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The
Historical Society of Pennsylvania

wishes to express its gratitude
to

Ida K. Langman
5515 Wissahickon Avenue
Apartment B-202
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

for the gift of

2 packages of historical material -- pamphlets,
leaflets, pictures, etc.

January 4, 1974

DATE

Nicholas B. Weinwright
DIRECTOR Nicholas B. Weinwright

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

914 SANTA BARBARA STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

September 21, 1964

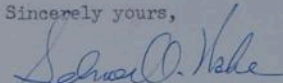
Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Department of Biology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am sorry to be so late in replying to your letter addressed to Mr. Douglas C. White, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Personnel for the Santa Barbara City Schools. Your inquiry regarding teaching in the biology field in adult education was referred to me for answer.

I must say that we make a policy of using local college, university and high school biology teachers for part-time instruction in our program. We do not have a vacancy at the present time; however, if you still plan to come to Santa Barbara, please make an appointment to see me since we never know when a vacancy might occur, or we might be interested in offering short courses in the biology field. We also have an evening college credit program in the biology area, and there may be an opening in this field.

Sincerely yours,



Selmer O. Wake, Director
Adult Education

W/k

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

ADULT EDUCATION CENTER

December 20, 1962

914 SANTA BARBARA STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Ida E. Langman
Research Fellow
Division of Biology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, California

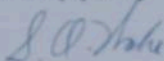
Dear Mrs. Langman:

Enclosed is a Personal and Professional Data Sheet which is our application to teach in our Adult Education Division.

Ninety-nine percent of all our instructors are employed in part-time teaching only, on an hourly basis, for which we pay \$6.50 an hour for lecture courses and \$5.75 an hour for laboratory courses, craft kind of activities.

I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. Douglas C. White, Assistant Superintendent in charge of personnel who has the responsibility for employment for the entire school system, including the junior college. His address is 1235 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara.

Sincerely yours,



Selmer O. Wake, Director
Adult Education Division

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7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park, Md.
April 14, 1961.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Thanks very much for your report on your bibliography. This is just what is needed.

The next time you come to Washington please do not depend on an accidental meeting with me, as I am a very irregular visitor in the Ag. Lib., but phone me either at home or at the National Arboretum. ^(11 5-2928) Let's give ourselves more time to talk over various matters and socialize a bit.

Sincerely,

Egbert H. Walker

7413 Holly Ave.
Takoma Park, Maryland
March 29, 1961.

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring St.
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

It has been a year since I last saw you in the U. S. D. A. library and I am wondering how your bibliography is progressing.

Since 1957 I am supposed to have been developing the problem of bibliographies in the Pacific Basin for the Subcommittee of Bibliography of the Standing Committee on Botany of the Pacific Science Association. However, I have been too much occupied with making a bibliography. But now I am faced with the necessity of preparing for the 10th Pacific Science Congress to be held next summer in Honolulu a report on bibliographies in the Pacific. Since at least part of the area covered by your bibliography drains into the Pacific yours is of interest for my report. Will you therefore please give me some information on its scope and present status and expectations? It will be a great help to me.

My Bibliography Supplement is finished. My wife and I spent 7 months in Japan working on it. It was a great experience.

Now I am working under another National Science Foundation grant to the Pacific Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences on my postponed Flora of Okinawa and the Southern Ryukyus with a desk at the National Arboretum of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. I have specimens borrowed from the U. S. National Herbarium, which is short of operating space. It is set up for two years.

I wish when you are in the city sometime you'd get in touch with me. I can be reached at the Arboretum when I'm there or through my home when I am not there (JU 5-2928).*

Yours sincerely,

Egbert H. Walker

** But please don't wait till then to let me know about your project.*

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 8, 1958

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring St.
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I have finally found time to go over your Introduction. Please do not put undue emphasis on my suggestions. As I get older I suspect I am getting more and more opinionated - a dangerous development.

In regard to the question about the use of Dr., Mr., etc. in the acknowledgments, see my note no. 7. I checked up a number of publications to see what the custom was in this respect. They do seem to be quite particular about the use of Dr., Mr., etc. But if you cut down the number of people referred to by name, the size of this problem will be reduced. If you do give many names, I suggest you omit titles except for the few you mention specially. *in a list,*

why?
Your question "Should I explain that when an article is stretched out over many issues of a periodical, I've listed only the first page in each issue rather than beginning and end" — From my point of view this seems unfortunate. It seems to me inclusive pages should be given in all cases. Sure, it is a heck of a job, but it is just one of the things the user wants. If you cut this corner, there are dozens of others you can cut also — and actually most of the time the user's needs will be supplied. Fosberg and I are in disagreement about citing illustrations. And Rickett is quoted as having said of Fosberg's work that it was not a bibliography but a "finding list".
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In answer to your third question (I'm returning your letter so you can identify it and I not have to copy it) I'm inclined to say you should be specific about the area covered. Explain it clearly in the introduction.

title for finding notes for details
Regarding capitalization of specific names: My policy is to follow the capitalization followed by the authors when recording the titles. But when scientific names are given in the annotations, I uniformly decapitalize the specific names. I do not believe in wasting honest time capitalizing specific names. I think one is obligated not to alter a title in this respect; in fact in very few respects is the bibliographer privileged to change titles. When part is omitted, the fact should be indicated by putting in three dots (. . .). However, I rarely take that liberty. Long titles need shorter annotations, so one seldom gains anything by shortening a title.

It is a pleasure to help you out, so don't hesitate to come back with more questions.

Sincerely yours, *Ernest H. Walker*
Associate Curator, Div. Phanerogams

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December 14, 1955

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Congratulations on your success in getting
the grant. We'll tell the world about it in
my next Subcommittee on Pacific Bibliography
communication.

Happily,

Egbert H. Walker

Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
BRONX PARK
NEW YORK 58, N. Y.

19 March 55

Dear Mrs Langens -

There seem to be bad times for
bibliographers.

Get a grant to collect butterflies
or something - and do the bibliography on
the sly.

HWR

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE

ST. LOUIS 10, MISSOURI

PROSPECT 6-5567

March 21, 1955

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

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am so sorry you didn't get your grant.

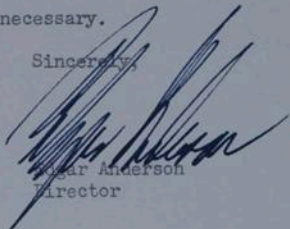
Have you considered the National Science

Foundation? I think you are within the

scope of their operations and shall be glad

to say so on paper if necessary.

Sincerely,



EA:ep

Oscar Anderson
Director

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 20, 1955

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Many thanks for writing me so fully about your project. Now I shall watch for an opportunity to look more closely at it with you, but do not know just when it may come about. I might accept your offer of your guest room sometime. But perhaps you will find an opportunity to use our guest room first; we would be pleased to have you do so. I do not expect to be away after Christmas and I often do come to the office on Saturday.

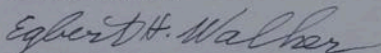
You have well answered my criticism—we are in full accord. One does not always understand the historic aspects which determine procedures which do not appear on the surface to be the best.

Once upon a time I did see your bibliography, so I feel qualified to support it as I have.

I sincerely hope the Hispanic American Historical Review accepts Sect. I of your work, though it would seem preferable that all sections appear together. But the ideal seldom prevails and all is compromise.

Thanks for the reprint. I have the Asa Gray Bulletin so have a copy of your paper. Dr. Fosberg has it. After Morton has seen it I shall return it to you for your Mexican associates.

Sincerely yours,



Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
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November 15, 1955

Mrs. Ida Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I have received your letter of the 12th and appreciate your desire to solve the question of the subject arrangement of your bibliography through careful investigation.

You have available now one of the keenest minds on this subject, Dr. J. R. Schramm. He gave me excellent advice, especially in the preparation of my bibliography for publication. He was instrumental in developing biological abstracts to a high degree of efficiency. I suggest therefore that you confer with him on this matter. I am sure that you will have a very pleasant and profitable visit with him.

Regarding the Bibliography of Agriculture and the Taxonomic Index, keep in mind that these do not have a separate subject index other than their general arrangement under the major categories. Biological Abstracts has a detailed subject index for each volume, but that appears a considerable length of time after the parts of each volume. The user would therefore have a great disadvantage in using each part unless the material were somewhat classified. I think your work does not fall into this category, for yours will appear all at one time--we hope!

Concerning your suggested questionnaire to botanists, I am somewhat in doubt as to its validity. These are questions which botanists accept but seldom think through to their causes and effects. I would rather you would receive advice from professional bibliographers and others more immediately concerned with the making of such works as yours.

I think the National Science Foundation is strongly in favor of the arrangement as in my bibliography, and I suspect the arrangement that you accept will influence the making of the grant. However, please talk this over thoroughly with Dr. Schramm.

The question of whether to use 3 x 5 or 5 x 8 cards depends upon what is most convenient for you. If you must transcribe all of your references I strongly recommend, on the basis of my own

experience, the use of the larger size. However, it makes no difference provided you can get the same results from 3 x 5 cards.* I have always been grateful to Dr. Merrill for steering me away from the small size early in the game; But the results are the only things that count in that decision.

Yours sincerely,

Egbert H. Walker

Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

Don't waste your time cutting paper. Get a stationer to cut it to your measurements. Don't forget the virtues of a different colored paper for each carbon.

** You can't make carbon copies typing on cards, hence use paper.*

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September 13, 1955

Mrs. Ida Langman
c/o Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

You will see by the attached that I am plugging
for your project. Wish I'd known this was pending
when I saw you in Lansing. Don't take my suggestions
voiced to Dr. Fogg too seriously. Their validity
may depend on factors of which I am not aware.

Sincerely yours,



Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

*Statement by E. H. Walker to
NSF regarding the Fogg request
for support for Langman's Mexican
bibliog.*

The proposed bibliography is almost an absolute essential for further work in Mexican botany. Nothing could be more fundamental. The amount that has already been done is of a high caliber and indicates that the final work will meet the needs to a very high degree. The plan, while not entirely to my liking, has many merits, and its few limitations may yet be overcome. I realize, however, my perspective may be prejudiced. There is certainly no conflicting project. I think the NSF is the most appropriate foundation to support this project, since it can support the preparation of the tools for scientific research. It is unfortunate that most foundations can not, or will not, support such work. But it is just as important to have high grade tools in scientific research as in industrial production, and our discipline is suffering from the failure of foundations to support this type of work.

The qualifications of the "principal investigator," Dr. Fogg, unquestionably meet all the needs. The one who will do the work, Mrs. Langman, has demonstrated her high qualifications through her accomplishments on this project to date. I believe her main interest is in teaching. Thus she is not taking time out from intensive scientific research to prepare this all-important tool as often happens in bibliographic projects.

The budget proposal for preparation of the manuscript appears to be well prepared. It is unfortunate that the all-essential publication of the final bibliography currently rests on mere faith and hope that essential funds will be available when needed, a situation which seems inherent in all bibliographic work.

September 14, 1955

Dr. J. M. Fogg
Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

It has just been my pleasure to give my high rating to your request for support from the NSF for Mrs. Langman's "Guide to the literature on the flowering plants of Mexico." I append a copy of my report. I feel especially honored to have been asked regarding this project, since I was not listed among those in your proposal recommended for consultation.

I should like to risk some additional comments. I say "risk," for they may be interpreted as unwarranted criticism founded on an inadequate understanding of this project historically and financially. Please forgive me if I err.

In this there seems to be an element of timidity. This is a bibliography. A bibliography with a subject index is a guide to literature; it can't be anything else. But a "guide" may be a discussion, a limited listing of literature, a suggestion of where to go. To me it is a weaker term. As I understand Mrs. Langman's work, this is no less than a bibliography for the basic working botanists in various fields, not dilettants, and I see no reason why it should not be given the stronger designation.

Dr. Merrill did me a fine turn when he guided me into bibliographic work on a broad base. The amount of work it takes to ferret out the literature on spermatophytes is prodigious. He wisely reasoned that the additional concurrent work needed to include the ferns, bryophytes, fungi, algae, etc. is small compared to the amount of work needed to ferret out these subjects in a separate project. Therefore, broadminded botanical bibliographers can make a major contribution at small cost, and owe it to their fellow scientists to do so, by listing all botanical literature. Furthermore, Mrs. Langman's title says "flowering plants," but the work includes vegetation and works of a phytogeographical and economic botanical nature, where the lower forms are important. It may be rather late to broaden the base, the coverage, but it is unfortunate that it is so circumscribed.

Circumstances may have dictated the initial organization of this work into Parts and Sections, each devoted to a more or less restricted field or subject. These divisions are the first step in subdividing the diverse mass of bibliographic material so that the user with a subject-approach, as most investigators have, can find what he wants. But each part needs an additional subject index to make it fit the user's needs. Each Part is noted as miscellaneous, which inherently has foggy boundaries, or is designated as "emphasizing" one aspect, admitting therefore that it has hazy limitations and overlaps other subjects. I, therefore, wonder if it is not preferable to have all entries on a straight author-alphabetical basis and to incorporate all the divisional aspects into the subject index, as was done in Merrill and Walker's "Bibliography of Eastern Asiatic botany." The making of such an index appeared initially most formidable, but it proved far less so in actuality.

I most earnestly hope the desired support is obtained and that this project soon comes to its final phase--publication--in the near future. I am sorry I did not discuss some of these matters with Mrs. Langman when I saw her last week in Lansing, Michigan. I did not know then that this request was pending.

Sincerely yours,

Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

cc to Mrs. Langman

#1
As you know I am not specially in favor of "classified bibliographies". I much prefer bibliographies with subject indexes, which is quite different. Hence, these sentences in which classified bibliographies are essentially advocated seems to me in need of alteration. I'd prefer: The greatest defect, however, is the lack of any subject index or ~~xxx~~ classification, the material being arranged alphabetically by authors.

Walker
from whom?
Walker

#2
It is unfortunate if you have discriminated against articles published without authors, Old Man Anonymous, as I refer to him (or her). These are what the librarian often calls "corporate entries". They are often so published because of the multiplicity of contributions by various authors. Sometimes the "author" of a paper is merely the compiler, stated or implied. Such papers may contain as valuable material as those with recognizable authors and the researchers' may need them; hence bibliographers should include them. If they are borderline entries, the fact that they are without authors may tip the scales in favor of their omission.

Ann - Editor - Bulletin - Hohenberg

#3
I think your first "suggestion" is unnecessary. You need not apologize for leaving out "bibliophile" material. Those who want such will probably not read your introduction ~~anyway~~ (few people will anyway), but will discover your perspective by inspection. I think you have the same tendency I have often had, namely, to over-explain my perspectives and techniques, essentially to protect myself against criticism. Don't worry about the criticism - you'll get it anyway no matter how much you explain. A brief introduction will tempt more people to read it. Merrill tended to have long introductions, using them to expound his philosophy on various matters. That in our joint work was prepared essentially by Merrill.

#4
See the way ~~ix~~ double authors are handled in Merrill & Walker. I put them after the single authored papers. However, Merrill put them in the chronological sequence in his Pacific bibliography. The latter introduces some complications. Unless you cross reference the second author, as was done in both our bibliographies, the user can not get all of a persons publications. I do not quite understand what you mean by "the other authors' names [are] listed in the notations and, of course, in the index". By "notations" I presume you mean that which I call the "annotation". How they appear in the "index" I do not see. I thought you had a subject index. The bibliography itself is an author index, i. e. as my bibliographies are compiled.

#5
Your authors "Various" must refer to cases of multiple authors, as "symposia", etc. I think these should be given as "corporate entries" or "Anonymous", with explanation in the annotations as to the individual contributors. Then these separate contributors should be cross referenced. But I am afraid I am making suggestions without fully understanding just what you have done. I thought you had organized all the material in one alphabetical sequence by authors with a chronological arrangement under each author.

#6
This putting of one man's works under his various names seems to me very disturbing to the user. Of course many times the user doesn't care who wrote it, in which case the author's name is merely a peg on which to hang a reference. But authors are also means for evaluation of a work listed. Can you not choose one name for each author and put all his papers under that name with cross-references from the variants? Thus:

Bravo, Pablo Martinez (Pablo Martinez Bravo; Pablo Martinez; Pablo Martinez B.; etc.)

1941 . . .

1945 . . .

etc.

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Pablo Martinez Bravo.
See Bravo, Pablo Martinez.

Pablo M. Bravo.
See Bravo, Pablo Martinez.

#7
It seems unnecessary to mention so many people by name. I'd be inclined to make reference to Fogg, Goddard and Schramm and to make a general covering statement for the "many others". ~~That~~ I don't think anyone nose should be out of joint by so doing. After all they just helped; you did the work. Bring in the acknowledgment of the librarians help in this place. I think often that acknowledgments are just means of "buttering up" somecaes head professors, etc. That's a rather cynical way to look at it, I realize. They probably really are usually genuine expressions of appreciation. But when the list is unduely long it begins to suggest that the author wasn't quite confident of the value of his work and wanted some others help him shoulder the criticism he expected. You need offer no apologies for any shortcomings in this bibliography of yours. No bibliography is perfect. Yours has few shortcomings, these not needing any excuses.

It looks as though this were not the last page, but I can not find another. Gee! Hope I haven't lost it; I should be scalped if I have!

Lehman

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 5, 1954

Mrs. Ida Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

✓ Many thanks for your most cooperative response to my invitation to join the Subcommittee on Bibliography in the Pacific Basin. It was good of you to suggest Dr. Hiranda of Mexico for the committee. I shall write to him also.*

Yes, it would be nice to have from you a not too long statement about your bibliography to incorporate in my first report. Already I have several such accounts and expect to have more. The response has been most encouraging.

✓ I was in Philadelphia Friday night, staying with Dr. H. L. Li at the Morris Arboretum. I tried to phone you but there was no answer. He told me of his meeting you. He also will be a member of my committee to represent Formosa.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Walker

Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

* Done!

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September 24, 1954

Miss Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

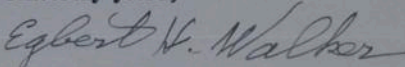
Dear Miss Langman:

I have often wondered concerning the Mexican bibliography about which you conferred with me many years ago. Therefore, I hope you will respond favorably to the invitation in the accompanying mimeographed letter, which please consider as if separately typed for you. In your response let me know how your bibliography is progressing.

Mexico has not participated in the affairs of the Pacific Science Association, although it lies in part in the Pacific Basin. The same is true of the South American countries bordering the Pacific. This should be remedied.

Are you associated with the Academy of Natural Sciences, and can you be addressed there? Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,



Egbert H. Walker
Associate Curator
Division of Phanerogams

PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

STANDING COMMITTEE ON BOTANY

Subcommittee on Bibliography of the Pacific Basin

Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.
September 24, 1954

Miss Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Langman:

The chairman of the Standing Committee on Botany of the Pacific Science Association, Dr. F. R. Fosberg, who was appointed at the Eighth Pacific Science Congress in the Philippines in 1953, has asked me to be the chairman of the Subcommittee on Botanical Bibliography for the Pacific Area. I am writing to ask if you will serve as a member of this Subcommittee.

Several Pacific Science Congresses have passed resolutions urging that more bibliographic work on the botany of this area be undertaken. These resolutions have finally resulted in the formation of this subcommittee. We are thus an entirely new group with no precedents to bind us. It is up to us to develop a program in accordance with the need.

Let us say that the objective of this subcommittee is to promote the preparation and publication of bibliographic work that will advance our knowledge of the Pacific Basin. Our function in the beginning will be to assemble data on existing and needed bibliographic work in the area, to make these data available in reports, and to encourage and assist these projects, especially their publication.

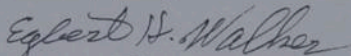
I shall hope that as a member of this subcommittee you will inform me of bibliographic work which you and others in your area are doing or have done, what is the scope of these projects, the accomplishments to date, the difficulties encountered, and the plans for publication. Perhaps you would also comment on bibliographic work which should be, but has not yet been, initiated. I will then compile a preliminary report from the data submitted by the members of the subcommittee and submit it to you and others for still further ideas. In this way we will all learn of projects that may be helpful to us individually, and with which we may render assistance.

Other ways in which this subcommittee can serve the field of botanical research in the Pacific Basin will become evident in the course of its work. We shall of course submit a report at the next Pacific Science Congress scheduled for 1958 in Bangkok, Siam. You will see that the success of this subcommittee depends on the activities and suggestions of the members.

It may be well to consider briefly what constitutes "bibliographic work." To me a bibliography is a list of the titles of publications on a given subject, together with data by which the publications may be located in libraries and elsewhere. I believe users of bibliographies invariably make some preliminary evaluation of the publications before seeking them out. They must do this on the basis of the information supplied by the bibliographer. Thus I am an advocate of annotated bibliographies. These give data supplementing the title, hence aiding users to evaluate in a preliminary way the works they need to consult. But bibliographic work in a broad sense includes all work dealing with literature. Thus indexing, listing, and cataloguing various data found in literature fall in the province of this subcommittee. Its scope, therefore, goes beyond the formal preparation of bibliographies, and its personnel will include people engaged in bibliographic work in the broader sense.

With this preliminary perspective before you, I hope you will decide to serve on this subcommittee and will let me know your decision at an early date. It would be of great assistance if you would suggest others who would be valuable members of this subcommittee, for I may not be acquainted with them and their work. I am asking people in various countries in the Pacific Basin to serve, but some countries are not yet represented on my preliminary list of twelve. You will be informed of the members and their work when the subcommittee is more fully formed.

Sincerely yours,



Egbert H. Walker
Chairman, Subcommittee
on Bibliography

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May 4, 1970

Mrs. Ira K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, 1970 and the two packages of pamphlets which you sent to the Florida Technological University Library. I am enclosing seventy-eight cents in stamps to reimburse you for the postage on these packages.

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Very truly yours,

L. W. Walker
Director of Libraries

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Enclosure

DR. SALVADOR ACEVES

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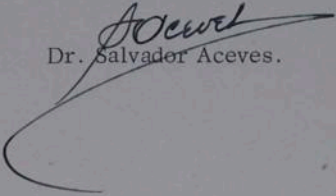
Ida y Oscar Langman,
248 Harvey St.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19144, U.S.A.

Queridos amigos:

Recibo ahora su amable envío de tres -- libros en que se dan la mano en la medicina, el arte y la historia. Los tres son sumamente interesantes y algunos de ellos, el que -- contiene la rica iconografía de personajes de la medicina, especial -- mente de Filadelfia, me será seguramente útil en el futuro como -- referencia histórica.

Me alegro de que Eva se encuentre en -- camino de mejoría aún cuando todavía tenga que sufrir por mucho tiempo las consecuencias del tremendo traumatismo que padeció, la parte mas sensible del cual fué la pérdida de su esposo.

Espero que ustedes se encuentren bien, les pido que saluden de mi parte a Eva y reciban junto con mi -- saludo cordial, el de toda mi familia.


Dr. Salvador Aceves.

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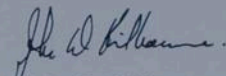
July 10, 1970

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Please accept our thanks for your kind gift to the Society of seven scrapbooks and a number of bundles of programs of musical, theater, cultural and other events in Philadelphia, dating from about 1920. We are very glad to add this material to our collection of such programs. It will not only help complete our holdings but will, I am sure in times to come, prove very interesting and instructive to researchers visiting our building.

Sincerely,


John D. Kilbourne
Curator

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Thank you for your letter of July 4, 1970 and your kind offer to donate more material to our library. We will be very happy to receive any materials which you may have and, as in the past, we shall be happy to reimburse you for any cost which you may incur in shipping these to us.

Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering Florida Technological University.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. W. Walker".

L. W. Walker
Director of Libraries

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Dear Dr. Langman,

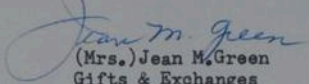
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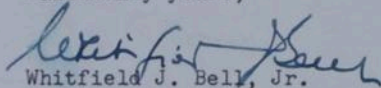
February 2, 1972

Mrs. Ida Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Please accept this much belated note of thanks and appreciation for your gift to the Library of two volumes of the Boletin del Instituto de Investigaciones Bibliograficas (Mexico City, 1969-1970). I note that both volumes contain articles useful to historians of science and culture; and so they are especially welcome here.

Faithfully yours,


Whitfield J. Bell, Jr.

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I understand that you would be welcome to
give us future volumes as they appear. That
is very kind. We would indeed like to
have them. WJB

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May 25, 1972

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Thank you very much indeed for your gift to the Library of Boletín del Instituto de Investigaciones Bibliográficas, July-December, 1970. We shall add this volume to the two others you gave us earlier. These publications are useful and welcome additions to our collection.

Faithfully yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 17, 1936.

Mrs. Ida K. Lengman,
Hawthorne Inn,
Pocono, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby authorized to possess and transport, but not to sell, a mounted specimen of Woodcock, it being understood that this bird was found dead but that you were not implicated in the wounding or killing thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Wallace

Secretary of Agriculture.

COUNTERSIGNED:

Ira M. Gabrielson
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July 12, 1965

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
The College Department of Biology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

My dear Mrs. Langman:

Thank you very much for your July 7th letter and the nice things which you said about my May speech at the School of Education. Unfortunately, I made the speech from rough penciled notes and do not have a written transcript of the entire presentation. I did prepare, as you know, a brief written summary of my remarks for publication in the Alumni News - I gather that is what you have read.

I am extremely sorry your own personal schedule did not work out for you to be an Experiment leader this summer. We have been quite busy up here the last several weeks getting some 165 groups moved off to various overseas destinations. Our groups to Mexico met in Houston for four days of pre-departure orientation and entered Mexico on about the 5th of July. So far, everything seems to be going quite well.

I do hope that your grant from Washington materializes fairly soon and wish you every success in carrying it out. If your travels ever bring you to this area of New England, I hope you will drop in and say hello. Meanwhile, thanks very much once again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Wallace

JAW:M

Autobiography

I was born in Russia and brought to this country when six months old. I attended elementary schools in Philadelphia and was evidently a good student, because I was skipped several times and entered high school at the age of 12. In high school, I was particularly good in Latin, but also became interested in nature study because of the encouragement I received from one of the teachers who introduced me to the joys of "nature hiking". This has remained one of my favorite activities.

My record was good, but not quite good enough to give me a scholarship to the University, so I went to the Normal School, graduating in two years. There, my interest in natural history was further stimulated but, since no foreign languages were taught there, my capabilities along those lines lay dormant.

On graduating, I spent several years in elementary schools, the last of which I did some experimental work in a platoon ⁱⁿ ~~kind of work, ~~working~~~~ ^{type institute} Here, I taught in the auditorium, handling music, oral English and visual education, and cooperating in such activities as group singing, ~~and~~ assembly programs and dramatics.

In the meantime, I had begun to take college courses after school and on Saturday, graduating after 8 years with an B. S. in Education and a minor in botany. Although I did very well in French, and might have considered choosing foreign languages as my major, I was discouraged from this by advice that there were few jobs to be had in this field at that time. By the time I had graduated, I had passed the examination to teach general science in the junior high school and several years later moved up to senior high school, teaching biology.

Summers, in the meantime, were spent in various ways; first, working on a plant nursery in the suburbs; then as a ~~plant~~ counselor in summer camps. By this time I was a fairly good tennis player and helped with that activity as well as with ^{at camp} hiking, ~~and~~ nature study, and swimming.

When I was 24, I was married to a young man who had been in my class in elementary school. He was now a violinist who made a living teaching during the winter and playing at a hotel in the Poconos in the summer. Since his work was not very lucrative (and since the depression hit the U. S. shortly after we were married) I continued to teach. Summers in the Poconos were a bright part of life with tennis, golf, swimming, plant collecting, hiking etc. Since my husband's work

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was so precarious, and poorly paid, we early decided against ~~the~~ raising a family.

Ten years later, the hotel decided to replace live music with a juke box, and we went back to summer camp work for one year. Then my husband was fortunate enough to be engaged to play in a theatre orchestra and, for the first time we could afford to travel. On the advice of a sister who had spent a short time in Mexico the year before, we drove down to Mexico, ^{for the summer.} This was to mark a dividing line in my life. It soon became obvious that we could live in Mexico, ^{high for you} on what I would get for a sabbatical leave; ^{have} (the same sum would not suffice for two in the United States). ^{So} ~~And~~ the next year we spent ^{two} ~~xxxx~~ in Mexico traveling and collecting plants. My interest in the plants of the Poconos ^(that was considered a very nice) was pushed right out of the picture with the varied and exuberant tropical plants ~~life~~ of Mexico. In addition, I rediscovered my facility with foreign languages; before the year was up I was speaking (not like a native) but well. The following summer we were at war; travel was out of the question. But a special course was ^{then} ~~being~~ given at the University of Pennsylvania, (sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, ~~xxxx~~ ^{work} as an Inter-American Training Center for people interested in Latin America. Here, the intensive language training plus supplementary work on all aspects of life in Latin American ^{payable the} ~~kindled a real~~ interest in countries south of our border. ^{that would} In the meantime, I had decided to go back to the University to complete my work for a master's degree, ~~I~~ ^{which} had discontinued it some years earlier because of the difficulty of getting the courses I needed ^{while teaching} after school and Saturday. This time I was able to make the necessary arrangements and finally received the M. S. degree, majoring in botany. Since I was teaching at the time, my adviser suggested ^{had} for my thesis the preparation of a bibliography on the literature covering the flowering plants of Mexico. And that was the beginning of a project which culminated almost 20 years later in the publications ~~announced~~ on the attached flyer.

While collecting data for the thesis, I became aware of the ~~enormous~~ ^{but} magnitude of the project but, encouraged ^{from} by the head of the department (who was interested in bibliographic research), ^{had} I plunged in without really realizing all the difficulties in the way. It was only after sporadic work in libraries during free time, weekends and vacations, that I ^{realized} ~~decided to try for a graduate~~ had to go down to Mexico

for material that was not available elsewhere. A grant from the U. S. ~~Office of~~
State ~~Education~~, through the U. S. Office of Education made this possible and I made
my first plunge into the confusing, frustrating, and sometimes stimulating
atmosphere of Mexican libraries. (See my article on Mexican libraries in the
International Institute of Education News Bulletin for ^{spent} .) The year only
mostly in Mexico City revealed that it would take at least another year to unearth all the material
available in libraries outside the capital and in other institutions but it took ^{another}
7 years ^{to} until I was available ^{to} get another grant to complete the job. ⁱⁿ In the
meantime, I had taken an examination for, and received an appointment as a museum
teacher for the Board of Education at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Greater
flexibility in my teaching schedule made it possible for me to attend more scien-
tific meetings and to meet other botanists interested in Mexican botany. Being
able to give the names of some of them as references must have helped in making the
new grant available. ^{This came} The grant was from the National Science Foundation and was for
^{the first year's} two years so I could not ask for just a sabbatical leave from teaching. I decided
to retire from teaching, devote myself to completing the bibliography and then see
what the future might have in store.

The project stretched out - from two years to four years~~x~~, with the
National Science Foundation extending its original grant. More help was needed
and was provided by the American Philosophical Society for a short^t period. When
the grant expired, my original adviser on the project stepped in by helping me to
obtain work ^{on a project} ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ for Biological Abstracts ^{where while} and I ~~then~~ ^{was} able to continue
to work part time on the bibliography. ^{I has ready for} finally, ~~we~~ were able to think of publication
and, again, the National Science Foundation ^{came to the rescue by providing a} ~~provided~~ subsidy ~~in~~ to the University
of Pennsylvania Press and finally, on December 1964, the bibliography appeared.

Since then, I have been keeping more or less busy with free lance trans-
lating for Biological Abstracts, but looking for work where I can perhaps combine
my teaching experience, my botanical interests and my language skills.

group leader - Experiment in International Living

1. What experience have you had abroad, when and for how long? If you have traveled, describe for what purpose and by what means. If you have lived abroad, describe the circumstances. Do you have friends or relatives abroad? Do you correspond with them?
2. What experience in the United States have you had in addition to travel and/or living abroad?
3. How long have you spoken the languages listed overleaf? How recently? Is your accent so good that you would not be recognized as an American?
4. What special interests or hobbies do you have which would broaden a group's experience? Indicate the extent of your proficiency in each.
5. State father's and mother's, ~~xxxxxx~~ husband's or wife's occupations and give a brief description of your family.
6. Tabulate secondary schools and colleges attended; give years of graduation. List all degrees and scholastic honors.
7. Tabulate with dates the organizations with which you have been associated. Describe the nature of your work and include the names of your immediate supervisors. Please list voluntary civic activities as well as unemployment ~~xxxxxx~~
8. What experience have you had in teaching, guidance or ~~xxxx~~ group work, recreation and/or leadership? Do you prefer working with a high school, college or post-college age group? What special experience have you had in discussion leading and group living? Have you ever taught a foreign language? If so, give details.
9. How much simple outdoor living have you experienced?
10. Are there any activities in which you would not enjoy participating - bicycling, mountain climbing, camping? In view of a strenuous program, have you any health problems which might require special attention - diet, heart, feet, eyes, ears. Are there any other health factors which should be mentioned. Have you been under treatment for problems of a physical or emotional nature in the last five years?
11. In what way do you feel you qualify most as an Experiment leader? What do you think might be your greatest liabilities? State your chief reasons for wishing to go abroad as a leader of an Experiment group? Would you be available to serve in subsequent years?
12. How did you learn of the Experiment?

These are the questions they wanted answered

1. My travel experience abroad has been entirely in Mexico. I traveled there in 1939-1941, first while collecting plants, during a summer vacation, then for a year while on sabbatical leave from teaching. I returned for another year on a grant in 1948-1949, from the U. S. Office of Education, through the U. S. State Department, to collect material for a bibliography on the flowering plants of Mexico. Seven years later, on a grant from the National Science Foundation, I returned for another year to complete the project. My last visit there was in 1961 when I spent three weeks investigating the possibilities of having the bibliography published in Mexico. While plant collecting, I traveled by private car, train, bus and occasionally by plane. On those occasions, I lived in small hotels and motels; on longer stays, I lived and boarded with private families. Lodgings and food varied from the usual, comfortable, tourist-type of accommodations and food to staying in a "rancho" with no plumbing at all and with meals limited to tortillas, beans and coffee. My travels, while collecting plants or collecting material in Mexican libraries, took me through all the states of the country with the exception of Baja California and Quintana Roo. As a result of these experiences, I have close personal friends and professional colleagues in Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Guadalajara, Jalapa, Cd. Juarez, Monterrey, San Luis Potosi, Tuxtla Gutierrez and San Cristobal Las Casas. I correspond with many of them on a more or less regular basis (in Spanish).
2. (I assume this refers to travel experience.) On various occasions, during summer vacations, I have visited most areas of the United States, with the exception of the far northwest. Most of this travel has been by private car; some by bus and train, only rarely by plane.
3. I have spoken Spanish since my first visit to Mexico in 1939. As a member of the Pan American Association in Philadelphia, I have had frequent opportunities to keep up my practice of the language, so that now my Spanish is fluent enough to give some people the impression I am Mexican. (I have been taken for a Mexican by guards on both sides of the U. S.-Mexico border when I spoke to them in Spanish.) On the other hand, my Spanish is not perfect and I imagine a person with a trained, or a very keen ear, would before long recognize that I am an American (that is from the United States). During the war, when I had Brazilian friends here (they are now back in Brazil) my Portuguese was fairly fluent. I don't think it would take long for me to regain a measure of fluency if I could spend some time in Brazil. I might mention that I also have a few friends in the scientific community in Argentina, who might be helpful in providing interesting experiences for an Experiment group.
4. As a botanist, I think I could give members of my group an awareness of the physical features of the regions through which they would be traveling, and an understanding of the landscape and the vegetation they would be observing. Mexico is Although the only country I have known directly, my studies have given me considerable knowledge of the flora of other regions in Latin America and additional reading could prepare me for interpreting the vegetation of countries where I have not been. My hobbies include hiking, golf, concerts, theatre and reading. I am interested in Latin American art, through my friendship with various Mexican artists, and make it a point to see exhibits of Latin American art when they are brought to Philadelphia. These interests I think I could encourage in my group if they were not already present.
5. My father was in the insurance business; my mother a housewife, widely read and with varied intellectual interests. My husband is a professional violinist whose hobbies are golf and photography (both of which he has also, on occasions, practiced professionally). The rest of my family consists of a sister, married to the director of Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. She majored in

French in college and studied in the Sorbonne, but now devotes herself to her home and community activities in Great Neck. Another sister lives in York, Pa. and edits the women's page of the York Gazette and Daily. A brother is a psychiatrist attached to the State Hospital in Norristown, Pa. I have no children.

6. Education

- High School - South Philadelphia High School; graduated in 1920.
- Philadelphia Normal School; graduated in 1922.
- University of Pennsylvania; attended part time while teaching; graduated with a B. S. in Education in 1930.
- University of Pennsylvania; attended part time while teaching; graduated with an M. S. in Botany in 1947.
- Inter-American Training Center - sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, at the University of Pennsylvania; summer of 1942. This was for a specially selected group of individuals who were interested in preparing themselves for work in Latin America, and was an intensive 9 week course.

7. Work Experience

- 1922-1956. Board of Education in Philadelphia. Started as an elementary school teacher, moved on to junior high school as a teacher of general science, then to senior high school as a teacher of biology, and ended as a museum teacher for the Board of Education at the Academy of Natural Sciences. In the latter I worked with all levels of students from kindergarten to teachers in in-service classes. My most recent supervisor in the school system was Mr Paul E. Long, director of the Division of Visual Education for the Philadelphia Board of Education.
- 1922-1923 - summers. Teacher in school playgrounds.
- 1924-1925 - summers. Horticultural work in a plant nursery (no longer in business).
- 1926-1928, 1938. I was a counselor at summer camps for girls: Blue Mountain in the Poconos, and Saginaw in Oxford, Pa. I was in charge of hiking, tennis, nature study and assisted with swimming. The director of the first camp has since died. The director of the second was Mr. Meyer Heiman.
- 1956 to the present. When I left teaching, it was because I had received a grant from the National Science Foundation to finish the botanical bibliography. My applications were supported by the University of Pennsylvania and the grants, when received, were administered by the Department of Botany there, and by the Morris Arboretum (also connected with the University). Director of the Arboretum is Dr. John M. Fogg Jr. and the former head of the Department of Botany is now provost of the University, Dr. David R. Goddard.
- 1961-1964. At intervals, between grants, I have done translating of resumes of biological articles for Biological Abstracts. The acting head now is Mr. Phyllis Parkins. Most of the translations I did were from Spanish, Portuguese, French, and occasionally German.

Organizational work. At various periods, while teaching, I was active on committees of teacher organizations. I have also served on the Board of Directors of the Pan American Association of Philadelphia, on the program committee of the Philadelphia Botanical Club, as vice-president of Powelton Neighbors, an integrated, neighborhood organization in the area where I previously lived, and as program committee chairman of the Germantown Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (founded by Jane Addams, among others).

8. Part of this is answered in the section above. My only experience in group living was when I was a camp counselor. In my organizational work I have, of course, had numerous occasions to lead discussions. I think I could work with any of the three groups specified, with a slight inclination, perhaps, toward the group of college age.
9. Except for the "rancho" experience in Mexico, and a few weeks camping as a girl scout, when I was about 14, I have not spent much time really roughing it. But I can walk 12 to 15 miles in a day; I eat everything but can go without food (as I have sometimes had to do on field trips), for a day without feeling undue hardship; have no trouble sleeping anywhere and awaken when I have to without an alarm clock.
10. I don't know what kinds of strenuous activities are planned for Argentina, Brazil or Chile. It's been a long time since I was on a bicycle but I think I might get the feel of it again with a little practice. I can row a boat, paddle a canoe, climb to a height of 10,000 feet (as I did in Mexico) but I have no training in climbing on snow or ice or using special equipment. If it's just a question of climbing a steady slope as in the Nevado de Toluca or the Cerro de San Cristobal in Mexico, I have no problems. I don't mind hot weather (can take it better than cold, as a matter of fact); I don't get colds from sitting in a draft or getting my feet wet, and can sleep in a hammock as well as in a bed. My digestion and elimination are excellent, factors which I think help considerably in maintaining good health. I don't get upset when things go wrong; just concentrate on seeing what has to be done in the new situation. My motto: Hope for the best; prepare for the worst.
11. I think that what I can contribute most as an Experiment leader is an enthusiasm for traveling, an interest in people and how they live in different parts of the world, and a desire to help people in other countries understand the great variety of U. S. culture and how our history has affected our behavior. I think I could help the U. S. group see itself as we as we are seen by others, particularly in Latin America.

My greatest liability, I think, would be an inclination to swing from expecting too much from the group to being too lenient and permissive. Never having been homesick, myself, I might tend, for example, to be less sympathetic than I should, perhaps, with a student who was unhappy on his or her first trip away from the United States. Or, taking it for granted that students in the Experiment have committed themselves to certain responsibilities, and certain kinds of behavior, I would be inclined to avoid supervising them too stringently. I would be guided, of course, by the criteria set down before me by the Experiment and would hope to be able to guide a middle course between my two kinds of extremism. I have to guard also against expressing my opinions (and I have definite ones on almost everything) too readily, although I do think I am always just as interested in hearing the opinions of others.

Why do I most wish to become part of the Experiment? Having gotten to know Mexico, I would like to see how the rest of Latin America compares with that country; how the citizens of the various countries feel about Mexico, and about the United States. I have always been especially curious about the culture of Brazil - with its Portuguese heritage and greater Negro admixture - compares with that of the Spanish speaking countries. I would welcome an opportunity to live in Brazil and improve my Portuguese. And, of course, there is always the botanist in me who longs to become familiar with the vegetation of the rest of the hemisphere, south of Mexico. As to being available in future years, I can only say that, as of now, I foresee no reasons why I should not be available.

12. I learned of the opportunities for leadership activities in the Experiment through a poster on the bulletin board in the Biology Department of the University of

c/o Department of Natural Sciences
Unesco House,
19 Avenue Kléber,
Paris (16)
14 February 1952.

Dear Dr. Freeman,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 January 1952.

The question you raise on behalf of Mrs. Ida Langmans is a difficult one. As you probably know, before 1951, the International Union of Biological Sciences received each year from Unesco a small subvention for a kind of short term fellowship the purpose of which was to enable a mature worker to pursue a special study of investigation in a country other than his own. However, this special item was taken out of the Directives concerning relations with non-governmental organizations when the General Conference revised the Directives at its Session held in Florence in 1950.

The Unesco fellowships in the field of the natural sciences are limited in number and there is no fellowship available in 1952 which would suit Mrs. Langmans' purpose. Furthermore, I do not believe that such fellowships would be offered to your country. There is therefore no way in which help can be given to Mrs. Langmans in Unesco.

I do not believe that the Rockefeller Foundation would be interested in a project such as that of Mrs. Langmans. The Macy Foundation, the John Maikle Foundation and some other small foundations in your country are all interested in the experimental side and not the systematic side of biology.

So far as I know the only private organization in your country which is interested in the work of mature workers is the Guggenheim Foundation. I wonder whether it would be possible for Mrs. Langmans to apply there for a fellowship.

I am sorry that I cannot be of much help in this matter.

I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of the brochure on the Bureau of Biological Research in your University.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. G. Hsi

WANG GING-HSI

P.S. - I have met the Weenerts. Dr. Weenert is getting on very well here.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550

Office of Science Information Service

July 23, 1968

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

GN-41

Dear Mrs. Langman:

This is in reply to your letter of July 16 addressed to Dr. Sohns, concerning NSF Grant GN-41, "Publication of A Selected Guide to the Literature on the Flowering Plants of Mexico."

The Foundation's Grants Office is requesting from the University of Pennsylvania a final sales income report through December 31, 1967, the third anniversary date of publication. Assuming that this report is in order, the Foundation has no objection to the disposition you have proposed for the remaining unsold copies.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon B. Ward
Program Director
Information Services Program

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July 6, 1959

Dear Mrs. Langman,

Our Library carries a complete set of the Texas Geographical Magazine. This periodical suspended publication with volume 13 part 1.

I have looked through volumes 1-3 and 12-13 and am unable to tell whether they would be of help to you. You are quiet welcome to borrow these volumes on Interlibrary Loan. They are by the way bound with volumes 1-5 as one volume and 10-13 as one volume. If you will have your library send us the proper forms we will send these to you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Elta Waltermire

Elta Waltermire
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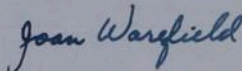
May 19, 1960

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Division of Biology
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Your letter of May 11 requesting information concerning two references from the Mexican journal, Agricultura, has been referred to our library. The information which you requested is listed below. However, you will note that we have not listed any author for your second reference, as they did not list anyone as the author of the article.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Joan Warefield
Secretary

1. Luis Marin. El cacahuete. Vol. 1 (5) 348-350. Date - 1938.
2. Necrologia (title). Vol. 2(13). Pages 3-4. 1939. (No author listed)

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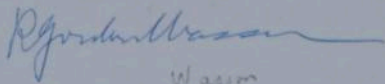
August 16, 1961

Miss Ida K. Langman
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Langman:

I am told that you have published a bibliography of works published prior to 1800 useful for studies in Mexican botany. If you can spare a copy, I should appreciate it. If not, could you give me the reference and where I can get it. Do you remember any mention of mushrooms in it?

Sincerely yours,


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January 6, 1951.

Mrs. Ida K. Langman,
Philadelphia Academy of Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Our AAAS meetings will be held in Philadelphia next year. We will need a local committee to help with arrangements for promotion, exhibits, meals and a field trip.

The NABT Committee would work with two other committees organized by ANSS and NSTA. Jim Fowler recommended you as Chairman for NABT. He is to serve for ANSS. If you would do so, we'd want you to organize your own committee.

We are to meet in Philadelphia in mid-February to discuss plans and would want you to meet with us.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Weaver

Richard L. Weaver,
President.

RLW:as
cc: Dr. Harvey Stork

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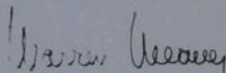
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Dear Mrs. Langman:

May I acknowledge your letter of March 26 addressed to Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller is at present in Europe.

I do not at the moment know of any openings in which I think you might be interested, but if anything should turn up, we would be glad to get in touch with you. Thank you for letting us know of your availability.

Sincerely yours,



Warren Weaver.

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

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May 27, 1959

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University of Pennsylvania
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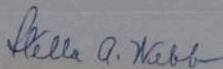
Dear Miss Langman:

I searched our records to find the translation or the original of the article by E. Piccioli. Unfortunately, it no longer seems to be in our collection.

I called Miss Gerry for information, and she said that there had never been an official translation. She had received a reprint of the article, which she and Miss Ballow translated only to see what was in it. Miss Gerry said that the article was of no consequence, and she doesn't remember the name of the Italian periodical in which it appeared originally.

I regret that we can not give you any further information or send you the article.

Very truly yours,



(Mrs.) Stella A. Webb
Assistant Librarian



THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT
STACK AND READER DIVISION

February 1, 1960

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I wish to acknowledge your postal card of January 27. The Library of Congress will be open on February 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., with service stopped at 8:00 p.m. I enclose for your use a schedule showing the hours of opening in the various departments of the Library of Congress.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Willard Webb".

Willard Webb, Chief
Stack and Reader Division

Enclosure

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Powelton Village
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

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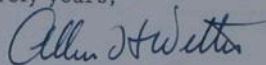
Dear Mrs. Langman:

It has come to my attention that you retired from the service of the Philadelphia school system on June 30, 1956.

I want you to know that this fact and the record of your long service in the Philadelphia Public Schools have not gone unnoticed. During that time you have had contacts with many young people in our school system and have rendered a valuable service to them. While this has undoubtedly given you a great deal of satisfaction, it is also a matter of appreciation to us in the Central Office.

I should like to express my very real appreciation for the service you have rendered and to extend to you my best wishes for the years that lie ahead. I hope that your period of retirement may be a very happy one for you.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Ida K. Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

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August 29, 1955

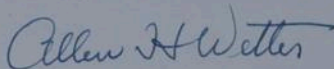
Mrs. Ida Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

This is to advise you that your request for an extension of your leave of absence to attend the American Institute of Biological Science meetings to include September 9 is approved. The request was transmitted to me by Mr. Paul Long.

I trust that you will find the meetings helpful and inspiring.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent-elect

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cc: Mr. Long
Mr. Pearce

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
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August 3, 1964

Miss Ida Langman
Division of Biology, Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Ida:

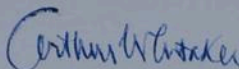
I was glad to learn from your letter dated June (sic: July) 29 that you are planning to go ahead with your study of *Alzate*. He is well worth it. I assume you have checked recent publications and studies in progress to be sure no one has pre-empted the subject.

If any inquiry such as you describe is addressed to the Guggenheim Foundation, it should come from you. It may evoke no response except "Apply and see," but I don't think it would do any harm.

As you doubtless know, the Pan American Institute is quite unlikely to have any funds of its own for such a project, but it might help obtain a grant from a foundation, such as Rockefeller or Ford. Also, have you thought of trying this through Bosch Garcia and the Universidad Nacional de Mexico?

In any case, I'll still be very glad to support your application. We return to Philadelphia early in September. Alix joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely,



Arthur P. Whitaker
Visiting Professor of History

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October 12, 1959

Replying to your
letter dated:
October 8, 1959

Mrs. Ida K. Langman, Res. Fellow
Botanical Laboratory
The College
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4. Penn.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

We acknowledge receipt of your request for the loan of books from the University Library, and suggest that you inquire of your local library about borrowing this material. If your library does not have the book, ask them to write The University of Texas Library about an interlibrary loan.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie Whitmore

Extramural Loan Division

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de los productos

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Miss Ida K. Langman,
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Replying to your
letter dated:
March 12, 1959

Dear Miss Langman:

We acknowledge receipt of your request for the loan of books from the University Library, and suggest that you inquire of your local library about borrowing this material. If your library does not have the book, ask them to write The University of Texas Library about an interlibrary loan.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie Whitmore

Extramural Loan Division

Replying to your questions:

1. Gazetas de Mexico...non-circulating. (glad to give estimate of photoduplication cost)
2. Revista Medica del Hospital General de Mexico. vol. 13, 1950 (pls. ask your library to request on interlibrary loan)
3. Texas Academy of Science. Texas Academy Publications in Natural History. Non-Technical Series. No. 1. 1939. [Our holdings in this series are cataloged as separates. Do you wish: 581.9764/T329v/Biol. Tharp, Benjamin, Carroll. ...The Vegetation of Texas." 1939.?) If so, please ask your library to request on interlibrary loan.]
4. Texas Technological College. Bulletin. vol. 12. 1936. [Sorry, but this periodical does not circulate at University of Texas. Suggest you ask your library to request from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.]
5. Sociedad de Historia de Geografia y Estadistica de Aguascalientes, Mexico. BOLETIN No. Vol.1, No. 1-16. (Sorry but this piece is non-circulating. On request, we are glad to quote cost of microfilm, or other photoduplication.)

6-Hello. Jean Marie. "Relation de L'Expedition"... (ref. to Mexican plants, wild or cultivated, or in it pure history, answered in separate cover.)

THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Extramural Loans

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December 1, 1958

Dr. Ida Langman
3509 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Penn.

Replying to your
letter dated to
Dr. Nettie L. Benson.
Latin American Collection

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Dr. Langman:

We acknowledge receipt of your request for the loan of books from the University Library, and suggest that you inquire of your local library about borrowing this material. If your library does not have the book, ask them to write The University of Texas Library about an interlibrary loan.

Yours sincerely,

Elle Whitmore
Extramural Loan Division

- P.S. We will be glad to honor an interlibrary loan request from your university library, for the books which you requested in your letter to Dr. Benson. Please contact the Reference Librarian of your library and ask her to initiate the request. (Note: Since we suspend our Extramural Loan Service between December 11 and January 3, please ask your librarian to send the Extramural Loan request by Air Mail, so as to arrive here by December 10, before the beginning of the Christmas Mail Rush.)
- P.P.S. We can ship all the books which you requested of Dr. Benson, with the following exceptions:
- Hello, Jean Marie. RELATION DE L'EXPEDITION. . . (rare book in Texas History Collection; non-circulating. Glad to give estimated cost of microfilm on request.)
 - Lajeune, Luis. LE MEXIQUE INCONNUE. (We do not have.)
 - Salazar, Cordova, Manuel. GEOGRAFIA E HISTORIA DE CHIAPAS. . . (We do not have) (We do not have vol. 6 of Salazar Cordova's Encyclopedia.)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

July 10, 1945

Dr. J. R. Schramm
Botany Bldg.

Dear Dr. Schramm:

The Executive Committee gave careful and sympathetic consideration to the request of Mrs. Ida E. Langman. It voted to request Mrs. Langman to take six semester credits of work next year. If she completes this work to the satisfaction of the department, the Executive Committee will be willing to consider the case again.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Edwin B. Williams

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c/c to Mrs. Langman

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April 26, 1967

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
1726 Que Street
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mrs. Langman:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 1967.

We are sorry to say that due to the unusual requirements of our present project, we will be unable to utilize your translation services.

Perhaphs sometime in the future we will contact you again.

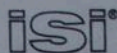
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Joni L. Williams,
Secretary to Dr. Sher,
Vice President,
Research and Development

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April 18, 1967

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

We are writing in reference to the appearance of your name in the Translators and Translations: Service and Sources in Science and Technology.

We would appreciate it very much if you would contact Dr. I.H. Sher, Director of Research, during any working day. Dr. Sher's telephone number is WA-3-3300, Ext. 62.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Joni L. Williams
Secretary to Dr. Sher,
Vice President,
Research and Development

jlw

November 11, 1969

Dear Ida:

I have had your "circular" letter here for several days now and thinking about it and what might happen to the copies of the bibliography that are still held by the publisher.

I know quite a lot of places that I would like to send the bibliography,- where it probably is not now and where it would be most useful. To start I would like to have each one of my young colleagues to have a copy of it on his desk rather than to have to get it from the library each time he wanted it. They would probably use it a lot more if they did have a personal copy there to remind them all of the time. I have quite a few friends in Central America who I am sure could use the book but are not able (or are unwilling) to come up with the \$25 that it cost.

How many copies of the bound volume copies do you think the director of the Press would give me for \$100 if I agreed to pay the parcel post from there to the Museum and would take on the distribution of these copies into Central and perhaps some even to South America at my own expense.

I realize that the sum is another "piddling" one and that they may not wish to be bothered with it.

If there is any interest please let me know.

I do not know whether we will make the usual trip down to Central America this winter or not. I have a new man, Johnnie Gentry who trained with Art Cronquist, that I would like to take down but he still has an obligation to meet with his board,- to defend his thesis,- and I would like to see that over the hump for him rather than taking him to the tropics this winter.

In addition to that there is an obligation that I have with the Flora of Guatemala. I have a sizeable piece of it in the press again and it is likely that the editor is going to start shouting for correction of galleys about the time that I would like to be out of the unlovely winter weather and smog that Chicago provides.

There is a possibility that the departmental administrative work in the Museum will be changed from Chief Curatorships in the departments to rotating chairmanships. I am on the committee and think that it might be a good idea. One thing that it would do would be to pick up the long term pencil-pushing that some of us are submitted to. If the change is made it will let me out from under and in theory at least will permit me to spend the large part of my time on the Flora of Guatemala. I have four more years until retirement time and I think that I can just about finish the job in that time if I am not required to do the administrative work. Vamos a ver!

Rua and I have about given up the idea of buying property in Antigua, Guatemala to use when the winter climate of Chicago seems entirely out of reason. Stability does not seem to be increasing by leaps and bounds and the "relative" stability here looks better and better. We bought some land in McAllen, Texas just a five minute run from the Mexican frontier three or four years ago. We have just been down to the Arkansas Ozarks looking at some of the rock-bound property in those hills. I guess that we will buy a little of that to maybe use sometime,- and if not it can be considered an investment, and even perhaps a bad one by someone who will have to tend our affairs one of these days.

Rua joins me in sending regards,

Louis

* As if it isn't now.

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June 8, 1966

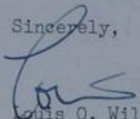
Dr. Ida Langman
Museum of Natural History W-421
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Ida:

I am happy to tell you that Hacienda will have my review of your opus in the June issue. A few extra copies were sent to me and I enclose one for you. I am hoping that you will be pleased with my ability to write the language of Cervantes.

With my regards, I am,

Sincerely,


Louis O. Williams
Chief Curator
Department of Botany

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND PACKAGES TO
FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605, U.S.A.



Plantas de henequén en producción, en la zona de Tamaulipas, México. Esta especie fibrosa es uno de los cultivos importantes de la progresista república azteca.

Guía bibliográfica sobre fanerógamas de México

por DR. LOUIS O. WILLIAMS

Museo de Historia Natural de Chicago, Illinois

En 1964 se publicó la obra *A Selected Guide to the Literature of the Flowering Plants of Mexico* ("Guía Selecta de la Literatura sobre las Fanerógamas de México"), por Ida Kaplan Langman, tomo en cuarto, de 1015 páginas, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hace pocos días leí una reseña de una obra, escrita por un "estudiante" alemán de las cactáceas, donde el índice es muy elogiado aunque poco se dice acerca del trabajo del cual el índice es solamente un apéndice. He aquí un trabajo con un índice que yo me siento feliz en elogiar, pero todavía puedo decir cosas más gratas acerca del libro en conjunto.

Conocí a la señora Ida Langman, como una bibliógrafa erudita, hace muchos años, en México, cuando ella se encontraba trabajando en la "Guía de la Literatura sobre las Fanerógamas de México". El trabajo fue continuado durante unos veinte años después de nuestro encuentro y terminó hace poco tiempo, culminando en lo que estoy seguro ha de ser, a través de los años, uno de los libros más útiles en mi biblioteca de consulta. Este trabajo contiene una cantidad enorme de información útil para cualquiera que se interese en la botánica o la agricultura de la región tropical de América del Norte.

La lista de las principales bibliotecas que la Sra. Langman señala como las fuentes donde obtuvo la información para su libro es al mismo tiempo una lista de las bibliotecas bien abastecidas de obras sobre la flora mexicana así como para la América Central.

La lista de trabajos bibliográficos consultados (pág. 25-32) es igualmente la recopilación más útil de su clase para los que buscan información bibliográfica casi en todos los asuntos de la botánica de la región. Contiene 359 referencias.

La lista de títulos de publicaciones periódicas que cita

la señora Langman (pags. 33-61) es formidable. Es una lista completa o por lo menos en el más amplio sentido, una que contiene toda la información útil para el estudiante de Botánica de México y América Central, pudiendo considerarse completa. También es útil por las abreviaciones uniformes de los títulos de los periódicos.

En la "Guía Bibliográfica Selecta de las Fanerógamas de México", parte medular es la bibliografía que ocupa casi 800 páginas en cuarto, en orden alfabético por autor y año. No sé cuantas entradas hay, pero me atrevería a estimar unas 25,000. Sin embargo, no son meras anotaciones bibliográficas; casi siempre llevan un resumen desde una línea a varias.

Esta obra fue planeada para concluirse en 1950, pero contiene muchos títulos (quizás la mayoría) que incluyen el año 1962.

El índice de esta obra (pags. 1859-1015) es uno de los más útiles que he visto y una de las herramientas de trabajo esenciales para cualquiera que esté estudiando las plantas mexicanas.

¡Este índice vale lo que todo el libro cuesta! Una nota en la parte de arriba dice: "los acentos se han omitido en este índice". ¡Dudo que se haya omitido nada útil en este índice! Pueden encontrarse en el mismo referencias tan detalladas como los trabajos dónde pueden consultarse las descripciones publicadas sobre la mayoría de las especies de plantas fanerógamas de México. El nombre que usted desea aparece allí.

Los agaves son plantas importantes de México. Las referencias sobre agaves en este índice ocupan más de dos páginas en cuarto, ¡cuatro columnas por página en tipos de 8 puntos!

El costo del libro es US\$25.00 y en mi concepto es la inversión mejor que puede hacer cualquier estudioso de las plantas de México y de la América Central.

Langman, Ida Kaplan: A selected guide to the literature of the flowering plants of Mexico. Quarto, 1015 pages. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1964.

A few days ago I read a review ^{of the work} of a certain German "student" of the Cactaceae in which the index was highly praised, but where very little was said about the work to which the index was appended. Here is a work the index of which I am happy to praise and say still nicer things about the book as a whole.

I first met Ida Langman, an erudite bibliographer, some years ago in Mexico where she was working on this guide to the literature of the flowering plants of Mexico. The work continued some twenty years from that time and culminated not long ago in what I am sure is going to be, down through the years, one of the most useful books in my working library. This work contains an enormous amount of information useful to anyone who has to do with the botany of tropical North America.

Mrs. Langman's list of principal libraries which she consulted is at the same time a list of libraries which have good holdings of botanical materials for Mexico (and for Central America).

The list of bibliographic works consulted (p. 25-32) is likewise the most useful compilation of its kind for those seeking bibliographic information on almost any botanical subject for the region. There are 359 references.

Mrs. Langman's list of journal titles cited (pp. 33-61) is formidable. It must be, if not a complete list of all those useful to a student of Mexi-

can and Central American botany in a broad sense, then essentially complete. It is useful also for the uniform abbreviations of journal titles.

In the "Selected Guide to the Literature of the Flowering Plants of Mexico", the piece de résistance is the bibliography of almost 800 quarto pages, alphabetized by author and year. How many entries there are I do not know, but were I to guess, perhaps I would come up with 25,000. These are by no means simple bibliographic entries either! There is almost always a resumé of a line to many lines long. The work intends to be complete through 1950, but includes many titles (perhaps most) through 1962.

The Index to this volume (pp. 859-1015) is one of the most useful indices I have seen and is an essential working tool for anyone doing work with Mexican plants. This index alone is worth what the book costs! A note at the top says, "Accents have been omitted in this index." I doubt that anything else useful has been omitted! Information as detailed as reference to where the descriptions of most of the species of flowering plants of Mexico were published can be found. You name it; it is there.

Agave has been and is an important plant in Mexico. The references to "Agave" in this index require more than two quarto pages, 4 columns to the page in 8-point type!

The book costs \$25.00 and it is the best \$25 worth I know of anywhere.

Louis O. Williams
Chicago Natural History Museum
Chicago, Illinois

Book Reviews

FLOWERS OF THE HOLY LAND, by Bertha Spafford Vester, Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, 1962.

With a biographical sketch by Lowell Thomas, an introduction by Lord Allenby, British Commander who liberated Jerusalem from Turkish rule on December 9, 1917, and 17 magnificent color reproductions of original watercolor by Mrs. Vester, this book presents springtime in the Holy Land in a most interesting, uniquely poignant and beautiful fashion.

Included is the biographical sketch of Mrs. Vestal originally presented in the Readers' Digest by Lowell Thomas.

For botanists, horticulturists and, indeed, for anyone who loves flowers, this beautifully illustrated book will be a delight, from Mrs. Vester's lovingly painted Anemone of the Plain of Sharon to the glorious Pentagonia of almost every field of the Holy Land.

R. M. ARMOUR.

A SELECTED GUIDE TO THE LITERATURE OF THE FLOWERING PLANTS OF MEXICO. By Ida Kaplan Langman. Cuarto, 1015 pages. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1964.

Recently I read a review by a certain German "student" of the Cactaceae in which the index was highly praised, but where very little was said about the work to which the index was appended. Here is a work the index of which I am happy to praise and to say still nicer things about the book as a whole.

I first met Ida Langman, an erudite bibliographer, years ago in Mexico where she was working on this guide to the literature of the flowering plants of Mexico. The work continued some twenty years from that time and culminated not long ago in what I am sure will be, through the years, one of the most useful books in my working library. This work contains an enormous amount of information useful to anyone interested in the botany of tropical North America.

Mrs. Langman's list of principal libraries consulted is also a list of libraries which have good holdings of botanical materials for Mexico and Central America.

The list of bibliographic works, with 359 references, (pp. 25-32) is the most useful compilation of its kind for those seeking bibliographic information on almost any botanical subject for the region.

Mrs. Langman's list of journal titles cited (pp. 33-61) is formidable and useful for the uniform abbreviations of journal titles.

The bibliography of almost 800 cuarto pages, alphabetized by author and year, has approximately 25,000 entries. These are by no means simple bibliographic entries; there is always a resumé of a line or several lines. The

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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE SHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605

18 May 1967

Dear Ida:

Don Otón apparently
is as fond of a "selected
guide" as I am. Just
you would like what he
wrote.

Louis

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND PACKAGES TO
CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605, U.S.A.

1967.-
Mayo 6.-

Dr. Louis O. Williams.-
Dept. of Botany
Chicago Natural History Museum
Chicago, Ill.

Muy estimado Doctor Williams :

Le envío estas líneas para informarle que actualmente solo tengo en mi biblioteca 3 tomos de la Fiera of Guatemala, que son :
Vol 24 Parte IV Abril 1946
Vol 24 Parte V Agosto 1946 , y
Vol. 24 Parte VI Diciembre 1949

Estoy seguro de que tenía un tomo mas, o sea, un total de 4 que en su oportunidad me envié nuestro recordado Paul Standley, pero es posible que en alguna ocasión presté el tomo que me falta a una de esas personas que tienen la buena costumbre de quedarse con lo ajeno. Cuando yo fui estudiante tuve un profesor que decía que "los libros y los paraguas no deben devolverse" Es posible que aquel fué uno de sus mas aprovechados alumnos.-

De esta manera, conformo conversamos la última vez que tuve el gusto de verlo por acá, sabré agradecerles enviarme los tomos faltantes, de manera que tenga todos los que han sido publicados hasta la fecha. En caso de haberse agotado alguno , o algunos, le ruego recomendarme alguna firma de anticuarios en libros, para tratar de conseguirlos. Quiero también recordarle mi ofrecimiento de cubrir anseguida el valor de los que me envíe, según las tarifas de la editorial de ese Museo. Mil gracias de antemano.-

Le informo que recibí el libro que Ud. me recomendó "A selected Guide to the Literature on the Flowering Plants of Mexico" de Ida Kaplan Langman. Sin duda ninguna, es un monumento bibliográfico y es difícil comprender como ha podido esa señora tener acceso a tantísimas bibliotecas y contar con tiempo para "espulgarlas" de la manera que lo ha hecho. Colosal. Indudablemente que a los profesionales y aficionados nos será de gran utilidad, ya que nos indica donde podremos conseguir fotocopias de la literatura que nos interesa. Mil gracias otra vez, por su valiosa recomendación.-

Poca cosa tengo para contarle. En los diarios de hoy se publicaba noticia de que el Sr. Presidente visitó ayer el Museo y quedó muy impresionado de su estado de abandono. Prometió conseguir un aumento en el presupuesto para que se atienda mejor. Veremos.-

He recibido una invitación de mis colegas farmacéuticos de El Salvador para participar en el próximo Congreso Centroamericano, en la primera semana de Noviembre entrante. Si Dios me lo permite asistiré y si cuento con tiempo y humor, voy a presentar una ponencia de un pequeño trabajo que casi tengo terminado sobre el género Psidium y otras Myrtaceas. Quizas pueda servir para la canasta de la basura.-

Presente mis respetos a Mrs. Williams y reciba Ud. el saludo muy afectuoso de su buen amigo o y muy seguro serido

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January 11, 1966

Dear Ida:

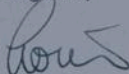
Life gets complicated! Getting a couple of my boys off to Central America, three annual reports, no less, and the usual crud keeps me down. On top of that no secretary for the while (obviously).

One of my young ladies told me the other day that I had better get to that review of Miss Langman's bibliography or it would be old hat. I have done something which I hope Hacienda and Ceiba may publish in due course.

A copy for you.

And now I have lost your most recent notw with the Washington address so this will have yo go via Phila.

Regards,



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March 9, 1965

Mrs. Ida Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Penna. 19144

Dear Ida:

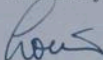
The letter which you wrote me a few days ago is misplaced between the Museum and home, but immediately after I got it I checked into the "Guide." I was very pleased to find that it had been ordered by Mr. Millar during my absence and was actually in the library being cataloged. I asked it have it brought over yesterday and spent a very enjoyable hour leafing through it. I think I shall prepare with your permission a review of it to go to Ceiba and probably also to Hacienda.

The book is a marvelous one and one, I am sure, I will consult all the days of my life. I don't know how anyone interested in Latin America could be without it. The enormous amount of information it contains is to me almost unbelievable; and how you could have gotten it together in only twenty years or so indicates a lot of hard work.

I have made some notes for a review already and when I have it finished I shall send it along to make sure that data are correct.

With my regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Louis O. Williams
Chief Curator
Department of Botany

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September 11, 1964

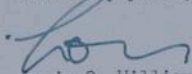
Dr. Ida Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Dear Ida:

I have your recent note and must say I am happy to learn that at long last the Mexican bibliography is in the stage of proofreading and that we can expect it out before too great a time.

I do not know whether there is a possibility of employment here in the Museum for you, but I shall send your "curriculum vitae" to the librarian and to one other person who I think might have a possible interest in your accomplishments. I notice in your area preferences that the "cool" climate of Chicago is bypassed.

Sincerely yours,



Louis O. Williams
Chief Curator
Department of Botany

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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
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CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

June 12, 1963

Mrs. Ida Langman
Division of Biology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I hope that you will have some luck tracing down the source of the photographs which I sent to you. I have just been in the library to see if we had Bol. Soc. Geog. Madrid. We do not so I could not check to see if it were the source of the work.

The prints which I sent to you were the only ones I had. When you are through with them you might return them and I will see if they will copy on the verifax, - if not I will make them one way or another and send you a set.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Williams

*arrived
10/10/63
Mrs. Langman*

CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

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CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

April 23, 1963

Mrs. Ida Langman
Division of Biology
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I hope that I have not kept these entries to your bibliography too long. I did not realize that there might be so many titles of mine that had something to do with Mexico.

I have put a few red marks on the sheets. I think that these will be self-explanatory and need no further comment. There are three* yellow sheets which you may use if you wish.

I shall look forward to seeing a copy of the work in our library, - but I do not envy you the proof-reading that I know you have before you.

Sincerely,

L.O.W.
Louis O. Williams
Curator of Central American
Botany

* I am told that there are 4!



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CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

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17 September 1953

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

Dear Mrs. Langman

Thank you for the reprint of your article in the Beltrán Festschrift. I have read it with much interest and have become informed by it with respect to two interesting investigators of whom I had not previously heard at all.

In the enclosed copy of our weekly Bulletin you will see a brief note regarding your visit and regarding the laying of what I believe the bibliographers call a "ghost." I hope we got the details right.

Sincerely yours,

William Jerome Wilson
WILLIAM JEROME WILSON
Chief, History of Medicine Division

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Effective 1 October, the Library will be open six days a week,
Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (OFFICIAL)

REDECORATION

For the first time in fifteen years, the Reading Room of AFML is resplendent in a new coat of paint. The dark, dust-stained interior which greeted visitors for so long a time has given way to walls of pale green and ceilings of white. No superstructure of scaffolding was necessary to bring about this transformation. The workmen merely stretched catwalks between the steel struts which brace the upper portion of the building, and painted from them. As the painting of the large ceiling over the main stacks progressed, large tarpaulins were stretched over them, thus permitting normal stack service to continue below. Altogether, normal operations were interrupted for only one day - Saturday, 29 August - to allow for the painting of the ceiling above the Reading Room itself.

PERSONNEL

Accessions (3 September 1953)

Mr. Leonard Bikowski, Library Assistant, GS-2, Catalog Division.
Mr. Carl L. Leftwich, Editorial Clerk, GS-3, Current List Division.

Separations (4 September 1953)

Mr. Alexander B. McFadden, Library Assistant, GS-3, Reference Division.
Mrs. Jocille M. Hollister, Typist, GS-3, Current List Division.

Promotion

Mr. Roland G. Scott, from Messenger, CPC-3, to Library Assistant, GS-2, Reference Division, effective 30 August 1953.

Vacancies

Typist, GS-3, Current List Division) Only persons employed within the
File Clerk, GS-2, " " ") Department, or having CSC status
can be considered.

Subject Header (Medical Literature), GS-6, Current List Division, closing
date 10 September 1953.
Librarian, GS-7, Reference Division, closing date 9 September 1953.

Box 213 Bryn Athyn, Pa. 3/24/62
2633 a l m i c c .

Mrs. Ida K. Longman,
Botanical Laboratory,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Longman:-

The information
about "The Spine" was from page 2,
Vol. XXXIV Jan.-Feb. 1962. No. 1.
of the Cactus and Succulent Journal
of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.
I have no copies of "The Spine".

For information about Mexican
cacti and succulents I would refer
you to Dr. Helia Bravo, University of
Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico.

If anyone in Philadelphia has
"The Spine" it is in the library of
The Pennsylvania Horticultural
Society, Room 389, Suburban Station,
Building, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

I include references

Sincerely yours
Wilson B. G. Ellis

Columbia University
in the City of New York
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.
THE LIBRARIES

August 10, 1961

Mrs. Ida K. Langman, Research Fellow.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

We have checked La vuelta al mundo and v. 7-8 of Le Tour du monde (1863). The Spanish is a translation of selections taken from the French, reproducing the same illustrations, but the order in which the material is arranged is different. We have checked only the 1863 volume so that it is possible that some material was also taken from other volumes.

We hope that this is the information you need.

Sincerely yours,

Constance M. Winchell

Constance M. Winchell
Reference Librarian

La vuelta al mundo. Viajes interesantes y novisimos por todos los paises. Madrid, Gaspar y Roig, 1864-67. 6v.

Note on card: This work consists of translations and illustrations selected from the periodical entitled "Le Tour du Monde."-cf. British Museum Catalog.

CMW:wd

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.
THE LIBRARIES

October 31, 1960

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Research Fellow
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Langman:

We have checked the article noted below in the Memoires pour l'histoire des sciences et des beaux arts and the author is given simply as "le R. P. Alcazar, Jesuite de Madrit." His first name seems to have been Bartholomé, but the form and spelling depends on the language and period of the source used. The British Museum Catalogue uses Alcazar, Bartholome; Backer, Augustine de, Bibliothèque des écrivains de la Compegnie de Jesus (1869) uses Alcazar, Barthelemi, both different from your source.

I should suggest that you consult the Reference Librarian in the University of Pennsylvania Library. He will be able to show you the various sources and then you can decide on the form you wish to use.

Sincerely yours

Constance M. Winchell

Constance M. Winchell
Reference Librarian

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*Leon says
P. Bartolomei*

Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.
THE LIBRARIES

September 9, 1959

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
Botanical Laboratory
The College
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am returning your card with additional bibliographical information and hope that it will be what you need. In the first citation, no first name is given, simply le R. P. Alcazar, Jesuite de Madrit. The second is anonymous.

The volume would probably be available under usual conditions of interlibrary loan upon direct application from your library.

The periodical "La Farmacia española" is not on this campus but is listed as being in our Medical Library. I am sending your letter there and you should hear from them shortly.

Sincerely yours

Constance M. Winchell
Reference Librarian

CMW:lmc

Columbia University
in the City of New York
[NEW YORK 27. N. Y.]
THE LIBRARIES

May 15, 1950

Miss Ida K. Longman
2316 Delancey Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Longman:

According to our catalog the author of the work in which
you are interested is Narciso Serradell.

Sincerely yours,

*Constance M. Winchell*₅₀

Constance M. Winchell
Reference Librarian

Serradell, Narciso. *Botanica agricola mexicana*. Mexico,
Secretaria de educacion publica, 1945. (Biblioteca
enciclopédica popular, 37)



Division of RICHARDSON-MERRELL INC.

THE NATIONAL DRUG COMPANY 4663 Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. Gladstone 5-8800

December 7, 1964

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
248 Harvey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I would like to thank you for your recently submitted letter and resume.

We do not have any positions available at the present time, for a person with your particular background and interests. However, I would like to retain your papers in our current files, in the event that something does develop in the near future.

Thank you for considering The National Drug Company.

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Wright
Assistant Personnel Manager

CDW/rp

*Mrs Catherine Helms
Hawes + Mc Callum*

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October 27, 1961

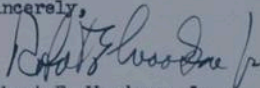
Mrs. Ida K. Langman
University of Pennsylvania
Division of Biology
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I have glanced over the enclosed
slips and must congratulate you for a
very conscientious job.

You will find that I have answered
a few of your questions when you look
them over.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Woodson, Jr.
Curator of the Herbarium

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Enclosures