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Sutton Cottage  
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Surrey  
ENGLAND

17th January 1958

The Director,  
The Morris Arboretum,  
Philadelphia  
Penn. U.S.A.

Dear Dr Fogg,

I must apologise for the long delay in sending you the herbarium material vouchering the seeds I sent you from the KASHMIR HIMALAYA 1956 collections. I hope that they will not be any the less useful now. I am afraid that not every seed species has a specimen.

I have been waiting for a small collection of seed of Coniferae from Kashmir. They have arrived but I am afraid that they are not satisfactory. The Abies and Picea seemed to be quite sterile this year so my informant tells me; there was a very early snowfall.

The herbarium material is being sent by <sup>insured</sup> registered parcel post from Godalming P.O. '58 and it should arrive within two weeks after the receipt of this letter.

I hope that you have had satisfactory germination from the material sent you in 1956.

Yours sincerely,

*O. Polunin*

O. Polunin M.A.

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Mr. A. Polunin  
Sutton Cottage  
Godalming  
Surrey, England

Dear Mr. Polunin:

The package of herbarium specimens arrived in good condition a few days ago and I have enjoyed examining them. They will constitute a valued addition to our small collection of woody Asiatic plants.

Germination from your seed material has been only partly satisfactory, but many types are of course slow to germinate and we have not entirely given up on them. I am still hoping that your correspondent in Kashmir may some day be able to supply you with conifer seeds.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,  
Director