. Botanists expressed grave concern over the condition of the Gardens and collapse of the Botany School, which appears to have been accompanied by considerable notoreity.

Dr. Lundell just returned from California and heard the same thing. I understand Dr. Commoner is now department chairman and Dr. Went is leaving. Staff members equivilant to those who departed have not been appointed by the University.

As you are keenly aware, Dr. Commoner has absolutely no interest in descriptive botany, or even in botany in the broadest sense. He would probably favor severing all connection with the Gardens. Because of this, the Research Foundation is thinking of moving me to the University of Texas under Drs. Turner and Johnston. I understand that the Molecular Biology Department (or whatever name it is now under) has not informed Dr. Correll (who has an extra-mural professorship) of the changes which took place. I, most certainly, am now anxious to know about the condition of the University.

Mr. John T. Howell sends you his greetings. He still has 300 plus copies of Stokes' work on Eriogonum and gave me a new copy. If I transfer to the University of Texas, and the possibility seems likely, I will not continue with Eriogonum, but rather a broad phylogenetic survey of the 10 or so families in the Centrospermae, especially with relation of their floral pigments and morphology, pollen, and physiology. This group includes Atriplex, which I did my M.S. on. I wonder if I could get Dr. Turner and I flowers and leaves of certain tropical members of the group which you have in the Climatron and Cactus House such as Coccoloba and Pereskia. Only small amounts are needed.

Yours,

Craig A. Hanson
Craig A. Hanson

Department of Botany
University of Texas
Austin, Texas
September 1, 1964

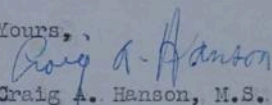
Dr. George E. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanic Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack,

I received your letter of August 6th yesterday (after returning from a field trip during August). You may indeed show portions of the letter which I sent you to Dr. Palmer. I am certainly hopeful that the University will reestablish close connections with the gardens. I am especially anxious that the University appoint a taxonomist with a broad morphological and classical background to serve as Curator for the Garden herbarium.

As you may have known by now, the Texas Research Foundation and Dr. Correll have withdrawn all connections with Washington University. I am now at the University of Texas under Dr. Turner (Chemotaxonomy, legumes, composites) and Dr. M. Johnson (classical taxonomist). My current thesis is on Oxybaphus (i.e., Mirabilis). John Struthers, who was at Washington University last year, is also here.

Yours,


Craig A. Hanson, M.S.

August 6, 1964.

Mr. Craig A. Hanson
Texas Research Foundation
Renner, Texas.

Dear Craig,

Thank you for your letter of August 5th which is quite meaty indeed. As for the accuracy of the various reports which you have heard about the School of Botany, the Department of Botany and the Garden, I strongly suspect that much of the embroidery would have to be removed to get the real facts, or alternatively to ask Dr. Palmer who is Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Washington University. In any case, I think he should see the pertinent parts of your letter and I should like your permission to communicate them to him. He is the man most intimately concerned with the content and execution of academic programs at the university.

My own information would indicate that it is his wish and intention that eventually the university will "re-establish" a core faculty in botany and to conduct a program which makes the most use of the Garden's special features (library, herbarium and green houses). Just how soon he will be able to accomplish this is probably problematical, so far as I can see doubtfully in time for you to benefit from it. One new man, much closer to taxonomy than any you know about there has been appointed, namely Dr. Walter Lewis. His training is in cytotaxonomy and I doubt his interests in botany are such as to lead him to head a full scale and broad program in descriptive botany. The latter, of course, must use cytotaxonomy and many other marginal disciplines, but it is not descriptive botany and despite what all the critics say descriptive botany is not finished. So, should you want to go on with *Eriogonum* under Dr. Correll you would have here in addition a cytotaxonomist to help you, so just which courses you would be able to take I do not know. In fact, my own feeling about the botany course structure has always been that neither was it broad enough to begin with nor was a candidate obligated to take a sufficiently broad program--in that it seems to have differed fairly widely from most other major programs in the United States. I hesitate to make any further suggestions regarding your change from one institution to another--in particular, for all I know, several other members may have been appointed to the Department of Botany during the summer. As for the Garden, it is still without a director and it rather looks as if this may be true for many months yet. However, it does not seem to me that the Garden is falling

November 29, 1954

Dr. J. T. Curtis
Department of Botany
Birge Hall
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Curtis,

Dr. Robert E. Woodson, Jr., has asked me to write to you about Hugh Iltis whom he has recently recommended to you. Although I am Honorary Curator of Grasses at the Missouri Botanical Garden I am professionally a mathematician, and accordingly scarcely in a position to estimate Iltis's taxonomic ability. What I shall have to say will be largely based upon a personal acquaintance extending back six years to the time when Iltis first came to the Garden.

One cannot meet Hugh Iltis without recognizing at once the tremendous intellectual energy which keeps his mind (and tongue!) dancing free one subject to another, but always with a significant observation or other comment. I think this is a very important attribute for a teacher dealing with young minds in a university. Those whom Iltis cannot easily awaken to interest had better be left alone.

Another very significant thing about Iltis is his absolute passion that his students should understand him. He has this passion to a rare degree,—he is patience itself in his explanations despite his own very quick grasp of more or less complicated phenomena. This is too seldom true of university instructors. In addition to this he has a genuine personal interest in each student.

In my opinion Iltis has an unusual ability to get on with persons with whom he nevertheless more or less strongly disagrees,—I can think of no instance when I have heard him express a grudge, and I can remember a number of instances when he has expressed a very generous attitude toward someone who had treated him less than well. It does not surprise me therefore, that despite his disapproval of many policies in force at the University of Arkansas where he is at present teaching he has steadily grown in favor with his colleagues there.

The items I have touched on would recommend Iltis for a position in nearly any biological department. But in a vague way that I should find it difficult to make precise I feel that not only is Iltis suited to the job you have to offer but that the job is suited to Iltis. I

know university campuses moderately well, your own campus from two visits, and I have known Iltis well for a number of years. The position you wish to fill and the man I recommend for it are, I believe, especially suited to each other. Iltis operates well with much going on around him, as is inevitably the case in a large university, he is stimulating on many levels, he likes people, he is more than ordinarily curatorially minded, and he is an excellent field man. That he has a brilliant future in American taxonomy I am told cannot be doubted. I believe the University of Wisconsin could well serve American taxonomy by offering Iltis an appointment in which he could exercise his unusual gifts.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Honorary Curator of Grasses

PS. 2 Do you
suppose R.E.W. might
like to come to the
SWAN meeting ?!?!!

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
AND BACTERIOLOGY

Dear, Dear, Dearest George: (and everybody else at the MBG.)

I love you, I love the world, everything is rosy and wonder ul, the birds are singing with me (they couldn't do better than I these days) I even dont feel like kicking some of my colleagues in the shin etc etc. As you by now must know, I am going to UW next year. All this, in a way, happened so suddenly that its hard to believe. A month ago I received a letter from Curtis--am I interested. Answer yes. Within 3 days a had a letter come on up and give us a seminar. So I fished out the same old evolution story, made some slides and flew up 10 days later. Everybody was swell, particularly Johnny Sauer, and showed me their set-up, which is really good! I was dined and entertained (and at some occasions even returned the compliment by being my natural unsupressed -itis) I flew back two days later, without an inkling except that I was competing against one of my best friends (Norman Russell, an A-1 botanist). That bothered and still bothers me a good deal. Anyway, no word came till last Tuesday, and I had consoled myself to staying here by digging into the herbarium and putting some people to work on the grasses(which were in an unholy mess) . Then I received a telegram, which gave me the good news and a wonderful letter from Johnny. So to you, many thanks for the letter that I understand you wrote for me (You must have lied in my favor, I am still stunned at being picked-I aint that good, honest). I will try my level damndest to make a real good job of taxonomy up there. Though the flora is relatively dull up there, I will be in the herbarium, that ought to help !!!

Incidentally Dr. Moore and I raided the Agronomy Dept. here, where they had a small (2000 sheet) grass herbarium, compiled by Etlar Nielsen (Now in Madison), a man who published in the Am. J. Bot. a series of papers on grass chromosome numbers. This whole collection is now in the herbarium and ought to be a really valuable addition to the herbarium. There are mainly *Andropogon*, and *Panicum*, many of which he raised in a plot on the UA farm, and from which he obtained chromosome counts. I have two girls working in the grasses now, sorting writing genus folders etc. By the time I leave there will be 3000 new genus folders, everything sorted out and arranged and a herbarium with a brand-new face, and of considerable value. I have to close now, and take a trip to the Trout farm to collect *Planaria* (For tomorrow's lab. in Biol.)

We are expecting you on the 27-or 28th of April, and will put you up here or at Moores or in our tent trailer which sleeps three. If you come a day earlier I will take you to the Rogers Prairie. Tell Earl that I will write to him personally but that I cant right now. Bring as many as you can carry. We will show you new

All the best from Grace, Frank

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Many thanks. and me, *Theresa*

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN, U. S. A.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL

December 19, 1955

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter to Sir Edward!

R. E. W. never let me see the identified set of our Costa Rica collections, and though knowing full and well that I wanted to write an account of them, sent them out while I spent August 1950 in Gray Summit. Furthermore, he considered our stuff mainly "common" and thus did not keep more than a few hundred for MBG. As far as I know, no herbarium has a complete set! The Melastomes were, I believe, not sent to Gleason.

Let me add one other remark to the previous ones. Herbarium collections should be deposited in places where they would do the most good. Missouri Mosses ought to go to Columbia, but for example, the MBG set of our Costa Rica bryophytes should definitely not go there, but either to Chicago, Gray, Kew, etc. Furthermore, when the rush comes to pack up collections and get rid of them, please do not throw stuff away. The temptation is very great, but the damage that can be done may be terrific, though only posterity will be the judge (witness W. and T. rampage through Greenman's office, which yet will be recognized as a calamity by botanical historians!)

All is well here. Take a vacation this Christmas, you need it. Regards to all.

Your,



Hugh H. Iltis
Curator of the Herbarium

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN, U. S. A.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL

December 16, 1955

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your letter. I was perfectly horrified to learn that the Garden refused a large palm duplicate of the Chicago Museum knowing that the excellent specimens involved it is completely incomprehensible and unexcuseable. If you keep this confidential I might add that this may have had something to do with me and might be interpreted ~~as~~ ^{as a} our friend added, namely, ~~that~~ as soon as I was interested in palms ~~he~~ would do exactly the opposite of what anybody else might do out of the certain ~~psychological~~ quirk. If at all possible I'd certainly try to get these palms duplicates now, though it may be too late. What an opportunity the Garden missed!

My Evolution paper is being typed and I shall send one copy to Woodson since Anderson said he is to make the choice. I might send you the second copy which you might then give to Andy just in case Woodson lets it collect dust on his desk.

You are certainly free to use my information in any way you see fit.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and greetings from the whole family to our good friend.

Very truly yours,



Hugh H. Iltis
Curator of the Herbarium

HHI/lcl

Sorry typist trouble!

December 13, 1955

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Department of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisc.

Dear Hugh:

Many thanks for filling out the questionnaire and returning it so promptly and for the additional remarks on the back. I think your idea to send the stuff to Columbia is a good one. They would have some use for it certainly, and probably would take care of it so we could use it if we had to. And your remark about vascular taxonomy being the forte of the MBG exactly clicks with what I had been thinking about this matter, especially recently. There has been a great deal of chatter about saving the cryptogams and very little chatter about saving the vascular plants. It is proposed to dispose of the cryptogams to a large extent so that the vascular plants will have some room to operate in.

Last week Hugh Cutler told me that at some time within the past five or six years the Chicago Museum offered to Dr. Woodson a large number of palm duplicates and that Dr. Woodson refused them for us on the score that they took up too much room in the herbarium. I should like to know what you know about this because it is not unconnected with Dr. Woodson's contention that if we dispose of the algae and fungi, for example, we thereby forever close the door to doing taxonomic work in these groups. Hugh seemed to be of the belief that the duplicate palms offered us by Chicago were in such number and of such importance that in our refusing them we did, in a similar sense, essentially forever close the door to our doing taxonomic work in palms. I don't know that I believe either of these extreme statements, but I think they are connected. I am sure you are very busy right now, but if you can possibly do it please send me an answer as soon as you can.

I am sorry there is no time to write any more just now. Greetings to all.

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack
Acting Curator of the Herbarium

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October 28, 1957

Dr. A. C. Smith
National Science Foundation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Al:

I enjoyed your lecture as much as I did the one in Madison (I even got one more wisecrack that I missed here), and it was certainly very pleasant to see you again.

This letter, which is perhaps a little presumptuous, is meant as a continuation of our conversation at the house of Hugh Cutler. I wasn't too clear in some of the things I tried to say (considering my condition!). Coming home through the miles and miles of Illinois Prairies, all of which now destroyed, I rolled the matter of the Missouri Botanical Garden over and over in my head. The analogy to the Illinois Prairies is perhaps a bit far-fetched; but here too an irreplaceable scientific and cultural asset was lost to America for lack of funds to even buy an acre. If the Missouri Botanical Garden doesn't get support for its activities it will go under too, and with it all that it stands for. That will be a great blow to American Botanical Research.

Now, being a graduate of the Missouri Botanical Garden makes me quite prejudiced. I think it's a unique institution in this country, with one of the most magnificent herbaria and libraries in the world. In this you will no doubt agree. What I want to do here is to convince you, or the NSF for which you stand, that the Missouri Botanical Garden needs support, deserves support, and will make good use of this support, and to explain some of my feelings concerning past events at the Garden.

First of all, I will agree with anybody that bad mistakes were made in the administration of the MBG in the past. Dr. Moore, in my estimation, did more harm to the Garden than good. A tremendous salary, a fancy house with expensive services and prestige were given to a man who by his own admission was too much an aristocrat to ask for money. "We are not the kind of institution to go begging". The original endowment could probably have been invested much more profitably. As is right now, from the little I know, they are probably as down and out as they ever were. The beautiful conservatory will very likely be torn down to save money in heating and because the funds for repair aren't available. Dr. Moore is dead, and with him an era of selfishness perhaps signified by him (he didn't leave a plugged nickel for the MBG when he died).

The present people in the Garden, Drs. Cutler and Van Scharck I consider very able, clear-thinking, far-seeing and unselfish individuals under whose leadership and with some sort of financial base the MBG could survive and with time regain and even surpass its past glories. I am not saying these things

idly; both of them have a better understanding on the uses, functions and maintenance of herbaria and libraries than many such persons in other equally large institutions.

As you yourself have told me, some of their decisions have been severely criticized, e.g. the sale of the Fungi collection to the USDA. With this action I cannot help but to agree, for I was one of twenty or more curators who were questioned about the advisability of this sale, and I wholeheartedly supported this sale. It's pretty clear, especially to someone in a medium size herbarium or in a large but poor herbarium that one cannot be excellent in everything. We have a large fungus collection (Fleshy fungi and polypores). This, by lack of funds (i.e. necessity), had been completely neglected in the past, so that now there are cases and cases full of dust. Had this collection been shifted in the past to an institution where active research in this rather specialized group was carried on, this would never have happened. The point is, that in the case of fungi, algae and other cryptogams, no herbarium except the largest and richest, can afford to dance in all the fields. As I then told Dr. Van Schaack, if it is a choice of letting the phanerogams slide a bit (e.g. perhaps fumigate them only once a year instead of twice, or quit acquiring other collections) to keep the fungi ready for someone that will never work at the Garden anyway because of the Gardens poverty, then the decision is clear. First things have to be saved first.

This will make it clear to you and your agency that in these people I have complete faith. I don't know what is involved in the financial requests that the Garden made to NSF (neither Cutler nor Van Schaack would tell me) except what was written up in the AIBS Bulletin. But as a private citizen, who knows a bit about the Missouri Botanical Garden I can see no better use of the tax-payers money (including my own), than a generous support of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Basic taxonomic research in America is definitely at stake, for if this collection deteriorates American Botanical Systematics will surely suffer severely.

Very sincerely yours,

Hugh R. Iltis
Curator of the Herbarium
Asst. Prof. of Botany

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN, U. S. A.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL

July 6, 1962

Dr. George VanSchaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo..

Dear George:

First a request for a small loan from the grass herbarium. Dr. Shiochi Kawano, who is staying with me for 1½ years has a minor problem. He would like to borrow any and all Alaskan or Aleutian or northern Canadian or Asiatic material of Calamagrostis purpurascens including subspecific taxa. I don't think that you would have more than just a very few sheets. Many thanks. He wants to look them over and will return them very shortly.

Talking of Calamagrostis, did you receive my specimens?? What do you think?? (Or are you bored or shocked at my audacity?) I have been real well, and send the enclosed picture to prove it (Please return). The kids are growing up, Frank is even talking about college, Mike is a rascal, and David is a big baby 5 months old. Grace is getting remarried this next week !!!! Well, I do wish her all the best, but mainly on account of the boys, especially Mike.

How have you been? Are you going west next month? How is library, Woodson, Anderson (is he feeling better, I hope so, for despite his orneryness, he was one of the influences in my botanical, and in a way, my personal life), Cutler, and all the rest of the great institution. Evinger and I often talk about them and you. He is well, working hard and with much success, has been promoted to Dr. Evinger by the front office, who refer all inquiring letters and ladies to him. We have now big plans for a new greenhouse, with waterfall and Evinger, and nepenthes all included!

Won't you ever stop by here and visit for a while? Please do! Aside from owing us a visit, I do so wish to see you. Otherwise, I will be forced to come and visit you.

Till then, all the best,

Your

Hugh

Hugh

How is your health??

Please write!

July 27, 1962

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

I am sorry not to have answered your letter of three weeks ago before this, for I was glad to hear from you and to see the picture which you sent (and I herewith return) but I try to do too many things and I just don't get around to everything as soon as I should. Actually, I have just now opened your package. I had had no idea what was in it. I shall try to look at these, but I really don't believe I shall have time to do so before the end of the summer. I have three boys working for me nearly full time and expect to have a new assistant next week and just can not find any time to look at grasses until I don't have so many people to tell what to do. I shall try to send the Calamagrostis purpurascens soon.

I am indeed glad to get the news about Grace. That should put you in a much better position, doesn't it? Will she be staying in Madison?

I am not going away this summer although I was down in Florida and New Orleans for ten days in June for some library meetings and to visit Joe Ewan. I have just heard from him that the University has accepted the manuscript for publication and is in a hurry to get it in print. I should certainly like to stop to see you some time but I am not sure I shall get that way this year, although there is a small possibility that I might late in the fall.

Dr. Keng, the agrostologist in Nanking, has written Egbert Walker that he can not obtain the foreign exchange to purchase a copy of Mrs. Chase's grass index. Prompted by Egbert, I am organizing a solicitation of funds to purchase a set for him as a gift in honor of Mrs. Chase. Whether the publisher will give us a cost price I don't know. If not, we shall have to find \$200.00. I hope to find enough people to contribute so that the average doesn't have to be more than \$5.00 a piece. I already have about \$60.00 promised. Do you know of anyone I should solicit in Madison?

Your pupil, Nugent, and his wife went through here the other day. I had a nice short visit with them but felt too tired to make any substantial gesture. They are certainly going to have themselves quite a time. I hope you will be able to go down for a while to work with them.

You kindly ask about my health. I guess it is all right, although I get tired rather easily. I think that is probably from the nerves in my neck as much as anything else. Otherwise nothing seems to be the matter. Still, it would be nice to have the same amount of energy I had when you were here.

Dr. Hugh Iltis

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July 27, 1962

I am glad you are so enthusiastic about Evinger. We (at least some of us) still miss him.

Many thanks for writing and I will try to send the Calamagrostis soon.

Best wishes to all

As ever

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN, U. S. A.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL

July 30, 1962

Dear George:

Thanks for your very nice letter. I was worried how you were and tried twice last week to call you, but always rang without avail.

Yes, Joe's MS is being waited upon, and ought to be quite interesting. He does need to get much better photos of the plates, however. I am so glad his daughter is feeling better.

Ugent (not Nugent) is a good man, but the political situation is now such that I do not know whether we ever will get to Peru. Perhaps Bolivia, or just Mexico will have to do. I am going down in Dec.-January, perhaps with Carolyn, but will leave the baby behind. I will of course get some grasses there. The US Health Service wants me to fly for a week to a disease area in lowland Bolivia where 1000' are dying like flies, and look over the ecology from air as well as per pedes.

Enclosed \$ 5.00 for Drs. Kengs index. What is the Grass Index, and where can you buy it? I have never been bombarded with any adds. Is it now available? I don't know who else there is here who might be willing, but I will ask Dr. Kawano, a Japanese Cytotaxonomist who is at present working here on various things, might be willing to contribute as a gesture of good will. Is it possible, by the way, to get seeds of Chinese plants such as Podophyllum or Actaea, out of China? How is Egbert? IN Japan?

Grace is still raising hell, and is often making my life miserable by first letting me see the kids, and then saying no, you cant. I give that affair 5 years, at the most.!

I get tired too, and the best thing I know of is to get plenty sleep. The second best is to take two weeks vacation. Anyway, you are always very welcome here. At present at least Evinger can put you up as well as us, though Ed is planning to move into the Faculty Club this fall. He is doing wonders with the garden, is greatly admired and respected here and has even been the cause of ME getting a great bawling out, for making some comment to ed, since the comment erroneously seemed to indicate that Ed might not be too happy here, and I was the cause. Immediately I was bombarded, to make sure that nothing ever interferes with Mr. Evinger staying here.

Time to close! Here is \$5.00 more from Dr. Kawano from Hokkaido University. Tell Keng that both of us expect a fried rice dinner in Nanking from him when we come to visit in a few years !!!!!!!!!!!!!

All the very best your

August 29, 1962

Prof. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

I am very sorry to be so tardy in thanking you for your letter of July 30th and for the two checks it contained. Please give my thanks also to Dr. Kawano, who will receive an official acknowledgment at a later date. I am surprised that you did not know what Mrs. Chase's grass index is. This is the index of grass names giving original reference, basis and other important details, which she has been making all her life. There are 80,000 entries, all of which she has checked within the last six years by actually referring to the original publication again. It is being published in book form by G. K. Hall Company, 97 Oliver Street, Boston 10, Mass. in the same format as his recent edition of the USDA Botany Subject Index, which I am sure your library purchased. The grass index will consist of three volumes. It is for sale at the moment by subscription but I feel sure Hall will print some extra copies. He has more than sixty subscriptions so far.

Do you have any more copies of Fassett's *Ceratophyllum* paper in the Com. Inst. Trop. Invest. Cientif. 2:25, 1953? I am sure we have a copy but I can't find it, nor is it in the catalogue.

I hear you have been defacing yourself. If you want to stay with me at symposium time, be sure to have a good shave first. The thing which surprises me is that you think you can afford such luxury. If you don't believe such a revolting object as your beard is costing your \$2,000 a year in eventual salary raise, you still have some facts of life to learn. I am relatively well disposed toward you, but I would never recommend you for a raise in salary until you got rid of that beard. And I don't mean maybe! I haven't the slightest idea what your feelings about Castro may be, but he is entirely too controversial a figure for anyone in your delicate position to resemble, even physically.

I am sorry I can't come to see you right now. It is just one thing after another here, trying to keep ahead of the influx and trying to rearrange to have some room for working. We lost the telephone room this year and have had to make extensive moves this summer to find space for all the things which came out of it. Now in about three weeks, of course, there will be a new crop of people around and that always means more work, at least temporarily until they get somewhat used to the place. Etc., etc., etc. Except for one thing explicitly — don't be an idiot and go to Bolivia on such a fool errand. If the U. S. Health Service doesn't have sense enough to know that you have no business there, you should have that sense yourself. What do you know about studying the ecology of an unknown disease and keeping yourself from catching it?

Best greetings

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack

February 21, 1963

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

I am sorry not to have found time to write you a letter, but somehow or other my energy is not as great as it use to be and the things I involve myself in are somewhat more numerous.

I was glad to have your and Carolyn's Christmas card and to get the message from Peru and from Mexico. Also glad to realize you probably got back from your trip without any important illnesses or dangerous diseases.

I'm still looking for another assistant without any current success and as a result I have not been away from here for any significant length of time in eighteen months. Perhaps I can get up to see you in the summer, I don't know. But I should hope you get down here before then. Please plan to stop by in the spring, if you are going this way.

Well, this is just a note to let you know I haven't forgotten you. No special news. With best wishes to both of you

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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October 3, 1962

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Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

You haven't answered my letter, though goodness knows I didn't expect you would, and now I suspect you won't ever write me again after this one. Exactly how old you'll have to be before you get enough sense to stop aggravating the people who can throw the most rocks in your path, I am sure I don't know, but it seems according to my information that you still have all of the Missouri Botanical Garden herbarium material which was sent for Naomesi's study years ago. This would be enough but my information further says that you have several times been asked to return it. Now the ifs, ands and buts of all this are quite beside the point and while the fact that Dr. Woodson needs the genus *Carapa* right now, a sufficient reason for your sending the material back, the best reason for sending it is that it has been asked for.

I hope you are planing to come to the Symposium and hope that you are making the proper preparations for staying with me. You will be pleased to know that we have nearly \$200.00 collected or promised for the gift to Keng. I am going to try to collect a little more at the Symposium and then I think the thing will be accomplished.

Best greetings to Ed and several well placed kicks to yourself. As ever

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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October 24, 1963

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

I am very glad you were able to attend the symposium again this year and enjoyed having you stay with me. I feel sure that you are in much better health than you have been in some years, for which I am very glad.

I have examined the journal titles you left me and find that of HERBAGE ABSTRACTS we need vols. 1-8 and 13-14, of PLANT BREEDING ABSTRACTS we need vols. 1-23 and of HORTICULTURAL ABSTRACTS we have no copies at all. Also, we do not have, as you noted at the time, any of the Canadien French review of which you spoke. We should certainly be glad to have any of these which you can send us and to pay for them if that is possible but if, as you say, you can not enter into such a transaction we shall try to send you as much of the ANNALS as we still have on exchange which is lacking in your herbarium set. I am afraid this will not be too much for the set is fairly out of print, but as you know it is to be reprinted and as new volumes become available we should undertake to send them to you.

I doubt I remembered to tell you Paul Allen seems to be very ill in Tela, Honduras and I do not believe he will ever return to the States. His letter to me last week regarding disposition of his library, which he will probably sell to Bob Hecht, said that there need be no concern about its being shipped for the company would "pack and ship the library and send Dotty back to the United States". He has not told me the nature of his illness but Louis Williams told me in July that Paul had been in New Orleans for an operation, which he indicated was probably for cancer.

Best greetings to Caroline

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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October 30, 1963

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

I certainly couldn't forget your welcome visit under any circumstances, but even if that were possible you have sent me a number of reminders of yourself in the form of the set of the Canadian review. This is certainly something which should be available in St. Louis and which, so far as I know, is not. But I feel strongly that it should not be cared for by the Garden since practically all of its use would be at the University. I trust you would have no objection to my turning it over to the University as a gift, and if this is the case I should like to know whom you wish to be credited, yourself, U of W, MBG (or anon.).

Things have moved rather swiftly here since you left, with Dr. Went presenting his resignation as director on Monday of this week, and the Board accepting it as effective from yesterday. He will stay full time at the University and engage in ecological research. For the time being the direction of the Garden will be carried on by the executive committee of the Board itself with Hugh retaining his position of Executive Director. According to the newspaper announcements and the President's statement this morning at a meeting with employees, a committee of the Board will make a thorough search for a new director who shall re-establish the scientific activity of the Garden more in line with its traditional study of taxonomy, plant geography and horticulture. I believe that in its search it will meet many viewpoints and be under pressure from apposing interests, but it is my hope that it will come to the decision to seek a taxonomist as director; botanical gardens now have a history of nearly 400 years in Europe and America and it is doubtful if a single example exists in which direction by other than a taxonomist has been really fruitful for their activities. Andre Robyns, who spent several months here last year working on the FLORA OF PANAMA, simply could not understand how it was possible that a physiologist, however distinguished, should have been made head of a garden with the taxonomic tradition of MBG. He said repeatedly that such a thing simply could not have happened in Europe, that is that an institution with the taxonomic tools of herbarium and library so complete and at the same time with no tools to serve as physiology and other biochemical studies should have been placed under the direction of a person whose whole life had been spent in biochemical and biophysical research. The Board intends to seek help, as it must, and the President has already expressed his willingness to listen to suggestions from the staff. But they must look much more widely and, I hope that the National Taxonomic Community will be generously represented in contributing helpful suggestions. I do not think this is the moment for you to write to the

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Univ. of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisc.

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Oct. 30, 1953

Board, but it is certainly the moment for you and Jonathan and perhaps others in Madison to consider very carefully who you think would be a good selection for the new director, and I should be most interested to know what names you come up with.

Well, I have to get back to work. Let me just remark this one item further that I was very pleased to receive a letter from Miss Kimber expressing her appreciation for use of the library and for the time I spent in showing Miss Langsam some of the illustrated books. Such a prompt and generous statement was most heartening to receive.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Letter

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON, WISCONSIN, U. S. A. 53706

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL
TELEPHONE NO. 608-282-1057

Nov. 11, 1963

Dear George:

Well, all but me forgot that today is the day that all the women in the streets looked at the parade in Brno and cried their eyes out--and the local State Journal calls for bigger better tougher bombs% What a world.

To get back to the reason for this letter. On the spur of the moment I Asked Harold Senn about something, and then told him that the MBG is looking for a Director. He immediately said, Well, they can ask me !!!! I think that he should be seriously considered, for he is a remarkable and very excellent man. As you know, he was originally a cytotaxonomist and taxonomist of Leguminosae Lathyrus, then went to Harvard for a year or so, eventually became head of the research section of the DAD on Ottawa, where he wrote the big bibliography of Canadian Botany, then after years as an administrator was asked to come here to build the \$ 400 000 0 (4 million) Biotron, which is now being erected. He is a very quiet very efficient administrator, an excellent botanist, and I do believe would do wonders for the garden. If there are any more specific questions, ask me. But he is more mature than Wagner, and has a quiet way with people that is exceedingly effective. He has the natural history-taxonomy viewpoint on botany, despite the fact that he designed the biotron, and is all and all a very pleasant, non-authoritarian, democratically operating sort of man.

Shortly we are sending you some other publications, including some St. Louis Acad. of Science volumes that I trust you will give to the Academy to fill out their old sets, or to give to someone who is interested. If that someone has some books we could use in the herbarium, let me know.

With all good wishes, your hhi

November 15, 1963

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

My promise to send you parts of our ANNALS in return for the journals which you have and will send us must be relatively empty at this time for we are so much out-of-print in the area where you do not hold this set that I can only send you nine volumes, namely 1, 2, 17, 18, 45-49. These are being sent in a single package probably next week. However, as you know, we are in contract with Stechert-Hafner to republish all out-of-print volumes and when this is done we shall try to fill in at least the period 31-44 which you lack. Further, in the future at least for some time we shall send you the ANNALS as they appear, for the material which you are sending us is quite substantial.

Your recent letter regarding Senn was interesting but I can not agree with your conclusions. HS has been very friendly to me and I have believed that he did a very good job in Canada, but I personally don't know anything about him to indicate that he has the broad view necessary to take on what you propose and in fact rather suspect that the very work he came to do at Madison indicates he has become more fascinated with meter sticks and galvanometer needles than with natural populations, climates, etc. In any case, whether what I say is so or not, I don't think he has the drive which would be necessary.

The search for a new director is progressing and at least one very strong recommendation for your first candidate was recently received. On two or three occasions in the talks here I have noted that while it is admitted the actual scientific program of the Garden is probably best understood as a whole by a man who has been very active in taxonomy during its period of change during the last 25 years and such a man would best direct such scientific activity, it has been pointed out that such a man would still be too much concerned with carrying on his own program and directing others to undertake the many additional chores that a director would have to carry. Each time this has come up I have demurred more or less emphatically, for the solution proposed has been to make the taxonomist second or third, running the scientific program while someone, perhaps not even a botanist, would be the director, determining policy, soliciting funds and other support and generally representing the Garden to the public. I can believe there might be someone to be found to fill such a position most velocitously for the Garden but I think it is quite unlikely that more than one or two such exist and even more unlikely that we should ever find them. I should prefer that you do not represent these as my views, for I am not engaged in a counter-offensive and what I have said I have said merely for the sake of letting you know the type of thing which

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Univ. of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

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was being discussed, knowing your interest in these matters and hoping that you would mull this over and come out with some counsel of value should you be drawn into the discussion at some future time. I think my own felling about this is that at least some institutions get so large that whoever directs them must cease to have any real personal contact with the research going on, depending for his attitude in these matters on his past rather than present experience. But I somehow or other feel that unless the Missouri Botanical Garden gets very much larger than it is likely to it isn't that large that the director should be separated from at least some active research.

Please give my thanks to Jonathan for his brief note in which he suggests Herbie and, if you like, talk to him about the matter just above.

No more time for writing now. Best greetings

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MADISON, WISCONSIN, U. S. A. 53706

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
BIRGE HALL
TELEPHONE NO. 608-262-1057

Dec. 3, 1963

Dear George:

Thanks for the greetings by way of Ed. Things look hopeful, I trust. I hear also Andrews is through, so that in a year the whole school should get a practically new face! I am writing to ask you for a favor. With one of the students studying Solanum for quite a while, and another getting into the game, I wonder whether it might be possible for you to pull out one each of the Peru Solanums that Woodson showed me (a whole stack of them in his office and next door) and send them to us in exchange. I think they are Woytkowski material, and there seemed to be a good many of each. The same of course is true of any Capparids. I don't care whether they are named or not. We are well, working very hard, and in general looking forward to Christmas when Mike is coming, and when we shall finish house plans. Next spring you must then come up.

All the best to you, and Hugh

your

Hugh
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December 6, 1963

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Dept. of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

Your casual attitude toward what may be picked up in the way of exchange specimens at least brings a smile to my lips. It is true good old REW is gone but I can scarcely walk into the herbarium and "pull out" one each of anything to send you. It is also true there is no curator but Cal Dodson has been put in charge of watching over the collection until he will leave about two months from now. I am not sure he either can do for you what you wish, but I think you must direct your request to him.

Many thanks for the two packages which came this week and which I still have not had time to open. I hope you got the package of ANNALS which I sent as well as the two extra volumes recently sent you in envelopes.

I forsee no time to deal with Christmas cards this year, so let me herewith wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy visit with Mike.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

Dr. J. B. Van Schaack
Mo. Bot. Garden
Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Madison, Wis.
Nov. 9, 64

Dear George - we were all very upset that things were so bad at the M.B.G. If they move to W.V. that's the end of the garden. An education one gets at the M.B.G. are many things, including feeling, convictions, and involvements - that one learns to care about many things. If the Garden is moved, all this will go. One question is, will the garden be a great educational institution, or just an incidental ornament to W.V.

Could you please find out whether the original Froeschner drawings made for the Flora of Panama for the

Cappariaceae are still around?

In effect vol. 5, figs 45-51. pp. ¹⁵99-?

If they are, could I borrow them to have some good prints made from them?

I had a busy week -
We had a boy John-Paul Ilf's born on
Fri: 27th of Oct. Lets hope he will
have a better life than us!

Can you come here Thanks giving?
Even for 2 days (Plane fare is ca \$60) and
train is pretty fast too! I will try to
come down perhaps after Thanks giving.

Am writing and pulling like mad!
Hope to go to Europe next summer.

Please - will you find out
if the Woytkowski Pom Cleome Ledeb.
collections are still there. I looked at
ours yesterday and it looks to me
like a mixed collection. Well, anyway
I can look at it when I get there. Thanks
for being so nice to my "boys". They think you
are tremendous (Especially Frank Crosswhite, who
thought you had better understanding of Botany and books
than almost any body he knows. All the way to
the top of the list).

November 18, 1964.

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Department of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Hugh,

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th and especially for your kind invitation to visit you at Thanksgiving. I should certainly be happy to do this, but I simply cannot manage it just now for a number of reasons which I hope I shall be able to tell you when you come down here some time thereafter.

Of course, I should have started this letter with congratulations on the birth of John Paul, but you didn't, so I guess I am excused. Shall we say "nice going". I join you in hoping he will have a less hectic life than you have had.

I am sorry not to be able to give you any word of Cappari-daceae drawings. I have a strong feeling they were filed in exactly the same place from which you used to retrieve type specimens and other items of like value. I know neither of them nor has Dr. Lewis seen anything of that character anywhere in the herbarium.

I feel sure the Woytkowski specimens are still here, but I have not looked for them. Unless it would do you some good to know ahead of time, I think we shall leave that until you come down.

I am sorry you could not come to the symposium, but realize very well what an interruption such a short but hurried trip is when one is working hard. I enjoyed seeing your students and taking care of their needs. Many thanks for reporting their reactions.

As for the situation here at the Garden, there is very little I could write which is not too complicated to spend writing time on. It just happens that at the moment I am very hopeful of a very good man being induced to come here, but there are many possibilities for discouraging him and I am not making any definite plans until I see it all in print, which might mean waiting as long as six months.

With best greetings to both of you,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 21, 1965.

Dr. Hugh Ilitis
Department of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Hugh,

I hope you and Carolyn returned to the United States safely after that riotous evening in August. I was very glad we were able to meet there and spend a few hours together, especially since it seems to be so difficult to get together in the United States. My two weeks in Switzerland included much rain so that I never really saw a single range of the Alps nor did I get a good view of Northern Italy when I went through the Simplon just before returning to England again because of rain. I am back in the United States since the 7th with six days in the hospital with a fever now gone, but not forgotten nor identified.

It has been decided to decommission the grass herbarium office--Dr. Lewis will leave the grass collections there, but will take the room over as his office. Among the many things I must move out is my own collection of plants of which I have written you before and which I have decided to send to you rather than to Joe; Joe will never get done all the things he has already started while I think you will get this moderately worthless collection of material sorted out and put to some use. I shall send you the note books by Railway Express, although exactly how you are ever going to read them I do not know, for my writing is not very legible. How shall I send you the cartons themselves? I assume your department will pay the transportation charges on the note books and cartons--is this correct? Naturally an early answer in this matter will be helpful, because the material will be moved from the room within a few days and there is no place to store it here.

Are you coming to the symposium? I shall be glad to put you up as usual, but doubt that I can extend the same invitation to anyone else (except, of course, Carolyn if she should come along).

Please tell Carolyn that I was glad that I got to see her at last and hope we may meet again soon. With best wishes to you both,

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

November 10, 1965.

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Botany Department
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Iltis,

I am pleased to hear that my personal herbarium recently delivered to you proves of value to your institution. My interest has been grasses, and a large proportion of the some 2500 numbers turned over to you consists of grasses collected all over the United States and southern Canada and represents a substantial number of the species to be found in this region. I estimate the number of sheets available for your own herbarium and for exchange with other institutions to be approximately 7500. Although I have provided you with my notebooks containing habitat and other data on this material, the determination of the species remains to be done in a majority of instances, as well as the writing of most of the labels. Such material is probably to be valued at 15 to 20 cents per sheet so that I should estimate my herbarium represents a value of something like \$ 1,200. If in the judgment of the Regents of the University this seems reasonable I should appreciate a statement to the effect that the Regents accepts this gift at such a value so that I may use it for income tax purposes. Estimates from Dr. Richard Pohl at Iowa State University and of Mr. Joseph Ewan at Tulane University considerably exceed the figure I have mentioned, but I believe my figure to be a reasonable compromise between theirs and a purely nominal one.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
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PS. Be sure to include on this
program the names of Starkes
Leopold, and Jack Major
from California, who wrote an
excellent statement on con-
servation in the Ecol. Soc. Bulletin
last year or two ago.
Dec. 31, 1965
10:45 pm.

Dear George:

It will be the historic responsibility
of ^{Ecologists} taxonomists (since they are the only
ones that work with the biotic
diversity of nature and understands
it) to show the world the dangers
of losing biological diversity, to
sound the alarm at the thoughtless
headless ^{biotic} (massacre) that modern
technology has wrought, and
to work out practical as well
as visionary alternatives to man's
ultimate destruction at the hand of
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biotic uniformity. No other disciplines,
except the field biological sciences,
have such an immediate and awful responsibility.

This is why such a meeting as the
one planned at the UBB has to be framed
on a grand scale and with great earnestness -

for the taxonomists and (much less so)
the ecologists have themselves to be taught
before they can teach others, such as the
Agriculturists. We need to frame a ^{Ecologists}
~~taxonomists~~
~~Biologists~~

manifesto "There is a spectre that is creeping across
the face of the earth, the spectre of human destruction
to life. . . . biologists of the world unite, you have nothing
to lose but your indifference! - world!"

(... you have everything to lose if you don't!)
It was wonderful to talk to you and K. a few
minutes ago. Now I wish you well! And despite
my pessimism, I still have hopes for peace
and good sense in this world for 1965. - and with
love from all of us, from Hyl

George - this is what I told you about on the phone
that I saw in Columbus at the Batelle Institute
its motto (by someone named Meldola)

"Original research is mankind's most powerful
weapon in solving the problems of nature"

I did not like this - here nature is the enemy - like
in the title of a recent symposium where I spoke - "Can man
live with nature?" The arrogance! I would rephrase
the above as follows:

"Nature is original research's most powerful
friend in solving the problems of man".

January 7, 1966.

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Botany Department
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Hugh,

I have finally repacked the notebooks and this weeks sent you one of two packages, the one covering numbers 914-2200. Please drop me a line when you have received this and I shall send the other.

I regret I don't have time to answer your letter with regard to the symposium at any length. Since talking to you I have seen a copy of Hugh's announcement which, however, it may lack what might be called a clear statement of intention, does not seem to me to be particularly inadequate. Your own ideas as expressed in your letter to him if acted upon with any sincerity would entail a symposium of one or two weeks at least, don't you think? I honestly feel that if Hugh's subject is properly presented it will completely occupy all the available time of the short period we have and can certainly be a very important contribution to the broader effort you have in mind.

Other remarks at a later time.

As ever,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

January 18th, 1967

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Department of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Hugh:

May I suggest you sit down, read carefully everything I have said, noting suggestions to be carried out, and let it all cook in your mind for a day or two. By that time I hope to have my own remarks finished and a copy sent off to you. Then get your secretary and redictate. I'd be happy to read the revised version if you send my marked copy. Don't throw it away.

I continue to be very much relieved over the good report you had to make on Saturday--it is a great load off your mind, I'm sure. I hope you can deal with certain other matters as satisfactorily, if not in the same way.

As ever,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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Enc.

March 14th, 1967

Dr. Hugh Iltis
Department of Botany
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Hugh:

Here is your paper returned. I have just marked two or three lapsus machineae, and have indicated that I think you should keep the first paragraph on page 3.

Yes, it does read very well now which goes to show that your original was well-constructed. As far the last paragraph on page 16, I have nothing more to say (except that I cannot now recall how the simple changes I put damaged what you considered to be a certain flavor). By all means do not include any of page 17--as I remarked there, you must write many more papers and perhaps each paragraph here can start you off on another one. Pages 1 to 16 now read like an organic piece with all its parts and without any excrescences--leave it alone.

It is certainly a sad world when one considers even the lesser of the two bits of news you gave me last night (Stafleu's reaction). Exactly how are we ever going to get things straightened out if one cannot point out error, plain and simple. If such error is to be passed off as merely lapsus calami what we are really going to get is calamitas lapsus. It is certainly no compliment to Rickett on the part of Stafleu to protect him from criticism. If a man cannot take criticism for what he does wrongly he must admit to inadequacy.

As for the other matter which you told me of, it is so monstrous that I wish I didn't know it. It shows complete scientific irresponsibility, just as viscious as changing the data or hiding some of the evidence--I repeat, I wish I didn't know it--yes, for the second reason that I am so incensed I don't know how I can keep it quiet without feeling guilty of being an accessory to the fact. Anyhow, you get a copy of my review down to Washington--you don't have to say you talked to me, but merely that you thought he might be interested in an additional statement.

I shall be looking for you in about three weeks. As ever,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAAK
Librarian

GEVS:VG

Enc.

June 16/71

Dear Hugh

After breakfast, just now, I got out my folder of your papers and correspondence - the former, to sort out duplicates. It has been an inspiring hour, for I have read here & there as I sorted. How much you have done and how well! Again and again tears came as I read some especially dramatic hit, or a particularly well-phrased opinion or emotion. Your writing is very distinctive, and you need never apologize for it - I do not know anyone who has written more dramatically or more movingly than you - and always sincerely. And, something quite special, is your talent for sharing events in your past - these intensely personal hits are truly exceptional.

You are all good. I was glad to find the letter I wrote Carter, over sixteen years ago,

when you were being considered for U.S.D. I
I had not forgotten I had written it, but
I had not remembered any of the details. It
was a good letter (in which I did not, as you
suggested, lie at all), but what is most
gratifying is that I don't think I could
write a better letter today - way back then,
often knowing you only six years I could
say about you all the good things I said
then, and they are still all true. I'll
mention one of especial importance, because
it has enabled you to do so much in conservation,
which, without it, you could not have done -
your 'unusual ability to get on with persons
with whom [you] nevertheless strongly disagree'
- in fact, it is this, too, which has protected
your tenure at Wisconsin.

I blush to myself when I remember how
often I have been impatient with you. For -
fine me!
Most affectionately
Jesse

The Knoxville News-Sentinel

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1973



Look To This Day

How Do We Stay Human?

by Wilma Dykeman

THERE ARE FEW experiences more exciting and memorable than listening to someone speak with complete authority and inspired passion on the subject to which he/she has devoted a lifetime of discipline, imagination, and intelligence.

A couple of weeks ago we encountered such a man, such a speaker, Hugh H. Itis who unknown to my husband and me when we decided to risk a precious evening at one of UT's Distinguished Lecturers Series. It was one of the best investments we have made in a long time.

Dr. Itis is an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, a former pupil of Professor A. J. Sharp; he received his PhD from Washington University; at present he is professor of botany and director of the herbarium at the University of Wisconsin. He has made intensive studies of maize in Mexico and potatoes in Peru — and if this sounds to you like ivory tower specialization, you are 100 per cent wrong! Itis' studies of wild corn and wild potatoes relate to all of our lives, our values — indeed, our ultimate survival.

That is why it is difficult to summarize what his talk was "about," and impossible to convey the richness, breadth, humor, irony, anger, informativeness, of his conversation. It was about continental drift, peregrine falcons, the population explosion, the great pyramid of Gizeh, a butterfly in a Peruvian valley and strip mining; about the search for the origins of corn — and the places and people to which it led in Mexico; about our definitions of "weeds" and what is "worthless" and what we can do to "useless" land; about our need to realize that "we are settling down to make the big choices."

Hugh Itis wants to be sure that we

make those choices out of intelligence and not ignorance, respecting the coevolution of man and nature, man with nature, man in nature. He reminds us that Einstein said there were only two unlimited things: The universe and human stupidity. We must set some limitations on the stupidity born of arrogance and unquestioning faith in unlimited technological growth.

And part of the answer lay in his plea for the marvelous variety of life as it flourishes over all this green and fragile earth. Yet it is precisely that beautiful diversity which our single-minded technology, our concentration on numbers, often destroys. When we continually and thoughtlessly sacrifice creativity — the wild, the unknown, the wondrous — for productivity and uniformity, for yield of crops or things, we are in trouble. If not today, certainly tomorrow.

"What do we have to do to remain human?" That was the theme undergirding all his facts and philosophy.

Itis summarized this regimented madness and monotony at the end of an article he wrote: "Indeed, what ecology teaches us, what it implores us to learn, is that all things, living and dead, including man, are interrelated within the web of life. This must be the foundation of our new ethics."

"If you love your children, if you wish them to be happy, love your earth with tender care and pass it on to them diverse and beautiful, so that they, 10,000 years hence, may live in a universe still diverse and beautiful, and find joy and wonder in being alive."

It is a joy to discover a man so alive to his world — we can hope such energy and wonder is contagious.

Dear George -
thanks for sending
Mike the long letter.
I have had my
troubles - first sick
for 1 week, then
depressed for 2
and now with
Spring coming
my physiology
is barely able to
pull out of this terrible
mess dive.

I sent the polemic
on Plastic Trees to

"Landscape"
A diskette and
hope they will print
it. They are

reprinting Krieger's
Science article in toto, without

comment! Thanks for your -
my very sensitive reaction to
your just goes to show you how,
despite all the brauma, sensitive,
I only ask to clarify your will call.
you

Bilthoven, November 14th, 1971

Dear George,

it was great to have news from you again. I know perfectly well it was entirely my fault not to have news from you for a long time. Perhaps you can understand that I simply did not muster the courage to answer your last letter which sounded so hopeless, so abysmally pessimistic. Your last one sounded much more positive, which gave me much joy, and Margrit, too. It is a pity to hear your job gave you so little satisfaction. I hope all activities you will devote your time to when retiring will make good for it. I am eager to hear more about your future home in Oregon; I have already looked it (Eugene) up on the map. It does not seem too likely, though, that Margrit and I can come over soon, I am most sorry to say. Do not you have any more plans for another visit to Europe which interested you so deeply the first time?

We were most pleased to have Mr. Schulenberg's and his companion Mr. Rean's visit. Personally I could not do very much for him, as I still do not drive a car and as horticulture is not my principal interest, but I handed him over to Mr. Mennega, our botanical gardens staff member who also received the official letter written by the Arboretum and therefore was also prepared for his visit. He took him along on a number of trips, botanical gardens, nurseries, and I then usually saw him afterwards in the evening and was pleased to note his satisfaction. Margrit returned from Switzerland while he was here, so I was able to ask him to our home one evening, of which we really have the most pleasant memories. We discovered, as you anticipated, a series of mutual interests, and he speaks a very clear English which Margrit relished as she has little experience with this language. I hope Mr. Schulenberg found his stay worth-while and his overall impression is favourable. We found him a most genial gentleman.

You asked about our life together, now for fourteen months since our marriage. I find it hard to believe that I could have lived alone so long and particularly that I had nobody to share the pleasant things in life with, like good music, art shows, etc. I suppose it took Margrit quite a bit to get used to such an aged bachelor as I am, with many bad ways. She was very brave, also going here all by herself, but I think she managed very well. She was fluent in the language after not more than half a year and now speaks it almost perfectly. I am particularly pleased to tell you that she started working a few weeks ago, so far only one hour a week (psychotherapy), but with good prospects for more and especially with contacts with local colleagues and full recognition of her training in Switzerland which is extra-academical. When you think this over you will realize how good her Dutch really is!

In this connexion I am sorry to say that I am growing increasingly malcontent at Utrecht and am looking for an acceptable new job elsewhere, though

quite at leisure. Lanjouw finally agreed to become 'extra-ordinary' professor 1 1/2 years before retiring age. We hoped for better prospects then, but I have little faith in the institute's future and I think if and when possible I shall quit. Please keep this personal for the time being.

Our country is in a swift economic downfall and also in this respect the near future does not look too good. Universities are already heavily suffering from forced economizing plans.

Dear George, let me please hear from you again when you feel like writing. And pay our best regards to Mr. Schulenberg when he returns home, as he may have done already.

Very best wishes and greetings, also from Margrit,
your old friend

Carl.

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AEROGARME



April 16, 1964.

Dr. Karl Kramer
Julianalen 4 A
Bilthoven, Netherlands.

Dear Karl,

My face is very red at receiving yet on more such kind letter from you, and the more so at having finally to write you through a secretary. My personal correspondence has simply gone to pieces since I tried to run this library. I am afraid you would have been remonstrating with me almost daily this winter.

I am glad to know the package reached you and that you found the contents interesting. I believe I have already started another collection of similar material. This is very small return to you for the several beautiful things you have sent me. The organ record was most interesting indeed both for the pieces themselves and especially for the description of the instrument and the registration used. For me this is the only type organ music and instrument that is worth listening to. I am very glad to hear that your father is well again which must be most gratifying to you for the two of you enjoy each others company so much. I wish indeed you could find a housekeeper, for I know how much work there is to do in a house even if only one person lives in it.

Yes, I am still at MBG and expect I shall continue so although everyone else has gone or is retired. Dr. Anderson is among the latter, but he is still coming to his office every day and currently is not only editing the Bulletin, but writing most of it. Dr. Cutler is here, but besides him there is no scientific staff member. You know, of course, that Dr. Went resigned last October. Since then the Board of Trustees has been engaged in seeking a new director. I think they have done a very excellent job of first getting themselves educated in what their proper business is and what the proper business of a director is. In particular they welcomed the idea of appointing an advisory council of six botanists gathered from all over the country to study the problem and write an advisory report. This council met here about two months ago, wrote an excellent report and action on it has begun. But the problem of finding someone suitable for this place at this time is indeed difficult. This is complicated by the fact that at the same time the Botany Department at Washington University has fallen to pieces. Dr. Dodge is retired, Dr. Woodson is deceased, Dr. Andrews has resigned and the only person left of any long association is Dr. Cammer. You doubtfully

remember him very well—his interests are largely biochemical and he has never been very co-operative with the descriptive botany done here at the Garden. Accordingly, while he now speaks with a strong voice at the University, it did not help the co-operation which should exist between the Garden and the University.

You asked about Joe Ewan. I am only partly surprised to have you say what you do about your exchanges and the like with him. This is not because he is dishonest or ungrateful, simply because he undertakes several times too much to do. Just at the moment I cannot trouble with asking about the matters you speak of, though I shall try to do so at a later time. He was here early in February for a week of frantic work in the library and participating in a historical symposium commemorating the 200th anniversary of St. Louis. A few days later he became seriously ill in New Orleans and had an emergency operation from which for several days it was not clear he would recover. However, he survived and has made fairly good recovery but must return this week for a second operation correcting some of the things which it was impossible to take care of initially. I believe this second operation is not serious and that he can be expected to recover his usual activity by midsummer. But it is all a great disappointment to him, for he had arrangements completed to spend 3 1/2 months in England working at the British Museum for it and the American Philosophical Society on the publication of an important and well illustrated Bartram manuscript which will eventually appear in a sumptuous format. Whether he will be able to go to the Congress even, I don't know, but of course, he had intended to be there.

By the way, many people from here are going to be in Edinburgh, but I can understand your not intending to go. The last word I had from my sister was that she would be going there, spending some time at Kew before the meetings. If you are in Kew during midsummer be sure to look for her, for I know the two of you would enjoy meeting.

All I know about Ruxi is that he spent the winter in Antarctica again for the third time in a row, but was expected back in March. I had seen him last at the symposium in Pittsburgh at which I met Dr. Staffeu. By the way, how this man gets about! He will be in East Lansing, Michigan, on the 8th of May to lecture on the history of Iberia and then on the 27th of June he will be in Lawrence, Kansas, lecturing on Redoubt.

Again many thanks for your letter and the wish that mine will find you well. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Scharck
Librarian

GBVS/cl

Department of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, CHINA
February 18, 1962

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
Saint Louis 10, Missouri
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Your kind letter of January 23 reached here yesterday (February 17). I thank you very much for it. Your suggestion concerning the exchange of botanical literature between us is greatly welcomed. I would like to spare one copy of my private book "Flora Illustralis Plantarum Primarum Sinicarum --- Gramineae" for your library. If you please, I wish to have it to exchange the following six papers on grasses from your library:

1. Beetle (A. A.), 1959. Distribution as a key to age and origin of grasses. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., sect. 2, Coll. Class. Nat. Gram.
2. Gould (F. W.), 1959. Polyploidy in Grasses of Southwestern U. S. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., sect. 2, Coll. Class. Nat. Gram.
3. Hubbard (C. E.), 1959. A general view of Grass classification through morphological and non morphological characters. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., sect. 2, Coll. Class. Nat. Gram.
4. Mehra (K. L.), ~~and~~ and Anderson (E.), 1959. Character association analysis: its use in grass taxonomy. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., sect. 2, Coll. Class. Nat. Gram.
5. Roth (I.), 1959. Histogenesis and morphological interpretation of the grass embryo. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., sect. 2, Symp. Class. Nat. Gram., vol. II, p. 374.
6. Stebbins (F.), 1959. A suggested classification of Grass genera of N. Am. based on modern criteria. IXth Cong. Int. Bot., vol. II, p. 376.

Probably you know that Dr. E. H. Walker still has a license of your Treasury Department permitting him to send book-parcels to and receive them from our Country. Hence it will be better for us to exchange our literature through the kindness of Dr. Walker. Of course I would like to hear from you about what I have proposed for the exchange.

From your letter I also know that Mrs. Chase, my patroness on the study of our grasses, is probably the most wonderful woman in the world. It is certainly very tragic, because she has become very old in age and steadily worse in memory! I am very glad to know that her monumental work, the Index of Grass Names will be soon published in Boston. I do not have the details of this publication. Please send them here in your earliest convenience. I thank you very much in advance. I should be also pleased to send you the copy of my "Flora Illustralis....", if I could hear from you again.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. L. Keng
Yi Li Keng
Professor of Botany

March 2, 1962

Mr. G. K. Hall
97 Oliver Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hall:

I have a correspondent in China who would like to have the details of the projected printing of Mrs. Chase's Grass Index. He is -

Professor Yi Li Keng
Department of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China.

I believe there is no difficulty about sending first class mail to him. Should the Index finally appear, it might be necessary to dispatch his copy to a dealer in England who would be able to send it to China.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

March 2, 1962

Mr. C. E. Hubbard,
Curator of the Herbarium
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I have a letter from Professor Yi Li Keng asking me for copies of several papers on grass taxonomy. One of these he listed was by you under the title, A general view of grass classification through morphological and non-morphological characters, referring to IXth Cong. Int. Bot., Sect. 2, Coll. Class. Nat. Gram. Presumably this refers either to an abstract of your paper at Montreal or to a later write-up of it. However, I fail to find either of these in the Proceedings or in the volume of Lectures and Symposia. Perhaps you would have a copy which you would like to send to Professor Keng. As you probably know, his address is -

Department of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Alternatively, if you should wish to send it through me, I will be glad to forward it with the other material which I am going to send Professor Keng. I hope that what I shall send will reach him, for we have had difficulty in sending things to China but he informs me that Dr. E. H. Walker has a license from our Treasury Department to send such material and I shall ask him to send it for me.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBV:snr

March 2, 1962

Dr. E. H. Walker
7313 Holly Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Egbert:

I recently wrote Dr. Keng to ask him about the possibility of setting up an exchange with him. I have just heard from him today and he tells me he is very glad to enter into an exchange but he believes it will be necessary to send material under Treasury Department license, which he believes you still hold. I shouldn't hesitate to ask you to send a single package or two under this license but I hesitate to involve you in anything like a regular exchange. Would the material have to be sent to you for reforwarding or could it be sent from here properly stamped or certified?

I hope you got the books finally; considering the violence of my representations, I was rather slow in getting them to you. But the argument is still good.

With best regards to you all.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:mr

7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland
March 7, 1962.

Dear George:

An apology is in order for keeping you so long in suspense as to whether your books on Russia have arrived and we are still friends. So let me report that both facts are true: They did come and you are still on our social register! The only difficulty seems to be to get time to read the books and to write letters. But this is my 10th for this afternoon, so sometimes I do get at it.

in work!
We read the first chapter the evening of the day they came. But then things happened. Last week I had to take time out for a funeral in Flint, Michigan and return via Chicago and Milwaukee. And, remember - I'm retired, hence buried. I just resumed chairmanship of the maps committee of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, a most interesting occupation, but a time consuming one. I hope to discover the right man soon to replace me.

Needless to say the book has set us thinking. I'm not converted yet to membership of the anti-testers yet and I'm not ready to join the picket line - at least till warmer weather! But we'll report again when we get to the end.

You mentioned an offer of specimens from "Dr. Keng". I trust that is agrostologist Yi-li Keng of Nanking. My license reads as follows, respecting the operations to be carried out:

Have another license for export.
"All transactions incidental to the importation into the United States of scientific and technical botanical literature and photographs from Communist China up to an aggregate value of \$500.

This license also authorizes Customs transactions not authorized by Section 500.536 of the Foreign Assets Control Regulations with respect to the above merchandise.

This license does not authorize the payment of any funds to or for the account of the suppliers'.

It does not mention scientific specimens and I would hesitate to try to use it in that connection, much as I'd like to help obtain specimens. However, I see no reason why you or the Garden should not apply for such a license. Of course there can be no money transaction, only exchange. Every year I apply for renewal of my license, sending the request to the

Foreign Assets Control
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty St.
New York ~~NY~~ 45.

My license was originally obtained thru some office in the treasury, or the application was made there, but a letter to New York would probably bring the desired results. It will be interesting if you can effect an exchange of specimens. My book exchange has bogged down. Almost no scientific material is being printed in communist China nor has been since mid 1959, apparently due to lack of paper on which to print it.

This is off the record, as officially it is up to Fred to handle it: The Flora of Japan project has been dropped by the U. of Calif. Press and is being seriously considered by the Smithsonian. As the Smithsonian will be both sponsor and publisher we will not need sponsorship by the Missouri Bot. Gard. There are advantages in this; it was changed at my instigation. But it is up to Fred to notify your director.

Fred said to extend his greetings. He got back from Ethiopia two weeks ago - and I have been so busy I haven't seen him yet.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Egbert

P.S. Your friend Kinter now in Harrisburg Pa. turned up to have worked on Trail Club maps in the period when I was not. says he hasn't heard from you in a long time. Address 6312 Chetson Ave.

March 13, 1962

Foreign Assets Control
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty Street
New York 45, New York

Dear Sirs:

The Missouri Botanical Garden, a non-profit institution, publishes two periodicals:

- (1) Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden, a quarterly of about 300 pages per year.
- (2) The Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin, a monthly of about 250 pages per year.

Years ago we used to send the first of these on an exchange basis to institutions in China. Of course, this was not possible during most of the 1950's. Two or three years ago we were informed that it would be possible again to send this publication by direct mailing. We tried this with one address in Peking, but they report they have never received any of the numbers sent. It is my understanding that this matter might be corrected by the use of an export license, involving no exchange of funds. The license I believe is issued by your office. We should also like to receive printed material from China and understand that this may be possible by the use of an import license. We should appreciate your advice regarding such licenses.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK 45, N.Y.

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 19, 1962.

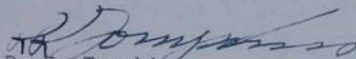
Mr. George B. Van Schaack,
Librarian,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
St. Louis 10, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 13, 1962 concerning the exchange of periodicals with institutions in mainland China.

We have made your letter the basis of an application to which we have assigned No. E-61444. The application has been submitted to the Treasury Department in Washington for its consideration. As soon as we are advised of Treasury's decision we shall communicate with you again.

Very truly yours,


R. R. Tompkins,
Chief, Foreign Assets Control Division,
Foreign Department.

March 22, 1962

Mr. C. E. Hubbard
Keeper of Herbarium and Library
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Thank you for your note regarding your Congress paper. I shall pass the word along to Dr. Keng. I am indeed sorry to hear of the circumstances which prevented you from preparing the paper for publication. All of us hope that you will yet find time to do so, however, but I realize that the demands on your time have multiplied several times in the past few years. While it is gratifying to know that an agrostologist is entrusted with the care of the herbarium and library at Kew, one must regret that agrostology can not help but lose at least some of the attention it would have had. I hope you are having better success in obtaining assistants at least in the library than we are having here. Dr. Went has been willing for two or three years to pay somewhat above the market for an assistant librarian. But during all of that time we have had only three serious applicants, one of whom refused the offer, the second of whom appeared not to be really suitable, and the third wishes to look further before listening to an offer.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Kew, Richmond, Surrey

Telephone: RICHMOND 1171

Please reply to
THE DIRECTOR
quoting the number

7/3/62

Dear Dr. Van Schaack,

I regret that on account
of personal* difficulties at the time, I
was unable to put my Congress paper
into shape for publication, and consequently
I have only the one copy. Some day
I hope there will be time to give it
the revision it now requires & to have
it published, but there are so many
other matters now claiming my
attention, I don't know when the revising

will be accomplished.
* my wife was seriously
ill - died - 1960.

Yours sincerely
G. E. Hubbard

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK 45, N.Y.

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 10, 1962.

Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
St. Louis 10, Missouri,

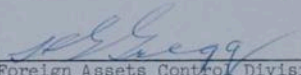
Dear Sirs:

With reference to your application for a Treasury Department license, dated March 19, 1962, our (B-61444), will you please amplify the information contained therein, by submitting a letter in duplicate, giving the information indicated below.

Please advise dollar value of periodicals to be exchanged annually.

Unless response to this inquiry is received within 30 days after date hereof, the relative application will be considered as having been withdrawn and our records will be marked accordingly.

Very truly yours,

per pro 
Foreign Assets Control Division
Foreign Department

April 18, 1962

Foreign Assets Control Div.
Foreign Department
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
New York 45, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I write to answer your letter of April 10, 1962, with reference to our application for Treasury Department license, dated March 19, 1962, your No. B-61444.

This license is required to make it possible for us to send to Chinese institutions on exchange our own publication, Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden, valued at \$15.00 per annual subscription, and occasional other books. It is not expected at this time that exchange relations would be established with more than three or four institutions, nor that the total value of exchange material to be sent would ever exceed \$150.00 per year.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr
In Duplicate

April 26, 1962

Dr. Yi Li Keng
Professor of Botany
Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Keng:

I was very glad to receive your kind letter of February 18 with the news that you would be able to send the Missouri Botanical Garden a copy of your book on the grass flora of China. And I am glad to be able to tell you that I can send you the papers which you ask in return. In fact, I shall send you not only these but the complete published material on the grass symposium which was held at the Ninth International Congress. These will be sent to you in photocopy form for they occur only in the complete proceedings. They will not, however, include Mr. Hubbard's paper for this has not been published. Mr. Hubbard writes me that, because of the illness of his wife, he was unable to prepare the paper for the printer and does not know now when it may be published. We will also plan to send you Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden. H

However, all of this must await our success in obtaining a Treasury Department license. This was requested six weeks ago but has yet to be issued. In the meantime I have heard from Dr. Walker that he is going to ask you to send two copies of the grass flora for some governmental libraries and said that, while you might be able to send all three copies on his license, he thought it would be safer to send only two on his license and wait to send our copy until our license should be in effect. Accordingly, if you will hold our copy for the present, we shall let you know immediately when our license has been issued.

As soon as I heard from you I wrote to Boston to ask the G. K. Hall Company there to inform you of the forthcoming publication of Mrs. Chase's 'Index of grass names'. If you have not heard from them, please let me know. Mrs. Chase, you know, was ninety-three last Friday, April 23. I sent her a birthday letter, not expecting to hear from her, but two days later I had an answer from her which sounded very good indeed. But it is true she is getting very forgetful, so that it would be well if she could terminate her work on the 'Index of grass names' and turn it over to someone else. Of course, the great problem is that there is no one to turn it over to. Even if anyone were trained in such work, the Smithsonian would not pay him enough to be able to employ him, and even if they did, it is hard to believe he would be as diligent and meticulous in the work as Mrs. Chase has been.

I hope I shall be able to write you soon that the license has been granted to us.

With very kindest regards,

Sincerely,

June 5, 1962

Dr. Yi Li Keng
Professor of Botany
Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Keng:

I am pleased to be able to write you that we have finally obtained an export license to exchange publications with institutions in your country. The number of this license is B-61444, which is effective through May 31, 1963. On this license we are sending you this week two packages. These will not be addressed to you personally but to your institution as follows:

Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China.

One of the packages contains the papers on grasses which you wished to obtain. The other package contains Volume 48 of Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden. We hope very much that both of these packages will reach you. Please let us know as soon as you receive them, for we believe we must wait until such news before placing your name on our regular mailing list.

incident I hope that you are finding satisfaction in carrying on your work at Nanking. When I was in Washington last winter, it was a great pleasure to see Dr. McClure, whose influence upon Nanking must still be avoidable. I trust his herbarium has been preserved. As you know, he has spent many years now in the study of bamboo and has done a very remarkable work. Both he and Mrs. McClure are working hard at trying to get all of this organized and recorded, for he is no longer a young man.

We look forward to having good news from you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

FL 9/19/62

7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park 12, Md.
July 9, 1962.

Dear George:

A letter just came from Dr. Y. L. Keng in Nanking expressing extreme regret that China could not purchase a copy of the just-to-be-issued Chase: Index of Grasses. Do you know of any way a copy could be obtained and donated? They simply can not get exchange with which to pay for a copy. I'd be willing to chip in as a gift. I'd suggest sending it without any splurge and piece-meal. If we could get good current Chinese publications from China in return we could then sell them and be reimbursed. (Sounds kind of "Indian giverish"!)

He says he is sending to you a copy of "Flora Illustralis Plantarum Primarum Sinicarum Gramineae" and another to me to sell to the U. S. D. A. library. With the proceeds he wants me to send him "Les Graminées d'Afrique Tropicale". So I'm in the market. Got one to sell? I'll write Stechert. Know any better place?

My efforts to aid Kostermans' family haven't done so well. I've sent two food packages and four or five packages of books. One letter was received from one of the boys promising to acknowledge the packages, but none has come. It might come yet. Kostermans left to go to Russia (Moscow) and then go to England, whence Fosberg and I expected to hear from him, but nothing has come here. (Fosberg is in S. America for a month.)

Where are you going for vacation this year? We shall go to our place in Maine, arriving about Aug. 20th. On our way back we'll attend our son Bill's wedding in Massachusetts, after which he will go to Nepal with the Peace Corps (i. e. both of them.) Jeanne is in the U. of Michigan this summer on Ford Foundation scholarship studying for her masters in the teaching of English as a second language, i. e. to foreigners or in a foreign country, such as the PeaceCorps.project will offer.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Egbert H. Walker

Egbert H. Walker

July 12, 1962

Mr. G. K. Hall
97 Oliver Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hall:

I have just learned that Dr. Keng in Nanking will not be able to place an order with you for a set of Mrs. Chase's Index, for his institution is utterly unable to obtain any foreign exchange for such a purchase. As far as I know, Dr. Keng is by far the most able agrostologist in all of Asia, and it will indeed be not only a great disappointment to him personally if he fails to have access to this index, but it will mean a substantial decrease in the excellence of the purely scientific work, which he will still be able to do during his life. It is a purely political accident that he lives in Communist China, which may so far as I know be a tragedy to him; actually, so far as taxonomic botany is concerned, it is a rather fortunate accident for there is a large part of the earth's surface which at the moment is closed to practically all scientific workers, except Chinese, and botany is fortunate in having Dr. Keng on the spot.

With all of this in mind, several of us are considering the possibility of trying to send Dr. Keng a copy of this work as a gift, but there are few of us indeed who are likely to be interested in this, and none that I happen to know who would be able to give any substantial amount. I am accordingly wondering, since your sale of this set is almost certain not to go through at the established price, whether you would be interested in considering selling this set to those who wish to give it to Dr. Keng at your cost price. Should we be able to meet this price, it would be making a real contribution to taxonomic botany and to international good will.

Though I realize it is unlikely you would have such information, it is still possible that you might even know of some organization which would care to help in making this gift to Dr. Keng possible. If you should, I should be most happy to hear of it.

I was sorry not to see you in Florida at the ALA Meetings. However, I enjoyed talking with your representative and was especially glad to have him tell me that you look forward to being able to copy Mrs. Chase's Index at an early date.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

July 13, 1962

Mr. Harold Tweedy
1100 Winterton Ave.
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Harold:

I wonder if you have any knowledge of any group of people, organized or not, which would be interested in helping Chinese scientists within Communist China to obtain needed research material. Your parent's contacts with China must have been with the Nationalist government and most of these, perhaps all, would be opposed to sending any assistance to anyone on the mainland, but I know that both your father and mother would have, ^{been} glad to help non-communist scientists in China, and you may well know of some of their friends who feel the same way, in fact, for all I know, there may be an organization in Berkley or Los Angeles for example, which is engaged in just this activity.

The particular thing which brings this matter up is the forthcoming publication of a large reference bibliography in agrostology (grasses). I have been in correspondence with Dr. Keng in Nanking regarding this, but he writes me that they will be unable to find any foreign exchange to purchase it. He is without doubt the most able agrostologist in all of Asia and society at large should somehow or other supply him with a copy of this work. Three or four of my friends and I are prepared to contribute to the purchase of a copy, but the purchase price is rather higher than we expect to be able to meet alone (\$225.00). If only there were some organization ready to step into such a situation, we should be only too glad to share the gift with them.

I have though many times since I was in Pittsburgh of your mother and have hoped that she has remained as well as she was. It was a great pleasure to see her and to have her remember me so vividly. I was glad too to see you and Marg and such of the family as turned up and regret that we get together so seldom.

With warm greetings

Sincerely yours,

GBVS:nr

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

July 13, 1962

Mr. C. E. Hubbard
Keeper of the Library & Herbarium
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Sometime ago I wrote Dr. Keng at Nanking about the forthcoming publication of Mrs. Chase's grass name index. I have just heard from Dr. Egbert Walker in Washington that Dr. Keng informs him that his institution will be unable to find sufficient exchange to purchase a copy of this index. Dr. Walker and I are undertaking to try to find enough contributions to purchase a set to present to Dr. Keng as a gift. I do not write you to solicit in this regard, but to take up with you the even more difficult matter of making sure that such a gift would reach Dr. Keng. Success in sending packages from the United States to China is not high and it would be a shame to have this work go astray between here and Nanking. I should suppose that relations between Great Britain and China being on much better basis, it is reasonable to expect mail from Great Britain to reach China. Should Dr. Walker and I succeed in our attempt to obtain a set of the index for Dr. Keng, do you think it would be possible for us to look to your institution to forward it to him from England. Or do you have a better suggestion perhaps?

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

File Keng China

July 17, 1962

Dr. Egbert H. Walker
7413 Holly Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Md.

Dear Egbert:

Thanks for your note of the 14th about Kostermans' letter. I should certainly like to see it and would be pleased to have you send it any time, for I have no plans to be away. I am afraid my efforts in Kostermans behalf have been zero. I talked to Dr. Andrews about him and he told me he had tried to send him publications, which had always been returned. When I heard this, I decided I should have a better address than his, but somehow or other I never got to asking you for it.

I was glad to get your letter last week about Dr. Keng, but sorry that he will not be able to place an order for Mrs. Chase's index. I think it would be a great shame if he were unable to obtain a copy and I should be willing to be one of a group to present him a copy. I have already started working on this and have spoken to Dr. Anderson about it. He said he would give \$10.00 and told me to write to Bill Brown at the Pioneer Hybrid Corn Company, who I am sure will also give at least that much. I shall plan to give twice that much at least. This would be \$40.00, which is a long way from \$225.00, and I am not just sure where to find more givers. I have written to a friend of mine in Pittsburgh, whose parents were at one time very much interested in China and spent considerable time there and knew many Chinese groups. But I am afraid these were all too Nationalist to be generous enough to want to help Dr. Keng. However, he may know of some Chinese group in California, where his mother lived for many years and was active in Chinese affairs, which is interested in sending non-political scientific material to China proper. I have also written Mr. Hall, himself, who is publishing the index, and asked him to consider selling us the set at cost. Since it was my idea that he should publish the set at all, I feel he might consider this. I have also written to Mr. Hubbard at Kew to ask whether he felt his institution could undertake forwarding the set, should we be able to send one. Since relations between Britain and China are on a sensible basis, it might be much more likely that the set reach Dr. Keng if sent from Kew than if sent from the United States.

By the way, when I was in Florida recently at the Library Conference, I saw Hall's assistant and he told me that Hall has hired Mrs. Van Eseltine to realphabetize the index and that as soon as that is done they will start photographing it.

As for the 'Les Graminées d'Afrique Tropicale', I do not suggest buying of Stechert for I feel their price would be considerable greater than we paid, which was only \$8.00 purchased from the publishers themselves, — Institut de Recherches Agronomiques Tropicales et des Cultures Vivrières, 57, Bd. des Invalides, Paris VII^e, France.

Dr. Egbert H. Walker
Takoma Park 12, Md.

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July 17, 1962

I am planning no vacation for some months for I have several extra people working for me during the summer and must stay here to get the things done I want accomplished. I was away for ten days in June in Miami for a Rare Book Conference and the Library Conference, where I was looking for a new assistant (without success) and in New Orleans for four days with Joe and Neta. They have come through the long siege with Dorothy quite well, though it was certainly very rugged. Fortunately, up to last month at least most of the cost, which was over \$5000.00 had been paid for by the University major medical plan.

I think the news about Bill is good and expect that you will have easier going from now on. With your own Asiatic residences it would be interesting to have both Bill and Jeanne going over there for some of their own.

All for now. Best wishes to Dorothy and you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:mr

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THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number :—

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ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

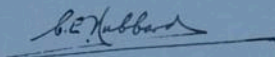
18th July, 1962.

Dear Dr. Van Schaak,

I am interested to hear about your excellent proposal to send Dr. Keng at Nanking a copy of Mrs. Chase's index of names in the Gramineae. I met Dr. Keng in pre-war days when he worked at Kew, on his way home from Washington, and I have corresponded with him from time to time ever since. At Kew we are also in touch with several Chinese institutions and botanists and occasionally send parcels of specimens and books, all of which, so far as I am aware, have reached their destinations safely. I have discussed your suggestion with the Director, Sir George Taylor. He is agreeable for Kew to forward your gift to Dr. Keng, the book being re-packed here, and the parcel labelled with one of our labels. I am afraid I have no other definite proposal at present. The only better arrangement I can think of would be to put it in the hands of a Chinese botanist returning home, but none appear to have been in Western Europe for some years. If I can assist in any other way please let me know.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



C.E. Hubbard.

Dr. George B. Van Schaak,
Librarian,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
St. Louis 10,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

NB

July 24, 1962

China

Mr. C. E. Hubbard
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond,
Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 18th. I am gratified to know that you are so enthusiastic about our trying to send a copy of Mrs. Chase's index to Dr. Keng. And both Dr. Walker and I appreciate very much your kindness in talking to Sir George Taylor about the matter of your institution forwarding the set to Dr. Keng. Please express to Sir George our thanks for his willingness to undertake this trans-shipment.

I have every reason to believe we shall be able to get the funds to purchase the copy, which will probably not be in print for six or nine months at the earliest. I have embellished the idea to this extent, that I am asking people to contribute to this project as a gesture to Mrs. Chase, whom many of them know personally, the work then to be sent to Dr. Keng as a gift in her name.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBV:snr

Department of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, C H I N A
August 20, 1962

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
Saint Louis 10, Missouri
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

I beg to acknowledge the receipts of your two letters dated April 26 and June 5 respectively. Through your kindness I also received in April from G. K. Hall & Co. a letter with enclosures of three publications' announcements. I thank you very much for all of them.

I am very pleased to let you know that the photocopy of I.U.B.S. Symposium containing 13 articles of grass papers which you had kindly mailed to our Department reached here at the beginning of this month. The library of our Department has turned it over to me on August 10 through my inquiry and explanation. I appreciate it very much, and am much obliged to you for it. The other package mentioned in your letter of June 5 has not reached here yet.

Please put my name before our Department when you send any package to me afterwards. In order to prove that the package (or packages) sent from your Garden is (or are) forwarded ~~to~~ me for the exchange of my private book, the Illustrated Flora, please write a letter to our Department and enclose it in the letter written to me. I should of course deliver it to the library of our Department as soon as it is received.

By registered mail I have sent you a package containing a copy of my book, the Illustrated Flora on August 12. Besides your address we also wrote on this package "The addressee has U. S. Treasury Department license B-61444". I hope it will be received in good condition. Please let me know in your earliest convenience when it reaches you.

From your first letter written in January, I found that you also wish to have the publications of our two Actas (Acta Botanica Sinica and Acta Phytotaxonomica Sinica) for your library. The Acta Botanica Sinica has resumed publication since the March of this year. Recently I have sent a set of 5 copies of this Acta ~~to~~ Dr. Egbert H. Walker. If you still haven't any connection to exchange the periodicals with the Botanical Institute at Peking, I would like to purchase when possible all these publications for you just as I have done for Dr. Walker. Probably it will also suit what you want for your library.

I am hoping to hear from you soon.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. L. Keng
Yi Li Keng
Professor of Botany

November 7, 1962

G. K. Hall & Co.
97 Oliver Street
Boston 10, Mass.

*Index for King
China*

Dear Sirs:

I should like to place a personal order for a copy of the index to grass names and should appreciate your advice whether this order is in time to be accommodated by the pre-publication price of \$225.00. Upon publication I shall wish the set delivered to a friend of mine in London, England and should like to know what your charge for this forwarding is likely to be. I am also wondering whether there is any fairly firm date for the appearance of this index.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:mr

November 7, 1962

Dr. Y. L. Keng
Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Keng:

I have waited to answer your good letter of August 20th until receipt of your package sent about the same time could be reported. A copy of your book has now reached us and we are very happy indeed to have it, even though, of course, we can't read it! It is well illustrated and will certainly be of assistance to anyone who is studying the grasses of Asia.

I am glad to know you received the 13 articles of grass papers which I had sent you. I am enclosing a letter directed to your department to show that this package was intended for you personally. I am not sure, however, that I can direct future packages to you because our license to send material specifically restricts our sending it to institutions. Perhaps at the same time I can send a letter to your department informing them that the material is for your own use, but I am not sure of this because such a letter may invalidate our license to send anything at all. I hope that by this time you have received vol. 48 of our Annals which was sent you in June. So far we have not sent any numbers of vol. 49 because its publication has been greatly delayed.

Sometime during the summer Dr. Walker wrote me that you had told him you would be unable to order a copy of Mrs. Chase's index of grass names. He and I then decided to try to get agrostologists in the United States to subscribe to a set to be sent as a gift. We have done this asking for donations for such a gift to be given in honor of Mrs. Chase. Some 30 people have responded and we now have sufficient funds to make sure we will be able to send you a copy of this index when it may appear, which may be a year or two yet. In due time I shall send you a list of contributors to this gift. It is planned to send this set of three volumes via Kew Gardens since England has regular shipments into China and there would be much greater likelihood of your receiving this set.

If you have not so far received our Annals vol. 48, please let me know so that I may make proper inquiry. I hope your researches are going forward encouragingly.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schanck
Librarian

GBVS:nr

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November 7, 1962

Chairman
Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Dear Sir:

Last June we shipped addressed to your department two packages of publications. One of these contained 13 photostated articles on grass and the other a copy of Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden v. 48. These although addressed to your department were intended for Dr. Keng personally in return for his sending us a copy of his grass flora of China and we appreciate your seeing that he receives this material for his use.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schnack
Librarian

GBVS:mr

G. K. HALL & CO.

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November 19, 1962

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

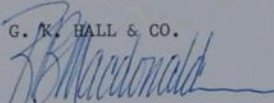
Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

Thank you for your letter of November 7th and the personal order for a copy of the Index to Grass Species. We are pleased to accept this request at the prepublication price of \$225.00 and will deliver the set to your friend in London at our own expense. We expect now that the Index will be completed in the Spring of 1963.

Thank you again for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

G. K. HALL & CO.



Robert B. Macdonald

RBM:djm

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December 3, 1962

Mr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

I received your letter dated July 12th regarding a copy of the Index to Grass Species for Dr. Keng. I am very sorry that your letter was not acknowledged. The reason for this is that I turned it over to a member of the staff to use as a basis for an effort to secure foundation help, not only for a copy of Index to Grass Species for Dr. Keng, but also several other similar situations.

I think that there is time to run down these possibilities before the Index is ready for shipment and to do so, would not entail any delay in the actual shipment of a copy of the Index to Dr. Keng. I trust that you would have no objection to our sending photostats of your July 12th letter to two or three foundations that we feel might be likely prospects.

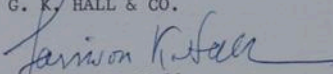
You will be encouraged to hear that the editorial work on the Index was finally completed in October and within the next ten days or so, our photographer will have completed the film negatives, so that it now appears likely that the Index will be printed and shipped during the month of January.

If our effort with these few foundations proves unsuccessful, we will try another solution. I am sure that you will understand why we are reluctant to comply with the request in your letter.

With kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

G. K. HALL & CO.


Garrison K. Hall

GKH:djm

December 4, 1962

Mr. Robert B. Macdonald
G. K. Hall & Co.
97 Oliver St.
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Mr. Macdonald:

Thank you for your letter of
November 19th which I take the liberty of answer-
ing by enclosing a copy of a letter I am today
writing to Mr. Hall.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

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Department of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, C H I N A
December 5, 1962

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Your letter of November 7th mailed to the dean of our department has been handed over to me on November 23rd. According to the post stamp, I find that the letter arrived here on November 19th. In the first place I should thank you very much for your letter written to our dean with a view to telling him that the two packages addressed to our department were intended for me personally. From your kind letter I am much pleased to know that the copy of our grass flora has been eventually received by your library. I am also greatly released to hear its arrival.

Through my explanation on September 18th, I received the copy of your Annals vol. 48 from our department library. The librarian told me that it was delivered to him before long by the University library. If it were kept by the latter, probably I would have no chance to get it. The most safe thing is of course to send your publications afterwards directly addressed to me, but you said your license does not permit it. I think that, if you please, it would be better for you to send me a letter enclosing another letter to our librarian, when you mail your publications afterwards to our department. During the time the package reaches here, I may show your letter to our librarian and he will undoubtedly let me have the publications you sent.

I greatly appreciate your kindness that both you and Dr. E. H. Walker have made a decision to subscribe for me a set of Mrs. Chase's Index to Grass Species. It is so precious a gift to me that I do not know how to express my hearty thanks to you and those contributors. Please let me have in your convenience a name list and their addresses of the contributors to this gift. Any success of my work on our grass flora in the future will be certainly inseparable with your kind ~~assistance~~ assistances.

Finally I beg your pardon that I have delayed to write you an answer, because I have had an ill health within these days. Please allow me taking this chance also to congratulate your MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Y. L. Keng
Y. L. Keng
Professor of Botany

January 11, 1963

Dr. Yi Li Keng
Dept. of Biology
Nanking University
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Keng:

Thank you for your letter of December 5th with your kind words about the projected gift of a copy of Mrs. Chase's Index to grass species. You will be glad to know that 31 individuals and institutions contributed to this gift. I am sorry that I shall not be able to send you a list of the names of these contributors, but I have told each of them of your appreciation for his part in the gift and of its importance for your future work. I enclose a copy of the letter which was sent to the contributors.

It is expected that the three volume index will be published within a month and that shipment will begin some time in February. Your copy is being shipped to Mr. C. E. Hubbard at Kew. Mr. Hubbard and Sir George Taylor have kindly taken the responsibility for forwarding your copy from England to you in China. I certainly hope that your copy will reach you in good time and without any particular difficulty. About a month ago I made application for another license to send material to China which would permit me to send our publications directly to you. I hope that we will receive this license before it is necessary to send any further pieces to you, so that you will have no difficulty in receiving them directly.

I hope you are again in good health and that 1963 will be a very fine year for you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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April 23, 1963

Mr. C. E. Hubbard
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond
Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbards:

Our copy of Mrs. Chase's grass index was received several weeks ago, so that I assume all copies have now been dispatched by the publisher. I trust that the copy which was ordered for Dr. Keng has reached you safely. I asked to have it addressed to your personal attention. If you have failed to receive it, I should appreciate your word of advice, so that I may take the matter up with the Hall Company.

I believe this work will do much not only to assist workers in the Gramineae but also to help curtail the flood of bibliographic mistakes being published in the literature. It really is a monumental product, such as workers in any large family of plants would like to see for their own group. I do hope it can be arranged to keep it up to date. I believe Dr. Soderstrom at the Smithsonian intends to do this, but he is after all only one physically very slight human being, almost with assistance in caring for the vast grass collection of the National Herbarium. How he can hope to do this and continue this index I do not know. This matter is as important for your institution as it is for anyone else in the world, and I am wondering if, should the continuation begin to falter, Kew might not be able to take over at least a portion of the literature searching and card writing, as a service, of course, but also as a piece of self-defense.

May I express again to yourself and to Sir George Taylor the appreciation of all of us for your kindness in undertaking the transmittal of Dr. Keng's copy of this index.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number:— H1241/63

The Herbarium,

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

Hubbard

30th April, 1963.

Dear Dr. Van Schaack,

The copy of Mrs. Chase's Grass Index for Dr. Keng, to which you refer in your letter of 23rd April, was safely received at Kew a fortnight or so ago and almost immediately dispatched by parcel post in three separate packages to Dr. Keng at Nanking, China. As each of the three volumes was enclosed in a tough cardboard container they should escape damage on their long journey. I am so sorry we failed to notify you of their arrival and dispatch. The Kew copy has also been received. It is of tremendous value to the agrostologist and we at Kew admire the industry, energy and resourcefulness of Mrs. Chase in preparing, correcting and editing such an immense work at such an advanced age. We and botanists the world over owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

I hope it will be possible for Dr. Soderstrom to continue the card-indexing of new names in the Gramineae and so to provide in the future a supplement to Mrs. Chase's work. I agree it is of much importance to us at Kew where we have a vast collection of grasses and several botanists engaged on their study. We have many commitments at Kew, however, not only in the preparation of five large floras, but also in compiling the Supplements of 1). the "Index Kewensis" (we hope to send a new one to the press towards the end of the year), 2). "Index Londinensis" (a supplement for the years 1935-1960 is now being prepared), and 3). "Index Filicum" (we have recently undertaken its preparation from about 1960 onwards). It is very doubtful whether we could or should undertake further work of this kind, but assistance in searching a portion of the world's literature for new names of grasses might be possible if Dr. Soderstrom and others in the United States find the task impossible of completion.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

C.E. Hubbard

C.E. Hubbard.

Dr. G.B. Van Schaack,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
St. Louis 10,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

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All communications should be addressed to
THE DIRECTOR,
quoting the following number:—

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,
KEW, RICHMOND, SURREY.

Telephone : RIchmond 1171

4th July, 1963

Dear Dr. van Schaack,

I know you will be pleased to hear that the three volumes of Mrs. Chases's Index to Grass Species have now been received by Dr. Y. L. Keng at the Department of Biology, Nanking University. The last two reached him on the 22nd June. He is "very much delighted" with this most generous gift from his friends in the U.S.A. and I expect he will be writing to them if he has not done so already.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



C.E. Bubbard.

Dr. G. B. van Schaack,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
2315 Tower Grove Avenue,
Saint Louis 10,
Missouri.
U.S.A.

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September 5, 1963

Mr. C. E. Hubbard
Keeper of the Herbarium
Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

Many thanks for your letter of July 4th with the word that Mrs. Chase's index had been received by Dr. Keng. About the same time Dr. Keng wrote me a most appreciative letter for this gift. We are all very grateful to you and to Sir George Taylor for having undertaken trans-shipment of these volumes.

Please accept my apology for not answering your letter of July earlier. This reached me just as I was going off to Chicago for two weeks for various library meetings and, when I returned, I had not the time to pack everything up before I left again for the Adanson Symposium in Pittsburgh from which I went on to Philadelphia and New York. I found the symposium at the Hunt Library extremely well arranged and presented. All of the papers were interesting and cut down to presentable size; the complete papers will, of course, appear in print. I was pleased to be able to make the acquaintance of several visitors from Europe and regreted that you were not among those present. I am sure you would have enjoyed seeing the library, for it is indeed a show place, but I realize, of course, that your own collection must contain nearly all the printed material which Mrs. Hunt had acquired, so that there would be not too much new along that line.

Again with many thanks and with all good wishes

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS:nr

Walker

BBBS
1/2/64

7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park 12, Md.
Dec. 23, 1963.

Dear George:

A week or so ago I received from Dr. Keng in Nanking a letter in which he stated that the University of Nanking took from him the Grass Index and would repay to me the cost. I had expected to send you a copy of the letter but at the moment it is in the hands of someone else, I don't just know who. When I get it I shall send you a copy.

I doubted if the money would be forth coming, but today there came the enclosed check. Of course it should have gone to you, as it was your project. I suppose Keng had it sent to me as he knew me personally.

This is a very disappointing outcome of our desire to honor Keng and Mrs. Chase. But I suppose it is the communists way to level off humanity. At least the work is available to Keng and perhaps more available to others who need it. I am glad Mrs. Chase did not know of this outcome.

I have talked with McClure and Soderstrom, who were among the donors. It was my thought that I would rather have the money go to the purchase of another copy to be donated to some person or institution which could benefit by it and which would not be able to buy a copy. My first thought was Kostermans. I have just talked to McClure and he does not feel so generous toward Indonesia, since that government is doing nothing to promote botanical research. It would be better for him to express to you himself his thoughts. I suggest you write him. Soderstrom was inclined toward my idea, but perhaps neither of us had thought it through fully.

I had a short talk with Herb Wagner when at the U. of Michigan for Thanksgiving. He said he expected to go soon to the MBG in connection with its future development. I certainly hope its problems can be settled with bright prospects.

I hope that by the time you receive this you will have had a very pleasant Christmas and be about to enter a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Egbert
Egbert

P.S. Christmas Eve: I talked with F. today. He knows no better place than Bogor for a copy of the Index. He has sent a letter to the U. of Michigan for Botanical Documentation as a position to name. Shall come back to Bogor 1/1/64.

5403 41st St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
February 25, 1964.

Dr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
Power Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

As the closest friend of Dr. Agnes Chase, I have been called upon to take care of several matters, which have come up since her death.

Yesterday, I was notified that she had been selected to have her biography included in the next publication of the "National Cyclopedia of American Biography". This is, indeed, a real honor.

This Cyclopedia is in the St. Louis Public Library so you may be familiar with it. It is published by James T. White & Co. of New York and in most libraries is known as White's Biography. There is no expense involved with the entry of Dr. Chase's biography, but if her portrait is included either her relatives (she had no living relative) or her colleagues would have to pay for it. A full page portrait with signature would cost \$250.00. I have discussed this matter with Dr. Egbert Walker and Dr. Floyd McClure of the Smithsonian Institution and they have suggested that I write this letter to you to see if you would be willing to consider using the money returned by China from the sale of the "Index to Grasses" for the purpose of including a portrait of Dr. Chase to go with her biography in this new volume of White's Biography. It was their idea and they will be writing you about it. They only suggested that I write to you because I was the person contacted by the White Co. Our decision on the portrait must be given to them by ~~February~~ ^{March} 15th.

I am inclosing a little folder concerning the Cyclopedia. From the back cover you can see that several European countries have National Biographies comparable to White's.

Very truly yours

Florence Van Eseltine
Florence Van Eseltine
(Mrs. Glen F.)

Walker

JBUS
2413 Holly Ave. 1209
Takoma Park 12, Md.
Feb. 27, 1964.

Dear George:

Mrs. Ken Esseltine, who for years has watched over and cared for Mrs. Chase, has been approached by representatives of a high class biographical encyclopaedia concerning the including of Mrs. Chase, with picture and signature. This seems to be a very selected work, carefully handled. The price for including Mrs. C's. picture, etc. is \$250. Although that seems to me steep, under the circumstances I think it would be a very appropriate use of the returned memorial money. I should like, therefore, to have my contribution so used.

I have heard nothing from you since my last two letters, the second quoting Dr. Ken's wishes that the payment be accepted. If you are reluctant to cash the check, I shall gladly do so and return the funds to you or dispose of them according to the wishes you express, if you circulate the donors and get their opinions. I think cashing of the check should not be delayed.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,
Edward

GBVS
Keng

March 3, 1964.

Mrs. Glen P. Van Eseltine
5403 41st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Van Eseltine,

Thank you for your letter of February 25 regarding the matter of a portrait for Mrs. Chase's biography. I have heard from Dr. Walker about this also and have written him about it last evening. I am sure that he will get in touch with you and that you and he will be able to make your decision in time.

As I remember the portraits in this Cyclopedic, some of them are very good, being excellent engravings while others are very ordinary half-tones. I hope that for the price of \$ 250.00 the portrait will be well reproduced.

I have thought of you often since last September and realized how much you must have missed Mrs. Chase. She always had something new to talk about and always talked about it with so much enthusiasm. I am so glad she had the satisfaction of seeing her remarkable index in print. I hope that Dr. Söderström's idea for some sort of a printed memorial to her can be worked out.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schasck
Librarian

GBVS/cl

3 March 1964

Walker

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7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park 12, Md.
March 11, 1964.

Dear George:

Thanks for returning the check. I'll handle it from now. I appreciate your point of view, though I can not go along with you.

When I sent you the check I must have sent the letter which accompanied it. It was from the Guzol Co. I have searched everywhere here for it without success. I need it very much. Will you therefore send it to me as soon as possible. I sincerely hope you have not destroyed it, but if you have I want to know the fact. It was careless of me to send the original and not a copy, but at that time I felt the matter was yours to handle and not mine. Things have changed.

I would like also a list of the donors to this project of a memorial to Mrs. Chase. I shall not wait for their approval before turning the funds over to this other memorial project, but I think that in time they should be informed. There isn't time to circulate them first.

Thanks for telling me of Joe's operation and of his apparent survival. They have certainly had their share of troubles of that kind. I had not heard of it before you wrote.

No, Mr. Harris has not sent me another address for sending checks, so I suggest you do the same as you did before. His secretary at the Ford Foundation will send it to him in Paris and he will send it to the bank. This will remind him that we need new instructions.

I am fully recovered from my operations and am plowing along full steam. Can't take refuge in the statement "I can't do so as I'm convalescing!"

Glad to hear the M. B. G. problem has elements of improvement. So has the U. S. N. H. Heard today of some startling improvements. They still need new personnel at the top, but the new younger fellows are doing well. The new West Wing on the Nat. Hist. Museum is coming up rapidly. When completed the herbarium will move.

Please send me the needed letter at once. Urgent.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Egbert

Archer *BBS*
Keng
7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park, Md. (20012)
May 31, 1964.

Dear George:

Last week a man came to the National Arboretum who is interested in tracing a book owned by Augustine Henry, the plant collector in China. He mentioned that he was trying to locate a Lolo dictionary that Henry had developed and which was sold after his death. Remembering that the Missouri Botanical Garden had some interest in Henry's plants I suggested he might inquire there. It later occurred to me that a more likely place is the Library of Congress. This man is from Ireland, where there is being considered the establishing of a botanical garden as a memorial to Kennedy. I just thought you might know of this Lolo dictionary. The Lolos were people whom the Chinese over-ran and partly absorbed.

You might also be interested in the fact that I got the money for the Chase Memorial books. I told the story to the Foreign Assets Control organization and in due time received a special license permitting me to cash this check. The bank here in Takoma Park took it with scarcely a glance at this license and gave me the money at once. Soderstrom is purchasing a set of these books to go to South America, to Brazil (I have forgotten the precise place but it was one in which Mrs. Chase was much interested). So your original idea of this memorial to "Aggie" has provided two sets where they are much needed. I feel that when this second set is actually placed, it would be most appropriate to send a letter telling about it to all the donors. The difficulty is that we here in Washington have no list of these donors. Would you be willing to furnish us with the list? Perhaps you would prefer to send out the notice.

Are your summer wanderings going to take you this way and will we have a visit from you? I hope so.

Fred Meyer and I a few days ago read the 655th galley of the Flora of Japan, this finishing the main part of the text, leaving 19 galleys for the list of nomenclatural authorities. Then come the page proof and the index. The Smithsonian editor assures us it won't be finished in 1964. But we feel encouraged by our recent milestone.

Hope all's well with you.

Sincerely,

Egbert

Kordecmaes



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

the Herbarium
July 10th 1962

All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number :

Dear Dr. Waller,

Some days ago I arrived in "good old England", which is indeed "good" if one comes from Russia. I found here your letter of May 19th. Many, many thanks for all you did for me and for us. The Bible graphy of Laurus was here too; I am very happy to have it. I heard that your food-package had not arrived yet and neither that the books and magazines. Do not worry that I get into trouble. The magazines are either delivered (when nobody has been looking at them) or they are confiscated (and then they still fulfill their task, because I am sure that some will read them!). Indeed besides of mental food, the situation for filling our stomach is bad (not for me now). When I left Prague the rice-price was still forbiddingly high (60 roubles a liter), but now it is down to 30 roubles. There is no cooking oil or fat of any kind, so all our food is boiled. There is no more soap, no sugar, no bread and ... no toothpaste. The most important thing is to have money as with money it is still possible to fill the stomachs of my kids and of people of

our Institutes.

To be frank: my salary (I am "well-paid"!) amounts to C. 5000 rupiahs a month. Our household needs C. 16000 rupiahs a month (we live very poor, but there are 12 months to be filled). The deficit I could so far bridge by selling every month 20 \$ American in the black market. I have a small fund of \$ deposited with Mr. Harris, former Head of the Ford Foundation Branch in Dickarta. I could save this money by economizing during my trip around the world in 1959. I am doing the same now (I do not eat warm meals - unless invited by friends; this saves money), but my allowances are now low (in England I receive 6 \$ a day for board, lodging and transportation; so far I could save only \$2 a day). The \$ are not smuggled in or out of Indonesia. When we need money, I ask Mr. Harris to send a sum to some American or European address and in Bogor I receive the equivalent in rupiahs.

The same has been done by Mr. Burkill, Director of the Botanical Garden in Singapore, where I have also a small deposit.

If you like to help, I should ask you, just to send some \$ to the account of Mr. Harris (Mr. Burkill is on August 5 going to England for 6 months).

When my funds abroad are finished (within 2 to 4 years), I am already thinking of asking you and some other American friends to contribute 5 \$ a month



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS,

KEW, SURREY.

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THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number:

If we have 4 contributors, it is already enough to carry on my work of education. Let me tell you something about the results: besides Guegen I have now another son in the States (Rothajet) at Oregon State University (Corvallis) who will master in plant-ecology. One son (Min Rifa) is going to Sheffield University (England) in September next, to master in Mycology (he is far above average); another son (Ali) will go to Copenhagen (Denmark) to master in Fisheries. One pupil (Kudwata) is now since a month at Singapore University working for his Ph.D. in Botany. One (Soepadmo) will go to Cornell (Cambridge) in September to obtain his Ph.D. in Botany; one is going to London University to study phyt-chemistry; one is in Canada (Sutarjo) studying plant-physiology and so are two at the University of Hawaii. I am now trying to get fellowships for three other kids of mine. For one (Soejarto) Ford Foundation promised me already 7000 \$ I hope that he may proceed to Harvard next January; the sum is not enough for his entire study, but I hope to find the necessary additional \$ 8000.- If you

*Michael S. Harris
First Nat. City Bank of New York
640 Fifth Avenue
August 197-0444*

I shall write you soon another letter.
I am working hard at my bibliography in
Kew. With best regards and affection
to all.

as ever your
Kortum

know some Foundation or person, who could help,
please write me.

For Drijanto I hope to get a place in Copenhagen
This kid is only 20 years old and has already his
B.Sc. He is very clever!

For Wirawan so far I have nothing. I must
try to get him abroad in 1964.

There are more examples. You see, that my
slaving is not in vain.

I had to take in my home recently four students,
as the Academy of biology had no more food
for them.

For 3 months I had to send 3 of my boys
back to their villages, simply because we had
not enough to eat. (They are luckily back now).

I have one kid at Moscow University. In
Bogor he had already communist inclinations,
so I told him to go to Russia (on a F.A.O.
fellowship). What I thought, happened. I
saw him now (after two years) and he is
completely cured of his Communism. I must

tell you more about my Russian experiences in
another letter. I worked one month in the
Leningrad herbarium (found interesting things;
received many duplicates - valuable isotype -
of which some ~~are going~~ I shall send to
Harvard) and one month we were guided
through Russia. I managed to escape now
and then from our guide and could see with
my own eyes, what I had already suspected
for a long time. Also my two Indonesian
companions came to the final conclusion: If
Indonesia must have progress in the Russian
way, than better no progress!

From Dr. ~~Rostermans~~

Bogor

December 8th 1962

Dear Dr. Walker,

I am just back from a trip, was then laid up for a fortnight with malaria tropica and still feel awkward. I must apologise (what good does it do?) for answering your many letters so belatedly.

Apparently Alie has not been able to write you either, he is still somewhere in Poornoe.

I came back in September from my trip abroad, which I wrote you (did you receive that information?). Then a hectic time started. I had to teach in three places (distances up to 100 miles), get a bunch of kids and pupils abroad (think of all the red tape!), write an article for Reinwardtia (which has to be kept alive), scrounge paper for my opus magnum (Bibliography) and funds for clerical help (no success). There has been a Scientific Congress, which was really a pseudo-Scientific Congress.

Then I got malaria (the first time). My four botanical assistants were transferred without further ado by Government decree to another Institute (plant pathology B. B.!), which undid all my work of the last three years. I am fighting back and with some success. Two are back in the Herbarium; one will work at the Forest Research Institute in my botanical Dept.; I lost one — a girl — but she is to be married next year and leave her job at any date. It took me hours and days to plea, to cajole and to threaten the Secretary General of the Ministry to obtain this. We are not the only case of transfers, but the others just won't fight back!

Mr. Michael Harris wrote me, that you have contacted him. I must ask Alie, how many packages with books and periodicals arrived exactly when I was abroad. Since September 13 nothing has arrived.

From those abroad (6 in the States, 8 in Canada, one in Russia, 4 in England, one in Singapore) all good news. One (of the 4 which I got back) should be in Harvard beginning 1963; one is going in 1963 to England (Edinburgh), (he is the one transferred to my forestry Office), if I can manage. The third will have to stay 2 years with me (at home and in the herbarium) until somebody is back. I am again all alone.

I am getting out my tentacles at the University whether there are adequate youngsters among the new-comers. We are now 3 at home (plus 2 maid servants) and live on \$35 a month (unbelievable! but true). I have a whole series of jobs, which enables us to live for 14 days a month. But less and less time is available for research. (This will improve next year when Soegeng will be back). We still manage to give everybody one egg a day and 50 grams of buffalo-meat (a hard task for my old teeth!). So, everybody is in good health.

I am only worried about the two kids at the Bandung University who need milk (only powdered milk available at black market prices), as one is suffering from a duodenal ulcer and the other is weakened by several attacks of malaria (luckily Professor Dr. Robert Miller of the Kentucky Contract team in Bandung is helping now and then with a carton of powdered milk). Part of my salary is

also necessary to keep my 4 botanical assistants alive. They have a salary of Rupials 1000, a month (\$1.25) and the minimum for food alone is 1500 rupials (but then without meat!).

They are working hard; the herbarium is improving every day. We are getting new containers for herbarium specimens at the rate of 100 a month (formerly 50 a year), so we hope to have the herbarium in good shape in about two years time. We are also getting through the backlog of unmounted specimens, thanks to the grant of \$3000 of the National Science Foundation of your country, which enables us to buy mounting paper and glue in Singapore (nothing is available in our country). I shall pay back with duplicate material of expeditions. We have sent already thousands of duplicates to Washington.

With my students I have just drawn the sketches for a new Herbarium building. The Government has officially allotted the money (but building material is hardly to be had) and an architect is making now the detail sketches. When it will ever materialize it will be grand! I am working like hell, to get the collections in good shape, before they are moved into the new building (we have more than one million sheets). The herbarium is bigger than that of the Smithsonian).

I recently received a request of Professor Kaul (Lucknow) (who spent some time in Bogor), for a bibliographical sketch, which he will use to "show to young workers how one has to struggle in life to achieve one's objective." Although you wrote me, that you do not request it any more, I repeat here my letter to Mr. Kaul, for your information (of course you may use it at your discretion!). Please do not go into too much trouble to help us. I appreciate it highly (but only from a man like you!), but I have still the vanity to believe that I can do it myself!

Here is the story in a nutshell (usefull for a necrology!). Born July 1st in Iurnoredjo (Java) from Dutch parents; my father was a schoolteacher; I spent my childhood (up to secondary school) in Java; as a child I was already attracted by nature; collected butterflies (which proved to have some value as the collection is still on display in the Natural History Museum in Maastricht, Holland) and roved about. I had always excellent notes in school, but I remember still the words of a (female) school teacher (I was only 13 years old, but I remember the scene still vividly), when I had been apparently too proud of my achievements that "in the land of blinds one-eye is king." These words I have never forgotten. Maastricht, a fortunate place because of its unspoiled natural areas and the famous caves of the St. Peters Mt. where we dug for heaps and heaps of fossils. My decision was made; I should study biology! My parents were of very rigid Roman Catholic stock and we were compelled to go to church almost daily and to confess every week. Of course rebellion resulted and neither my younger brother (who is a professor of organic chemistry in Holland), nor I have ever set foot in Church as soon as we left our paternal home. This, of course, became a heavy stumble block in later life, where as an heretic everything was done to obstruct promotion.

I went to the University in Utrecht in 1925 at the age of 19, with brilliant results of my final exam. The "Sturm und Drang" period lasted long and in my first years I was certainly a failure (a reaction to the rigidities of the education). I wanted to study everything, wanted to see the world (made trips on bicycle as far as Spain). But in 1926 the depression years had

started; my allowances dwindled gradually; I had after my B. Sc. degree (after 3 years) chosen animal physiology and became assistant of the eminent Professor Jorden (comparative animal physiology), who also taught his assistants Kantian philosophy. I had to look for a job as teacher and became a "professor" (the official title) of the Lyceum in Utrecht at the age of 23 (I still remember having pupils which were older than I was). This job hampered my study profoundly, as I had to teach 28 hours a week, hence I abandoned the study more or less for 4 years, which it took to obtain my M. Sc. degree. Another two years it took to obtain a D. Sci. degree (beginning 1936). For my thesis I had to abandon physiology as animals cannot wait and I approached Professor Pulle for a subject. I still remember that he advised me: "Go into the Herbarium and find yourself a family, which attracts you." I discovered that Lauraceae had a lot of unidentified material and as I had already "done" Hernandiaceae of Surinam for my M. Sc. degree, I told Pulle, that I wanted to work up the Lauraceae. "Don't" he said: "you will never finish your thesis in that difficult family." This settled it; I was stubborn and wanted the challenge; I have never regretted it. I got a part-time job as teacher in Amsterdam and worked in Utrecht furiously at monographical revisions of S. American Lauraceae.

In 1938 the so-called Trent Foundation grant was afforded to me, a high honour as this grant is given only once every 4 years to one Dutch outstanding botanist (my monographs!) and so I sailed back to Indonesia. Two years were spent traveling all over the archipelago; I applied then for a job as a teacher in Djakarta as there were no jobs in the Herbarium in Bogor. Dreary years of teaching; scientific work grounded again to a standstill.

War broke out and as a prisoner of war I worked on the notorious Kase Noi railroad in Siam and Burma. These years, however, were not lost. Although I was slowly starved, I had a rather happy time, as so many interesting things happened; I made jungle medicine, concocted thousands of liters of grass soup every day; scrounged for edible plants in the jungle; kept hopeless cases alive; saved legs for amputation by my self-made medicine and methods, worked like hell; marched 200 kilometers on bare feet through the jungle, practically without food and -- in 1944 lay dying under a bamboo clump (at least a Dutch physician informed me that I should be dead in 24 hours because of malaria, malnourishment, dysentery and a big open sore at one leg).

I did not die, however, and was moved in an open boat with other dying P.O.W.'s down the river to a so-called hospital camp. There I came miraculously to life again and started again a busy life as "medicoman". The last year as a P.O.W. I had a real jungle laboratory, where we concocted the most weird of medicines and medical equipment. Still it did some good (I received an official meritorious citation of the Commander in Chief after the war); I went around lecturing on all kind of subjects in the huts of the sick.

I have learned, that material gain means nothing; that people change (not to their best usually) overnight, when they are hungry.

Amistice came in 1945; I was stuck in Siam and applied for funds to Merrill (Harvard) and Leyden (Holland) to collect plants along the railroad, w which we had built; the trip was a success (more than 2000 field numbers, dried in a primitive way over open fires!) but it was spoiled because of a certain Dr. Bloembergen of the Bogor Herbarium, also released as a P.O.W., who accused me of interfering with his plans of collecting which he considered his monopoly. Bloembergen was a bad collector and -- as was proved 10 years later -- a bad

botanist, but at that time he was the favourite of van Steenis and I was the troublemaker. Returned in 1942 in Java I got a job at the Tront Research Institute (where I am still). Now started a period of intensive collecting research; I wanted to make up for the lost 10 years. A grant enabled me to collect economic plants in Indochina and then I brought together more than 20,000 fieldnumbers (with an average of 6 duplicates each) during the next 12 years during numerous expeditions. These expeditions were very primitive; we lived like natives on rice and salted fish!

At home (in Bogor) life was not very easy. I had to fight constantly mediocrities and I am afraid I did it rather outspokenly. Once I was forbidden by the Director to work over-hours (of course without payment) in my own time as, according to him it set a "bad" example; I should behave more socially and play billiards and attend social gatherings!

In 1957 the last Dutchman left the Herbarium, the job was offered to me, but I declined and suggested annari Dily, a forest officer and Indonesian, who, although not a botanist or a scientist, was willing to listen to sound advice (for his own benefit, as he soon discovered!); the buildings got new roofs and I named a tree after Dily and assisted him to concoct a scientific paper.

During a trip in Celebes in 1950 I cured a stray kid (age 6 years) from malaria and dysentery; the boy did not want to leave us, so I put him up with one of my native assistants (against payment). As the assistant made apparently some profit, the next trip they brought me another child, which he was willing to take up in his home (against payment of course). So -- without knowing it -- I had started to make a collection of living beings from all over the archipelago.

At that time I still lived in a hotel in Bogor, as I could not get my own house back. All at once these first adopted children proved to be a Godsend. I could claim for everybody one room in my own house as soon as one of the residents went out and so I got my house back after three years. Moreover the boys proved to be happy company at home, so I started to like the idea. Then one of the kids brought home a friend who was in needy circumstances and he was taken up. Gradually the family grew of itself. A Dyak head-hunter family -- who had apparently heard of my adopted family from my native assistants, presented me with one of their children; later another Dyak was "acquired."

The house is now so well-known in Bogor, that -- when one moves out -- immediately a replacement is brought in. The last one was a rather spindly boy from Tolo, who showed some intelligence; he was a neglected nephew of one of my scientific assistants (who is now in Canada). After one year the boy is already fatter and passed his examinations for the third grade of the secondary as number one of whole Bogor! He received some books of the Burgomaster and I brought him a wristwatch from abroad. He is very promising. Of course not all the boys (so far 10) had brains. Some of them have become: police-inspector, mechanic, carpenter, clerk. Only one was a failure. He became a thief, went to jail for a year (I visited him regularly), but he is alright now, is happily married with 2 children, looks me up every Sunday.

An advantage of this country is that people are in one sense more "Christian" than Christians. They don't look down on a jailbird and once a man has been punished, everything is completely forgotten and forgiven.

Besides the 8 at home now (one Hindu, two Protestants, one Aninist and 4 Mohammedans; one from Bali, one from Sumbana, one from N. Sumatra, one from Borneo, one from Japa, one a Sundanese) I have two at the University in Bandung.

The hobby in the beginning had no financial consequences; life was cheap, salaries were reasonable. This changed in a few years. Devaluation is rampant, prices are skyrocketing and salaries remain stable. In 1953 my household used Rupias 1000 a month, this is now Rupias 20,000! My new young botanists, who finished their B. Sc. degrees, receive a salary of 1000 Rupiahs a month, whereas for the simplest food alone they need at least 1500 Rupiahs a month. I simply had to take them up all to protect them from slow starvation. Do you know how their colleagues live? One egg a day, no meat, no fat, a bowl of rice (inferior rice) for every meal and vegetables. Luckily they are small, but energy to work there is none!

As the (blackmarket) rate of exchange is 600 rupiahs to a dollar, it means that 10 people live in my place for \$35. a month! Unbelievable, isn't it. But don't ask, how we live. Our food is rationed: One egg a person a day and 50 grams of meat, plenty of vegetables and fruit which I grow in my garden (it takes me an hour a day to tend the garden).

Besides of my proper children I have taken up also temporarily gifted students (which of course in the long run consider me also their father). Most of them were able to continue their studies abroad. They all regularly write me long letters. Especially during holidays the house is crowded as all the kids come home.

I have a big house, partly built by the boys and myself, (we have been pouring concrete and making masonry!) which they have to keep clean thoroughly. Every Sunday morning between 5 and 7 in the morning is cleaning day; the floors are scrubbed with water and soap; all the rooms are thoroughly dusted from top to bottom and later I inspect all the closets. The main thing to teach the Indonesians is to keep the bathrooms and restrooms clean. In Indonesian homes and hotels they are usually awfull. But in our home those receive first attention; each boy is allotted a part for cleaning, also the gutters should be always very clean. (I am a Dutchman after all!)

We have two dogs to teach the kids love for animals. Djafar detested dogs as a boy (he is Mohammedan); now one of the dogs is his special pet and I have to be careful that he does not allow the dog to sleep in bed with him!

The children are reaise in European surroundings (bedding, furniture) to teach them cleanliness, but otherwise we follow local customs. In their rooms and in the garden they may go around in their underpants alone, but in the sitting and dinner rooms they have to be properly clad. There is a strong discipline. Everybody has to be at the table at a fixed time; otherwise no food. The food is divided equally (I as European feel always a bit hungry). At 10 o'clock at night everybody goes to sleep. For 12 years time we have never had a doctor except for a broken leg or arm.

For the upkeep of the family I must go abroad sometimes and save money (by abstaining from warm meals) and so far I could manage.

The two most promising kids are Soegeng, who will have his Ph. D. in 1963 at Harvard and Rifai, who is now studying psychology at the University of Sheffield.

But Rochajac (Oregon State University), Soepadmo (Cambridge, England) and Kusnaba (University of Singapore) are doing well. Also Susono, who is at Moscow State University (an F.A.O grant). One of the kids (of Chinese descent) is a geologist (Cornell), is married in the U.S.A. and will become an American, as there was too much discrimination here.

If you want to know something of my expeditions please try to get the book: Sven Gillekter, "We Ended in Bali," a travelogue. There is a story about me.

A rather funny comment on my person I discovered recently in a book: Bo Bernardi, Lauraceae (edited in Merida, Venezuela) 1962 -- in the introduction. From the above you may conclude, that there is not much merit in what I did; I simply let things come as they are coming.

Of course, like everybody else, I have a black page in my biography, but this I try to forget. Life certainly has not been easy for me and has been a constant fight against everybody and against myself. At any rate, I haven't been entirely useless (which is already vain to state!)

In the moment the skin of my hands and arms are all gone to shreds; we got white ants in the walls of our house and I am working as a macho every day in the afternoon.

Thanks again

As ever yours

Boo Kostermans

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May 7, 1963

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
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Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check of \$25, which is being deposited to Dr. Kostermans' account.

I recently heard from Dr. Kostermans, who has just gotten over a bout with malaria. His activities have been somewhat curtailed because there seems to be little in the way of government funds for trips for collections and so on. This has given him more time to spend with his students.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Harris

Michael Harris

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5th February, 1964

Dear Dr. Walker,

I have been dilatory in acknowledging your last letter because of having moved to Paris. I have informed Dr. Kosterman of my new address, but I have not heard from him recently.

I am still keeping the account in the First National City Bank, Fifth Avenue at 51st Street, New York. Cheques can be sent to me in Paris, or they can be sent directly to the Bank. The account is in my name, and it is Ready-Savings Account no. 46-100161. If deposits are sent directly to the Bank, the cheques should be made out to me and the Bank should be instructed to deposit them to this Savings Account. As you know, I keep some of his funds in the Savings Account where they earn a small amount of interest and the rest in the Checking Account so that I can quickly provide the funds he needs from time to time. I have asked the Bank to send me a number of deposit slips and if you prefer to send deposits to the Bank I shall send a supply of these slips to you when I receive them.

I am listing below my mailing address here. I can receive mail at my home or at the office, but it is a little cheaper to send letters to:- American Embassy, APO 230, New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Harris

Michael Harris

Dr. Egbert H. Walker,
7413 Holly Avenue,
Takoma Park 12,



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Mrs. Roma S. Gregory
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Dear Mrs. Gregory,

Your letter of May 22, 1964.

The Indonesian Journal for Natural Sciences did not appear after 1957, and the Society has died its natural death.

This gives me the opportunity to announce that my book: "Bibliographia Lauracearum" is off the press. The book is hardcover-linen-bound, has 1450 pages and covers a complete bibliography of the world-Lauraceae; pre-Linnean literature, infraspecific entities, bibliography pertinent to chemistry, pharmaceuticals, forestry, agriculture, etc., etc., are included.

The price is \$ 20.- (twenty Amer. dollar), if ordered now at the address: The Librarian, Bibliotheca Bogoriensis, Djl. Ir. Djuanda, Bogor Indonesia. You will be informed by the Librarian, where to send your reimbursement in the U.S.A.

Please convert my best regards to Dr. van Schaack and please tell him, that by buying my book, your Institute helps me to carry on with my project of educating Indonesian botanists.

Sincerely yours,

(Prof. Dr. Achmad Kosterman)

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7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park, Md. 20012
July 19, 1964

Dear George:

When July 1st rolled around I was at our cabin in Maine so failed to remind you that July was again your month to contribute to the Kostermans Fund.

Herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Harris concerning the method of making payments since he left the Ford Foundation and went to Paris. He refers to certain deposit slips for use in making deposits directly to the bank. We have not used such slips, but have been making deposits directly. Apparently they are not absolutely necessary.

I am sorry that we can not notify the donors to the Chase Memorial gift to Dr. Keng. I have received no list of the donors from you. The second copy was purchased and sent to Brazil. Mr. Soderstrom handled it with the funds I received.

Fred told me of his recent visit with you, so I know you are still going. Hope to hear from you directly sometime.

Sincerely yours,



Egbert H. Walker

November 17, 1964.

Prof. Dr. Achmad Kosterman;
Departemen Urusan Research Nasional
Lembaga Biologi Nasional
Bogor, Indonesia.

Dear Dr. Kosterman;

I am reminded of your letter of June bringing your kind greetings, now that we have just received the final part of the fifth volume of Indonesian Abstracts. It was good to hear from you and to realize that you are going forward with your work. I have wondered about your boys who are studying for higher degrees in so many different places—Dr. Walker has told me something about them and I am sure from what he says that you must be very happy of their accomplishments.

I am sorry not earlier to have ordered your Bibliographia Lauracearum. I am sending an order for this today to the librarian. It sounds like a fantastic piece of work and I am anxious to see it—certainly there must be few families so adequately covered bibliographically.

I was sorry to learn that the Indonesian Journal for Natural Sciences had ceased to exist. I hope you will be able to replace it by some successor. By the way, we have been receiving your Indonesian Abstracts regularly, but miss one issue, volume 1, number 2, and the title page and index for volume 2. If these are still obtainable, we should like to receive them.

I hope our Annals is getting to you, but feel rather ashamed that there is so little of it. As you have probably heard, times have not been too good here for several years since Frits and the Board ceased to agree. One of the results was a decrease in staff and contributed papers, and the only issue for 1963 was 4 quarters combined into about 60 pages. For the 1964 there will be a similar issue, nearly twice as large however, which we expect will be published the end of this month. For next year we are planning a very much expanded issue in several numbers.

We hope also that our plans for next year include the appointment of a new director, for an institution does not prosper without somebody who is both responsible for it and knowledgeable in its activities. The president of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hitchcock, is taking a very active interest in the Garden, but he would be the first to admit that his training and background have not fitted him for directing a scientific program.

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your work and your family-- I recall so well your telling me about these when you were here and realizing the pleasure you had in both of them. I wish you would find it necessary to come back here some time when you could stay longer.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Pogor, Dec. 1st 1964

Dear Dr. van Schaack,

This was a pleasant surprise to receive that long letter of you.

And to receive some news from your Institute!

I knew that since Went left (or before he left) that something was wrong and then Woodson died.

But you have such a fine herbarium and certainly such a magnificent library, that botanists will be attracted as moths to a candle.

The Library here received your order for my book: thank you. I have sent it to Dr. C. G. van Steenis, Rijksherbarium, Nonnensteeg, Leyden, Holland, who is handling the sale of the first 100 copies, which I have sent to him. If you do not hear of him within a month, please put again an order with him (mail is not too good here).

I shall certainly try to get the missing items of the Abstracts.

I am afraid that these Abstracts will soon belong to the past as scientific work has ground to a standstill.

I must find out about your Annals; I had no time to see the Librarian here (the library is closed for two months for checking).

Meanwhile a monograph (on *Dentacea*) is off the Press and as soon as the printer has been paid (which is not an easy job and takes time), I shall send you a copy.

Even our periodical *Reinwardtia* is in danger of extinction (lack of money and lack of copy).

So you see, that you are certainly not worse off than we are here.

Meanwhile son Soegeng returned with a Ph.D. degree from Harvard and I hope, that my job will be easier.

The future looks very dark. This is the first year that I am compelled to let Xmas and New Year pass by unnoticed, which is - of course - a disappointment by the kids. In comparison with others, however, they are the kids. In comparison with others, however, they are the kids.

In your country has been closed now for our students and we received instructions to send you letters to Miami or Chicago, you may imagine how bright the future looks. But I do not give up. There are still 8 days left here (two now-come were taken in) and I am on the back-out line up. The bright future, too, has to wait. I am not a prophet myself, for the coming years. As things in the jungle have become impossible for lack of money and transportation, this is a good thing, I want fun studying. In the jungle have become impossible for lack of money and transportation, this is a good thing, I want fun studying. In the jungle have become impossible for lack of money and transportation, this is a good thing, I want fun studying.

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The Hague, Blokklandenplein
March 19, 1967

Dear Dr. Walker,

Thank you for your kind letter! I have been now one month in Holland, suffering from the cold and bad weather, and I am longing to go back to the tropics. Gradually I am taking up broken ties with friends.

I am in contact with Michael Harris in Paris and he has invited me to spend some time there. He wrote me that he had a quite substantial sum of money for me, consisting of gifts of your group and what I had sent him after my last trip to Europe in 1961 to take care of. All in all almost \$1000, enough to keep us going for one year and a half. Indeed, I have once drawn from his account the amount of \$300, which was sent to an American friend (Nick Rice, Administrator, Kentucky Team in Indonesia) to buy clothes for the kids, which Nick Rice could do via Manila. (By the way, we received the goods, only one box was stolen "en route").

I hope that with some publicity some benefactor will turn up to help me to support my adopted family. As you may understand from Korf's letter, the financial situation for me has deteriorated considerably because:
1. The Indonesian rupiah has been stabilized (very good in itself!)
2. Prices are still going up.

Two years ago I could support the "family" with my salary (4 jobs!) plus extras from a small inheritance in Holland (now reduced to \$1000.) and odd sources of income (selling my Bibliography Lauracearum, clerical part time job for UNESCO, etc.). Apart from my Indonesian salary I needed \$25 a month extra. This now has gone up to \$100 a month! -- an and the income of my jobs as a part time professor, an assistant Director of the Forest Research Institute, Editor of Indonesian Abstracts, etc., etc., has dwindled to \$4 a month. Which implies that I must look for approximately \$1000 a year in order to keep my head above water.

Sorry to bother you with figures, but actually it is still worth while to know that 14 people can survive on \$1000 a year (but how!)

The chances of my coming to the U.S. look not too bad. Although the Kentucky University does not seem very attractive, nobody knows what may grow out of it. The botanical Dept. does not seem to be flourishing. Perhaps I shall be able to inject some enthusiasm. They are (since the Kentucky Team worked in Indonesia) certainly very interested in Indonesia. Furthermore I certainly shall manage to economize an amount sufficient to carry on in Bogor for some years. But it will be only a stop gap. Well -- I have been working all my life with stop gaps.

I am working as a horse here: 12 hours daily in the herbarium, 2 hours travel by bus every day. I sleep every night at 8:30, completely unconscious!

Best regards for you and all the other friends.

Ever Yours,

A. Kostermans

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Paris
March 26, 1967

Dear Dr. Walker,

Here I am in Paris, at the home of my friend Michael Harris. I came here on his invitation, to settle financial affairs, and today, for me, is a double celebration. It is Easter. And the second reason for being happy is that Mike Harris informed me that he has, on a separate account, for me, a sum of money sufficient, if things do not deteriorate further in Indonesia, to carry on for at least another two years. A heavy burden was taken off my shoulders when I heard this.

As I told you, I have, in the last two years, only drawn once or twice from this account and I had not the slightest idea that there was so much money available. On the contrary, I was afraid that after having asked for \$300 the last time, that I had overdrawn already. Furthermore, Mr. Harris had put the money on an interest producing account, which resulted in about \$100 interest yearly.

After three days in Paris, I shall return to the Netherlands and work twice as hard; no reason any more for worrying.

The monetary situation for me is now: with my brother in Holland I have still \$1400, enough for a year (for 1968) and then, for 1969 and 1970 I can use the money taken care of by Mr. Harris. I do hope that by that time my salary in Indonesia will be worth something.

According to the accounts of January and February, which were sent to me by Dr. Soegeng, we need, for 14 persons, slightly more than \$100 per month. I have been able now to calculate also what I have spent since 1948, when I had my first adopted Indonesian child. I used, from the inherited money in Holland (30,000 guilders), about 20,000 guilders, equal to \$5,000. Then I had my salary, which was normal in 1948 and deteriorated gradually after 1950. I calculate that I used up another \$5000. This implies that approximately \$10,000 have been enough to feed and to bring up 32 boys, and taking into account that they spent an average of 5 years with me (there are some who stayed 14 years with me) this means that I have spent plus-or-minus \$300 on each boy, or \$65 yearly on each boy.

Really incredible!

This was possible because of the inflation of the Indonesian rupiah, which made living very cheap. Since the rupiah has been stabilized and the prices of food are still going up, and my salary is just worth nothing, this cheap living is not possible any more. I have now time to wait to know whether the last two deteriorating factors will improve.

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I am looking forward to seeing you and the others.

Best regards.

Ever yours,

Doc Kostermaans

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April 2, 1967

To the Kostermans Fund Contributors

It is in order for me to give you a review of recent events and acquaint you with the status of this fund.

Professor Richard P. Korf of Cornell University in January informed me of Dr. Kostermans' uncertainty about our fund and of his request for aid for his family. Eventually I received a copy of Dr. Kostermans' letter to Professor Korf and at once wrote for clarification to him in Leiden and to Mr. Harris in Paris.

Mr. Harris assured me that there had been misunderstandings because of the difficulties of communication with Kostermans in Indonesia. He arranged for him to come to Paris so matters could be clarified.

Further clarification is contained in the accompanying letters from Dr. Kostermans himself.

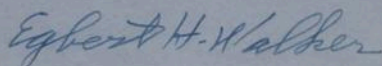
Consideration has been renewed of writing an article on Dr. Kostermans for the Readers Digest's series under the title "My Most Unforgettable Character." This seemed not prudent some years ago, but is now favored by him. Should this be successful, it might be very lucrative. I am concerned that, if this is the case, it might place a heavy management burden on someone, most likely me. Being in no position to take on another responsibility, I am looking for a way out, if needed. Any suggestion you may make will be gratefully received.

If Dr. Kostermans comes to this country and visits Washington, a get-together of the contributors will be most appropriate. Please let me have your ideas concerning the kind of an affair we should have, and whether you will participate.

Currently there are seven contributors to the Kostermans Fund. At \$5 each per month this makes \$35 per month, or \$420 per year. He needs \$100 per month according to Dr. Soegeng's report to him. It would be appropriate to increase our number of contributors.

If you wish any further information on this informal project please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Egbert H. Walker

EGBERT H. WALKER
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May 31, 1967

Dear George:

Another 5 months has elapsed since I last wrote you about contributing to the Kostermans Fund. I trust you received my report letter of April 2nd with enclosures.

Dr. K. will probably work here a few weeks before he takes up his appointment at the University of Kentucky in September.

Hope you are planning a good summer. We take off tomorrow for Maine, returning about June 20th.

Yours sincerely

Egbert

7413 Holly Ave.
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Thanksgiving Day 1967

Dear George:

I was remiss in not reminding you at the beginning of this month of the Kostermans fund and that it was 5 months since I previously reminded you. This has been a very full month.

On the ¹³13th of this month the Smithsonian brought Dr. Kostermans back here from the University of Kentucky so he could talk at our monthly botanical seminar. I never heard a more interesting talk or saw a more fascinated audience, unless it was one I heard by L. H. Bailey many years ago. I wish you could have heard it.

I understand that someone at the University of Kentucky is writing the article about Doc that has been under consideration for several years. Doc has been taping his reminiscences to aid in the writing of such an article.

As a result of his talk here several people have made donations to the Kostermans Fund. The coming article should bring funds that will go to him.

Hope all's well with you.

Sincerely yours,

Egbert

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July 26, 1963

Dr. Antonio Krapovickas
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Dear Antonio:

A book seller friend of mine has been offered a set of Descole, GEN. ET SPEC. PL. ARG. vols. 1-5 published in seven volumes, full leather binding. We are unable to find any information indicating the current value of this set and wonder whether you could tell us how much of it is still in print and what the U.S. purchase price would be. By the way, we of course have this set already but are wondering whether any more volumes have appeared.

I hope you and Anna Marie are well and happy and that you are enjoying your boys, in particular that the pain of losing one of them is wearing away with time. I keep thinking of the possibility of getting to South America and being able to visit you and Alfredo and some other friends there, but I find it extremely difficult to get away from the garden, for the library continues to grow very rapidly. As you know, I have for several years devoted all of my efforts to the librarianship with a much smaller staff than we really need. But perhaps someday I shall be able to make the trip and then I look forward to seeing you and going with you to the eastern slopes of the Andes.

With kindest regards and best greetings.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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