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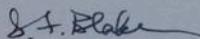
Section of Plant Introduction  
May 23, 1955

Dr. John M. Fogg  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Fogg:

Perhaps it is not too early to begin to lay plans for that projected trip to Giles County in search of the remarkable Helianthoid Composite you collected up there fifteen years ago in the second week in July. The specimens then taken were only in bud; if collected two or three weeks later, say about August 1, they ought to show the generic as well as the specific characteristics. Will you be able to make a trip with me about that time? We could do it comfortably in a day, I should suppose, starting early from my place in Arlington. You would probably have to come down some afternoon and return the second morning after. I should be pleased to put you up at the house while you are here.

Very sincerely yours,



S. F. Blake  
Senior Botanist

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July 6, 1955

Dr. Sidney F. Blake  
Senior Botanist  
Section of Plant Introduction  
U.S.D.A.  
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Sidney:

I have just returned from six weeks in the Far East and find here your kind letter of May 23rd relative to our long-projected trip to Giles County, Virginia.

Such as I would like to undertake this little expedition, especially in your company, I do not at the moment see how it can be worked into my schedule this summer. I got home just in time to embark upon a brand new course on "Woody Ornamentals" which I am giving under the auspices of our Summer School here at the Arboretum. This will keep me tied down until the middle of August, at which time I must leave for New England. I have accepted the Chairmanship of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America and I am trying to arrange for a field trip in the New Hampshire mountains in late August or early September.

Please do not take this as final. I shall re-examine my schedule a little later and if I see any chance of joining you, shall let you know. Incidentally, I rather question whether this trip could be done in a single day, even by starting early in the day from Washington, which I would be glad to do. It must be nearly 300 miles each way and we would certainly need some time there in order to re-locate our plants.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.  
Director

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Section of Plant Introduction  
July 26, 1955


Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.  
Director, The Morris  
Arboretum  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

I should have replied earlier to your letter of July 6, referring to the proposed trip to Giles County, Virginia. I still hope that you will find it possible to make the trip this year. I expect to be away from Washington from August 20 through September 5.

You are quite right, it would be impossible to make the trip in one day, but I suppose it could be done comfortably in two days from here.

Very sincerely,



S. F. Blake  
Senior Botanist

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