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September 18, 1964.

Dr. George E. Pake
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Pake,

The two enclosures are copies from the bi-monthly publication of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and regard matters which, I am sure, you are from time to time concerned. I do not present either one of them as representing my own viewpoint and have to say about them only that the first (by James Bonner) seems to me to represent a rather more extreme viewpoint than its rejoinder (by Robert Zuck). I think both of them could have been better written certainly from the standpoint of presentation and probably also content. But on the subject they treat they are the two most prominently presented articles in an all-biological journal which is seen by nearly every biologist in the United States and, accordingly, must have thought to have had some influence on these people's thinking on this subject.

As Dr. Peter Scholander said one night while giving me some instruction on Attu during the war on the determination of lichens we had collected that day "If I drop this one in the wastebasket, we won't have to discuss it". Please feel free to follow the learned doctor's example.

Sincerely yours,

George E. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 18, 1964.

Dr. Robert R. Palmer
Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



Faculty of Arts and Sciences

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

SOUTH BROOKINGS HALL
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63130

September 17, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

Thanks very much for passing on to me the remarks and reports made by Mr. Craig Hanson. It is most unfortunate that this sort of thing is being said. It is even more distressing that the situation is so serious as to give some justification to these ideas. I have talked myself, from time to time, with people in the botanical field at other places. I know that they generally regard the situation in St. Louis as serious, but from those I have talked with I did not gain the impression that they attributed the trouble to any single cause.

I shall make the best use I can, in a discreet way, of the information contained in Mr. Hanson's letters. I need hardly say that the whole problem seems very delicate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. R. Palmer".

R. R. Palmer
Dean

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September 11, 1964.

Dr. Robert R. Palmer
Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dean Palmer,

I hope you won't mind my taking the liberty of sending you quotations from two letters recently received from a young botanist who studied at Washington University last year. Mr. Craig Hanson was sent here on some type of liaison arrangement between Washington University and the Texas Research Foundation and was not strictly a Washington University student, as I understand, but I believe his expression of opinion may be of interest to you nevertheless. I may say about him that despite a rather forward and sometimes irritating exterior, he wore very well under examination and I think his concern is genuine and deserving of respect.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaeck
Librarian

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December 3, 1964.

Dr. Robert R. Palmer
Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Washington University
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dean Palmer,

I send you the enclosures because of your continued interest in the Garden's problems as well as because of my recollection of your own statement last winter regarding the vitality of taxonomic study and its importance.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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October 18, 1965.

Dr. Richard Pohl
Department of Botany
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Dick,

It was a great pleasure to have you here last weekend and to try to assist you and your students. One of them, Smith I believe, left one of his cards which I enclose.

I intended to ask you a professional question when you were here which I should like to have you think about, because I believe Hugh Iltis will write you about it. This regards an estimate of the value of my private herbarium which I have donated to the University of Wisconsin. This material consists of 2500 to 3000 numbers mostly still in the collection papers with an average of about four sheets per number, for practical purposes 10 000 sheets. The plants were collected all over the United States with, naturally, a very heavy emphasis on the Gramineae. They are largely unidentified except as I felt sure of the identity at the time of collection and wrote it in the fieldbook, so perhaps about half of them will still need determination. For practically none of them have labels been written, but all the fieldbooks are included in the gift and from them the labels can be produced. If he writes you Hugh will be asking for a statement of your opinion so that the regents may accept the gift at a stated value. Your help here would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

Dear Joe,

Missed you very much at the symposium which was very good. It was restricted in attendance and I think kept away a great many hangers-on who had been coming along for the ride, for the average of the people who came to the library was of very much higher grade than usual.

Will write you soon, but send this along because Hugh might be writing you for the same information. On the other hand, he may not because he took all the stuff ~~with him and did not take time to write every number~~ that contingent

October 20, 1965.

Dr. Richard Pohl
Department of Botany
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Pohl,

I am enclosing a card which one
of your students (Smith?) left here
last weekend and which I forgot to
enclose in Dr. Van Schaack's letter
of October 18th.

Sincerely yours,

Carla E. Lange
Library Assistant

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December 28th, 1966

Dr. Richard W. Pohl
Department of Botany
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa

Dear Dick:

I write you as godfather to one of the charter members of the hybrid genus Elymordeum. Undoubtedly it would have been better had Cowden chosen the name you have recently used in *Brittonia*, but he didn't.

Where, oh where, is it all going to end? Your mistake is after LePage's Agrohordeum. I am not a taxonomist and, accordingly, have a sort of built-in protection against the mistakes I should make if I were. But I have seen enough of the mistakes which are made to become more and more appalled that there seems to be no general effort or effort at all to prevent the production of more mistakes by the requirement of central registration. I am by no means sure that your mistake would have been picked up by any organization I can think of, but it seems to me there would have been a good chance it would have been spotted. In fact, you would not even have been allowed, under such a system as I envision, to form a validly published name without a prior stamp of approval by a central bureau. This sounds frightfully bureaucratic and attendantly messy I know, but in the end I believe it would save countless hours of valuable time, which is now spent on straightening out mistakes of this kind. In addition, if organized as I see it, with validity depending upon pre-registration, accompanied by all the necessary information, including photographs, drawings (perhaps even herbarium specimens), imagine the time saved which is now spent in seeking out obscure (or not so obscure) references where the information is fragmentary, even self-contradictory, and there is no illustration to help.

I am serious--I do not understand how taxonomists as a group can continue to operate in their highly individualistic ways, legislating themselves to perform all sorts of nonsensical bibliographic tasks, to make judgments where there is little evidence, etc., etc., instead of creating an organization which would save them all this trouble so that they might spend their time on the plants themselves. To me it is surely no secret why the world looks upon them as a strange order of being.

Sorry to have to shout the New Year in with such news, so let me end in a softer tone, wishing you a happy 1967.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

of Science and Technology



AMES, IOWA 50010

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Area Code 515 Phone 294-3522

January 3, 1967

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

I have received your letter of December 28 and quail under your righteous rath. I think, however, you could have saved yourself the extra supply of Adrenalin and I offer the following in explanation of my actions.

The manuscript which I submitted to Brittonia originally named the hybrid as X Elymordeum iowense. One of the reviewers who was Dr. Bowden, objected to this and said that it was incorrect under actions taken by the Edinburgh Botanical Congress. I wrote him and asked him why he objected and he said that the name X Elyhordeum should be used and that he was writing a paper to make all the necessary name changes in the immediate future. I am enclosing thermofax copies of two letters from Dr. Bowden in which the matter of the name is discussed. I think that these are self explanatory.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Pohl
Professor of Botany
Curator of the Herbarium

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Dr. Richard W. Pohl,
Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology,
Iowa State University,
Ames, Iowa 50010,
U.S.A.

Ottawa 3, Ontario,
December 30, 1965.

Dear Dr. Pohl:

In reply to your letter of December 27th, I am able to give the following information. The citation for the genus X Elyhordeum is:

X Elyhordeum Mansf. ex Stubbe apud Zislin et Petrova,

Der Züchter, 25:164. 1955. (Elymus L. X Hordeum L.)

Syn.: X Elymordeum Lepage, Nat. Can. 84:97-102. 1957.

I have completed a manuscript which treats all known intergeneric hybrids of the tribe Triticeae from North America. I expect to submit it for publication as soon as your paper on X Elyhordeum iowense appears in print. In this paper, I am making the necessary new combinations under X Elyhordeum for the hybrids treated by me in 1958 under X Elymordeum.

Sincerely yours,

Wray M. Bowden,
Cytotaxonomist.

WMB/pv

published in an editor's footnote to
article by Zislin + Petrova Der Züchter
25: 164 (1955) Stubbe is the
Editor, but only one out of 6 numbers on the
cover R Mansfeld sent the info.



PLANT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

AIR MAIL

Dr. Richard W. Pohl,
Department of Botany & Plant Pathology,
Iowa State University of Science and Technology,
Ames, Iowa 50010,
U.S.A.

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Ottawa, Ontario
January 11, 1965.

*Boyle
Conrad*

Dear Dr. Pohl:

Thank you for your letter of January 11th. In regard to what you should publish regarding the new combination *X. ~~Elphedra~~ ~~ambigua~~* and its synonymy, I would be inclined to leave the original manuscript as it was and not delete anything. I will be publishing the combination in my paper anyway so I leave it to you to decide what to do.

We shall look forward to receiving the duplicate (isotype) of the type specimen of *X. ~~Elphedra~~ ~~ambigua~~*. I would much appreciate it if this could be sent in the near future so that I can add the information to my manuscript. Thanks for offering the live material of *X. ~~Elphedra~~ ~~ambigua~~* but I don't need it.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Wray M. Bowen,
Cytotaxonomist.

P.S. I'm sending some recent reprints by separate mail.

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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AMES, IOWA 50010

Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Area Code 515 Phone 294-3522

January 16, 1967

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

Dear George:

I recall that when we were talking in October that you asked me why Palisot de Beauvois is always cited as "Beauv.". I think I have found an answer to this. If you will look in the transactions of the American Philosophical Society for the year 1793 (volume 3) you will find an article entitled "First memoir of observations on the plants denominated cryptogamick". At the end of this article he signs himself "de Beauvois." Apparently this is some sort of a title of nobility and he regarded Beauvois as his proper name.

I am in need of several short references. If you could furnish these for me or photograph the reference and the title page and bill me for this, I should be most appreciative.

M. diffusa Willd. Sp. Pl. 1: 320 (1797) (description)

Agrostis apetala Bosc. ex Trin. Acad. Sci. St. Pet. Mem. VI Sci. Nat. 4: 287 (1841)
Our set of this memoir does not contain any page 287.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. Pohl
Professor of Botany
Curator of the Herbarium

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(for multiplication office
reprob.)
Cited in reprinting only as:
Agrostis apetala Bosc. ms.
{that is all!}

January 19th, 1967

Dr. Richard W. Pohl
Professor of Botany
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Dick:

The enclosure contains, I hope, the information which you said, in your letter of January 16th, you needed. Let me know if it is not sufficient.

Thanks for your paragraph about Palisot de Beauvois. You are right, of course, that that is perhaps the way he wanted to be known and I suppose we all have a right to want to be known as we please. But if everybody wanted to go around being known as Pohl or Schaack, what a mess we would be in. You perhaps realize that it is almost impossible to make sure in a French publication whether the capital M in a name stands for Marcel, Michel or Monsieur--mostly it means the last, but occasionally somebody didn't insist on being so formally referred to as the author of an article.

Thanks, also, for your earlier letter with the news about Elyhordeum. Actually I didn't lose any adrenalin over the matter, merely sighing more deeply than usual over the increased confusion that seems to be necessary in the business of nomenclature. May I ask if it might not have been better, however, had you put a note in your own paper so that it would not look as if you had made a mistake, for that it certainly does appear.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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Enc.

January 24, 1966.

Dr. Phung Trung Ngan
Department of Botany
University of Saigon
Saigon, Vietnam.

Dear Ngan,

I am ashamed so long to have delayed sending you any greetings. Please accept my best wishes for 1966 for you and Quang. I was glad to receive your greetings and especially to have them signify that you are well and able to carry on in the face of the difficulties which surround you. I honestly hope that during the next year this situation will become very much better for you.

I think you too for the copy of your Genus Wrightia which I am glad to have seen published in our Annals. I shall place this copy in the Garden's collection of monographs.

I know you will be pleased to learn that our new director is very actively concerned with the importance of taxonomy and more generally of botany and that he has a very strong program in mind to develop the facilities of the Missouri Botanical Garden for the service of the Midwest in particular and, of course, of all other institutions. We hope soon to be able to start final plans for a building to make the study of taxonomy more convenient than it has been for many years. This will include much new space for the library and for workers on systematics.

I hope you and your family are well and that you are finding satisfaction in your university work. If there is anything I can do for you bibliographically or otherwise, please don't hesitate to write to me. With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY
STANFORD, CALIFORNIA 94305

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

June 7, 1971

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

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 30 May, with your good wishes. I have every hope that I will be able to continue doing research at the Garden, and I believe that the arrangements I have made will ensure this. I would, of course, be glad to visit with you at any time, and we shall be here until the end of July, arriving in St. Louis about August 5th.

With good wishes to you, I am

Yours sincerely,



Peter H. Raven

PHR:gm

Dear Peter

Aug 6/71 (1)

(my personal thermometer was made some 4 years ago by Sears & Roebuck)

Although I reached California (Santa Rosa) by mid-July I found the valleys too hot to travel in with the non-air conditioned car at my disposal. I tried calling you at home several times but without success. I regret I did not get to ~~see~~ ^{visit} you, but I suspect you have been ~~heard~~ ^{aware} hearing me about MBG ~~through~~ ^{my} ~~the~~ ^{way} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~radio~~ ^{newcomer} ~~you!~~ ^{you!}

I should like to mention ~~two~~ ^{two} matters about which you might like to know before they come to your ^{attention} - information only, as please.

Best wishes.

enjoying life again.

Hope you have arrived safely and well and that you will start

you so instruct.

to accept any more records which are sent. I'll return it if

are dissatisfied with the quality of recording and do not wish

from the Record Club of America; I seem to remember that you

question: do you wish me to keep the record which arrived today

without you around.

You certainly said a "mouthful" when you said it would be dull

Already a question -- and already I'm bored simply to tears.

Dear George:

Thank you for your kind note of June 7.

July 13, 1971

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

Joy Morton, founder

THE MORTON ARBORETUM



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You will find on the shelves of the library,
many 'reprints', mostly ^{base} in black pamphlet
covers, some in black (or other) boxes, and
a few bound. These ~~are not~~ are [at least
were] catalogued, and are interfiled with
the catalogued books. They largely constitute
the item 'pamphlets, 100,000' frequently
found in mention of the library holdings.
What I speak of ^{in particular} is a subgroup of these
which is unique and of rather vital
importance as a special collection. I refer
to those which came to the library
from Dr. Engelmann's personal library
about 1889. I cannot estimate their
number - it is ^{probably} hundred, perhaps
several thousand. Many of them are
signed by the author, or otherwise
indicated as coming from him, some of
them are ~~the~~ 'reprints', often ~~are~~ differently
paged from their journal appearance, some
of them are annotated by Engelmann. It
was ^{his} practice (apparently only up to the
time when the press became too great)
to bind these into volumes, not always

of like material. ³ I do not recall seeing as many ~~of them~~ ^{of} half a dozen such volumes. But the evidence of many more remains in the separate pieces, for one of Dr. Trelease's first acts on coming in charge of the Garden was to have these bound volumes destroyed, and the separate pieces distributed by subject. ↗

This particular group of reprints is not only of bibliographical importance wholly excusing the fact that they were a part of Engelmann's library, but of special importance because of this fact. (Emphasized by Hough's request 1892)

This information I give you against the report I have that when the library is moved into new quarters next spring all reprints on the shelves of which the content is duplicated in the library's bound journals, will be removed from the library & incorporated with the herbarium reprint collection established by Dr. Lewis.

We regret to inform you, however, that the items that you requested

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.
Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.

The other major concern Mrs Lange in the library. She fears, I believe, ~~in the unjustified~~ an insecurity in her position. ~~and I believe~~ I doubt this is justified, for although she had no 'formal' training in librarianship (except a reminder of cataloguing at Washington University) she is a very able person, knowledgeable in script or her languages, who has made the most of her seven years at MBS to become by far the most competent of any of the library staff in her knowledge of the collections, and in helping staff + students in using them. I have no information that Miss Madrox has ^(or has had) any thought of trying to get along without her. I consider her my most important contribution to the Gardner's library. I wrote you this because I told her I would tell you ~~about the~~ my opinion of her - she said my having so would reassure her.

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Thank
Lace.

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I hope you have reached St Louis safely, and that you will be back there. I am pleased to think of the Garden being in your charge.

Sincerely
George

Aug. 15, 1971

Dear George,

Many thanks for your note and especially for your good wishes. First of all, I can certainly assure you unequivocally that I am well aware of Carla Lange's unique value to the institution. Second, as to the reprints, I am glad to have the information you sent and will keep an eye on the situation and see what can be done to preserve the essence of Dr. Engelmann's collection in such a way that it will
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1891, 21 July
always be known as such
With all good wishes to
you,

Sincerely

Peter Raven

MEMORANDUM

July 24, 1972

To: Carla Lange
From: Peter Raven *PR*
Subject: Biographical/Bibliographical notes on Joe Ewan

We have become interested in the possibility of trying to get an honorary degree for Joe Ewan at the 1973 Washington University Commencement. I believe that this gesture, if we could accomplish it, would be valuable for the development of our library, and at any event it is certainly most appropriate. As you may know, Joe never did receive his Ph. D. degree from Berkeley since W. L. Jepson considered him an inadequate graduate student. Nevertheless, he is undoubtedly one of Berkeley's finest products.

Now, much to my surprise, the Hunt Botanical Library has essentially reported (see attached Xerox) that they are unable to develop a biography/bibliography of Ewan to use as the material for this purpose. I am therefore asking you to develop it as well as you can with the resources that we have available here. By starting with the treatment in the American Men of Science and the works of Ewan that are catalogued in our library and by looking at the references he cites in his later books, it should be possible to build up a pretty good bibliography of his works. As to biography, we may be fairly limited, but when I see what you can put together, we might be able to figure out how to trace for more information without letting Joe know that we are after it. At any rate, I know you will do what you can, and I will appreciate seeing it whenever you are ready.

Many thanks!

*Maybe George could do some
biography too? Without letting
Joe know - PR*

Attachment: Copy of Gilbert S. Daniels letter to PHR of 19 July, 1972
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1964 Harris St.
Eugene, Ore. 97405
August 1, 1972

Dr. Peter Raven, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Peter,

When I called Carla Lange last evening I was delighted to hear that you are planning to propose Joseph Davis for an honorary degree from Washington University at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Such sponsorship would be most appropriate, as I certainly don't have to point out to you. It fitting as was the degree which Hillman & Mary gave him last June, because of his (and Kerber's) work on Fanshwa, recognition from the Garden, so rich in Western botanical material, Joe's early hunting grounds,

would honor both him and the Garden in even greater degree.

I enclose a copy of Hugh Iltis' and my proposal to William & Mary in mid-January, 1971, and of the biographical sketch I wrote up at that time. I enclose also a list of the people from whom we solicited supporting letters. Every one of them responded, and the joint picture of Joe which resulted from their replies prompted the committee chairman, Prof. Carlyle Beyer, to remark, 'Professor Ewan must be a remarkable man, to judge from the letters'.

All of the letters were addressed to Prof. Beyer, of course, but all but two of them were sent through me, most of them without covers, the remainder with covers unsealed. How lucky it was for me to make copies of these, which I have never shown to anyone, I

don't know, but as I did, without asking
 Beyers's permission. Nor has proper it
 would be for me to send these to
 you I question. But should you like
 to see them I shall do so, for your
 reading, though preferably not for
 copying. I reckon Beyers to be a genuine
 odd ball, whose displeasure I shouldn't
 want to incur, although, of course,
 I am now beyond the limit when he
 could, if he would, injure me.. (Despite
 his statement of January 28, 1971, 'I
 shall certainly notify you when some
 action is taken', neither Hugh nor I
 have ever again heard from him or from
 the committee, and I learned of the
 forthcoming degree fifteen months later
 only when Joe told me of it himself!)

You can, of course, obtain generally
 good statements about Joe by writing
 to those whose names I am sending,

you, and very likely ^{from} others you know of.
I have annotated the list to show
but some whom I solicited, not
obviously connected with Joe, were
appropriate.

Now for a bee in your bonnet. The
centenary of Dr. Engelmann's death
comes, I believe, in 1982. The garden
should celebrate this date by pub-
lishing an extensive biography of him,
a definitive edition of his works (with
top quality modern reproductions of
their illustrations — here Paul Raether,
his illustrator (also top notch) would
come in), at least some, if not all, of the
two or five thousand letters he re-
ceived, ~~and~~ a facsimile of his theses,
including all of the (30 ±) plates (some in
color — his drafting is very noteworthy)
and a translation of his theses, never
published except in a brief abstract.

There is no one who could undertake the preparation of all this for you except Joe — it would be a masterpiece for him, and a first rank contribution on the part of the garden to the literature of the history of botany in America.

As one detail in the undertaking let me mention the necessity of very extensive reading and translation of material in German, much in German script. Carl would be ideal for this, in fact, almost unique — indeed unique.

Please let me know if I can help you any further in forwarding your proposal for 1973 and my own for 1982.

cordially yours,
 G. B. Van
 George B. Van SCHAACK



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

August 4, 1972

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
1964 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

Many thanks indeed for your marvelous contribution of information about Joe Ewan. We shall certainly be pursuing the matter and shall hope for good success. I quite agree with the remarks you have made about the matter, and material you have organized is of course enormously useful.

I think that your idea about Engelmann is excellent, and I had already considered trying to organize something biographical in any case. It would certainly be very fitting to combine these two matters, and I hope very much that we can work something out along the lines that you proposed.

With many thanks again for your help and very best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Raven

August 16/72

Dear Peter,

I am pleased to know that what I sent you about Joe Ewan would be useful to you. I am also gratified to have your response ~~to~~ ^{to} my suggestions regarding Engelmann. Since I understand you to imply that you look upon Joe as the organizer and chief author, let me remark on what I know of Joe's future plans.

Joe will become 65 a year from this fall, which will permit him to hold his appointment through the first half of 1974. After that I believe he plans to leave New Orleans ~~rather~~ to settle in the Philadelphia area because of its exceptional library and museum complex. (He and Neta Lane talked to me about the possibility of their moving to New Zealand, as Dan Heek & Valda Hodge have done. But

with their considerably smaller resources than those of Dore & Walker I doubt they will do this for their three children are unlikely to leave the (U.S.) Philadelphia & the APS can keep Joe occupied indefinitely. If indeed he is your choice for the Engelmann program he should know it soon, for he is accustomed to making more promises for the future than he can ^{actually} carry through, and the one for MBG would have to have priority.

MBG and Washington University, it seems to me, would both benefit greatly if Joe could be persuaded to settle in St. Louis, ^{where he was at New Orleans,} not only for the pastoral program, but as yeast for ^{expansion in the} history of science there. Dr. Estelle Bradman, Librarian of the WU Medical School, ^{Philadelphia,} would, he must ^{be} interested in having such a prominent worker in that field ^{as Joe} coming to St.

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Laird, when she has herself tried
to spark interest in history of agriculture.

Have you run into John Francis
McDermott yet? For ^{the last} ^{year} he
was ^{kept} a junior member of the English Department
at WU, carrying on his research
in Trans-Mississippi 18th & 19th century
history. When ^{the department was} WU finally gave him
full professor status he resigned
to accept ^{almost} a purely research position
at SIU. I do not believe that
I am particularly well feeling remember -
at any rate John retained all his
library privileges at WU and keeps
his records in St. Louis. He has been
a staunch supporter of me for many
years. What ^{might be the} effect of a testimonial from
him to the University degree
committee at WU you might like
to consider.

Carla writes me that you have cut the library staff down to her and Kendra, plus your new librarian, Jim Peal. I feel sure this was the right thing to do, so that from now on additional can be used by Jim, which will strengthen the staff. Let me say here that I am much gratified that you felt Carla & Kendra, my own apprentices, should be kept. You know ^{what is} my opinion of Carla; let me say ^{as for} Kendra, ~~that~~ when I saw her and the work she was doing in April I was greatly pleased. I do not feel like handing Miss Maddox too much praise, but I do commend her for keeping Kendra & encouraging her.

Finding good catalogers for specialized behavior such as yours is not easy, & my great knowledge is not a strong point with most candidates. I have one candidate I should like to mention as a possibility ^{to consider}. He is Keith Roe,

The letters he found their appearance worrisome because of the superficialness of the courses simultaneously received & reflected therein.

who did his doctorate ^{in Salamanca} at ^{University} with Hugh Dittus (1963-69). ^{Part of his thesis is in the current} During the next two years he taught at the college in Jucley, Calassado. He is now here in Eugene studying for a master's degree in library science, which will be granted in December. I ~~cannot say~~ ^{am not in a position to} recommend him, for I am unacquainted with both his botanical work and his standing in his present study. Hugh tells me he carried through a very detailed study in an excellently thorough manner as he bears of - this is not to say brilliant, but ^{rather} competent and conscientious. I do recognize ^{Keith} him as quiet, diligent & disciplined. You may well prefer someone with actual cataloging experience and in-service training under a veteran - where to find such, who would have the botanical background ~~to both~~

Keith has (he had also a year of horticulture at UConn before starting work with Hugh) is a question. My own preference would be to choose the broad background, if the candidate would come under the discipline of someone with cataloging experience, which I should suppose Jim Reed has. Cataloging is not as simple as those who haven't studied it often believe, but it's a lot simpler than understanding the subject matter ^{and its subdivisions well} the subdivisions of botany enough to make sensible classifications. ^{by}

Should you want to reach Keith his address is 1585 Garfield Pl., ^{Englewood, Ill.} 97402.

This year let me remark that what goes on at the Library of Congress itself in biological cataloging frequently appeals and for reasons.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
SHAW'S GARDEN

September 26, 1972

George Van Schaak
1964 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

Many thanks indeed for your very interesting letter of August 16, which I am tardy in answering. We shall certainly consider Keith Roe carefully as we develop a cataloger's position here at the Garden. It will partly be a question of whether he is in our price range or not.

I am also busy developing the possibility of an honorary degree for Joe Ewan, and will keep you informed as it may progress. I couldn't agree with you more that we would benefit greatly if he could be persuaded to settle in St. Louis after retirement. I will certainly be interested in getting to know John Francis McDermott. He would seem to be a very interesting person.

Very best wishes and again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Peter H. Raven
Director

PHR/ks

1964 Harris St.
Eugene, Or. 97405
November 6, 1972

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your cordial note of some time ago in which you expressed your interest in considering Keith Roe for a position as cataloger. A few days ago Hugh Eltis told me that your interest in Roe had been reinforced by the quality of his thesis, recently published, but that, at the same time, his taxonomic ability and his degree would make it difficult for you to offer him a position at a mere cataloger's salary. I hope you won't mind my making a few remarks which I believe relevant.

The excellence of the library of MBG rests largely on the efforts of Trelease (1890-1912), Burt (1912 or before - 1920?), and Dodge (1930± - 1950±). All of these men were scholars and book collectors,

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and it was owing to their knowledge of the literature that the right things were bought as they became available and were subsequently fairly accurately classified. Trelease worked closely with Deceay while the latter was setting up his biological schedule of classification, and during his years at the Garden he kept close track of the use of the schedule which he himself set up for the Garden library.

Burt was librarian for more than a dozen years, resided, I believe, until in the later years of the century, ^{when} Will Hornum was hired as his assistant. Dodge proposed purchases all the years he was there, examined everything acquired, and regularly assisted Miss Hornum with classification problems.

The classification system which Trelease set up has its weaknesses, but it was used fairly consistently because of the matters I have just outlined. As I look back on

it to the days of my initial awareness and subsequent struggle with it, and make comparison of it with the LC system, as I tried to see that at Morton Arboretum, I feel that Trelease, alone, did a better job than the LC people, dozens or more of them, have done since. And the reason is not far to seek - LC is not well known for hiring scholars in its scientific cataloging programs, and its collections in science have markedly lacked the attention of cataloguers who had much more than the rote idea of what the classification terms mean and embrace. At Morton I had frequent occasion to observe recent LC cataloging to be simply shockingly and bureaucratically bad.

So far as I know or suspect, Keith Roe is the only person in the US so well qualified to be cataloguer at MBG, excepting

these few, many years his senior in experience
 of botanical cataloging, and, as for botanical
 knowledge, I know only one of these, Gunther
 Buchheim at Hunt. In thinking of Roe as a
 cataloger for the Garden you can not class
 him as merely a cataloger, as you realize.
 His proper class may have only one member,
 himself, next the Garden, at the very moment
 it needs the services he can render it. Has
 what may be a unique opportunity to hire
 the right man. You are right in saying you
 cannot offer him a mere cataloger's salary -
 how much more you would have to offer him
 I don't know, but I suggest not so much more
 that the extra couldn't be found. If I were in
 St. Louis, and you needed support, I'd be willing
 to solicit it from Mrs. Lehmann and Mr. Hitch-
 cock, both of them loyal supporters of me when
 I was at the Garden. Should you wish it I would
 solicit them now by letter.

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I hope you will pardon me, too, if I make some remarks about the situation at the Garden created by the presence of Walter Lewis on its staff. When, last summer, I heard of the action you had taken in May in removing him from his position I rejoiced at the relief you would have. Walter never bore me any enmity, but he certainly treated me like so much mud during his early months at the Garden, utterly ignoring my presence until he found he couldn't get along without my help. Extrafoliaris, I can imagine what enmity might have contributed to our unpleasing association. And now I am very sorry for you personally and for the institution that Walter has been restored to the staff, and persists in his bad behavior towards you.

My reaction to your dismissing him was

premature - and equally naive after all my years of experience at the Garden. I regret very much that the Board has rebuffed him to the staff, but its lack of wisdom here is precisely in line with many of its past actions during the twenty five years I have been more or less informed of how that body acts. I cannot guess what you could have done in their instance, but can say I am very glad you found it possible to remain at MBG.

One more thing more, please. You cannot fail to know that Bent left the Garden after years of altercation with the Board, and Gates after months of it, both sides hoping for early retreat from each other. This sort of thing must not happen to you, for your plans for the Garden as I know them are excellent, and you must have the opportunity to carry them out. I commend you for not having let the Board's recent action create a breach. You will be

forced, I am sure, will result otherwise
 in the future. When they come please try
 to remember that your ultimate success in
 your plans is so important that a
 temporary defeat now & then over a gadfly
 can be borne, however unpleasant.

The enclosed news item about Joe Ewan may
 be new to you.

Cordially yours
 Gary



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

November 15, 1972

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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Dear George:

Many thanks indeed for your letter and for your additional notes about Keith Roe. We will certainly give him every consideration for the position here should we be able to develop it properly, and I do very much appreciate your continued interest.

Evidently there has been some confusion about the Walter Lewis situation. It is true that I removed him from any connection with the herbarium, but he was never dismissed from the Garden. As a matter of fact, the Board was unanimously anxious to remove him totally from the Garden but I prevented them from doing this, pointing out that he had tenure at Washington University, a kind of morally implied tenure at the Garden, and that we could not deny him or his students access even if we were to dismiss him entirely, in which case Washington University would have to find his other half salary. Somehow the story seems to have gotten reversed with you, for as I say it was really I who argued for his retention at a time when most members of the Board were anxious to dismiss him.

I am also very pleased to say that I have had no difficulties whatsoever with the Board, which has backed me fully on every occasion. I know that I probably cannot count on being so fortunate forever, but I am thankful that I have so far been able to avoid some of the pitfalls. Walter Lewis presents no real problems to me now, and I look forward to allowing him to continue to play his role as a scholar here and in the botanical community at large. I should perhaps also point out in this connection that now that there are eleven Ph.D. level botanists at the Garden, the actions of any particular one do not make as much difference to the whole as they would have formerly.

With many thanks indeed for your kind concern and all good wishes to you, I am

Cordially,

Peter H. Raven
Director

March 3, 1973

Dear Peter

Hugh Eltis has sent me a copy of ~~his~~ letter to you regarding Dr Woodson's removal of specimens from the MBG herbarium, with the suggestion I write you anything about this which he may not have recalled or may not even know.

There is one substantial gap in evidence which Hugh does not mention, namely 'duplicate' monographs sent to the British Museum. As soon as Woodson became curator in January, 1948 he told me that it was his intention to weed the entire collection of monographs practically in order to help George Taylor in ~~reestablishing~~ ^{rebuilding} the monograph ~~part~~ ^{section} of the BM herbarium, seriously damaged by bombing. I was informed for the simple reason that I was then honorary curator of grasses and would be expected to take on the

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weeding in that group. I have in
~~seen~~ ^{seen} recollection of what rule
of selection I was told to follow, except
to remember that I disapproved of the
rule on principle and silently determined
not to follow it. From time to time
Woodson asked me for contributions, and
I complied when I could. I do recall
that I once humbly gave him one
sheet which I had any reason to believe
was not of the same collection as
would remain in the herbarium, nor did I
include any type material so far
as I could, ^{purporting it,} give it, or prove it.

He never caught me in this deception, although
he sometimes grumbled that I was being
very slow in sorting for duplicates. I
cannot remember how many sheets ~~he~~
delivered to him - I doubt it was more
than a thousand, but it might have been more that
they came about 100,000 sheets of Gramineae, with many
other things. ^{When} ~~When~~ ^{Ballou} ~~Ballou~~ ^{Tregon} ~~Tregon~~ came in September, 1948

duplicates

he was detailed to make this sorting
 for monasteries a routine duty. My recollection
 is that he found Woodson's criteria
 useless for any, and on several occasions
~~talked~~^{talked} to me about them. I also recall
 that at one stage of the work, the herbium
 (whether ⁱⁿ this first project, or in the later
 project covering all the collections, I
 forget) Woodson ~~submitted the~~^{proposed}
~~the system~~ became impatient
 at the slow progress made and
~~was~~ said something to the effect
 that from then on 'duplicates' would
 mean every third specimen unless ^{there was} an
 immediate obvious reason for keeping
 any particular sheet.

I seem to recall that Woodson's
 goal in weeding the monasteries was
 to get 5000 sheets to send to B.M.,
~~and that~~ How dare he come to
~~the~~

for development/shell which were no numbers

looking now & then into cases I removed
 which he himself had recently
 needed, and finding that barely
 packed ~~shell~~ shelves had suddenly
 become far from that. I believe
 all of the ~~monocots~~ (except ^{grass} ~~fruits~~)
 were processed more or less under
 Gordon's ^{direct} supervision. During my
 three years as archivist only genuine
 (on the occasion of a specimen)
 ought to mention, although Gordon
 was not the prime mover. When
 Dr Anderson became director ^(about Feb 1954) he
 was (he told me) directed by the
 Board of Trustees to sell parts
 of the library, the herbarium and anything
 else valuable in order to bolster the
 income that year. ^{This matter was discussed}
~~the chairman of the~~

~~Library Committee should advise by~~
~~him to sell \$1000 of journals.~~

That Keating duplicates were ^{Argemone} ~~the~~ returned in correspondence with
 an earlier Anderson committee decision.

for development/shell which were no numbers
 duplicates were sent out, etc.

repeatedly in the herbarium committee
meeting, and from time to time
Woodson reported failure to find
buyers for anything except ^{a few elegant and general} duplicate
sheets. Finally the Anderson wished
that the ~~fungi~~ ^{very fine fungi} ~~fungi~~ ~~fungi~~
should be sold, and suggested that
the National Fungus Collection in
Washington should be asked to buy
them. Mr. ~~Stephenson~~ Stephenson,
~~then~~ the curator, came out to look
at them and his bid of \$5000 (I think)
was accepted by the herbarium committee.
It was one of my first duties as
acting curator to pack up this material
and send it to Washington ^{in 1955-56.} On my own,
however, before I did this I consulted
some dozen curators or permanent taxonomists
in the U. S. to ask their opinion of

the matter. As you can guess & the
 replies were as descript as taxonomic
 opinion I have, but there were
 enough who hardly appearing
 the sale ^{King felt the collection would be better} to make me feel I ^(in fact)
 could not offer ~~to~~ Dr. Anderson
 in following his direction.

In ^{rather} ~~one~~ ^{matter} ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~action~~ ^{which} I ~~had~~
 did offer him (he directed me to
 sell at once some \$20000 of
 journals from the library) I promptly
 followed his direction after he
 threatened me with making the
 selection himself - he turned
 over me and shouted, 'You will
 do ^{what I say}, or I'll do it myself, and
 you know very well I shall make
 much more of them than you would'

I can tell you Peter, ^{these} ~~they~~ were
 wild days ~~that's~~ what it's hard
 to ~~remember~~ ^{realize} one really experienced.

I was distressed to hear of the
 cancellation of the Horn North America
 project. Huxley sent me a copy of
 your announcement letter and I had
 our letter distributed to congressmen.
 I made copies of each of them
 and began peddling them on the
 campus here as well as sending them
 with my own letter to Oregon congressmen
 and a few others. At least three
~~of the~~ in biology here (Lawford Tappan,
 Peter Frank & Stanton Cook) took immediate
 actions of one kind or another. It
 was Stanton Cook who suggested the

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idea of approaching the garden clubs,
which I ~~was~~ reported to Mrs
Rosen the night I phoned you a
couple of weeks ago.

Senator Hatfield has announced
my letter in typical form. ~~But~~

~~'in order to recognize the value of
the Flora North America project,
program in health~~

'Restoring funding to domestic program
will therefore have to be done on
a priority basis, and while I
recognize the value of the Flora
North America project, program
in health, housing, education, and
pollution control should receive
higher priority.' *Best work*

Senator Frank Wolff, I certainly do not agree with the President's shift
away from environmental programs.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

March 12, 1973

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
1964 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

I am very grateful to you for the supplementary information on the removal of monocots from the herbarium. I have written R. Ross, who is now Keeper of Botany at the British Museum (Natural History), hoping that he can give me some account of the number and character of the specimens that were received. My immediate goal is to prepare an inventory of what was removed and where it can presently be found, since I think this ought to be put rather clearly on record.

I am not certain whether I have told you that we sent our lichens to the U.S. National Museum on exchange this year, as they were not being used, and sent our algae on exchange to the University of California, Berkeley. There was no real prospect or, in my opinion, desirability of appointing staff members in these areas, and I felt these specimens were falling further and further out of use, whereas the collections, although small, were important enough to be put back into currency. We shall receive tropical angiosperms and bryophytes in exchange. This is of course the logical consequence of the dismantling of the fungus collections about 1954 which you mentioned in your letter.

I very much appreciate your help with FNA, and shall keep you informed about any possibilities for funding that we uncover.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Peter H. Raven
Director

PHR/po



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

March 20, 1973

Dr. George Van Schaack
1964 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

Many thanks indeed for the further correspondence you sent in answer to my request for information about the "culling" of the herbarium. It is very good to have this material on record, and I think we shall be able to organize a useful and nonemotional note on the subject which will be informative for those who have need to know what was removed in the future.

The Garden is lovely now, with 15,000 new bulbs ready to come up this spring; the future looks bright in every way.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially,

Peter H. Raven
Director

PHR/po

1964 Harris St.
Eugene, Or. 97405
November 27, 1973

Dr. Peter Raven, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2215 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63110

Dear Peter,

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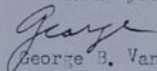
I enclose an account of some memories of the years 1963-67, the only period in which I was somewhat cognizant of the role which Henry Hitchcock was playing in the Garden. I don't think too much of it can be considered as confidential any longer, but I'd rather it didn't circulate as a whole, simply because I shouldn't want anything in it to hurt Henry's feelings. Henry was and still is a good friend of mine. He took on a hard job, in which he was frequently abandoned by those who should have helped him.

I believe you can extract from my account good things to say about him. The rest had to be put in to give proper relief.

As for the Krukoff 'bound reprints' Carl tells me this volume was 'sent to the MBG library in 1956'. At that time Miss Horner was still librarian, and I should not have seen it in any routine manner. If Krukoff had addressed it to the herbarium I should have seen it, and should have put it in the library. I suspect Krukoff addressed it to Dr. Woodson, who, at that time (1955-58) was not employed by the Garden, although he continued to occupy his former office there. He prided himself on owning almost no books, including reprints, and at least during the period 1955-58 he routinely discarded into the wastebasket many of the reprints he received, regardless of their value to the institution.

Only somewhat irrelevant is the fact that Woodson had purchased from Krukoff, by money or exchange, a long series of type specimen photographs of plants in the Chicago Natural History Museum. He considered this quite a coup, which was especially piquant because there ensued an altercation between Krukoff and CNHM regarding ownership of the photographs, which CNHM claimed as its property.

Cordially yours,


George B. Van Schaack

Mr. Henry Hitchcock was made President of the Board of Missouri Botanical Garden in April, 1963, at a very critical time in the Garden's history--only six months later Went was to resign, and Woodson to die. It was only at this time that I began to have any personal contact with Henry. This resulted from his having learned from Went himself that I had presented to Went a new building plan (1960?) which would use the old administration building as herbarium with a new annex for library, laboratories, & administration.

At the time of his election Henry, and the whole Board, had been fighting with Went for years over the matter of a new building. This, after he had reported my idea favorably, but soon after declared unrealistic, he wanted entirely new in the northwest corner of the grounds. Immediately Henry took office he called me on the phone and asked me about my plan, which Went refused to show him. He asked if I could resurrect it. I did so, improved it, and gave it to him. For the following day Went had called a meeting of Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Faust, Woodson, Cutler, Dressler(?) and me to discuss his idea of the new building, and, as he told the last four named above, only a half hour before the meeting, to insist to the first two, that the building would be as he wanted it. About five minutes before Hitchcock & Faust came I gave Went what I had given Henry the day before. He was naturally furious, cancelled the meeting, dismissed Hitchcock and Faust, and called another joint meeting of Garden and University personnel, including me, but no no trustees. At this meeting, every one except me supported him in hisidea.

I don't think I saw Henry again until about October 23, two days after Went resigned, when he came in and asked me to lunch with him and Mr. Faust to discuss how to find a new director. A moment later, Cutler appeared and Henry asked him to come along, this despite the fact that during Cutler's acting directorship (1955-58) he and Henry had been at odds to such an extent that neither could say a good word about the other. As could be expected the meeting was largely abortive, but out of it Henry found a program. At that luncheon I opposed Faust's idea that a business man would be as good a choice for director as a botanist--at that moment, at least, Cutler supported Faust. I insisted that whoever was sought should be a botanist whose training and experience had been sufficiently close to taxonomy to make him want to restore the Garden's former position in that field by exploiting the two most useful tools already handy--the herbarium and the library--until such time as the Board could undertake a large capital fund drive, which it had never been able to do. This idea appealed to Henry. He essentially adopted it as his program, and tried to inform himself about the already established resources of the Garden, and about botanists who might be considered as possible candidates for director.

Two weeks later Dr. Woodson died. There was no one on the Garden staff whom Henry could have appointed as acting director except Cutler, with whom his previous relationship had been one of hostility, and Anderson, who would not have considered it. He naturally chose to assume the duties of acting director himself, without title. Considering how little detailed knowledge of the Garden's operations he had previously, he must be credited with genuine diligence in his new role to inform himself. Other members of the Board might have done as well, but it was Henry who was called and Henry who did the work. That he was unable to carry the Board with him in the program he had adopted resulted at least as largely from attrition on the part of two Washington University staff members as from all other causes together.

He asked me to try to help him in his principal problem of finding a new director. I advised him to seek help from an advisory committee to be made up of six taxonomists from other institutions. I cannot remember exactly who were chosen for this committee, except that George Lawrence was its chairman.

George wrote the report of the committee's two-day meeting in February, 1964. In it five or six candidates were named, I do not remember who they were. Suffice it to say that by the time (May) of the last Board meeting before the summer recess all of them had been rejected by the Board, I believe without any contact with any of them having been made. I do not recall what, if anything, Henry may have told me about these rejections, although I know he was disappointed in the experiment of a committee.

Sometime during the late spring of 1964 Dr. Jones, director of the Jodrell Laboratory at Kew, became an active candidate, by whose promotion I do not know. Either at the May Board meeting, or by telephone agreement Jones was essentially offered the position and given a three-month period to decide whether he would accept it. He refused it in late August.

In the meantime, in mid-May, Walter Lewis came over from England to be interviewed for a position at Urbana. While there he heard of the vacant curatorship at MBG and telephoned Commoner to ask about the possibility of a joint appointment at Washington University and MBG. Barry presented this to Henry about noon one day, and asked for an answer by noon the next day. (Or, do I forget? Perhaps Walter called Henry, who would have referred him to Commoner, who shortly proposed his appointment on a 50-50 basis) Henry called me that night where I was on vacation in California, and asked me what I thought. All I could say, knowing nothing about Walter, was to remark that fact, and to tell Henry that he and the Board were running the Garden. What happened in St. Louis the next morning I don't know, but Walter was appointed (and, by a slip of Henry's tongue, was named director of the herbarium, which Walter later insisted on against Henry's attempts to change 'director' to 'curator')

In the fall, after Jones refused the offer made him, the Board considered appointing a second advisory committee. But by this time Commoner & Lewis were pushing forward together, and they asked to have Gates considered as a candidate. At the same time A. C. Smith (who I think had been one of the candidates suggested by the first committee) wrote Henry a long letter saying he was much interested in the position of director. Both of these men visited the Garden and were interviewed to an extent unknown to me. Henry took a liking to Smith, and felt a strong and immediate dislike of Gates. The jockeying that went on from then until the final selection in early January is a longish story of which I was told rather more than I remember. As reported to me it was a kind of fiasco, in which just before the final vote Henry was convinced that Smith would be selected, but at the final vote he was left as the only member who voted for Smith. He told me that his dismay was so evident that one of his friends then asked all the other members to reverse their votes. Before they could react Henry angrily rejected such nonsense and insisted the vote stick.

His impulse was to resign. But there remained more than six months before Gates would take office, and he knew his duty was to stay and keep the Garden going. When Gates did come Henry performed like a gentleman, and tried to be as affable as he is often capable of being. That this wore off as time passed resulted largely from the fundamental difference between his understanding of what Gates had promised and what Gates actually did.

Against this rather sad picture Henry is to be credited with a strong belief (not too common in the Board) that the Board needed genuinely new blood, new members to be rather somewhat younger than in previous years. With this good idea he was successful, and it is largely to him that the changes in the Board during his presidency were such that a fund drive became possible at all. /owing

A significant change which he made in himself was to come to an under-

standing of the importance of the Garden's library, and its need for an increased budget. During the period he was in the role of acting director he substantially increased the library's budget, enabling me to undertake or initiate things never before possible. He also sought interest in the library on the part of both newspapers in St. Louis, and entertained their reporters at the library, with the result that both papers gave the MBG library substantial publicity among people who had never heard of it before.

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December 27, 1973

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

I am enormously grateful to you for your fascinating account of the period of time during which you worked most closely with Henry Hitchcock. This will be valuable material for the Garden Archives, and certainly will help me to understand how to write a note about Henry Hitchcock for the Bulletin, commemorating his election as Honorary Trustee. It is difficult to look back and realize what trying times the Garden has been through during the past 20 years, and it is fortunate that there have been individuals such as yourself, and for that matter Henry Hitchcock, who have desired that it should succeed and have worked to make it succeed. I can only think that the future is a good deal brighter than the recent past.

Just now we are working very hard to implement the Master Plan out-of-doors at the Garden, so as to build up the interest of the horticultural community in St. Louis. The scientific program appears to be going forward strongly, and we shall continue to try to keep it that way. Significant federal funding is of course now available and pays for approximately half of our herbarium enterprise.

I hope you will be visiting here some time during the coming year, and I would be delighted to have the opportunity to discuss various matters with you at that time. Meanwhile, let me take this occasion to offer you again my thanks and very best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter".

Peter H. Raven
Director

PHR/pf

Office of the Director

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St. Louis, Missouri 63110
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Oct 22/71

Dear Peter,

A couple weeks ago I

~~I have recently~~ received a copy of

the full-page article, 'Rose or Thom' by

Gary Rouberg. My instant reaction was ~~was~~
anger + resentment, much of which is

still with me. I have tried to compose
something I could write the editor for ^{in protest}

having printed this ~~soflawed~~ ^{soflawed and beset by slipshod} essay,

which wouldn't do you more harm than

good. Perhaps I could succeed if it were

only ^{the} lack of taste + competence it

exhibits, but I feel such an evil intent

in it that it balks me. If the editor

didn't recognize the evil in it ^{and} ~~did~~
^{suppress it at the time,}

~~not amenable~~ he is not amenable to
^{anything}
~~what~~ I might say.

Let me say to you that I hope you
have recovered from the agitation you
must have felt indirectly, revealed in your

belief ~~that~~ (as expressed in your remarks to Bonberg)

that only now, after nearly six years,

has the Garden returned to the level of

scholarship and scientific caliber which

it saw ^{under} ~~in~~ its first director. The outcome

is not all bad, for it does put in the

print ~~that~~ the welcome remarks of several

of the number, and the even more

important statements of your own.

I have known every director of the Garden

except Trelease, & have worked there

under all the others except you. ~~But~~

How often in these four years have I

reached to myself 'If only ^{Peter Hogg} ~~I could~~

been director in these past years of

Went & Gates ^{I wish I were trying to} ~~run the thing~~.

I am so glad to hear from Carla

that ~~she~~ the doctors have put her


~~back~~ ^{paths} on a recovery. But if it is the

Proletarians in St Louis which
are to be credited with her
decline, how long can she expect
to endure them without a relapse?

Cordially yours

George

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August 18, 1966

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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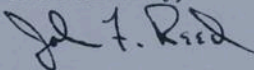
Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

We have just begun an inventory of our collection. It is going to be a long and time consuming job, but one that needs to be done. In doing so, we have turned up a duplicate copy of Popular Science Monthly, vol. 86, January to June 1915. It is bound in leather, the sewing is good but the leather spine is damaged. I notice that according to the Union List of Serials you do not have this volume in your set. We will be glad to offer this volume to you for \$7.00 plus postage.

Now that my cataloger has arrived we have begun the change over to the use of the Library of Congress classification scheme. We are modifying it only in the treatment of the systematic botany of the vascular plants, which we will classify using a scheme similar to the one used in arranging the Herbarium here at The New York Botanical Garden. We will be using LC subject headings plus adding additional ones when needed. This will occur primarily in works dealing with particular plants or geographical areas.

I trust that your work on the planning of new library facilities is progressing.

Yours sincerely,



John F. Reed
Curator of the Library

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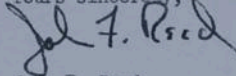
Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
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Dear George:

Many thanks for the copies of pages from the Bibliography of Agriculture. Unfortunately we also lack vol. 2, no. 6 - June 1943 of this publication. I am on the track of a Xerox copy of that issue. When we get it I'll see that a copy is sent to you also.

The secret of crediting book sale money to our account lies in the fact that we have several income accounts designated solely for the use of the library. Into these accounts go all proceeds from the Xeroxing services we provide and any special gifts which may be designated for library use. We are simply using one of these accounts for the deposit of book sale proceeds only - thus giving the library a full accounting of funds received. We are then allowed to overdraw our allotted book budget by the amount of deposit in the income fund. I hope this clarifies a rather complicated situation. I've been told that every librarian at The New York Botanical Garden has requested a special account that could be carried over from year to year for book sale funds. So far we haven't been able to manage it. The business office thinks it would be too small an amount to worry about.

Yours sincerely,



John F. Reed
Curator of the Library

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January 16, 1967

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
"Shaw's Garden"
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George;

I wish I could give you a list of qualified people who might meet your needs; in fact, I wish I knew of one. As you are aware, such people are few and far between.

I have heard, via the "grape vine," that there is considerable unrest among the staff at the Hunt Botanical Library. How accurate this report is I do not know. There might be someone there who would fill your bill. The only person whom I am certain is looking for a new position is Daniel Kalk. I would not recommend him, nor would I want to have him on any staff. Mr. Margadant is a very able bibliographer, but I don't know what his administrative experience is, if any.

Almost all of my acquaintances from library school whom I would recommend have taken new positions in the past year or so. Only one person comes to mind who might possibly fit your requirements.

Mrs. Arlene Luchsinger, presently a cataloger of science materials at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, attended library school with me and worked under my supervision at the University of Michigan. She has a Masters' Degree in Botany from Kansas State University. She is a good worker, but she has had very little administrative experience. Her husband is also a librarian, primarily interested in working with young people. They are looking for new horizons.

As for myself, I have been on this job for only a year-and-a-half. Our reorganization is just now beginning to roll, and I want to see it through. I don't know that I'll remain here indefinitely, but it is much too early to even think about moving on. The job here is great; living conditions in and around New York City leave much to be desired.

I've had my best luck in getting applicants through the monthly Library Science section of the Sunday New York Times and through blind ads in the Library Journal. Both get national coverage.

I am enclosing a detailed account of our present staffing. I hope it will be of some assistance to you. Remember, we are tackling a huge arrearage of unprocessed material that will take many man hours of professional and clerical labor to sort, add or dispose of it. We are also undertaking a complete recataloging and reclassification program. Once these major projects are completed we will reduce and/or reassign duties of much of the staff.

January 16, 1967

I am not at all familiar with the economic facts of life of St. Louis. Thus my judgement of salary range is purely subjective. Assuming that cost of living, etc., is somewhere between that of Ann Arbor in 1965 and New York City today, I should think a starting salary of \$9000 to \$11,000 would be in order with an increase when the person takes over your duties.

As for the staff demand of the applicant, again, I am not at all familiar with your set-up or collections at the Missouri Botanical Garden. I would want at least two other professionally trained librarians; one to catalog and one to handle reference work. I am assuming that the head librarian would be responsible for all administrative duties and acquisitions work. I would also guess that he would want at least four and preferably six clerks; two for secretarial and acquisitions work, one in charge of the serials recording, binding preparation, etc., and two in the cataloging unit to type, file cards, etc. You can see I've based this very much on our set-up here.

We have run into minor problems with our new building, none of which are insurmountable. The worst problem is lack of space for our enlarged library staff. We have also discovered the inadvisability of CO₂ fire extinguishing systems. An engineer from our insurance company has told us that the New York City Fire Department has orders to use water on all fires in buildings not equipped with sprinkler systems. The engineer says that damage from a selective sprinkler system would be minor to that caused by the Fire Department.

How are the plans for your new library coming along? I hope within the coming year to have a chance to visit the Missouri Botanical Garden to see the library.

Best of luck in your search for new personnel and best wishes for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,



John F. Reed
Curator of the Library

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THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY STAFF

Full time Professional positions (35+ - hours/week)	Salary range
1. Curator of the Library	\$12,000 - 15,000
2. Associate Curator of the Library (Head Cataloger)	\$10,000 - 12,000
3. Cataloger - 1 year experience (obtained from New York State - 3 year grant) (We desire at least two more catalogers for recataloging and reclassification.)	\$ 6,000 - 8,500
4. Assistant Librarian (This is a city line position - the only one we have. This person will eventually take on all reference duties.)	\$ 7,800 - 9,600

Full time - semi-professional position

1. Reference-circulation Librarian. This woman has acted as our reference librarian the past 2 years - she has considerable library reference experience and knowledge of horticulture - but no training. When she retires the position will revert to a clerical typing position.	\$ 5,000 - 6,500
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Full time clerical positions (35 hours/week)

1. Secretary - Acquisitions clerk; also handles ILL work	\$ 4,550 - 5,990
2. Assistant to Secretary - 2/3 time; cataloging typist 1/3 time	\$ 3,000 - 4,500
3. Serials clerk	\$ 4,000 - 5,000

Full time personnel - paid on an hourly basis (35 hours/week)

1. Library page - does xeroxing, cleans books, retrieves books from stacks.	\$1.50/hour
2. Cataloging typist - 1/2 time Book labeler, mender - 1/2 time	\$2.00/hour

Part time - hourly

1. Catalog filer and reviser (10 hours/week)	\$2.25/hour
2. Professionally trained librarian - bibliographic searching, some cataloging, book mending, etc. (20 hours/week)	\$2.25/hour
3. Book labeler, mender sorter (15 hours/week)	\$2.25/hour

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| 4. Book shelver | (20 hours/week) | \$1.50/hour |
| 5. Assistant in cataloging Department | (20 hours/week) | \$2.00/hour |

In addition to this we have had over the past year about 55 hours/week of college student help who work for us on a Federally supported College-Work Study Program. Our portion of their salary is \$.15/hour. Cost of this help will go up next year and we will probably cut-back on the number of workers

Jan. 20 ± / 67

Mr. John Reed, Librarian
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park, New York, N. Y. 58

Dear John,

We have (fortunately!) lost our assistant librarian and are again searching. The matter is more urgent now than two years ago for the overlap time before my retirement is now cut down by more than 50 per cent.

I enclose a copy of the notice we have just sent out to all the library schools. Do you know anyone beside yourself equal to taking on this job, which, for the right person, would be the headship on my normal retirement in September, 1968? I say 'beside yourself' because I think you would be the right person, but doubt you would consider the thing (or would you?)

I have a long conference with the director over this on the 19th and am collecting some data. It would be very helpful to have a list of your present staff appointments with an indication of percentage of full time for each, and with either salaries where you cared to give them, or total salary budget. Also, whether you have any interest in the job yourself or not, what do you think the applicant's asking salary should be plus (most important) what staff should he insist upon having upon taking full charge (I have one estimate of 1 (or 2) professionals--in addition to him-- plus 4 or 5 clericals; another of 2 professionals plus 6 clericals 'to begin with')

Many thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

January 30, 1967

Mr. John Reed, Librarian
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, New York 10458

Dear John:

Many thanks for your prompt and gracious reply to my letter of early January. It came at exactly the psychological moment for me to make a good show of it with the director. However, I am not sure that isn't the whole story, at least for the present, for he has made it very clear that increases in staff are going to come very slowly here. He was much impressed by the salary scale which is now being paid at New York and by the diversity of staff, and got the point that any new employee is probably going to be quite demanding. He said, however, that all he could possibly say to the new employee we are seeking would be 'we understand why you need these people and we shall do everything to make it possible to get them, but just at the moment we may not be able to supply them.' Frankly I do not myself see anyone whom we should want who would accept that anything but firm commitment.

Thank you for your remarks about the possibility of finding someone at the Hunt Library. I am going to write to George Lawrence and ask him if he has any suggestions because I know of his interest in this library and believe that he might be willing to sacrifice one staff member in the interest of seeing that it was properly headed. But this is a very long chance, I must confess, and it seems unlikely that most of his staff have that much experience as administrators. Your Mr. and Mrs. Luchsinger do not seem particularly prepared for the tough job here and at least for the moment I am not going to pursue them. The director has said that we are not going to hire anyone who isn't obviously a good choice, but that may mean that we are not going to hire anybody at all.

Our advertisement in the ALA Bulletin and the Library Journal (twice) has probably now yielded all that it will and so far as I have read the answers it has not yielded anyone at all obviously the right person for the position. I am glad to know about the Library Section of the Sunday New York Times and shall put something in there. I am interested that you run blind ads--do you think you get more answers this way and, therefore, run a better chance of hitting somebody suitable? With all the identified advertisement being run it had just seemed to me that unless we identified ourselves we should get no answers at all.

Plans for our new library are completely shelved for the moment--an NSF proposal for a grant to build it was sent to Washington in mid-fall. There has been no site visit nor has one been scheduled. Moreover, we understand the NSF is under a new injunction not to make any grants for funds which carry beyond the current budget--this greatly cuts down the number of institutions which can receive grants

Mr. John Reed, Librarian

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at a time.

I am glad to hear you may be able to visit us here. Please let me know when you are coming as soon as you know yourself--I have not been out of the city since May 17, and although I don't have any plans for a vacation, I may find myself taking one on short notice.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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February 3, 1967.

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
"Shaw's Garden"
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

I'm sorry to hear of your lack of luck in locating a qualified person for your position. You might try placing an add in Science or BioScience. My attention was first drawn to The New York Botanical Garden job through Bio-Science. My reason for placing blind ads has been that, if we do not we are deluged with telephone calls and visitations from completely unqualified candidates. I prefer to select those candidates that I wish to spend time with. This may not be a problem in smaller metropolitan areas. We may very well loose out on some qualified applicants because of this practice.

I noted, while reading through your job description a couple of weeks ago, your plans to enter into a recataloging and, I assume, a reclassification project. As you may or may not know, we have just begun a similar project here at The New York Botanical Garden. At the present time we have two catalogers, our own and one obtained on a three year grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. I had hopes of getting two more, possibly through a NSF grant, but at the present time prospects are not too encouraging. If we could get this help we estimate that we could finish the job in five or six years.

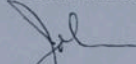
It occurs to me that we might work out some sort of cooperative cataloging project between our two libraries, thus eliminating a great deal of duplication of effort, at least in the area of descriptive cataloging. The bulk of our two collections must be very similar. This cooperative venture could take any number of forms such as: assigning to one library the responsibility of analyzing specific sets or monographic series, exchanging of catalog copy, specializing in specific authors or specific portions of the alphabet, etc. If staff for such a project is very limited at your end, perhaps we could supply to you, at cost (approximately 5-7 cents), a copy of our main entry catalog cards for each item we catalog.

I would be very much interested in your reactions to such a scheme. With a joint effort of this sort and some imagination we might be able to pry some support out of NSF or some other granting agency.

If you would like more details about our systems and procedures, let me know and we'll try to supply them.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



John F. Reed
Curator of the Library

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February 15th, 1967

Mr. John Reed, Librarian
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, New York 10458

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of February 3 and for your remarks about possible cooperation with us in recataloguing and reclassifying. Your offer to consider this is very gracious and I wish we were in a position where we might do so. I simply do not know how to undertake anything like this right now. We have never used Library of Congress cards (largely because there never was any time to organize the ordering of them). But finally last fall I fished out some sixty titles of fairly recent dates still uncatalogued and put in our first order. The cards were delivered already some three or four weeks ago and to date there has been time only to process about one-third of them--the only way there would be time is for me to stay here several more evening hours per week, but I already stay here as many evening hours as I can. If and when we should fill the position which has now been advertised for some time the situation may change for the better, but actually I am not sure I see how it can. By the time the appointment is made and the appointee knows his way around here at all we shall be deep in the problems of keeping track of the construction of a new building, planning the move and trying to keep the place open without worrying about recataloguing and reclassification except from the planning stand-point. However, let us keep this as an open matter.

In the meantime I am very glad to receive your electroprints of recent accessions for they will tell me of some things I have not noted and will certainly help in cataloguing some of our more recent things.

I have still to write to George Lawrence to ask him to keep an eye open for a suitable candidate; and in any case I am not going to ask him to sacrifice any of his staff members--I do not think he would like this type of suggestion at all.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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September 14, 1963

Mr. John F. Reed, Curator of the Library
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, N. Y. 10458

Dear John,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. I have had such a project in my thoughts for many years. I am glad now that someone of your ability and wisdom is having the same thoughts, and at the same time the necessary bases for going about carrying them into realization. Much luck to you and my regrets that for me it isn't still ten years ago!

My resignation from the Garden becomes effective on October 1. I think I did the right thing for my health, for I believe it is improving as September 30 draws nearer. I am sure that for the director's temporary peade of mind I did the right thing too. When I told him on the afternoon of July 14 that I wished to resign, his remarks (condensed) were: I am not surprised; I am not distraught, although the date is a little inconveniently early; I am confident we shall very soon find someone to take your place. On August 10th my successor was appointed; she is Miss Eugenia Maddox, formerly head librarian of Tulsa University. By what seems to be the director's intention there will be no overlap in our administrations.

Miss Maddox seems to be a kindly and harmless woman caught in a net of which she suspects in no degree the extent. We had a very friendly conversation for two hours, during which we went over the whole library. When we sat down she said, in essence: I have always lived in libraries like this--overcrowded, underfinanced and understaffed--I had thought in my older age (she is 58) I might live in a nice, new, modern library. In this library no one can do anything, and everything needs being done. I know no botany, I am not familiar with any of these books, I am weak in foreign languages, and I don't wish to catalogue.--Two days later we discussed her in detail and crossed her off. Eighteen hours later she called up to ask that she be appointed, and within three hours the appointment was made--at a salary 30 percent in excess of mine. As a concession to the director she told him over the phone that she thought she knew a couple of foundations to which application could be made for financial help, and she agreed to waive her previous demand for a (yes!) cataloger.

I saw George Goodwin in San Francisco. He told me you had reported that the situation for the library here was very serious. I hope you told that to Dr. Gates. Shortly after you were here I pointed out to him you had remarked to me that you could not imagine who would take this job without colossal and firm promises of staff and money and building. He had previously been told the same thing by Dr. Brodman of the Washington University Medical School Library--a woman particularly well informed about the whole library situation in America. Upon the occasion of my quoting you he acted annoyed, and, waving his hand,

said, 'George, you and John and Dr. Brodman, just don't understand these matters'.

I have indefinite plans. Late in August I went to the national mathematics meetings in Toronto to try to pick up a teaching position. It was clearly too late for this year, but it looks ^{better for 1960}, and I am told I can confidently expect something then. I can't decide whether I prefer to return to teaching or to find something to do librarywise. Of course most library doors are closed to me for lack of the mark MLS. But I notice it seems to be having a current recession in the advertisements. In particular one post at Michigan which has been in for eight months is now reannounced without MLS requirement, but with other requirements which I come fairly close to meeting. This is the rare books cataloging head. Three librarians have advised me to apply for it and I have done so. Would you know anything about it--that is, why it should have gone so long unfilled--are the working conditions impossible, are there personnel difficulties to face, etc. I feel pretty sure I'll be speedily turned down on age (I was 64 yesterday), but I thought it worth a try.

I obviously cannot answer your letter with any official statement except to remark that the matter of it will be the concern of Dr. Gates and Miss Maddox. I am going to turn your letter over to him with a note saying that I have informed you of my resignation.

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September 18, 1967

Dr. George Van Schaak
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

Your letter of September 14, 1967, arrived today. I am very distressed to learn of the situation within the library. Without an adequately functioning library how can a botanical research institution hope to thrive? I think your personal decision to leave was wise and I wish the best of luck to you in your future ventures.

I cannot tell you much of anything about the University of Michigan rare-book position. The reason openings at the University of Michigan Library remain unfilled for so long a time is primarily due to a very poor personnel office. They fritter around a good deal and usually delay so long that the good candidates are lost to other institutions. The University of Michigan library is very bureaucratic. Every one has his niche and is expected to stay there. If you don't mind the bureaucracy, it isn't a bad place to work. It is just that the individual gets lost in the shuffle.

There is a position available here in New York City that might interest you. The Horticultural Society of New York is looking for a full-time librarian. I believe the work is primarily reference and cataloging. The collection is small, but pretty good. They've got a fair collection of old botanical and horticultural books. I don't know any of the details of the job. If you are interested, you should contact Mrs. Herbert D. Gibson. (I've mentioned you as a possible candidate to Mrs. Cronquist, who is leaving the library to pursue a writing career.)


Another vacancy at the moment is Director of the Library at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. My father is president of the college and has been looking for a director all summer. I don't know if you would be interested in this kind of work - Fort Lewis is a growing institution and the library has a lot of potential. You may be hearing from there in the not too distant future.

Getting back to Missouri Botanical Garden, I think I will write to Dr. Gates shortly describing, in some detail, our cataloging and recataloging program - our rules and exceptions to standard practices, etc., and proposing that The New York Botanical Garden and Missouri Botanical Garden should tackle this problem jointly. We are making good progress in our project. I've been investigating the possibilities of using a "flexowriter" to make our cards. If we should do this, it would be a simple matter to go into the card distribution business for other libraries. When I write this up I'd like to send a copy to you and to ask you to study the idea with care and to criticize.

Please keep in touch - again, best of luck.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,


John F. Reed
Director of the Library

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September 30, 1967

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

Dear George:

As I mentioned to you in my letter earlier this month, we are developing plans for a proposed centralized cataloging facility here at the Library of The New York Botanical Garden. As you may know, I wrote a letter to Dr. Gates concerning this project and the possible usefulness of it to the Missouri Botanical Garden. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"What I propose is that The New York Botanical Garden establish a centralized cataloging unit with the responsibility and capacity to supply catalog cards for the books in the collections of participating libraries. The overlap between the library holdings at The New York Botanical Garden and the Missouri Botanical Garden would make this a very natural area in which to join forces. With reduction of duplication of effort, more time and talent could be placed on cataloging in depth, analyzing monographic sets, and generally improving the usefulness of the library index, the card catalog. Moreover, perceptible economies could be effected by our institutions through such a venture.

How would such an operation work? The details are, of course, not final at this time. At the simplest level we would circulate to participating libraries one copy of each card produced here at The New York Botanical Garden. The receiving library would check these cards against their book collection. To order complete card sets they would merely return the card to us appropriately marked. Upon receipt here, complete sets of cards would be made up and returned to the cooperating library. Cards for books not in the collection of the cooperating library at the time would be kept available there for reference, possible acquisitions use and in case the volume was received later. On a much more advanced level of complexity it might be possible to eventually place our cataloging information in a centralized data-processing facility with remote consoles in participating libraries. By activating the remote unit, cards for a particular title would be automatically produced, ready for filing. At the moment we question the desirability of an extremely complex system. However, whatever system is adopted for our planned program should be designed to be compatible with more advanced systems, as technology and work loads develop.

Funding for such a joint program would have to come largely from outside the participating institutions. With federal support relatively tight these days, I am sure that a program designed to serve two or more institutions would be looked upon much more favorably than single institutional grant proposals.

We are currently investigating the cost and adaptability of Flexwriter (automatic typewriter) equipment because of its capacity to produce

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not only library catalog cards, but also a tape which can be used to 1) make additional sets of cards, and 2) provide computer input.

In addition to equipment, the project I have in mind would require additional cataloging and clerical personnel to complete the job of recataloging in a reasonable period of time (5 years). For example, we would need two or three additional full-time professionally trained catalogers and supporting clerical help here at the proposed center of operation, plus a cataloger and clerical help at each participating library to bring together books and cards and to prepare the books for the shelves.

At the end of the major recataloging effort there would be some material in the cooperating libraries but not in our own collection which would have to be cataloged. This operation could be handled in several ways - perhaps best by sending a cataloging team to the individual library to do the work and then processing the information here."

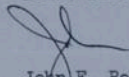
Dr. Gates has now answered that letter and has indicated interest in such a program.

If you have the inclination to comment on this plan, I would be very much interested in your reactions. I am enclosing, with this letter, a small deck of catalog cards and a portion of my 1966/67 annual report which describes our cataloging activities. These should give you an idea of our cataloging practices and the format of our cards.

I trust that by now you've got a line on a new position. I saw the ad concerning the University of Michigan job and it sounds like it would be right down your line.

We hope to be in St. Louis around October 23 or 24 and I hope we can get together during that time.

Yours sincerely,



John F. Reed
Curator of the Library

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BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY BUILDING
1735 NEIL AVENUE

20 August 1964

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

Dear George:

We hope no news is good news since we've not heard from you in some time. We hope to get to the Taxonomic Symposium and discover for ourselves how you are doing. We do hope things at the garden have improved.

We have recently become interested in M. J. Schleiden and in tracing some of his writings have tried to accumulate biographical data. We have obtained copies either at OSU or by interlibrary loan of the following biographical sketches:

- Bary, A. de Bot. Zeit. 39: 519-520. 1881.
- Behrens, W. Bot. Zentralblatt 7: 150-156, 183-190. 1881.
- Buchholtz, T. Acta Horti Bot. Jurjev S: 118-125. 1904.
- Jost, L. Sudhoffs Archiv Gesch. Med. Naturwiss. 35: 206-237. 1942.
- Wunschmann, G. Allgemeine deutsche Biog. 31: 417-421. 1890.
- Anon. Popular Science Monthly 22: 256-262. 1882-83.

And we are now waiting for an interlibrary loan copy of Schröder, H. Lexicon der hamburgischen Schrist. 6, 555...1673.

We have not been able to obtain a copy of the book by Martin Moebius "Matthias Jacob Schleiden; zu seinem 100 Geburtstag", Leipzig, 1904, 106 p., 1 port. Do you have a copy at MBG and if so may we borrow it. We would also appreciate any other biographical leads you may know of.

We expect to see Hugh Iltis next week. He is stopping in Ohio to see Frank at Antioch College and is flying to Columbus from New York.

September will be a busy month for us as we are buying a house about one mile north of the university. Now you will be able to stay with us as long as you want as it has three bedrooms. The location is overlooking a ravine which leads to Glen Echo Park.

August 27, 1964.

Dr. E. D. Rudolph
Associate Professor of Botany
Ohio State University
1735 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Rudi,

I am glad to hear that the penguins let you come back to the United States and am rather surprised to learn that you are not preparing to make the annual pilgrimage. Apparently Anne got the upper hand.

Also glad to hear that you expect to come to the symposium at which time I shall give you some of the news. Actually, the twelve months since I have seen you have seen many changes here and some in me and presumably the end is not yet.

So far as I can discover we do not have the book on Schleiden by Moebius. We do have two small pamphlets put out at the time of his hundredth birthday, one by Stöhl, the other, so far as I find, without author. If you have not seen these and want them sent, I would let you have them for a couple of weeks.

Apparently you did not go to Edinburgh. My sister did and I heard from her yesterday that she had spent a week ago a day at Darwin's house. She was the only guest during several hours and the keeper was most gracious in letting her look at everything and sit everywhere, including looking through the microscope. She said it was a wonderful day.

Your enjoyment in reading my brief remarks in *Huntia* surprises me, for really this sort of stuff is pretty dull, isn't it? By the way, why weren't you at the meetings in Lawrence, Kansas?

Best greetings to Anne and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaeck
Librarian

GBVS/cl

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COLUMBUS 10, OHIO

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29 August 1964

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

Dear George:

Thank you for the information about the Möbius Schleiden volume. We have learned since our letter to you that the only copy listed in the National Union Catalogue (Crerar Library) is lost. We will hopefully keep our eyes alert for a copy in book catalogues. Your offer to send the two small pamphlets celebrating Schleiden's 100th birthday is very generous. We would indeed be pleased to have them for a while.

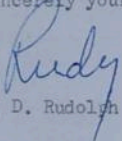
Hugh Iltis arrived in Columbus on Tuesday and we drove him to Antioch College that afternoon. He was in a very good humor after a good European vacation. He is all inspired to get some papers published; we hope the various other duties at the herbarium do not detract him. He returned to Columbus Wednesday afternoon and had dinner with us before getting the evening plane for Madison. He was more relieved about Frank after seeing him. Apparently Caroline is expecting their third child in November. He had all sorts of fears about their house which they have built. It seems like an ambitious project.

Glad your sister had a good time at Edinburgh and was able to see Darwin's house etc.

We look forward to seeing you at the symposium. What was the meeting in Lawrence, Kansas?

Take care.

Sincerely yours,


E. D. Rudolph

There were no plans to go to the Antarctic this season but I just recently found out that I must teach this fall. I'll be ready for winter quarter when I can spend all my time with research. I'll give a paper at the Montreal meetings.

Hope you took a vacation.

Best regards. Yours,

Rudy

E. D. Rudolph
Assoc. Prof. of Botany

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P.S. Maybe the best way to get a promotion is to go away for half the year. Enjoyed reading your article in Huntia.

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12 October 1964

Dr. George Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear George:

Under separate cover we are returning your nicely bound copies of the Schleiden 1904 celebration. We were pleased to see and be able to Xerox them. Thank you for sending them.

We are not coming to the Symposium this year because we are busy and the topic is not of immediate interest to us. Then too, it seems better to give our space to interested graduate students. We will come some other time when you will be less in demand.

Our house organization goes very well. Infact, we scheduled an open-house for over 100 people (in two shifts) for the weekend of the 25th. Want to come? Actually, we do have a bedroom waiting for you anytime you can get away. We still haven't located a copy of Moebius' biog. of Schleiden. We wrote to Junk but no success there. We should write to Fischer. If you happen to hear of a copy we would be very glad to know about it.

We now have a complete set of the books by Erasmus Darwin; this was completed with a recent purchase of his "Temple of Nature". We think we have all of his biographies (i.e. Seward, C. Darwin, Pearson, and a recent work).

Hope to hear from you when you have a chance to write.

Yours truly,

E. D. Rudolph
Assoc. Prof. of Botany

November 4, 1964.

Professor E. D. Rudolph
Ohio State University
Botany and Zoology Building
1735 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Rudi,

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Thank you for your letter of the 12th and the return of the Schleiden volume. The latter was so elaborately bound because a new helper misunderstood what I told him to do—fortunately he erred in the right direction. I was sorry you and Anne could not come to the symposium, for I think you would have enjoyed it. It was small enough to get to see everybody and, I believe, the papers were good although I have this only on hearsay. Fosberg showed up in the last minute and Kaves fortunate enough to have him stay with me, so we had several good talks. He is a very able man who has not had proper recognition, but, as you perhaps know, he does not really complain about this. I am glad to hear you and Anne will plan to come here at a later time and hope that when you do, I shall still be here. There are two possibilities: in the first place, I may get buried especially if any more space is taken away from me and I have condense the library still further; in the second, I may just have faded away—as a matter of fact, I have told the Board of Trustees that it is my intention to leave some time during the next six or eight months, my chief reason for delaying that long being to make it possible for me to dump the problem of a replacement in the lap of a new director. It seems as if we must have a new one by next summer, but I must confess it does not seem that we will necessarily have one in whose lap I should like to dump anything except—well, I let you fill in the blank.

As for Moebius' biography of Schleiden, I wonder if you have asked IDC for a microfiche copy. I feel sure there just be a copy in Stockholm or Utrecht and I seem to have a recollection that the head of IDC goes to Utrecht from time to time (he is a Dutchman) presumably to copy things. Certainly, Verdoorn must have a copy. I wonder if you have tried Joe Swan; it is the kind of thing he would be likely to have picked up some time.

Many thanks for your invitation to the open-house and I should certainly have attended (both shifts) if you had been within suitable distance. All for now, except to beg your forgiveness for writing a dictated letter--as usual I do not have time enough for writing all the letters I should by my own hand.

With best greetings to you both,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

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[Alfredo] Sadler (São Paulo, Brazil)

Rio, 24 February 1967

Dear George:

Excuse the miserable paper, but I called the desks 2 hours ago and they have yet to send up some writing paper (only furnished on request, not routinely in the rooms). I am sitting in my room, making time for my slave back to S.P., looking out on Guanabara bay under a glorious late afternoon sun.

I have wanted to write to you a number of times, no definite reason, just to talk to you, when I feel despondent and desperately sad. I have tried to live along and get over things that can no longer be changed. Very soon it is going to be a year that Freddie passed away, but for me it is still as fresh as horrible and as impossibly true as it was on the day his heart stopped beating.

For me life deflated, so far irreconcilably. My family life is a shambles too, not actually mind you, it just isn't there any more, and much as I want to work I am not happy with this ^{our} business.

Well, I shall drag along, more more true, perhaps something will come up to shake

me out of all this, I doubt it. I have a friend down here who claims I make a cult out of being unhappy. But he never knew me before this Brazilian venture.

I am sure that by now you have heard that Ladi found two lost Leonardo Ms. That is, he had been after them for some time, another man laid hands on them by chance, but Ladi was called to ~~the~~ Madrid to make the identification as well as acting as Editor in his new position as Research Associate of UCLA. They have already assigned him a suit of rooms at UCLA as well as taken care of the financial aspect. Since the finding Ladi has been in Madrid, N.Y. or somewhere most of the time. They are going to move to the States for good next May or June. We are getting Loulier by the hour.

Write me a dainty letter, soon.

Most affectionate regards.

Fred.

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

August 19, 1947

Dr. George B. Van Schaack,
102 Balltown Road,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear George:

It is good to hear from you and have so nice a reminder of that very pleasant journey we had together, despite all the arguments about the Museum, its past, present, and future.

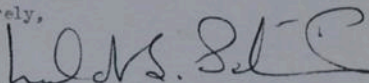
I do not know how much you have learned from the folks over in the Herbarium, but we have finally gotten around to setting up a Department of Botany, which is coordinate with Zoology. The old Department of Biology has thus been divided up. Killip becomes Head Curator with three divisions under him, Phenerogams, Grasses, and Cryptogams. Swallen becomes curator of the division of grasses and for the other two no curator has yet been picked. It raises grades for a number of people and so salaries, and we hope in '49 to add a few positions.

I am glad you keep up your botanical interests and I wouldn't hesitate to take some botany at the University if you can spare the time from your other labors. I do not know how they would look upon a faculty member going to classes, but certainly you could attend as an auditor and later come up for examination. If Washington U. is as liberal as I understand Chicago to be, I don't think you could have gotten yourself a better institution to work for. Compton seems to be one of the best even though he is so strong for physics, but that is where your mathematics should fit in to your best advantage.

Most of us are planning to go to the Chicago meeting of the A.A.A.S. Here's hoping that we may see you there.

Best of luck to you and then some.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt,
Head Curator,
Department of Zoology.

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January 8, 1948

Mr. George Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Van Schaack:

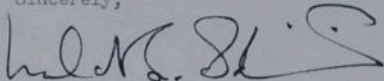
I'm certainly sorry I missed you when you were here. I missed you too on the way to Chicago, for I have never forgotten that really enjoyable, though, at times, somewhat argumentative trip we made to St. Louis, thanks to your good driving and generosity.

Well, we did get the Department of Botany, and all the folks over there got a raise.

I shall never forgive the Cornell people for the advice they gave you about undertaking a career in Botany at this stage of the game. It is never too late to take up some line of study in which you are keenly interested. There never was more of a rolling stone than William Seifriz, who is now a Professor of Botany at Pennsylvania. We grew up together and he worked at everything from ship building in Hamburg to patent drafting at Pittsburgh before he went to Johns Hopkins for his Ph. D. in Botany. The rest of our group were working and married before he got his Ph. D. When it comes to studies of protoplasm, he's probably one of the top men of his line in this country today. His botanical papers, especially his more or less ecologic surveys of portions of Latin America, are papers after your own heart. You should check up on his bibliography and perhaps you may be encouraged to do something similar based on your Aleutian experiences.

Here's to seeing you again either when you come this way or I go yours. Good luck and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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October 24, 1950

Mr. G. B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis 10, Missouri

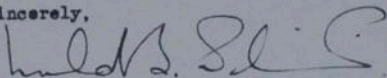
Dear Van Schaack:

It certainly is good to hear from you again. I have turned your bugs over to Dr. Chapin, our Curator of Insects, who will tell you what's what about them.

I especially appreciated the last paragraph of your letter telling me somewhat of your travels and adventures. The letterhead leads me to believe that you are up to your elbows in things botanical again. I am sorry that you didn't stick with the plants, despite the discouragement that I believe Cornell gave you. It is never too late to tackle a new job, especially when one has the enthusiasm for it that you have displayed in all your undertakings.

Always my kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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October 13, 1956

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

I am wondering what progress may have been made in filling the position which Ernest Sohns resigned last summer. I do not say 'progress in replacing him' for that is too unlikely!

I write of this now because developments in my own environment make it seem very probable that I shall want to leave St. Louis before another year is past. Anti-intellectualism at both the University and the Garden seems to be growing at such a pace that I cannot believe I shall long want to stay here, although I am not at liberty to write you even a hint of any particulars in so far as the Garden is concerned. However, be assured that it is not the director who is at fault in this matter. My situation here has been nearly ideal: the opportunity to earn an adequate if not substantial income by teaching mathematics with free time for my other interests, more than adequately ministered to by such a fine library and herbarium. Up until much less than a year ago the very thought of leaving such a situation had not occurred to me. Realizing, of course, that it cannot be duplicated, I cast about for such substitutions as may be available. Having so long ago abandoned the higher realms of mathematics I could expect to find at best only a strictly undergraduate teaching position in some small place. I should not be unwilling to take such a post if it offered, in the neighborhood, an adequate replacement for the Garden here. This could happen in only a few places: for example, in the San Francisco area. But my salary could not be very phenomenal in such a position, very possibly not more than the National Museum would be willing to pay for someone of my limited background to curate its grasses. Although even were it more I should be willing to accept less for the advantage of doing something I should want to do.

I should appreciate it very much if you would counsel me here. I am fifty-three, I am not ambitious for any personal glory, I have no great financial commitments or prospects. I should welcome spending the last dozen or fifteen years of my normal activity doing a job which I think I could do, if even only with minimum compensation. Do you think I could do the job; would 'they' think I could do it? I believe that Dr. Woodson would recommend me, for he told me that when Morton asked him for the name of anyone to whom they might turn he did so recommend me as the only one he knew. Perhaps you will feel that you want to talk this over with Egbert. I know you will realize that this should be done with the greatest circumspection, for while there is no one who would more gladly see

me move to Washington, there are few so likely to drop a sentence which might spike all chances of my doing so! When I talked to Carmichael about Sohns' resignation and the difficulty of replacing him he parried with, 'Perhaps we better hire you'. How serious he may have been I don't know, but he might be willing to consider the matter.

It was, as always, a great pleasure to see you in Washington. Even the remote possibility of doing so more often is stimulating. With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack

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AIR MAIL

November 8, 1956

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Gardens
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear George:

I am ashamed for not writing you ere this. The chief reason was that I actually lost track of your letter which I carefully laid away upon its receipt, having, however, read it beforehand.

This is a funny place, as you well know, and they usually like to insist that degrees are taken in the field in which employment is sought. On the other hand, there have been a number of striking exceptions to this rule which applies quite sharply to so-called professional career appointments. Then, too, we have so-called sub-professional line museum or scientific aids which run as high in grade as GS-7, for which the entrance salary is \$5,440, rising to \$6,725 in six years. Here the subject matter of one's degree or thesis would not come into the picture. I mention all this not to discourage you, but to show you how an opening might be made. I always recommend to applicants for various lines of work that the first thing for them to do is to get a toe-hold within the organization ^{they} want to work. Once on the inside, you can look around and discover the opportunities that exist both in lines of work and for advancement.

I am quite sure, if you would apply for a scientific aid that you would have an excellent chance for appointment. We do need people like you here, and especially some one who has a liking for grasses and the grass herbarium. I talked this matter over with Egbert Walker, and in the course of that conversation we checked over botanists who would constitute strong references and give you good letters of endorsement in any application that you might make of Dr. Carmichael direct. I understand that you are personally acquainted with him. Everything helps. In this connection, we were thinking of Mrs. Chase. If I should go to see her about this matter, some one might get suspicious, and so if you have no objection, I will approach McClure about it, and he can talk the matter over with Mrs. Chase and get her reactions to the idea. I am sure, from what Egbert says, that she would be only too happy to have some one like you to serve as her right hand. As you may well know, there is an awful lot to be done around and about that grass herbarium. If you do not mind working through McClure insofar as Mrs. Chase is concerned, drop me a line and I will go to work on him. I do not think

or rather can be thrashed out when we have all this will
57 from you to work on. Lett me see yours before you
write Carmichael. Meanwhile I'll see McClure. ^{Have good}
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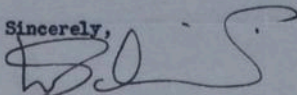
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a recommendation from me would be of ^{any} particular advantage to you, though I am not averse to your putting my name down as a reference. I do not carry as much weight here as my position might seem to indicate to outsiders. You understand. It is a nice prospect, and I hope we can make a go of it.

Inquire at your local Civil Service Commission, ^(branch) It is usually located in the Post Office Building. Ask for form 57, and whatever information they can give you about Museum Aid's positions.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

The ~~next lowest~~ ^{to lowest} aid position is GS-7
4,525 - 5,335

Then ^{next lowest} GS-5, 3,670 - 4,480

Most of our sci. aides are GS-5
Some are GS-7; and a few

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AIR MAIL

November 16, 1956

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

Dear George:

This letter is in continuation of my earlier one responding to yours of October 13. I hope you have been biding your time pending this further word from me. I had the opportunity of discussing the matter with Dr. McClure, and the sum total of our conversations is that under the existing circumstances your best move would be to write Swallen direct, making application for an opportunity to work in the grass herbarium. Inasmuch as you know Dr. Carmichael personally, you might address him, at the same time, saying that you have written to Mr. Swallen asking to be considered for appointment to the herbarium. I would be tempted to include in my letter to Swallen a copy of the form 57 filled out with the exception of the position title ~~at the top~~ at the top. On the other hand, I would put in the minimum amount that you would accept. That could be in round numbers, more or less the figures that I gave you in the earlier letter.

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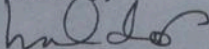
McClure was going to sound out Mrs. Chase for, if she would, when called upon, give you a strong recommendation, it would help matters a great deal. I cannot conceive that she would do otherwise, but still, I would not want her to give you a lukewarm endorsement. I hope to hear about that today, and if so, will add a little note at the bottom of this letter.

It is too bad we cannot do this from the top down, but I can agree with McClure that if Swallen were not consulted first he might be very much opposed to being told ~~how~~ what it would be desirable for him to do. You perhaps know the man better than I do, although I have been acquainted with him for many years. The grass herbarium, we are all agreed, needs somebody who will put his shoulder to the wheel, and who has an interest in and a knowledge of grasses. In your form 57, so far as possible, and if not there, in your letters to Swallen and to Carmichael, stress the fact that you have your doctor's degree, and though it may be in mathematics and not in the field of botany, that it ~~gives~~ gives you an excellent academic background and ^{the} disciplines that will make you a better grass expert. Also stress the fact that you had some eight years experience in botany and that it is your major interest and real love in the field of science. Put your best foot foremost and

bear down on the fact that you had a great deal of actual and practical experience with things botanical and grasses in particular.

If you think it would help, I would be happy to check over a draft of your form 57 before you turn it in. Do not let the matter die. I think you should keep right after it.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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November 21, 1956

AIR MAIL

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
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St. Louis 10, Mo.

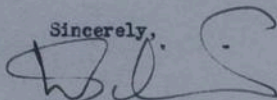
Dear George:

I have just had word from McClure that Mrs. Chase welcomes the idea and will do all that she can to see that the matter is approved if it is brought to her attention by Swallen, to whom you should make your application.

We are holding a good thought over the whole proposition and hope that it will go through promptly and smoothly.

Good luck.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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December 5, 1956

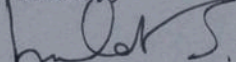
AIR MAIL

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear George:

In some ways I am a little disappointed with your letter of December 2, but I do not hold it against you. It would be nice to have some one with your interests in charge of our grass collection, if not immediately, in the future, but when you tell me how the wind is blowing out in the Mid West, I have no hesitation at all in telling you to go to it and sit the present situation out. True enough, it is a gamble, but nothing risked, nothing gained. I do hope the breaks go your way, so that your hopes and those of the Garden will be realized. It would be too bad if you pulled out and the finances failed and the herbarium at the Garden would go to pot.

Sincerely,



Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Mrs Chase McClure Walker and I shall hold tight a bit longer to see how things work out. It is improbable that any one can be found to fill the vacancy in the foreseeable future, other than yourself.

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

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Dear George, I still congratulate myself
for having phoned you in time. I
did have a grand time. It was a
treat to see the Climatron, but
I think its a "punk" name! I do
not say that I can think of a
better one but if a sort of cock-
tail lounge (or maybe just coffee
with tubes in space beyond the
big doors, I said should have rather
hangings before them, you could
adopt the name "Tropicana" which
by the way is the name of a famous
(or is it infamous) night club. If
copyright laws would not keep
you from it, might be tried.

In any case the tropic nature
of the exhibits, the plants and set-

P.S. Guess I should have used a second sheet - it's a small world. Guess
I ran into our Librarian this afternoon (about 5 P.M.) I hope Fernan the
man we were talking about. I asked him to join me but they leaving at 5
for Williamsburg. I told him to remember me to John Baldwin who's at Wm. + Mary
close by. Sorry that he could not stay here. Love
to you all.

HERBARIUM
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS ²²7, TEXAS

7 September 1962

Dear G.:--

You may be the wrong person to write to for the following three items, but I pin hopes on your reprint collection:

Stellaria sylvatica Maxim. ex Regel, Bull. Soc. Imp. Nat. Moscou 35/I: 302. 1862. (After much agony I finally located it in the Union List under Moskovskoe Obshchestvo ispytatelei prirody, and you are not supposed to have this volume or else you are - the manner of listing is incomprehensible. I'm hoping you have lots of Regel separata.)

Ea f7 *Silene alba* Muhl. ex Rohrb., Mono. *Silene* p. 87. 1868.

All I need to know about these two is whether they were validly published. The first apparently was, the second apparently only in synonymy. I do not need a copy of the reference; it's a question of whether these do or do not prevent the use of a later homonym.

Sisyrinchium valdivianum Philippi, Anal. Univ. Chile 91: 616. 1895. (I believe this is in a Flora de Chile. We only have the one by Reiche.) This time I do want a copy of the description.

As of just now I have gained enlightenment about the worst weed in my yard - it's *Digitaria adscendens* and not *D. sanguinalis*! (See Ebinger in the latest Brittonia.) Would you like a specimen? As long as I have to do the weeding anyway, I think I'll make up a set of 20 or 30 or so (which will hardly make a dent in the population). We had more rain than usual this summer, and the plants are luxurious.

SIDA continues to take shape - not going to press quite as early as planned (August), but hope to be out by December nonetheless.

Digitariologist *

Lloyd Shinnars

* At the grass roots, literally!

In synonymy of *S. visca* Nutt. DC.
S. visca Muhlentz. cat. 41. *visca*
visca.

539. *Spee* *visca* *visca* Maxim.
Krascheninnikowia viscatia
Maxim. Prim. p. 57.

[+ Ital.] [no sec.]

K. viscatia is sec. in the
ref. [and there is no synonym.]

September 11, 1962

Dr. Lloyd Shinnars
Herbarium
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 22, Texas

Dear Lloyd:

Your item 1 reads:

339. *Stellaria sylvatica* Maxim.
Krascheninaikowia sylvatica Maxim. prim. p. 57.

Habitat is given but there is no description. In Maxim. prim. K. *sylvatica* is described and there is no synonymy.

As for your item 2 *S. alba* is ~~not~~ synonymy of *S. nivea* (Nutt) DC., the citation being *S. alba* Muhlenb. cat. 45 sine descriptione.

As for your item 3 I enclose a contact copy. This last item impelled me to go to our copy of Philippi's *Plantas nuevas chilenas*, which appeared in the Annals of the University of Chile in an original communication and 50 continuations which we have as separates on completely rotten paper, unbound, stuffed in a box. Believe it or not, every last page remains and only two are broken straight across. I must get this thing copies, though it will cost about \$100.00. I am sure there are very few complete sets and they are probably all on this rotten paper.

Many thanks for your generous contribution for the gift to honor Mrs. Chase. So far we have collected or have promised \$167.00. I should not like to have to fall back on your generous offer to increase your contribution, so I hope before the 1st of November to tap some additional sources. I have been a little surprised that quite so many people have hit the average, although I am please that no one hit below it.

I am sorry to know you are not coming to the symposium, but I certainly understand your feeling of pressure to get things done. Please don't hesitate to write again when you need some assistance.

S
Ghos

negly needed 8-17-64.
no copy made. CB.

HERBARIUM

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DALLAS 22, TEXAS 75222

16 August 1964

Dear Author of Revised Texas Flora:--

In very small part, that is. If you are going to correct that sloppy Gould checklist bit by bit, you have launched a project that will outdo Scheherazade's thousand nights and one night. And then there will be the revision of the revision - e.g., Wherry wrote me that he has seen two species of *Loeselia* from Texas! Sic itur ad astra.

What really has finally triggered a communication is a sordid & selfish request for information. There are two things passing as *Youngia* (*Crepis*) *japonica* in the Southeast: the real thing, from Texas to Florida, and what Babcock & Stebbins call ssp. *Elstonii*, with the old-fashioned capital letter (Publ. Carnegie Inst. No. 484, p. 98, 1937). I am inclined to make two species out of them, perhaps a bit recklessly, having seen only 2 collections of the latter, from D.C. & N.C. Unhappily the authors rejected the type method in recording synonymy, and fail to give full information about the type species of the genus itself, leaving me in the dark as to the name to use if a 2nd species is recognized. If their statements about type are correct, the earliest name was *Prenanthes* ~~sp.~~ *lyrata* Thunb., whose epithet they do not adopt on the grounds that Cassini had used it as a synonym for *japonica*. But if Cassini in fact was proposing a new combination, then the indicated binomial is *Youngia lyrata* (Thunb.) Cass. (as to type, not as to plant described); otherwise it is *Y. thunbergiana* DC. Can you tell me whether Cassini, Ann. Sci. Nat. (ser. I) 23: 88, 1831 (repr. Opusculas 3: 86, 1834) gives any indication of an earlier basis for his binomial *Youngia lyrata*? Poiret used the binomial *Chondrilla lyrata*, but refers to Thunberg; Babcock & Stebbins disregard the Thunberg basis and give it as a synonym of *E. japonica*, while stating that the type (Thunberg's) is something else.

All this alas has nothing to do with the Flora of Texas, but do not despair! My Spring Flora will go out of print within 6 months or less, and I have promised the Fl. N. Cent. Texas in time for spring classes in 1966, with the Concise Fl. Texas to follow soon after. And the Concise Fl. S.E. U.S. progresses too.

All in spite of considerable difficulties arising from poor health and compounded by inept M.D.'s. As you've probably heard, I was diagnosed as diabetic last summer, which led to the establishment of the OGMA (Order of Galloping Middle Age), with fellow-sufferers Cronquist (kidney stones) and Pohl (ulcers) as fellow-founders. But I am the only one who also gets the palm-leaf cluster, reserved for those who have to give themselves shots (down to a paltry 20 units of insulin daily, after a high of 45; the latest M.D. is trying out the very latest pill, which seems to pack more punch than the older ones). I did manage to get out on 3 short trips this summer, after more than a year of being stuck at home, and as a result feel more improved than after the M.D.'s ministrations. Believe I'll be able to keep that reckless promise to appear at M.B.G. for the October symposium.

Your new head curator was to have dropped in some time in the past few days, but no sign of him yet. I was delighted to learn of the appointment -- he's really top notch. Don't be disturbed at his being an apparent biosystematist - he's not the typical American type. If you had picked a Heiser or a Harlan Lewis I'd have advised hanging out a For Sale sign, but Walter Lewis is something else. Now I just hope he can get enough capable assistants so he doesn't work himself to death, which he has a tendency to do.

One of the first things I want to suggest is an expansion in your section for photocopying and such. Not from any malicious yearning to burden you with still more work! I do feel that your resources ought to be more widely available, and this is the sort of thing that has very good chances for outside support.

SIDA 1 #6 is nearly ready to go to press - am trying to wind up 2 more papers of my own that have been dragging along for years. But there are enough mss. on hand for a fairly big issue already, and since it concludes vol. 1 there will be space taken up by the index. Vol. 2 #1 will be devoted entirely to Russell's Violets of Eastern North America, illustrated (not in color, though!), due hopefully by end of year, and #2, next spring, will feature Kral's Xyris of the U.S. & Canada, plus some more of my own effusions.

Best regards,

Lloyd Shinnars
Lloyd Shinnars

Shinner

HERBARIUM

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DALLAS 22, TEXAS 75222

3 March 1965

Dear Agrostologist:--

(To switch to pleasanter things, at least temporarily.) In the loan recently returned I included an unknown unmounted *Leptochloa*, a duplicate of which is going to be sent to Soderstrom shortly, but in case you crave diversion you might want to look at it. I've found it twice, at widely separated localities, on recently disturbed road shoulders; doubtless introduced, but our foreign material is too scanty to help. Will also send later a few of the naturalized exotics we have (mostly *Andropogons* and *Cenchrus* (*Pennisetum*) *ciliaris*), just so you have them for the record.

Now for some of those disagreeable bibliographic problems.

Merremia Dennstedt, Schlüss. Hort. Malab. (1818). Variousy cited as on pages 12, 23, 34; said by some to be a nomen nudum, not validated until adopted by Hallier in 1893. Are there any scraps of data, or headings under which it is grouped, that could justify claiming it as validly published? It wouldn't require much. If it wasn't, there unhappily are Rafinesque names available.

Roth, *Botanische Abhandlungen* (1787). Do you have a copy that could be subjected to one of your photocopying gadgets for the pages dealing with *Ipomoea*?

Ipomoea hederacea Jacquin, *Collectanea* 1: 124 (Index Kew.), *Icones Rar. t.* 36 (Gray, *Syn. Fl.*). Which is it?

As a small contribution to your peace of mind, I advised Andy Torres at Kansas U. (he phoned long distance Monday) to write us instead of you for references. We don't have a's much of course, but we could supply quite a lot. Please feel free to give the same advice to others - there's nobody here to use what we have except me, and we have two librarians who do nothing but handle photocopying and interlibrary loans just for the Science Library.

I've tried for years to promote this sort of thing for herbarium specimens too, suggesting that a lot of routine loan requests for North American material could well be diverted from NY, MBG, et al., to several smaller places, such as ours. But Cronquist said that if someone were doing a good monograph, they would want to have their specimens annotated, and I haven't had much success in changing old habits. It still seems to me that pressure could be taken off the big centers. Perhaps the scheme might work better with library references.

Best regards,

Emory Convolvulaceae

Lloyd Shinnars

HERBARIUM
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

7 June, 1966

Dear Fellow Sicknik:--

Well anyway that makes you a seasoned traveler! But neither the Coca Cola Company nor Anheuser-Busch will admire you for it. Maybe we'll have to devise a special award for you. I haven't passed out any OGMA buttons lately - have instead been urging everybody to read Adelle Davis's new book, Let's Get well (Harcourt-Brace, 1965). My sister gave me a copy in January, and after just one week following just part of Mrs. Davis's advice I had that stupendous case of insulin shock - indicating improvement in my condition and proving that she was right. She's sold on heavy doses of vitamins and minerals, and so am I now (currently averaging 22 pills a day plus potassium chloride used as salt).

I had told Walter Lewis last winter that I hoped to come to St. Louis in May, which I didn't because late rains made for good collecting here, and it seemed wiser to try to make up for time lost last year. But one more trip is about all that will be worth while before hot weather sets in. Will go to Del Rio this week-end, then start planning for a trip up your way, but will have to make some more progress with Convolvulaceae first.

A student at Vanderbilt has taken on Melanthera, which I had started to work with 3 years ago. He has time to go to Florida for the uncommon species, so I'm leaving it all to him, but said I would publish the notes on nomenclature. O. E. Schulz, who did the genus in Urban's Symb. Ant. 7: 115 (1911) was not going by present rules, and does some strange things. One item I am unable to check: he credits the combination M. aspera (@@@) to L. C. Richard "apud Spreng. Entdeck. III (1822) p. 40 in obs." we don't have the Spreng. el, and I am left wondering if the new combination was merely implied rather than formally made and accepted there. Index Kewensis credits it to Steudel, Nom. (ed. 2) 2: 113, but there is no such name there. Small, apparently believing Index Kewensis, credits it to Steudel in Bull. Torr. Bot. Club 36: 164, 1909. That means Small is the real author of the new combination unless Richard in Sprengel formally made it. Did he?

That's all I have to pester you with at the moment.
when I come up I'd like to look through Seemann's Botany
of the Herald - we have only one part, missing everything
on Panama.

Do stay out of the hospital as much as you can -
with me they do more harm than good.

Best regards,

Temporarily in the Archives

Lloyd Shinnars

Your question regarding Melanthera aspera involves, so far as I can see, the following history.

- 1) Jacquin, N. J. Collectanea (Pritzel 4370) v. 2. p. 290.

'CALEA ASPERA.

America meridionalis patria est. [Etc.].'

- 2) Michaux, A. Flora boreali-americana (Pritzel 7611, sub Richard) t. 2. p. 107. 1803.

The last line of the treatment of Melananthera [sic:] hastata reads:

'Calea aspera. Jacq. Am. piet.' [?= l. c.; what does 'Am. piet.' mean?]

Our copy was Engelmann's and in his hand on the t. p. is written: François André Michaux, fils (& Claude Louis Richard); t. p. of v. 1 says, in addition, 'auteris'.
No. app. latin abbrev. for genus. locality

Marie Victorin in Univ. Mont. Lab. Bot. Contrib. 18 says: Cet ouvrage, le Flora boreali-americana, que pour des raisons inconnues Richard refusa de signer, parut sous le nom d'André Michaux.

The 'Lectori benevole' is signed by 'Michaux', undated. Since it refers to 'Andreas Michaux', presumably the son signed; Richard seems not to be mentioned.

D. & H. p. 549 indicate this as the first appearance of Melananthera, and ING agrees.

[ING has also:

Melanthera Rohr, Skrivt. naturhist. Selsk. Kjøbenhavn 2(1):213. 1792.

Typification recondit.

[I do not identify this journal, nor find other explanation]

- 3) Sprengel, Neue Entd. 3, p. 40. 1822. His no. '61' is:

Melananthera ~~axyziana~~ corymbosa.

His 'observations'-paragraph, following the description and locality reads:

'M. aspera Rich. differt praecipue foliis dentato-crenatis, pedunculis unifloris axillaribus, calycibus hemisphaeris.'

- 4) Steud. Nom. Bot. ed. 2:113. 1894.

MELANANTHERA Michx. Spr. [*] 2690.

Melanthera Rohr. Dec. V. 844.

Ucacou. Adans. (ex parte) 5

.....

aspera Rich. deltoidea.

- 5) Schulz, ^{off.} [which you have]

[*] see over

** To be found in LC, see
LC cat 106:167.

Not in ULS!

[*] i. e., Spreng. in Linné Syst. Veg. ed. 16. v. 3:445. 1826.

2690. MELANANTHERA Rich.

deltoidea Mx. 2. M. foliis rhombico-oblongis acutis 3plinervis serratis
scabris, pedunculis axillaribus 1 floris, paleis re-
ceptaculi obtusis. Ind. occ. (Calea aspera Jacq.)

June 27, 1966.

Dr. Lloyd Shinnars
Herbarium
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas 75222

Dear Lloyd,

I am sorry to have had to delay so long in answering your query about Melanthera. I enclose herewith what I think is essentially a complete history, but I must confess I don't know what you do with it. You will note that in more than one instance the word has been printed with two -an-'s instead of only one--I have tried not to miscopy any of the different spellings.

I hope you are out of the armchair and that you will be able to come up some time this summer. I am two weeks out of the hospital, but by no means ready to undertake what I consider full duties, but I believe it is only a matter of getting everything to heal when I shall be.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

September 21, 1966

Dr. Lloyd Shinnars
Department of Botany
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Lloyd:

Joe Ewan has returned to the New Orleans next and communication is finally re-established. He suggests \$30 to \$40 for M'Mahon (I think we can consider \$30 as sufficient). As for Greene, he suggests \$10, but notes that Notre Dame has been selling unbound copies for \$5 from ELG's old stock.

As for other items, I suggest prices as follows:

Fisher--The Alpine Ranunculi of New Zealand, \$8 (it is new with price mark $3\frac{8}{10}$ s.).

Hayes--Hybrid Corn (Ex Libr.) \$3

Memoirs 1 and 2 of the Indian Botanical Society, \$2 (they are new and are marked 16 Rupees, which equals \$2.14).

Schnee--Plantas Comunes de Venezuela, \$2

I hope you reached home safely and that you are trying to be sensible about how much you do and how you take care of yourself. It was a pleasure to see you here and I hope you will get back again soon.

I had some difficulty getting a copy of "Let's Get Well"--in fact, I had to order it myself from the publisher. It looked very interesting, but I sent it off at once to my sister. I spoke to her about it over the 'phone, but she told me that as for her eye failure it was a matter of nerves and not of retinal capillaries. I noted that Miss Davis did not give any addresses of health food stores, etc., but until my sister asks for such I shall let you alone on this matter. The book looked as if were I to have started in about 30 years ago I might have made my carcass worth preserving, but now it seemed rather too late to read all that fine print!

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

GBVS:VG

HERBARIUM
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222

19 October 1966

Dear G.:--

Stands for Giveaway. We would indeed be happy to have the Bayer. Bot. Ges. 1-8, but please at least let us pay the postage.

We would also like the lesser items picked out on my visit - i.e., the \$18 worth. We'll let the \$40 horticultural item go, at least for now.

If typing labels, mounting and filing specimens, packing and unpacking loans, brushing off table-tops, et cetera, constitute doing well, then I am doing very well indeed, though research hardly progresses at all. We had unusual rains since summer, and it seems a crime not to get out in the field as much as possible, though that does not immediately advance research either. Still I have lost time from last year to make up (and government money to spend), so the desk work keeps getting shoved aside.

If you'll let me know (via enclosed postcard) how much we owe, including postage on everything, and how the check should be made out, one will be sent immediately.

*Back in the
Armchair
(temporarily)*

November 4th, 1966

Dr. Lloyd Shinnars
Department of Botany
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Lloyd:

The invoiced items have been packed and will be shipped in a day or two. Somehow or other I couldn't manage the sum of \$18.00 from what I had offered you. The Green is still for sale, but I think we should have \$7.50 for it, since it is bound.

The package being sent contains in three volumes the first eight volumes of the Bayer. Bot. Ges. Ber., for which there is no extra charge.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

GBVS:VG

Enc.

Invoice has paid 3-9-67

December 21, 1966

Dr. Lloyd Shimmers
Herbarium
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas 75222

Dear Lloyd:

I am glad you had the good sense not to send me a note about the copy of Green of which I recently inquired--as you expected, I found it "lying around".

I take note of the fact that we have not received payment of the invoice for the books I sent you--this, not because I am worried about the payment, but, rather, worried about you. I earnestly trust that you have not had another setback. You will not do any of us a particular service by killing yourself, so just calm down.

With this admonition, let me wish you a restful holiday time and a good 1967.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

GBVS:VG

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JOSEPH C. SHIPMAN
LIBRARIAN

August 3, 1964

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

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

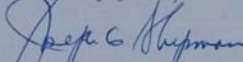
Thank you for your letter of July 28. The Steyermark title has been returned, and I am happy that we could be of help to you in providing the book for your southern Missouri field trip with Dr. Stearn.

Our Cataloger determined the date of Steyermark from the publisher and put the date [1963] in brackets, which is the convention under such circumstances. It is regrettable, but it happens every now and then. You have done everyone a service by inducing them to stamp in the date.

I hope that Dr. Stearn will follow-up on his letter to the Governor.

Our best to you again.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph C. Shipman
Librarian

JCS:cr

July 28, 1964.

Mr. Joseph Shipman
Librarian
Linda Hall Library
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Shipman,

Thank you very much for sending me the name of the chairman of the Governor's committee. This has been sent on to Dr. Stearn who will, I trust, use it before too long. I suspect, however, from a letter I received from him today that he will not find time to write the letter until after the Botanical Congress is over. He remarked that visitors were many, but that as much as he enjoyed seeing them he was getting far behind in his work.

I trust that the copy of Steyermark which you so kindly loaned us reached you safely. I wonder what your cataloguer did for a date of publication of this book, for as I found to my horror upon receiving our own copy, it was published entirely without indication of date. I made immediate protest to the press and suggested to them that they should remedy the omission in some suitable way as soon as possible. Their reply indicated their willingness to do so and the fact that to that moment only hundred copies had been released. Their method of remedy was to stamp the date "1963" below the word Iowa on the title page. This had been done in the second copy which we received, but I note that it had not been done in your copy.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

July 15, 1964.

Dr. William T. Stearn
Department of Botany
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London S.W. 7, England.

Dear Bill,

Mr. Shipman informs me that the name of the chairman of Governor Dalton's Science Advisory Committee is Dr. Albert E. Lombard, McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, Box 516, St. Louis, Missouri, 63166. I am wondering whether this committee will live over the change of administration which may take place the first of January. It will, however, at least have one meeting before then and I am sure the papers of the committee will at least be filed in the Governor's office.

I hope you reached England safely and found your family well and other matters in good shape. I wrapped all of your papers together with one copy of Fanny Hill and mailed it about a week ago. I trust it reaches you (with or without Fanny Hill). I had sealed it and asked especially if that was proper being told that it was. Yesterday I tried to mail you the other copy of Fanny Hill separately wrapped. This too I had also sealed. The same person who approved the sealed package the week before, refused this one. I am sending it to you presently unsealed. I should be interested to know how many of your three copies of Fanny Hill you are able to get into the country.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George E. Van Schack
Librarian

GEVS/cl

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LIBRARIAN

5109 CHERRY STREET
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July 3, 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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St. Louis, Missouri.

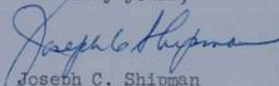
Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

The name of the Chairman of Governor Dalton's Science Advisory Committee is Dr. Albert E. Lombard, McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, Box 516, St. Louis, Missouri, 63166. I agree with you that the best way for Dr. Stearn's letter to come is the route you have chosen.

I suppose since the Missouri Botanical Garden is privately supported and endowed, that there is no official action we can take, but it may be that the Governor and other influential Missourians might have their attention drawn to a regrettable situation. Is there any state support at all for the Garden?

It was good to see you and I, too, wish we had had an opportunity for a longer visit. Perhaps you will be coming this way again.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph C. Shipman
Librarian

JCS:cr

July 2, 1964.

Mr. Joseph C. Shipman
Linda Hall Library
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Shipman,

Your kindness in lending us a copy of Steyermark is very much appreciated, for Dr. Stearn found frequent occasion to refer to it. So often I had to say I did not know anything about the plant and it was indeed most helpful for me also therefore to be able to use the volume.

Our trip was very interesting although I was unable to take Dr. Stearn as far as I had hoped, for as you may recall, both Sunday and Monday were excessively hot days. But to a botanist most any area never previously visited is interesting and we never wanted for things to tempt us to stop.

I did not call you on Tuesday as I had promised to ask the name of the man of whom you spoke, for I decided that not knowing anything about him or his possible acquaintance with various members of the Board of Trustees it would be better to have Dr. Stearn reach him more directly than through me. Accordingly I have asked Dr. Stearn to write a letter to this man indicating he does so at your suggestion made during your conversation regarding the Missouri Botanical Garden and the possible threat to its continuance as an effective scientific institution. That this conversation arose because of remarks made by me is essentially irrelevant, for Dr. Stearn at least has been aware from many other sources of the situation here in St. Louis. I should therefore be most appreciative if you could send me the name of the person of whom you spoke so that I can send it on to Dr. Stearn.

It was a great pleasure to see your library and to be able to talk with you about it, but I must express my regret for being there so briefly.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaeck
Librarian

GHSV/cl

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March 30, 1970

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

Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of March 4th, addressed to the President of Dover Publications.

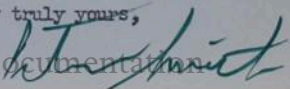
We have been cloth binding the paperback editions of Dover, as well as some two dozen other paperback publishers, for the past ten years. Your complaint is the first serious one we have received over the years. I might point out that Bro-Dart, the highly regarded library supply firm, of Williamsport, Pa. does our cloth bindings. They also cloth bind paperbacks for other publishers as well as for numerous libraries. They are looked upon as pre-eminent in this field.

In the nature of things, a book may come thru that is not entirely satisfactory. If you will consult the special Paperback issues of Library Journal, you will note that in our advertisements we offer to replace without charge any paperback that does not stand up under library use, regardless of the number of times circulated. Of the many thousands of paperbacks we have cloth bound and distributed over the years, I can honestly say that not more than a dozen or so such books have been returned to us for replacement. If you have purchased any of our cloth bound paperbacks and they are unsatisfactory, we shall be pleased to replace them without charge if you will let us know.

I do strongly resent the absurd statements contained in the latter part of your letter. If you will take the trouble to consult with other libraries, or members of the academic profession at colleges and universities, I think you will find they are in general agreement that we produce well, both cloth-bound paperbacks and reprints of out of print books, ~~manufactured books~~, and at prices that are far below those of other reprint firms. I take it that you are familiar with Sargent: SILVA OF NORTH AMERICA, 14 volumes. It was published originally at \$300.00. We reprinted the set at \$200.00.

I have been publishing and selling books to libraries for some forty years now. I hope your reputation in the library field after forty years of service is as satisfactory as mine is.

Very truly yours,



* MAKE BOOKS,

TELEPHONE 525-3562

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MAGNOLIA, MASS. 01930

March 30, 1970

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
The Morton Arboretum

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P.S. As regards the last sentence in your ill-mannered letter, when you next have occasion to use any of the following:

POOLE'S INDEX TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE, 7 volumes
Evans: AMERICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY, 14 volumes
AMERICAN CATALOGUE 1876-1910, 13 volumes

you will find that we "polluted" library collections by reprinting these books.

Dear Mr. Smith

(1)

Thank you for your letter of March 30th.
I am very sorry to have wounded your feelings
so painfully. I recall, ^{with pleasure} meeting you once at
your booth at an A.L.A. meeting, and talking to
you about your reprint of Sargent's Herbaria.
I told you at that time that I thought
you had done a very valuable service
to botany in making this reprint, making
^{the} excellent quality of reproduction and of binding,
and ~~at~~ ^{the} very reasonable price. ~~But I said~~
nothing ^{at that time} that I take back now.

My criticism of your products relates
wholly to your cloth bindings of loose
reprints. The original, before it is put into
cloth by Row-Dart, is an excellently
produced facsimile on good paper, well
preserved in appearance for lasting use.
That anyone should take this highly

as your supply of ⁴ product depends
by the destruction of ¹ ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~your~~
sewing to be replaced by plaster
adhesives I can ~~cannot~~ only
criticize you - in particular for
the pollution which such a
product causes that to
be seen in a library of ~~permanent~~
books purchased for permanent.
May I ask you - almost desperately -
in the cause of good hunting, to
abandon Bro-Dart and to find
a hunter who will use ~~some~~
books directly without ^{using} the pillbox.
This would be a genuine service that
you would do all librarians that
country.

Jan 1957

April 14, 1964.

Dr. Thomas R. Soderstrom
Associate Curator
Department of Botany
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter of April 6th with the news that the *Muhlenbergia* is so soon annotated and on the way back. I am indeed glad to have all this stuff properly named. Thank you also for your kind remarks about the "notes"—so far as I know these are mine, for I spent a lot of time trying to sort out this mess about ten years ago, just about the time I got involved in the library and had eventually to put it all back in the cases without any definite accomplishment. It is gratifying to know that I had separated off some of the groups which you have recognized.

As you know, I am sure, from Dr. Walker I am somewhat leery of the whole matter regarding the money from China. But this does not prevent my recognizing that Brasilia would be a most suitable place to deposit a copy of Mrs. Chase's index and if the money is to be used, I think this would be an excellent way to use it. As for providing you the list of donors I must think about this. Frankly, were I myself a more donor with no other knowledge of the transaction, I should prefer to remain ignorant (that is, if one can prefer to remain ignorant when he is not.) Each person gave his money with the thought that it would help place a copy of the index in China in honor of Mrs. Chase. Well, it did this and why not let that be the end of the story? The fact that the Chinese then insisted on paying for it as a political gesture to discredit personal ownership is essentially irrelevant, it seems to me. In fact, had I been Dr. Walker I should have kept this matter extremely quiet, for what I hear he has said in many places may well get back to the Chinese and do Kong himself harm—how do we know that some of the other donors may not feel just as strongly and speak up just as carelessly, thereby increasing the danger to Kong. I really think it would be much better to have no more discussion of it and no more spreading the "facts" which are really just that because we don't know what they are, no matter what Kong himself may have written—anything he wrote would have to be very circumspectly phrased.

Should you agree with me, of course, you will have to find some circumlocution to describe the donors of the gift to Brasilia. But that can be far from explicit and yet at the same time not false.

Hugh Iltis called me on the phone last weekend and asked me, among other things, for advice about a not too large genus of grass for a graduate student to collect in northern Mexico and in preparation for a revision of it. I had to tell him that I am just too far away from that now to be able to advise him and suggested that he write to you. I hope you won't mind this, for I know you certainly can advise him and that he will be very grateful if you will.

Thanks for your concern that your letter should find me well which, in the main, it does. But it is a long time since I have had a vacation and I am preparing to take one for several weeks from the 24th. I hope to go to California and see it green for once, and in addition hope to get to Yosemite to see the falls rather merely the site of the falls.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Sohnack
Librarian

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
Department of Botany
6 April 1964

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

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Thank you so much for your very nice letter of March 13. The specimens of Muhlenbergia have all been annotated and are now being returned to the Garden. I have written a note to Dr. Cutler informing him of this.

Of course most of the specimens were duplicates of ones I'd already seen from one or another of the many institutions from which I borrowed. However, the Mo. Bot. Garden sheets were most interesting to me because they had been curated so well and each sheet had notes of great interest written on. Were these your notes or someone else's? The reason I was glad to see these is that things like M. versicolor Swallen had been set aside once as undescribed and indeed they were undescribed at the time. I was also happy to see notes to the effect that certain of the M. "robusta" specimens were separated off from the others with a note that they are distinct, as I recognized these as M. virletii (Fourn.) comb. nov.

I have had some conversations with Dr. Walker concerning the money received from China for the Grass Index. Rather than use the money toward payment of a picture of her in an encyclopedia several here have felt that it would indeed be better to buy another set and donate them to a worthy institution. My suggestion was that we give a set to the new University in Brasilia, for they would be able to use it, we will continue to do grass work in that part of the world and will be there (I shall be there this fall, in fact), and Brazil is a country Mrs. Chase collected in and loved so much. The McClures and others here are much in favor of this idea and I would hope you would be also. It would probably be best, once we have decided exactly what to do, to write a letter to all donators. I think all should feel happy that there will be a set of her books in China and in Brazil, given to both places as gifts. I would be happy to write the letter and send it out from here if you would send me the list of donators.

I hope this finds you well, and again many thanks for letting me see the material from Missouri Botanical Garden.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas R. Soderstrom
Associate Curator
Division of Grasses

March 13, 1964.

Dr. Thomas R. [E]oderstrom
Associate Curator
Division of Grasses
United States National Museum
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Tom,

I feel very chagrined that your good letter of January 5th has remained so long unanswered, but perhaps you have heard echoes of what's been going on here and can imagine that with so many people gone the rest of us have been rather busier than usual.

I am pleased that you will look at our *Epicampes* group of *Muhlenbergia*. I have finally been able to get this material out for you and it will be wrapped and sent within a week or ten days. I believe there are 184 sheets. I am not sending any type material, for all of ours consist of numbered sheets which I am pretty sure you have seen--the usual stuff of Fringle, Lindheimer etc. However, if you wish to see any of this I shall, of course, be glad to lend it, or a selection--I can send you a list of the collectors and their numbers.

Your idea for putting out some sort of memorial for Mrs. Chase must be carried out, in fact I wish we had all got around to doing this before she died. Actually, of course, something like this was done for her 80th birthday in that at the dinner held for her she was presented with a bound volume of letters specially written to her for the occasion. I wonder what has become of this volume. I never saw it, but suppose that she would have wanted it put with the rest of the library. It would probably be helpful to you in finding some of the right people to approach for statements or articles about her. One of the things to be thought of is that because of her age at death many of her close friends are themselves now very old and should be asked for their contributions at an early date. Of course, on the other hand her circle of friends kept growing and included people of even more tender age than yourself, so there ~~will~~ always be plenty who can contribute although the older should certainly be given the opportunity. I wish I knew how to help you do this and wish I could say that I should be ready to do anything. I feel this letter way but I already have so much overburden

in taking care of this library that there is not too much time or energy left for this type of thing however worthy it may be. I don't know how this could be financed, but I should be pleased to make a reasonable contribution if the production did not get too expensive—the cost of such things varies tremendously with the publisher.

Many thanks for your good wishes for the New Year. I hope it is being good for you too and should like to think I would see you during it.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
Department of Botany
5 January 1964

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

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 11. My first news of Mrs. Chase's passing came on my arrival in Paramaribo this fall on the way out from the interior. A friend of mine in New York, to whom I had once spoken of Mrs. Chase, noticed the article in the N. Y. Times on her and sent it to me in Suriname. Although I felt bad, I was not surprised. I am glad that I went out to see her the night before I left on my trip to Suriname; that night her mind was clear and she was very happy, indeed a wonderful way to remember my last visit with her.

I have talked with several people about what we should do to pay tribute to her. The thing that Williams did on Standley, "Homage to Standley," impressed me very much and I have been thinking that something along a similar line might be good to do. It could consist of letters from various people whom she knew, extracts from her writings, etc. It might be called "A Tribute to Agnes Chase." What ideas do you have concerning this?

In regard to annotation of the *Epicampes* group of *Muhlenbergia*, the "eventually" is now here. At the moment I have several loans and these will be returned within a couple of weeks. Yes, I wish you would send me whatever material you have of the group. It will not take long to annotate it and I should have it back to you shortly after receipt. I am enclosing a list of valid names and synonyms in *Muhlenbergia*, but if anything is yet filed under *Epicampes*, send that also.

Again, many thanks for your note and willingness to send me your material. I hope this finds you well and my best wishes to you for a very good New Year, Dr. Van Schaack.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas R. Soderstrom
Associate Curator
Division of Grasses

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
Department of Botany
16 August 1962

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

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

I was pleased to receive your announcement concerning the gift to Mrs. Chase via sending the volumes of the forthcoming grass index to Dr. Keng. What an excellent idea that is, and I could think of nothing else which would please her more. I am enclosing a check made out to you to be used for this. I might also suggest two other close friends, probably of whom you already have thought. Dr. and Mrs. John R. Reeder, Department of Botany, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. would be happy to contribute, I know. Also, her former student, Dr. Zoraida Luces de Febres, Apartado 2156, Caracas, Venezuela, I know would also wish to share in this.

You mentioned once while here that you would like to send me your collections of Muhlenbergia (the Epicampes species) for annotation. I have not yet published the thesis and would be happy to have a look at your collections. I am enclosing a frank for sending them, should you care to do so. I cannot work on them immediately, but send them whenever you have the opportunity.

Thank you for including me in on this project. I hope that it meets with complete success, financially.

Sincerely,

Tom *file*

Thomas R. Soderstrom
Associate Curator of Grasses

December 11, 1963

Dear Tom,

I should have written you a note of sympathy when I heard of Mrs. Chase's death, for you were certainly to be, of those I know, the one to miss her most. You knew her rather briefly, more so than most of us, but you would have soon come to respect her and love her. And now that she is gone you must be reminded of her a hundred times a day, or more. She has left you a great challenge which I hope you may have the strength and encouragement to try to meet. You must be concerned for the continuation of the index of names, but I don't see how you can be held responsible for keeping it up. Has the government made any move to see to this?

I have just run across your letter of more than a year ago in which you say you would like eventually to annotate our *Epicampes* species. Has 'eventually' come yet or is it in the future?

I regret I am no longer able to spend any time with grasses, for this library is more overwhelming every day. I am still in charge of the collection, but such work as is done on it is purely routine, kindly done gratis by two friends,-- he, a retired chemist, and she, his wife.

Best greetings of the season, and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

George B. Van Schaack

July 30, 1965.

Mr. Willman Spawn
American Philosophical Society
Independence Square
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Willman,

I was very glad to have had the opportunity a few weeks ago to get word of you from two of our mutual friends, Miss Ellen Shaffer whom I saw at the Rare Book Conference and Mr. Tribolet whom I saw later in Chicago. Both of them had seen you shortly before and were happy to report that you were much improved in health, in fact as I remember it, that you were even thinking of making a trip to England, for some sort of binding conference.

I hope the expected addition to your family arrived safely and that you and your wife are having commensurate joy.

The high spot of the Rare Book Conference this year was, I think, the visit to the Clements Library. It is such a fine collection, so well taken care of, and housed in such comfortable quarters--and all the members of the staff that I saw were most gracious. It was quite a contrast to the visit we made to Mrs. Brewer's new quarters at the Detroit Public Library which are about as badly designed as one could imagine--however, if anyone ever gets hold of the collection there who knows enough to remove from it the large percentage of material irrelevant to rare books, there will be plenty of space left to provide comfortable quarters for the remainder.

I hope things will continue to go well for you and that some occasion for our meeting will soon come along.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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June 19, 1964.

Dr. F. A. Stafleu
c/o Dr. Reed C. Rollins
Director, Gray Herbarium
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Frans,

Sorry to hear that you will not be able to come before Wednesday but glad indeed that you can do that. Since your time here will be so short I am trying to meet your flight at the airport, so look for me at the gate as you get off the plane. Should you miss me, the Garden number is Townsend 5-0440 where Mrs. Gregory will know where I am.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

January 7, 1964

Dr. F. A. Stafleu
106 Lange Nieuwstraat
Utrecht, Netherlands

Dear Dr. Stafleu,

I am sorry to be so late in sending you a biographical sketch of Dr. Woodson. The delay has been occasioned by our search for a useable photograph. I regret this search has been fruitless. Bob did not like to have his picture taken and he seems to have been fairly successful in not having a good one taken,--neither the Garden, the University, nor even his sister could turn up one!

The sketch as sent is a somewhat rewritten version of what Dr. Anderson prepared for insertion in the next number of our Bulletin. We trust you will feel that it is not unsuitable for use in Taxon.

With all good wishes for 1964, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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3 July 1964

Dear George,
Due to the sudden departure of the busman from Linder
Hall our parting was rather too abrupt but I can make up
for this in this way. I want to thank you in first instance again
for the wonderful reception you gave me and for the nice trip
we made. I need not repeat my impressions of the Missouri
Botanic Garden to you, but I want to say again that I

hope that we can meet more often. We have only barely
touched on our joint interests ranging from Bogori and Schubert
to botanical bibliography and social philosophy. Our contact
was very stimulating and rewarding to me.

My trip to Oklahoma was extremely pleasant and I was struck by
the fine university library they have, excellently planned and - like
KU and Linda Hall - well stocked with many rarities. I wish you
had such marvelous physical facilities for your precious library!

With all good wishes and many thanks

again

Yours
Francis

July 28, 1964.

Dr. Frans Stafleu
International Bureau for Plant
Taxonomy and Nomenclature
106 Lange Nieuwstraat
Utrecht, Netherlands.

Dear Frans,

Yes, our parting was rather too abrupt, for I had wished to express to you my pleasure in having you with me and my regret that you could not have stayed longer. It was very kind of you to send such a gracious note and to recall in it our joint interests which I do indeed hope we may pursue further in the future.

I especially missed from your note, however, any word about your wife's health of which you had spoken with such concern. I trust this is an indication that you had found the treatment to have been helpful rather than harmful and that she can look forward to complete recovery.

George Goodman was here for a day last week and spoke of his gratification that you were able to spend a weekend with him and Marcia. It was a delight to have him here, but I had many things to tell him which it seems he did not know about this place. At the moment there is no further news except that a man whom I do not know is being favorably considered. It is doubtful he is close enough to taxonomy to be a good choice, but I am not currently in a position to express this opinion. It is also doubtful I shall hear anything of importance before the middle of September.

Neither can I say anything about the possibility which I mentioned to you of having you return to St. Louis for a talk with Mr. Hitchcock and perhaps others. I should, of course, like to have you do so and also to have certain others do so, but perhaps we shall have to settle for written expressions of opinion. Dr. Stearn at least was interested in this method of making his feelings known and has the intention of writing both to Mr. Hitchcock and to another man whom Mr. Shipman at Linda Hall suggested. This suggestion came up while the three of us were discussing the present situation at the Garden; Mr. Shipman said that he is a member of Governor Dalton's (Missouri) Science Advisory Committee, which had been appointed to consider many aspects of serving science in the state, in particular the maintenance of present institutions as well as the establishment of new ones. He felt that

a strong letter sent to the chairman of this committee would at least alert a certain segment of the scientific community to the Garden's problems and perhaps have an influence on future policy there. The name of the chairman is Dr. Albert E. Lombard, McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, Box 516, St. Louis, Missouri, 63166. We agreed that should he be written to, the approach should be through advice from Mr. Shipman rather than from me. Should you wish to write to Dr. Lombard I should like to suggest that you first talk to Dr. Stearn when you see him so that you could write Dr. Lombard in connection with Dr. Stearn's conversation with Mr. Shipman rather than his having visited me. You are quite free, of course, to report your own visit to the Garden and nothing which you might report as having been obtained from questioning me could I object to. Should you wish to write to Mr. Hitchcock he should be addressed as Mr. Henry Hitchcock, President of the Board of Trustees, Missouri Botanical Garden.

The two packages of reprints are most welcome. The bibliographical ones I had acquired for the library and have found them most helpful so that I am grateful to receive a copy for myself. I look forward as well to reading the other material about *Sertum Anglicum*, etc.

Perhaps this will not reach you before you have left for the Congress, but if it does let me say that I hope the meetings may be enjoyable as will be, of course, the many encounters with old friends. My sister, Eva, will be attending and I trust the two of you may run across each other.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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December 2, 1964.

Dr. Frans Stafleu
International Bureau for Plant
Taxonomy and Nomenclature
106 Lange Nieuwstraat
Utrecht, Netherlands.

Dear Frans,

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Believe me, I think of you not infrequently with much pleasure, but all too frequently notice of your friend Cramer brings you to mind, and my thoughts of him are without pleasure! We have just received from him an announcement of several facsimile reprints, among them The Botany of the United States Exploring Expedition during the years 1838-42 under the command of Charles Wilkes. I raise the question of just what does he mean by the Roman numerals XIV, XV, XVI, XVII. These certainly should refer to the various so-called 'volumes' of the full report and should not be mixed up. The definitive bibliography on this expedition is by Daniel C. Haskell which was published in volumes 44-46 of the Bulletin of the New York Public Library, 1940-1942. According to this, No. XIV does not refer to botany at all, but to Crustaceans. Volume XV is Botany. Phanerogamia, Part 1. Asa Gray, 1854. Volume XVI is as given by Cramer. Volume XVII is also as given by Cramer, more or less, although at least one of the issues appeared as early as 1859. I think the bibliography of this particular set of publications being as complicated as it is, should be published with the facsimile. At any rate, I enclose some thermo-fax copies of the pertinent parts for your consideration in talking to Cramer about it. By the way, No. XV, which Cramer lists under Pickering, is properly numbered No. XIX and is not a part of the Botany of the expedition as such.

How I wish I could have some long talks with you about some of these matters which probably disturb me more than they should, for I shan't be around long enough for them to make much difference to me personally. For one thing I become more and more amazed at taxonomists granting privileges of publication to all sorts of conditions of people, in all sorts of Latin, in nearly all types of journals, and then legislate themselves to pay attention to all of this stuff no matter how bad it may be. Just the other day, in this very building, long

Latin descriptions of Dr. Dwyer had to be largely re-written before they could be put into the Annals, although he claims himself to be a Latin scholar. Had they been presented to an even more irresponsible journal than our own Annals the errors in them might not have been caught until years later.

The Ewans stopped by with me for a day on their way back from Europe and told me of their very pleasant visit in Utrecht. When I asked about the health of your wife, they were surprised, for they had not even known she had been ill. I am happy to know that her recovery has been so complete.

With kindest regards and best greetings for the coming holiday season,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

PS. Should you find it necessary to refer to the complete Haskell bibliography I feel sure Verdoorn must have secured a copy some time while he was still in the United States--there are some 150 pages of it all together.

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Dear George,

It is always a pleasure to receive a letter from you, even when you are worried about Cramer. I was especially glad to receive the November number of the Bulletin. I did not know that worthy publication, worthy because it seems to be already in its 52nd volume! I liked your article on the library. It is astonishing to see that you have such a high percentage of the books of the Edinburgh exposition. On the other hand, however, they could have done much better in England. The accompanying plates were on the whole well-chosen and the exhibit was pleasing. But again, for a country like Great Britain it was too modest. There were a few fake-Redouté's, fakes so crude that they jumped to your eye. It was almost unbelievable that such a mistake could be made. Probably the main reason for the mediocrity was that it was Scottish rather than British.

Your friend Cramer followed our great predecessor Woodward. Please look up the fifth volume of the BMNH catalogue, page 2167 and you will find his source. Not a bad source in general and I wonder what happened to that British set. The Haskell bibliography does not mention a set like the one reported by Woodward, at least not as far as your thermofax copies go. I shall now first try to find a complete Haskell, or make one for myself by xeroxing the articles from the N.Y. Public Library Bulletin. I shall further have a look at the BMNH copy next month when I hope to work there for a few days. Then, of course, I shall write to Cramer and warn him. Since the Erebus and Terror we have agreed that I shall have a look at the proofs of each of his facsimile's, and that I shall provide him with information on contents of parts and dates of publication where necessary. I shall certainly insist that due attention be given to the Wilkes expedition in this respect and I am very grateful to you for drawing my attention to the Haskell bibliography of which I had no note as yet.

Now that we are on the subject can you please look at your copy of the Beechey Voyage (W.J. Hooker and G. Arnott Walker, The botany of Captain Beechey's Voyage) whether it has the original covers of the parts? I know the contents from various sources, but should like to have another check. Any further information on dates than the ones

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reported upon by Stearn in Flora Malesiana 4(5): clxxix (1954)
would also be welcome. I have some notes from Barnhart, but one never
knows what your copy may show. The Beechey voyage facsimile will be
published early 1965. Then follow the Ruiz & Pavon's. It is not
certain whether the Wilkes expedition will come out soon; that de-
pends on the number of subscriptions.

I hope all is well with you and that there is some prospect
with respect to a new director.

With all good wishes,

yours very sincerely,

Fran.
F.A. Stafleu.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"
2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
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December 11, 1964

Dear Frans,

Many thanks for your kind letter. I must confess I did not think to look in BMNH. I have tried to compare the entry there and Haskell for the four numbers in question and believe I see how the BM set got 'mis-entered'. When you are in London next you can check whether the cataloguer didn't infer some volume numbers without so indicating. Herewith my notes:

- BMNH XIV. Fide Haskell, the official edition (60) of the text bore the number XV. XVI is not stated by BMNH as inferred, but it could have been, since Pickering had chosen XV (marked on his part I only--see Haskell p. 848) and BMNH has assigned XIII only to the two volumes of text and the volume of pl. of Crustacea, which Haskell takes as XIII-XIV. I say BMNH XIV is Haskell 61, 63, and, in his listing of copies, Haskell seems to agree.
- BMNH XV. The numbering comes from Pickering (see above) not from the official government Library Committee which assigned XV to Gray and XIX to Pickering. BMNH XIV is Haskell 73, 75, and Haskell seems to agree.
- BMNH XVI is Haskell 65, 67, fide Haskell himself.
- BMNH XVII is Haskell 70, fide Haskell himself. The part of XVII 'Musci', marked 'Wanting', is replaced by Haskell 69, the author's edition in imperial folio, no edition having been published with 112 p. of text. BMNH calls this [Another edition] ... 1859.

is bound
I regret to say that our Beechy, with no original covers, and no new clues to dating, except a pencilled note to see ZOE 4:370-372. (*Copy enclosed*) There are references to Silliman's Journal (American Journal of Arts and Sciences) I should suppose Stearn saw this, but he doesn't mention Zoe nor S. J.

I did find an errata slip in our copy which may not be common, and enclose a copy of it.

Al Smith was here this week, ostensibly to be interviewed as a possible candidate for director. Most confidentially I tell you that I understand he expressed much interest in being considered, and there seemed to be no antipathy expressed on the part of the University. No commitment was made on either side at this time, but, as expected,

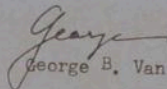
Al described a price-tag he might present which was by no means minimal in the matters of staff and facilities. Al is the first person competent to do the job who has indicated he would like to have it. The single ray of hope here is that, despite the price tag, the Board might buy the deal, for it is fed up with the chore of trying to find some one. The reverse here is, of course, to be feared, for there are several people who would like the job who would create havoc.

/need I shall be pleased if Al eventually comes, although I think I should be more pleased if I could get the Board to bring Fosberg here. Each of these men has great merit, and each would do well by us, though in different ways. It happens to be my belief that at the moment we need Ray's missionary zeal and selfless devotion more than we need Al's political smoothness (most useful!) and enthusiasm in being a personal success, which would, of course, also be the Garden's success. Both of them are scientifically most able.

Well, having said I write most confidentially you won't want to carry this sheet around, so I enclose a copy of the bibliography portion.

With all good wishes for the season,

Cordially yours,


George B. Van Schaack

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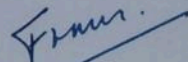
Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 11 December 1964. You can imagine that I read the concluding part with much interest and hope! This is for the rest just a short note to thank you for your comments on the Wilkes books, and for sending a copy of Brandegees paper in Zoe. I had a reference to it, but since the journal is not in Holland [sic] I had postponed looking it up until my London visit of next month.

For the moment our mutual friend Cramer keeps me busy with the preparation of introductory notes to the "Beechey", the "Wilkes", "Hooker's Icones" (of series I and II practically nothing seems to be known) and the various Ruiz and Pavon items. Thanks to Steele these last do not present any difficulties anymore. Cramer has just published a beautiful facsimile of Schott and Endlicher's Meletemata botanica in a limited edition not for sale (100 copies). Would you like to have one? I have a spare copy to be given to one of my "bibliographical relations".

With all good wishes,

yours very sincerely,


F.A. Stafleu.

December 22, 1964.

Dr. Frans A. Stafleu
International Association for
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Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Dear Frans,

Thank you for your appreciative letter of December 17th. I am glad I thought to send you the copy of Brandagee's paper, although actually I had supposed Dr. Verdoorn would have acquired a copy during his stay here. I don't remember what I sent you, a copease or a thermo-fax copy, but in either case it is not permanent—we don't have a machine which makes permanent copies although I sometimes take things over to Washington University for copying on their 914. This particular type of book destroyer is not quite as bad as some, because it does copy optical rather than by contact, but for each exposure the book has to be picked up, handled, the page turned and then laid down again. Of course, the machine exists only because business finds it useful, so I should suppose we should be grateful we have it at all, but it is devoutly to be wished that somebody will soon bring forth a machine in which the book to be copied can lie in repose while the machine views it from above. Our Thermo-Fax copier is fairly gentle with the book and for many things I don't hesitate to use it, although it requires absolute contact for making a copy, and faute de mieux is very helpful for the kind of thing you may frequently need. Please don't hesitate to ask me to make such copies when you suspect we have some things such as Zee which is not handy to you.

It is very kind of you to suggest sending us a copy of Cramer's facsimile of Schott and Endlicher which we have only in negative photostat. We should indeed be pleased to receive a copy of the facsimile if you think it wouldn't be heaping too many coals of fire on my head for my past criticisms!

Thanks too for your kind greetings which came this morning. When I went into my favourite bookstore in town the other day and asked where the Christmas cards were I was told they had given up selling cards because so many were being sold by charity which they considered to be a good thing. In fact, the proprietor told me that at least half of the cards which she was receiving were those put out for the United Nations. The ones this year are particular nice.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
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Dr G.B. Van Schaack
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Dear George,

Was G. Engelmann's 'Systematic arrangement of the species of the genus *Cuscuta*' indeed published Oct. 1859 and not 1860 as Pritzel says? The *Trans. Acad. Sci. St. Louis* 1(3): 453-523 are for October 1859. Was a separately paged reprint made bearing the imprint 1860? Because of the very quick Latin translation by Ascherson it would seem that Engelmann's text was available at an early date.

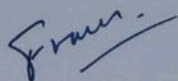
I have just come across this point in a review in *Bonplandia* 8 which I checked for my manuscript "Botanical publications, commentaries, dates and types", my most ambitious undertaking (too ambitious?) so far. I am correct, am I not, in stating that Engelmann's entire herbarium including his types is at MO (as in *Index herbariorum*, I never received a protest).

Cramer is issuing a new pamphlet on the Wilkes expedition based on Haskell which I checked for him. I hope it will now meet with your approval. He leaves Pickering out, which seems wise and tries to obtain copies of the ~~of the~~ official issue for publication. This means, in one case, of course the addition of plates from the unofficial issue.

Hope all goes well with you.

All the best,

yours ever,



F.A. Stafleu.

May 13, 1965.

Dr. Frans A. Stafleu
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Utrecht, Netherlands.

Dear Frans,

I trust the enclosure will cover the matter of the *Cuscuta* paper; if not, please don't hesitate to write again about it.

The answer regarding Engelmann's herbarium is not so simple. It is true that at some not too long time following his death all of his herbarium, his botanical notes, his scientific (non-medical) correspondence and botanical library came to the Garden. To a very large extent all of this is still here, though frightfully dispersed--he had, for example, bound up many separates and reprints which Dr. Trelease yanked out of their bindings and distributed according to family, but without benefit of adequate covers so that often their covers have been torn and otherwise defaced. Dr. Trelease also had some lackey stamp a huge number of specimens as from the Engelmann herbarium--quite a number of these were collected after Engelmann's death and many things which were collected by him or otherwise acquired by him were not stamped. Over the years genuine duplicates, in the sense of same collector, same number, same data and 'apparently' same collection, have been sent out in exchange. The most serious inroad in the material, however, was the actual destruction (in its initial stages) or wholesale sending out on exchange (in its later stages) of cultivated plants. Before Dr. Anderson became director, Dr. Woodson embarked on a fullscale program to rid the herbarium of any vestige of cultivated plants and thousands of these were thrown in the waste basket. Many of them were retrieved before the janitor came around the next day by Dr. Anderson and others, most especially Hugh Iltis, and spirited out of the building--in particular, for example, all of Dr. Engelmann's specimens of grapes were so discarded although most of them were retrieved, as I remember it, by Iltis who now has them at Wisconsin. After Dr. Anderson became director and Woodson's fire was somewhat quenched the former returned to him the material which had been retrieved with the statement that he was the curator and it was his responsibility to take care of the material in the best curatorial fashion. What Dr. Woodson did with this material is not known. He was

a strange man who should never have had charge of anything--early in his curatorship he decided to send on exchange to the British Museum what he chose to call duplicates of our Monocotyledons because that was the portion of their herbarium most damaged during the war. Actual duplicates turning out to be difficult to find and/or identified there was soon put in force a dictum that every third specimen should be considered a duplicate! So that if you find some of the Engelmann herbarium turning up at the British Museum you ought not to be surprised. I think this story is moderately well known but not generally circulated, apparently in much the same way that it is difficult to find out whether Dr. X actually did or did not close so-and-so during an operation!

Many thanks for the missionary work so well completed with Cramer. I feel quite a stinker about this, but I realize you agree that as much confusion as possible should be avoided.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
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George Engelmann. Systematic arrangement of the species of the genus *Cuscuta*, with critical remarks on old species and descriptions of new ones. Transactions of the Academy of Science of St. Louis. Vol. 1, No. 3. 1859. p. 453-523.

No. 3 (title page lacking) contains 'Journal of proceedings' for May 3, 1858-May 16, 1858 [i. e. 1859!], while No. 4 has same for June 6, 1859-August 20, 1860; this would pretty clearly indicate publication in 1859, and, in fact, Engelmann's own copy of the detached pages is marked in his hand: publ. Oct. 1859.

Extracts from the Transactions of the Academy of Science of St. Louis, Vol. I., No. 3, page 453. St. Louis, George Knapp & Co., Printers, 1859.

title leaf unpagged, inner margin pagination 3-73, outer margin pagination [453]-[523]

An actual reprint, not merely a detached piece, with new signature numbering.

It is hard to suspect another 'separate' publishing, except the 1860 Latin translation and the reprinting in The Botanical works of the late George Engelmann, collected for Henry Shaw, ed. by Wm. Trelease and Asa Gray. Cambridge, Mass., John Wilson & Son, 1887. p. 71-104. [This is keyed to show the original pagination and that of the 'reprint!']

June 29, 1965.

Dr. Frans Stafleu
c/o Dr. John S. L. Gilmour, Director
University Botanic Gardens
Cambridge, England.

Dear Frans,

Many thanks for your kind letter of last week and your advice not to rent a car. I am glad to know that it is so easy to get about by train and tram and shall be most grateful to you for the times when I can go with you yourself.

Dr. Gates was here on Sunday and I asked him if he would be in Utrecht on his European trip this summer because I was interested that he should see you. I was disappointed at his saying that he would not be in Holland, for I had hoped you would have a chance to add to the fear-of-God attitude regarding the library which I have tried to build up in him. I am accordingly encouraged today to hear from George Lawrence that you, he, Dr. Gilmour and Dr. McVaugh will be meeting in Cambridge and that Dr. Gates will be there at that time and that all of you will have a quack at him. I am quite pleased at the seriousness which he showed concerning the conditions of the library and the importance he attaches to giving it proper housing and other care. He has made some remarks about establishing this place as a central United States Botanical Documentation center. I do not know what this means, for there has never been any time for him to explain it--perhaps he will be more explicit to the four of you and I trust any too wild ideas, if any, may be toned down. I might mention in this respect that when I saw him I urged him to try to see what was going on at Tumba--if you agree with me that he might learn something there perhaps you would like to suggest his trying to go there when he is in Stockholm.

I am looking forward with much anticipation to seeing you in August and to talking to you about many things of mutual interest.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
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October 12, 1965.

Dr. Frans A. Stafleu
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Dear Frans,

I am very sorry to be so tardy in writing to thank you for your hospitality while I was in Utrecht. I have thought many times of that wonderful day we spent seeing the polders and going to Otterloo.

I enjoyed my stay in London very much and got to see a little of quite a number of places such as Kew, the Linnean Society, the BMNH, several of the museums, a few book shops etc. and spent one day at Oxford. Switzerland for two weeks was not very rewarding, for it rained or was cloudy practically the whole time and I did not see a single range of the Alps--so you can expect to see me back soon. On my return I promptly came down with a fever which kept me in the hospital for a week and from which I recovered rather frustratingly slowly--this is one of the first letters I have written since coming back over a month ago.

I recall your wish to obtain a copy of the 11th edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica and enclose pages from Bartfield's catalogue (see top of pages) received this morning which lists several of the sets he has. As you will quickly see the bibliography here is not exactly clear. No. 462 is what I have, but I was fortunate to get a set with good binding; I think the price here is not cheap. No. 461 is the thin paper edition of the large print. No. 460 A is the same as No. 462 presumably with three extra volumes not counted among the twenty-nine. Apparently, No. 463 is the same as the preceding, but not on India paper. Just what 460A and 464 are I wonder and presume the articles of the 11th edition were carried over intact and supplementary articles interpolated. However, none of this stuff is as cheap as I should like to see you get it and unless I hear that you have acquired one of these I shall continue to remember you as I look at the catalogues.

Of course, I shall continue to remember you anyhow--I must make some arrangement to get back to the Netherlands when you are not just about to run off. I especially enjoyed seeing your wonderful country place and meeting your family there. I hope you all had a fine holiday.

With cordial greetings,

George E. Van Schaack
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April 15, 1966.

Dr. Frans A. Stafleu
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106 Lange Nieuwstraat
Utrecht, The Netherland

Dear Frans,

This plaint concerns the ING cards, in particular the last lot received. The filer has just called my attention to the fact that the size of the cards has become plural, i. e. about half the cards are trimmed overlong and over-shallow, the length makes the filing a little difficult and the low edge on the shallow ones makes reference to them less easier. I am sure you must agree that it is matter which should be corrected, if possible. I have spent many hours trying to trim objects twice the same size and know that it is by no means a simple problem. But it has been done for years by card purveyors and it must be that the trimming of the last set fell to someone who did not realize its difficulties.

I am delighted to see the preliminary announcement of your book on botanic bibliography and look forward to its firm publication.

I spent a few days in Lawrence, Kansas, recently, driving out there with Joe Ewan on April 30th to attend the history of science Midwestern meetings. The first day's meetings were held at Linda Hall and the Clendenen Library at Kansas City, Kansas--I spent my time in the libraries rather than at the meetings, in particular taking a thorough look at Linda Hall, because we are in the planning stage of a new building. Much of the rest of the time I spent at the rare book room at Lawrence. I wonder if you remember meeting Miss Mason who is in charge of it. She is a most brilliant young woman with tremendous energy and excellent organizational powers. She has recently pushed to completion a very excellent design of a four story special collections building which is about to start going up.

I hope all is going well with you and your family.
Greetings to all,

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 15 April 1966. It disturbs me that the size of the last batch of ING cards is different from that of previous ones. I shall check whether this is the case with all copies or with only part of them. I am afraid that the very frequent shifts of personnel at our, otherwise quite reasonable, printers sometimes has its effects. For the next bunch, however, I shall emphatically restate the right size to them. Obviously the workman on the last set was inexperienced.

I remember Miss Alexandra Mason quite well. It is good to know that she has her special collections building now going up. She is certainly remarkable and has a wide knowledge of rare books. She gave me a copy of Fitzpatrick's *Rafinesque* when I was in Lawrence, a most handsome gift.

My book on botanical publications nears completion, although I am afraid that the final draft will not be ready before 1 January 1967.

With all good wishes,

yours ever,

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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter. Please do not worry any longer about the Engelmann bibliography. All I want is a reference to such a bibliography if published at all, or to a partial bibliography or similar publication. The reference to the collected works therefore suits me quite well. I shall now try to find out whether it is in the Netherlands at all.

I should be delighted to have a xerox copy of Alphonse de Candolle's 1873 article in the Bibliothèque universelle! Many thanks in advance!

All the best,

yours ever,

F. A. Staffleu

F.A. Staffleu.

December 27th, 1966

Dr. F. A. Stafleu
International Bureau for Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature
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Dear Frans:

Many thanks for your kind Christmas card. I hope 1967 will be a fine year for all of you.

By separate small parcel I am sending you the United States Government's pamphlet on word division of English words. I should not have the nerve to commit such an act if it were not for the fact that a copy on my own desk gets referred to from one to several times a day, and I am thinking that this may help whoever is reading the proof for Taxon in which I frequently find incorrect divisions.

We recently received from you, addressed with your standard plate:

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2315 Tower Grove Ave.
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seven odd numbers of Taxon: 2(6), 10(7,9) 12(1-4). These are not something which I ordered and I am just wondering if perhaps they were not misent to us rather than to someone who had actually ordered them for filling in his set. Perhaps, however, it will be easier for you if you just wait until he complains!

I enclose a copy of information we have recently sent to the thirty-five better library science schools in the United States. This is not to inform you of my early retirement, but with the thought that there is just a chance you might know someone who would be interested in the position. The prospect of finding anyone in the United States to take this job is very slender--the supply of librarians of all kinds (even bad ones) seems to be at a new low. In talking to Dr. Eaton at Olin Library (Washington University) last week, he told me he had seven assistant chief positions open at a total of \$52,000, several of them for a year or more. He is just about to start for the winter meeting of the ALA in New Orleans, but he doubts that he will be able to fill a single one of these positions at that time. Our hope here is to find someone who could immediately take over some of the mechanics of keeping this place going and during the next two or three years learn enough of the general type of library this is to work in as my successor. This is, of course, no small order and we shall probably

Dr. F. A. Stafleu

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have to be satisfied with much less than the optimum. One of the difficulties, of course, is that the type of person who goes into library work in this country is seldom as broadly educated as those who do so in Europe, which is one reason why I think of sending this sheet to you. But until we are more desperate we cannot consider anyone without some successful experience, because we not only need more staff, but we need more staff that can begin work immediately without too much training or supervision.

Cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 20 December. I have immediately written to the English firm offering the Encyclopaedia britannica, hoping that it is still available. This is exactly the edition that I am looking for. I shall let you know the result.

I hope all is well with you. I shall be in the USA in March (Washington, Madison, Ann Arbor, New York) for ING and Botanical Congress, and in June, Ann Arbor for the big systematics conference. I hope to see you there!

All good wishes,

yours,

F. A. Stafleu.
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Dr George B. Van Schaack
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Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 19 January 1967.
The Popular Science Monthly reference is in the entry for
Nuttall in the American Dictionary of Biography. The reference is
not unequivocal: would you mind looking at it? Smith and Thieret
give a full bibliography of Nuttall's botanical writings so that
should really be sufficient, but in case there is a bibliography
or list of all Nuttall's writings I should like to quote it.

A few days ago the Encyclopedia Britannica arrived, in good
condition. I am very grateful to you for sending me that hint!

With all good wishes,

yours sincerely,

F. A. Stafleu

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Pap. Sci. Monthly Feb. 1914.

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Prof. George B. Van Schaack
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Dear George,

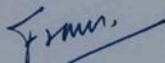
Many thanks for your letter of 22 October. I was very glad to hear from you again. The news of your resignation from MBG had not yet reached me and you have certainly made me curious by not saying why. You seemed so utterly dedicated to the library (and probably still are). However, the new job at the Morton Arboretum sounds very promising and I wish you every success. Undoubtedly the place will greatly benefit by your wide experience and knowledge!

Things here are as usual. My Taxonomic literature is in the press and will be available by the end of December.

As far as we are concerned nothing was wrong with your membership. We certainly did not kick you out! No. 16(3) is now on its way to you. No. 5 was mailed on 21 October. The December issue (6) will therefore go to your new address.

All good wishes,

yours very sincerely,


F.A. Stafleu.

Don't worry about the 'Prof.' in the above address; an idiosyncrasy of my assistant!

3314 Regal Place
St. Louis, Mo. 63139
November 4, 1967

Dear Frans,

Many thanks for your letter. I must not let you be consumed by curiosity—at least not the full way, for I've no time to write the whole truth! My letter of resignation said my doctor had advised me—he had—my health was worsening steadily. When the NSF grant for new quarters was indefinitely shelved in March (no funds, Vietnam war), and the director complained about my not securing money for the library, I knew I had no future here but frustration. So I performed a deliberate act of murder—it was the only way I could destroy the devotion I felt for the collection, and until my devotion was gone I couldn't leave. It was not pleasant, but I have recovered from the effects, and can, now, with equanimity, witness my successor breaking the back of an old book to see whether it can be copied without breaking its back! My successor was interviewed here on August 7th. Before she left she said to me, 'I do not see how anyone can do anything in this library—no staff, no funds, no room, impossible catalogue and classification system—further, I know no botany, I didn't recognise a single book you showed me, I know little of foreign languages, and I don't care to catalogue. Three days later she phoned Dr. Gates to ask for the position—at a salary 30 % higher than mine—and she was immediately appointed. How much 'why' do you want?

A somewhat whimsical note comes out from noting that at Tulsa University she had been head librarian, and was being replaced (at 53) by a man and a Ph. D.—I told her that here she was probably meeting her unique opportunity to replace a man with a Ph. D.!

It is not good for MBS, but for me it is a life-saver. Come see me in Chicago.

Cordially yours,

George E. Van Schaack

P. S. Just as I write this I find a note saying I should advise you of an error in the date of publication of Wright and Arnott, Prod. Fl. Pen. Ind. Or. My note says 1834 is correct, but I remember not why! Anyhow, I suspect you have already caught it if 1833 is wrong (Taxon 10: 149)

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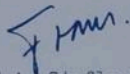
Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of 4 November and for the further details. It must have been a traumatic experience and I hope sincerely that you will find satisfaction in your job at the Morton Arboretum. I shall certainly come and look you up when I am in the Chicago area. Usually, however, I see only O'Hare when I am in that part of the world.

Many thanks for the note on Wight and Arnott. I am glad to say that it had not escaped me.

All the best,

your,



F.A. Stafleu.

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear George:

Was at Kansas 2/9-10 and gave a lecture "Greco-Roman Floristics" which was well-received.

I received some good news, to wit, St Louis is only 5-6 hrs. by car from Lawrence.

As a result, expect me in the fall. Hope all goes well. Have not written to Gates as yet because I am still thinking how to do it and what I ought to say. Any advice?

Vale

Jerry

December 15, 1964.

Dr. Jerry W. Stannard
Department of History of Science
Rutgers University
Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Jerry,

Last evening I attended the meeting of the local History of Science Society where it was announced you would address the next meeting on January 17th--it is hard to believe we should meet on Sunday, I suppose Dr. Brodman meant the 16th.

I look forward with anticipation to your being here and hope your stay will be long enough to permit more than a hand-shake after the meeting. If you could manage an extra day or so I should be only too happy to have you count on bed and board with me and the MEG collection to amuse you (this includes week-end service!). We have eight editions of Dioscurides, not to mention some fifteen edited by Mattioli--perhaps you have seen them all but two of them at least are not common. And here and there we have a few other interesting books--please try to come!

Perhaps the enclosed pamphlets will tease you enough--I hope so. With best wishes of the season,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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January 25, 1965

Henry Hitchcock, President
Board of Trustees
Missouri Botanical Garden
231st Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to tell you personally how much I appreciated the Garden's hospitality on my recent stay in St. Louis.

It is a rare privilege to be able to work, unhindered and unhurriedly in an important research library. And, after having worked at most of the major botanical libraries and rare book collections in the United States, I can truly say, that the Library of the Missouri Botanical Garden has treasures almost beyond belief. The Engelmann Collection, with the originals for Roetter's superb lithographs is well-deserving of more attention. I could go on to enumerate some of the many rarissima I encountered: the 1519 Rossinello Dioscorides, the Russian-German-Latin Botanical Glossary [ca. 1795], etc., etc., but there is no need in calling your attention to the obvious. But I do wish to commend Dr. Van Schaack for taking the time to show me some of the items that I would have otherwise overlooked and for generally making my short stay a most memorable one.

I look forward to the time when I can return and spend more time in the library.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Stannard
Associate Professor of History of Science
Rutgers University, Newark
(Secretary-Treasurer, Historical Section,
Botanical Society of America)

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NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

February 8, 1965

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

Dear George:

So many little things, and a few larger ones, constantly came up upon returning that as usual I fell one step further behind in my correspondence. The notes I took were immediately filed away for reference. (My annotated bibliography in the History of Botany now occupies forty-nine loose-leaf notebooks-- a fair level rival to Bibliographia-Huntiana, eh!).

But let me first say how much I appreciated your hospitality. It was a wonderful stay, much too short, but talking books, especially botany books until 4:00 a.m. is a sort of luck I seldom have. So, George, I look forward to the time when I might reciprocate -- a big house, woods and a few books, including three Dioscorides.

I did forget one thing. The name and address of the Portuguese book dealer from whom I can obtain a copy of da Orta. Can you send it to me please?

Re your letter of 21 January with the Krutch Xerox, I enjoyed it immensely, but could not decipher one word in your letter. Your sentence reads: "I'm determined to try writing an exposé of B.... Index -- what was that title you mentioned?" If I could read the word "B...." I would be only too happy to answer.

I enjoyed the lectures and the hospitality that went with them, but still, the library was the high-water mark of my visit. Now that John Green wants me to come to Kansas for an interview, we may see more of one another. I enclose a copy of a letter sent to Hitchcock. Reprints are coming under separate cover. Thanks again.

Cordially,

Jerry
Jerry Stanhard
Associate Professor of History of Science

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February 15, 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Associate Professor of History of Science
Rutgers University
Newark 2, New Jersey.

Dear Jerry,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 8th and its expressions of appreciation. I am especially gratified that you found the long talk Sunday night so welcome--for me too it is a 'sort of luck I seldom have'. I hesitate to say why I think both of us feel the same about this, for it would be a sort of reflexive back patting. One would think that in a city the size of St. Louis I should have found among my friends someone who was willing to sit up till that hour talking as we did, but actually I have not--I do not mean there aren't some who would do so, but their number is so small that the chance of knowing one is almost zero.

I was glad to hear further of your candidacy at Kansas-- I had a letter from John Greene before yours came. If you are coming out this way I hope you can stop over--I should not be able to receive you in the period February 18-21 [±], but at any other time I should be most happy to have you stay with me.

No definite news about the future here so I reserve any comment for a later time. The address for the D'Orta Colloquios is: Livraria Sá da Costa Editoria, Rua Garrett, 100-102, Lisbon, Portugal. The word you could not read was Biological Abstracts Index and the sentence I was after reads something like 'where do we go from here'--you had reported it as the last sentence in some considerations a committee you were a member of had made regarding the use of a permuted world index.

Many thanks for the note to Mr. Hitchcock--he happens to have left for a several week vacation before your letter came, so I have no reaction to it yet.

My cordial greetings,

George B. VanSchaack
Librarian

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February 27, 1965

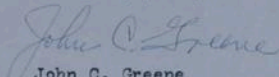
Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

I am very grateful to you for your appraisal of Jerry Stannard. I knew that Jerry had stayed with you on his recent visit to St. Louis, and I was interested to know how a professional botanist would size him up. Jerry came here for an interview recently and made a good impression, especially with the botanists. Our hopes of bringing him here have had to be deferred, however, owing to some budgetary difficulties in the departments concerned. I hope it will be possible to make a bid for him before very long, since he would make an excellent addition to our staff and is not likely to remain available indefinitely.

I hope to be able to visit St. Louis to do some research one of these days, and I hope to become better acquainted with you when I do.

Sincerely yours,


John C. Greene

13 May 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Rutgers, The State University
Newark, N. J.

Dear Jerry,

Many thanks for the copy of the Plant Bulletin with the article about the history of science section. I am indeed glad to see it established and wish it much success.

Included in the latter would be having papers by you dated from St. Louis, and I have been making some preliminary inquiry to determine the climate here--this note largely concerns a brief report on such climate and a request for a report on the climate in New Jersey. I talked to Tom Hall about this a few weeks ago and found that he would look very favorably upon your coming here, and since then he has determined the interim status of the possibility of an offer being made to a man of major interest in the biological sciences rather than in the physical sciences. The committee set up to consider these matters and to make a recommendation to the faculty for a first appointment failed to come to any agreement on whether such appointment should be directed towards biology or towards the physical sciences and at the moment the position to be filled has been disfunded. However, Tom tells me that he has an oral statement that the committee is so evenly divided that were a biological historian to be presented as a candidate, were he persona grata to the botanists and otherwise acceptable he would probably be offered the position. The persona grata part here regards the fact that there has been a violent split between the botanists and the zoologists on the campus--this occurred in the midst of extensive effort to produce a combined department in the 'modern' fashion which would seem to be connected with a long standing antipathy between the Zoology Department on the one hand and Barry Commoner on the other; as luck would have it Barry became so ascendant just at that moment that his demands and his success in making them destroyed the committee. Accordingly, it is most important that any candidate who is to receive Botany's approval must not be proposed by Zoology initially nor be known to be especially friendly to Zoology. At least in part these facts are known to the new director of the Garden, Dr. David M. Gates. I have had correspondence with him about the desirability of the initial appointment in the history of science being made in botany because this would greatly support his forthcoming application to the National Science Foundation

for funds to house and otherwise care for the library here. I was encouraged to do this because he had already expressed his hope that part of his accomplishment as a director would be to present some of the more interesting aspects of botanical history to the St. Louis public. In his last letter he expressed great interest in pursuing the matter of getting the committee to swing towards an appointment in biology and in particular in botany. It happens that Barry Commoner is at least initially one of Dr. Gates' most staunch supporters and would be likely to pick up his suggestion of a candidate in botany. He has accordingly asked me to furnish him with some documentation regarding you as a preliminary to his thinking about this and trying to get some action on the part of the committee (he is, as you know, also appointed as full professor of botany at the University).

I hope you will be interested in this possibility and that you will want to furnish me with something in the nature of a curriculum vitae and perhaps other data that I could use in writing to him. I do not have to tell you how gratified I should be myself to find you coming here rather than going to Lawrence or anywhere else.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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June 2, 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Rutgers, The State University
Newark, N. J.

Dear Jerry,

I was just about to call you on the phone to ask if you had received my letter of May 13th, for I have been wondering why no answer has come. But I have put the phone back on the hook and am sending you this note instead, for it is just possible you would prefer to be left alone on this whole matter—I should regret it, but should also understand it.

Regrettably in too much haste to add any news,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

June 9, 1965

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

Dear George:

Yours of the 13 May arrived at a time of travail. In the middle of April, I was invited by the University of Colorado to fly out and advise them on the creation of a history of science department. The way this came about is due to an old correspondent for whom I had arranged a lecture in October 1966 as part of my new program "Lecture Series in the History of Science". To make a long story longer, two days after returning to N.J. I received a call inviting me to join the faculty at Colorado. (I guess I sold them a bill of goods.)

Then came the agony and Angst. Plans for my new department going beautifully here, a lovely house, my garden, and Rutgers not only matched the Colorado offer but bettered it. On the negative side was the absence of a library, daily commuting in NYC suburban traffic and no graduate courses. So after much deliberation, Katherine and I decided to move West. She is, at the very moment, in Boulder house hunting.

Now then, to the crux. I would love, more than anything else, to have immediate access to the Garden's Library, for I plan to teach a course on the history of botany wherever I am. (The Botany Department of Kansas actually favored such a course were I to go there). Therefore, I should not be averse to another move to St. Louis provided the conditions are satisfactory.


Publication dates on my books will suffer because of the impending move to Colorado, but one MS will be ready by November.

If, with these considerations in mind, you still wish me to formalize my candidacy, I shall be happy to send a curriculum vitae, reprints, etc.

I have several papers to get written soon, for I have been invited to Poland (and supported by NSF funds) to read a paper in ancient botany. Incidentally, I have refereed several applications of a bibliographical nature for NSF and this may be of some interest to Gates.

I look forward to your reply and hopefully you can supply me with the name of a book dealer in Portugal. I have never received my copy of da Orta.

Vale,


Jerry

JS/mtp

June 16, 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Ruggers, The State University
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Jerry,

I am glad to receive your letter with the somewhat unexpected news. I can well understand the attraction of Boulder after a year or two in Newark, but you must be far away from the kind of library you need and I continue to be most anxious that you should come here. Accordingly I should indeed like to have you go ahead with making your candidacy formal by sending us suitable information and publications. Is there a chance you could get this to me before the 25th, for Dr. Gates will be here on the 27th and I should like to be able to show him the material at that time. It is not likely he could do much during the summer, for he will be in Europe from about the 1st of July, but I should like to have him have your candidacy well in mind as he moves around.

Exactly how you are going to be in Poland and Urbana at the same time I don't see, but perhaps that won't be necessary, and given six or eight hours these days one can almost move from the one place to the other. I am glad you have been invited to Poland, which invitation together with your new appointment greatly support previous reasons for considering you here.

The name of the bookdealer in Lisbon from whom we obtained our copy of da Orta is: Livraria Sa da Costa Editora, Rua Garrett 100-102, Lisboa, Portugal.

Cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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NEWARK 2, NEW JERSEY

June 22, 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

Enclosed is a Curriculum Vitae and a reasonably up-to-date bibliography. Lacking are some 30 or so abstracts of recent books in history of science which I have done for various journals. The Curriculum Vitae does not tell everything about me -- good as well as bad -- but I trust that you can fill in some of the more glaring lacunae aus wendig.

Under separate cover reprints are being sent. Unfortunately, I am out of some but I send what I have.

I look forward to hearing what I hope will be good news.

Vale,


Jerry

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July 30, 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Rutgers, The State University
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Jerry,

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Please excuse me for the very long delay in writing you about the papers which you sent in June. These came in time for me to show them to Dr. Gates when he was here on the 27th of June. After looking them over he expressed the strong opinion that you should be here and not in Boulder and went on to say that when he should return in September he would certainly actively support your candidacy. However, since he does not become an active staff member either at the Garden or at the University until the 1st of September he felt it unwise to make any representations at this time. I am keeping your letter and other papers in my office until his return when I confidently believe something will come of the matter. My personal feeling is one of great satisfaction that you wish to be considered here and I look forward eagerly to your making another move a year from now.

In the meantime I hope you are not having too much difficulty with changing location and are keeping up with your various engagements for August. I am not aware that you plan to stop in England, but should you expect to be there in the period of August 11-20 I would be most happy to see you. I shall be staying there with Joe Ewan at The Park House, 126 Queensgate, London S.W. 7.

With cordial greetings,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 11, 1965

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

Dear George:

Excuse the long delay in answering yours of 30 July. As a matter of fact, I was just getting ready to move to Boulder; thence to the AIBS meetings in Urbana and on to Poland.

Regarding your letter, I am anxious to learn what Dr. Gates will say when he returns to St. Louis. Naturally I am most interested that things develop the way that we have always wished them to.

The meetings in Poland were frantic as usual. One of the good parts was that Joe Ewan and I shared a room together in Warsaw. I think we are in closer agreement now as to the aims of the Historical Section of BOTSOC. The sectional meetings went very well. Ewan was elected Vice-Chairman. I expect to see you at the next sectional meetings.

I know, George, that I will see you before that time however. Thanks again for your interest in the furtherance of what is most dear to us.

Cordially,



Jerry Stannard
Associate Professor

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November 10, 1965.

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Associate Professor
Department of History
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80304

Dear Jerry,

You must have thought that I had completely forgotten you. Quite the contrary, but my backlog is rather larger than usual since I was ill for some time when I got back from my trip and am only now beginning to get caught up with letter writing.

To the moment there has not been any opportunity to speak to Dr. Gates about the matter we both have in mind. He is a frantically busy man who can be seen with satisfaction when there is an immediate problem to be solved. When, however, a solution can be postponed because the problem is not actually pressing for immediate attention, he almost literally has to postpone it for the other kind of problem is ever before him. For example, as desperate as many of the conditions in the library are and as sympathetic as his remarks about them have been he has never found time to walk through the library with me once. Only this week has he met Tom Hall--this by my request to Mr. Hitchcock that he invite the two of them to lunch. Unfortunately Tom is persona non grata with Barry Commoner and I am sure Barry would never have gotten around even to introducing Dr. Gates to Tom. What they may have talked about I do not know, but I suspect Tom will have taken the opportunity to introduce the subject of the history of science; fortunately it happens that Dr. Gates is very much interested in furthering the study of the history of science and both, on my say-so as well as from his hurried glances at the rare book stacks, believes our collection to be important in one area of that study.

I shall let this presumed insemination start to take effect, but shall plan to speak to Dr. Gates fairly soon about the subject in general and about you in particular.

I saw Joe after his return to London from Poland to hear about the doings there. He seemed to be quite pleased with them and was especially glad to have it come about that the two of you stayed together--he feels, as you do, that there is now a much closer agreement between you.

I am not just sure what you can be doing in Boulder, but do know it is beautiful there and has a fine climate and that it will be a good place for you to get some papers written if you have already made the research necessary, but I should think you might be rather separated from many of the things you would like to get hold of. So far as I know there is only one person on the staff with whom I am acquainted. This is Dr. Wolf Thron in mathematics. When I first came here, he and I had breakfast together more or less regularly for several years. Please give him my greetings should you happen to run into him.

Cordially, yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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March 2nd, 1966

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Department of History
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Jerry:

"Tomorrow" has been much delayed - I have not been ill, but there is just too much to do here to keep such little promises as I made to you.

I don't know what is going on at the University about history of science. Early in January Tom Hall brought around a youngster whose name I do not recall, nor even his interest except that it was not specifically botany. Shortly after that Tom went away for an indefinite period and I did not get to talk to him about the problem. Dr. Gates feels that he must not be premature in entering this matter. When I told him about your proposed period of study here this summer he was much pleased both for the fact that someone would use the collection and for the fact that he might thereby get to know you.

I hope, indeed, that you have been able to obtain the grant and look forward to hearing details about it and to seeing you here this summer.

We have just received the first Lieferung of the facsimile of the Juliana Anicia manuscript. It is a facsimile to outfacsimile all facsimiles and a very remarkable job. I think one of the most remarkable things is the brilliance of the color. As you know, the addition of no pigment was allowed in the restoration, but, of course, I suppose by the use of proper filters the color could be much heightened. One of the things I noticed at once was the complete lack of any systematic arrangement, for the only Dioscorides I know are the translations of the 16th Century and later. In all of these the arrangement seems to be more or less the same, while from this first Lieferung there are ~~plates~~ appearing in practically all of the books of the translated versions. As an authority on Dioscorides you must know when this more or less standard arrangement was imposed and I should be much interested to have a clue to where I might look up the details.

I suppose, of course, you will be at the Lawrence meeting early in April. I should like to attend for personal reasons, at least, but I am not sure that there is any likelihood that I should be able to. Perhaps you will come on this far east at that time. Joe and Nesta will be there and I am going to try to get them to come this way, but he is always very pressed

Dr. Jerry Stannard - Boulder, Colorado

March 2, 1966

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for time with the many things he has in mind to do.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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July 19th, 1966

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Department of History
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Jerry:

So far as I know, the whole program for the history of science at Washington University is so soft-pedaled that I see no immediate prospect of the appointment of anyone of your interests, if anyone at all. I am, indeed, sorry about this for I had hoped to see you here, whipping up enthusiasm for the delights of the backward glance and to have had the opportunity of long talks with you.

Realizing how quickly one's stock of reprints melts away, I have sorted out those which you sent me and am returning the ones which have no particular botanical connection for you may have other use for them. The remainder I am very happy to add to our collections.

I am sorry you did not manage to get here for the summer, but I must confess my sorrow was tempered with the thought you could not have failed to be miserable working here. As you know, the weather has been simply horribly hot and and we have made almost no attack upon the problem of keeping the library decently cool. I believe it was Alexander Mason who told me you would be at Kansas. It will be hot out of doors there, but indoors is well taken care of and the collection of books there is very fascinating.

The announcement of Cornut came while I was in the hospital last month and our copy was, accordingly, ordered so late that I have not yet been able to see it. I am looking forward anxiously to its coming.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 17, 1966

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


Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 19 July which I found upon my desk last week after returning from KU. It was most thoughtful of you to return the reprints. At the same time, I was sorry to learn that nothing has been done about history of science at Washington U. The situation is not good here and, much as I don't like the prospect, I may be in the market soon.

KU was celestial! I worked round the clock in the rare book room and amassed a pile of data. I am doing several articles for the new Dictionary of Scientific Biography and am yet hopeful of completing my book by Christmas.

Regards to all and I hope the enclosures will whet someone's appetite.

Vale,


Jerry Stannard

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 8, 1967

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
231st Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Somehow I expected I might see you at the recent AAAS and HSS meetings in Washington. Needless to say, I was disappointed for you are one of the few chaps who will sit up all night and talk books with me.

My research is moving ahead well and, in order to do some final checking, I plan to visit the Garden in February for a few days. My tentative plans are to be in St. Louis February 1-3. Before I make reservations I thought I had better inquire whether it will be possible for me to work in the library during that period and secondly, whether you can put me up for a couple of nights.

I have several pieces of news which may be of interest to you and I look forward to what I know will be another enjoyable visit to St. Louis.

With best wishes,



Jerry Starnard

Enclosure

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February 11, 1967

Mr. Harry E. Wuerstenbaecher, Jr.
President of the Board of Trustees
The Missouri Botanical Garden
13 Upper Ladue Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63124

Dear Mr. Wuerstenbaecher:

It was my pleasure to work in the Library of the Missouri Botanical Garden for a few days last week. I came there in order to consult some sixteenth and seventeenth century books required in completing a History of Botany, which I am now writing. Some of these books are obtainable elsewhere only at the Arnold Arboretum (Harvard University), and the Library of Congress. I was not disappointed in my research and, in fact, I came across several books which I had not known previously.

My only regret is the absence of any signs of progress in developing an active research program since I last visited the Library in 1964. The Missouri Botanical Garden is known throughout Europe for its outstanding collection. Yet, locally it seems to be virtually unknown. On the two occasions when I have researched at the Library I was the only visiting scholar. It seems a pity that such a magnificent library should be allowed to pass into quiet oblivion when St. Louis spends millions of dollars annually on athletic stadiums and the like.

As one of a handful of professional historians of botany, the future of the Library is very much a matter of concern to me. Consequently, I trust that you will pardon the anxious tone in which this letter is written. If I can be of any assistance in promoting an active research program which would make use of materials now laying idle, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours sincerely,

Jerry Stannard
Associate Professor History of Science
Secretary, Historical Section,
Botanical Society of America

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 17, 1967

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Librarian, Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

Today, after sending back the photographs, I received the Camerarius xerox. Many thanks and, with your permission, I'd like to do a little paper on it. But you have priority, especially anent the possibility that the MS inscription on the title page is in Camerarius' own hand. You have another book with his autograph, if I remember correctly.


Regarding the Moretti microfilm. I can get the magnification costs paid for on my research grant. I leave it up to you whether the 8" paper will provide a legible text. If not, I don't want to save a few dollars at the expense of my eyes. I'd have it done here save that the library here does not have the equipment to blow up a microfilm in any decent manner. What I shall do is punch holes in the left margin of the finished product and place it in a three-ring loose-leaf binder. I should be very grateful if you could have the microfilm enlarged in St. Louis, but if this is not possible, I'll have to wait until I go to Kansas. They have the equipment but then I will not be on a research grant.

If you think you can arrange this for me, please advise. As soon as I receive the bill, I will submit it here and payment should arrive in about two weeks.

Have you had an opportunity to speak to Gates at all? I am of two minds about our conversation and I think he has been partially prejudiced. What do you think?

Am working hard on old Bock and hope to finish him off this weekend.

Cordially,


Jerry Stannard

March 10th, 1967

Dr. Jerry Stannard
Department of History
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for your several communications since I last wrote you. Partly I have not answered because my secretary was ill for two weeks and I do not have the time to write letters much myself.

I am sorry the prints for the seventeen title pages you were interested in are still undelivered. The pictures were taken at least two weeks ago, but the photographer is also assistant horticulturist and has not been able to develop any regularity of delivery in the photographic line, which he carries on wholly on his own when he can find time. I hope I shall soon be able to send them to you and shall send along a note with them about the price and quality.

You have long since received a letter from Dr. Gates concerning the letter which you wrote Mr. Wuerstenbaeher. I did not see his letter, but he called me in and told me that he was writing you, at which time he indicated rather considerable annoyance. I pointed out to him that it was merely the omission of three words which precipitated this very strong reaction (you meant, of course, in your second paragraph to say "My only regret is the absence of any signs of progress in developing an active research program in the library ..."). In fact, I had not noted the absence of these words when I read your letter because both I, as well as you, was thinking of the library and not the ~~in~~stitution as a whole. However, as he pointed out to me, the board of trustees could not supply the three words on their own, nor would they be disposed to accept his asking that they be interpolated as representing your meaning. Neither one of us can do anything about the way people misunderstand us except to be everlastingly more careful not to say anything which can be misunderstood. I am sorry, indeed, that I did not ask you to send the letter to Dr. Gates directly instead of to the board of trustees--you would still have been at liberty to write the board of trustees as you chose, but you would have been guided by knowing what he would consider acceptable. I do not think it is necessary for you to worry about this particular incident any more--it is unfortunate, but I don't think catastrophic.

Nor do I think it catastrophic that you have not yet written a personal letter to Dr. Gates, although I do think it is definitely unfortunate. I don't think I can advise you very well here except to say that you should write him in as friendly and open a fashion as possible, frankly, of course, but without touch of criticism. He continues to express interest in the library not ~~only~~ as a tool for 20th century biological research, but as one of the half dozen important tools for botanical historical research. And, after you had left, he indicated to me that he recognized you had a highly enthusiastic interest in the latter and that he hoped you would

March 10th, 1967

find it possible to use the library extensively. He is, however, at the present time, completely unable to consider any appointment such as we talked about; that is, unless the total cost of your salary and an overhead allowance to cover everything in the nature of extra cost which would be attendant upon your being here could be met by outside funds. I am not enough familiar with raising money for this kind of item to know whether this is within the bounds of possibility. He has frequently expressed to me the necessity of my finding "projects" for the library to be financed by grant money. I have told him that I already have all the projects which I can think of pursuing, namely, keeping this library open and available; but that I am not aware of any agency which is prepared to consider this quite standard project suitable for allotment of its special funds. And it would certainly be presumptuous for me to make a proposal for the use of the library in carrying on some historical project with me as principal investigator, nor do I see how it could be made with you as principal investigator until you were already appointed here. However, perhaps you know of ways to get around this, should it seem desirable to you to undertake them. I must confess that I consider the whole situation extremely tenuous until the board of trustees has done what seems to me to be absolutely indispensable, namely, obtaining very substantial additional funds on the income of which the library can be basically supported. If this happens before I leave here I feel sure I shall walk out with a head of white hair.

Thanks for respecting what you call my priority in the matter of the Camerarius title. However valid my priority might be I can assure you that naught would come of it if you left to me to do anything about the volume, so please go ahead and do your paper as you wish. Of course, we must be sure that the hand of which so little remains on the title page is definitely that of Camerarius.

As for the Moretti blow-up, I have not yet had time to send the film to the local explosion firm, but shall try to get to that in a few days. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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File

Robert Roy To

Dear Van,

Thank you very much for your letter and suggestion to write to Dr McCleure. I may write to him but not for elementary info. I just received that from U.S. Dept of Ag Plant Introduction Station on Rt 4 Box 433 Savannah, Ga. The timber bamboo is *PHYLLOSTACHYS BAMBUSOIDES*. The rhizomes should be planted in March about 15-30 ft apart. *P. VIVAX* and *P. VIRIDIS* are also large and may merit looking into. Since the young shoots are eaten by ~~the~~ people, deer may be the big problem here.

I was stretching a point to call bamboo a grass but it was as good a reason as any to write and you might just happen to be replete with information. Shaw's garden is such an extraordinary place.

I returned Oct 1961 and have reduced my income tax 95% which is reason enough to stop work & supporting TVA and other power grabs. The house is now at the roof putting on stage and the weather reports, not necessarily reliable, say no rain for another 5 days. It has taken longer at each stage than I expected but then, you build a house only once - a little time so why not enjoy it fully. There would be no fun in a speeded up job.

Thank you again.

Sam

August 11, 1964.

Dr. Samuel K. Talley
Foresthill, California.

Dear Sam,

Am I to understand that you have finally wiped the oil from your hands for the last time and are now up in the hills growing walnuts? I am indeed glad to know that you and Isabel have finally "made it"--I must come out and see you soon!

You ask a quite difficult question. Bamboo is a grass, to be sure, but even if one knows its scientific name, it is not easy to supply information about its cultivation. If I had to find out what you wish to know I should write the world's authority on bamboo, namely Dr. F. A. McClure, Research Associate at the United States National Museum. He is dreadfully pressed for time, for he has spent his whole life studying bamboo and accumulating data about it, and now that he is easily at retirement age he is well behind in getting all this information organized before he dies. But he and his wife are working at it steadily and I think he will not mind your question if you tell him that I suggested writing to him.

I get little time to deal with grass anymore, for I find the library quite demanding--I find myself here quite often at night and on the weekends. Support for this kind of library is not very large and few people are interested in working in such an institution.

I was out in California last spring staying up at Santa Rosa for three weeks. I hoped to get in to see you at Berkeley, but actually I spent practically all of my time at Santa Rosa and the short time I was in Berkeley I scurried from one place to another--apparently you were not even there, however.

If you do not hear from Dr. McClure I should be much surprised, but if it so turns out let me know and I shall try to get your questions answered in some other way.

With all best wishes and the hope of being able to get back to California within a year to see you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. George Ivan Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Aug 5 1964

Dear Van,

I have been reading about the Japanese timber bamboo and wondered if it would grow here. Winter temp. sometimes goes to 20°F and a record low of 17°F some years ago. There is no rain from May to Oct but pine, fir, oak, walnut, apple grow well. Would like to grow pole & stake for fence since bamboo is a "grass", thought you might know. Do you happen to know any source? I am bldg a house, it is slow business as each nail has to be driven separately. Best, Sam Talley
P.O. Box 632 Forest Hill, Calif.

I also want to visit the Hunt Botanical Library at Pittsburg either before or after Kansas and have not yet heard from George Lawrence about when he leaves for England for the International Botanical Congress. I had in mind, however, to leave England by plane on 20 June, arrive at St. Louis presumably on 22 June, go to Lawrence on 24 June or go to St. Louis on 28 or 29 June and leave on 1, 2 or 3 July - I wonder if there would be any opportunity of seeing the Ozark region - but do not know whether the Missouri Botanical Garden will be closed during the period or what members of the staff are likely to be there. The record of the Missouri Botanical Garden in botanical achievement is so high that I am very anxious to see it; unfortunately my lamented

as from
Department of Botany
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Rd.
London S.W. 7
England

14 May '64

Dear Dr Van Schaack,

For well over 30 years I have known of the Missouri Botanical Garden through its publications and have had members of its staff among my friends, but not before this year has any opportunity come my way of visiting the Garden itself. I see that you and I are both due to speak at the Conference on 'Rare Books in Natural History' in Kansas, 25-27 June. I accordingly propose to stop at St. Louis in order to see the Missouri Botanical Garden either on my way to Kansas or on my way back to England. My arrangements are uncertain because

friend Woodson will not be there
to welcome me, Anderson presumably
will be working somewhere else.

I accordingly write for your
assistance. Naturally I wish to
visit the garden when you will
be there - so you may know,
I was for 20 years librarian
to the Royal Horticultural Society's
Kindley Library - and I
would be grateful for a little
help and advice in finding my
way about and getting inexpensive
accommodation, my financial
resources being limited, in St.
Louis. Forgive me for
troubling you. If you can
kindly inform me about the
time when it would be most
convenient in relation to your
arrangements for me to visit
St. Louis, I will be able
to go ahead with my
plane bookings.

Yours sincerely, William T. Stearn

To open cut here

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Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical
Garden

ST. LOUIS

Missouri

U.S.A.

May 22, 1964.

Dr. William T. Stearn
Department of Botany
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London S.W. 7, England.

Dear Dr. Stearn,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 14th which I regret reached me only yesterday afternoon. Where it can have been for a whole week, I wonder--it bears no cancellation.

I am very glad to hear that you wish to visit our library and I look forward to the opportunity of showing it to you. The Garden will not be closed during the time you are in the United States, although there will be practically no staff members here, as much, because at the moment our staff is extremely small as for any other reason. In fact, the only members of the scientific staff you will find will be Dr. Anderson, who I am sure will be glad to show you the Garden, and Dr. André Robyns who is editing the manuscript for the Flora of Panama. As for an opportunity to see the Ozarks I should be glad to arrange to take you on a trip of 1 1/2 or 2 days from here to Laurence, making a large detour to the south to enable our going through there, prior to the conference or to make the same trip in the opposite direction after the conference. The latter alternative would suit me better but either is possible.

The Garden is somewhat distant from the hotel district, but there is one nearby place where rooms are available for \$ 7.50 per night. I should, however, be very pleased to have you stay at my house where I think you would be at least as comfortable and from where transportation would be much easier for you.

You will see by the revised announcement of the Laurence conference that my paper has been withdrawn--I simply could not find the time to prepare it. The program is very interesting and I am looking forward to it.

I hope this letter reaches you in time for you to make convenient arrangements and I shall be awaiting your reply to let me know what these are.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GEVS/cl

BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

Cromwell Road,

London, S.W.7.

Telegrams: NATHISMUS, LONDON, S.W.7.

27 May '64

Dear Dr Van Schaack,

I am very grateful for your kind letter of 22 May and should like to take advantage of your hospitality. It would indeed be a privilege to travel with you after the conference from Lawrence to St. Louis by way of the Ozarks and to stay with you for a day or so in St. Louis if that is not taking too much of your attention. Personally I was most reluctant to accept the invitation to Lawrence simply because for me this is about the busiest year on record even without that. However I do not expect proofs of my Botanical Latin to arrive before September. I have got my lecture planned in my head but have not had time as yet to put it on paper. Looking forward to seeing you,

Yours sincerely

William T. Stearn

June 10, 1964.

Dr. William T. Stearn
Department of Botany
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London S.W. 7, England.

Dear Dr. Stearn,

I am very glad to hear that you will stay with me here in St. Louis after our trip through the Ozarks. It is my thought we will leave Kansas City about mid-afternoon on Saturday, travel south for not too long, trying to pick up some accomodation for the night before it is too late since it will be a weekend, then spend Sunday driving eastward and somewhat south to get into the more rugged country. I am not a long distance driver and shall not plan to get back to St. Louis that evening, but rather to spend the night somewhere about 150 miles from St. Louis.

It is not likely we shall have much time for getting far from the road but we shall be in and out and I am sure you will find it convenient to have something quite informal along to wear. Moreover let me advise you that the weather could be extremely hot, so I should like to suggest you have something of the nature which you will find comfortable to wear under such circumstances.

I look forward to seeing you in Lawrence on the 25th.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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16 July 1964

Dear George,

You will by now have every justification for considering me the most ungrateful of guests - but, if you do, you will nevertheless be wrong for I remain full of appreciation and gratitude for your generous hospitality, the gift of so much of your time and your entertaining companionship across so much many miles of the Missouri countryside as well as in St. Louis itself. On my return here I found, of course, a pile of material needing attention. Getting free of this merely means neglecting other matters, and so a letter to you has become deplorably overdue. It is

simply this that has caused delay.
Now I am trying to get things
reasonably clear before going to
the Edinburgh Congress. The influx of
visitors, welcome though they are, makes
further inroads on time.

My flight from New York to
London was uneventful although I
found New York very hot when I
had changed there into clothes more
appropriate for the chillness of
England. Our weather here has,
however, become quite hot these
last few days.

Enclosed are some pieces of
paper sent as a little contribution
towards the things you are
posting on my behalf. Send
Dandy the book selected; I regret



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I did not get the 'Playboy' one
for him as well!

The specimens gathered on our trip
can be sent officially to the Keeper
of Botany, British Museum (Natural
History).

I gave your kind regards
to the Ewans. Mildred Matthias
is also working here.

As yet I have had no
time to draft the letter mentioned
but have not forgotten about it.

A South African botanist came
in the other day. Hearing I had
been in the U.S.A., he asked almost

immediately 'What's wrong at the
Missouri Botanical Garden?' That is
game for you!

Excuse this being such a disjointed
note.

Yours sincerely

William T. Stearn

P.S. Particulars of the Tradescant book
are as follows:

Allan, Men, 1964. The Tradescants
their Plants, Gardens and Museum
1570-1662. 345 pp. 27 pls.

London (Michael Joseph, 26 Bloomsbury
Street, London W.C.1). 50s (£2/10/-)

W. Stearn

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WTS/DEA

Department of Botany.

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

26th August 1964.

Dear George,

I arrived back at this Museum yesterday to find awaiting me a vast pile of correspondence and parcels, among which I was delighted to find your's from the Missouri Botanical Garden. Once again many thanks for your kindness. Please thank on my behalf Mr. Eric P. Newman for his very interesting paper on 'Nature printing on colonial and continental currency'. Although I have known about nature printing as a form of botanical illustration its numismatic use was entirely new to me. Mr. Newman is certainly to be congratulated on a scholarly piece of investigation.

Another pleasure I had yesterday was a visit from your sister, but I expect you will have heard from her by telephone before this letter reaches you.

Yours sincerely,

William

W.T. Stearn.

June 29, 1965.

Dr. William T. Stearn
Department of Botany
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London S. W. 7, England.

Dear William,

It is my present intention to be in London at the time Joseph Ewan will be there during August and I am looking forward to a visit with you. The dates are August 11 to 21 and I hope they include some time when you will be in London.

One thing I should like to check in the BMNH library is to make a comparison of the plates in Allen's Victoria Regia (Pritzel 104) and those in Hooker's earlier work of the same title. Hooker's work appeared in both 1847 and 1851; we have the earlier edition, but not the latter. As you point out in Great Flower Books these are quite different and it is my belief that Allen took his illustrations directly from the second edition although he says they were made from plants growing in Salam, Massachusetts. At any rate, Hooker's plate 3 as shown in Great Flower Books is certainly the prototype of one of Allen's plates. What I wish to be sure of is that you have both of the books concerned at the British Museum. Both are listed in the British Museum Catalogue and I presume are both there, but just in case something has happened to the Allen I would bring along colored slides to make sure of being able to compare.

I hope all is going well with your Botanical Latin and that we may soon see a copy on our shelves, or much better, in the hands of our taxonomists!

With anticipation of seeing you and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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December 9th, 1966

Dr. William T. Stearn
Department of Botany
British Museum of Natural History
Cromwell Road
London S. W. 7, England

Dear William:

I am chagrined to be so delayed in writing you of my immense satisfaction with your Botanical Latin. Perhaps I can express my appraisal of it succinctly by saying that it seems to be so perfect and my success with finding it helpful has been so complete, that I begin to be fearful of finding a single flaw, which, I suppose, it must have. It cannot help but greatly alter the situation for the modern untutored botanist for whom Latin has been such a stumbling block. If only you could do the same for all the rest of taxonomy--but perhaps the rest of taxonomy will not only take a Will Stearn, but, shall we say, a stern will to decide to do some of the things that need to be done. I am thinking, for example, of what appears to me as the utmost nonsense of not deciding long since that no plant name will be admitted to consideration unless it has been registered with an international agency, such as AIBT, and that with all the dressing.

I hope things have been going well for you. Over here we have now been through something better than our first year with the new director, Dr. David M. Gates. He is very hopeful of finding support for a much intensified and broadened program in taxonomy, as well as the addition of certain peripheral fields. Our proposal for an NSF grant for a new building was sent in sometime ago and we hopefully await what may come of it. Of course, it could not have been helped so far as I can see, but the time now seems too small to complete the structure and have it occupied by '69 when the International Congress meets in this country--as a matter of fact, I am afraid such as may come to see us will find us in such a turmoil that they will profit very little, and that is too bad since getting to the interior of the United States from abroad seems to be so much less common than getting to the east coast or even San Francisco.

My own progress since I was in England has been considerably interrupted by two periods of rather prolonged illness, the second beginning early in May and not really finishing until four months later. But since then I have been feeling increasingly better and, now, extremely well. We are trying to find an associate librarian who can come early enough to learn the ropes of this somewhat poorly organized and very badly catalogued and curated collection before I must retire. Just on the chance that you might know someone in England who would be interested in being considered, I enclose a copy of the advertisement which we are placing in several journals.

Dr. William T. Stearn

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December 9th, 1966

I enclose, also, a letter for Mrs. Clokie, whose address I do not have. I should appreciate it very much if you would add this address and a bit of postage. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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P. S. You may recall that some English group sent to Fulton, Missouri, where Churchill spoke some years ago, a small Christopher Wren church. This has now been re-erected and is to be planted as appropriately as possible. One of our patronesses is particularly interested in this project and recently asked me to find out what kind of tulips of the type they used are still available. You may guess that finding this type of information is not exactly my long suit, nor did it turn out to be that of Dr. Anderson, either. I am sure, however, it is one of the many long suits which are in your own wardrobe, and I am just wondering if, with a minimum of effort, you could suggest the names of any tulips still likely to be available which would be of the type used in the latter 17th Century and the name of any supplier from whom these might be obtained. Anything you can suggest along these lines would be most helpful to us. Many thanks.

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Stearn

Our speaker this evening comes with a remarkable background of long training and experience in many areas of botany. Unlike so many of his generation he spent no time in formal higher education and is ^{following high school} in many ways a self-trained scholar in the best sense. Beginning as ~~a gardener's boy at 17~~ ^{an} he progressed ^{he progressed} to assistant in a bookshop in Cambridge, England. In a mere ~~four~~ ^{four} years ~~he had~~ ⁱⁿ learned ^{ing} enough gardening, botany, foreign languages and general science to become librarian of the great Lindley Library which belongs to the Royal Horticultural Society in England. He held that position for some twenty years, growing in knowledge of botany and wisdom in gardening, and becoming learned in the history and biography of botany. In 19⁵⁷ he

2. ^{he was appointed to the position of} ^{senior principal scientific officer in} entered the British Museum of Natural History, widening his field by taking on the assignment of completing the long unfinished Flora of Jamaica. This took him to the island ^{Jamaica} for some six months, where he lived in the remoter parts with the descendants of slaves who had escaped there during the 18th century.

A few years ago in recognition of his signal contributions to so many facets of botany the ancient University of Leiden in the Netherlands held a special convocation for the sole purpose of honoring him with a doctor's degree.

A couple of weeks ago I heard ^{our speaker lecture} ~~him speak~~ at the XI International Botanical Congress in Seattle. His paper was botanical exploration in the tropics. He began by apologizing for having

3. left his notes on so complicated a subject on his desk in London. Half an hour later ^{his audience was} ~~we were all~~ convinced that he should always ^{leave} ~~bring~~ his notes ^{behind}. I don't know ^{what he has done with} ~~whether he left behind any~~ ^{his notes for} ~~to~~ talk this evening, but I am sure it ~~will~~ ^{will} make no difference, for he is among the most learned scholars of his subject, Carl Linnaeus. The man and his work -- a proper title for a full year's course, of which we can hope to hear only a minute portion of all he could tell. I am most happy to present to you Dr. William T. Stearn, of the British Museum of Natural History.

Stearn



A Special Invitation

Interested in plants, their history, their names?

You are invited to attend an informal lecture on the evening of September 9, when Dr. William T. Stearn will talk on the subject of "CARL LINNAEUS, THE MAN AND HIS WORK." Dr. Stearn, of the Botany Department of the British Museum of Natural History, is in this country to attend the 11th International Botanical Congress, and we are pleased that he has accepted our invitation to visit the Morton Arboretum before returning to London.

Much of Dr. Stearn's life has been spent in field botany and in bibliographical studies relating to systematic botany and horticulture, particularly early botanical literature and the life and writings of Carl Linnaeus. These studies, many of them accomplished during the years when he was Librarian at the Lindley Library of the Royal Horticultural Society, are of particular importance to the history of descriptive botany and to the accurate naming of plants, and are of interest to everyone who enjoys plants.

Dr. Stearn was the recipient of an honorary doctor's degree from Cambridge University and of many other distinguished honors, among them the Royal Horticultural Society's highest award, the Victoria Medal of Honor, for his major contributions to horticulture. His knowledge and wit are certain to bring life and meaning to the accomplishments of Linnaeus. It is a privilege to extend this invitation to you, and we hope you will not miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Stearn speak.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday evening, September 9, at 8 p.m. [1969]

PLACE: Thornhill Building, Arboretum West Entrance

There is no charge for this lecture; however, it is important to call the Registrar, at 969-5682, if you expect to attend.

Figures from *La Clef des Champs*, by Jacques le Moyne de Morgues.



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31 Oct. 1969

Dear George,

It is hard for me to express adequately my appreciation of your hospitality and kindness to me during my stay at the Morton Arboretum, but you will surely know how pleasant an experience that was for me. I am sorry I haven't written earlier to thank you. As was to be expected, I found here on my return a big pile of publications to scan and letters to answer and I had moreover to give lectures arranged much earlier. Consequently I have been busy with one immediate task after another and, having now revised for publication my survey of *Oplonia* and *Psilanthele*, I am sitting down to renewing acquaintance with my friends by long-overdue



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letters. You and Hugh Ivis are the first. I had a very pleasant time with him at Madison, where I was made very welcome, and would have liked to have stayed there longer but I had to go on to Harvard. Hugh's difficulties have been much on my mind but, alas, it seems impossible to see a good path out of them; more's the pity because he possesses such high ability, such driving sincere enthusiasm, such heroic almost self-destructing energy, a capacity for affection and sense of values that are rarely combined and even in him clearly do not go harmoniously together.

Thank you for sending on publications. Reprints of my Cook, Banks & Solander article have come to hand and I am sending you one straightway.

Yours sincerely

William T. Stearn

March 28, 1962

Dr. William C. Steere, Director
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York 58, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I am appalled to realize it is three months since I visited your Garden library and that in all that time I have not sent you a note of thanks for the very cordial hospitality of Miss Hall and the rest of the staff which I received. It was a most instructive day and I only regret it was so short on one hand, and on the other, that I missed seeing you. I was very glad to see the plans for the new library wing and congratulate you on being able to look forward so soon to really adequate quarters. I was also impressed by the size of the library staff, -- I should probably have said struck with envy rather than impressed.

I hope I am not too late in adding my voice of approval to the idea of publishing Barnhart's notes. Publication in microform may, of course, prove to be the only possible one. If so, I hope that microfilm itself will not be chosen; this is by far the most difficult format in which to use any document. I think microfiche is definitely acceptable, although it too has the disadvantage of easy scratchability, which I believe microcard does not have. I couldn't, without more information of the probable cost, express even a tentative commitment for the Garden to purchase a copy in whatever form it might appear, but I shall certainly plan to recommend that it do so.

I think my letter to Biological Abstracts, of which I enclose a copy, is self-explanatory. I hope it won't hurt anybody's feelings. I have tried to tone down my own feelings in writing it, for actually they are rather stronger than the letter might indicate. I seldom fail to see 'red' when some new product definitely inferior to something which it replaces is passed to me with blurbs extolling its many virtues, but I am particularly disturbed when I see this being done in the name of a group of scientists. I am most conscious of the staggering problem of information retrieval but it will never be solved by calling black white. If you know of any way to make me feel this system of indexing is better than I think it is, I should appreciate hearing about it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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April 2, 1962

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

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of March 28. I was sorry indeed to miss you on your short visit here and hope that you come back again before too long.

Thank you for your thoughts on Barnhart's notes. We are finding surprisingly warm reception to the idea. The question now is how much it will cost and how many people can afford to buy it.

Thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your letter to Biological Abstracts about their new indexing system. Although it is a compromise, it is better than no index, and every meaningful word in the title does appear in this index. Two volumes of Biological Abstracts are still unindexed for several years and this is a real handicap to those of us who use this reference work, as one must go through the individual issues.

Most sincerely,

Bill

William C. Steere
Director

WCS/gd

George:

You have no doubt written?

TULANE UNIVERSITY

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Department of Botany

23 July 1962

Dr. William C. Steere
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park, N. Y. 58

Dear Bill:

Following the invitation of April Brittonia to address you relative to interest in the reproduction of the Barnhart Biographical File by the Garden, I'm writing to register Tulane's interest in such a project. It is clear that this University will be associated with biohistorical studies in the future, regardless of my personal role or whether my personal library in this field remains at this campus. I have been buying for the University Library in this area and we have assembled a good working library in the history of biology. Of course, were the price within a modest limit or the purchase possibly open to individuals on partial 'time' payments, I would like to acquire a set for my personal use, with the good chance I may be working elsewhere in the future. In view of the widening use of microfiche all over the world, I think that it would be expedient to consider that medium.

Last February's exuberance with botanic garden ideas sprouting merrily still lingers fondly in my memory! Thanks, again, for coming down and lending you/wit and wisdom.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ewan
Prof. of Botany

July 26, 1962

Dr. William C. Steere
Director
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park, N. Y. 98, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I write to amend the remarks in my letter of March 28th regarding the copy of Barnhart's notes. The amendment consists essentially of supporting microfiche rather than microcard as the medium of reproduction. There seems little doubt that microfiche will become the universal method of microreproduction with the result that there will be more microfiche readers than any other kind. The illumination problem in reading microcard is much more difficult than in reading microfiche.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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January 25, 1965
(Dictated January 22, 1965)

Mr. Henry Hitchcock
Chesterville
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Henry:

The more I think about our conversation over the telephone the other evening, the more appalled I am by what you have told me.

Quite frankly, and you may tell this to your Board and to Barry Commoner if you wish, I feel that Barry wants to use the Garden to reinforce his interests and not the other way around. He should have far more concern for a balanced representation of botany at the Garden and at Washington University. He himself has come out with a caution that microbiology should not take over the whole field, and yet in this case he should be urged to practice what he has preached, in print.

A. C. Smith is not only a top ranking botanist, but he has also spent several years at the National Science Foundation as Program Director for Systematic Biology, and in his present position in Hawaii is helping find research funds for every field. His experience both on the granting side and the request side on a large scale basis should justify his selection, and I think that the Missouri Botanical Garden should consider itself extraordinarily fortunate if in its present condition it could attract a man like Smith, a "old fashioned" taxonomist, but has a broad view of the whole field of biology.

I have known David Gates since he was a child, since his father and I were colleagues at the University of Michigan Biological Station for many summers, and David took one of my courses there. He is an extremely bright and able young man who has grown up in a botanical family and who knows a good deal about plants. However, he took his doctorate in physics and is much interested in the physical side of plant ecology. I do not think that he has any administrative experience or wide recognition among botanists. I would say that under the circumstances the Missouri Botanical Garden should find an outstanding

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person who can start things moving again and not wait for someone to discover what needs doing and how to do it.

I say this to you as a friend and as one who is deeply concerned with the continuation and the further development of botany in this country. The health of the Missouri Botanical Garden affects the health of all other botanical gardens and of the field of botany in general. Consequently, it is in my own best interest/as a botanist associated with a botanical garden to see your organization regain its status as a leading botanical institution just as soon as possible. ~~The longer this is postponed and the more times talk goes on around the country,~~ the harder it will be to attract a good man of the stature and dignity that you need and the position demands. Taxonomy as it is practiced today is an essential and enduring part of the field of botany and neither you nor your Board need to feel apologetic for the great strength in taxonomy of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The New York Botanical Garden covers every area of botany but is strongest in taxonomy because of our fine herbarium and library. Actually, for historical reasons, we supplement Columbia University in such areas as systematic botany, ecology, and plant geography.

In summary, my feeling is that the Missouri Botanical Garden should find the kind of man that is best for it, taking into consideration the historical perspectives and the present resources of library and herbarium, and that the Department of Botany should be grateful to the Garden for strengthening its own resources. If the Department refused to welcome an outstanding person because he is a taxonomist, then I would consider that great injustice was being done. Barry Commoner speaks forcefully and eloquently about the need for a re-appraisal of ethics among biologists and I think he should re-examine his own position in the present matter.

My very best wishes to you for finding the best man for your position, no matter what his research interests are.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Steere
William C. Steere
Director

WCS/gd

March 27, 1962



MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y GRIA

Instituto Botánico

DIRECCION: Apartado 2156
Caracas, Venezuela

No. _____

Dear George:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to send me the notice of Palmer's death. Before leaving on a 9-day trip, I wrote him a letter, apologizing for not having written him in a long while, and in the interim while the letter was en route he died without ever having read my letter. I am terribly distressed. He was always so very lively and I kept thinking he would last many years yet at the rate he was going. I never realized that the cancer had set in so suddenly. He and his wife had visited our Barrington establishment in the fall of 1958, and he was OK then and in correspondence since then he always seemed to speak of his health as OK. So these matters often pop up unexpectedly. Also, it was a blow not to be able to have him see his name as the person to whom I have dedicated the Flora of Missouri. This book has been delayed in the printing, and I kept thinking it would appear the first part of 1961 and again by the first of 1962, but there have been delays so that it does not seem that it will appear until fall of 1962, according to the manager of book publishing at Iowa State Univ. Press. The printers in the Netherlands keep making errors in the page proof, things that should have been ironed out after the first galley. Then, the matter of proper reduction magnification of the drawings was misinterpreted by the editor, and legends for these had to be done over for proper magnification.

Cora is at our Barrington home and has been there since Jan. 18. Our niece and nephew who were taking care of the place had to leave, and we have to find suitable ~~xxx~~ tenants to take care of the place. It is not easy finding someone or someones who can take care of such a place adequately. Lots of indoctrination has to be given concerning the taking care of each item, chores to perform, how to manage the wild flower garden, etc. So Cora will have to remain there until she can find suitable tenants and then take the time to instruct them accordingly during the spring and summer months.

I am planning to be back at N.Y. Bot. Gard. to continue rubiaceae research monographic work between Nov., 1962 and Feb., 1963.

I have been on several trips in this country and there is so much to do in the way of exploration. I expect to remain here indefinitely. Am still waiting for you to come.

I had written Bob Woodson about sending me Annals numbers containing Fl. of Panama that have been issued since 1958 (he sent me the ones up to 1958 while I was in the states), but apparently he has not been successful in getting me any of these. How will it be possible to procure these additional copies, which we don't have here at all? I wanted to look up something in the Balanophoraceae (in the 1960 number) and do not have it. Is there any possible way you could help me out in sending the Annals to me that contains Fl. Panama since 1958? I would be glad to pay, if necessary. I was one of the original collectors, you know, when Paul Allen, Dodge, and I collected for the MBG for this Flora of Panama, but it seems that such niceties are forgotten as the years roll on, and those who helped to contribute with their collections do not count much any more! It is too bad to see how easily people are forgotten.

Anything you can do to help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Julian

Julian A. Steyermark

P.S. Next week, Silvia Ridd and I will be our visitors.



June 14, 1962

MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y GRIA

Instituto Botanico
Apartado 2156

DIRECCION Caracas, Venezuela

No. _____

Dear George:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the package of Flora of Panama parts which you were so good as to send me. It is wonderful to be able to have these. It proves that things really get done when you are behind them. Thanks so much.

Bob Woodson in a recent letter states "If the Instituto Botanico does not receive the Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden, I am at a loss to explain why. We frequently exchange subscriptions for the Annals in return for specimens and for details you might have the Chief of the Division, whoever he is (Lasser?) write to Van Schaack for particulars of other arrangements which we have."

I would be very glad to have this arrangement made, George, by which we could send specimens in exchange for an annual subscription, and I am sure Dr. Lasser would be amenable to the idea. Would you kindly write Dr. Tobias Lasser, our director here, about the terms of such an agreement (so many specimens per year for a subscription, etc.) so that we could begin to organize this? I would appreciate it very much if you would.

I am 3/4 way through page proof on Fl. Missouri, and then have the second and final page proof to do. It is supposed to be out the latter part of this year.

Best regards, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Julian
Julian A. Steyermark

June 29, 1962

Dr. Julian A. Steyermark
Instituto Botánico
Apartado 2156
Caracas, Venezuela

Dear Julian:

I am glad the package of the Flora of Panama fascicles reached you safely.

As for your remark regarding the Annals itself, I am rather perplexed. According to our exchange record, the Instituto has been sent our Annals regularly for nineteen years. We are sorry if it has not been received, but we can not imagine what has become of it. It has been addressed to Apartado Postal 2156, which I believe is the same as your address. I do not know what we have had in exchange for this these nineteen years, but our present exchange records indicates that nothing has been received for over four years and that in the two preceding years all that was received was the first seven numbers of the 'Ediciones MAC', which are only very marginally within the scope of our library. Perhaps you would like to look into all of this further before I write to Dr. Lasser.

I am glad to hear that you are making progress on the Flora of Missouri and must record my admiration for your persistence. I was nearly half way down to see you last week, but official business of stopping at the ALA Convention at Miami prevented me from getting any further, except for a short jaunt down to Fairchild Tropical Garden! But I keep looking fondly toward South America as a place for vacation, and if you stay there long enough, I'll expect to turn up.

I regret to say that everything goes on just about the same here, by which I mean that there is always more work to do than people to do it, and always more to buy than money to pay for it. I am sure you don't know a thing about that in Venezuela!!!

Tell Senora de Fubres that when I was in Miami I saw the G. K. Hall representative. He told me that they were finally having Mrs. Chase's friend, Mrs. van Eselthion, realphabetize the grass name index and that as soon as this is accomplished photography of the index will begin.

I wonder if Cora is back with you or has she had to stay up in Barrington? In any case, I hope you are both doing well and that you will come by here again some time.

Best regards

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

GBV:mr

April 2, 1964.

Dr. Julian A. Stoyenmark
Instituto Botanico
Apartado 2156
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Julian,

I am sorry to be so tardy with my congratulations on the appearance of your magnum opus, but they are none the less sincere and generous. You must feel great satisfaction at finally seeing this work in print on the one hand and a considerable relief at the termination of such an effort on the other. I have no conception of how one would go about writing such an enormous volume and living through the ordeal of seeing it through the press. Every one who has spoken to me of it has spoken well regarding it and has found satisfaction with it. I regret I have had little time to examine it carefully but I have noted many interesting items at various points. It must always be source of shame to MBG and to Missouri as well that this book should have been written by an exiled native son published with national funds in another state.

You must not take my next remarks as detracting from my estimation of your effort or the result, for in a sense they apply equally well to any book covering the same broad field. What I have in mind is that to bring together in one place a taxonomic treatment as well as vegetational description, ecological remarks, distribution maps, accessory data and illustration must unfortunately make a volume so large that no one can carry it around and vast numbers cannot buy it. As valuable and important as I believe your Flora of Missouri is, I honestly doubt that aside from strict scientific application it will be as effective in leading people to learn to know the plants of the state in anything like the way your Spring Flora did. However, both are necessary and the only shame is time and talent are so limited that we cannot have both.

A copy of your book was from the press addressed to me. I assume that was at your request and I am very appreciative of this gift and your thoughtfulness of sending it. Perhaps when you are next here you will inscribe it. I could wish, however, that I had been of more assistance to you in its production.

Many thanks also for the package of reprints which was received two or three days ago. Although we have long since been unable to catalogue reprints and put them on shelves as used to be done, they are still very welcome and are being kept. Hopefully we shall have new quarters some time when they can all be properly organized in standard vertical files.

This last remark brings to mind, of course, the difficulties we are passing through. Mr. Hitchcock, the president of the Board of Trustees, has devoted himself very enthusiastically and intelligently to the problem of finding a new director and providing suitable support for our operations during the five months that Frits resigned. Most of the few really good candidates who might be considered for the directorship have visited us and some of these have been very interesting to the trustees. Soon a selection from this group must be made and an offer presented. But there is one very difficult matter here, that is, all of these people are already well paid in positions they like, while the position to be filled here is complicated by the situation at Washington University. As you may not know, the botany department there has fallen to a very low level. Henry Andrews leaves at the end of this semester and with him gone, Woodson deceased, Dodge retired, Dressler resigned and Nickerson fired there will remain not a single staff member interested in organismal botany and at least to the moment I believe no replacement has been interviewed. This is not a situation to encourage a candidate to accept the directorship here, for we must be devoted to organismal botany and we cannot be a scientific institution without an active group at Washington University in organismal botany co-operating with this institution. These matters are known, of course, to the University but it seems to be passing through some sort of financial crisis and organismal botanists are few and expensive these days.

I wonder if you have heard that Joe Ewan was very ill last month with a serious intestinal operation. He is recovering but must return for a second operation in about a week. There is every reason to believe that this will be successful, but the second must cut deeply into his overcrowded program for this spring and summer.

Well, this is all I can manage today. I hope you and Cora are continuing to enjoy Caracas and I know that as much as you get into the field you are happy.

With kindest regards to you both,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schnack
Librarian

GBVS/cl

October 13, 1964.

Dr. Julian Steyermark
Instituto Botanico
Apartado 2156
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Julian,

It was pleasant to be reminded of you yesterday when a sheaf of reprints came in the mail. May I congratulate you on having so many figures to accompany descriptions of new species. I feel very strongly that the taxonomic fraternity has done wrongly all these years not to require a well executed drawing as part of a valid description.

The symposium meets this week and I am looking forward to seeing several old friends at it, but I shall miss your being here and I shall miss also Hugh Iltis who is skipping the symposium for the first time in several years. The registration is restricted this year to 175 so that at least those who come will be more comfortable and perhaps it will not be quite such a rat race in the library.

We are having an early fall although, at least in town, we have had only one night of frost and that very light. The coloring promises to be very fine and I hope I shall have time to get outside of town to see it.

With best greetings to Cora and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

George E. Van Schaeck
Librarian

GBVS/cl

December 21, 1966

Dr. Julian Steyermark
Republica de Venezuela, Ministerio de Agricultura y Cría
Instituto Botánico
Apartado 2156
Caracas, Venezuela.

Dear Julian:

Thank you for the reprint regarding your exploration in the "Cerro Patao". We are, as usual, glad to have received this for our reprint file. But I must remark that bound as it is in this deplorable plastic spittle, I am afraid it will early become dismembered. I had hoped that South America at least would not learn of this nasty trick, but, as usual the worse a practice is the more rapidly it spreads. When I consider the time put in by your illustrators, not to mention that of yourself, your stenographers, your printers, etc., that the publisher would feel it necessary to save a penny or two per reprint by this unspeakable binding is really discouraging--ninety-nine and forty-four one hundredths per cent good and fifty-six one hundredths per cent bad enough to render the remainder almost as ephemermeral as a newspaper.

Sorry, it has just occurred to me that you didn't ask for a lecture, so, instead, accept my greetings for the holidays and the New Year, which I hope will be good for both you and Cora.

Sincerely,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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28 August 1968

Dear Mr van Schaack,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 21 August.

I feel, with you, that the younger generation do take the issue seriously, and that even among the merely rebellious fringe, the hippies etc., the reason for their often ill-directed rowdiness may well be an inability to specify to themselves what it is that they are dissatisfied with. I also agree with you that our task will have to be to help them find the right ways of thinking about "the human predicament"; I believe that this might also help arouse their interest in other problems than the immediate, selfish one of earning a living. But in trying to make people feel some doubt about their own species one is up against very heavy odds in the form of prejudices of many kinds, and shortsightedness; also the more rationally inclined people are not the ones who shout so loudly that one can hear them among the more strident noises (of which we see and hear something on TV now and then when the American party conventions are being covered). We can but hope, and try and contribute our little part.

Thank you once more for writing.

Yours sincerely,

N. Tinbergen