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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

September 20, 1960

Dr. Fritz W. Went, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Fritz:

In Washington last week you very kindly invited me to attend your dedication exercises on October 1st. I told you that I would be unable to do so since I would be attending the annual meeting of the Visiting Committee for the Arnold Arboretum on Friday, September 30th.

Yesterday Dick Howard called me and said he thought our meeting could be adjourned by 3:30 P.M. and that if I wanted to fly to St. Louis with him we could catch a 5 o'clock plane from Boston.

If, therefore, it is still convenient for me to accept your invitation I should like to do so. Dick said he was requesting Larry Nevling to get rooms for us at either the Chase or the Park Plaza Hotel and I hope that this is not asking too much.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 10, MISSOURI

September 22, 1960

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

Dear Jack:

I am delighted to hear that you will be able to come to the dedication of our Climatron. Since you are going to the Chase or Park Plaza Hotels (which are next-door to each other), it probably would be most convenient for you to take the airport limousine, which goes directly there.

After the dedication ceremony, I would like very much for you to be my guest at a supper at the University Club, 3607 Washington Avenue, and which I am giving for some botanists and the Trustees of our Garden.

On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, we intend to make an excursion to the Arboretum at Gray Summit, which is thirty miles west of the City. I would be delighted if you could join us on this trip. We will return in time to hear a talk by Dr. Manning on Biological Clocks in the Climatron that evening.

I am looking forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,
F. W. Went
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Director

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October 6, 1960

Dr. Frits W. Went, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Frits:

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been able to attend your dedication ceremonies last week. Surely this was a distinguished landmark in the history of the plant sciences and I am proud to have been a part of it.

Also, I wish to express my appreciation of your fine hospitality and to thank you and all of the members of your staff who did so much to make this occasion so successful.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. FOGG, Jr.,
Director

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