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

May was a bad month for library work - too many holidays. First came Labor Day, May 1, then Mothers' Day, then Teachers' Day. Finally came the spring holidays which, in the University, covered the period from May 17th to June 4. Government libraries stayed open until May 24. I had put aside for checking Francisco Guerra's Bibliografía de Materia Médica Mexicana until near the end of my stay, because I had seen most of the material he lists. But I needed to go back to various libraries for material that I did not have (The Hemeroteca Nacional, the Secretaría de Hacienda, the Museo Nacional and the Secretaría de Salubridad.) Unfortunately the holidays arrived before I could complete the checking. Perhaps I can find the few remaining items in United States libraries. Unfortunately, too, the Sociedad de Geografía, in which I wanted to check some material, decided to close for at least a year - to recatalogue the library!

I was set to leave Mexico City by May 24, but since the libraries I wanted to see on the way home would be closed until at least June 3, I decided to use the time in Mexico City to try to see some of the private libraries I had heard of. In this I was quite successful and was able to keep working up until the very last day.

Escuela de Nutriología - small library; found some articles on Mexican plant foods.

Instituto de Fisiología - good collection, well catalogued, but nothing for my work. However, I talked with the director, Dr. Izquierdo, who gave me some of his articles relating to the history of medicine in Mexico, in which there are references to plants.

Escuela Médico Militar - excellent catalogue, but the only things of interest to me were some of the theses relating to plants.

Mexico City College - ditto

Instituto Lingüístico de Verano - sounds like a school; actually it is the headquarters of a missionary group which has taken upon itself, as part of its work, the preparation of vocabularies of the various groups with whom they work. Some of these vocabularies are quite detailed, with plant names.

Hospital General - good catalogue for the books, but there was not much there I could use. The hemeroteca, on the other hand, had been catalogued once and there were many magazines listed in the catalogue which I wanted to see. Unfortunately, the old catalogue was no longer being used and, according to the new catalogue, many of the periodicals I wanted are no longer in the library and no one seemed to know where they might be.

Colegio de Mexico - an association of scholars which maintains its own library. The emphasis is on history. It is well managed and well catalogued, but I ~~was~~ found nothing there I did not already have. However, the librarian's husband, Lic Fernandez de Cordova, whom I had the good fortune to meet, is a specialist on publications from the state of Michoacan. He has promised to hunt up material I don't have and will have photostats or microfilm made of items I may want to see,

Banco de Crédito Agrícola - small library, no catalogue, poor service; but I did get to see the collection that the bank has been publishing recently on the history of various plants in Mexico.

Camara Nacional de Comercio - publishes a weekly and monthly paper and I went through their complete file for occasional articles on plants by Julio Riquelme Inda.

Secretaría de Recursos Hidráulicos - finally located the office that had published various works on different parts of Mexico, with information on plants.

Instituto Indigenista - just heard about it at the end of my stay; went there on the morning of the 23d, but they had already closed for vacation. It looked like a good library, too, from the outside; at least I could see a catalogue.

Instituto Cultural Mexicano-Alemana - went there looking for copies of the Deutsche Zeitung von Mexiko, which in the 1920's published a series of articles on Mexican plants; no luck.

Private Libraries

- Roman Beltran - finally completed going through the enormous collection of pamphlets and clippings.
- Marta R. Gomez (former director of the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura, governor of Tamaulipas and head of the Secretaria de Agricultura). The library is very large, specialized in agricultural items and material relating to Tamaulipas. But there is no catalogue and the arrangement leaves much to be desired. Spent three Saturday mornings there and found quite a number of items relating to Mexican plants.
- Julio Riquelme Inda - good collection, no catalogue. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
But Ing. Riquelme hunted material for me while I took notes so I was able to see most of the material in one Saturday morning.
- Vicente Lira - extensive collection, no catalogue. I had been told he had many works on botany; instead, the emphasis is on literature and history.
- Guillermo Echaniz - the largest private library I have yet seen - 25,000 items, all catalogued! Some I wanted could not be located but I located a number of items I have been wanting for a long time.
- Juan Balme - a very large library, with the emphasis on horticultural material. But there is no catalogue and the material is arranged so badly that I didn't even try to examine it with any degree of thoroughness.
- Manuel Maldonado - return visit to see some of his latest second hand book store finds and there were several items which I had not been able to find!

Cuautla

Public Library - small, no catalogue

Cuernavaca

- Public Library - just moved into a new building; no catalogue. Did the best I could, looking at the material on the shelves.
- Met the director of turismo for the state - a young man trained in anthropology, and himself interested in preparing a bibliography on the state. He offered to try to locate material if I would return in a week or so, but unfortunately my time was too limited to be able to do so.

Extra - curricular activities

- Meeting of the Sociedad Cactologica
- Meeting of the Sociedad Botanica de Mexico. (contributed 50 pesos (\$4) to their publications fund - figured it could be taken from the grant as an international good will gesture.)
- Meeting ~~at~~ at the American Friends Service Committee Headquarters. They had invited me to talk on "Las Maravillas de la Flora Mexicana", in Spanish! I used slides taken during my stay here and the talk seemed to go over successfully. In the audience was Herbert Zim, of Golden Nature Books fame, here to investigate the possibilities of a Guide to Mexico, similar to his Guide to the American Southwest. Met with him several ~~ix~~ times to give him information he desired as to Mexican biologists who might act as consultants for him

- Patzcuaro - Biblioteca Publica
Library closed the day I arrived, June 3, in honor of the anniversary of the death of Michoacan's favorite son, Melchor Ocampo. Waited until the following day (as much to see the Juan O'Gorman murals, I confess). Found a good catalogue but two of the four books I wanted to see could not be located.
- Zamora - Biblioteca Publica
Arrived there in the afternoon, after the visit to Patzcuaro, and found that the library is open only in the morning. So went on to
- Jiquilpan - Biblioteca Publica
Had to wait until the librarian finished his siesta. No catalogue, and nothing in the collection I hadn't already seen, (but wonderful Orozco murals!). Went on to Colima for the night.
- Colima - Biblioteca Publica
City Hall opened at 9 A.M. Library supposed at 9.30 or 10 A.M. Librarian didn't arrive until 11 A.M. No catalogue and not one of the works on the state that I had hoped to find there. The wait there made it inadvisable to try to go to Ciudad Guzman, on the chance that the library would be open in the afternoon and that there might be something there.
- Guadalajara - stayed there three days
Instituto Tecnologico (Universidad de Guadalajara)
Got all the theses relating to plants; well arranged and easy to work with
Biblioteca Publica (also connected with the University)
Another of those tremendous collections, very poorly and incompletely catalogued. Director never available when I wanted to see him. Learned later ~~xxx~~ that others have tried to persuade him to institute some more efficient system in the library, but to no avail. Found a few items of interest but I'm convinced there is much material there. I'd have to stay there a week just to break through and how much more after that I don't know. As a sample of the backwardness of the library - females are not allowed to sit at the central tables in the library, but must use the side tables!
Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Guadalajara branch
Saw their theses also, but not as well organized as the ones in the other University.
Met the botany professor of the Universidad de Guadalajara, just before leaving Guadalajara. Learned from him that there is a ~~xxxxxx~~ botanical garden at the University but had not time to stay to see it; however, left the information for Dr. McVaugh, who was expected shortly in Guadalajara, so he could look up Prof. Franco and the garden.
- Tepec - Biblioteca Publica
(Arrived Sunday at noon; used the afternoon to go by bus to San Blas.)
Library had an inventory type catalogue, and I found one book I wanted.
- Mazatlan - Biblioteca Publica
Small library, no catalogue, so I didn't even spend the night in that lovely town but went on to Culiacan.
- Culiacan - Biblioteca Publica
Fairly large collection and inventory catalogue; two books for the bibliography.
Universidad de Sinaloa
also inventory catalogue but found nothing I could use from the general collection. Did locate a few theses (of very low caliber, however.)

Ciudad Obregon - Biblioteca Publica

New library, in the process of formation and with very good possibilities for the future

Hermosillo - Universidad de Sonora

Beautiful building, excellent library, well catalogued, and with a special section on northwestern Mexico. Found quite a number of items although, as usual, I still have references on the state I can't locate. Some of these, I'm sure, are in the private library of the director, who is preparing a bibliography on the state. He has promised to look for material I need and provide me with microfilm or photostats of material he can locate.

Nogales - Biblioteca Publica

Inventory catalogue; library small, almost half of the material in English; nothing for me.

The trip from Mexico City to the border took from June 2 to June 13. I crossed the border late in the afternoon of Thursday the 13th. The route home lay through ~~Max~~ Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. I used Saturday and Sunday to visit places like the Petrified Forest, Painted Desert and the Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings. The wild flowers in the mountains were in beautiful display but unfortunately I couldn't take time for collecting and limited myself to a few hurried pictures. In Kansas and Nebraska there were flowers also, even some that seemed to me to be remnants of the original prairie flora.

Expense Account

Food	57.90
Transportation	188.90
† Rooms	61.40
Phone	3.20
Medicine	90
Clothes care	2.30
Shipping charges (clothes and some books)	21.50
Mail forwarding	8.50
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	344.60
Grant	230.00
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Excess spent	114.60

Dear Jack: LANQUARAO, Patagonia
Feb 3, 1957
left Munich City yesterday
stopping in Munich, hoping to see
the Patagonia Library today another
~~holiday~~ holiday! Magalhães is
holidays - and since his station
far out on the state had to
celebrate! So I used the latter
part of the day to do the report.
After I located the Librarian and
Luis's garage he let me
just go thru the catalogue to
see if it was worth staying over.
I called Mr. José Luis on
Saturday to see if he had heard
from you and he said he
would. Does that mean that
you were received the books
I sent you? Could you drop me
just a line so I'd know before
I head the country? Adios me
Luis de Castro

Magallan, Sordana
Mexico

I know the very course must
be taking all your spare
time - but really you can
find your time for a brief
note.
Best to Helen and Juan Boner.
Sincerely
De la Torre

Expenses for May

Room and Board (May 22 - June 2)	22.00
Extra Food	11.50
Transportation including tire recapping)	29.50
Travelers checks fee	5.00
Contribution - Soc.Bot.Mex	4.00
Supplies - including rebinding 2 reference books	2.25
Clothes care	1.75
Mail forwarding service Sept. 15 - June 15	<u>27.00</u>
	103 .00

Balance March to May

Income	\$690
Expenses	
March - 264.00	
April - 103.90	
May - 103.00	
	<u>470.90</u>
	219.10
Balance - September to February	<u>530.50</u>
Total Balance	<u>749.60</u>

All rooms steam heated
Private baths & phones
Parking space available



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OTEL HIPODROMO

AVE. INSURGENTES 287
MEXICO, D. F.

September 16, 1940

Dear Mr. Fogg,

Tomorrow, we leave Mexico City for a trip to the north and I thought you might like a brief resume of my summer. Mostly I've explored Mexico City and its suburbs and feel almost as much at home here as I do in Philadelphia. I feel fairly familiar, too, with the plants of the Valley of Mexico - at least those that bloom in the summer. I've seen (and it's been a thrill) begonias and cosmos and dahlias and four o'clocks and marigolds ^{zinnias} growing wild. But there are numerous genera that I didn't know at all before I came to Mexico, that I can recognize fairly readily now - Buddleia, Dalea, Borwardia, Cologania, Cupress, Lopezia, Calliandra, and a few others.

I haven't collected as many plants as I should have liked (my old cry)

but then I'm not with other botanists - and I'm beginning to think botanists are a very special kind of people. They don't mind rain, or hot sun, or steep climbs or bad roads (the way other people do), and I've had to content myself with going out as often as possible and collecting as much as I can when I do go out. I've gotten about 400 numbers - but they were mostly in triplicate - one for the Academy, one for Washington and one for the University here. So it was a lot of work - even if I don't have many different numbers to show as a result.

Suppose you had a pleasant summer - as usual - and are now ready to go to work on the last lap of your Pennsylvania work. If you have the same people working for you in the herbarium, remember me to them - especially Dr Fisher. Give my very best regards also to your wife, and to the members of the Botanical Club.

Sincerely
Ira Langman.

If, for any reason, you should want to write to me, I can be reached care of the Hotel Hippodrome. They have arranged to forward my mail.

October 7, 1940.

Mrs. Oscar Langman,
Hotel Hipodromo,
Ave. Insurgentes 287,
Mexico, D.F.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am sorry to have taken so long in communicating with you, but I have been very busy, first in the field and later with our Bi-Centennial celebration here. At last, however, I am sending you the list of identifications on the specimens which you left here in June. I thought it best to return your letter with the names filled in opposite your serial numbers. I noticed that in some cases there is no specimen to correspond with the number. Possibly you still have these specimens. I hope so, because I cannot locate them here. Some of your finds are extremely interesting, particularly your #2371, which, as I have noted, is new to the county.

Your letter of September 16 indicates that you must be having a very interesting sojourn. Dr. Fosberg was here recently and told me that you have sent some material to the Department of Agriculture. I hope that you will find increasing leisure for collecting in the region in which so much still remains to be done. I suppose that Monroe County will seem pretty tame to you after having worked with such a spectacular flora as that of Mexico.

We are back on the job again here with a new W.P.A. project in full operation. I hope that another year will see us well along in our studies and that I may begin assembling manuscript for the completed flora. You do not say when you plan to return, but I suppose it will be some time next spring or summer.

With best wishes from all of us here, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Foss, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany.

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November 16, 1840

Dear Mr. Fogg.

It suddenly occurred to me that I had never written to thank you for the list of identifications you sent me and I want to apologize. The reason was that I had put your letter with the list in my note book, instead of with the letters to be answered.

In the list you sent me, you said you had no plants to correspond to the following numbers:

2355

2360

2362

2391

2434

You say also that you have two specimens without numbers - *Pastinaca sativa* and *Sphenopholis pallens*.

According to my records, 2355 was *Aparague officinale*; 2434 a Fern; 2391 a grass - whether *Sphenopholis* or not I don't know; that leaves two numbers 2360-2362 one of which is *Pastinaca sativa*. Perhaps if you look again on the newspapers, you'll be able to find the numbers. It looks as if we'll just have to forget about the three missing sheets; I can't account for them.

The *Carex lancea* should really be credited to Mr. Glavick. As you know, he was with me on the day that was.

collected, and I'm sure he was the one who saw it.

Our trips of course has been fascinating, but the last month has yielded less in collecting, because the dry season has arrived and everything (excepting the composites) seems to be disappearing fast. After this month, I'll probably have to get into the tropics if I want to keep up with my collecting - as of course I do.

However the novelty of Mexico with its mountains and deserts and tropics has not pushed the Poconos out of my mind at all. I think I'll be more anxious than ever to get back to a place where I can collect intensely in a small area, rather than skim hastily over the surface as I'm doing now. But I won't be anxious to get back to school teaching - that I know now. And lest I begin to think too much about how all vacations must end, I think I'll close now. "Con saludos cordiales a usted y a su esposa, quedo

Sinceramente "

Ida X. Langman

from Fogg

October 31, 1942.

Mrs. Ida K. Langan,
2316 Balancey Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Since you raised, at the Club meeting on Thursday night, the question of terminology applied to life forms, it occurred to me that you might be interested in knowing about the most recent system proposed by a botanist named Raunkiaer. According to him, all plant life forms may be grouped into the following five categories:

1. Phanerophytes: Buds aerial, at least 25 cm. above ground.
2. Chamaephytes: Buds above the surface, protected by snow or dead leaves.
3. Hemicytophytes: Buds at soil level.
4. Cryptophytes: Buds buried in the soil.
5. Therophytes: Annuals.

This seems to me an improvement on the older classification into Acrophytes, Cormophytes, etc. If, with this classification in front of you, you analyze the flora of any particular belt or life zone, it is interesting to note how many species fall into certain of these categories. For instance, at Alpine levels a great many species will fall into Class 2. The Mesophytic forests will show a preponderance of species in Class 1. Desert species will run strongly in Class 4, and the short grass prairie will show a tremendous number of annuals, or Therophytes, Class 5. A rather interesting application of this classification is made in G. N. Jones' Recent Survey of the Olympic Peninsula, Washington.

Sincerely yours,

From Fogg speaking of
Langman
6-XI-1947

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON CANDIDATE FOR FELLOWSHIP

Name of Candidate: Mrs. Ida K. Langman

Report Requested of: Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., University of Pennsylvania

I have known Mrs. Langman for a good many years and have always entertained a very high opinion of her personal and intellectual qualifications. A biology teacher in the Philadelphia High School System, Mrs. Langman some years ago undertook a piece of graduate research under my supervision with no thought of securing a higher degree, but merely because of her interest in the problem. This investigation proceeded in such a satisfactory manner and she demonstrated so high a degree of initiative and investigative ability that I encouraged her to work for her Master's degree.

In seeking for a problem which would be acceptable to the staff of the Department of Botany, Mrs. Langman advanced the idea that she work on a bibliography of Mexican botany. She had made several trips to Mexico, had done a great deal of collecting, and had become keenly interested in the rather vast literature on this subject. Because of her valuable experience and her knowledge of Spanish, she selected this problem for her Master's dissertation and prepared a thesis which was enthusiastically accepted by the Faculty.

Although this University does not require that Master's theses be published, the members of the staff feel that the work which Mrs. Langman has done is sufficiently important that it should appear in print. She, however, is so critical and so intelligent that she has insisted that her treatment of the subject is inadequate in its present form and that she would be willing to submit it for publication only after devoting a considerable additional time and work in the effort to compile as complete a bibliography as possible. This involves additional time and effort, much of it to be spent in Mexico as well as in libraries in this country where certain source materials are to be found. It is my confident feeling that if Mrs. Langman can receive the support necessary for the completion of her project, there will result a bibliography on Mexican botany which will represent a unique contribution in this field.

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Seldom have I had a graduate student endowed with such energy and enthusiasm and equipped with the sound and critical judgment required for a problem of this nature. I am happy to lend my unqualified support to the program which she has outlined.

Vice-Provost and Professor of Botany
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 4, Pa.

November 6, 1947

From Fogg

June 4, 1948

Dear Ida:

The only thing wrong with the suggestion contained in your recent note is me. I don't know how in the world I ever accepted your invitation to speak, for if there is one type of program which I abhor it is that presented by someone who has only the most superficial knowledge of a new region. However, since I seem to be in it, let me say that I am entirely willing to accept the title which you have assigned to me and assure you that I shall make it very clear at the outset that what I am describing is merely a fleeting visit to a fascinating region of which I have no real knowledge.

I am interested in your observation on the spelling and pronunciation of Saguaro. I believe most of the references I have seen have a "g" instead of a "j" and had concluded that the pronunciation which I had heard was merely an aberrant one for that locality.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
2316 Delancey Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 6, 1948

Dr. Paul Fejos,
Director of Research,
The Viking Fund,
14 East 71st Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fejos:

I understand that Mrs. Ida K. Langman is making application to the Viking Fund for a grant of \$500 to enable her to complete an essential portion of her Bibliography of Mexican Botany by visiting a number of important library centers in this country. Since Mrs. Langman's work was begun under my direction some years ago, I am in a position to state that I consider it a scholarly effort of great value. I am able to say also that I know of no one better qualified by experience and temperament to carry on this study than Mrs. Langman. Her botanical training and her linguistic ability, as well as her knowledge of Mexico, combine to make her an ideal person for the compilation and annotation of the very large bibliography dealing with the wild and cultivated plants of Mexico. This type of work has long been needed by botanists in this country as well as abroad, and anything which you may do to support it will be contributing toward a very worthy cause.

Mrs. Langman has secured a grant from the U. S. Office of Education which will enable her to spend a year in Mexico but which will not help her to visit a number of important library centers in this country, such as Chicago, Tulane, Texas and California. It would seem highly desirable that before going to Mexico Mrs. Langman should have the opportunity of visiting these centers, a knowledge of the resources of which will make her work in Mexico more significant. I take pleasure, therefore, in recommending her to you in highly favorable terms and in expressing the hope that the Viking Fund may find it possible to grant her request.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

from Fogg

August 6, 1948

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that

MRS. IDA K. LANGMAN

is a qualified graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and that with our approval and support she is conducting a very important study of the Bibliography of the Botany of Mexico. We entertain a high regard for Mrs. Langman and the quality of her work and shall be keenly appreciative of any efforts which you can make which will aid her in her research.

Very sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

Sept. 17, 1948

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
2316 Delancy Place
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Please accept thanks for your letters of August 5 and 10, requesting a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$500 from the Viking Fund for travel and maintenance expenses to visit library centers in the United States in connection with preparation of your Bibliography of Mexican Botany.

The Viking Fund's main sphere of interest is support of research in anthropology and closely related sciences, and the number of applications already received and pertaining to these fields will more than exhaust currently available income. Therefore, I believe it would be inadvisable to submit your petition for consideration by our Board of Directors, by whom all grant decisions are made.

I regret not to have better news for you and hope you will find support for your project elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

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PAUL FEJOS, Director of Research

c.: Prof. John M. Fogg, Jr. ✓

from Fagg

November 4, 1948

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
c/o Calado,
Amberes 71,
Mexico City,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Ida:

Your two very welcome and extremely interesting letters most assuredly deserved a prompt reply and I am covered with confusion at having been so dilatory. Part of the reason, although certainly no adequate excuse, derives from the fact that I cherished the conceited notion that I might compose a letter in Spanish for you. That, however, has proved a little too formidable for the small amount of leisure time at my command and I regret that I permitted it to delay my acknowledgment of your very great kindness in writing at such length. I still tell myself that some of these days you will receive from my pen a torrent of fluent Spanish.

I have been extremely interested to learn of your activities and have passed on some of the details of your letters to the Crawfords and others who have been equally pleased to hear about them. Betty Flower stopped in a few days after your first letter arrived in September and gave us a first-hand account of you. She, too, had something to say about Juana Vogt, who must, as you say, be a gem. Bill's Road to Survival is still doing well and although I cannot but consider him something of a zealot, I admit that he has rendered a valuable service and hope that all of his seeds will not fall upon barren ground.

I hope that by this time the rainy season has tapered off, for I judge that you do not expect to spend every single minute in the library and hope that you are going to be able to visit new sections of the country. It is interesting to learn about the gradual disappearance of the siesta, although I cannot really imagine Latin America without it.

We had Francisco Curt Lange here a couple of weeks ago to lecture on the music of North Brazil, and I gave a little party for him at the Art Alliance before his lecture. I wish that you could have been with us. The Crawfords had him to dinner the following night and we really had an opportunity to get to know him and his charming wife.

I hope that you will not find it necessary to spend your time rearranging the books in all the libraries which you visit, but I suppose that is the only way to find things where confusion reigns.

Mrs. Ida K. Langman

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November 4, 1948

I would like to know a little bit more about your Mitrastemon friend and the nature of his discovery. Is this merely information which you have picked up by word of mouth or have you come across a paper describing this amazing find?

As I sit here at my desk there hangs on the wall before me the November page of the American Air Lines calendar with a beautiful picture of your pyramids flanked by maguay and fleecy clouds. More than ever I am resolved that these are things which I must see. Meanwhile, I shall think of you amid your dusty tomes and shall hope that you will continue to enjoy yourself and profit from your opportunity. I am damn sorry the Viking thing did not go through but hope that somehow or other you will be able to accomplish all of your objectives.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

Thursday 11/1/48

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Your very welcome letter came just as I was planning to write you at the end of my second month here. I'm glad you have relayed what I have written to the Crawford. Much for what I have included in my letters I had wanted them to know too, and if I neglected to ask you to keep them informed, I certainly meant to do so.

I have so much I wanted to tell you that I hardly know where to start. My work is coming along. I'm still at the Institute as Biological working now on periodicals. I found that they had files of about 90 periodicals (Mexican) that I wanted to consult, so I'll be there for quite a while. Right now I've been going through Biological Abstracts, and finding it rather tiring - and not locating too much that I don't already have. But it's one of those jobs that has to be done.

I've met most interesting people in this last month. Helen O'Gorman - American wife of Juan O'Gorman - one of Mexico's leading young painters - herself an artist - is working on a series of water colors of Mexican plants. She took me collecting with her two mornings - one to the pedregal - the interesting lava bed to the south of the city - and one to Tolosa. She has a real interest in the plants and ought to learn a lot before she's through. The O'Gormans

are good friends of Diego Rivera - Juan is sort of
a disciple of his. Who knows - maybe I'll get to
meet Diego himself one of these days. ^(Rural) He has an
interesting new portrait of Juarez on exhibition now.
(There is also an interesting boys show on now to
see one of Croze's latest sketches.)

To get back to people - I've met also an
Olivia Converse - also working on plant sketches -
but in black and white. Her sketches fill the
page and are extremely artistic. Nobody is
doing the kind of books I'd like to see - the
plants one commonly sees along the highways. I'd
like to see a deep section illustrated with line
drawings but Helen O'Garman is interested mainly
in the pedregal and the Mexico-Taxco region,
while Olivia Converse is interested mainly in
trees.

At Mrs. Converse's house I met Ephraim
Hernandez. From whom I had already heard through
Dr. Ricketts. He is one of Mexico's better botanists.
(Dr. Miranda being the best) studied in the
U.S. under Dr. Mangelsdorf and is now working
here under a Rockefeller Foundation project
on a corn study project.

Dr. Louis Williams, formerly of Harvard (outside)
now at the United Fruit Agricultural School in
Honduras under the P. opened came in to the
Instituto one day to see Dr. Miranda. (He shares my
high opinion of the latter's ability) He invited
us to dine with him (at United Fruit Company
expense, I think) and I found him a
charming person. You might tell the Crozes

that he was in Brazil when they were there and remembers vividly a talk Dr Crawford gave before a group in some city, whose name I have forgotten.

Another day, Dr Dorothy Parker, librarian for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture section here, came in to the Institute. She had already heard of my work through Betha Hains and Isabel Kelly and I'll probably see more of her when I go over to work in her library. Dr. Kelly has finished receiving my bibliography and some day next week I'm to hear what she has to say about it. I think I told you that I expect her to be very critical and Mrs. Conner agrees with me. Says she can be absolutely devastating. I'm looking forward to next week with rather mixed feelings.

I have now seen two private libraries belonging to scientists here - one to Dr. Maldonado, the other to a Dr. Francisco Guerra of the Medical School. The latter has just completed a bibliography on Mexican medicine and while working on it collected an amazing number of very rare Spanish and Mexican books - relating to his (and as it happens to my work) some of them I had heard of but others I've never even seen listed in any references at all. Both men have given me permission to go through their collections - for which, of course, I'm very grateful.

You may remember Mrs. Chamblé. She is down here now on her way to Guatemala and

sends greetings to you + Mrs Fogg and the Craw-
fords.

I haven't been staying in the library because
of the rainy season. In fact, for collecting that
is just the time when I should be out. ~~collecting~~..
From now on, the number of plants in flower will
be diminishing week by week. In fact, Mrs.
A. Gorman asks me to go to Taxco with her
and it hurts ^{only} when I had to turn ~~her~~ down.
And I do so because I can't tell how
long my work will take and I'd rather
have free time later on when I can see the
end of my job - even tho it will mean fewer
plants collected.

I'm sorry too about the grant. For a
while I had the idea that the American Philo-
sophical Society might help me - get lists of
books from various libraries and then order
films of the ones I want. I even wrote to Mr. Schreiner
about the matter (haven't had an answer) but
I've since decided that I should visit the
libraries personally. Perhaps, on the basis of what
I turn in at the end of the year, I can get
help from ^{some} source. I am going to write to the
National Research Council for information and
if you hear of any possibilities, I'll be grateful
if you will let me know of them.

And now - the most interesting bit of
news. Last week I played hockey (one five
de pista - they say here - or "me pista venado")
The Institute staff - a large part of it - and
some students - went on a collecting trip to
the state of Vera Cruz and very kindly invited
me to go along. Although I never I'd had to make -

up the time, I was delighted at the opportunity to get out in the field again.

It was a very mixed group - Dr. Miranda and I were the only botanists. The rest - entomologists, mammalogist, crustacea specialist (can't think now what to call him) etc. Each day's trip had an ~~specific~~ objective selected by one or more of the groups. So one day we went to a cave where the crustacea man wanted to find type specimens of a blind cray fish. Two days Dr. Miranda selected the objective - a high mountain outside Orizaba, and a hacienda where a German botanist, C. A. Purpus, worked for many years, etc.

Because there were such varied interests represented, it was quite different from any other trip I have ever taken. As we walked along, the entomologists would scatter in the field with their nets, the mosquito specialists would concentrate on the puddles + streams, the mammalogist, pistol in holster and rifle over shoulder searching for squirrels and field mice, added a protective note.

The first day's trip - to the cave - was mainly exploratory. Nobody was quite sure where it was, except that it was the source of one of the branches of the Rio Atoyac. The hike up the river, however, was very rewarding - at least for me - for I had done very little collecting in the area previously, and when we finally reached the spot, we

were enchanted. The stream coming out of the cave was a lovely blue green in color and formed what they call an " ojo de agua " - a large pool, surrounded by heavy jungle. By the time we found the entrance to the cave, it was quite late and then the cray fish man discovered he'd forgotten his lantern! However no one really minded. We came back another day with all the equipment - driving in the two station wagons much closer to the cave entrance. The cray fish were gone but exploring the cave was fun and the spot where the stream enters the cave as a plunging water fall, ^{was} very impressive.

The next day we climbed Cerro de San Cristobal (six feet) the other ten stayed below to collect in the valley. For me it was the most difficult, and at the same time most satisfying, part of the trip. We lost our way twice before securing a Mexican guide and he, to save time, led us up the most precipitous part of the mountain - at times cutting a pathway with his machete. The regular path, when we finally reached it was narrow, very steep and very muddy.

"Chiclosa" they called it, most appropriately. In spots it was just like putting one's feet into chewing gum. The summit is only about 600 ft high - only about 2500 feet above

4 the valley floor - but it is engulfed in clouds every evening and I don't think the earth in the upper areas ever dries out.

Mr. Miranda was anxious to get up into the higher altitudes - into the temperate forest zone - and it was all I could do to keep up with the rest of the party - all men, and all with accents of Popocatepetl & their records. However, by resting frequently while Mr. Miranda scouted for plants, I managed to hold my own.

When we finally reached the upper zone, Mr. Miranda turned to me and said "Now you're back home." And indeed I was.

Leguminar, Cornus florida, Cassipou carolinensis, Clathra - all around me. It was hard to believe - especially with the orchids and bromeliads on tree trunks, tree ferns mixed in with the other vegetation and huge leguminas on the forest floor. Mr. Miranda was searching for fruits of Engelhardtia - a tree in the juglandaceae but without luck. It was probably too late in the year for them.

Later in the week we visited other areas that were fairly similar - fantastic mixtures of giant leguminar and sycamore trees - really giant, Clathra - 75 to 100 ft tall, arborescent senecios 25-30 ft. tall and among the herbs - brightly colored ceanothaceae, geraneaceae, mints - a huge, bushy Scutellaria etc. And I should not forget the giant arceuthobium

on the ground and over all the trees - the epiphytic figs and so on.

I brought back only a couple of minor unpleasant "recuerdos" from the trip. On the climb up the Cerro, I found myself slipping badly and grabbed hold of the nearest plant, which of course happened to be a "mala mujer" (*Cnidocolus*) with terrible stinging hairs. (Still bear the marks) The next day some tiny flies called "je-jenes" picked those same swollen spots to sting again. At the same time I was suffering from blisters I had developed the first day. Finally ended up by going down to the market and buying a pair of huaraches and then, while everyone else wore boots, long sleeved shirts, sombreros, I ended up by going hatless, short sleeved and in huaraches. I used an insect repellent for mosquitoes which proved very effective. The snakes and the scorpions and tarantulas left me strictly alone and the only pests that bothered me - "pinolillos" - larval forms of ticks, and "tlasahuates" - a tiny acarid, were as numerous on the well covered members of the party as on me, and bothered me much less.

One day of our trip was devoted to a historical pilgrimage to the Hacienda "El Mirador" founded by Carl Sartorius, whose descendants still live there. It is beautifully located on the road between Fortín and

Jalapa and was the headquarters of many naturalists in the past, including C. A. Purpus, who lived there many years and died early in the 40's. Mr. Miranda was anxious to find out if Mr. Purpus had left behind a library or a herbarium - perhaps duplicates of what he sent to Mr. Branderger. Unfortunately there was nothing - no plants and only some unimportant books. We asked to see where he was buried and were taken to the town cemetery and shown an unmarked grave! Mr. Sartorius, the priest, apologized by saying he was waiting until he could learn the botanist's date of birth! One result of the expedition may be that the Instituto and the Botanical Society may take it on themselves to mark the grave, arrange for an appropriate ceremony, etc.

In the meanwhile, we happened to visit the cemetery on just the most appropriate day, November 2d - El dia de los muertos. Every grave was heaped high with marigolds (zempolanchil in Aztec), the fields where they were cultivated were simply glowing with orange. For days previous the markets and roadsides were crowded with people buying and selling huge armloads of the plants. Some graves had special decorations besides - orchids, tuberoses, cockscomb - any thing brilliant and showy. I tried to take some color pictures, but it was late in the day and I'm afraid they won't turn out.

- And now a few minor items in conclusion
1. The mitracetone story is no myth. I specimens are at the Institute and I have the literature references there too. I'll get it on Monday and send it to you on a separate card.
 2. There is a plant in Mexico called "akiba y abajo" so the report goes. I have no identification for it, but if the leaves are cut from the part with an upward motion, they can be made into a "vomitero"; if cut with a downward motion, they serve as a "purgante". Most efficient, wouldn't you say?
 3. Have you ever tasted "limon dulce" or "limon real" - or some call them just "limas"? They have a juice just like sweetened water - the most refreshing drink after a day in the field.

I shall be waiting for that torrent in Spanish. I would have written at least some of this in Spanish - but just before I started this, I had finished a letter in Spanish to the Comarales. ^{it} may be the next time. Please remember to your family, the Craigs, Miss Barnes, etc.

Sincerely
J. H. Sargent

P.S. I was wondering if you might want to pass on the part about my trip - bottom of the back of p. 2 to the end of the front of p. 5 - to Mr. Pennell. I think he might be interested and I don't feel up to writing two accounts of the same thing. Perhaps the Botanical Club would be interested also - although if the November meetings are still pushed up a week, this will probably not reach Philadelphia in time for this month's meeting.

From Langdon

February 5, 1949

Dear Mr. Pennell - and Mr. Fogg:

(This time I'll ask you to forward my letter to Mr. Fogg, ^{please} I hope you won't mind.)

I'm not sure I know where to start. I have so much to tell you. I suppose my work should come first, then my collecting trips to Chiapas - then odds and ends (of which I always seem to have a great many.)

On December 15, I turned in my report to the State Department and Mr. Rains. Cultural attaché who received it, seemed to think it was quite satisfactory. I have finished checking at the Instituto de Biología, have been through the library of Dr. Maximino Martínez - the botanist - where I found many pamphlets for which I had been searching; have checked through the entire Union List of Journals for Mexican magazines (needless to say I have many additional ones in my list that are not registered in Washington). Now the job is to locate them and get complete series). I am now working at the library of the National Museum, where I am finding much more than I had expected. My hours there are from 9 to 1 and 3 to 5. Then I go to the library of the National Academy of Sciences, called the Biblioteca Alzate - for one of Mexico's first scientists - which is open only from 5-8. I stay there generally until seven, unless I'm attending a meeting, as I did last night - of the Natural History Society. Then I work until

close to meeting time. All these - the National Museum, the Biblioteca Azteca, the Medical School - where the Natural History Society meets - are ~~all~~ within a few blocks of each other, so I waste little time going from one to the other.

If I thought that my trip to Cordova was exciting, it paled considerably in comparison with my recent trip to Chiapas. I'm not quite sure, but I think I wrote you last about the end of November - after the Moldenkers left. Shortly thereafter I was talking to Sr. Miranda about the plants I had collected seven years ago, and of which I had left a set at the Institute. They were supposed to write the labels, after sent them the determinations and the other data, all of which of course I did. Instead - we found my plants in their original packages and some of the lists of names from Washington - not all. Some were just slipped up badly - not Sr. Miranda - because he was in charge of the herbarium then. So I had to write labels - a long and tedious job as you well know - in addition to my other work. In looking over the plants, Sr. Miranda was of course interested in the legume from Acapulco which may be a new genus - if I can ever get the fruit. I had heard that some of the Institute staff were going to Acapulco during the winter and suggested that maybe ^{perhaps} he could get some of the fruit if he went with them. It was then that he told me that he was not going to Acapulco, but to Chiapas with another botanist Sr. Paray, and Sr. Paray family (Mrs. Paray comes from Chiapas). Maybe the envy showed in my face - at any rate, he went on to say that if I was interested, I could go along with them. Thinking of my work, I hesitated - until Sr. Miranda reminded me that the libraries would be closed for the better part of two weeks, and they expected to be gone only a little over two weeks. That settled it, and we left on December 15 by overnight pullman to Vera Cruz.

My botanizing started that very night. It was

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 full moon, and I guess I was so excited I couldn't sleep. I spent most of the night looking out of the window - at the maguays on the tableland, then pine forests - then the palms of the lowlands. I even saw the peak of Orizaba by moonlight - it made a beautiful picture.

In the morning we changed to the Isthmus train, and the rest of the day was a continuing lesson in botany - with the murmur of the train. Near Vera Cruz everything was cultivated - pineapples, sugar cane (beautiful in flower - their florets almost purple). There came stretches of savannah - dotted with characteristic trees - Crescentes, Curatillos, Cedros, Terminalias - Around the bases of the trees - often clusters of Bromelia pinguin (later on I was to eat the fruit of another Bromelia - deliciously refreshing) I learned to distinguish the two palms they call "cogol" - *Acrocomia* and *Scheelea*. As night fell, we were coming to the rain forest and had to miss it, but fortunately, on our return, we hit it during the day. It was still and inspiring but now having collected in parts of the sierra, it no longer has the same fears for me that it used to have. I would even be ready to go into the Amazon - with proper preparation and the right guides.

I that night we crossed to the western side of the Isthmus and awoke to find ourselves in hot, dry, cactus-dotted country. There, in the winter, the wind blows almost constantly - carrying the fine dry earth before it and we could feel the sting of the sand against our arms and legs.

We were in the land of the beautiful Tehuacan women - with their brightly colored costumes. At the stations the scenes looked just like travel advertisements. At one station they had even

brought a marimba down to play farewell songs to a departing favorite son. From that time on - all through Chepas, we came to hear the marimba constantly, since it was Christmas time our first time. It's a beautiful instrument but I like it better when played alone - not combined with other instruments.

Since the train had no diner (and the less said about the service altogether - the better) I had to learn to eat at the stations. Hard boiled eggs, fried chicken tortillas and bottles of soft drinks plus all kinds of fruit took care of our needs quite well. The sweet rich pulp of tropical fruits appeals much more to me than the acid tang that accompanies so many of our northern fruits. So I was very happy to taste again the delicious mango - my favorite fruit so far, and to sample for the first time chico zapote (the fruit of chicle trees) and granadillas - the Passiflora fruit.

Lots of favorite flowering trees were already in bloom - the *Cochlospermum* with its golden cups, the tree yponocreas with their large white blossoms, fields of a white mimosa, which Dr. Miranda cannot identify. From a distance it looks like a pear orchard in bloom. Unfortunately, since we were traveling by train - and later by bus - we couldn't collect - or take pictures and we did miss a great many plants - but "in modo" - it couldn't be helped.

At Arriaga we left the train and went by bus to Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of Chepas. It was a beautiful ride - taking us up into the hills where we could look back at the Pacific.

~~While~~ ~~then~~ all around us range on range of high mountains rose up as far as we could see. We had not planned to stay in Tuxtla - but as it turned out later to be the main center of our activities, I'll touch on the other places first and then return to it.

Chepas had for so long been isolated from the rest of Mexico that it still has the

charm of the unspoiled. So Chiqui de Carga, half hour's
 run from within, there is a sleepy little town which boasts
 a beautiful, brick, Moorish style fountain built in 1560!
 At San Cristobal - an hour's ride away - we stayed one
 day. It's up high - 6000 feet, chilly, damp - among pine
 and oak forests. And when I started to collect I thought
 I was back in the Poconos - *Gaultheria*, *Vaccinium*,
Prunella, *Ranunculus*, *Alnus*, *Sambucus*, *Crataegus*!

Mentioning hawthorn reminds me that they make
 a delicious conserve here of the fruits - which are about
 the size of small cherries. Why don't we eat our hawthorn
 are they too small to bother with - or ~~do~~ do they lack
 the flavor of the Mexican fruit?

The town of San Cristobal, itself, is interesting in
 its own right. It was the center of activity of Bartolome
 de las Casas - the great champion of the Indian's rights
 in Mexico and the town is still the market center
 of many different tribes of Chamula Indians - all of
 whom wear distinctive and curious costumes.

They resemble somewhat the Guatemala costumes -
 being of course - close to Guatemala. Up to the 1850's
 they were in fact part of Guatemala - not the costumes -
 the area - I mean. Let me describe the costume
 that most interested me - worn by the men of
 Ziranatan - short, thigh-high trousers, over them a
 sleeveless jumper of white coarsely woven wool - knotted
 at the waist with a cord like the ones the monks
 use. The front and back of the jumper decorated
 with a huge magenta wool tassel. With this
 outfit go dark sandals - with high backs & the
 calf - and a wide, flat bicornial shallow
 rounded straw hat - from the back of which
 hang five or six brightly colored ribbons. Fantastic,
 isn't it?

From San Cristobal - we took another bus
 to Comitán - only 17 km. from the Guatemalan
 border and as far as the Pan American high

way goes right now. This was really supposed to be our headquarters because Mr Miranda was anxious to visit a nearby lake region called Monte-bello where the vegetation is supposed to be quite luxuriant - orchids, tree ferns, etc. Transportation to the lakes is quite difficult - but we had been led to believe by Mr Parry - with his family connections - that those details would be taken care of. The expectation was that we would stay five days - collecting in the surrounding hills - of course - but the arrangements never came through. It was of course disappointing (more so to Mr Miranda than to me) but we brought back many interesting plants - especially from the oak forests, wetlands in Spanish moss and laden with orchids and bromeliads (a little too early for most orchids). I found a beautiful *Lamourea* for you, Mr Pennell - besides a very interesting *Cotoneaster* a tree about 20 ft tall - and lots of other things I don't recall now.

So we came back to Tuxtla where our first stop had found a nicely organized little library and had met, quite by accident, a Mexican doctor and his wife who had lived right on Belancy St, while he was studying at the University. He is now in charge of the State Hospital and they invited us to entertain us at dinner, taking me to a Christmas party and to a piano recital. Add to that the fact that Chiapas has a delightful climate - much like Cuernavaca - and a population that is alert and progressive in spite of its long isolation from the capital, you can see why Tuxtla has practically replaced Guadalupe in first place for my affection.

There is an active Institute of Arts and Sciences in charge of an enterprising director - more of him later; a small but also well-run zoological

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 museum whose director goes out to hunt the animals, stuffs them, mounts them, displays them etc. And there is an Athenaeum of Arts and Sciences which holds regular meetings arranged for the concert etc. Do you think the U.S. needs a consul in Tuxtla? I think I could settle down there quite happily.

The scientists whom we met - through the director of the library - were anxious for Dr. Miranda to give them a talk before the Athenaeum - but he preferred to spend his time in the field - collecting around Tuxtla and promise to send them a report of his studies. So they very obligingly pointed out all the best places for botanizing - particularly a mountain range called "Cerro Brijo", of which we had already heard - through a picturesque American adventurer named Williams (not Louis O.), at present engaged in collecting orchids.

Cerro Brijo was about 50 miles away - about 25 by bus and 25 on horseback (and I had only been on a horse once before in my life - for one hour!) With the help principally of Dr. Jemenez, my Philadelphia friend, who estimates the size of a former governor and the present governor, arrangements were made for horses to be at the bus terminal and lodgings were arranged at a small ranch at the foot of the mountain. However - through a misunderstanding (?) the horses were not available for the trip down. So the mayor of the bus terminal town lent

me his ^{horse}, we piled our equipment on a burro
and off we started taking turns on the horse. I
think that was what saved me - for if I had
had to ~~ride~~ ^{ride} several hours as a stretch I might
have found it uncomfortable. Instead I enjoyed it
immensely - found the Mexican saddle easy to
get accustomed to, and now I wish I had
time to ride regularly (at my age - can you
imagine?)

After about 2 hours we stopped at a
ranch to enquire about horses; Couldn't get
any but the owner insisted we take his
ox cart! You know how slow they are - but
we accepted - walking part of the way and
using the cart to rest in.

At the ranch we found the people
hospitable but the accommodations most
primitive. I know now how rural Mexico
lives and I don't suppose it's very different from
rural Tennessee (away from the P & H projects)
or rural Alabama which is probably a
better example. Our entire diet consisted of
tortillas beans, eggs and coffee.

The next day we started up the mountain
again short of horses - this time saddle was
lacking. So we didn't get all the way to
the top only to a ranch called believe it or
not - Olympus! However we did reach the
Leguandambar zone which was the Miranda's
goal. He has been studying the vegetation of a
large zone in Mexico where leguandambar grows
and his results when published, should be
most interesting. You know he was the
first to find *Nyssa* in Mexico. And I should
not forget to mention a vine called ^{at sam} leguandambar
again - a *Vitis* - whose stem has large water
cubes. The trick is to cut a piece about a yard
long, hold it up vertically - put your mouth

under it and let the drops of cool sweet water
trickle in.

We made the trip back to Tuxtla with two
horses - our 62 year old Indian guide, who climbs
trees the day before like a monkey - walking as
fast as the horses. I've seen them do it on
the road - but never thought I'd have to
keep up with one. But we arrived in fine
condition - except for hundreds of "pinabilla"
bites - seed ticks, Mr Roberts tells me is their
name. They don't transmit fever - but they
sure do itch and liquid repellents don't help.
We had those. Mr. Roberts writes me flowers
of sulphur dusted on is the most effective
repellent known at present.

Back in Tuxtla, I made some more interesting
contacts - ^{1st} the former head of ^{all} the state libraries -
who had a magnificent collection of materials on
the state of Chiapas and ^{who} spent an entire morning
picking things out for my bibliography. I also
met the daughter of Jose Loveron - author of that
beautiful book on Mexican ferns, and she gave
me some interesting leads on materials for Tabasco,
her state - if I can ever get there. Through
other people I also got names of people who used
to live in Chiapas - now settled in Mexico City.
All are supposed to have private libraries and
my job is to try to find time to see them.

And now for what I shall add and end.
First of all - for you - Mr Pennell - tho you may
listen in to - Mr Fogg.

I thank you for the identifications. Do you
expect to publish on the new species - 2638 from
Zempolaha?

Dr. Miranda wants to know.

2. The Director of the Institute of Arts and Sciences is very anxious to establish an interchange of materials between Chiapas and the U.S. Has Dr. Roberts spoken to you about it? Are you interested? If so - please write to Professor Alberto Gutierrez-Arenda Central 72 - Tuxtla Gutierrez - Chiapas and see what can be arranged.

3. Sr. Vilalobos, crustacean specialist at the Institute had some material he wanted to send to the Academy but I couldn't find a crustacean expert listed in the Frontiers list. So I suggested he send the material to Dr. Pelegrin - since he was listed - head of molluscs and other invertebrates. If there is some ^{one} in charge of crustaceans, I hope he'll get in touch with Sr. Vilalobos - after he receives the material.

4. Ned Stoll told you that some time ago I met Ed. Dickler - in charge of the Friends' Service Committee here and Thursday afternoon I stopped in to see them at their regular open house. They had taken me to see their work camp near Yantepes and are now trying to organize a cooperative housing project. It is going to be hard sledding. I hope they can bring it to a successful conclusion. Unexpectedly I met at their house Donald Campbell of the Embassy library and in course of course that we had a lot to talk about. He has already helped me locate a gentleman who is supposed to have a fine private library and I think he may prove equally helpful in the future.

5. Does the MacKenzie book on Cariceal include Mexico? I just realized I don't have it listed and don't know why.

6. Please remember me to Mr. W. Berry, Mr. Waldman, Mr. Bender, Mr. Long, Mr. Stear? (went to Alaska - Arkansas I've forgotten his name) Miss Phillips, Miss Boyer etc.

6 (and last - I think) Langman to Fogg 5II-1949 and you took Kennel.
To doctor Fogg - some of these may interest the Cranfords too.
1. How do the Car Brilli covers go? It should
have been very good. Have you had a good season?
My cultural activities have been rather limited. Out-
side the piano rental at Twelfth (by a very good
Spanish refugee artist), and the art exhibitions
here, I've seen Henry V - the more with Spanish
dubbed in (and done excellently with fine voices)
and I've seen a Mexican version of "Street Car Called
Desire" that was as good as the New York version.
I've read "The Crusaders" which I recommend highly.
Am now reading a Spanish version of Chateaubriand's
voyage to Italy and America. His summary of world
exploration up to his time is the best thing I've
seen so far. I've heard a professor of philosophy here -
Dr. Ross - Betty Flower must know him - lectured on
Existentialism - characterized it as a philosophy
of defeat. Did a good job. It's part of a series of one
hour lectures sponsored by the School of Philosophy.
Northrop is coming in March. Think he'll be easier
to follow than his book.

2. I had an interesting talk with Luis Martes
Keyman recently. He is the editor of the liberal
weekly "Tiempo" which is carrying on a
constant fight against the growing activities
of the Sinarquistas. Has their recent movements
been reported in the States? In the summer of
1942 - when I was in that course at the Inter-
American Training Center I remember reading an
article pointing out the dangers of the
movement. They evidently remained under cover
during the war - then came out when it was
over but nothing was done to check their
growth. Last week, after an outrageous meeting

in which they reside models. Jews, and all liberal Mexican heroes. the party, was outlandish. But I think it's too late.

3. Since you're interested in archaeology you'd get a big kick out of the current exhibition at the National Museum - copies of paintings found inside the most recently discovered Mayan ruins - at Bonampak in northern Chiapas - near Palenque. The artist brought back a wonderful series of paintings, including sketches of the Lacandon Indians who live in the area, their settlements, and wonderful drawings of the surrounding jungle - only a botanist could really appreciate them. The Maldonados (he's president of the Natural History Society) took me to the opening. Everybody in anthropology was there - including Miguel Covarrubias and his stunning wife.

4. Am I ever Franz Blom - who says he used to be director of Middle American Research in Tulane - and who says he really discovered the ruins of Bonampak. He started to talk to me in the library when he saw I was going through some books on Guatemala. I didn't even know who he was - had to ask his name. He has open house on Saturday afternoons - but I haven't had a chance to check on him with people who know him. I've heard all kinds of stories about him - that he isn't really an anthropologist - just a publicity seeker etc. I'd love to contact him - to see what he says. But he's been very friendly - brought me references on books I ought to see and he might be an interesting person to know.

5. Last night heard the doctor who was recently awarded a national medal for his work on typhus - Dr. Ruy Castañeda. He worked with Jenner. Do you mentioned in "Rats Lice and History?" His talks were excellent. I know now all about typhus in Mexico - huh! And I'm glad I'm vaccinated against it.

Today was a holiday - Constitution Day - so I've devoted the day writing plant labels and writing to you. I hope you can read my scrawl. My best to Mrs. Fogg and the girls - they must be young ladies by now.

Sincerely,
Joe Bergman

Dear Mr. Fogg:

From Langman

June 6, 1949

Just look at that date! I feel as if my year were up and there's still so much to do! Of course, I still have three more months, but that isn't nearly enough time to finish what is here in Mexico City, not to speak of visiting libraries outside the capital. When I turn in my third report next week, I'm going to discuss with Mr. Raine, the possibilities of an extension of the grant. I know that, as you say, a scientific project is hardly, if ever, completely finished, but I don't see how ^{at the end of this year} the bibliography could ~~not~~ be published, with so much material still to be examined. And if not published, of what value would all my work have been? There are few things that are so completely frustrating as to start a job and not bring it to a logical conclusion, and I certainly hope I don't be frustrated in this project. If I should get the extension, other problems of course, come up. How would Oscar, who is finally coming down in a couple of weeks, feel about it? Would the Board of Education extend my leave? The only answer is a very apt expression they have down here. "Dilemos en venenos."

I finally finished at the Biblioteca Nacional after going through six (!) catalogues - all of which duplicated each other in some respects and yet contained material that wasn't in any of the others. In addition I found ^{different} call numbers for the same book in the various catalogues (location of the books were changed but the old call number was allowed to stay in.) And often it was a case of asking for the same book several times until it was finally located.

Right now I'm running a 3 ring volume. In the

morning I go first to the library of the *Sica de Hacienda* (Treasury Dept. I guess is our equivalent), which opens at 8. It has one general section, and one section supposedly limited to history - but it's really general. In there I found several Mexican botanical works for which I've been searching. They also have an *Hemeroteca* (that's a new term for me) and that's where I'm working now - being finished the other two sections during the spring vacations (this was one of the few libraries that remained open.)

About ten o'clock I go over to the National *Hemeroteca* - a few blocks away - work there till lunch time and come back after lunch to work until after 4. At that time I go over to the library of the Geographical Society - which opens at 4 and work there till 7 or so. It's a long day but a typically Mexican day. I'm covering a lot of material but I don't have so much to show for it as I would if I were ~~to~~ working into books. (For at the Geographical Society I'm working into magazines too, having finished the books, pamphlets and manuscripts.) It's almost impossible to get a complete file of any magazine here. I spend lots of valuable time noting the gaps in the series, to try to locate the missing numbers elsewhere. Often a yearly index is missing and the covers are missing unless the numbers are bound. If the table of contents is on the cover, as it often is, I have to leaf thru the volume - page by page. That's what I had to do last week with 20 years of an agricultural monthly. Today, the same thing with 10 years of the Chamber of Commerce weekly bulletin and 11 years of a medical monthly - all of which had a considerable amount of material.

At the Geographical Society, there's a tremendous

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 amount of periodical material has in the most
 horrible disorder you can imagine. The librarian
 takes me to a stack of shelves and says - "This is the
 agricultural section". The magazines and dust covers,
 mixed up, not even separated + tied according to
 years. I just take the material from the shelves +
 set to work separating + sorting out the Mexican
 material. Then I put it in a row, and then I
 get to work - spending at least some as long on the
 job as I really should. And I don't think I'm getting
 every thing there is anyhow. There is probably
 lots of material stacked away where it doesn't belong.
 Today for example, I found a copy of Linnæus "Amoenitates
 Academice" mixed up with the medical magazines

However, in all the libraries - whether well organized
 or not - everyone has been very helpful in putting
 all their material at my disposition, in putting
 me in touch with individuals who might be
 useful, etc. Even in the library of the Department of
 Forestry (the saddest of all the libraries here) the
 librarians, who drink and does absolutely no work,
 because he says they don't pay him enough,
 urged me to come to the library of the Congress
 where he promises to hunt up lots of material that
 I could use. (He works there in the afternoon)

If only I could begin to see the end of the job
 here! Everything I put down the number of items
 for which I'm searching I come across a bibliography
 I never saw and discover an appalling list of books
 or pamphlets I never heard of. That's what happens
 when I check my list of pharmaceutical + chemical
 things (mainly on plants) with Dr. Guerra who
 is preparing a bibliography of Mexican pharmacy.
 I found he had a tremendous list of things I had
 never seen - some from outside Mexico City.

He had not seen the works themselves - had seen the lists published by the Government. Now my job is to try to locate them.

The other case was going through the ^{Harvard} bibliography of Latin American literature on economics. Many of the works listed are available only in the States so they'll have to await my return. However it was gratifying to me to note that, in arrangements of literature, and in various decisions on procedure, my ideas closely paralleled theirs, and I had arrived at my ideas completely unaided. On the other hand, in discussing my work with one of the assistant directors of the *Comentarios Nacionales* - ^{the} I was a little disturbed to find that he considers all annotations subjective and feels that the only satisfactory annotation is a listing of the table of contents. I think, despite his criticism, I'll stick to my original plan.

I met recently another grantee, who is here to do a study of Mexican forestry from the economic point of view. His work seems so much easier than mine, that I'm really a little envious. He has been here two months more or less - has taken some courses in Spanish and Mexican economics. Now he's going to go on some field trips, talk to some people, read a little on Mexican forestry and economics and write a report analyzing the problems connected with Mexico's forestry and suggesting solutions. It seems so easy compared with the twenty libraries I had to visit in Mexico City, the 800 titles I'm still trying to locate (the bibliography now has about 4000 titles) and the 500 or so periodical publications of which I'm trying to locate full series.

With the heavy work schedule, recreation has been limited to seeing friends occasionally and a few concerts. I hear Benito Massentel in two

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appearances with the orchestra and the Friday
 Tuesday Ferkensmy plays. For the Moinistell Concerts,
 I was lucky to be able to get 10 piece box seats for
 3.00, because the librarian at the Geographic Society
 is librarian at the school of music in the morning,
 and gets reduced price tickets. For Ferkensmy I'll have
 to pay regular price, but with the price at 8.00 to 1,
 even I can afford box seats

June 8, 1949

Had the papers back home report the latest
 expeditions to Bonampak (in the jungles of Chiapas?)
 Two men lost their lives - when they came over-
 turned - the American discovered of the Mayan
 ruins here and a young artist, who had just
 had an exhibition of his prints in Mexico. The director
 of the art school in Chiapas, who had accompanied
 me on our trip to Cerro Prieto, was also on the
 trip but came thru unharmed. After the tragic
 accident, he came to Mexico to help arrange an
 auction of the artist's works. I was outside (or one I
 had liked very much when I went to the opening)
 but I did see two others that I think are very
 good. While he was in town, the director of the
 art school came over here several times and the
 stories he had to tell of the jungle expeditions were
 fascinating. He feels there will be another
 expedition next spring - in April or May - the dry months -
 and should I still be here, he thinks I'd be asked
 to go along. Wouldn't that be exciting!

By coincidence, Franz Blom was scheduled
 to speak (at one of the scientific societies here) on
 jungle expeditions - just at the time the news
 of the Bonampak disaster hit the papers. The
 place was jammed and he delivered an excellent
 lecture illustrated with pictures of their last trip.
 He has been exploring the Mayan jungles since
 1923 - knows them I think better than anyone

course in how to prepare for living and traveling
in the jungle.

Dr. Carlson and her secretary, by the way,
came back from their collecting in Casaca and
Chiapas. They found such good collecting there,
they changed their minds about going to Hon-
duras. Besides, while they were away, Nathaniel W.
decided to do ^{away} with its Botany and zoology depart-
ments and create a Department of Biology instead.
I think ^{Dr. Carlson} ~~she~~ was a little worried about what would
happen to her job so she decided to return home
and check on her status for the coming year.

Tomorrow night I'm to have dinner at Mr.
McDonald's - president of the Natural History
Society - and one of the guests will be Mr. Sears -
of Abelin. I don't know what he's doing in
Mexico but I'll find out tomorrow.

Now to comment on some points in your
letter. First of all, I waste these long letters
because too much happens all the time for
me to try to remember it all when I get back
home to report in person. And knowing what
a hectic schedule you follow, I don't expect
answers. When you do write, well, I'm
very pleased - and honored.

Your trip next summer reminds me that sometime
soon I've got to get out to our west. I've been
trying to get Oscar to go for several years, but
each summer there was some reason why he
thought it shouldn't go. Maybe if I can get a
grant to finish my work in the states I
can combine a little sight seeing with visits to
those libraries that still have to be covered.

I don't know why you seem opposed to
the idea of my giving up teaching. I've never
Digitized by the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

From Fogg

May 16, 1949

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
Amberes 71,
Mexico City, D. F.

Dear Ida:

You are more than generous to favor me with another letter in the face of my long and inexcusable silence. The only reason which I can advance - and it is a very real one - for not having written to you is that your letters are so full of interesting and exciting detail that anything which I might say would pale into insignificance by comparison. I do want you to know, though, that I deeply appreciate the time and effort which you have expended in keeping me informed of your activities and to say that I feel like a perfect heel for not having at least acknowledged the arrival of your epistles.

It just happens that for once I have something to relate which might possibly be faintly interesting to you, namely that I have looked down into Chihuahua Province, Mexico, for a distance of some 300 miles from an elevation of 12,000 feet. You may be sure that while this was going on I thought a lot about you and tingled with the realization that I was over, if not technically in, Old Mexico. The occasion was in connection with an 8,000 mile plane trip, from which I have just returned, in the interests of visiting a dozen alumni centers around the country from coast to coast and border to border, as Winchell would say. My farthest south was Houston and from there I flew across central and western Texas, Mexico and New Mexico, to Tucson, Arizona, where I spent a delightful weekend in the Saguaro country and took color pictures of the desert plants which were then in bloom, such as Mesquite, greasewood, palo verde, ocotillo, etc. From Tucson I went on in a rapid succession of one-night stands to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, and back home by way of Indianapolis and Cincinnati. It was a grand trip, a little breath-taking, but still immensely impressive as giving the sweep, grandeur and diversity of these United States as compacted in a period of less than thirteen days. I had a look at a number of campuses and was piloted around Portland by a former Ph.D. of our Department who is in charge of the Northwest Regional Forest Laboratory. I took many pictures from the plane, most of which are rather indifferent, although I did get a couple of excellent shots of Mount Shasta as we whizzed by.

Mr. I. K. Langman

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May 16, 1949

Your account of recent doings is fascinating as usual and I can share some of your sense of frustration over the tremendous amount of material with which you are faced. Just remember, however, that no one can ever completely finish a job of this sort, or of any sort in the scientific field, and rejoice over the fact that you have seen, or will have seen, the overwhelming majority of important materials. I am certainly sorry that you did not deem it feasible to work in the visit to Honduras but can well understand how jealously you must be guarding your time. The Chiapas project sounds most intriguing and it's comforting to know that there would be a useful niche for you if you ever decide to give up teaching and head south, which Heaven forbid! Incidentally, it was interesting for me on this recent trip west to find so many people who came originally from the East but who swore that they would never for any consideration live anywhere else but on the Pacific Coast. After seeing their clean, spacious and often beautiful cities, I can quite well understand what they mean, although in my own case there are so many compensations for staying on here that I can hardly contemplate with equanimity the prospect of permanent residence in any other section of the country. After all, I suppose there really is no perfect spot.

I have been wondering about your Sr. Alvarez. Would it not be possible for him to get through our State Department some sort of grant which would enable him to visit this country for the purpose of studying our museums? I shall discuss this with Rex Crawford and a few others at an early date, but I suppose it is a futile idea for I am sure that he or someone else has already explored all possibilities.

I shall see that your letter reaches the wider audience for which you intend it, and indeed this has been the case with your earlier ones which have been read and appreciated by a number of your friends to whom I have shown them. I suppose we will be seeing you again in late August or early September and I certainly look forward not only to a visit from you but to hearing more specifically just what have been the results of your researches and how much work you think still lies ahead.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

August 3, 1949

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
c/o Caiado,
Amberes 71,
Mexico City,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Ida:

This is just a short note to say that at last I have succeeded in securing a copy of the Badianas Manuscript which will be presented to your librarian friend through the auspices of the Pan American Association here. I am just about to leave for my vacation and am glad that I was able to get this matter settled before closing the office. Betty Flower has taken the book down town to be forwarded with a letter of transmittal, and herself will be on her way to Mexico immediately following the close of Summer School.

With best wishes and the hope of seeing you soon after your return, I am

Sincerely,

John M. FOGG, Jr.

TO: John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
551 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y. (Mr. James F. Mathias)

In recommendation of MRS. IDA K. LANGMAN

November 16, 1949

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John M. Eogg, Jr.

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Committee on Fellowship Awards
American Association of University Women
Sixteen Thirty-four Eye St., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Committee Members:

It is increasing^{ly} evident that our most urgent need in the sciences today is more and improved methods of finding and classifying the existing literature that we may be able to proceed intelligently with our several problems in hand. Keys to unlock the published findings of those who have preceded us are the immediate need. It is therefore always gratifying to me to learn of one more informed (and enthusiastic!) worker who has determined to tool those keys for us. The bibliographer is an atypical person at many points; often working away quietly in the libraries of the world, meticulously checking editions, paginations, and vagaries of the publisher, he (or she) creates little stir in scientific circles. Yet after the task is finished, granting that the job has been well done, it is the very foundation of the work of hundreds of others and for all time, for in the natural sciences at least bibliographies rarely become antiquated but rather more and more sought after.

Into this background fits Mrs. Ida Langman of Philadelphia, who is applying for a Fellowship from your organization for the continuation of work she has so well begun on a Bibliography of the Botany of Mexico. It has been possible this past summer to examine Mrs. Langman's mss. and I can report that it is a work of the first importance for North American botany, a tool we have long needed. Capable in the mechanics of its preparation, fluently bilingual, Mrs. Langman is ideally suited to the task. Moreover, she is proceeding with the assistance of many active botanists who will be using the work in years to come, and, indeed, seeks their advice in its every detail. This is contributing to its completeness and comprehensiveness. I recommend that the Committee act affirmatively on this application, for it is a task well worth the labor, and the laborer is a rare worker for the task.

Very sincerely,

Joseph Ewan

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Asst. Prof. of Botany

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

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JOHN M. FOGG, JR., *Vice-Provost*

November 28, 1950

Dr. Margaret Elliott Tracy, Chairman,
Committee on Fellowship Awards,
American Association of University Women,
504 School of Business Administration,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Yours very truly,

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To Whom It May Concern:

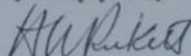
Mrs. Ida Langman of Philadelphia has informed me that she is applying for a Fellowship from the American Association of University Women to continue her work on the bibliography of Mexican botany. She has asked me to write briefly evaluating the work and her handling of it.

There has been an enormous amount of work on the flora of Mexico ever since the conquest in the 16th century, and this region has very important theoretical relationships with the flora of other parts of North America and also as a source of important economic plants, not all of which have been yet exploited. The work on this interesting flora has been done partly by Mexicans but mostly by Europeans and botanists of the United States, and is spread through a vast array of technical periodicals and books in all languages. To collect all this material and bring it together is a work of the highest importance for those interested in Mexican botany for the future. Such bibliographic reference works are the necessary tools of the systematic botanist. One or two bibliographies of Mexican botany have appeared but they are extremely inadequate and far out of date.

Mrs. Langman, who has already accomplished a great part of the work, has brought to it unequalled enthusiasm and industry and a real talent for the compilation of such materials. In addition, she enjoys the advantage of fluency in Spanish. Having no independent means, she is not able to make the necessary journeys to certain libraries both in Mexico and in this country, to complete the work. It is my opinion that the relatively small investment which would be required would yield a very imposing and satisfactory return in the completion of this valuable bibliography.

I wish to endorse very emphatically both the value of the work and the capacity of Mrs. Langman to handle it. I shall be pleased to write in further detail if it is desired.

Very truly yours,



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Bibliographer

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Secretary
American Association of University Women
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I write this letter on behalf of the application which Mrs. Ida K. Langman is making to your organization.

I have been deeply impressed with the thoroughness of the work on the bibliography of the Mexican Flora on which Mrs. Langman has been working for several years. The task is worth the doing, and botanists await with keen expectation the completion of her task. Her bibliography is to be well classified, so that the information can be readily obtained from various points of interest. I hope that your Association can give her the assistance requested.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. Pennell

Francis W. Pennell

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From Fagg

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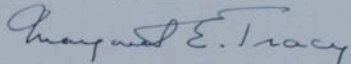
December 5, 1950

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr., Vice-Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

I wish to thank you for your letter supporting Mrs. Ida K. Langman's application for an American Association of University Women fellowship for 1951-2. Your letter will be added to Mrs. Langman's dossier and submitted to the Committee on Fellowship Awards at their meeting next February.

Very truly yours,



Margaret Elliott Tracy, Chairman
Fellowship Awards Committee
American Association of University Women

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From Miranda

DR. FAUSTINO MIRANDA
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Apartado Postal Num. 47
TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIS, MEXICO

5 Dic. 1950

Committee on Fellowships Awards
American Association of University Women
1634 Eye St. N. W.
Washington 6, D. C., U. S. A.

Muy señores míos:

Me permito dirigirme a Vds. con objeto de recomendar a su distinguida atención las siguientes líneas que emanan solamente de mi deseo de coooperar al progreso científico en general.

Mrs. Ida K. Langman, de la Academia de Ciencias de Filadelfia, Pa., a quien he tenido ocasión de conocer de cerca durante sus diversas permanencias en México, ha emprendido desde hace algunos años un trabajo de gran alcance, que lleva ya bastante adelantado, como es el de hacer una recopilación bibliográfica completa, ordenada y comentada de los estudios hasta ahora publicádos referentes al Flora Mexicana. Este trabajo vendrá a llenar un gran vacío, pues las bibliografías botánicas mexicanas existentes en la actualidad son anticuadas, incompletas y mal ordenadas. La necesidad de una bibliografía botánica mexicana, como la que Mrs. Langman está en vías de completar, es cada vez más apremiante, ya que sería un instrumento de trabajo de gran utilidad para los numerosos investigadores de la rica Flora Mexicana.

Debemos hacer notar de paso que paralelamente al desarrollo de sus estudios bibliográficos, Mrs. Langman ha tratado de investigar la personalidad científica poco conocida de algunos botánicos que han trabajado acerca de la Flora Mexicana, como lo demuestra su interesante estudio de la vida y obra de C. A. Purpus, botánico alemán que radicó durante muchos años en México, publica-

do recientemente por la Revista de la Sociedad Mexicana de Historia Natural.

Las cualidades sobresalientes de preparación científica, inteligencia, entusiasmo y gran capacidad de trabajo de Mrs. Langman hacen esperar que lleve a feliz y satisfactorio término los trabajos que ha emprendido.

Los que nos dedicamos al estudio de la Flora Mexicana veriamos con mucha satisfacción que se proporcionara a Mrs. Langman la ayuda necesaria para que su trabajo sea terminado.

Esperando acojan con benevolencia la libertad que me tomo de dirigirme a Vds., les ruego acepten el testimonio de mi consideración más distinguida

F. Miranda
F. Miranda

December 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Here, in the hope that it may be of some use to you, is a translation of the most detailed account I know of on the life and works of Hernandez. For any further information I would refer you to Mr. Lawrence C. Wroth, librarian at the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island. He has specialized in early American writings and seems to know a lot about Hernandez.

I have a rather dim recollection that you had finally gotten definite information about the date of birth for Hernandez. I don't recall, however, that you mentioned the source of this information except that it was in the library of some one in the mid west. Can you leave that information with Miss Bower? I'll call some day next week, when I have some free time at the Academy.

On the question of the discovery of Yucatan, I would suggest you look at Wagner. I'll have to look at it myself - for I don't recall that Yucatan was discovered on the return of a slave voyage. In any case, his is the latest information I have on that - or so you have something more recent.

Sincerely
Dan Langford

126 Winchester Way
Falls Church, Virginia
December 15, 1950

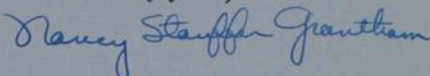
Committee on Awards
American Association of University Women
1634 Eye Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

To Whom it May Concern:

In my former position at the United States Office of Education, I administered the Travel and/or Maintenance Grant Program for United States graduate students. Mrs. Ida K. Langman was awarded a fellowship for research in Mexico under this Program.

Mrs. Langman did a very thorough and comprehensive job in her research on the flora of Mexico and I am happy to recommend her as a conscientious student.

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs.) Nancy Stauffer Grantham

11-26-50
To the Fellowship Committee:

Re: Ida K. Langman.
from Fogg

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

December 16, 1950.

Early in October, Ida Langman, applicant for a fellowship or grant in aid of a project under way, ^{inquiries on} indexing ^{Max: can points} came ^{to Bryn Mawr} at Professor Gilman's suggestion, to ask whether in my judgment she was eligible for any such fellowship, since she is not (and may not even be) a candidate for the Ph.D. degree. It was my interview with her that made me write for copies of the pamphlet and the form of application; meanwhile I discussed her case briefly with Dean Taylor of the Graduate School here. Miss Taylor agreed, in fact warmly, with my own already expressed view that the intention was to support work done, work of a kind most often encountered in the concrete cases of candidates for the degree of Ph.D., in post-doctoral stages - but in no way to be limited to those conditions. Miss Langman's application was ^{advised} made, without waiting for any further official check - since we both agreed that if, by chance, the actual formulation of conditions would exclude such as project as Miss Langman's, then the Committee ought to know that fact and consider a possible retatement.

I was deeply impressed by the vigor, independence and devotion to an idea shown by the work Miss Langman has accomplished, in a situation where only the drive of such absorption and satisfaction as hers would suffice. As her

application should make clear, she was a science teacher, trained for High-School work, and interested to keep that work alive and current. She obtained her present post - as teacher assigned to the Museum of Natural History - by a competition examination where she ranked top. This program of assigning teachers to such public educational institutions has not gone ahead as rapidly as might be hoped; Dr. Stoyman's own post was the first one - this Museum I gather, and she has originated the plans for the kind of work such an undertaking might hope to do. As part of her Master's degree training she began the index she now has brought to a kind of half-way stage - helped by a State department grant (a report on the work done filed with Pan-American). She welcomed the chance to combine her two main interests - in fact, the first limited index was started suggested by her attempt to choose a Master's Paper field that would make use of her Spanish. Its success, and her growing absorption and competence have clearly gained for her professional attention among the specialists in that field, and the work itself is now the main spring of her intellectual activity. She will certainly complete her index to a useful, circulateable form, even at ant: need outlay which she can not easily make for clerical aid, enough copies for critical use by specialists, etc. but it will be so slow as to be almost doomed to be incomplete before it reaches a finished definitive form. A year or more would do it. —

from Fogg

December 22, 1950

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
2316 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

You have placed me greatly in your debt by your kindness in sending me your paper on Sartorius and Purpus, as well as the translation of the material on Hernandez. I surely never expected you to go to the trouble which I am sure the latter must have entailed and I feel guilty at having taken so much of your time. Both of these items will be extremely helpful to me as I continue to develop material for my course on the History of Plant Exploration in the New World.

With respect to Hernandez, I find that my authority for considering the year of his birth to have been 1514 comes from a descriptive pamphlet prepared by Professor H. H. Bartlett of the University of Michigan, in connection with the exhibit of a splendid collection of early botanical works held at Ann Arbor on the occasion of the meeting of the Botanical Society of America in August 1947. The collection exhibited on that occasion is the property of Mrs. Roy Arthur Hunt of Pittsburgh. In loaning this material to the University of Michigan, Professor Bartlett was asked by her to prepare the descriptive material for a very fine booklet, of which I have a copy in my office. I do not, of course, know where Professor Bartlett found this date, but he is a scholar of the first magnitude and I am inclined to believe that he must have had some reliable evidence for this statement. I think I shall drop him a line and ask if he can give me the source of his information.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for the holiday season, I am

Sincerely yours,



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 1634 EYE STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

March 21, 1951

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Vice-Provost
University of Pennsylvania
College Hall
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

My dear Dr. Fogg,

Mrs. Ida K. Langman, 2316 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, has requested that we
forward to you the enclosed letters of recommendation
which accompanied her application for an AAUW fellow-
ship for 1951-52.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary H. Smith".

Mary H. Smith
Administrative Associate

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Encs.

From Langman

March 22, 1951

Miss Mary H. Smith,
Administrative Associate,
American Association of University Women,
1634 Eye Street, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Smith:

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of the letters of recommendation for Mrs. Ida K. Langman which you have so kindly forwarded to me. I shall keep this material in a confidential file to be used only in the event that Mrs. Langman submits an application for a grant to another organization.

Sincerely yours,

September 23, 1951

Dear Mr. Fogg:

You are probably about to start your course on Botanical Exploration, or maybe you have already started. Let me put at your disposal, then, the information I have collected re: the date of birth of Francisco Hernandez. According to the Madrid letter - supposedly the final one, the date should be 1564, altho I have had a chance to check Barrera's work to get his reasons.

However, I had occasion recently to look up a Mexican work by Jose Punzo (his Adiciones y Correcciones to the Bibliography by Berstein), and in the section on Hernandez he says as follows:

"En carta que escribi (Hernandez) de Mexico a Felipe II, el 20 de marzo de 1575 - agregaba - 'abiende casi sesenta años de edad' - los terminos de esta mención permiten conjeturas fundamentadas que contando entonces de

58-59 anos, ~~na~~ nacera ~~entre~~
entre los 1517 y 1518. My mathem-
atic would make it 1516 or 1517,
and in agreement with the British
Museum source - the Encyclopedie
Universel Illustrée Europe-Américain.

This is the date I would be
inclined to accept, altho you, on weighing
the evidence may see otherwise. My
opinion may be altered also on con-
sulting Barreiro's work. If it so, I'll
let you know.

My bibliography remains where it
was (with a considerable number of refer-
ences added to it this summer in New
York and Washington). At the Muncie-
apolis meetings three botanists with
whom I spoke expressed considerable
interest in my work - Dr. Morton,
Dr. Keck and Dr. McVaugh. I have
made arrangements for them to see
my bibliography in the near future.
(Add to the list also Dr. Sharp of
Tennessee). I don't know whether any
thing will come of these expressions, but
it won't hurt to follow all leads. Will it?
My best to your wife & family, and Miss Bowen
Sincerely,
Ida Lagman

From Fogg

October 1, 1951

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
2316 Delancey Place,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Many, many thanks for your kind letter of September 23rd and the opportunity to see the three letters which I herewith return. I am not giving my course in Plant Exploration this year, but by the time I get around to presenting it again next year, shall be very glad to incorporate these opinions into my remarks on Hernandez.

My own hunch is that this is a question which will never be satisfactorily solved, at least until new evidence comes to light, and I shall probably continue to cite the date of his birth as 1517 (?). You have been more than kind to go to all this trouble and I certainly appreciate your interest.

I was glad to read what you had to say about the Minneapolis meetings and look forward to the opportunity of hearing more about them from you in the near future.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

from Fogg

November 16, 1951

Mrs. Oscar Langman,
3509 Baring Street,
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

I was so tired when I got home last night that I seriously debated the wisdom of going back to town for the Club meeting. I want to say now that I am very glad that I did so for I greatly enjoyed your talk and got a good deal out of it, especially the presentation of the Aztec vocabulary.

I always take up the Badianus manuscript in my course in the History of Botany and am indeed glad to have this additional information concerning terminology. I liked your pictures and it occurs to me that some time you might be willing to lend them to me in connection with the work of my course. It is so much easier to show them that way than to have the class cluster around the book, and I would be very grateful if you felt that you were willing to let me borrow them.

Thanks again for a most interesting evening.

Sincerely yours,

2316 DELANCEY PLACE
PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

November 14, 1951

Dear Mr. Fogg:

I thank you very much for your letter of November 16. I was a little disturbed to find, when I had finished with my slides Thursday night, that you had already left. And although everyone was very complimentary, I was still very anxious to hear what you had thought of the talk.

So, I'm doubly happy to hear you had enjoyed it; altho, to be perfectly frank, I think it was quite elementary as far as you were concerned. What would really provide you with material would be either Pacey Troncoso's article in the *Anales del Museo Nacional* (we have it at the Academy), or Father Gerite's article - which is at the College of Physicians.

As far as the pictures are concerned, you are of course more than welcome to see them at any time you wish. What I would really prefer, however, is to make copies of the films for you. Before I send them off to be duplicated, I'll check with you

to find out if you can use the whole
set, or if you prefer to make a selection.
In the latter case, I can bring them in
to the office some day and pick them
up later after you have checked the one
you want.

Just tell Mrs. Bowen your wishes
in the matter, so that if when I call
you are out, I can find out what you
would like done.

Do you know there are conflicts
between the University Museum Sunday
film program and the Chamber Music
concerts? How about moving the films
up to 2 P.M. or the concerts on to
4.30? Even without this conflict, I have long
wanted to suggest the later hour for the
concert. It would give Oscar a chance to
get in both of the concerts, and
then ~~we~~ could go right to dinner from
the concert. Has there ever been any
sentiment expressed in this direction,
or am I a lone wolf in this matter?

Our best to you and the family

Sincerely,

Ira Grayson

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NINETEENTH AND THE PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA 3, PA.

TELEPHONE, Rittenhouse 6-7622

CABLE ADDRESS, Acadsci Philadelphia

April 17, 1902

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Believe it or not, this is the first opportunity I've had to write you confirming arrangements for the evening when you will be "guest conductor" at my Botany class. (I hope nothing has come up, or will come up, to interfere with our plans.)

I be class meets on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9 P. M. and the date for your session is April 29. I have cut down on the amount of material you will cover - Geraniaceae to Ericaceae seemed like too heavy a dose. So I will cover down to the Vitaceae next week, and you can take it from there to Dispersiaceae. I know that brings them into the Gamopetalae and if you would prefer to stop with the Umbelliferae, it will be O.K. with me. But we will have only two weeks after that and I thought it might make it easier to subdivide the last two

lessons if we took out the Ericales. But please
do what seems most satisfactory to you.

Do you want me to get out herbarium
specimens? I've made a list of those that I thought
would be representative locally of the various
families. Please make any changes, additions
etc. that seem desirable to you.

I'm enclosing copies of the material that
I've distributed so far. Do they seem satisfactory
to you? Do you expect to give them any keys? Would
you like me to prepare any keys? If you need
any mimeographing done, I can have the stencils
cut and the material run off here, if I can
have it by the Friday before class.

I'll call you sometime next week to see
if there's any thing else I should do.

Sincerely,
Edw. Langman

3509 Baring St.
Phila. 4 Pa.

May 5, 1952

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Here is the new list of plants to be put up for the lesson on May 13. As you see, a few groups have been added at the beginning of the list. I hope you won't mind. There was too much material for Mr. Wherry to cover tomorrow - since he begins with the *Chaparral* - and we felt the Labiales might be a logical place for a ~~group~~ break.

The plants I deleted are the ones I thought the class would be most likely to find in this area, but I'll be glad to make any changes you suggest. Actually, it will be a little difficult to find place for them all so any cuts you suggest will be doubly welcome.

The plants listed on the right are cultivated plants that they might be likely to know and which I thought would be interesting to mention as background material. I think it helps fill in the picture of a family to mention the cultivated members.

Do you plan to use slides? If so, what kind of projector will you need?

The class is from 7.30 to 9 P. M. but
the students don't seem to mind staying
longer when necessary.

Will you be at Penn during the
afternoon of the 13th? Good, and if
you don't plan to go home for dinner,
would you have dinner with us?
We'd love to have you.

Sincerely,

De Langman

If you want to reach me by phone, the
best times are at the Academy ~~after~~^{between}
3 and 4, or at home (Ev. 6-1024)
between 6 and 7.30 - except Wednesday
of this week.

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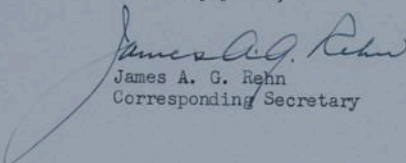
November 24, 1952

Dr. John M. Fogg
Vice Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

The enclosed notice is sent to you with the hope that you may be able to be present on the occasion mentioned. I know that Mrs. Langman's work is fresh in your mind, and I am sure she would feel honored if you were able to attend.

Cordially yours,



James A. G. Rehn
Corresponding Secretary

Enclosure

Dec. 1

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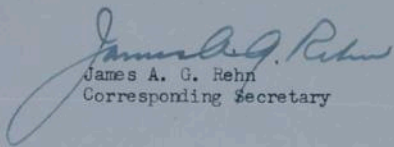
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NINETEENTH AND THE PARKWAY
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CABLE ADDRESS, Acadsci Philadelphia

On Monday, December 1, 1952, Mrs. Ida K. Langman, of the Department of Education of the Academy, is to be honored by the conferment of the title of Correspondent of the National Academy of Sciences of Mexico. This recognition is to be given in appreciation of Mrs. Langman's contributions to our knowledge of the plant life of Mexico, and her cordial cooperation with naturalists in that country. The presentation will be made by Sr. Silvio Ibarra Cabrera, Librarian of the National Academy of Sciences of Mexico, at 4:15 P. M. on the above date in the Office of the Director.


James A. G. Rehn
Corresponding Secretary

Sunday 4/14/53

Dear Jack:

I just received this from Mr. Amaral, whom you may remember having met at my house a long time ago.

Doesn't it sound "stupendous"?

I certainly wish I were free to attend, especially on Friday.

Since I can't, I'm sending this on to you. Perhaps you will want to attend - or perhaps Rex Crawford will be interested. I don't know if he received an announcement or not.

In any case, would you be kind enough to send the announcement? I expect to see the Hoscean consul on Tuesday and if he hasn't seen any announcements, I would like to have this one sent on to him.

I suppose I could go up

on Saturday - but - precisamente -
on Saturday, Mr. Rafael Heliodoro
Valls will be speaking, ^{here} at a luncheon
of the Pan American Association.
Would you and Helen like to attend
as my guests? Or perhaps the
Crawfords have already invited you?

I have been saying "Hesperia's"
for you - but haven't been able to
go out by the seminar ^{the last}
two weeks, and won't be ^{there} this
Tuesday either. So I'll just save
them a little longer. But although
I'd seen along some of these other
items I have been holding on to
for a while, ^{items} ~~some~~ which are probably
of some interest to you.

Also see you know Mr.
Averat is scheduled to speak at a
"50'clock" at the Am Alliance on
Thursday, February 23rd? I hope to
be as the guest of one of my friends.
Com saludos cordiales,

Diego

January 27, 1953

Doherty Fellowship Committee,
Woodrow Wilson School,
Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I have been asked by Mrs. Ida K. Langman to express to you my opinion concerning a project on which she is working and for which she is seeking financial support. I am happy to give my full and enthusiastic support to Mrs. Langman's request for fellowship aid in connection with her extremely valuable researches on the Bibliography of the Mexican Flora.

Mrs. Langman carried on graduate work under my supervision some years ago leading to the Master's degree. Her dissertation, which dealt in a preliminary way with Mexican botanical bibliography, was considered by the members of her examining committee, of which I was Chairman, to be on a par with many doctoral dissertations which have come before us. Despite this fact, Mrs. Langman realized that instead of finishing a piece of research, she had only embarked upon one and has devoted the ensuing three or four years to continuing her investigations on this subject which has been so little studied. She is so extremely painstaking and conscientious in all that she does that she is loath to draw this work to a terminal point without having studied in the main centers which are the repositories of important materials. In a sense she is a perfectionist, but at the same time has sufficiently sound judgment to realize that although this work could be continued indefinitely, there is a reasonable point at which it should be concluded. Her desire to prosecute her investigations up to that point in order that the final product shall be a comprehensive as reasonable lies behind her present application for support.

Mrs. Langman brings to her studies not only a sound knowledge of botany but an unusual linguistic ability. She is not pursuing this task with the objective of improving her professional or economic situation but rather because of her own intellectual curiosity and her intense and enthusiastic desire to make a valuable and scholarly contribution to an important subject. I am inclined to agree with her that once this project is completed there will be comparatively little difficulty in finding an outlet for publication.

I should like to add that I have known Mrs. Langman for many years and have always found her an extremely pleasant person to work with. She has a marvelous personality, an unusual capacity for making and keeping friendships, a tremendous enthusiasm for her work, and an extremely keen and critical mind.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

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good as diviartan
mucha!
Idea of Carol

Dear Jack:

11/1/53

May I trouble you in
these last hectic days to
remind you to have with Miss
Boren a letter for the Liberty
Foundation? The instructions say
the letter "should discuss both
the applicant's ability as a
scholar and his personality" (!)
I don't think you should take
the trouble to write another
letter. I'm sure any you write

in the past would be
more than satisfactory.

I do not expect to see in
the application myself until
the end of this week or the
earliest so you might instruct
Miss Bowen to hold the letter
until the close of the month.
It should reach the

Roberts Fellowship Committee
Woodrow Wilson School
Princeton University
Princeton N. J.
before February 1, 1953
Our best to you + Helen
Ida

Ida K. Langman

from Fogg

April 16, 1953

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Academy of Natural Sciences
19th and Parkway,
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

A million thanks for your kind letter of the 12th with its several enclosures. The Conference at Rutgers is most intriguing but unfortunately my schedule makes it impossible for me to attend. I called it to the attention of Rex Crawford and hope very much that he may be able to get over, at least for one day.

I was happy to see the letter from Dr. Martinez and return same herewith. Incidentally, I had lunch with McVaugh last week and had an opportunity to show him my slide, which he thinks is Aloe vera, which he tells me is a rather frequent roadside escape in various sections of Mexico. I certainly wish I had collected specimens and the next time I go down shall try to make arrangements for doing so.

Many thanks for your kind invitation to Helen and me to attend the Pan American luncheon on Saturday but I am afraid it is out of the question. Helen will be coming home from the hospital at the end of this week, we hope, and I am holding everything in abeyance as against that event. I am sorry also that I can't get to the meeting at the Art Alliance but my schedule is absolutely jammed between 2 and 10 p.m.

Thanks a lot for the card containing the common names of Citrus forms. I shall pass this on to Ed Williams.

Sincerely yours,

enc.

May 29, 1953

Dear Jack:

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to talk a little longer with you after the meeting. You seemed a little disturbed - not your usual cheerful, easy going self - and I wanted to say that I was very sorry that the other item had been put on the program after you had been invited to be the speaker. It was a very difficult situation - Mr. Casbury was most persistent (almost insistent) about giving his Australian friend an audience. I suppose we should have been firmer - and I guess we're learning

over lesson. I'm sorry and so,
I'm sure, is the rest of the
program committee.

Let me thank you, at the
same time, for all your
complimentary references to
Oscar and myself. If you wonder
why Oscar didn't answer on the
question about the facerose,
let me say he took practically
no flower pictures - really doesn't
know one from the other - and
when you spray the question
on him, he had no idea of
what to say. And so I answer for
him - that it must have sounded
strange. If you ask him about
photographing mountains and clouds
and people - he'll be O.K.

Saludos to Helen.

Sincerely
Edw

June 4, 1953

Dear Jack:

I had just begun to hear rumors that you were changing jobs and before I could even get to you to check, lo and behold! the news appears in the papers.

It sounds wonderful to me, but of course I don't know whether you will want to be so far away from the University and classes. Will you still teach classes? maybe teach at the Arboretum? The more I write, the

more questions I have, so
let me stop now and
wait until I see you.

In the meantime, my
best wishes to you in what
seems an exciting challenge
in a new field.

My best to Helen, too.

Sincerely,
Dor

from Fogg

June 9, 1953

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Academy of Natural Sciences
19th and the Parkway
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

I have to thank you both for your gracious letter of May 29th as well as for your extremely thoughtful note of June 4th.

First let me say that if I seemed disturbed on the occasion of the Botanical Club meeting, the fault was largely my own. I had, as usual, put in far too many slides. When I glanced at my watch and saw that it was a quarter to ten and I was little more than two-thirds of the way through, I should really have concluded instead of having to go on at such a furious pace. I think it was unfortunate that there was another item on the program, but realize that this was a matter which had gotten beyond control. I wish to thank you again for the extremely competent way in which you ran through the slides and to say that although I was so hurried, I greatly enjoyed showing these pictures and talking about them to members of the Club.

With respect to my future plans, there needs to be a word of explanation, especially if you saw merely the garbled account which appeared in the Inquirer. Actually, I shall be on leave of absence all of next year to work with Herb Wahl on the Pennsylvania Flora, and shall not assume the Directorship of the Arboretum until July 1, 1954. I shall, of course, continue my Professorship here and shall probably divide my time more or less equally between Chestnut Hill and the Department of Botany. I think it quite possible that eventually we can develop some course work at the Arboretum, so that I may be teaching there too. It was distinctly expressed in Miss Morris's will that a teaching program should be undertaken at the Arboretum, and although this was tried once or twice in the early years, the possibilities have never been fully explored. I shall certainly need the sound advice of all of my friends in approaching this new responsibility and hope that some time soon we can discuss this matter in a leisurely fashion.

With best wishes to you and Oscar, I am

Sincerely yours,

August 9, 1954

Mrs. Oscar Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Many thanks for letting me see the enclosed items.

I greatly enjoyed your paper on the gardens of ancient Mexico and hope that it will be published and that when it is I may have a reprint, if such are available.

We may be dashing off to Mexico for a couple of weeks at the end of this month, and if so, I will give you a call before we leave in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of a couple of your botanical friends.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

enc.

Report on Bibliography of Mexican Botany

Ida K. Langman

My interest in Mexican plants was the outgrowth of a year spent in Mexico collecting plants. The bibliography was started in connection with my studies for a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. All work on it was done in spare time outside a full time teaching job, and the bibliography, when turned in to the University, contained about 1000 items. At that time, it was already obvious that the surface had only been scratched in this field and, encouraged by others, I decided to see what could be done to complete the project.

Toward this end, I had the good fortune to secure a State Department Grant to go to Mexico for the year September 1948-1949, and I used the time in collecting material that was available in Mexican libraries. Since my return, I have continued to work on the bibliography in my spare time-week ends, summers, etc. The bibliography at present consists of about 6500 items.

Most of the items listed thus far refer to books or pamphlets-works with separate pagination. The only periodical material examined systematically to date has been Mexican. Still to be covered are the magazines and serial publications from countries other than Mexico. In the book and pamphlet field, there are still several hundred titles I have not been able to locate. They may turn up in place like Tulane, Texas and California, where I have not yet had an opportunity to work. (Not ~~mf~~ all of them will prove to be pertinent to this bibliography, but until they are located and examined, they must be considered as desiderata.) It will also be necessary to return to Mexico for, although the most important libraries in Mexico have been checked, there remain at least a dozen libraries in Mexico City whose collections should be reviewed and about fifteen cities outside the capital whose libraries should be visited.

I estimate that a year in Mexico should complete the job there, and about two years in the United States would be needed to complete the compilation of material from periodicals and to visit the libraries named above. The bibliography when completed (and I contemplate making the year 1950 the deadline date) should contain at least 20,000 items. This means that in terms of items the bibliography is only about one third complete, but I expect the compilation of

material from periodicals to go more quickly than the work up to date, because complete files of the most important periodicals are readily available in American libraries—particularly here on the East Coast—in Philadelphia, New York, Washington and Boston.

The value of the bibliography has already been attested to by people in various fields—plant systematics, plant geography, floristics, economic botany, ethnobotany, pharmacology, etc. Further details on the bibliography can be secured from the introduction in the manuscript itself.

The question of financial assistance needed to enable me to complete the compilation of material must take into consideration two factors: the salary I make at present and the fact that a certain amount of travel would be involved. My present salary is \$5200 and is essential for my family maintenance. I think that I could manage, however, during the period that I complete my ^{studies} ~~studies~~, to continue my research and meet my family obligations on a stipend of ~~\$3000~~, \$3500. I would be ready to begin my work on a full time basis in July 1953.

to Fogg

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March 17, 1905

Dear Jack:

Perhaps Mr. Goddard will
have told you by now of the answer
I received this morning (after I saw
you) from the American Academy
of Arts and Sciences. It goes as follows:

"The Permanent Science Fund
Committee has considered your application
for a grant-in-aid, and feels that
while your project is entirely worthwhile,
it lies outside of the realm of the things
the Committee is trying to encourage so
I must inform you that the Committee
is unable to recommend a grant to you."

So here I go again. Mr. Goddard
suggests I prepare a statement of the
project to be submitted by the University,
through you, to the National Science
Foundation. He wants it ready early
in July, and since you will be away

"It's the natural place to go"

at the close of the term, may I shall
better get it ready for your approval
and revision early in May. Yes?

If this is not convenient for you,
I'll be glad to adapt my plans
to fit in with your suggestions.

Sincerely,
"never say die" Dr. Lagman

LANGRAN, J.

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20 April 1955

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Mr. Ian McHarg
Professor of Land and City Planning
School of Fine Arts
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Ian:

Having discussed the contents of your letter of March 25th with Mrs. Barnes and Dr. Fogg, and the enclosed list of applicants for scholarships which you attached, I hand you herewith my decision in accordance with the procedure required by Mrs. Barnes.

From the information contained in your description of the five applicants I concur in your decision that Mr. W. C. J. Boer of Holland and Mr. R. P. Nicholls of England appear to be best qualified.

I am fully aware of your extensive efforts to obtain candidates from this country and do not understand why more response was not received. It may well be that it takes a certain amount of time for heads of various schools to realize that the course is being reactivated. Undoubtedly, the build-up of prestige requires time and you are quite right that the selection of outstanding candidates at this time can do much toward stimulating greater interest in the scholarships in the coming years.

I am acquainted with one of the two candidates from this country who did apply and could not give a constructive recommendation from my limited knowledge of that applicant.

I do not believe Mrs. Barnes is overly concerned about foreign students versus citizens (particularly when there is obviously a difference in qualifications) but, feel she is quite justified in being concerned about awarding the scholarship to an architect who intends to practice as an architect. Her primary concern is to train landscape architects for practice in that field and, while she is aware of the desirability of each profession having full appreciation of the other, I do not believe it is her desire to place landscape architecture in the position of being an embellishment or cultural broadening of a man whose basic interest is in a different field.

It is apparent from your subsequent comments that Mr. Nicholls may have been seeking landscape architecture all along, having architecture on the one side and planning on the other. In which case I am sure Mrs. Barnes would like to further his study of landscape architecture and perhaps help in the training of a man who will be far better rounded as a landscape architect for his previous training.

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LOUIS F. HOVER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
PAUL E. LONG, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF VISUAL EDUCATION

June 6, 1955
Dear Miss Bowen:

I was just looking
over this week's periodical literature
at the Academy and notice the
following that refer to Rauwolfia.
If Mr. Foggy has seen them, he
might be interested in them,
when he gets back.

1. Boletim do Instituto Vital de
Brasil
Vol 5 (5): July - Dec 1954
entire issue devoted to Rauwolfia
Sellowii.
2. Die Naturwissenschaften
Vol 42 (7) April 1955
on alkaloids of the roots
of various species of Rauwolfia

Ha. Langman

3509 Baring St

Phila. Pa

June 30, 1915

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I hesitate before
bothering you again - but now
that summer school is under
way and Mr Fogg, I suppose,
is back, may I take it for
granted that my application
for a grant will be considered?
I shall be in Philadelphia
practically all of July and
I am needed for a conference
I am available.

Sincerely,
John Langdon

UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

July 6, 1955

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
The Morris Arboretum

Dear Jack:

Enclosed is Ida Langman's prospectus for application to the National Science Foundation. If you should approve of this and wish it carried out under the auspices of the University I think the actual application should go in under your name with Ida Langman as research associate.

I am not completely convinced concerning the budget, since it would seem to me that Ida should request enough funds to be sure that the bibliography is carried to completion, including the cost of the preparation of the manuscript for publication. If it will take more than one year to bring the manuscript in form to submit to the printer I think the original request should ask for all of the funds that are needed. If this means a two-year grant it would be far better to ask for the two years now than to ask for one year. An overhead figure of fifteen percent should be added if the grant is to be administered by the University of Pennsylvania.

If you believe that this is a grant that can be handled through the department, fifteen copies of the application should be submitted to the National Science Foundation by September 1, 1955. Three of the copies would be signed by you, the department chairman, and the University administration. If this should be a Morris Arboretum application, then of course the department chairman need not sign. It seems to me that we ought to settle this matter one way or another in the next week or ten days.

Sincerely,



David R. Goddard

DRG/rw

Enclosures

Langman to Fogg

July 13, 1955

Dear Jack:

I have tried to put off bothering you about my bibliography as long as possible, because I'm sure you must be very busy with your course at the Arboretum. But last week I saw Mr. Goddard and, according to him, if we are to do any thing about an application to the National Science Foundation, it should be done in July.

He indicated, too, that the matter now rests in your hands. If you want to assume responsibility for the project - with me to do the work - it's satisfactory with him. Will you want to discuss any questions with me before making your final decision?

The reason I raise the ques-
tion now is because I will be
in New York most of next week -
from Monday to Thursday and
then on the 28th. I lead to
look up material in the University
of Texas. I will be gone until
about the middle of August.

So, if all the red tape is
to be taken care of - Mr. Goddard
tells me 15 copies of the application
have to be made - there isn't
really much time, is there?
If you want to see me - I can come
up to the Arboretum - or meet
you at Penn. - if you expect to be
there any time. Or, if for any
reason, you could not think
it advisable to sponsor the
project at this time, I would,
of course, want to know that too.

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to Fogg 12-VII-1955

I think I tell you that Dr. Steud seems to be favorably disposed toward supporting my work, and now that Rogers McVaugh is in charge of the program, I think he would feel the same way. I hope to see him at the A.B.S. meetings in September.

Shaver's said a word about Rangoon, of course, because I'm counting on at least one program at the Botanical Club. I had thought of visiting the Josefe's again - and you + Helen with them - so he could talk about his visit to Guatemala - and you about your "jira" - but Sr Josefe has been in the

hospital - after a sudden
operation. And altho he's
getting along well. I don't
know if he's back home
yet. Perhaps we can get
together before I leave for
Texas. By the time I get
back I suppose summer
school will be over - and
you'll be off - where - to Mexico?

Did I send you the references
to Rausoffin that I saw
in two German magazines
recently?

My best to Helen + Helen

Sincerely

John

from Langdon

El Paso 5/6/55

Dear Helen and Jack:

It's been a most interesting and profitable trip. The Lloyd Library in Cincinnati, the Missouri Botanical Garden - said hello to Mr Woodson for you (He's no longer curator of the ~~herbarium~~ ^{herbarium} - do you know?)

Four very full days in Austin. Just before I left went over to the herbarium to check on plants I had been seeing in Austin and met Mr B L Turner and Mr Thayer. Remind me to tell you about the visit. Interesting.

Arrived yesterday morning in El Paso and went right over in the afternoon to see the Agricultural School Library. Found it was too large for me to go thru on this trip - so will have to save it for when I return to Mexico. Again - had a most interesting visit with the director - saw the school and now - when I return there some day - I'm all set.

I'm going to close with some quotes and some recommendations for reading on Mexico that come from ~~my~~ the material I looked over in the Austin library.

"The beaten track in Mexico is less a geographical fact than an attitude of mind".

"Mexico is Italy and France and the best part of Spain tied together in one bunch of propitious fragrance". Joaquin Miller

"As it takes diamonds to cut diamonds, so Indian patterns can only be vanquished by a patience greater than itself".

Robney Gillop - Mexican Tossies (worth reading)

Norman P. Wright
Mexican Kaleidoscope 1947

(I think you'll enjoy it).

Tomorrow Carlsbad. Monday Tucson. then home. Saludos.
Dad

UNIVERSITY INTRAMURAL CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

August 11, 1955

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
The Morris Arboretum

Dear Jack:

I am afraid in the rush of trying to finish I haven't done much with Ida Langman's application. I think that Item 7 ought to be rewritten and that biographical data on John M. Fogg should be included as well as that on Ida Langman. I see nothing wrong with the budget except that it should be set up on a separate sheet. I think the Appendix should be shortened; three or four persons to be consulted ought to be adequate.

We are enclosing a title page, with three copies already signed.

Best regards,



David R. Goddard

DRG/rw

Enclosures

9/26/55-

Dear Jack:

Here is Mr
Wacker's letter. I had
already answered it, so
you need not return ^{it} to me.

I am planning
to go to Washington for the
weekend of October 22, 23.
I shall write to Roger McVaugh
to make arrangements to get
the bibliography to him at
that time.

I just remember
what we did Saturday
night so we would not
have been able to help
you with the turkey.
The American friends

Science Committee (I meet
occasionally with the
Mexican branch) had
a special meeting Saturday
evening to hear reports of
members just returned
from various parts of the
North. We heard Clarence
Pickett and two other
members (one a Penn State
professor who speaks Russian)
report on their recent
visit to Russia. Extremely
interesting! Another member
of the group, W. R. Alderson,
will be reporting October
9 and I hope to hear him
too. Saludos. Hasta la
vista.

Jan

September 30, 1955

Mrs. Oscar Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Thank you for your letter and the opportunity of seeing the enclosed from Dr. Walker. I feel that the latter definitely belongs in your files and am therefore returning it at this time.

I note with interest your intention to get your bibliography down to Washington in advance of the Panel meeting in October and am delighted that you will find it possible to do so.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

enc.

December 7, 1955

Mrs. Oscar Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Since I am not at all sure that I can get in to the next meeting of the Club, which falls on December 15th, I am writing to suggest the name of one of my students at the Barnes Foundation who would like to become a member of the P.B.C. She is Mrs. Paul Domville, 311 Hilldale Road, Villanova, Pa. This lady is the wife of one of our Faculty members in the School of Fine Arts and seems to be extremely interested in plants. I believe Mrs. Henry invited her to attend one of the meetings and perhaps she herself would want to nominate Mrs. Domville rather than have me do it. My chief concern is only to get her name into the hands of your Nominating Committee to follow the usual course.

I am sure I need not remind you that Reed Rollins will be here for Departmental Seminar next Tuesday, the 13th, and I hope very much that you can arrange to attend and that perhaps some other members of the Academy staff will also be present. It would certainly be a pity if after having come so far for this purpose he were to speak to only a small handful of persons.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

December 22, 1955

Mrs. Oscar Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Thanks very much for letting us see the enclosed materials. The letters from the Lotts are among the most interesting which I have ever read and both Helen and I enjoyed them immensely. They are certainly having a magnificent experience and know how to describe it in terms that our both fascinating and informative.

I also greatly enjoyed the report on India and am more than grateful to you for giving us a chance to read it.

I forget whether I told you that we are heading south to the Florida Keys for the Christmas holidays and shall not be back until the 5th or 6th of January. I hope very much to see you upon my return so that we can sit down and talk over plans for your future in a more detailed manner.

With best wishes to you and Oscar for the coming holiday season,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

enc.

January 11, 1956

Mrs. Oscar Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Many thanks for having given me a chance to see the enclosed clippings which I much enjoyed reading. You certainly are getting into the news and I strongly suspect that this will happen more and more as your work progresses and becomes better known than it is today.

We had a delightful vacation in the Florida Keys and I had a chance to do quite a bit of collecting and take a goodly number of pictures. The weather was delightful, although not quite as warm as we had expected, but warm enough to make me wish that I were back there right now.

Things are in a bit of a jam both here and at College right now, but the Fall Term will be over the end of next week and I hope very much that we can get together on your problem some time during the week of January 23rd. I shall be rather busy with Rex Crawford's Humanities course during the mornings but hope to be around the Department most afternoons, with the exception of Tuesday the 24th. You might give either Dr. Goddard or me a call and perhaps we can arrange to get together about four o'clock on any other afternoon that week.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

enc.

January 5, 1956
Dear Jack:
Hope you had a
enjoyful vacation!

Look what the mail
brought me! Fran Blom sent
it to me! do you know
Rafael Heliodoro Valle? He
was recently ambassador
from Honduras to U. S.
now living in Mexico and,
among other things, writing
this column.

I had an idea as to
how he got hold of my
recent article. I shall try
to find out when I write
to thank him for the
notice.

Now that you and
the Sadons are back, I

suppose we ought to schedule
a session to make plans
on the use of the grant.
Any afternoon at four at
Peve - or may be Saturday
at the Arboretum - since
the Souders lives in that
area? Any thing you two
arrange will suit me.
Best to Helen and the
rest of the family.

Sincerely
Edna

March 12, 1956

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Academy of Natural Sciences
19th and Parkway
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Many thanks for letting me see
Dr. Martinez's letter which I herewith
return.

Dr. Rake is now in Mexico and I
have asked him to secure for me a copy
of Plantas Medicinales de Mexico. Do
you know it or would you like to examine
it when it comes?

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director

enc.

May 29, 1956

↙
Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Academy of Natural Sciences
Logan Circle
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Ida:

Under separate cover I am sending you six copies each of (a) my Rhodora article on Suggestions for Collectors and (b) Fosberg's Manual for Anthropologists.

If you need more, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

JMF:S

Monday night

Dear Dr. Sagg,

I've just come from hearing your talk at the Academy of Natural Sciences. I enjoyed it so tremendously that I feel I must write and tell you about it. Naturally our course on Algae had led me to expect a thoroly, well prepared, interesting, lucid lecture. I'm happy to say you more than satisfied my expectations.

More than that, however I thought you might like to know that your effect on the rest of the audience was even more gratifying. I say that because I could tell from remarks I heard that many in the audience were not botanically minded and came rather hesitatingly, afraid that perhaps they would be swamped by a wealth of technical names and scientific data. At the end, these same people were quick to express their pleasure and satisfaction on having come. It was nice to hear it and I enjoy passing the praise on to you.

Please accept my best wishes for your success as a travel talker.

Sincerely
Edw. H. Langman