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Schultzes, Richard

July 13, 1959

Dr. Richard E. Schultes
Gray Herbarium
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Schultes:

In a collection of plants recently received by us from Peru are several undetermined sheets of what I take to be either Banisteria or Banisteriopsis.

Since I understand that you are engaged in studying these genera, I wonder if you would be willing to examine our material and let me have your opinion concerning it. If it is convenient for you to do so at this time I shall be pleased to forward it to you promptly.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

Schultes,

BOTANICAL MUSEUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

July 20, 1959

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Director
The Morris Arboretum
University of Pennsylvania
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I have for acknowledgment your
letter of July 13, 1959.

If you would be so kind as to
send me the specimens of Banisteriopsis
of which you write, I shall be very
happy to examine them and shall try to
give you an opinion concerning their
identity.

Very truly yours,

Richard Evans Schultes

Richard Evans Schultes
Curator

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Schultes, R. E.

August 7, 1959

Dr. Richard E. Schultes, Curator
Botanical Museum
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass

Dear Dr. Schultes,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 20 in which you kindly express a willingness to examine the material about which I had written.

There is going forward to you a package containing mounted sheets collected by Dr. Velarde in Peru. Four of these are accompanied by unmounted duplicates which you are welcome to retain if you so desire.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation in looking at these specimens.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr

Schultes, RE

ORCHID HERBARIUM OF OAKES AMES
BOTANICAL MUSEUM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
OXFORD STREET, CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

September 6, 1959.

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Morris Arboretum,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I have examined the several Velarde collections of Banisteriopsis which you recently sent and find the following determinations: Banisteriopsis Caapi (Spr.) Morton Velarde 6577; 6586; 6587.

Banisteriopsis inebrians Morton Velarde 6585.

Banisteriopsis Rusbyana (Ndzu.) Morton Velarde 6589.

Since collections 6586 and 6589 are sterile, as is usual in the case of these cultivated narcotics, their determination is open to some uncertainty.

The flowering collections which Velarde has made are exceptional and he is to be highly congratulated. I wish that I had had them before writing my recent paper on the malpighiaceae narcotics. I hope that you will allow me to cite these in a forthcoming paper of miscellaneous notes.

Very truly yours,

Richard Evans Schultes
Richard Evans Schultes
Curator, Harvard Botanical Museum

Specimens returned
under separate cover.
Thank you for the det.
Diplomates. RES.

September 14, 1959

Dr. Richard E. Schultes
Botanical Museum
Harvard University
Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Schultes:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 6 concerning the sheets of Banisteriopsis which I had submitted for your consideration.

Although your letter was correctly addressed to me here at the Arboretum, it was for some strange reason delivered to the Department of Botany on the campus at Penn, where at this time of year I seldom see my mail.

You are more than welcome to cite these sheets in your forthcoming paper.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

Schultes, Richard Evans

BOTANICAL MUSEUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts*

November 4, 1959

Library, Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38th Street & Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Penna.

Gentlemen:

For many years, it has been our practice to maintain a number of free subscriptions to the Botanical Museum Leaflets. The constantly mounting costs of publication have made this no longer possible. We should therefore like to hear from you whether you wish your name kept on our list as a paid subscriber, or whether you wish to have the Leaflets discontinued. The subscription rate is Four Dollars a volume, which consists of ten numbers, spread usually over a two-year period.

We hope that we may receive from you shortly an order for Volume 19, the first issue of which has already been mailed to you.

Very truly yours,

Richard Evans Schultes

Richard Evans Schultes
Curator

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November 16, 1959

Dr. Richard Evans Schultes, Curator
Botanical Museum of Harvard University
Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dick:

Miss Elizabeth Thorpe, who is in charge of our Botanical Library at the Department on the main campus, has shown me your letter of November 4 concerning a subscription to Botanical Museum Leaflets. She has further raised the question as to whether you would be willing to continue sending us this valued publication on an exchange basis.

Since the only botanical periodical which emanates from penn is the quarterly Bulletin of the Morris Arboretum, I told Miss Thorpe that I would write to you to ascertain whether you would consider accepting this as a basis for exchange. In all fairness I must point out that our Bulletin goes to the Library of the Arnold Arboretum and I can quite well understand why you would not wish to send us your Leaflets for a more modest journal which Harvard already receives. I know that the Department's library funds are rather strictly limited and I fear that it may not be possible to enter a subscription to the Leaflets at this time.

It was good to see you at the Club meeting last week and on the occasion of my next visit I hope to be able to spend a little time with you.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Schultes, RICHARD

BOTANICAL MUSEUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

December 11, 1959

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Director
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Botanical Museum Leaflets. As you know, here at the Museum we have work in orchidology, paleobotany, economic botany, ethnobotany, and maize genetics. We build up our library primarily in these fields, and our policy has been that we do not accept for exchange for the Botanical Museum Leaflets publications which do not carry articles in these fields of research. It seems to me that the Bulletin of the Morris Arboretum is almost entirely horticultural, and would not be acceptable to us for exchange. It is the content, and not the fact that it is at the Arnold Arboretum Library, which determines our decision in this regard.

We have given serious thought to the acceptance of exchanges with publications which we can not ourselves use, in order to get the Leaflets well distributed, but economic factors make it now absolutely essential for us to draw a hard line, much as we wish we did not have to do that. The discontinuance of free subscriptions and of exchanges with publications which we can not ourselves use will allow us to keep our high standard of publication and to avoid any increase in price at present. Since the cost of our Leaflets, each volume of which now contains more than three hundred pages, profusely illustrated, runs to only \$4.00 for about a two-year period, we hope that this necessary action on our part will not be too drastic on the budget of other institutions.

Naturally, you and others at the Morris Arboretum will be able to get reprints of any articles of interest to you as they come out by writing to any one of the relatively small list of persons who publish in our "Leaflets", so that, should you not be able to carry on the subscription, it may be possible for you to rectify the loss through reprints.

Sincerely yours,

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Richard Evans Schultes

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January 6, 1960

Dr. Richard Evans Schultes
Botanical Museum of Harvard University
Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your letter regarding the possibility of exchanging your Leaflets with our Bulletin.

I am impelled to agree that your position is an eminently reasonable one and I only hope that some means can be found to assure our continuing to receive your valued publication.

I would be perfectly willing to subscribe to the Leaflets for our small library here at the Arboretum, but I feel, (again on the basis of content) that it belongs in the library of our Department of Botany on the main campus. I shall attempt to persuade Zirkle, the Chairman of our Library Committee, that an effort should be made to keep this file intact.

With best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

cc to Miss E Thorpe

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March 22, 1960

Mr. Richard Evans Schultes, Curator
Botanical Museum of Harvard University
Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dick:

You may recall that last November I wrote to you in response to your inquiry concerning our subscription to the Botanical Museum Leaflets. At that time it seemed as though we would not be able to continue receiving this publication, since departmental funds were being cut rather drastically.

We have reconsidered this matter and have come to the decision that the department will transfer its bound file of this journal to the library here at the Arboretum and that we shall ask you to enter our subscription beginning with Volume 19. Will you therefore consider this letter as a subscription order and bill us accordingly. This bill should be made out to "The Associates of the Morris Arboretum" and sent to the above address.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

JMF:am

March 3, 1961

Dr. Richard E. Schultes
Gray Herbarium
22 Divinity Avenue
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Bear Dick:

You may recall that somewhat more than a year ago we had an exchange of letters concerning the "Museum Leaflets." This was about the time when you pointed out that it was no longer feasible for you to distribute this publication on a gratuitous basis.

Since our main botanical library on the campus was not in a position to subscribe to the "Leaflets" I said I would take it over for our Library here at the Arboretum. We transferred the bound volumes to the Arboretum and on March 22, 1960 I wrote to you requesting that you enter a subscription to the "Leaflets" in the name of "The Associates of the Morris Arboretum" and send us this publication beginning with Volume 19. To date we have received neither your bill nor the "Leaflets."

Will you be good enough to have someone look into this matter and find out what has happened? We naturally want to keep our file of this series intact and I shall be grateful if you will see that we receive the back issues, beginning with Volume 19, NO. 1, and are put on the mailing list for the future.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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