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

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

COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 27, 1942

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

Dear Mrs. Langman

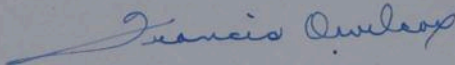
As you know, this Office is interested in doing everything possible to strengthen the bonds that unite the nations of the Western Hemisphere. Such unity is exceptionally important in our country's war effort. It may also be important in the peace that is to follow. At present, due to the many requests that come to us, we are preparing a list of people who are qualified to speak to groups and organizations on Latin America, inter-American relations, the Good Neighbor Policy, and similar subjects.

You have been recommended to us as one who is qualified - from the standpoint of training, experience and speaking ability - and who might be willing to aid in this program. While we do not propose to "book" or "route" speakers, we should like very much to know whether you are available to speak on inter-American affairs.

I am enclosing a brief questionnaire. I should greatly appreciate it if you would fill this out and return it to my office within the next few days. Any additional comments you care to make about yourself or the program will be welcome.

Thanking you in advance for any cooperation you may be willing to give, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Francis O. Wilcox
Associate Director, Division of
Inter-American Activities in the
United States

Altogether I think I should say that the
total time I spent in the various collections that
you felt were important to the study of the
plants was not very great, in fact. As I have
a great deal of other work to do, I have not
been able to devote as much time to the study of
your papers as I would like. I am sure I can be of
some help to you in the future. I am sure I can be of
some help to you in the future. I am sure I can be of
some help to you in the future.

Very truly yours,
George Engelmann

It has been my pleasure to be of service to you in the
study of the plants of the West. I am sure I can be of
some help to you in the future. I am sure I can be of
some help to you in the future.

Thanking you for the information you have given me,
I am, Sir, very truly yours,
George Engelmann

George Engelmann
Assistant Secretary, Division of
Inter-American Activities in the
United States

COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
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November 3, 1942

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

Dear Mrs. Langman:

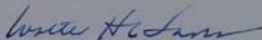
Thank you very much for your letter of October 30th addressed to Mr. Wilcox, and for the questionnaire which you have returned to us. It is good to know that you stand ready to help with our inter-American program.

In respect to the possibility of securing a permanent position in Mexico, I am taking the liberty of referring your letter to our Personnel Division. They are in close touch with personnel problems throughout the Coordinator's Office. I am sure that if any vacancy arises which is suitable to one of your talents, they will not hesitate to let you know.

On the other hand, if you contemplate working with the Mexican Government, it might be well for you to go to Mexico as you suggest in your letter. Unfortunately our office is not in a position to arrange for your transportation to Mexico for such purposes. Since I do not know Dr. Mallery personally, might it not be advisable for you to write him directly explaining your qualifications and offering your services?

Thanking you once more for your willingness to cooperate, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Walter H. C. Laves, Director
Division of Inter-American Activities
in the United States

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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November 4, 1942

Mrs. Ida K. Langman
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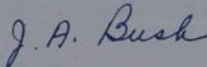
Dear Mrs. Langman:

Your letter to Mr. Wilcox has been referred to this office for consideration in the event of a suitable opening.

In order that we may have a complete record of your background and experience will you fill in the enclosed form and return it to Room 6612, Commerce Building, Washington, D. C.

We will be glad to check all possibilities along the lines you suggested in your letter.

Very truly yours,



J. A. Bush
Personnel Officer

INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Room 6078
Commerce Department Building

December 28, 1942

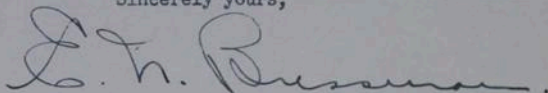
Mrs. Ida K. Langman
2316 Delancey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I have your letter of December 23, inquiring as to the possibilities of employment with the Institute. At the present time we are just in the preliminary stages of work connected with construction of the first buildings for the Institute and it will be quite a while before we can give consideration to hiring personnel.

I am glad, however, to know of your interest, and will keep your letter on file in the event something should develop later on.

Sincerely yours,



E. N. Bressman
Director



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Mexico, D. F., December 22, 1942

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

Dear Mrs. Langman:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11, 1942, with reference to possible employment in Mexico in the botanical field. I have gone over the situation with reference to this in Mexico, and I do not believe that there are any opportunities at the present time.

With reference to the project of the Second Inter-American Congress on Agriculture concerning a Committee on Nomenclature, I believe that this project was referred to the Office of Agricultural Cooperation of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C.

Your interest in Latin America, I believe, is very worth while. Should any opportunities develop in the fields of work in which you are especially interested, I shall not fail to get in touch with you.

Very truly yours,

L. D. Mallory
Agricultural Attaché



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
RC

December 30, 1942

My dear Miss Langman:

Your letter of December 19, 1942 addressed to the Office of the Coordinator has been referred to me for attention.

Dr. Villagrán is now in the United States under the auspices of the Department in connection with its program of bringing to the United States from the other American republics distinguished leaders of thought and opinion. He is in Washington, and if you care to communicate with him, you may do so through this office.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee
Assistant Chief
Division of Cultural Relations

Miss Ida K. Langman,
2316 Delancey Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In Reply Refer To:
AM-3-JAW

January 12, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Langman:

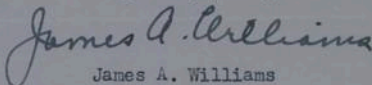
Your letter of December 30, 1942 addressed to Mr. Hector Lazo has been referred to me for attention.

Our operating officials have given careful consideration to your qualifications for foreign service with the Board of Economic Warfare. I am sorry to report that there are no vacancies in our Latin American program in which we can use a woman with your particular background and experience.

We appreciate your spirit in offering to help us with our part of the war effort. I extremely regret that this reply cannot be more favorable.

Thank you very much for the time and trouble to which you have gone in offering your services to the Board.

Very truly yours,



James A. Williams
Assistant Chief
Foreign Personnel Section

L. S. ROWE

DIRECTOR GENERAL

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May 13, 1943.

Miss Ida K. Langman
2316 Delancey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Langman:

Thank you for your letter of May 6th expressing interest in the project approved at the Second Inter-American Conference of Agriculture referring to a committee on nomenclature.

This committee, as such, no longer exists and the work on nomenclature has been taken over by the Pan American Union. This Division is working on the project and we greatly regret there is no need for us to take on additional personnel at this time.

Your interest, however, is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Colom
J. L. Colom, Chief
Division of Agriculture

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C., U. S. A.

March 31, 1944

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My dear Mrs. Langman:

In my talk at Philadelphia I stressed the need for research in the field of labor and social welfare, principally because our facilities and financial resources for this kind of work are at present so limited. We receive many inquiries from persons who are eager to enter this field and we are constantly obliged to point out that opportunities for employment in it are exceedingly limited.

Our own office is not in a position to expand its work, much to my regret. The agencies which at present have prospects of increasing their activities are not connected with the Pan American Union, nor are they making their funds available to us.

At the present time there is very little prospect of an improvement in the situation and perhaps we shall continue as we are until the end of the war. I would not venture to give you any suggestions as to other agencies because I am not sure of their plans. However, it might be worth while for you to keep the following organizations in mind: the Inter-American Development Committee, the UNRRA, the National Research Council of New York City, and the International Labor Office.

I am sorry I can not be more encouraging about your personal prospects. If the Pan American Union is ever in a position to expand its work in this special field, I shall be glad to let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Ernesto Galarza
Ernesto Galarza
Chief, Division of Labor
and Social Information

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY

RUBBER PLANT INVESTIGATIONS

BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

June 9, 1943

Miss Ida K. Langman
2316 Delancey Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

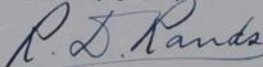
Dear Miss Langman:

I regret the delay in acknowledging your inquiry of May 22 regarding possibilities of assisting on our Latin American rubber program.

We are always glad to learn of botanists with a knowledge of Spanish and practical experience in Latin America. Our personnel requirements were long since completed but there is always a possibility through resignations or the draft of our losing employees. Therefore, if you are still interested, we would appreciate your completing the enclosed Form 57 which will give more specific information and enable us to mention your availability to other agencies who may be in need of personnel.

I don't believe there would be any immediate need for a personal interview until something definite turns up.

Sincerely yours,



R. D. Rands
Principal Pathologist

Enclosure

RDR:MP



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

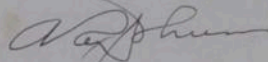
Dear Mrs. Longman:

This is in reply to your letter of October 12 in which you ask for information regarding employment with the Mexican-United States Agricultural Commission.

The activities of this Commission are to be carried on by regular governmental employees of the two countries, and it is not planned to have additional people appointed in the United States to implement the programs agreed upon.

Thank you for your interest in the work of this Commission.

Sincerely yours,



A. Rex Johnson
Assistant Director



FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
U. S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1943

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

My dear Miss Langman:

We have received your post card of July 7, inquiring about the work of the Committee on English Teaching in the other American republics, particularly with reference to positions in that field.

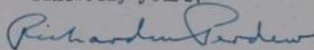
From time to time we in the Office of Education are requested to assist in securing teachers from the United States for positions in the other American republics. It is possible that a few such positions, particularly for teachers of English, will be available during the coming months.

Applicants for these posts should have had unusually good training and a successful teaching experience. Also, they should have good health, United States citizenship, and a reading and speaking knowledge of the language of the other country - whether Spanish, Portuguese or French. Moreover, an acquaintance with the country's history and culture is an asset.

It is important to bear in mind that in some of the American republics the salaries of teachers are lower than in the United States. Also, at the present time, travel conditions to some of the republics make it very difficult for teachers to take their families with them.

If you are interested in applying for a teaching position in one of the other American republics, please fill in the enclosed form and return it to this office.

Sincerely yours,



Richard M. Perdew
Specialist in Inter-American
Educational Relations

Enclosure



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March 23, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Langman
2316 Delancey Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Langman:

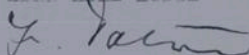
You may recall the correspondence exchanged between us last season.

In the event you are available for the current season, will you be kind enough to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you, and remain

Very truly yours,

LINN LAKE LODGE



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P. S. Please state the fee you expect to receive beside room and board.