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any information?

September 28, 1948

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Department of Botany
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I am trying to locate a couple of fruiting specimens of Dorstenia cupidata or any closely related species in the Moraceae for use in a class in systematic pomology. It would be desirable to have a fruit or two preserved in a liquid to show the morphology of this intermediate fruit type between such fruits as the mulberry and the fig.

I would appreciate any information you can give me as to availability of such material in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Schroeder

C. A. Schroeder
Assistant Professor of
Subtropical Horticulture

Not in trade

CAS:mcm

Dorstenia contrajessva L.
Petal, Guatemala.
Mercedes Aguilar #250.

591315

D. drakena
Rio Mayo.

Gentry 1551

Good fruiting material

Dr. Harold S. Gentry
Harvard Forest.
W.C. La

Ans. Oct 7, 1948

DRS. SCHROEDER & LEE

1019 AVALON BOULEVARD

WILMINGTON, CALIF.

February 22, 1951

Dr. Goodspeed
% Research Division
Department of Botany
University of California
Berkeley, California

Gentlemen:

I am interested in colchicine induced mutation particularly in camellia sets.

I should appreciate your sending me any references you may have on the subject or any research material you may have available. If you have any information or could cite references on other drugs with similar actions I should be very grateful.

Please address your reply to: H. H. Schroeder, M. D.,
532 E. 7th St., Long Beach, California.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Schroeder, M. D.
H. H. Schroeder, M. D. *9*

HHS/jf

Berkeley 4, California
April 11, 1951

Dr. H. H. Schroeder
532 E 7th St.
Long Beach
California

Dear Dr. Schroeder:

I regret that your letter of February 22 requesting information concerning the use of colchicine has not earlier been acknowledged.

In reply I would refer you to PLANT MAGIC by James P. Haworth, published by Binfords and Mort, Portland, Oregon in 1946. Mr. Haworth devotes a chapter in his book to discussion of the use of colchicine, sanguinarine and acenaphthene and gives a number of references which may be of interest to you. If you are unable to obtain a copy of PLANT MAGIC I will be glad to lend you my copy.

Sincerely,

THG:T

DRS. SCHROEDER & LEE
1019 AVALON BOULEVARD
WILMINGTON, CALIF.

April 16, 1951

T. H. Goodspeed
University of California
Botanical Garden
Department of Botany
Berkeley 4, California

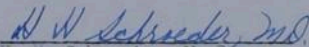
Dear Sir:

Thank you for your very kind letter of April 11, 1951
and your unusually generous offer to lend me your copy of
Plant Magic by James P. Haworth.

I have not yet obtained a copy of this book but I am
confident I will be able to do so by writing the publishers.

Again may I express my most sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,


H. H. Schroeder, M. D.

HHS/jf

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

American Embassy, Bogota, Colombia.
April 18, 1951.

Dr. T. Harper Goodspeed,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Professor Goodspeed:

Only recently has your "Historia de la botanica", published in Argentina in 1943, come to my attention. I have enjoyed perusing it and would like very much to own a copy for my library. If you still have reprints available, I should appreciate very much your kindness in sending me a copy.

Any separates of yours on tobacco would indeed be welcome, as I am preparing, as you may know, a book on the New World narcotic and stimulant plants. It is about half done. Tobacco is the main chapter still to be tackled. I can assure you that your papers will be used intensively when I have an opportunity of resuming my work on the book.

At the present moment, I am in Turrialba, Costa Rica, but I am preparing to return to Colombia again to resume my explorations for wild rubber in the Amazon basin.

It was a pleasure to meet you again in Stockholm. Who knows where we may again meet? I first met you in Colombia, next in Argentina, then in Sweden. I guess, for New Englanders, we are both unusually active globe trotters.

With all best wishes,

Dick

Richard Evans Schultes



June 6, 1951

Dr. R. E. Schultes
American Embassy
Bogota, Colombia

Dear Dick:

It was good to get into touch with you via yours of April 18, for too long unacknowledged.

If there are any reprints remaining of articles on Nicotiana that might be of interest to you I will be happy to send them.

I, too, often think of the far places in which we meet from time to time. Perhaps next it will be in South America again for I am supposed to go to Chile this fall to direct initial development of a Jardin Botanico Nacional. I selected its site, near Valparaiso, and drew plans, etc, in 1943 but the project has only recently been revived and some money appropriated.

Letters have just come from Dr. Cardona and Killip's old friend Edith Dryander in Tulua which I judge is relatively near Cali asking me to come there "gratis" to help them with a proposed Botanical Garden -- "the first in Colombia" Did you ever hear of this project and what does it amount to, if more than a starry-eyed notion on their part? Anyway, I have long since gotten out of the "gratis" status, having spent all my spare cash and more on South American activities.

Let me hear from you again soon. Very best wishes,

Cordially,

THG:T

Berkeley 4, California
August 5, 1949

Dr. Alarich R. Schultz
Professor of Botany, Colegio Universitario
Porto Alegre
Brazil

Dear Friend:

Through an inexcusable oversight we failed long since to acknowledge your great kindness and courtesy in presenting us with a copy of your fine textbook on Systematic Botany. I know what a heavy labor it is to assemble and organize such a great mass of evidence. You have undoubtedly made a most important contribution to botanical instruction in Brazil and we congratulate you.

We remember very happily the opportunity of meeting and knowing you in Argentina last fall and send you our best wishes and kindest regards.

With thanks, again

Cordially yours,

THG:T

October 31, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. Alarich R. Schultz
Rua Sta. Cecilia 2135
Porto Alegre
R. Grande do Sul
Brazil

Dear Friend:

The arrival of your kind postal card, addressed to Mrs. Goodspeed, made me aware of the fact that you did not know that she died in April following a two-year illness with cancer. Perhaps you realized when we were in Tucuman together that she was not in good health. I am glad that throughout her illness she suffered relatively little pain.

We often spoke of you and our pleasure in knowing you and our hope of renewing our friendship. Recently, I saw Dr. Merton Love who said that he had been in touch with you. I hope that he may have an opportunity to go to South America again because I am happy to find that he wishes to continue to make a contribution to mutual understanding and good will between the two Americas. Frankly there are too few in this country who take as much interest as they should in that subject which, as you know, has been prominently in my mind for many years.

With best wishes and kindest regards, and in the hope that all goes well with you,

Cordially,

MT:am

Dr. Alarich R. Schultz
Rua Sta. Cecilia 2135
Porto Alegre
R. Grande do Sul
Brasil

Davis Ger. 19/50

Dom Harper:

I certainly enjoyed our chat. It was
a pleasure to meet your mother. Please remember
me to her.

Abucos

Merton

August 22, 1950

Dr. Charles Schweinfurth
Orchid Herbarium of Oakes Ames
Botanical Museum
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Dr. Schweinfurth:

I understand that our botanist at the Botanical Garden, Mr. Paul Hutchison, has recently written requesting your assistance in identification of certain orchids which have just flowered and of which he has sent you specimens in fluid.

Dr. Goodspeed has been in Europe for the summer following the Congress at Stockholm. Otherwise I am sure he would have written you to request your further cooperation and to determine whether this would be a convenient time for you to receive the material.

Many of our plants are beginning to flower now for the first time and I know that Dr. Goodspeed will be very appreciative of your continued interest and assistance in their identification.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

2079 Life Sciences Building
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
April 26, 1956

Prof. C. H. Schwäetzer, M.D., Ph.D.
U.d.Eichen 82
Berlin-Dahlem (US Zone)
Germany

Dear Dr. Schwietzer:

In your letter of January 23 you request sources of seed of Amsinckia intermedia, a common weed in this area.

The plant is now in flower and fruit but to obtain "1-2 kg " of seed would require a great deal of labor.

However, I am referring your letter to Mr. Harry Roberts, Roberts Nursery, Guerneville, California. Mr. Roberts is an experienced collector of native California plants and may be able to assist you. The cost of collecting the amount of seed you require would, I think, be quite considerable.

Sincerely,

TH G:T

Director, Botanical Garden

2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
May 8, 1957

Dr. H. T. Scofield, Chairman
Biology Department
University of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Scofield:

Mr. Donald E. Stone tells me that he is a candidate for a position in your Department and has asked me to address you in that connection.

I have known Mr. Stone for five years as an undergraduate and as a candidate for the Doctorate in this Department. For two years he was the teaching assistant in my course in Plant Cytology.

Mr. Stone's background, combining advanced instruction and research in genetics, taxonomy and cytology, is somewhat unique, and has provided him with an exceptionally broad botanical pervue. This he consistently exhibits in graduate student discussion groups and in my contacts with him outside the classroom. He is able to think independently and approaches a research problem with imagination.

In my experience he is a particularly successful teacher. I have been especially impressed with his capacity to induce the students to see the broader implications of questions they ask him. His pleasing personality and intellectual honesty have contributed to his success as a teacher. He is universally liked and respected and cooperates well.

Mr. Stone has a decided flair for research and, ultimately at least, should have time and facilities to carry forward investigations with which he has been concerned for some time.

Trusting that I have indicated the high regard in which I hold Mr. Stone and my feeling that he will be a decided asset to any group with which he becomes associated, I am

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T

NORTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE • RALEIGH, N. C.

THE DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
BOTANY

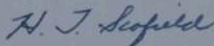
May 17, 1957

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed, Director
Botanical Garden
2079 Life Sciences Building
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Thank you very much for your letter in support of Mr. Donald E. Stone. We are very much impressed with Mr. Stone's background and training and he certainly is a very well regarded person. We have selected Mr. James W. Hardin from the University of Michigan who is decidedly more familiar with the southeastern tree species than most of his competitors. This is important to us because the major teaching assignment of this position is in the field of Dendrology. I wish very much that we had a position open which would be more suitable for a man of Mr. Stone's outstanding abilities. He should make an excellent addition to any staff in Botany. Thank you for your comments concerning him.

Sincerely,



H. T. Scofield
Head of Botany

HTS:jag



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Dr. T. Harper Goodspeed,
2017 Life Sciences Bldg.,
University of California,
Berkeley.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

I am enclosing several pictures which The Tribune plans to publish as a full page Sunday feature in the near future. Will you be able to identify the different types of cacti for us and designate them for brief captions (about two lines each) to run under the pictures.

Also I have enclosed one general caption which will need your scrutiny to see there are no errors.

One general view of the gardens was too large to mail to you, but there will be no trouble with the caption for it as we will not be delving into any science there.

Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Scratch

Walter Scratch

*Will you or
whittier*

*please write us
below &
September 19, 1940
mail directly in
enc. envelope
JAS*



LOS ANGELES STATE and COUNTY ARBORETUM

291 No. Old Ranch Road, Arcadia, California

R. J. SEIBERT, DIRECTOR

Telephone: DOuglas 7-3444

May 19, 1955

Prof. T. H. Goodspeed
Botanical Garden
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Goodspeed:

The enclosed information is being prepared in pamphlet form to cover the Botanical Gardens and Arboreta within the geographical range of the Western Section of the National Shade Tree Conference.

Pamphlets will be distributed to registered members attending the National Shade Tree Conference Convention in Santa Barbara between August 1 - 5, 1955.

Kindly check enclosed information regarding your institution and return on or before June 1st.

Sincerely yours,

Russell J. Seibert
Russell J. Seibert
Director

RJS:jd
Encl.

*Dr. Longwood Gardens
Wilmington, Delaware*

2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
November 9, 1956

Dr. Russell J. Seibert
Director, Longwood Gardens
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Dr. Seibert:

Under separate cover I am sending you a reprint descriptive of the routes and products of the five expeditions I directed for this Botanical Garden in South America. The accompanying observations on the phytogeography of Peru may be of some special interest to you.

I am planning a sixth South American expedition for 1957-58 and hope to spend six to eight months (Sept.-Oct. to Feb.-March) principally in Peru and Chile.

While my principal objective will be obtaining evidence in areas critical, on the basis of past experience, for solution of major problems of Andean plant distribution, I intend to give emphasis to securing seeds or other propagative material of new or little known ornamentals. Our herbarium specimens and field notes point to many localities in subtropical and tropical Peru where showy ornamentals species occur. Certain of these will be revisited to secure living material. In addition, we will work down the Rio Inambari and up the Madre de Dios by launch to establish headquarters as near its source as possible for extended collecting in botanically unknown portions of the montana. I am confident that we will send out many new and desirable ferns, fuchsias, Ericaceae, orchids and other valuable epiphytes as well as a variety of other types of ornamentals.

In Chile our superficial examination of Nahuelbuta, an isolated Araucaria forest in the coastal mountains south of Concepcion, indicated a wealth of new ornamentals especially Calceolarias and Liliaceous and Amaryllidaceous climbers. Further south the unique subantarctic relic vegetation of the Cordillera Pelada contains many dwarf types of ornamental trees and shrubs not in cultivation. In other areas in Peru and Chile where we will collect there are desirable ornamentals.

I expect to take at least two North American assistants with me and hire local collecting assistance. At least one especially equipped truck will be essential and I will take such transportation from here. Use of an aeroplane to bring out living material will be necessary.

Pledges of financial support for the expedition have been made by friends, contingent upon my securing the balance of my budget. Is it possible that your institution might be interested in making a substantial contribution toward the realization of my project? All donations are received by this University and expended through administrative offices upon my requisition.

It would be understood that you would receive, in most instances by air, the propagative material, fully vouchered, of everything collected in which you might have a special interest. In addition, if desired, a set of the herbarium specimens collected in all areas would be at your disposal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T

LONGWOOD GARDENS

OF THE
LONGWOOD FOUNDATION, INC.
KENNETT SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA

R. J. SEIBERT, DIRECTOR

December 3, 1956

TELEPHONE 230

Dr. T. Harper Goodspeed
2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

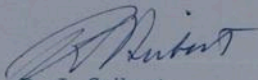
I have your letter of November 9, 1956, outlining a proposed sixth South American expedition for 1957-58.

As you may know, our institution is already operating a program to help serve ornamental horticulture to an agreement with the U.S.D.A. Plant Introduction Section wherein we are financing a certain amount of exploration for and introduction of new potentially valuable ornamental plants into this country.

Included in our plans, we anticipate eventually covering portions of South America which are known to have new ornamentals for this country.

Because of our commitment to this program, I shall be unable to favorably consider this request.

Sincerely yours,



R. J. Seibert,
Director

RJS:P

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

The College

BOTANICAL LABORATORY
38th and Woodland Ave.

July 24, 1952

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Botany
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Goodspeed:

Your fame is world wide I know, but when the silversmith in Lima asks: "Do you know Dr. Goodspeed? - he's one of my best friends," then that is fame I really envy! But fame is a two edged word! There is glory in it and bother, the bother of colleagues who write and ask for photographs. Have you any real good ones of the Peruvian coastal deserts? The weather in Lima during June, July, and August is so awful that good photography is impossible. Then, too, the desert shows best from the air.* If you have nothing from which I could have a copy, then, please, who has?

Sincerely and gratefully yours

Seifriz
William Seifriz

* This was an awe inspiring sight! Does anything grow in this desert? And what's up on the high plateau, Prailijon?

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

The College

BOTANICAL LABORATORY
38th and Woodland Ave.

July 21, 1952

Dr. Goodspeed
University of California
Palo Alto
California

Dear Goodspeed:

Your fame is world wide I know, but when the silversmith in Lima asks: "Do you know Dr. Goodspeed? he's one of my best friends," then that is fame I really envy ! But fame is a two-edged sword ! There is glory in it and bother, the bother of colleagues who write and ask for photographs. Have you any real good ones of the Peruvian coastal deserts? The weather in Lima during June, July and August is so awful that good photography is impossible. Then, too, the desert shows best from the air. If you have nothing from which I could have a copy, then, please, who has?

Sincerely and gratefully yours

Seifrizz
William Seifrizz

*I sent you a copy of my
"Cuba" to Palo Alto & I fear
it should be Berkeley. Please
let me know if you get it.*

Berkley 4 California
September 2, 1952

Dr. William Seifriz
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
38 and Woodland Ave
Philadelphia

Dear Dr. Seifriz:

Sorry that yours of July 21 and 24 have remained un-
acknowledged. The Lima silversmith sounds like "Bill"
Salazar who sells me Spanish-Colonial religious paintings.
The early ones are practically "primitives" and my col-
lection gives me a lot of pleasure.

We have been plant hunting in South America--principally
on the West coast-- six times since 1935. I put together
some of our experiences on the first two expeditions in
a book called "Plant Hunters in the Andes" published by
Rinehart in 1941. The American edition has been out of
print for some years but the English edition (Robert Hale,
London) appeared two years ago. I think some of it might
interest you and if it is not readily available in your
library I will be glad to loan you a copy.

Our large collection of photographs includes quite a
number of landscapes and species illustrating our col-
lecting on the arid Peruvian coast. If I knew just what
you need I could send you prints from which you might
make a selection. Have aerial views also.

A copy of your "Cuba" was received. Many thanks.

Cordially,

TH G:T

January 2, 1950.

49 Airmail

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

On checking my records, I find that I have never thanked you for the Satchell Jubilee Volume that you kindly sent me long ago. In doing so now, I wish to let you know how much I appreciated this kindness of yours. The Book is very useful indeed.

With best wishes for the new year,

Sincerely yours,

Olaf H. Selsing

February 2, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. O. H. Selling
Swedish Museum of Natural History
Stockholm 50, Sweden

Dear Dr. Selling:

Thank you for your letter of January 2 acknowledging receipt of the Setchell Volume. I had feared that it might have miscarried.

When you were in Berkeley you kindly agreed to visé that portion of my forthcoming monograph on Nicotiana dealing with geographic distribution. I am therefore sending portions of the first draft of my manuscript; for reasons which will be obvious I am including an abbreviated statement of the "arguments" which will be in the introductory chapter. Since the facts of modern distribution of the genus document the conclusions as to the phyla and other significant effects of such distribution, I am also sending certain maps and comments on them.

In the ^{portion} course in dealing with geologic history and its relation to present-day incidents ~~of~~ Nicotiana and particularly the Antarctic problem, I have drawn upon the data which I am presented at the New Zealand Congress. He gave me copies of his lantern slides. You thoughtfully suggested that you had additional unpublished information which I might use.

I have attempted to indicate why I believe that Antarctica was a "bridge" over which Nicotiana passed to Australasia from South America and not the area of origin and dispersal of the genus to both South America and Australasia. I would appreciate your comments on both the form and substance of my treatment of this matter. Indeed, it will be very helpful if you will be good enough to criticize in detail any portion of what I am submitting to you and particularly so if you will suggest specific corrections, substitutions and/or additions, especially in the light of your unpublished material.

When we spoke together you referred to your willingness to permit me to see your Australian specimens of Nicotiana. If you could send them in the near future, it would be a great service to me.

I am forwarding the manuscript by air mail and would much appreciate your returning ~~them~~ by air with your comments. The herbarium specimens, if convenient, might also come by air. I would, of course, expect to reimburse you for the two air mail charges.

Dr. O. H. Selling

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February 2, 1950

For some years Carl Skottsberg has kindly taken an interest in the distributional and other aspects of the Nicotiana problem. Perhaps in spite of his many duties as Congress President he might find time to look over the material I am sending you. In any case, I will refer to this possibility in a letter which I am writing to him.

With thanks for your generously offered cooperation and with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

MCT:yh
Enclosures

17/2 50

Dear Professor Goodspeed,

This is to let you know
that the manuscript arrived
safely and that Professor
Shottsberg and myself will
read it as soon as possible.
I also hope to be able to dig
out the specimen of *Nicotiana*
from Central America that I
spoke about.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Oluf H. Selsing

Stockholm, March 15, 1950.

Professor T.H. Goodspeed,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Professor Goodspeed,

I have been through the collections at hand and have found only one *Nicotiana*. This I sent by air mail yesterday. It seems to me to match *N. velutina*. The specimen will later be deposited in the herbarium of the Botanical Department, Swedish Museum of Natural History. You are free to make any use of it and to keep as many of the seeds as you desire; I hope they will germinate.

The MS. is now with Dr. Skottsberg who has promised to read it, although he is afraid there won't be much time before March 31. As you may know, he is now president of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and is now preparing his presidential address for that day. When it is over, you will probably get the MS. back without much delay. I have already read it, with great interest, and made some comments with red crayon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Olof H. Selsing

Dr. Olof H. Selling #4
NATURHISTORISKA RIKSMUSEUM
PALEOBOTANISKA AVDELNINGEN
STOCKHOLM 50
Sweden

May 7, 1950

Professor T.H. Goodspeed,
Berkeley 4, Cal.

Dear Professor Goodspeed,

Your manuscript is now ready to be returned; I am sorry for the inevitable delay. You will find Dr. Skottsberg's notes in pencil and mine in red chalk. We have had very little to add and no objections to the discussion. Nor do I find it of great importance to add specific evidence from the fossil record; what you have already said seems quite sufficient, and it may only be good to know that the unpublished material, which is now fairly large, only strengthens the point. I have made a few notes of additional literature on Antarctic fossil plants and on the palaeogeography of South America. I suppose you have already:

Maiden, J.H., Notes on some indigenous Sago and Tobacco from New Guinea. - Proc. Linn. Soc. N.S.W. (2) 2, p. 457-466, 1887.

Looking forward to seeing you in July, I remain, with best wishes

Sincerely yours

Olof H. Selling
Olof H. Selling

June 8, 1950

Dr. Olof H. Selling
Riksmuseum
Stockholm 50, Sweden

Dear Dr. Selling:

Forgive me for not earlier acknowledging your and Dr. Skottsberg's kindness in examining the manuscript which arrived some time ago. I would also acknowledge with thanks receipt of an herbarium specimen of an Australian species of Nicotiana which, as you indicated, is N. velutina. We are hopeful that plants can be grown from the seed on the sheet.

The notes and comments which you and Dr. Skottsberg made on the manuscript are helpful. I am relieved to find that in general my discussion of Antarctica as related to Nicotiana distribution appeals to you as reasonable.

With many thanks again and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you soon and with all good wishes to you and Dr. Skottsberg,

Cordially,

T. H. Goodspeed

MT:yh

2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
November 8, 1956

Dr. O. H. Selling
Paleobotanical Section
Riksmuseum
Stockholm 50, Sweden

Dear Friend:

From your friend Dr. Persson, currently at Stanford, I have learned of the serious situation in which you have been placed and of your success in completely vindicating yourself, something that gives great satisfaction to your friends and admirers of whom I am one.

Mrs. Goodspeed and I often speak of your great kindness and many attentions to us in Stockholm in the summer of 1955. We now realize how peculiarly generous they were in view of the severe strain under which you were then laboring. May we also send you our, belated, congratulations on your marriage. We are sorry that, through inadvertence, we failed earlier to acknowledge the announcement you sent us.

You may have noted, in Sv. Bot. Tidskr., 49:4, 1955, a review by Hulten of my volume in *Chronica Botanica* on the genus *Nicotiana*. For some reason I overlooked it. Recently Verdoorn sent it to me.

I am, of course, gratified by Hulten's generally favorable reaction to my book but am completely surprised by his apparent inability to appreciate the objective of the first 300 pages and the method of presentation of the evidence which documents the conclusions as to species origins and relationships and the future of the genus. This rather disturbs me because I ventured to believe that one of the virtues of the book was the logical method of presentation of the evidence in a distributional, morphological, cytogenetic sequence with a summary at the end of each part and all culminating in a phyletic interpretation of the sum total of evidence.

As I understand Hulten he feels that the taxonomy should have preceded everything else because the reader is unprepared to be confronted with so many names of species and needs a taxonomic description of each one before proceeding to the sequence of different types of evidence. On the other hand, to express my reaction in the most extreme fashion, I could actually have used symbols rather than botanical designations for the entities with which I dealt!

In other words, he fails to appreciate (as, apparently, did all other reviewers) the fact that the final, taxonomic section, represents an appendage which is unnecessary for comprehension of the argument contained in the book proper, the first 300 pages. Indeed, I urged

Verdoorn to publish the taxonomy section separately both because it had no necessary organic relation to what preceded it and also for the convenience of taxonomers who could use it as a tool without reference to what had gone before.

Because I would value highly your opinion I am taking the great liberty of asking you to glance through the Nicotianæ volume and give me your reaction in terms of my above expressed attitude toward its method of presentation and general organization. Incidentally, you might be interested in my final treatment of the relation of geographic distribution of the genus to geologic history which you were good enough to vise in advance. I am asking Verdoorn to send you a copy with my compliments.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Selling in which Mrs. Goodspeed joins me,

Cordially,

THG:T

May 11, 1957.

Professor T. H. Goodspeed,
Botany Department,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, Cal.

Dear Professor Goodspeed,

I have been increasingly worried this Spring with my silence regarding your wonderful work on Nicotiana. First of all I should have thanked you long ago for the copy you have had the kindness to send me. I thought I would be in the position to combine these thanks with the opinion you asked me to send. But, alas, I became overburdened with other work, and not until now I have been able to penetrate it thoroughly along the lines you mentioned. This I am doing with the greatest pleasure, and when I have a firm basis I shall send you my opinion. I hope that now you won't have to wait very long for it.

With best wishes and kindest regards,
also to Mrs. Goodspeed.

Yours very sincerely,

Olof H. Selling
Olof H. Selling

2089 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
August 23, 1957

Dr. Olof H. Selling
Riksmuseets Paleobotaniska
Stockholm 50
Sweden

Dear Dr. Selling:

I should long before this have acknowledged your kind letter of May 11 concerning my monograph on *Nicotiana*. Please do not have this matter on your mind however much I should value your opinion.

As indicated in my letter of November 8, 1956, I hope that at your convenience you can compare your opinion of the book with that of Hulten who reviewed it in Sv. Bot. Tidskr. 49: 4, 55. Of course, it would please me very much to have someone publish a "reply" to Hulten because, as I said in my letter of November 8th, I felt sure that he entirely missed the objective of my book.

I am directing another botanical expedition to South America, my 6th since 1935. My assistants are now collecting in Peru and I will arrive there in October and later go to Chile and Argentina to be away six months.

Mrs. Goodspeed and I join in greetings and best wishes to you and Mrs. Selling.

Cordially,

THG T

PROFESSOR
OLOF H. SELLING
STENBOCKSVÄGEN 9
DJURSHOLM 1
TEL (RADN 010) 33 49 39

Stockholm, August 28, 1957.

Professor T. H. Goodspeed,
2089 Life Sciences Bldg.,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, Cal.

Dear Professor Goodspeed,

Thank you very much for your letter of August 23. It is very kind of you to have so much patience with my delay in giving you my opinion of your admirable book on Nicotiana. I think it is essential that this opinion be firmly based on a thorough penetration of the subject. Already now I can see that you are entirely right in feeling sure that Hultén entirely missed the objective of your book. The final framing of my opinion will come later this year.

I wish you every good luck on your new botanical expedition to South America. I wish I could have joined you.

Mrs. Selling and I send you and Mrs. Goodspeed all the best wishes and kindest regards.

Cordially,

Olof H. Selling

Dr. R. v. Sengbusch
bei Schütz
Tulpenstr. 2a
Berlin-Lichterfelde
Deutschland

Berlin, den 26.11.47

Herrn
Prof. Dr. G o o d s p e e d
University of California

B e r k e l e y / Cal.
U.S.A.

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Goodspeed !

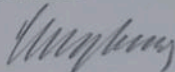
Wir haben seinerzeit in Gedankenaustausch und dem Austausch von Separaten miteinander gestanden. Mittlerweile haben sich am Himmel der Politik schwere Gewitterwolken entladen, die sich langsam zu verziehen anfangen. Es ist mir ein Bedürfnis, mich nach Ihrem Befinden zu erkundigen.

Ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie mir eine kurze Mitteilung machen würden, ob Ihre Adresse die gleiche geblieben ist, damit der Austausch von Sonderdrucken wieder aufgenommen werden kann.

Interessieren würde mich auch, ob in Ihrem Land eventuell Arbeitsmöglichkeiten bestehen.

Mit den besten Grüßen

Ihr sehr ergebener



May 11, 1948.

Dr. R. von Sengbusch,
Tulpenstrasse 2a,
Berlin-Lichterfelde,
Germany.

Dear Friend,

I was happy to hear from you again after so many years.

During the last thirteen years I have been four times in South America making botanical explorations. The principal objective of these expeditions was to find new or little known species of *Nicotiana*. In addition, general collections were made by me and my assistants so that now this University has the world's largest modern herbarium of the vegetation of the West Coast of South America.

My studies in *Nicotiana* have steadily progressed and now I am finishing a monograph of the genus. Much new and valuable information has come from my South American work.

I shall be glad to continue exchange of reprints with you. Hopefully, I will attend the 1950 Botanical Congress in Stockholm. Perhaps I will see you there.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Cordially

FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
IN DER
MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN

Herrn

Prof. T.H. G o o d s p e e d
Department of Botany

B e r k e l e y 4 / California
University of California

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Tgb.-Nr. 228/48 Ihr Zeichen: _____ Unser Zeichen: Dr.S/Bi. Datum: 23. Juni 1948.

Sehr geehrter Herr G o o d s p e e d !

Ueber Ihren Brief vom 11. Mai 1948 habe ich mich aufrichtig gefreut.
Nach kurzem Aufenthalt in Berlin bin ich jetzt hier in Göttingen ge-
landet und setze meine Arbeit hier fort. Den grössten Teil meines
Pflanzen- und Samenmaterials habe ich hierher überführen können.

Vor einigen Tagen übersandte ich Ihnen zwei Sonderdrucke, eine
Hanfarbeit und eine Lupinenarbeit.

Ich werde Ihnen in Kürze noch einige Sonderdrucke von Arbeiten
übersenden, die im Laufe der letzten Zeit erschienen sind.

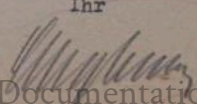
Ihre Nicotiana - Arbeiten haben mich von jeher ausserordentlich
interessiert. Der Pflanzenzüchter versucht ja neuerdings ebenfalls
Arten zu synthetisieren.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn auch Sie mir gelegentlich einige Ihrer
neuen Arbeiten übersenden würden.

Mit den besten Wünschen für die Zukunft und mit den herzlichsten

Grüssen

Ihr



FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
IN DER
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Herrn
Prof. Dr. T.H. Goodspeed
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Tgb.-Nr. 325/48

Ihr Zeichen: _____

Unser Zeichen: Dr. v. S. / B1 Datum: 2.8.1948

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Goodspeed !

Die augenblickliche Lage in Europa ist nicht übermassig erfreulich. Wir wissen nicht, was die Zukunft bringen wird. Für den Fall einer kriegerischen Verwicklung möchte ich doch einiges von unserem wertvollsten Zuchtmaterial Ihnen übersenden und Sie bitten, dieses Material für mich aufzubewahren. Ich hoffe, dass Sie mir meine Bitte nicht ablehnen und auch die Möglichkeit haben, dieses kleine Packchen für mich einzulagern. Falls doch alles wider Erwarten gut gehen sollte, würde ich Ihnen im Frühjahr 1949 wieder schreiben, und Sie evtl. um Rücksendung bitten. Falls ich mich bis Ende 1949 nicht melden sollte, teile ich Ihnen bereits jetzt mit, welches Material einliegt:

1. monöischer, besonders winterharter Spinat,
2. von *Lupinus luteus* einige besonders alkaloidarme Stämme,
3. diöischer ital. Hanf,
4. einige Tabakstämme,
5. einige sehr frühreife Freilandmelonen,
6. eine besonders rote und schnittweiche Rote Rübe,
7. tetraploider Roggen,
8. monöischer Hanf und eine grosse Menge einiger Nachkommenschaften von monö. Hanf, der allerdings durch Fremdbefruchtung verunreinigt ist.

Nochmals vielen herzlichen Dank für Ihre freundlichen Bemühungen.

Mit den besten Grüssen

Ihr sehr ergebener

Sengbusch
Dr. von Sengbusch

Translation sent to Dr. Shreve, Sept 16, 1948

September 16, 1948.

Herrn Dr. R. von Sengbusch,
Forschungsstelle von Sengbusch,
Bunsenstrasse 10,
Göttingen, Germany.

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. von Sengbusch!

Ihren Brief sowie das Paket von Zuchtmaterial sind neulich von mir gut erhalten worden. Es freut mich sehr dass ich Ihnen behilflich sein darf. Ich werde das Päckchen sorgfältig aufbewahren und hoffe dass es nicht all zu lange dauern wird ehe ich es Ihnen wieder senden kann. Aber, wie Sie schrieben, nirgends sieht die Zukunft augenblicklich sehr friedlich aus.

Mit den besten Grüssen und Hoffnungen,

Ihr ergebener

FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
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Herrn
Prof. Dr. T.H. Goodspeed
Dept. of Botany
Univ. of California

Berkeley 4
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Unser Zeichen: Dr.v.S./Bi.
Datum: 25.9.48.

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Goodspeed!

Ich danke Ihnen vielmals für Ihren freundlichen Brief vom 16.9.48, in dem Sie mir mitteilen, daß mein Päckchen gut angekommen ist und Sie so freundlich sein wollen, es aufzubewahren.

Heute übersende ich Ihnen 3 Literaturlisten. Ich bitte, diese Listen ebenfalls für mich in Verwahrung zu nehmen. In nächster Zeit werde ich Ihnen noch weitere Pakete schicken, um deren Einlagerung bei Ihnen ich Sie bitten möchte.

Ich danke Ihnen vielmals für Ihr freundliches Entgegenkommen und die grosse Hilfe, die Sie mir bei der Sicherung meines Materials gewähren.

Mit den besten Grüßen

Ihr sehr ergebener

Engelmann

FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
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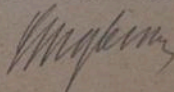
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Unser Zeichen: Dr.v.S/Bi.
Datum: 30.9.48.

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Goodspeed!

Mit gleicher Post übersende ich Ihnen 6 Sammelbände meiner Arbeiten mit der Bitte, diese Arbeiten freundlicherweise für mich aufzubewahren.

Ich danke Ihnen für Ihre Bemühungen.

Mit den besten Grüßen
Ihr sehr ergebener



FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
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Ihr Zeichen: _____

Unser Zeichen: Dr. v. S./St.

Datum: 14.10.48

Sehr geehrter Herr Prof. Goodspeed !

Am 4. Oktober 1948 übersandte ich ^{über die Research Branch} Ihnen ein Paket mit etwa 1,5 kg
Spinatsamen. Ich bitte, dieses Paket freundlicherweise für mich
in Verwahrung zu nehmen. Es handelt sich um einhäusigen winterfesten
Spinat und zwar ein Gemisch unserer besten Stämme.

Mit den besten Grüßen
Ihr sehr ergebener

Wengert

November 18, 1948.

Herrn Dr. R. von Sengbusch,
Forschungsstelle von Sengbusch,
Bunsenstrasse 10,
Göttingen, Germany.

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. von Sengbusch!

Während der Abwesenheit des Herrn Professor Goodspeeds, der bis Anfang Dezember nach Süd Amerika verreist ist, möchte ich Ihnen die Ankunft drei Literaturlisten sowie sechs Sammelbänder Ihrer Arbeiten und eines Paket Spinatsamen anmelden. Die sämtliche Sendungen werden hier sorgfältig aufbewahrt bis Sie um ihre Rücksendung bitten.

Mit gleicher Post werden einige neueren Sonderdrucke von Herrn Professor Goodspeed Ihnen abgesandt.

Hochachtungsvoll

E. Naumann

Technical assistant to Dr. Goodspeed

All seeds of Dr. my Mang-
bunch have been packed
in a carton and placed
in the cool chamber.

The sprouts and bits
have been wrapped and
labelled and are on
the shelf above the tele-
phone, room 2079.

Herrn

Prof. Dr. T.H. Goodspeed
University of California
Dep. of Botany

Forschungsstelle von Sengbusch
in der
Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
zur Förderung der Wissenschaften
Göttingen
Nikolausberger Weg 51

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California / USA

FORSCHUNGSSTELLE VON SENGBUSCH
IN DER
MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN

GÖTTINGEN 5.8.50
Nikolausberger Weg 51 · Fernruf: 3685

To:-

Prof. Dr. T.H. Goodspeed

B e r k e l y 4. California

University of California, Dep. of Botany

Dear Prof. Goodspeed,

with the same mail I send you a
parcel containing seeds. May I kindly ask you to store
these seeds in your Institute ? It is containing:
monoecious hemp, monoecious spinach, sweet and bitter
uncrashing lupins.

The serious political situation causes me to secure our
most valuable scientific research materials.

I thank you for your kindness and I hope it will not
trouble you too much to keep this parcel for me.

Truly Yours

Sengbusch

Berkeley 4, California
October 9, 1950

Dr. R. von Sengbusch
Forschungsstelle von Sengbusch
Nikolausberger Weg 51
Gottingen, Germany

Dear Dr. von Sengbusch:

Your letter of August 5 arrived during my absence in Europe. Now the parcel of seeds to which you refer has been received and has been stored along with your previous sending under conditions which I hope will preserve their viability.

I hope that you will call upon me if I can be of further service to you, With kindest regards and best wishes

Cordially yours,

THG:T

DIVISION OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

TO: Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Department of Botany,
University of California,
BERKELEY, Calif.

October 24, 1949

(Date)

The specimens mentioned below are being forwarded to you by Parcel post
in 1 packages as:

EXCHANGE ☐

GIFT ☒

LOAN ☐

RETURN OF LOAN ☐

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMENS

6 unmounted specimens and 2 mounted specimens of Nicotiana
from South America.

6 packets of seed.

NOTES:

I would appreciate having your identifications for these.

Please keep the unmounted sheets and return the others.

H. A. Senn

Our exchange records show a balance of specimens in your / our favour.

Notify us if the above figure is incorrect.

Please sign and return the coloured form.

..... (Date)

Specimens received in good order.

..... (Signature)

Correspondence and specimens should be addressed to: The Dominion Botanist,
Division of Botany,
Department of Agriculture,
Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Attention of Dr. H. A. Senn

DIVISION OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

TO: Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Dept. of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

November 29, 1949
(Date)

The specimens mentioned below are being forwarded to you by parcel post
in one packages as:

EXCHANGE ☐

GIFT ☐

LOAN ☐

RETURN OF LOAN ☐

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMENS

Senn 4594	-	Cultivated - Ottawa	- plant 2 - unmounted to be retained
49-154-70	-	"	" - unmounted - to be retained
Senn 4594	-	"	" - plant 1 - unmounted - to be re- tained
49-154-70	-	"	" - mounted - please return

NOTES:

Harold A. Senn
Chief Botanist

Our exchange records show a balance of specimens in your / our favour.

Notify us if the above figure is incorrect.

Please sign and return the coloured form.

.....(Date)

Specimens received in good order.

.....(Signature)

Correspondence and specimens should be addressed to: The Dominion Botanist,
Division of Botany,
Department of Agriculture,
Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Attention of Harold A. Senn



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Ontario,
December 2, 1949.

Dr. C. H. Goodspeed,
Dept. of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

There are a few more specimens of *Nicotiana* that I think you might be interested in seeing. I have sent you under separate cover 3 unmounted sheets that you may keep and one mounted that I would like to have returned.

I would greatly appreciate having your identifications of this material.

Yours very truly,

Harold A. Senn,
Chief Botanist.

HAS/sr



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Central Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Ontario,
November 4, 1949.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Department of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Under separate cover I have sent to you 8 specimens of plants that I take to be *Nicotiana*. These were either collected in South America last year or else were grown from seed collected in South America. I have also included 6 packets of seed that may be of some value to you. I would greatly appreciate having your identifications of the specimens. Please keep the unmounted sheets and return the 2 mounted sheets.

It was a very great privilege for me to be able to spend so much time with you and Mrs. Goodspeed when I was in Argentina and Chile last year. I hope that both of you are well and looking forward to further travels.

With kind regards to Mrs. Goodspeed and yourself,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harold A. Senn".

Harold A. Senn,
Chief Botanist.

HAS/sr

February 17, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. Harold A. Senn
Chief Botanist
Department of Agriculture
Central Experimental Farm
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Dear Friend:

Please forgive me for failing long since to acknowledge your thoughtfulness in sending me seed and herbarium material of your South American collections of *Nicotiana*.^{*} Both prove to be of decided interest and a welcome addition to our collection.

Mrs. Goodspeed has been in failing health for the past two years and following an operation last June was given only a certain time to live. She has made a rather remarkable recovery but is and may continue to be an invalid. In the circumstances I have been unable to do more than keep up with absolutely necessary commitments.

I did not want to write you until I could give you a list of determinations but hesitate longer to delay acknowledgment of your kind cooperation. The determinations will go forward to you soon and the mounted specimens will be returned.

We often speak of the pleasure of meeting and knowing you in Argentina. Florence I know would wish to join with me in sending best wishes and kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

MT:am

* 2 shipments



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Science Service Building,
Ottawa, Ontario,
March 14, 1950.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Professor of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, California,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I was very sorry to learn from your letter of February 17 of Mrs. Goodspeed's serious illness. Although I only saw her for a short time I did come to appreciate her kindly interest very much indeed. Both of you were very helpful and friendly to me.

I am glad to know that the Nicotiana was of some interest to you. I will be glad to have the determinations whenever it is convenient.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold A. Senn".

Harold A. Senn,
Chief Botanist.

HAS/sr



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Science Service Building,
Ottawa, Ontario,
November 27, 1952.

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed,
Department of Botany,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

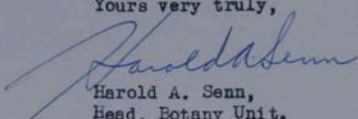
We have on hand about one hundred pressed specimens of Nicotiana collected from plants grown in the test nursery of the Division of the Experimental Farm, here at Ottawa. Some were collected in 1948 and others in 1952, so there may be duplicates of the same culture.

The seed was received from various sources, but mainly from other institutions through our seed exchange service, and consequently the data on source are often inadequate and the names under which they were received may be in error.

If you or any of your associates could undertake to look over this material and check the names for us, we would appreciate it very much and would send the material to you at once. It would not have to be returned since we have most of the collections in duplicate.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,


Harold A. Senn,
Head, Botany Unit.

WGD/rc

*say - will be glad to
determine
(note for us - we
will probably
return
sheets
since
unannotated)*

Berkeley 4, California
December 9, 1952

Dr. Harold A. Senn
Division of Botany
Science Service Building
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Senn:

I have your letter of November 27 referring to the naming of specimens of *Nicotiana* from plants grown in your test nursery. We will be glad to give you determinations for these specimens whenever you wish to send them.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

THG: T



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Science Service Building,
Ottawa, Ontario,
March 10, 1953.

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed,
Director of Botanic Garden,
Botanical Garden Expeditions to the Andes,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

We now have assembled and are shipping to you in 2 packages by parcel post the specimens of Nicotiana grown in the test plots of the Tobacco Division at the Experimental Farm here in Ottawa. The members of the collections, which total 114, are listed in sequence on the attached sheet.

I now find that quite a proportion of the collections was made only in unicate and these have been mounted on herbarium sheets. We would like these, or a representative selection of them returned for filing in our herbarium here. You may retain the unmounted specimens which are duplicates, and such mounted sheets as you find of interest.

You may find some of the specimens inadequate for determination. The 1948 collections were made late in the season when the tobacco worms and aphids had taken their toll. However, if you can straighten out the identity of at least some of the material, that would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Harold A. Senn,
Head, Botany Unit.

WGD/rc

R.

University of California
Berkeley 4, California
June 2, 1953

Dr. H. A. Senn
Dept. of Agriculture
Science Service Building
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Senn:

Forgive my seeming neglect of your request for determinations of mounted herbarium and other specimens of Nicotiana. The proof of my Nicotiana monograph has occupied all my time recently.

Enclosed is your list of numbers with determinations and all mounted specimens are being returned. In a number of cases material originating in European Botanical Gardens obviously represents segregation products of "N. sanderae" (N. alata x N. forgetiana) crossed with N. alata. In other cases, "N. sanderae" itself or variants of this so-called species are represented. Finally, there are what appear to be segregates of hybrids involving N. langsdorffii, N. alata and N. forgetiana. All these four 9-paired species are often grown near one another in the Nicotiana bed in ~~Botan~~ Botanical Gardens and natural hybridization is inevitable. As you know, the Nicotianas in these beds are usually self sown to produce a considerable mixture of species and hybrids, the latter from time to time receiving species designations that have no taxonomic validity.

Earlier you sent another group of 12 specimens with a variety of numbers and designations. Four were mounted and two, unmounted, were designated "No. 1" and "No. 2". These six are being returned with the above group; a list of determinations for the 12 specimens is attached thereto.

Regretting the delay and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Science Service Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario,
June 15, 1953.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Botany Department,
University of California,
BERKELEY 4, California,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

This will acknowledge receipt of the
box of Nicotiana specimens sent by parcel post.

Thank you very much for these identifi-
cations. The material will form a valuable
addition to our cultivated plant herbarium.

Sincerely,

With kind regards

Harold A. Senn,
Head, Botany Unit.

JMG/mmnr

Berkeley 4, California
June 15, 1956

Dr. H. A. Senn
Botany Division
Dept. of Agriculture
Science Service Building
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Senn:

Recently we have discovered a mistake in numbering on a packet in our collection of *Nicotiana* seed. This error has led to the sending out of seed of a different species under the designation of *N. clevelandii*.

We are now attempting to correct this error so far as possible by sending tested seed of the species in question. Our records show that you were one of the recipients of the incorrectly named seed and I am therefore enclosing another packet of seed of *N. clevelandii* in the thought that you may still be interested in obtaining this species.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SCIENCE SERVICE

BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

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QUOTE FILE

OTTAWA,
ONTARIO

June 25, 1956.

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed,
Director,
Botanical Garden,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, California,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

Many thanks for your letter and seed of Nicotiana clevelandii. The seed which we received from you originally was forwarded to the Tobacco Division of our Experimental Farms Service. I will inform them of your letter, and I am sure that they will be pleased to receive this new seed.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

RLG/EH

H.A. Senn,
Head,
Botany Unit.

March 17, 1933

Professor W. A. Setchell
Chairman, Department of Botany

My dear Professor Setchell:

Confirming our conversation of yesterday, may I report the following arrangements with reference to the financing of the Rock Expedition:

1. We have received in cash and in pledges a total of \$5483.50; \$5000.00 of this total is to be paid to Dr. Rock.
2. The remainder, \$483.50, is to be made available by the Comptroller for the use of the Garden and Herbarium to pay for shipping charges, printing costs, assistance in classification and distribution of herbarium specimens and seed.
3. The \$1700.00 representing the balance of the over-subscription to the original Rhododendron Fund, is considered by the Comptroller as held in reserve should no further subscriptions to the expedition fund be received, and should it be necessary to expend more than \$483.50 in connection with the activities mentioned above.
4. Mr. Court has set up an item of \$500.00 in his ledger, and requisitions for materials, etc., will be made through him in the usual course. According to the proposal of the Comptroller's Office, such requisitions will be acknowledged by me and sent to the Comptroller for signature.

I would also advise you that we have found a large, vacant room on the top floor of this building, No. , which has been put at the disposal of the Department until January 31, 1934, as an area in which the collections can be unpacked and sorted. Mr. Mason and I will each need to obtain a key to this room, and will, therefore, in the near future be asking you to sign key cards.

Very respectfully,

#3

ordinary
mail

R#1, Box 1721, La Mesa, Calif.
April 25, 1949.

Dept. of Botany, University of California
Berkeley, 4, Calif.

Sirs:

If possible, I would like a little information on the effects of X-Ray on seeds.

For five years I have been working with cyclamen trying to get a pure white ruffled. So far I haven't succeeded but in the process I have gotten some outstanding blossoms. The possibilities with that particular plant is limitless - but by selection and crossing is just too slow - I'm afraid I am not going to be able to live long enough to get any appreciable results. Do you know any way to boost things along a bit? From what I can find out, to use colchicine, you would have to be a chemist. Possibly X ray treatment of the seeds might be the solution.

I would appreciate any suggestions.

Yours truly

Adah H. Shade
(Mrs. S. L.)

James P. Haworth
Plant Magic
Binford and Mort
Portland, Oregon

May 5th, 1949

Mrs. S. L. Shade
R/#1
Box 1721
La Mesa, California

Dear Mrs. Shade:

I have your letter of April 25th concerning your work with Cyclamen. It occurs to me that you should see a book by James P. Haworth entitled Plant Magic and published by Binfords and Mort, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Haworth, whom I know, is an amateur enthusiast who has long been interested in the improvement of horticultural material. He has read widely in this scientific field and has put down his conclusions and explanations in non-technical form. You will find in the book sections concerning the effects of X-rays, colchicine, etc.

If you have difficulty in obtaining Mr. Haworth's book, which I think you will be glad to own, I will be happy to lend you my copy for a brief period.

Sincerely yours,

TIG:mb

Oregon Journal
PORTLAND 7, OREGON

Aug 18, 57

Director T.H. Goodspeed
Univ. of Calif Bot. Gardens
Berkeley Calif

Dear Professor Goodspeed

Am sending material for a revised edition of
Cornellia illustrated to printers.

Wonder what has happened to the large
reticulate in your gardens and if you could
supply a recent photo showing its present
size to replace the illustration I used on page 48
of the 1948 edition (preferably a photo showing
plant in bloom).

Also do you have or know where I might
obtain good photo or slides of other species
flowers & good hybrids. Can make black
offset plates from sharp color slides.

Have several such slides from Dave Hatcher,
Burr Beldon, Don Striker & Dr Hilsman but
wish to do a good job on this.

Will appreciate any assistance you can give
and will return any material loaned in
good condition.

Thanking you for past assistance and with
best personal regards, I am sincerely

Monie L. Sharp
2005 S.W. Sunset Blvd
Portland 19 Or

May you have to decipher my poor writing but am
on vacation without typewriter.

2089 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
August 26, 1957

Mr. M. L. Sharp
2005 S W Sunset Blvd.
Portland 19, Oregon

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Your letter of the 18 received today. The large *Camellia reticulata* "Capt. Rawes" for many years grown under lath in this Botanical Garden, was moved out of doors some years ago and has prospered since. Recently we have obtained from the Huntington Botanical Garden and successfully grafted a number of the other named varieties.

Unfortunately we have no photographs of our older plant either in or out of flower nor can I suggest those who might supply you with illustrations of flowers of *Camellia* species or hybrids.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T

#20

Mar. 9, 1948

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed
Director, University of California Botanical Garden
Berkeley California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed :

Do you have an opening at the University of California Botanical Garden ? Last Spring and Summer I worked at the New York Botanical Garden - three and a half months in the flower borders and nursery under Michael Cangero, who gave me some responsibility in laying out the borders; and two months in Range 1 conservatories, under Patrick Connolly, where I had experience in each of the houses, and had charge of the Tropical Pool and Aroid Houses. These men will stand reference for me.

Now I have just completed the two year courses for the Certificate in Ornamental Horticulture at Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, N.Y., winding up with a few post graduate courses and working for two months with Mr. Harvey Barke', formerly of Amherst, in Economic Plants and Propagation of Conservatory Plants. Also mounting a show of House Plants for the Country Life Program. And in writing up horticultural material in forms "not too hard to take", for which my four years at Harvard (A.B. 1928) prepared me.

Between Harvard and Farmingdale I had teaching experience in England; caretaking, in California; and enough drudging in New York City to prove that gardening, then my hobby, is the only real job for me. During three years in the army, six months of supervising men in moving plants in Hood's Nurseries, Richmond, Va. and in landscaping a recreation park, confirmed me in this belief. Though my chief training at Farmingdale was in handling nursery stock, propagating and nursing the unusual plants and learning ways of handling on my enthusiasm to other plant hungry people, has become a ruling passion with me. Army orientation work schooled me in this.

Botanical Garden activity, with its many facets, has a compelling interest to me. I am of strong physique, and although the actual handling of plants is what I like best, I feel that I can be of service in experimental growing and in presenting what I learn to the "public". Director Halsey B. Knapp, Mr. Carl F. Wedell, and Mr. Harvey Barke' were interested in papers I wrote on the Development of the Botanical Garden Idea; on a Defense of Moles, etc. and are having me try them on the Garden Magazines. Mr. Wedell and Mr. Barke' wish me to give their names as references.

My wife, Lee Wolgast, is a designer. Her extensive training has been a great help to me in visualising and laying out garden plans. We hope in time to be able to work together, and I have familiarised myself with as great a range of plant materials as possible.

California was my home from July 1932 to October 1933, during much of the time my closest acquaintance being with Mr. William Taylor of San Bernardino, Landscape Architect of Mojave County.

Sincerely,

A. Milo Shattuck

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115 E. 57 Street

New York 122 11 N.Y.

March 17, 1948

AIR MAIL

Mr. A. Milo Shattuck
115 E. 57 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

Thank you for your letter of March 9. I wish we had a position available for a man of your training and experience.

This Botanical Garden is relatively small and is maintained by the University primarily to provide plant material for classroom use and for research in the plant sciences. This objective I have rather broadly interpreted, as you will note by the reprint I am enclosing.

Our staff consists of a manager, propagator, nurserymen, and four gardeners plus a good deal of by-the-hour seasonal untrained help. The position of propagator may become vacant on July 1, but I doubt whether the salary or the work to be done under that title would interest you. By the work, I mean that all of our staff must at all times be prepared to share in the ordinary garden routine and construction. The Division of Landscape Design provides all the advice we require as far as landscaping is concerned. I will be glad to keep your letter on file since at times I have requests for candidates for positions which might appeal to you.

Sincerely yours,

T. W. Goodspeed

MCT:yh

(41) April 20, 1950

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed
Professor of Botany and Director Botanical Garden
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed :

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May I apply through you for admission to the Graduate School of University of California, or for work in the Botanical Garden that would enable me to take courses in your Department ? Am I eligible for any scholarship in this field ?

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Botany and horticulture became of increasing interest to me through the years, and when I came out of the Army late in 1945 I was enabled to gain a thorough elementary horticultural training. This consisted of the two year courses for the Certificate in Ornamental Horticulture at Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y.; ending with three months graduate work with Tropical Plants, Economic Plants, and Floriculture; and five and a half months at the New York Botanical Garden for intensive practical training in many phases of outdoor and Greenhouse gardening.

I believe that I still have credit for a year and four months maintenance under the G.I. Bill, if this could be brought into play. And my wife and I are eager to work at whatever we can to make this wonderful training possible.

Several Harvard men here have been the chief sponsors of Mead Garden since its inception, and our very good friends. They are Dr. Oakes Ames, Ormond Beach; Dr. Eugene R. Shippen, 1290 Park Ave. N. Winter Park; Mr. R.T. Miller, El Cortez Apts. Winter Park; Dr. George H. Opdyke, West Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Paul Vestal, Rollins College.

Hoping that I will be considered worthy of this great opportunity, I remain

Sincerely, yours,

A. Milo Shattuck

A. Milo Shattuck

Box 472
Winter Park, Florida

April 20, 1950

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Professor of Botany and Director Botanical Garden
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Berkeley, California

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Sincerely yours,

Box 472

Winter Park, Florida

J. Milo Shattuck

June 9, 1950

Mr. A. Milo Shattuck
Box 472
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

I regret that your letter of April 20 has not earlier been acknowledged. For personal reasons my correspondence has recently been much neglected.

It would, of course, be of advantage ^{to} ~~visit~~ ^{visit} the Botanical Garden if it were possible to associate you with it in the type of position appropriate to your training and experience. All such positions are now filled with more or less permanent employees and our future needs, apart from possible replacements, are for less skilled garden help.

There have been available annually for some years unallocated funds for garden work but until I receive the budget of the Botanical Garden for the coming academic year beginning July 1, I will not know their amount and therefore ^{give} ~~can~~ give you no assurance of the part-time work which I assume from your letter is what you desire. However, I believe that sufficient funds will become available so that if you can obtain the graduate status here to which you refer I could offer you half-time (circa 20 hours per week) employment at \$1.15 per hour.

Concerning your obtaining graduate status there will, I am sure, be no difficulty, but you should submit transcripts of records from all institutions you have attended, including high school, to the Dean of the Graduate Division of this University. I should call your attention to the fact that neither in this Department nor in the College of Agriculture are courses in Ornamental Horticulture offered and therefore higher degrees are not granted in that field. It is much too late to apply for fellowships or scholarships.

I am leaving for the Botanical Congress in Stockholm on July 7, to return September 15. Before I leave the budget problem above referred to will doubtless be settled so that if you wish to pursue the matter further you should let me know as soon as possible. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

T. H. Goodspeed

Sept. 11, 1950

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

After having tried to meet the problem from every angle, I'm afraid I'll have to give up your generous offer. Practical and personal considerations and adjustments make it seem wiser to stick it out here for the present. I do not feel that I could give my best energy to intensive study for awhile.

I feel sure you will try to understand, and will proffer the opportunity to someone free to make full use of it. I cordially hope that I may study and work with you at some future time.

Was your Summer invigorating?

Please accept the best regards of myself and Lee toward yourself and your daughter. Thanks again for your cautious encouragement.

A. Milo Shattuck

115 E. 57 St.

New York 22, N.Y.

May 7, 1951

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Director, Botanical Garden
University of California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

After my withdrawal of last year, you may think me inaction of purpose. It was physically impossible to make the change, after ~~over~~ the drain of an uprooting from Florida, and I should have realized it. I hope someone appreciative was able to enjoy the opportunity.

This year, however, we have been able to re-establish ourselves a little. I am writing you on the chance that there may be another possibility starting this July.

A year of miscellaneous gardening at the New York Botanical Garden has increased my regard for advancing study. But I still like to have both hands engaged in practical horticultural work.

Sincerely,

Milo Shattuck

Dear Mr. Sleath:- Yours of the 5/11/11
29th just recd. Since you have probably received the Bulletin of
the Summer Sessions you know that the first begins on Monday (June 18th)
and that you will be allowed to register as late as Monday the 28th.
Therefore, if you still plan to work here you must arrive early enough for
Wednesday's Register. As soon as possible you should apply for
admission to both Summer Sessions although I can see no reason
why you could not be admitted.

Bot. 5108 "Plant Tax" + Bot. 5111 "Classical Bot. Physiology" are
offered in 1st session. Both require a half day (1-5 M-Fri.)
I would advise Bot. 5108. On that you could work in the
Bot. Gar. on a hourly \$ basis, 8-12 M-Friday and
perhaps put in some time if you wished Sat and/or Sunday.

Once you get under way here plans for future classwork
can be settled. However, since most of the requirements in Botany
involve lab. work I doubt whether you could ultimately have
a full time appointment, but we shall see.

Doubtless you have written Dr. Stoutenburgh & by this
time he may have made you a more attractive offer than
mine. If so, I will understand perfectly.

Cordially

H. C. Coe

Berkeley 4, California
May 24, 1951

Mr. M. Milo Shattuck
115 East 57th
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shattuck:

Referring to your letter of May 7 and my telephone conversation with Mrs. Shattuck I can make the following statement.

Although I can give no absolute guarantee until I receive the new budget of the Botanical Garden I have every reason to suppose that I could appoint you for the year beginning July 1 as a member of the Botanical Garden staff at a full time (40 hours per week) salary of \$270.00 per month or perhaps somewhat more if, as anticipated, our salary scales in the Botanical Garden are increased. If you wish to take advantage of your G.I. opportunity and work part time at a proportionate salary that can be arranged. However, you should determine in advance how much time you will be permitted to work under the G.I. regulations and in addition you would have to arrange any course work to make it possible to give a certain number of full days to the Botanical Garden, including possibly either Saturday or Sunday.

From your letters and our conversations I am not clear concerning the advanced degree you wish to obtain or the field in which you wish to obtain it. In Berkeley we offer no courses in Ornamental Horticulture. I believe that on the Los Angeles campus such courses are offered in the Division of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture (College of Agriculture) of which Professor Vernon T. Stoutemyer is Chairman. Since I have the impression that you wish a Master's degree in his field and to save time I am sending him a copy of your letter of April 20, 1950 which details your training and experience together with a copy of this letter. You will then be in a position to communicate directly with Dr. Stoutemyer if you so desire. At Los Angeles there is a Botanical Garden of which he is Director and it is conceivable that he may have work for you in it.

The possibilities for a Master's degree in Berkeley are Botany or Landscape Design. In Botany we require credit for fundamental courses and the passing of an examination. Ordinarily a candidate for the M.S. emphasizes one of the major botanical subdivisions. For the requirements in Landscape Design you should address Dr. H. Leland Vaughan, Chairman of that Division, College of Agriculture, Berkeley.

Since either in Los Angeles or here you would doubtless be required to take certain courses in Botany it might be best for you to accept a part time appointment in the Botanical Garden here, fulfill course requirements and then be in a position a year from now to determine precisely how you wish to proceed. We would be glad to have a man of your training and experience associated with the Botanical Garden because we have a considerable number of projects under way. You

gardener level.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Shattuck

Cordially,

THG:T

May 29, 1951

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed

Dear Dr. Goodspeed :

In reply to your welcome letter of May 24, I want to make clear that my purpose in applying for Botanical courses is to make myself of more value in Botanical Garden work. And that your project is the most vitally attractive that I know of. If the position that you outline comes through, would it be possible for me to take one or two courses a semester as a special student or in Graduate Status? My schedule at the Garden would always come first.

The Veteran's Administration here tells me that all arrangements as to courses have to be worked out with the University, and that a part-time course would entitle me to partial subsistence for longer than the 18 months I am still allowed on full time. But I must be actually attending a course before this July 25; I haven't located an Announcement of this year's Summer Session, but if it starts about June 19, as in past years, - would I be allowed to enroll, and then register somewhat late? On page 33, the 1949-1950 General Catalogue states that "A qualified .. applicant...who...appears during the first two weeks of instruction, will usually be permitted to register." Can this cover my case?

We will need the next two and a half weeks here to dispose of our things, and must allow two weeks to drive out. Even if the "budget" should somehow fail to support our venture, we want to make the break now. That is why I am trying to explore the G.I. angle fully. We plan to arrive 3 or 4 days before July 1.

I am still looking forward to a letter from Dr. Stoutemyer, but have hoped to work with you. The Master's degree in Botany would be my scholastic aim. The Transcripts of my records are in the files of the Dean of the Graduate Division, and I will apply again for admission whenever it is best. I have sent also for this year's Announcement of the Summer Sessions. The Campus United States Veterans' Administration Training Officer should receive my Certificate of Eligibility and Entitlement in ample time for Registration.

The courses I'd like best to work at are Botany 1,16,108,120A&B,150,151,-and, if possible, Forestry 103 and 114. Lee and I are eager to start our work in California.

Cordial regards from us both,

Milo Shattuck
Milo Shattuck

115 E. 57 St.
New York 22 N.Y.

ack 2/18/53

Sunday February 8

Dear Dr. Goodspeed :

I thought you might find interest in the enclosed copy of a letter I've sent to the Winter Park, Fla., Herald - the city where I was for two years Superintendent of Mead Botanical Garden. The poor Garden is in another of its sinking spells, the whole staff being reduced to one caretaker. This in spite of its being ostensibly a city institution.

I hope your health is renewed.

Cordial best wishes,

Milo Shattuck

715 S. 2nd. St. San Jose 12

To the Editor of the Herald and Friends of Mead Garden
from Milo Shattuck, former Superintendent of Mead Garden

It must dishearten Dr. Grover to see all the abuses to which poor Mead Garden is subjected. After all the idealism and straightforward hard work he has poured out for it over the years, it's a crime for it to be dismembered by petty, clashing personalities.

Real Botanical Gardens, as I see them, have always been the harmonious fusion of the life-aims of cultured individuals. We distort them by projecting our personalities into their workings, in any degree. When I came to Mead, I was too raw and ambitious. While trying my wings on physical projects, I neglected the chance to enlist the store of enthusiasm that gives Winter Park its unique cultural potential.

A civic project is always a step-child, however dazzling the horse-shoe bouquet at the Grand Openings. The Garden's values are too subtle to serve as campaign blurb for City Commission-Men. Carpetbaggers belittle it, hoping everyone will come to see it as wasted real estate.

We have let women do too much of the work. They inevitably see it as a CIVIC, COLLECTIVE achievement, whereas its meaning is directed toward ripening the individual's gradual sympathetic entrance and scientific penetration to Nature. I will never forget my boyhood walks with Dr. Thomas Baker along the wonderful lakes of Winter Park, and how patiently he made me aware of the workings of becoming in every simple object. When the herons desert the hidden lake, their last cry will mark the knell of Mead Garden, and of Winter Park as a preserve of natural culture.

I believe the Garden needs a man whose whole heart and intellect is devoted to it, with a singleness that can override the unconscious self-interests that weaken our services to it. Obviously it cannot rival Cypress Gardens without acquiring the James Banks property, for which Mr. Banks undoubtedly has other plans. Nor can it endure the leadership of men whose humiliations in practical life drive them to single-minded reestablishment of their self-prestige. Mead Garden can thrive with conscious, modest, intensive aims. I have no doubt that the one who loves it most whole-souled is Clarence McConnell. That's why it has fallen to his share.

Is it possible that Winter Park's idealists are all RETIRED idealists?

Berkeley 4, California
April 19, 1949

Rev. R. J. Sheehan
Head, Department of Biology
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Father Sheehan:

Mr. Arthur Latham has asked me to address you in favor of his candidacy for a Teaching Fellowship in your Department.

In my course in Plant Cytology he was an effective and interested student and stood in the top third of a class in which the competition was quite severe. He has a good background in biology and has been unusually successful in advanced work in Botany and Genetics.

Mr. Latham is a quiet, unassuming young man with a studious habit of mind. I feel confident that he has intellectual promise and would serve you very satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

THG:T

2079 LSB
January 4, 1951

Professor Harry W. Shepherd
Division of Landscape Design
Campus

Dear Professor Shepherd:

This is to remind you of a meeting of a
Promotion Committee to be held in 2079 LSB
at 2 PM on Friday January 5th.

Sincerely,

T.H.Goodspeed

October 5, 1954

T. H. Goodspeed, Director
Botanical Garden
2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
Campus

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

May I express my appreciation in your being willing to arrange a meeting to accommodate my schedule Monday, October 4.

Under separate cover, I am leaving the total list of woody plants I present to the students in Landscape Architecture--courses 112 A-B, 113 A-B--with your manager, Bob Dutton.

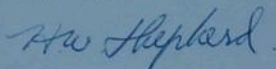
It is my endeavor to list only those of one year. This list is changed year by year, so this does not represent the full allotment to various classes. The following numbers are involved:

Conifers, 29; Broadleaf Evergreen Trees, 35; Shrubs (both deciduous and evergreen), 118; Native Shrubs, 35; Deciduous Trees, 43; Vines, 26; Palms and Semi-tropical Plants, 22; Ferns, 20; Succulents, 20. The total of all plants which I require specimens for, and which are now established in the University Botanical Garden, is 348.

As you will realize, I have been interested in the service that can be rendered through the Botanical Garden for many years. I have endeavored to be on call at any time my advice seemed essential. I believe now the time has come when you should have a committee of those connected with the University who are definitely interested in the Botanical collection. I feel that no policy should be advanced which is not within the interests of those who utilize the gardens to the extent that we in Landscape Architecture do.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



H. W. Shepherd
Professor of Landscape Architecture

HWS:p

San Rafael, Calif.

October 31, 1955

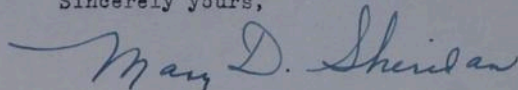
University of California
Department of Botany

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Marin branch of the Association of University Women. We have a group interested in gardening and we meet once a month usually for a field trip, a garden tour, or a lecture. It was suggested when planning our yearly program that the University might have much to offer in the way of interest. We wondered if it would be possible to take a field trip to Berkeley to view your Botanical Garden and possibly some of your experimental work. Perhaps one of your graduate students might be willing to devote a little time to conducting an explanatory tour.

We would appreciate hearing from you if such a trip would be convenient.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary D. Sheridan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Address: Mrs. R. Sheridan
59 Almenar Drive
Greenbrae, San Rafael, Calif.

November 4, 1955
2079 Life Sciences Bldg.

Mrs. R. Sheridan
59 Almenar Drive
Greenbrae
San Rafael, California

Dear Mrs. Sheridan:

I have your letter of October 31 regarding a visit to the Botanical Garden by a garden group of the Marin branch of the Association of University Women.

The Botanical Garden is in Strawberry Canyon, one mile above the Stadium and is open every day from 10 A M to 4 P M.

If you will let me know the date and hour of your visit a week or so in advance I will be glad to arrange to have someone available to conduct your group through the Garden.

Sincerely,

THG:T

Berkeley 4, California
March 6, 1951

Mrs. William A. Shipaugh
610 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Shipaugh:

Your letter of December 9 addressed to the Department of Agriculture of this University has been forwarded to me together with copy of Mr. Butterfield's reply.

I regret that the Botanical Garden no longer has seed of *Alstroemeria* for distribution. However, as Mr. Butterfield has said, it is improbable that they could be grown successfully in the Reno climate.

Sincerely yours,

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Dec 7, 1950

Dept of Agriculture
University of California
Berkeley, Calif



Gentlemen:

I am told that you have seed
for *extramaria* plants, also known
as Peruvian lily. Please let
me know the price of seed or
plants. Also please advise me
whether or not they will
grow in Reno and survive
our zero weather and do they
do well in shady places.

Very truly yours,
Ruth G. Shipaugh

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Office of the Director
College of Agriculture
Berkeley 4, California

December 14, 1950

Mrs. William A. Shipaugh
610 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Dear Mrs. Shipaugh:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 9, in which you refer to alstroemerias. At one time the Botanical Garden of our University of California did distribute seeds of the Ligtu hybrid alstroemerias, but I am inclined to believe that they have discontinued the distribution of these seeds. We will forward your letter directly to the Botanical Garden, so that they can report regarding any seeds that may still be available. They may be able to suggest where such seed or plants can be purchased in case they no longer handle the seed.

It is not likely that alstroemerias would grow outside at Reno, because these plants come from a more tropical location in South America. The flowers have done very well in the mild coastal districts of California where soils are deep, but I am not inclined to believe that any of the species or varieties could be expected to grow outside at Reno.

Sincerely,

H. M. Butterfield
Agriculturist

HBM:KH
cc: Botanical Garden ✓
Campus

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Secretary.

Ernest H. Short
Esq.

Berkeley 4, California
May 24, 1950

Mr. Ernest H. Short, Secretary
Authors' Club
2 Whitehall Court, S. W. 1
London, England

*Change date
Harried*

Dear Mr. Short:

A good many years ago arrangements could be made for a member and his family to stop at the Club during the summer season and I took advantage of this privilege with my wife and two children.

Accompanied by my daughter, Mrs. John D. Ainsworth, I expect to be in London from approximately August 20 to September 1 of this year. Would it be possible for us to occupy two single rooms, adjacent if convenient, during that period?

A reply by airmail would be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes

Sincerely,

THG:R

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Berkeley 4, California

July 6, 1950

Mr. Ernest H. Short, Secretary
Authors' Club
2 Whitehall Court, S.W.1
London, England

Dear Mr. Short:

Thank you for arranging accommodations at the Club for my daughter and me for the period of our visit to London during August.

There has been a slight change in our plans and we will arrive in London the evening of August 19 instead of August 20 and will appreciate a corresponding change in the date of our reservations. We will remain until September 1 as originally planned.

With thanks again and with best wishes

Sincerely,

Dictated but not read

THG:Y

Berkeley 4, California
September 13, 1950

Mr. Ernest H. Short, Secretary
Authors' Club
2 Whitehall Court S.W.1
London, England

Dear Mr. Short:

I regret that immediately previous to my departure from Whitehall Court I did not find you in your office and have the opportunity to thank you for your courtesies during my stay in London and also to ask you the following question.

As an Overseas member of the Club may I obtain guest privileges for colleagues in this University or other appropriate persons planning to be in London and if so, would they be able to obtain rooms for themselves, and possibly for their families, in Whitehall Court should any such accommodations be available.

With renewed appreciation of the cooperation extended me at the Club and with best wishes

Sincerely,

THG:T

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2, Whitehall Court,
London, S.W.1.

September 19th, 1950.

T.H. Goodspeed Esq.,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
California.

Dear Mr. Goodspeed,

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th September.
I am glad that you enjoyed the Club.

I think it would be possible to elect members of your University on your nomination. They would then pay £22.2.0. a year and be entitled to all the Club privileges including accommodation, if rooms were available. As things are the subscription would be relatively small, and serve as a sort of insurance in case of a visit to London.

If you sent me a letter in each case describing the applicant I could put the matter before Professor Sterling and probably get the election through relatively quickly.

I enclose half a dozen application forms in case they should be of use.

Yours truly,

Ernest H. Short

Ernest H. Short,
Secretary

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May 3, 1956

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
2480 Virginia Street
Berkeley, California
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I am one of the University of California Specialists working in Chile under the University of California contract with the Departamento Técnico Interamericano de Cooperación Agrícola. In my various travels and contacts, I have heard your name mentioned with respect and fondness a number of times.

The other day we went to the National Botanical Garden at El Salto, near Viña del Mar. Although they had just closed for the day, I mentioned being from California where you had come from. So they called the head gardener who opened the gate and showed us through until dark. His name, I believe, was Victor de la Barra and he had great respect for you. He said they made great progress during the three months or so you were there and that they all hoped you would come again. The parts we had time to see were well kept and noticed a sign "Plaza Goodspeed." I thought you might like to know this so I took the liberty of writing you directly.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Shultis

Arthur Shultis

AS/lc

cc: Mr. Tippet

2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
University of California
Berkeley 4, California
October 4, 1956

Dr. Arthur Shultis
Dept. Tec. Interamer. de Coop. Agricola
Casilla 13120
Santiago, Chile

Dear Dr. Shultis:

Forgive me for failing long before this to acknowledge your kind letter of some months ago.

I am glad that you had an opportunity to see the Botanical Garden at El Salto and that it appeared to be maintained in relatively good condition.

During the last twenty years I have been in Chile five times for a total of over a year. I like the Chileans and am happy ~~that some~~ that some of them remember me. I am looking forward to the possibility of again collecting in Peru, Chile and Argentina within a year or so.

Should you chance to be in Valparaiso I think that you would enjoy meeting my Anglo-Chilean friend Dr. Edwyn P. Reed. He is a well known physician and long a collector of natural history specimens, particularly insects. If you wrote him in advance (Casilla 1802) he would, I am sure, arrange to meet you.

With many thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing me and with all good wishes,

Sincerely,

THG:T



ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO
SECRETARIA DA AGRICULTURA
DEPARTAMENTO DE DEFESA SANITÁRIA DA AGRICULTURA
INSTITUTO BIOLÓGICO

São Paulo, January 18th, 1950.

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ILMO. SNR.
Prof. T. H. Goodspeed
Department of Botany
University of California
BERKELEY, Cal.

*send seed
look up article ?*

Dear Prof. Goodspeed:

Unfortunately my trials to meet you personally have not been very successful so far. When I stepped out of the airplane in Cali, you were just ready to take your plane back to the States and when I tried to visit you in Berkeley, in the falltime 1948, you were just in South America. To-day I come to ask your advice and your cooperation to solve a scientific problem.

Some years ago I did some research work on the precipitation reactions, which occur between plant saps. A great part of these reactions was shown by Chester K.S. and Whitaker Th.W. (Journ. of the Arnold Arboretum, XIV, 1933, 118-197) to consist exclusively of the interactions between calcium and oxalate. There remains, however, a certain group of reactions - called M - N reactions by the quoted authors -, in which possibly plant proteins take part.

A medical immunologist of our Institute, (Dr. O. Bier), who has spent some time with Prof. Heideberger at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, got interested in these reactions and wants to study them with quantitative methods, in cooperation with me. Looking over the list of plants, which gave reactions of the M-N type in Chester's experiments, I found, that many Nicotiana-species, the seeds of which we do not possess in our collection, are indispensable for that work. That is the reason, why I take the liberty to ask you, if you could send me small samples of seeds of

Nic. Rusbyi¹⁰⁹ (specially necessary), Nic. Cavanillesii, Nic. paniculata, Nic. Palmeri, Nic. glauca, Nic. trigonophyl., Nic. sylvestris, Nic. alata, Nic. nidicaulis, Nic. acuminata, Nic. tomentosa and Nic. plumbagin.

Numbers sent 1/50

Of course, if you have only a part of the items of this list, we would be very thankful just for this part!

I had written before, in the same question, Prof. George Avery, Jr. and Prof. Ralph H. Wetmore and both of them suggested, that you would be the only scientist, who could help me in these worries.

With my best wishes and kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Karl M. Silberschmidt
Dr. Karl Martin Silberschmidt
Chefe da Secção de Fisiologia Vegetal

February 2, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. Karl M. Silberschmidt
Caixa Postal 119A
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Dear Friend:

I am very glad to get in touch with you again,
via your letter of January 8.

Seed of Nicotiana species that you request when^{ever}
ever available will go forward to you at once and I hope
that they will prove of value in your important investigation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*All sent
numbers
on Silberschmidt
letter*

MCT:am



ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO
SECRETARIA DA AGRICULTURA
DEPARTAMENTO DE DEFESA SANITÁRIA DA AGRICULTURA
INSTITUTO BIOLÓGICO

São Paulo, March 10th, 1950.

N.º SPV/36

Ilmo. Snr.
Prof. Dr. T. H. Goodspeed
Director of the Botanical Garden
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Prof. Goodspeed:

Many thanks for your kind letter of February 2, and for the seed-samples of 12 *Nicotiana*-species, which have arrived yesterday. I am very glad, that you could furnish them, because we think, that they will be very valuable for us in our studies on the precipitation reactions between saps of different *Nicotiana* species. In any case I shall keep you informed on the progress of our experiments.

With my heartiest thanks,

Sincerely yours

Karl M. Silberschmidt
Dr. Karl Martin Silberschmidt
Chefe da Secção de Fisiologia Vegetal

2079 Life Sciences Bldg.
September 23, 1949

Mr. E. Silverfoot
State Division of Highways
Hayward, California

Dear Mr. Silverfoot:

We regret that we found it impossible to make positive identification of the *Ceanothus* species in which you are interested from the specimen which you submitted to Mr. Dutton at the Botanical Garden yesterday. This was due to the fact that because of the intense heat the material was not in sufficiently good condition.

If you will let us have another fairly large specimen under more favorable weather conditions or in water to prevent wilting we will be very happy to name the species for you. The specimen may be brought either to the Botanical Garden or to the office at 2079 Life Sciences Building on the Campus.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

THG:T

2079 Life Sciences
October 14, 1949

Mr. E. Silverfoot
State Division of Highways
Hayward, California

Dear Mr. Silverfoot:

The specimen which you submitted to the Botanical Garden office recently for identification is Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Trin. Mr. Malcolm Nobs, graduate student in Genetics specializing in studies of Ceanothus, who made the identification suggests that a prostrate form of this species found on Pt. Reyes might also be of interest for your purposes.

Hoping that this information will be of assistance to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Berkeley 4, California
October 28, 1949

Mr. E. Silverfoot
State Division of Highways
Hayward, California

Dear Mr. Silverfoot:

In reporting to you the name of the Ceanothus species of which you submitted a specimen to us for identification a clerical error was made in the author of the specific name. The name should have been Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Esch. instead of Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Trin.

Regretting this error

Sincerely yours,

THG:T

11/21/52
Order by Mrs. Goss
+ Mrs. H. McIndoe
of Australia
9 Earl St.,
BORONIA. N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA.

5th January, 1952.

Dr. T.H. Goodspeed,
Director Botanical Gardens,
University of California,
Berkeley 4,
CALIFORNIA. USA.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed,

My friend Mrs. Hougardy of San Jose forwarded me your letter and permit to import early in December but I thought it better to wait until the mails were back to normal before sending the Hoyas. They will leave Sydney on Tuesday next, 8.1.52, by air-mail and I am having them examined and packed by Mr. McIndoe of the Sydney Botanical Gardens.

I note with appreciation your offer to refund me the cost of transportation but various American people have been so generous to me in my disability by sending seeds of plants not obtainable here, also some wonderful catalogues, that the Hoyas are my only means of repaying their kindness.

- 1 H.australis (large white tinged pink.)
- 2 H.paxtonii (white, crimson centre.) Not a climber but lovely in a basket.
- 3 H.carnosa (am sending this because this particular plant has shown extreme vigour and blooming capacity, also the umbels and individual flowers are much larger than any other of my carnosa vines.)
- 4 H.cinamomifolia (not flowered.) Native of Java. Needs more than sun heat.
- 5 H.coronaria (white with coronet of red dots.) Rampant grower and bloomer but the perfume under glass is rather overpowering.
- 6 H.globulosa (cream or straw colour.) Takes a while to get going.
- 7 H.imperialis (not flowered.) Native of Borneo. A rampant climber.
- 8 H.sheperdi (delicate shell pink.) Native of Sikkim. Does not like to be disturbed but planted in the bench will root easily.

The mixture I use for potting or planting is equal parts of peat, loam and coarse sand with a little charcoal, and for drainage walnut-sized sandstone.

I hope they arrive in good condition and you have great success with them.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Simmonds

P.S. I am going to try H.paxtonii grafted on a root of carnosa.

If you have leaves or cuttings of the following Begonias available and could send them to the Curator, Sydney Botanical Gardens, they would be very welcome as we have none of them in this country.

B. Rex
Baby Rainbow
Drew
Lavender Glow
Oregon Sunset
Rajah.

Spiral Rex. Bronze King
Curly Silver Sweet
Carolyn Martin
Curly fireflush
Beatrix
Green Countess
Purple Curly Stardust
Twisty spot.

Fibrous Begonias. Margaretacea
Orange Rubra
Pink Spot Lucerna

Begonia Hybrid. Rose Queen

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SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

March 6, 1951.

*Bob:-
Please
advise me
TWS*

Dr. Harper Goodspeed
Director Botanical Gardens
Life Science Building
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:-

I have been referred to you by Mr. Butterfield of the Public Relations Dept of the Extension Service for further information on the cultivation of ROSE GERANIUM (*pelargonium denticulatum*).

We are interested in learning the best soil and climatic conditions conducive to the growth of this plant. Also, we are desirous of a source of plant seedlings.

Our interest stems from our desire to explore the possibility of distilling or extracting an essential oil from this plant. Should you be able to guide us to a source of information on the above we will be most appreciative. (We are acquainted with the program of the Drug & Associated Economic Plants in Calif. which was undertaken by Mr. Monroe C. Kidder.)

In hopes that you will be able to give us some guidance, we remain

Very truly yours,

Wm. P. Simmons
Wm. P. Simmons

WFS

Full sun; soil Not
 Too rich: protection
 from frost. We can
 supply a limited number
 of cuttings. There are
 15 or more varieties of
 The graveolens Type of
 P. gonioma of which
 P. denticulata is one.
 I would be glad to
 discuss this with Mr
 Simmons when or if
 I get free from my
 legal involve ments.

Yours truly,
 Dr. J. H. Sargent

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Berkeley 4, California
March 13, 1951

Mr. Wm. P. Simmons
14 Billou Street
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Simmons:

I have your letter of March 6 seeking information concerning cultivation of *Pelargonium denticulatum*.

There are fifteen or more varieties of the graveolens type of *Pelargonium* of which *P. denticulatum* is one. Of these varieties we grow a considerable number in this Botanical Garden. They require full sun, protection from frost and a not too enriched soil.

It might be worth your while to visit the Botanical Garden since some of our varieties of *Pelargonium* may be more desirable sources of essential oils than the more familiar ones in the trade. Mr. Robert Dutton, Sr. Supt. of Cultivations at the Garden is a *Pelargonium* specialist and would be glad to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

THG:T

Mr. A. Sisker,
P. O. Box 527,
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisker:-

original
+ one copy

Following our meeting last Sunday I have discussed my proposal for an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru with a number of persons interested in such work and acquainted with ^{the} problems involved.

The enclosed statement covers in detail my proposal. The guarantee of \$5000⁰⁰ (representing 7 months exploration at \$700⁰⁰ per month) is necessary to protect me in securing the services ^{of} + providing maintenance ^{for} the plant explorers. The payment of \$2500⁰⁰ before I leave here, will permit me to make advances of salaries, buy and ship equipment from here, and pay ^{my} for local travel + assistance in Colombia where I ^{myself} expect to do as much intensive orchid collecting as possible.

I hope that you will personally finance this orchid survey. If a group of commercial orchid growers finances it there may be complaints if ^{unfair} division of the plants sent back, questions as to who shall have the almost priceless information ^{and about} ^{etc.} about new orchid collecting areas, new species,

along with
scientific
information
of benefit to
the world.

mixed up in

This is the sort of thing I will not be ⁱⁿ. In the past
I have carried on ^{many years &} collecting in Ariz & B.C. with funds
given without any string attached ^{and solely} to advance
knowledge. From these past expeditions many plants of
great value commercially have been brought back to
California. I am sure that in the same way
this redied survey will pay large dividends
in the future to the person or firm financing it.

Please let me have your decision as soon as
possible. If your decision is unfavorable I would
appreciate your returning the enclosed proposal
so that I can submit it elsewhere. If you (over)

I enjoyed our meeting last Sunday very
much despite the fact that I was full of anti-
typhoid vaccine and so pretty jittery. The
bottles were much appreciated - one has been
consumed & the other is being consumed with
much satisfaction.

With many thanks & all good wishes

Cordially Yours.

Up to a limited extent I would be glad
to ~~buy for you~~

— decide favorably. I am willing
to execute (without commission and for you
alone) ~~your~~ orders for purchase of plants
from commercial growers or from private
collectors in Colombia & possibly in
Peru also. I could not, ~~make~~ purchases
of large numbers of plants but would be
willing to buy superior plants in small
quantities to be shipped ^{by air} under your
importation permits. I would need your
specific instructions concerning what
species & varieties you wished and what would
be your limit as to cost of individual plants.
For these purchases you would supply me
in advance with the necessary funds.
I could not, for obvious reasons, make any
guarantee of the value ^{to you} of the plants
purchased or of their condition on receipt by
you although I would, of course, endeavor

Intends my
first concern.

with the cooperation of
government officials and other prominent persons in those countries.

(1)

Since 1935 I have spent ^{a total of} 2 years in Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina as director of three expeditions from the University of California which hunted for new or little known plants of scientific, agricultural, industrial and ornamental importance. ^{As a result of the success of these expeditions} I now have the most complete ^{my whole available} information concerning the vegetation of western SA.

As the guest of the Colombian government I have been ^{invited} to spend July, August + September in Colombia to advise on agricultural and other matters including the design of a municipal orchid garden in the city of Medellin. I hope also to revisit Peru.

to improve the orchid and other collections in the University of California Botanical Garden, and at the same ^{time} to ^{increase scientific information concerning} the vegetation of tropical

(SA) I am willing to give my services without charge to direct an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru according to the following proposal.

To assist commercial orchid growers in securing new or better sources of wild plants,

They are both familiar with
commercial orchid species and varieties
and with what constitutes superior
quality.

- ① Both in Colombia and Peru I am acquainted with foreign born plant explorers who have for many years studied the tropical vegetation of those countries. They are my personal friends with whom I have myself collected plants and are men of the highest integrity as well as of superior technical training & experience in plant work. I will obtain their services to carry on under my direction the ^{proposed} orchid survey.

- ② These ^{plant explorers} will devote their entire time or the greater proportion thereof to a search for new or little known areas where orchids of known commercial value (and if possible of superior quality) can be obtained in quantity. In addition they will make every effort ^{to find} new or little known species and varieties ^{of orchids} which appear to be of potential commercial value and which can be collected in quantity. They will also obtain a variety of scientific information and collect specimens of new

species of all plant groups for scientific study at the University of California.

- (3) They will prepare ~~for~~ detailed maps showing the exact locations of ^{any} new or otherwise valuable orchid areas they discover and will indicate the best routes by which those areas can be reached, methods of transportation, local collectors (if any) and will give all other information necessary to enable the revisiting of those areas.

- (4) They will obtain (if possible at least 15 plants (wherever possible ^{not less than} 8 pseudobulbs each) of all ^{orchid} species and varieties of known or potential commercial importance from each of the areas in which ^{such species or varieties} occur in quantity.

If in proper condition these plants will be shipped as soon as possible and otherwise ^{will be} held until in suitable condition for shipment. All plants

They purchase if necessary
and such other plants of superior
quality as they may find in private
or commercial orchid collections.

will be properly cleaned and dipped before shipment. If possible all shipments will be by air express ^{and} under New Calif Bot. Garden importation permits.

After release from quarantine the Bot. Garden will retain not over 3 plants of each species or variety and will, if desired, give the remainder to the person financing the proposed survey.

All living or dried ^{plant} specimens (other than orchids of known or potential commercial importance) and all purely scientific information obtained will become the ^{sole} property of the New Calif Bot. Garden.

(5) The proposed survey will continue for a period of not over one year from July 1, 1946. To provide salaries for explorers, hire of native and other assistants, cost of food and equipment, ^{local} transportation, and air express charges \$700⁰⁰ per month, will be required with ^{a guarantee} of not less than \$600⁰⁰ paid on or before July 1st 1946. All payments will be made as gifts to the Regents of the Univ. Calif. to be credited to the B.C. Exped. Fund of the Bot. Garden and will be deductible from income tax. Expenditures will be made only on my requisition and in accordance with the regulations governing state funds.

(6) Neither I nor the Regents of the Univ. Calif. will assume any responsibility ^{whatsoever} for the success of the proposed survey but I will make every reasonable effort to insure its success.

type all

T.H. Goodspeed, Professor
of Botany and Director Botanical
Garden, University of California, Berkeley

October 31, 1945

Mr. J. A. Sisler
Growers Service Co.
Redbanks Plant
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Thank you very much for the box of grapes which you so kindly sent me. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated and the grapes enjoyed by my entire family.

The orchids are coming on well and we hope to see you at the Garden again in the near future.

With thanks again and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

THG:T

February 8, 1946.

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California.

Dear Mr. Sisler:

I was much interested in your letter of February 3rd. and wish that either I or Dr. Davis to whom I have referred portions of your letter could give you satisfactory answers to your questions.

The infra red lamps should increase somewhat the temperature of the leaves and possibly, therefore, be beneficial, perhaps stimulating growth. The question of using lights to raise temperature involves the entire problem of light relations in the growing of orchids about which really accurate information simply is not available. In addition to being cool house plants Cymbidiums are, I would presume, species requiring and perhaps desiring less light than, for example, Cattleyas. Therefore, lights as a heat source might not be desirable - but without a trial no one can really say. Dr. Davis will, I think, comment on these points and can do so with more authority than I can.

Your reference to humidifiers is of interest to me as we hope to secure new and larger greenhouse space for our expanding orchid collection and will wish to install the most effective mechanical devices. Perhaps you would give me the benefit of your advice in this matter.

The manager of the Botanical Garden in Lima, Peru, Felix Woytkowski, is resigning to take up again his former work as a collector of plants and insects. He is a Pole long resident in Peru and has an outstanding reputation among scientists in this country and in Europe to whom he has sold his collections. During my years in South America I came to know him well and have entire confidence in his personal integrity and scientific honesty. Next month he starts on a long collecting expedition into an almost unknown semitropical area in Northern Peru near the Ecuadorian border. Although he had planned to collect only insects

for museums in this country, he is willing to collect plants also for this University as a side line and thus at minimum cost. Since he once had the best private orchid collection in Peru he knows what to collect and where.

I believe that this is a unique chance to obtain entirely new or rare species of ornamental importance as well as a lot of botanical information about an unexplored region. Would you be interested in providing \$350.00 to finance the University's participation in Woytkowski's expedition? I know something about the difficulties of collecting in the Peruvian jungle and the sum mentioned will not be much more than enough to buy the equipment for plant collecting at the inflation prices existing in Peru today. A donation to the University is free from income tax.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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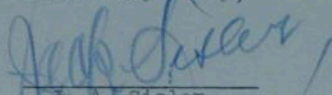
Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th, and if Dr. Davis can add any to the information you have given regarding protective lighting equipment, we would be very much interested in having it.

Your information about Dr. Woytkoski and his situation in Peru, with the opportunity to do some collecting, is very interesting, and prompts some thought about the possibilities of expending on your plan just a little; and, as I would like to discuss the matter with you, and I am going to Davis within the next few days, will drive around through Berkeley, and, if it is convenient for you, will see you there. Anyway, you may count upon the financing for the amount that you mentioned, and maybe my idea could be used to go a little farther in the matter. Anyway, would like to talk to you about it.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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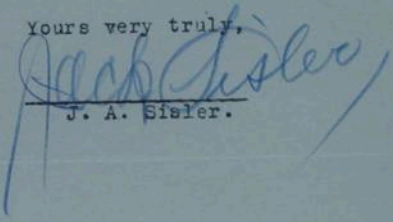
Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I am enclosing herewith check \$350.00 to apply on the Dr. Felix Woytkowski project, in accordance with our exchange of letters and conversation at Berkeley last Sunday. I shall be interested in any news that you get from Peru, as time goes on, and wish Dr. Woytkowski the best of success in his undertaking.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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February 28, 1936

Mr. J.A.Sisler
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Many thanks for your letter of February 19 with enclosed check for \$350. I have endorsed this check in favor of The Regents of the University of California and it will be credited to our South American Expedition Fund. You will receive acknowledgement from the Board of Regents of your generosity.

When your thoughtful donation was received I cabled \$300 to Mr. Woytkowski and reserved \$50 to cover air express and other transportation costs, customs brokers fees, etc.

You may be sure that I will keep you informed of the progress of Woytkowski's collecting trip. He left Lima for the tropical rain forest on February 6 and will probably be out of touch with civilization for some time. He is to operate in country which has no roads and mail goes out by Indians who agree to deposit it in the nearest postoffice which may be anywhere from two to ten days journey on foot. Your "mailman" demands his wages in advance and then plans to drink them up along the way in the village grog shops. Strange to say he usually does mail the letter!

Many thanks again for your interest, cooperation and support in our effort to accumulate a valuable orchid collection in the Botanical Garden. I have written Woytkowski about the possibility of enlarging his orchid collecting activities and said that I would discuss it with him after his return from the present expedition. Some of the orchid people in Southern California are apparently looking for a reliable South American collector.

We enjoyed your visit to the Botanical Garden and hope to see you there soon again. Please give my greetings to your family who were with you.

With best wishes

Cordially yours,

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March 7, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

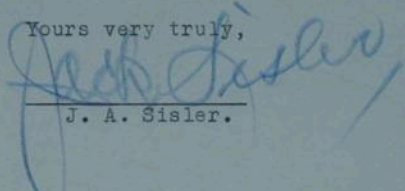
Thanks for your kind letter of the 20th of February, and I shall, of course, be much interested in the progress and results of Woytkowski's collection trip, and, also, much interested in the future opportunities for securing plants from that source.

Mr. Curson has just returned from a trip to Colombia and other South American and Central American orchid countries, and I expect to get up to see him at Albany, perhaps, this weekend. If we hit in there at a good time, I may call you on the telephone; and, sometime I should like for you to talk with Mr. Curson as he has spent a number of years in some of those countries, and you will, perhaps, have much in common.

He was quite successful in making what seemed to be satisfactory arrangements for the plants to come along during this year, but we shall still want many more, and the virgin country where Professor Woytkowski's trips will lead will doubtless open up many fields that should prove most interesting.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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April 4, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed, Director,
University of California Botanical Gardens,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

We received the package with the very nice specimens of the *Camellia reticulata*. Thanks for remembering us on this. Don't know whether it was you that told me, but I have the impression that those Giant Chinese Camellias are rather difficult to propagate from cuttings, but if such propagation is practicable, I should like to get two or three cuttings the next time we are up there.

Friends of ours in Visalia have Camellias, rose pink and pure white, which may be the same, as they are about the same size and shape, but they call them *Grandiflora Rosea* and *Alba*, which they secured from some nursery in the southern part of the state.

We are leaving here early Friday morning on a trip through the south and middle west states and the northwest. Will have a couple of days in St. Louis, April 13th and 14th, and while there I want to see the orchids at the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and, also, to explore briefly the possibilities of acquiring from them seedlings of good parentage suitable for commercial lines.

I intended asking you before, but overlooked it, whether you might be personally acquainted with some of the directors or personnel connected with the orchid department, and, if so, I would very much appreciate a letter of introduction, which could be mailed to me in care of H. R. Bushman and Son, 417 A Franklin Avenue, St. Louis 2, Missouri. If you are not so acquainted, just skip it and I will understand if I do not receive the word from you there.

I hope everything is going well with you and your pet project.

Yours very truly,

J. A. S. Sler
J. A. S. Sler.

April 30, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Unfortunately, your letter reached me too late to catch you. I think you would have enjoyed meeting Dr. Greenman who, although not an orchid man, could have put you in touch with the proper persons at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Today I received a long letter from Woytkowski written from the jungles of Peru. I am enclosing copy of the portion of it that will give you a hint of what it means to collect orchids in the Amazonian rain forest. The orchids he has already come across sound interesting, especially the *Oncidium* (?) with the 5 foot long spray of flowers. I have the feeling that we are really going to get something of value and you can see by the enclosed that Woytkowski is willing to take the punishment necessary to find what we want. He goes on to say that there will be a problem in getting permission to ship plants out of Peru but I am writing at once to friends in authority down there to take care of that matter.

A few days ago I received from the Minister of Education in Bogota an official invitation to go to Colombia during July and August. He asks me to give some lectures but particularly to design a Botanical Garden in Medellin which as you know is the "orchid capital of South America. I am inclined to accept this invitation for a number of reasons but particularly because it will give me a unique chance to obtain orchids or contact with collectors and growers to have them sent later on. The fact that I will be a guest of the Colombian Government will make it easy to arrange shipping permits as well as get (by gift or purchase) some of the varieties which are not on the market.

My proposal would be, first, to get one or two plants of the finest types (such as the large white Cats.) for our collection in the Botanical Garden here. Then I could make up commercial

shipments if anyone were interested in buying the finest varieties that are available for sale. Whitehead has seen some of the Southern California orchid men who talk in extravagant terms of what they are willing to buy. I don't know whether to tell them of my forthcoming visit to Colombia because I don't want to become too much involved in the commercial aspect. I am sure that I can get species of botanical interest and a certain number of valuable plants of commercial importance for the Botanical Garden on the basis of scientific exchange. If the commercial types were large plants there would be a few divisions in a year or so to share with friends like yourself. This would be the scheme I would like best. On the other hand, I want to do what I can for the commercial men too. What is your advice on this matter?

My largest problem is the lack of a proper greenhouse at the Botanical Garden for maintaining a representative collection of orchids of scientific and commercial interest. Whitehead feels that possibly Southern California orchidists might supply money for such a greenhouse if they could be shown that a fine orchid collection at the state university would ultimately benefit them through the introduction of new and better species. Perhaps they would be more interested if I offered to cooperate with them in arranging shipments for them while I was in Colombia.

I hope that your Eastern trip was pleasant and profitable. Once more regretting that I was unable to put you into touch with my friends in St. Louis and with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

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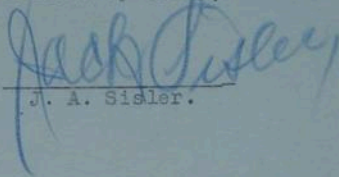
Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Upon my return, I found your good letter of April 30th, with enclosures. The report from Dr. Woytkowski is very interesting, and it seems that he will undoubtedly work up some good collections, and I am glad that you have taken steps towards arranging permits for export from Peru.

We will, also, be very much interested in such outstanding plants as you may be able to secure on your Colombian trip. The whole situation seems to call for careful consideration of just what arrangements to make or what to offer the Southern California growers, and I should like to talk to you about it as soon as it is practical for me to make the trip up there, and you will have the time for a meeting. I believe it would be best to bring Nicholas Curson along, as he recently returned from a trip to Colombia and some of the other South and Central American countries, and is rather familiar with the situation down there. The best time for me to make trips from here now will be to take advantage of weekends, so as not to lose more than a day or two, other than Sundays, but I could make it there for either a Saturday or Monday meeting any weekend that suits you excepting the weekend of June 2nd; so, if you will let me know when it will be most convenient for you, I will arrange accordingly.

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

May 16, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Thanks for your letter of May 13th.

Would not a Sunday be most convenient for you as a day for a meeting here? Either next Sunday, the 19th or the following Sunday, the 26th would be agreeable to me. On the other hand, any Saturday or Monday would suit me except this week Saturday (the 18th.).

Looking forward to seeing you and Mr. Curson in the near future and with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

THG/H

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June 1st
Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Following our meeting last Sunday I have discussed my proposal for an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru with a number of persons interested in such work and acquainted with the problems involved.

The enclosed statement covers in detail my proposal. The guarantee of \$5000 (representing 7 months exploration at \$700.00 per month) is necessary to protect me in securing the services of and providing maintenance for the plant explorers. The payment of \$2500.00 before I leave here on July 1st. will permit me to make advances of salaries, buy and ship equipment from here, and pay for my local travel and assistance in Colombia where I myself expect to do as much intensive orchid collecting as possible.

I hope that you will personally finance this orchid survey. If a group of commercial orchid growers finance it there may be complaints of unfair division of the plants sent back, questions as to who shall have the almost priceless information about new orchid collecting areas and about new species, etc. This is the sort of thing I will not be mixed up in. In the past I have carried on many years of collecting in Asia and South America with funds given without any "strings attached" and solely to advance knowledge. From these past expeditions new plants of great value commercially have been brought back to California along with scientific information of benefit to the world. I am sure that in the same way this orchid survey will pay large dividends in the future to the person or firm financing it.

Please let me have your decision as soon as possible. If your decision is unfavorable I would appreciate your returning the enclosed proposal so that I can submit it elsewhere. If you decide favorably I am willing to execute (without commission and for you alone) orders for purchase of plants from commercial growers or from private collectors in Colombia and possibly in Peru also. I could not make purchases of large numbers of plants but would be willing to buy superior plants in small quantities to be shipped by air under your importation permits. I would need your specific instructions concerning what species and varieties you wished and what would be your limit as to cost of individual plants. For these purchases you would supply me in advance with the necessary funds. I could not, for obvious reasons, make any guarantee of the value to you of the plants purchased or of their condition on receipt by you although I would, of course, make your interest my first concern.

I enjoyed our meeting last Sunday very much despite the fact that I was full of anti-typhoid vaccine and so pretty jittery. The bottles were much appreciated - one has been consumed and the other is being consumed with satisfaction.
With many thanks and all good wishes,
Cordially yours,

Since 1935 I have spent a total of 4 years in Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina as director of three expeditions from the University of California which hunted for new or little known plants of scientific, agricultural, industrial and ornamental importance, with the cooperation of government officials and other prominent persons in those countries. As a result of the success of these expeditions I now have the most complete information anywhere available concerning the vegetation of western South America.

As the guest of the Colombian government I have been invited to spend July, August and September in Colombia to advise on agricultural and other matters including the design of a municipal orchid garden in the city of Medellin. I hope also to revisit Peru.

To increase scientific information concerning the vegetation of tropical South America, to improve the orchid and other collections in the University of California Botanical Garden and at the same time to assist commercial orchid growers in securing new or better sources of wild plants, I am willing to give my services without charge to direct an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru according to the following proposal.

(1) Both in Colombia and Peru I am acquainted with foreign born plant explorers who have for many years studied the tropical vegetation of those countries. They are my personal friends with whom I have myself collected plants and are men of the highest integrity as well as of superior technical training and experience in plant work. They are both familiar with commercial orchid species and varieties and with what constitutes superior quality. I will obtain their services to carry on under my direction the proposed orchid survey.

(2) These plant explorers will devote their entire time or the greater proportion thereof to a search for new or little known areas where orchids of known commercial value (and if possible of superior quality) can be obtained in quantity. In addition they will make every effort to find new or little known species and varieties of orchids which appear to be of potential commercial value and which can be collected in quantity. They will also obtain a variety of scientific information and collect specimens of new species of all plant groups for scientific study at the University of California.

(3) They will prepare detailed maps showing the exact locations of any new or otherwise valuable orchid areas they discover and will indicate the best routes by which those areas can be reached, methods of transportation, local collectors (if any) and will give all other information necessary to enable the revisiting of those areas.

(4) They will if possible obtain at least 15 plants (wherever possible of not less than 8 pseudobulbs each) of all orchids and varieties of known or potential commercial importance from each of the areas in which such species or varieties occur in quantity, and (by purchase if necessary) such other plants of superior quality as they may find in private or commercial orchid collections. If in proper condition these plants will be shipped as soon as possible and otherwise will be held until in suitable condition for shipment. All plants will be properly cleaned and dipped before shipment.

If possible all shipments will be by air express and under University of California Botanical Garden importation permits.

After release from quarantine the Botanical Garden will retain not over 3 plants of each species or variety and will, if desired, give the remainder to the person financing the proposed survey. All living or dried plant specimens (other than orchids of known or potential commercial importance) and all purely scientific information obtained will become the sole property of the University of California Botanical Garden.

(5) The proposed survey will continue for a period of not over one year from July 1, 1946. To provide salaries for explorers, hire of native and other assistants, cost of food and equipment, local transportation, and air express charges \$700.00 per month will be required with a guarantee of not less than \$5000.00 of which not less than \$2500.00 will be paid on or before July 1, 1946. All payments will be made as gifts to the Regents of the University of California to be credited to the South American Expedition Fund of the Botanical Garden and will be deductible from income tax. Expenditures will be made only on my requisition and in accordance with the regulations governing state funds.

(6) Neither I nor the Regents of the University of California will assume any responsibility whatsoever for the success of the proposed survey but I will make every reasonable effort to insure its success.

T. H. Goodspeed,

Professor of Botany and Director Botanical Garden,
University of California, Berkeley.

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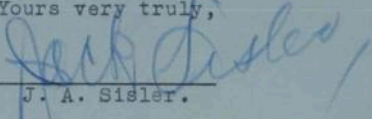
Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Replying to your letter of June 1st, I am agreeable to handling the Colombian project as you have it outlined, and will provide the advance payment before the end of this month. In the meantime, I hope to see you again before your departure and to go over a few of the questions that you bring up with Nicholas Curson for a more definite decision about purchase of plants, etc., for our account.

As you suggest, I think it would be best for me to take care of this personally, and then I can deal with the Curson business on plants that may come to me.

If there is nothing comes up to interfere, I will probably be up there for the weekend of June 16th.

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

June 7, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

I was glad to know from your letter of June 4th that you will finance the proposal described in my recent letter to you. I immediately wrote airmail to Colombia and Peru with regard to putting the survey into operation early next month. I will take personal charge of the Colombian portion when I arrive in Bogota on July 8th.

June 16th is convenient for me and we might meet in my office (2079 Life Science Building). If you will set the hour most convenient to you I will meet you at the door of the building.

With many thanks for your interest and cooperation and with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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June 12, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I will meet you as suggested 10:00 o'clock next Sunday morning.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Sisler
J. A. Sisler. *2c*

JAS/tr

June 19, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

I am enclosing copy of letter of transmittal which you signed in my office and which I have forwarded to President Sproul together with your check for \$2500. In due time you will receive from the Regents of the University acknowledgement of your generous assistance in permit continuation of the study of the vegetation of Colombia and Peru.

You referred to a desire that I purchase for you personally any particularly desirable orchids which I find. In this connection I think you referred to a maximum of \$500 for such purpose. I neglected to determine, however, whether you plan to advance the sum or wish me to advance it or such part of it as is used and submit receipts to you for reimbursement.

Please accept once more my gratitude for all your interest and cooperation which I hope will yield results ^{of} mutual satisfaction.

Cordially yours,

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June 20, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I feel sure that our conversation there on last Sunday morning cleared up practically all questions that there might have been on either side, and I am enclosing herewith my check for \$500.00 payable to yourself, which is to be used by you according to your best judgment for purchase of outstanding plants, or any other plants or material that you consider would be desirable or favorable to our operations and purposes at Oakland. One of the items that I have in mind is possible breeding stock that might be of interest to the Missouri Botanical Gardens and/or anyone of several institutions and large growers. Any such plants should be shipped to N. W. Curson at 2246 - 96th Avenue, Oakland, California, and under his permit number that he is going to give you in the letter he is writing to you.

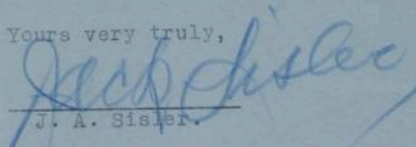
If either you or some other person there will advise in regards to the balance to be remitted to the University just a few days before it is required, I will see that it is taken care of in good time.

I do not think of anything else, but you will have the letter from Nicholas Curson, and if there are other matters not covered, I would suggest that you phone him before your departure, at Trinidad 8296, Oakland, and I hope that you will in the meantime get down to the greenhouses at 2246 - 96th Avenue, as he is expecting you there.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a most satisfactory and successful trip, I am

Yours very truly,

JAS/tr
CC N.W. Curson


J. A. Sisler.

June 24, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler:
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Your letter of June 16, 1946, containing your generous gift of \$2,500 and your equally generous offer to match that amount on request, has been forwarded to me by Professor T. Harper Goodspeed. It will be a pleasure to recommend this gift's acceptance at the next meeting of The Regents of the University. It is probably unnecessary for me to dwell upon the importance of the work which Professor Goodspeed is carrying on in South America. Your gift is an evidence of the fact that you already recognize the significance of his contribution. However, I should like to add that we at the University consider this long-term project one of the most important research programs in the field of the natural sciences which the University has yet undertaken. Without the support of such public-spirited men as yourself, the continuation of this work would be impossible.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert G. Sproul

June 24, 1946

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert G. Sproul

Berkeley, California
June 225, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Friend:

Many thanks for your letter of June 20 enclosing check in my favor for \$500.00, which is to be used for purchase of superior plants on your account, the same to be forwarded to Mr. Curson. You may be sure that I will do what I can to give you satisfaction in this connection. Perhaps in Salvador, where we stop over night on the trip South, I may be able to secure some good plants for you because my friends in the Salvadorian Consulate in San Francisco are cabling a local orchid collector and grower to meet me on my arrival in the capitol.

As yet I have not received a letter from Mr. Curson and I will telephone to him tomorrow because I am so busy that it may not be possible for me to see his establishment as I should very much like to do.

I have just received a cable and a letter from Woytkowski who is enthusiastic about the proposal for an orchid survey in Peru. He agrees that all plants collected since February are my property and as soon as he can obtain, with my assistance, a blanket permit to ship the hundreds of orchids he already has, we should receive some interesting things from him. I am also encouraged by the word that I have gotten from Colombia concerning prospects for the survey there.

With renewed appreciation of your kind interest and material assistance in our South American plant exploration and with all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

THG:h

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
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Berkeley, California.

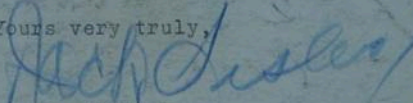
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Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I hope that you got all the information that you wanted, or could use, from Nicholas Curson before you left, that the trip to Medellin was pleasant, and that you found everything in the most satisfactory condition there upon your arrival. If there is anything further that I can do here during your absence to help matters along, please do not hesitate to let me know. I expect to be in Oakland next weekend, shall probably see Jack Whitehead, and if in talking with Curson we think of anything else that would interest you will pass it along.

Shall be glad to hear from you from time to time when you have any items of interest and the opportunity to write, and we wish you the best of success in your undertakings and good hunting.

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

P. S. Nicholas Curson is particularly interested and anxious to get Dr. Woytkowski started gathering and shipping for us Cattleyas Rex, Dowiana, Hardyana, and there are probably some others in the area that he will cover which will be desirable, but the above three species could be used in our business in almost any quantities that could be secured, provided Dr. Woytkowski is going to be in position to secure them to advantage at costs that will be competitive with supplies from other sources. JAS

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Medellin, Colombia
August 10, 1946

Dear Mr. Sisler:

In the hot country below Bogota I found some fine plants in private gardens which I had proposed to buy on your account but for a reason which I am not at present at liberty to mention I did not do so. Here I am in touch with even better plants in gardens of friends and after waiting the length of time necessary in South America for such negotiations I will begin to buy and ship to Mr. Curson whatever seems of most importance. So much money is being made here from shipping of flowers that the growers are much worried about sending out any more plants and the problem has grown far worse than it was when Mr. Curson was here. The whole thing has now become a matter of international negotiation and so I am proceeding very carefully but with full assurance that my original proposals will be carried out. Woytkowski is now beginning to ship the orchids he has been collecting during the last three months. None of them belongs to the genus Cattleya but some may prove to be of potential commercial importance. I understand that Mr. Curson has little or no potting material and therefore he may not wish to undertake to grow any of the plants being sent in by Woytkowski. If so we will try to take care of all of them in the Bot. Garden. I note in your letter that Mr. Curson is anxious to have Woytkowski start shipping C. Rex and other Peruvian Cattleyas. Apparently he does not realize that the areas in which those plants grow in are extremely isolated and that to get into them means the organizing of a complete expedition with pack train, etc. Everything has to be carried in and especially food for a considerable party of packers, helpers, guides. Also the areas are almost impossible of access during the wet season.

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In this connection, you will be interested in what the orchid growers at say to me here. "We get 90 centavos a flower delivered at the airport here and our plants produce an average of 5 flowers per year or 4.5 pesos worth. It is therefore ridiculous for us to sell you plants at an average price of 1.50 pesos." During the first six months of this year an estimated 45,000 flowers have been exported from the Medellin area.

We will remain here until at least the first of September and then spend two weeks in Cali before starting for California. In the mountains between the Cauca valley and the Pacific coast of Col. there are a number of areas said to be rich and relatively unknown so far as Cattleyas are concerned. I have some people at work on these areas are hope to have some good plants to send when we get to Cali.

There may be a reason for buying plants in quantity rather than collecting them with an expedition and if in other words to use the money you were good enough to agree to provide for the Col. part of my proposal in securing from growers and native collectors a representative series of plants rather than planning on collecting them in the jungle ourselves. If this proves to be the wise thing to do I shall need the remainder of the initial sum you agreed to provide and therefore I would appreciate it if you would send the \$2,500 to the Regents of the Univ. through my office Mrs. Thompson my secretary with them at the donation to the proper authorities.

With renewed thanks for making possible a scientific project which I feel confident will pay real dividends in a number of directions and with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,
The plants being sent in by Woytkowski. If so we will try to take care of all of them in the Herbarium. I hope in your letter that I may be addressed c/o American Consulate, Medellin until Sept. 1st and c/o American Consulate, Cali until Sept. 15th - it is taking an average of 4 days for letters from Berkeley to Colombia.

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After 5 weeks in Bogotaz, 3 weeks in Medellin and another two weeks in Cali, we will leave for California, arriving in Berkeley the night of the 18th.

In the hot country below Bogota I made a survey of orchid collections but steep areas where wild plants are found but the plants in neither case were of any special interest. From the highlands near Bogota I obtained a small selected collection of *Odontoglossum crispum*. I think that they will be of the best types because the man who helped me get them is something of an orchid specialist although he is not a commercial dealer in orchids.

In Medellin I spent much time in private and commercial orchid collections and in looking over territories where an expedition might collect wild orchids of new and interesting sorts. I decided to send the first expedition into an area about 60 miles south and a little east of Medellin along a new road which runs a little beyond the town of Sonson. It is practically virgin territory so far as the botanist and orchid hunter are concerned. The rain forest is a little more open than usual in that region and the altitude is just right for the largest distribution of species. The trees are unusually high and the plants on them get more than the ordinary amount of light. The flowers of the Cattleys from there are said to be especially large and strongly colored. Whether this is so I cannot say because this is not the flowering season but the plants I saw are enormous.

The expedition will be directed by the authorities of the local school of agriculture. They will send me the dried plants, notes, maps and photographs. The orchid plants of all species will be brought to a friend of mine in Medellin who for many years has been developing a remarkable private collection of orchids. He has had a lot of experience in caring for wild plants and will go over the collections carefully and select 10 or 15 plants of each sort and of the best size and general condition to send to me and keep an equal number in his own collection. Thus, there will be three lots of anything new and potentially important--the one we grow, the one you grow and the one grown in Medellin--and therefore there should be no chance of losing all the plants and the average results should give a definite answer to the question of commercial value.

I did not receive from the Colombian government my permission to export orchids until a few days ago. Since I had some botanicals I found near Bogota which had to be shipped I bought some orchids from Gabriel Lopez (Mr Curson I think had some dealings with him) with the agreement that he would send my plants on his personal export permit. On your account I selected 40 fine plants of Cattleya "gigas Sandeiana" which appears to be the best of the gigas type although I do not believe that it is really a gigas at all but an entirely different(new?) species. I took no chances on buying white varieties-unless you see them in flower and buy the plants you see it is a big gamble. In addition, the prices of whites are out of sight. For a G."gigas alba" you have to pay around \$100 a bulb.

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I understand that the first shipment of orchids from Peru arrived in good to fair condition. Woytkowski made a mistake in sending so many plants of certain kinds under the Univ. California permit number which was issued on the understanding that all plants received would be for scientific purposes and not offered for sale. I have instructed Woytkowski to send any excess over 10-15 plants of any one sort to Mr. Curson and under his permit number. However, I assume that in the case of orchid species of entirely unknown commercial value it would be better to send a small number of plants and if, after flowering them, any appeared of importance to contract with Woytkowski on a commercial basis to send more plants. You are to give Edin Medellin, who is the center of export of orchid flowers and plants, there is a group of very wealthy orchid fanciers who have maximum political influence, very much opposed to the export of plants. Their reason is, of course, that the more plants there are in the USA the more competition there will be in the selling of Colombian flowers. They seem convinced that the price of flowers in the USA will remain indefinitely at its present absurd level and that, therefore, the exporting of flowers will remain as profitable as it is at present. I wonder? However, I saw a number of cases in which flowers brought in by Indians and sold by them to the exporters at 10 cents US were shipped very carefully packed in dozen lots to New York by air collect at a net of \$9.00 US per dozen. It certainly does not pay to sell plants at current prices - indeed, the exporters plan to raise prices 50-75% next month.

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August 27, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
c/o American Consulate,
Medellin, Colombia.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

I was very glad to get your good letter of August 10th. I have been away for a while, so there is a delay in replying, and, also, forwarding the check on to Berkeley. The latter is going forward today.

We were glad to get the information contained in your letter, and hope that conditions will develop favorably for the survey, and, also, for exporting such plants as are secured and can be made ready for shipment. It seems that the situation in Peru for export is quite a problem, but we trust that you will be successful in getting arrangements under way for shipment of the species plants already collected, and Cattleyas that may be rounded up by Dr. Woytkowski. I am sure you will have in mind in looking for plants to purchase, that we would like to have some items that would probably be of interest to the Missouri Botanical Gardens as well as, perhaps, some of the other institutions.

We can appreciate that the wave of temporary prosperity has done much to demoralize the situation for successful dealing in some of the countries, and the sad part is that they will probably wind up with failure in the most part of their plans for exporting flowers.

I am sending your letter on to Nicholas Curson, and possibly he may suggest something in regards to securing of permits, in which case, he will write to you direct at Cali.

In the meantime, we can only wish you good going, and will be looking forward to seeing you upon your return. With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Jack A. Sisler
J. A. Sisler.

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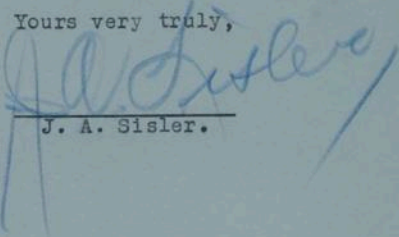
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University of California,
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Gentlemen:

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September 3, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Thank you on Dr. Goodspeed's behalf for your check for \$2500 to be credited to the Botanical Garden South American Expedition fund. I have written Dr. Goodspeed in Colombia informing him of the receipt of your donation and you will doubtless hear from him soon.

Your check has been forwarded to President Sproul to be transmitted to the Regents of the University who will send you official acknowledgement of your generous contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Goodspeed

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September 24, 1946.

To the Office of Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Professor of Botany and Director of Botanical Gardens,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

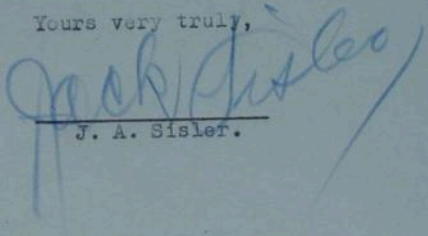
In rechecking your letter of September 4th just now, I find that you are probably already at home. Hope everything worked out satisfactorily, and that you can count the trip as being quite successful.

The shipment of 40 divisions of *gigas* Sanderiana arrived in good condition, and I saw them after they were potted just a day or two later. No doubt, they will prove to be a very desirable lot.

I am planning to be up that way again in either two or three weeks from last Saturday, and will drop you a line in the meantime to arrange a meeting for discussion of your trip experiences.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

October 1, 1946

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 24. We had a good trip home except that thirty hours in the air in three days is a little tiring.

I am glad that the 40 plants of *Cattleya gigas* Sanderiana sent direct to Mr. Curson arrived in good condition. Unfortunately a shipment of about the same size of approximately 10 selected plants of each of the following has not yet arrived: *C. gigas* Sanderiana, *C. labiata*, *C. Mendellii*, *C. gigas*, *C. Schroederiae*, and *C. Warcewiczii*. This shipment should have left the same day that the Curson shipment was sent. I have written to the dealer in Medellin who sold me the plants asking him to have the shipment traced and also to replace it since even if the shipment is found the plants will be in very bad condition.

The plants in this shipment which has not arrived I bought because I had a chance to get extra fine specimens some or all of which we could use in the Botanical Garden if you did not want them. For this reason the shipment was sent to me under the University permit. I also bought about 50 big plants of ornamental orchids other than *Cattleyas* and for the same reason, i.e. we will take over all or a part of them if you are not interested. This shipment arrived some time ago in good condition. It includes species of *Trichopilia*, *Acineta*, *Lycaste*, *Miltonia*, *Gongora*, *Quesidium*, *Anguloa*, *Huntleya* and *Stanhopea*. Most of them are the best species or varieties of those various genera and most of them are large plants. Also in most cases there is more than one plant.

You have referred a number of times to wanting a surplus of plants for exchange with the Missouri Botanical Garden. I am not sure whether you had in mind only *Cattleyas* or good species of other genera also. If the latter is the case you might be interested in some of the plants above referred to.

I note in your letter that you plan to be this region either next Saturday or the following Saturday. I will keep these dates open until I hear from you because of course I am very anxious to see you and tell you about the results of my summer in Colombia.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

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October 4, 1946.

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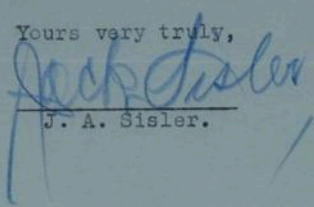
Dear Dr. Goodspeed:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st, and regarding the matter of exchange plants with the Missouri Botanical Garden, I shall be glad if you will, at your convenience, give me a list of plants that will be available for that purpose, so that I may submit it to Dr. Fairburn, and give him an opportunity to select what may be desirable to them.

It now looks like ~~that~~ I may not get away from here for the trip to Oakland and Berkeley until Saturday, October 19th or 26th, but I will let you know in the meantime several days ahead.

With kindest regards, and appreciating all the information you have written, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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November 13, 1946.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
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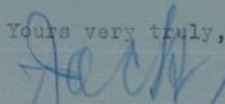
Dear Harper:

Thanks for your note and the Colombian Orchid book which arrived yesterday. I am sure that I will find it most interesting. We have a local flower show here at Visalia today and tomorrow. Bad weather spoiled most of the outdoor flowers, but I have an exhibit of orchids which will interest quite a few people.

Before leaving Oakland, I talked with Curson along the lines that we discussed, and he fully understands the situation and is prepared to handle plants in any way that you work out, and especially to do whatever repotting you may have to be done. We probably won't make it up that way again before, perhaps, December 7th and 8th, but will try to contact you when we do.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

P.S. I just got the package of 150 aluminum tags off to you yesterday. I believe you will find them suitable for the purpose of permanent marking, and the tag is large enough to carry a reasonable amount of performance data. JAS

March 13, 1947

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

I am sending you two bottles of colchicine solution -- one labelled "A" is a 0.5% solution freshly made from the small supply of the powdered drug which I have on hand. The other bottle, labelled "B" is a 0.1% solution made a year ago but probably of full potency.

My suggestion is that you periodically place a small drop of solution on the growing point at the base of the leaf of seedlings at the "community pot" stage. The medicine dropper I am sending will be convenient because it has a long, slender point and with care will produce a small drop. I think that the application should be done late in the afternoon when evaporation is low.

If you have enough seedlings available I suggest that you give a certain number one drop a day of solution "B" for a week; another lot the same treatment with solution "A" and a third lot the same schedule using a little of solution "A" diluted with an equal volume of water (giving a 0.25% solution).

In colchicine work the problem always is to get the solution into tissues that are actively growing. In mature orchid plants these growing point tissues inside the bud which will produce the next pseudobulb are quite heavily covered. A hypodermic needle will go through this protective covering and solution can be injected into the growing point. Before performing this operation one would first need to cut off and open some new growths (those about 2" long would seem to be about right) to see where the growing point is located in order to know where and how deep to insert the needle. I am afraid the injection method will kill the new growths because of mechanical injury but it might be worth trying.

It might be worth while to drop a drop of solution "A" every day or two for a couple of weeks into the opening or slit that forms between the growth bud and the stem just as the bud is beginning to grow. Probably other schemes will occur to you.

Probably in the solutions I am sending you the concentration of colchicine is too low to be dangerous but it would pay to use a little care in handling and applying the solutions because the drug is very poisonous.

It was good to see you. Hope you will be up again soon and that I will then have more than a progress report on the Colombian and Peruvian expeditions.

Cordially yours,

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April 4, 1947.

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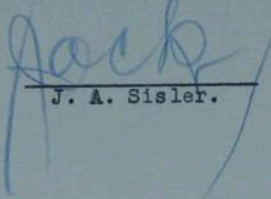
Dear Harper:

Thanks very much for the Colombian stamps, and, also, for the *Camellia Reticulata* flowers. The latter were delayed several days, so were not in very good condition when received, but we could tell enough about them to appreciate that they were beautiful and a very unusual *Camellia*. I have since taken it up with our local nurseryman, who tells me that he can locate a plant of that variety for me from one of their nursery suppliers. He had previously secured a few of them.

I have been planning to get up that way, but still don't know just when it may be. Perhaps, within two or three weeks anyway.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

May 5, 1947

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O.Box 527, Visalia
California

Dear Jack:

I am sorry that the Camellia reticulata flowers were for some reason delayed in the mail so that they did not reach you in the best condition. Sometimes they go through very nicely even to the East.

You refer to the possibility of your seeing but apparently you have not been in the Bay region or more likely the telephone strike made it impossible for you to get into touch with me after your arrival.

The Colombian expedition has been collecting a lot of orchid plants but as yet few have reached Berkeley. I expected a shipment last week and am writing again to know why more plants have not been received. In Peru Woytkowski must for about a month have been in Cattleya Rex country and I hope that we may soon have some plants from him.

One of my students comes from Costa Rica and through his family we have received a considerable number of orchid species, some of which should have value. I believe that it will be possible to obtain in some quantity these Costa Rican species which would have most interest and I hope to talk with Curson about what might be worth importing in quantity.

Hoping to see you soon and with best wishes to you and Mrs. Sisler,

Very cordially,

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P.S. Did the colchicine solution, etc. arrive in good condition?

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May 9, 1947.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Professor of Botany and Director Botanical Garden,
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Berkeley, California.

Dear Harper:

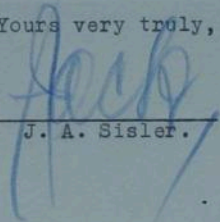
Thanks for your letter of the 5th. It is good to know that the Colombian expedition is making progress, and that plants will be coming along, and I hope too that Dr. Woytkowski is successful in his explorations.

I have not made any trips for the past several weeks, but expect to be in Oakland about Wednesday, May 14th, and will get in touch with you while there. You may not have heard that we have a new grandson in Oakland, which adds another attraction and good reason for making trips there.

Yes, the colchicine arrived in good condition. However, I have been so occupied with other matters, have postponed starting experimental work with it. Not for long.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

May 23, 1947

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

I was sorry I had an appointment at my office that cut short our time together last week. Hopefully, you will be here again before too long and if I know a little in advance will look forward to having a better visit with you.

If you or Mr. Curson want to let me have seedlings I have made arrangements to grow them in the Life Sciences Building where I can personally give them colchicine treatment. I think that seedling treatment offers much the best prospect of success although we may lose a lot of seedlings before we can establish the proper dosage to give them.

According to our records we have turned over to Mr. Curson a total of 248 plants, almost all derived directly from the collecting expeditions. To you personally have gone 26 plants from various sources.

In addition, Mr. Curson has had a total of 152 plants, mostly of named species, of *Cattleya*, *Miltonia*, *Stanhopea*, *Lycaste*, *Acineta*, *Anguloa*, *Cypripedium*, *Vanda*, etc., including a shipment of *C. gigas Sanderiana* direct from Medellin. The majority of these plants I bought on your account in South America, the others elsewhere. The *Sanderiana* cost a little less than \$100 which would mean that the remaining 112 plants have cost you \$3.60 each. I hope that this will represent a satisfactory accounting of the \$500 you turned over to me personally.

From now on we ought to be receiving plants in some quantity, particularly from Colombia. We have some that will go to Mr. Curson soon.

I hope that Mrs. Sisler is improving. Please give her my best wishes.

Cordially yours,

THG:t

88-11	59
91-1	29
	12
92-6	8
	16
94-2	8
	7
95-16	11
	5
96-7	150
98-1	
101 to 106-29	C. chrysomelid + 14
	nasc. 164
110-1	
120-2	Aug '46 69
122-4	233
	18
127 to 132-59	72-87 248
134-8	
135-3	

plants to Canyon
from Princeton
expl. calls to 5/23/47

repeated 3 Scales 5/23/47

248

26

152

426 total plants
to him or Curson

cf letter of
same date

90-8⁰⁰

93-6⁰⁰

95-16 x 3 = 48⁰⁰

97¹¹, 99, 100⁽¹⁾, 107, 108, 109⁽¹⁰²⁾, 115, 117, 118, 119

121, 122⁽²⁾, 124⁽³⁾ - @ 4⁰⁰ = 54⁰⁰

125-40 x 4 = 160⁰⁰

126-20 x 3 = 60⁰⁰

133-3 x 10 = 30⁰⁰

3

16

21

9

63

112

112

40 used

152 total

plants

plants charged
to Scales as of
5/23/47

40 c. g. y. for Sanderwood 98⁰⁰
112 @ 3.60 403¹²
\$501⁰⁰

ORCHIDS TO CURSON-SISSLER. NOVEMBER 27, 1946.

1. Cattleya B. G. XX. (1).
2. Cattleya 88/109 XXX (1).
3. Cattleya XXX (1)
4. Cattleya XX (1).
5. Cattleya B. G. XXX. (2).
6. Cattleya no label (2).
7. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
8. Cattleya 80/295 XXX (1).
9. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
10. Cattleya B. G. XX (1).
11. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
12. Cattleya B. G. X (1).
13. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
14. Cattleya mossiae 39. (1).
15. Cattleya 003 XXX (1).
16. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
17. Cattleya mossiae 54. (1).
18. Cattleya 80/140 XXX (1).
19. Cattleya 80D. 271 XX (1).
20. Cattleya B. G. label gone. (1).
21. Cattleya B. G. XXX (2).
22. Cattleya B. G. no label (1).
23. Cattleya B. G. good white XX (1).
24. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
25. Cattleya 019 XXX (1).
26. Cattleya 020 (1).
27. Cattleya B. G. XX (1).
28. Cattleya 80/555 (1).
29. Cattleya 54/77 XXX (1).
30. Cattleya B. G. almost white (1).
31. Cattleya B. G. XX (1).
32. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
33. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
34. Cattleya B. G. XXX (2).
35. Cattleya B. G. no label (1).
36. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
37. Cattleya 80/265 (2).
38. Cattleya amabilis (1).
39. Cattleya B. G. XX (1).
40. Cattleya B. G. XXX (2).
41. Cattleya B. G. XX (1).
42. Cattleya B. G. XX. (1).
43. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
44. Cattleya trianae B. G. (1).
45. Cattleya B. G. X (1).
46. Cattleya 013 (1).
47. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
48. Cattleya trianae - good white
49. Cattleya B. G. XXX (2).
50. Cattleya B. G. XXX. (1).
51. Cattleya no label (2).
52. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
53. Cattleya no label (1).
54. Cattleya 017 (1).
55. Cattleya no label (1).
56. Cattleya B. G. XXX (1).
57. Cattleya no label (2).
58. Cattleya no label (2).
59. Cattleya 80/271 Pitus (2).
60. Cattleya no label. (1).

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62. Cattleya no label (1).
63. Cattleya 56D2 (1).
64. Cattleya cortina (1).
65. Cattleya no label (1).
66. Cattleya no label (1).
67. Cattleya no label (1).
68. Cattleya 54/63/30 (1).
69. Cattleya 6973/304 (2).
70. Cattleya no label (1).
71. Epidendrum sp. B. G.

72 to 87 are all Cattleya - Armacost hybrids.

To pot: 110 plants.

Back bulbs of Cattleyas: 90.

88. Lycaste brevispatha (11).
89. Laelia anceps (1).
- ✓ 90. Dendrobium speciosum (2).
91. Epidendrum sp. (1).
92. Pleurothallus macrocarpus (6 plants)
- ✓ 93. Dendrobium sp (Siam) (1).
94. Sobralia macrantha (2).
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96. Orchid. 46-893 (7).
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101. Orchid 46-900 (2).
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103. Orchid. 46-901 (2).
104. Orchid 46-898 (6).
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- ✓ 119. Anguloa No. 37 (1).
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- ✓ 121. Trichopilia henix No. 23. (1).
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61. Cattleya no label (2).

LIST OF ORCHIDS RECEIVED FROM CURSON-SISSLER. FEBRUARY 25, 1947.

Brassavola glauca
Brassia gireodina gireodiana
Brassia verrucosa
Catasetum scuiria Seem.
Cattleya aurantiaca
Cattleya bicolor
Cattleya gaskelliana
Cattleya harrisoniana
Cattleya luteola
Cattleya speciosissima (C. loddianiana)
Cattleya velutina
Cyrtopodium barbatum
Epidendrum atropurpureum (alata) atropurpureum
Epidendrum barkia skinneri
Epidendrum fragrans
Epidendrum lionetianum
Epidendrum oncidioides
Laelia flava
Laelia grandiflora
Laelia lundii regnellii
Laelia pumila
Lycaste aromatica
Miltonia morellanum
Miltonia vexillaria and *Miltonia regnellii*
Odontoglossum grande
Odontoglossum oblongatum
Odontoglossum pulchellum
Odontoglossum rossii
Odontoglossum schlieperianum
Odontoglossum uno-skinneri O. uno - Seem.
Oncidium bicallosum
Oncidium carthagenensis
Oncidium cavendishianum
Oncidium crispum
Oncidium flexuosum
Oncidium lanceolatum
Oncidium splendidum
Oncidium wentworthianum
Trichopilia saavis
Vanda grandifolia
Zygopetalum crinitum

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May 27, 1947.

*Ans
6/1/47*

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
Professor of Botany and Director Botanical Garden,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Harper:

I was glad to get your two recent letters, and enjoyed our short visit at the Canyon place week before last. I mentioned to you then that Mrs. Sisler was quite ill, but it proved that her condition was much worse than we thought. Before reaching home messages had gone out to me to hurry to Santa Barbara, which I did the same night. Found her very low, and she passed away on Sunday, May 18th.

My plans are, of course, somewhat unsettled. However, I do not at this time anticipate any changes, and will probably go along the best way I find to arrange for keeping the home going at Visalia. Will probably make more frequent trips to Oakland, so will have an opportunity to see you again in the near future.

I am dropping a note to Nick Curson, and he will furnish whatever seedling plants you want to use in the colchicine experiments, and I think it would be fine for you to conduct the experiments there even though Nick and I will be trying a few "stunts" with that material.

Regarding the plants received, and some still coming along, all of that is very satisfactory to me, and I appreciate your good wishes.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Jack

J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

June 1, 1946
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Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Sisler:

Following our meeting last Sunday I have discussed my proposal for an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru with a number of persons interested in such work and acquainted with the problems involved.

The enclosed statement covers in detail my proposal. The guarantee of \$5000 (representing 7 months exploration at \$700.00 per month) is necessary to protect me in securing the services of and providing maintenance for the plant explorers. The payment of \$2500.00 before I leave here on July 1st. will permit me to make advances of salaries, buy and ship equipment from here, and pay for my local travel and assistance in Colombia where I myself expect to do as much intensive orchid collecting as possible.

I hope that you will personally finance this orchid survey. If a group of commercial orchid growers finance it there may be complaints of unfair division of the plants sent back, questions as to who shall have the almost priceless information about new orchid collecting areas and about new species, etc. This is the sort of thing I will not be mixed up in. In the past I have carried on many years of collecting in Asia and South America with funds given without any "strings attached" and solely to advance knowledge. From these past expeditions new plants of great value commercially have been brought back to California along with scientific information of benefit to the world. I am sure that in the same way this orchid survey will pay large dividends in the future to the person or firm financing it.

Please let me have your decision as soon as possible. If your decision is unfavorable I would appreciate your returning the enclosed proposal so that I can submit it elsewhere. If you decide favorably I am willing to execute (without commission and for you alone) orders for purchase of plants from commercial growers or from private collectors in Colombia and possibly in Peru also. I could not make purchases of large numbers of plants but would be willing to buy superior plants in small quantities to be shipped by air under your importation permits. I would need your specific instructions concerning what species and varieties you wished and what would be your limit as to cost of individual plants. For these purchases you would supply me in advance with the necessary funds. I could not, for obvious reasons, make any guarantee of the value to you of the plants purchased or of their condition on receipt by you although I would, of course, make your interest my first concern.

I enjoyed our meeting last Sunday very much despite the fact that I was full of anti-typhoid vaccine and so pretty jittery. The bottles were much appreciated - one has been consumed and the others being consumed with much satisfaction.

With many thanks and all good wishes,
Cordially yours,

Since 1935 I have spent a total of 4 years in Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina as director of three expeditions from the University of California which hunted for new or little known plants of scientific, agricultural, industrial and ornamental importance, with the cooperation of government officials and other prominent persons in those countries. As a result of the success of these expeditions I now have the most complete information anywhere available concerning the vegetation of western South America.

As the guest of the Colombian government I have been invited to spend July, August and September in Colombia to advise on agricultural and other matters including the design of a municipal orchid garden in the city of Medellin. I hope also to revisit Peru.

To increase scientific information concerning the vegetation of tropical South America, to improve the orchid and other collections in the University of California Botanical Garden and at the same time to assist commercial orchid growers in securing new or better sources of wild plants, I am willing to give my services without charge to direct an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru according to the following proposal.

(1) Both in Colombia and Peru I am acquainted with foreign born plant explorers who have for many years studied the tropical vegetation of those countries. They are my personal friends with whom I have myself collected plants and are men of the highest integrity as well as of superior technical training and experience in plant work. They are both familiar with commercial orchid species and varieties and with what constitutes superior quality. I will obtain their services to carry on under my direction the proposed orchid survey.

(2) These plant explorers will devote their entire time or the greater proportion thereof to a search for new or little known areas where orchids of known commercial value (and if possible of superior quality) can be obtained in quantity. In addition they will make every effort to find new or little known species and varieties of orchids which appear to be of potential commercial value and which can be collected in quantity. They will also obtain a variety of scientific information and collect specimens of new species of all plant groups for scientific study at the University of California.

(3) They will prepare detailed maps showing the exact locations of any new or otherwise valuable orchid areas they discover and will indicate the best routes by which those areas can be reached, methods of transportation, local collectors (if any) and will give all other information necessary to enable the revisiting of those areas.

(4) They will if possible obtain at least 15 plants (wherever possible of not less than 8 pseudobulbs each) of all orchids and varieties of known or potential commercial importance from each of the areas in which such species or varieties occur in quantity, and (by purchase if necessary) such other plants of superior quality as they may find in private or commercial orchid collections. If in proper condition these plants will be shipped as soon as possible and otherwise will be held until in suitable condition for shipment. All plants will be properly cleaned and dipped before shipment.

If possible all shipments will be by air express and under University of California Botanical Garden importation permits.

After release from quarantine the Botanical Garden will retain not over 3 plants of each species or variety and will, if desired, give the remainder to the person financing the proposed survey. All living or dried plant specimens (other than orchids of known or potential commercial importance) and all purely scientific information obtained will become the sole property of the University of California Botanical Garden.

(5) The proposed survey will continue for a period of not over one year from July 1, 1946. To provide salaries for explorers, hire of native and other assistants, cost of food and equipment, local transportation, and air express charges \$700.00 per month will be required with a guarantee of not less than \$5000.00 of which not less than \$2500.00 will be paid on or before July 1, 1946. All payments will be made as gifts to the Regents of the University of California to be credited to the South American Expedition Fund of the Botanical Garden and will be deductible from income tax. Expenditures will be made only on my requisition and in accordance with the regulations governing state funds.

(6) Neither I nor the Regents of the University of California will assume any responsibility whatsoever for the success of the proposed survey but I will make every reasonable effort to insure its success.

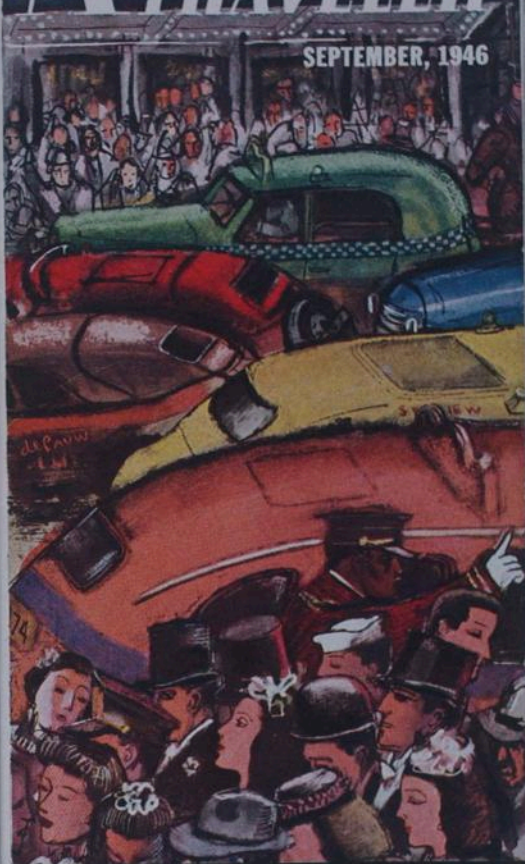
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August 13, 1947.

Mr. J. A. Sisler,
P. O. Box 527,
Visalia,
California.

Dear Jack,

As Nick may have told you Woytkowski has come out of the jungles on the Peruvian-Ecuadorian frontier with quite a load of Cattleya Rex and some other orchids also. After consulting with Nick I have told Woytkowski to send everything to him with a few plants labelled for the Botanical Garden. There are over 1250 pseudobulbs of C. Rex and quite a lot of the plants run between 10 and 20 each. I believe that you should receive a total of 200-250 good plants. At the prices at which C. Rex is quoted by dealers, these plants should bring a considerable sum.

Woytkowski had to scout 100 square miles of jungle to get this number of C. Rex plants and you can get some idea about what it takes to collect in that country by reading the enclosed excerpts from his recent letters. He has also sent me an excellent map showing exactly where C. Rex can be collected together with full notes on means of transportation into the collecting areas and other necessary information. In view of current lack of knowledge about the largely unexplored parts of Peru where C. Rex grows and the obvious desire of local collectors to keep the matter a secret, I think that this map and the notes on it represent something pretty valuable for the future. Indeed, I have an idea that certain of the large Eastern importers of orchid plants would pay a good deal for a copy and would undoubtedly send a collector down to Peru to get plants. In the past some of these importers, knowing that I had done a lot of plant exploration in Peru and Colombia, wanted just the kind of information that we have been getting this past year. One of the importers of drugs and spices was willing to pay a salary of \$600 per month and collecting and transportation costs to have certain areas explored on the chance of finding something of importance to him.

In my original proposal for an orchid survey in Colombia and Peru I estimated the cost at \$700 per month and suggested that you provide \$5000 as a guarantee for the first seven months collecting. Unforeseen circumstances in Colombia and Peru necessitated the extension of the period of the survey to approxi-

ately thirteen months of which considerably over a total of seven months has actually been spent in the field. Funds are now exhausted except for an advance which I have made to the Agricultural College in Medellin to pay collecting costs in Columbia and to prepay air shipments of plants. From Colombia I expect in the near future to receive a considerable number of Cattleyas and other genera which will be passed on to Nick according to our previous arrangement.

To complete the total of a year's actual collecting and pay transportation costs I need \$2500. This would include getting from Colombia supplies of what prove to be most valuable of the material sent in for trial and, in particular, sending Woytkowski into the C. Rex country again to bring out one or two more collections. I am sure that dealing with Woytkowski as my scientific collector rather than as a commercial collector will, for the present at least, be most satisfactory. One of the important reasons for this statement is that if he is collecting for me and this University the Peruvian authorities will not bother him or place restrictions upon export of plants. In addition, he is willing to collect without salary and for his expenses only if he is allowed to collect and sell rare insects. In this connection, however, I think that he should be given more money than in the past for expenses.

You probably have seen the newspaper statement that Truman has signed a bill prohibiting the importation of plants except those to be used for propagation and for scientific purposes. I do not know the details but judge that after ninety days, when the bill goes into effect, it may be difficult to import orchids in quantity for commercial purposes. For this reason I think that it would be wise to get in the near future as many of the C. Rex as possible.

Although it may have no particular personal interest for you, I am sure that you will be gratified to know that through your generosity botanical knowledge of previously unexplored or little known areas has been greatly increased. At the conclusion of the work I expect to receive over 6000 dried plant specimens representing approximately 1000 different species from the Peruvian and Colombian expeditions. Experts on the floras of tropical America will name these plants and I have no doubt that many of them will prove to be previously unknown. The duplicates will go to other institutions in this country and abroad. In other words, you will have made possible a very real and significant contribution to botanical science which should be a source of lasting satisfaction to you as it is to me.

Hope to see you sometime soon.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

1946-1947.

August 15, 1947.

Mr. J. A. Sisler,
P. O. Box 527,
Visalia,
California.

Dear Jack,

In my last letter I should have noted that a short time ago we turned over to Nick another 78 orchid plants received from the Colombian Expedition.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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August 20, 1947.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Department of Botany,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Harper:

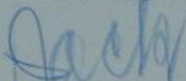
This is to very briefly acknowledge your good letter of August 13th, with enclosure from Dr. Woytkowski. It seems that the latter is gaining in experience, at least, and perhaps he will have material for writing a very interesting adventure book, with comedy relief and all. I do not doubt though but that it is quite an undertaking to make explorations such as he is doing, and it does look somewhat promising for working out arrangements for supplies of *Cattleya Rex* in some quantities, and that is important.

Regarding additional financing of the general exploration, I will have to wait a few days before replying as there are several matters now pending which might materially affect my situation, however, I would say that there is a very good chance that we may be in position to take care of it.

I will probably get up to Oakland about September 6th, and, if so, will try to contact you while there.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

1946-1947.

August 26, 1947.

Mr. J. A. Sisler,
P. O. Box 527,
Visalia,
California.

Dear Jack,

Many thanks for your letter. Unfortunately I will not be here on September 8th. We are going to Santa Barbara for a week or so and are leaving on August 31st. We had thought a little of returning via the valley and dropping in to see your orchids but our plans are still very indefinite. In any case I hope to see you soon.

I am glad you think that you are likely to be interested in more Peruvian collecting. Another letter has come in from Woytkowski. He wants to return soon to the Cattleya Rex country and says that he can bring out 6000 pseudobulbs during the better collecting season in the jungle which is just beginning. He is having a little trouble with the Peruvian authorities who look with suspicion on his exporting living plants in quantity. I anticipated this difficulty and have written to some of my friends in the Ministry of Agriculture and in the National Museum who can help him to secure the necessary export permits. However, I think that we had better get all we can out of Peru within the next six months because the new Leftist government there is unpredictable and is beginning a "Peru for Peruvians" propaganda aimed at restricting exports of all natural resources. Indeed without my contacts down there it might have taken a long time to get anything out.

Saturday I spent a little time with Nick in the greenhouses. He certainly should be congratulated on the fine condition of the plants which make a great impression in terms of growth and general health. It is a real pleasure to see such plants.

Thanks again for your encouraging letter and with all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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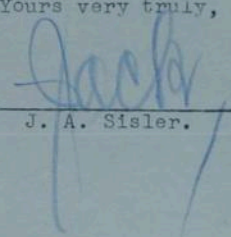
Dear Harper:

Thanks very much for your note of the 4th, and I shall be very glad indeed to have the plants mentioned.

It is now my plan to be in Oakland on Saturday of this week, and I will try to get in touch with you then.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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*Mr. Sisler Received 2 plants each of all Cattleyas
except Dowiana aurea - 1 plant only*

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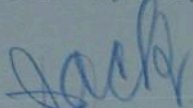
December 16, 1947.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Department of Botany,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Harper:

I was in Oakland for just a short time and got out to the Canyon project for just a few minutes. Jack Whitehead was kind enough to give me the species plants mentioned in your letter, and I am sure they will get off to a good start as they are in real nice condition. Thanks very much and I will report later on development, and in case I do not see you in the meantime, a Very Merry Christmas to Mrs. Goodspeed and yourself.

Yours very truly,



J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

August 4, 1948

Mr. J. A. Sisler
Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

We enjoyed the peaches very much. It was most kind of you to remember us. Mrs. Goodspeed thought that I had acknowledged your kindness and visa versa, which explains why you have not heard from us earlier. The fact that I was away from Berkeley for some time at the Bohemian Grove was partly responsible for the misunderstanding.

I hope that the final large shipment of Cattleya Rex from Peru will reach Nick this month. Woytkowski says that in addition to those to be shipped now he has over 500 selected orchids, principally Cattleyas, in a greenhouse he has recently built in Lima. They belong to us and when I see him there in November I will decide what to do with them. Probably I will bring most of them with me when I return to Berkeley early in December.

The funds you have so generously supplied for plant exploration in Peru and Colombia are now used up with the exception of a small sum in Colombia with which I am instructing my collectors there to buy good Cattleyas from local dealers and ship to me. Whatever arrives will ultimately go to you.

For the next twelve months I want to be able to give Woytkowski \$100 a month to continue orchid collecting. It will represent a salary out of which he will have to pay his collecting and other expenses. He is anxious to have such an assured income which he can supplement by sale of the insects that he collects along with plants for us. In his orchid collecting he will emphasize variety and quality rather than quantity. From other sources I have \$200 to pay the first two months salary and enough to pay air express on what is shipped from Peru. I wonder whether you have any interest in supplying all or a part of the remaining \$1000 needed to finance another years collecting.

Many thanks again for the delicious peaches. I hope that you will let me know in advance when next you can come to Berkeley so that I will not miss you. Cordially yours,

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University of California,
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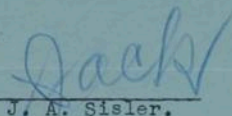
Thanks very much for your good letter of August 4th.

I am leaving tomorrow morning for a quick trip to Vancouver.
Am shipping a lot of Orchid plants there from Visalia and
Oakland. Will be gone about 10 days.

I think it is very desirable to keep Woytkowski going, but
I shall write to you further about that upon my return.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

August 27, 1948

Mr. J. A. Sisler
Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

Thanks for you letter. I hope the trip to the North was profitable and pleasant.

Your suggestion that you might be interested in supplying additional funds for a year's continuation of Woytkowski's collecting in Peru was encouraging.

As I told you I want to supply him with a monthly salary of \$100 or \$1200 for the year July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. I also told you that from other sources I have \$200 with which I have paid him a July and August salary without any agreement to continue such payments. Now I find that before the end of the year I can apply an additional \$100. In other words, I need \$900 to set up a fund from which the University will pay Woytkowski the monthly salary.

Hope to see you soon. Best wishes to you and Mrs. Sisler.

Cordially,

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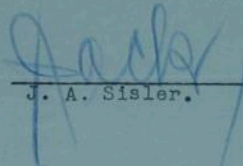
Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Harper:

We had a very successful and pleasant trip for a rush affair. However, upon getting back and sort of balancing the accounts, it appears that all the commitments that I have already made will just about keep me broke for the balance of this year; but, if you can string the Woytkowski situation along for a few months, I may possibly be in better shape to meet the situation by January. At least I hope so. It just seems that nearly everything at the present time calls for additional investment instead of returns. That should change before long.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



J. A. Sisler.

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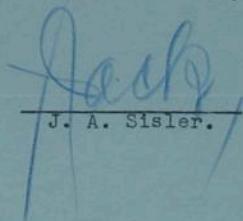
Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Department of Botany,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Harper:

I received your letter of the 27th after writing to you on the same date, and it seems that the best thing to do is to take care of Woytkowski for the balance of this year, and then see what the first of next year will turn up; so, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$300.00, which as I understand from your last letter will cover the needs for the balance of this year. This is somewhat of a piecemeal deal, but apparently the best way that we can work it out.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



J. A. Sisler.

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September 13, 1948

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P.O.Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

I have thanked you so many times for your generous support of the South American work in which we are mutually interested that there are no new words left with which to express my appreciation of your willingness to make it possible for Felix Woytkowski to carry on until the first of the year the collecting which he has been doing for us. Of course I am hopeful that at that time his work can be continued for an additional six months, particularly because when I am with him for a number of weeks in late November and early December it will be possible to survey unexplored areas and map out a program for next year which ought to yield even more important results than his past ones.

I have sent your check for \$300 to the Regents of the University and they will officially acknowledge your generosity.

With many thanks again and every good wish to you and Mrs. Sisler

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. J. A. Sialer

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8. Submitted by **T.H. Goodspeed** Department **Botany** Campus **Berkeley**

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December 16, 1948.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
Department of Botany,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Harper:

I thought I might see you at Berkeley during this month, but it now appears that we will not be getting back up that way until after New Years; so, I want to first congratulate you on your South American trip and all the activities down there, and to wish Mrs. Goodspeed and yourself a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I have not talked with Nick recently in reference to Woytkowski, or the possibility for handling plants from Peru. However, I am under the impression that he would be quite conservative in considering any importations of species stocks, whether Cattleya Rex or any others, as there has been a very notable slack of interest in demand for orchid plants in general, and for the species stocks in particular, so I can't imagine what any grower or dealer might do with a large number of Cattleya Rex just now. The principal interest in that variety would be the possibilities in breeding, but that would not call for a lot of plants. I am going to forward your letter written from Lima to Nick and ask him to go over it carefully, and give us his judgment as to what might be done, and particularly whether or not he considers that any program can be worked out whereby we might handle there at Oakland any shipments, and in what maximum quantities, that Woytkowski might arrange, but as I have indicated, it does not seem to me that the outlook is very favorable, as it seems that most of the potential demand for species plants has already been filled, and in most varieties there is now a considerable over supply at many places in the country; so, in view of this situation, we are at Oakland, as rapidly as is practicable, converting to flower production, which will be the main item of business from now on according to the present indications. We shall, of course, appreciate getting any plants that come along to you or the university in which we may share, and will be glad to pay our proportion of transportation, etc.,

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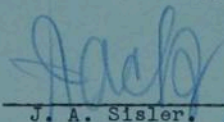
Dr. T. H. Goodspeed

Confidentially, I have an interest now in another orchid growing deal at Vancouver, British Columbia, and it is possible that we might use to advantage up there some species plants, but again would have to bear in mind that we would not be very much in the business of resale of plants, but almost entirely in the business of producing flowers for sale. The trend in this country has been astonishingly rapid in the direction of hybrid cattleyas, etc., and away from the species stocks, with the exception, of course, of some amounts of Mossiaes, and two or three of the others, and right now we could buy, if we had any use for them, good plants of Percivallianas, Trianaes, etc., at less than the cost of bringing them from the tropical countries, and many of them are being dumped.

This is not a sad story, but just the fast developing change.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you in the near future, we are

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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Dear Harper:

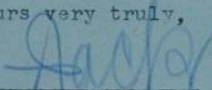
I just have an answer from Nick in regards to the outlook for handling plants from Woytkowski. He is not at all optimistic about it. In fact, he does not see any prospects for doing any good there. He did say that the plants which he saw that you had sent up were evidently much better than the plants previously received from Woytkowski, but that unfortunately the fumigation was very severe and damaging.

Actually the general outlook for sales of species plants of any kind is no longer an attractive line of business, and the demand for Gattleya Rex would doubtless prove to be quite limited. The switch to hybrids is developing very rapidly, and many growers who formerly used a lot of species are trying to unload at any price. This very materially affects the outlook for business and plants, and we have no choice but to rearrange our policy and plans as fast as we can do so. This does not mean that we are going to discontinue handling species, but we do have quite a load of it, some of our own stocks, and some quantity of consignment stocks that have been more or less wished upon us. I do hope that Woytkowski works out some sales outlet that will, at least, repay him for his time and efforts, but it will be better for him perhaps to realize just what conditions exist, rather than be following the will-o'-the-wisp.

I am planning to go North as far as Vancouver, leaving here about the 22nd of the month. May have an opportunity to talk to you as we go through Oakland.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

January 18, 1949.

Mr. J. A. Sisler,
P. O. Box 527,
Visalia, California.

Dear Jack,

Many thanks indeed for your kindness in sending the box of grapes which were very much enjoyed by the combined family who had gathered to greet us on our return from South America just before Christmas. You were thoughtful to remember us so generously.

I understand perfectly your reaction, contained in your letters of December 16 and January 5, concerning the importance of obtaining more C. Rex via Woytkowski. It is natural that, in general, growers of flowers hope to maintain high prices by offering a better product and hybrids on the whole are as easy to grow as species. I believe, however, that, in terms of Cattleya, the grower who keeps a good supply of superior Trianae and Mossiae is going to be smart because it appears that the hybrids cannot be depended upon to be as strictly seasonal as the species.

Concerning approximately 400 large plants of C. Rex that Woytkowski now has in hand, either direct from the jungle or grown by him for some months, I am going to help him out by taking them off his hands and trying to dispose of those that can be established here.

The last (December) shipment of C. Rex came in my name to avoid export complications in Peru. As Nick says they were rather badly damaged by heavy fumigation. On the whole, however, they did not suffer much more than a shipment of Trianae, Mendellii, etc. that came at the same time from Colombia. Apparently the new chief at San Francisco quarantine is out to make a record in damaging orchids!

The following, about 20 plants each, are for you or for Nick as you direct: Mendellii, Gigas, Trianae. I suggest that we hold the Rex until the effect of shipment and fumigation are over and then turn them all over to you; or you can have them now if you prefer.

As I wrote you from Peru I am much impressed by Woytkowski's capacity as a collector as judged by the orchids he had collected during the last six months. Probably he has learned the game in part at my expense but he certainly knows it now. Peruvian orchids as a whole, and not necessarily C. Rex, must have a certain importance because the Orchid Society of America sent a collector there from New York to get what he could find and it cost them a lot of money to judge by the reports I had in Lima. At any rate, I am very anxious to capitalize on Woytkowski's training and experience by permitting him to continue collecting for six months at least. The results would probably be largely of scientific rather than commercial interest so far as orchids are concerned. On the other hand, there were a number of very fine genera, other than *Cattleya*, blooming in his greenhouses that should have value as flowers and so far as I can discover they have never been grown and are not even described in the books. Of course it will take two or three years to find out whether they have any value but if we could get a collection at the University of all the potentially good things that Woytkowski can find and if only one or two turned out to be valuable, we would be the only people who would know where and how to get them in quantity down there. If he gives up collecting and leaves Peru before he has a chance to follow leads he has on where to find good, new species of orchids, some of the best part of the previous investment in his work will be lost. So far as what he can accomplish scientifically is concerned there is not any gamble in the proposal but from the commercial side there obviously is a gamble. Whether you have any further interest in helping to finance the proposal as it stands I do not know but I thought I ought to present it to you just as I see it after being in Peru and determining what Woytkowski can accomplish.

Many thanks again for all your past interest and encouragement. Best wishes to you and Mrs. Sisler for the New Year.

Cordially,

THG/EN

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March 24, 1949.

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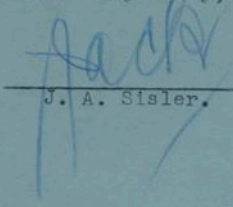
Dear Harper:

Thanks very much for your note of the 18th. Our new house at Vancouver is not quite ready to receive plants, but the heating system is now being installed, and hope it will be ready within the next two or three weeks; also, I would like to pack those plants, making necessary customs papers, etc., and ship them United Air Lines air freight, so if you could hold them for just a little while longer, I will try to get up there in either two or three weeks and get them out of your way. However, if you are getting cramped for space, I could have Jacky get them and take them to the Curson houses, but if it can be avoided, would rather not handle them that way, so will you please let me know.

When will be the right time, and could I get a stick of bud wood, to bud a seedling camellia to that big Chinese number that you sent me flowers from a year or two ago.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

March 29, 1949

Mr. J. A. Sisler
P. O. Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

I have your letter of March 24 and hasten to say that we will take care of your Cattleyas for a number of weeks more. Although they may have to go out into a tight frame in the lath house, I am sure that they will come to no harm there.

Unfortunately the time has gone by for taking scions or bud wood from Camellia reticulata. January or early February would have been much better. However, when you come to the Garden to ship your orchids, you can see what you think about the budding possibilities.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

THG:hm

May 12, 1949

Mr. J. A. Sisler
Burnaby Orchids Ltd.,
2803 Patterson Ave
Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Mr. Sisler:

I am happy that you will find room in your greenhouses for the collection of orchid plants which I am turning over to you herewith. They represent new or little known species collected in Peru for scientific purposes.

Since we are, for lack of room, unable to care for them I appreciate your cooperation in carrying forward this scientific project. I will be interested to have reports from you on your success in growing these rare botanical species.

Sincerely yours,

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April 20, 1950.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
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University of California,
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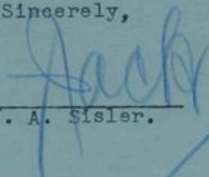
I have your note with the James Brennen letter enclosed. First, I want you to know that I am terribly sorry to hear about Mrs. Goodspeed. I know what you are going through, as I have had exactly the same experience. There is not much that you can do now, but to make her as comfortable as possible physically and spiritually. I hope that she will not suffer severely. I will see you when I am in the bay area next trip.

Regarding the Brennen letter, which I am returning to you herewith. I would be very glad to try the melon seeds here, and not only have some melons next Fall for Mr. Brennen and yourself, but, also, try to make enough new seed to provide a full field test. That is if the results from this first planting show favorably. So, if you would like to send the seeds on to me here, we will go ahead with it.

Things are going along about the same at Oakland. The Vancouver venture is flourishing, and we are all working here at Visalia.

Our kindest regards and best wishes, and don't let anything get you down.

Sincerely,


J. A. Sisler.

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April 28th., 1950;

Dear Harper,

I called your office when in Oakland the first of the week. Sorry there was no opportunity to see you.

Why don't you take a few days off and come down here; We should be glad to have you and to show you around and the change will be good for the time.

Besides, I want to have a talk with you.

Let us know, and any time in the near future will fit in with us, excepting that we will have to be away perhaps through May 9th., to 13th.

Kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours,

Jack

2024 Life Sciences Bldg.
May 9, 1950

Mr. J. A. Sisler
Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

I certainly appreciated your letter of April 20 and your helpful thought in my emergency. Two days after you wrote it Mrs. Goodspeed died very peacefully as I think you know. Indeed, throughout her long illness she fortunately suffered very little.

Under separate cover I am sending you the melon seeds which you were good enough to say you would try. I am saving a few to grow here although I doubt whether in this climate we will have much success. The seed was received originally from Mr. Brennen in two packets, one marked "white" and the other marked "green" with the name Mancore melons in each case. Whether there is any distinction between the two his letter does not indicate. Hopefully there will be something interesting to come from this test. I am telling Mr. what disposal I have made of the seed and it is possible that you may hear from him direct.

I am glad that the orchid ventures in Oakland and Vancouver are successful. Walter Eyerdam who was with me in South America for a year and who is a remarkably effective collector, proposes to spend six months on the coast of Ecuador and in the mountains adjacent thereto. He wants the Botanical Garden here to sponsor his collecting trip which would be made some time between November and June. The territory he proposes to work is pretty much unknown and I believe that in the mountains there should be some worth while orchids. He has very valuable contacts in the area and will be able to accomplish as much as anyone I know. I am waiting to find out more from these contacts about the orchid possibilities and in case you might be interested in this proposal I will keep you informed of developments.

With many thanks again for all your kind and helpful interest and with very best wishes

Cordially yours,

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July 6, 1950.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
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Dear Harper:

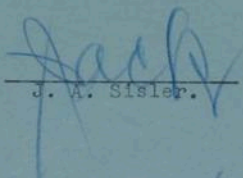
This is mainly for the purpose of reporting on the Brennen melons. We planted both the green and white seed. All is thriving. We are trying to give it all of the care that is required to make a good crop of melons, and to have seed for a larger project next season, and which I think might be handled to good advantage by our associates, who are melon growers on the West side, that is northwest of Fresno, where conditions are most favorable for melon culture and production.

Thanks for the information about your friend, Walter Eyerdam. If the project is to be started this year, we would have to pass on it, but if it does not develop until next year, maybe we could be interested then.

We are planning to make our annual Summer trip to Vancouver, leaving here on Saturday, July 15th, and returning around the first of August. Otherwise, are quite busy, and have had very little time to spend at Oakland so far this year.

Kindest regards, and looking forward to seeing you before too long.

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

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August 29, 1950.

Dr. T. H. Goodspeed,
University of California,
2079 Life Sciences Building,
Berkeley 4, California.

Dear Harper:

Just a brief report on the Brennen, Mancore melons. We picked the first sample melon on August 19th, 2 more on August 24th, and about 35 on August 25th. The remainder will come along for picking approximately every three days. The first samples were tried for flavor, and we found them pleasing, rather bland, juicy, and as stated in Mr. Brennen's letter to you, somewhat resembling our Casaba melons. The entire picking on August 25th was placed in a storeroom, packed in shavings, and we will continue to store each lot as harvested, excepting to try a melon now and then to see if they are consistent in quality and flavor. These melons would, perhaps, not develop any special interest if marketed at this time. However, if they will store well, they may be of some importance for late market, and we will make a careful test with that in view.

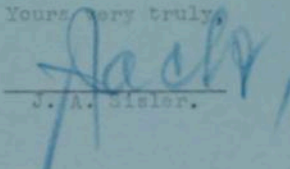
In the meantime, if Mr. Brennen, or yourself, would like some of these to sample, let me know and I can make express shipment of a crate to either, or each, of you at any time.

We are saving seeds from each and every melon, so that in the event that they turn out good enough to justify it, there will be seed available for a fair size commercial planting.

How have you been, and when are you coming down here to see us? Our good Fall weather will be on before much later, and that is a nice time to get around and enjoy things in this area.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours very truly,


J. A. Sisler.

JAS/tr

October 3, 1950

Mr. Jack Sisler
Box 527
Visalia, California

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your letters of July 6 and August 29 and the melon you were good enough to leave for me. The letters were received during my absence in Europe.

Since melons do not agree particularly well with me, others are testing their flavor, keeping qualities, etc. My son-in-law reports that the flavor is exceptionally good and that stored in a cooler he had cut slices that were in good condition over a ten-day period. Apparently he plans to continue cutting from his melon for another week or two. It seemed to me that the most significant attributes of these melons, as represented originally by Mr. Bremmen, was the fact that they were preserved in good condition for many weeks after being cut. Differences in climatic conditions may, of course, affect rapidity of spoilage, etc. As you say, their possible importance from the marketing point of view would be the possibility of storing uncut for a later market. I hope that it will work out that way so that you will be repaid for the effort you have made in testing the situation.

I note your reference to your possible interest after the first of the year in the Ecuadorian Orchid Hunting Expedition, which Mr. Eyerdam wants the University to sponsor. He wants to start South in November but will be down there, if we can find the money to pay his transportation, for six months or more. Therefore, if the proposal actually goes through I will take it up with you again in January.

Many thanks for your kind invitation to pay a visit to Visalia. I certainly will look forward to that privilege. Actually, as you can imagine, a good deal has piled up here waiting my return after two months abroad. My daughter and I had an enjoyable visit in various countries following the Botanical Congress in Stockholm and during our three weeks in England I made some possibly valuable contacts with English orchid growers.

With best wishes to you,

Cordially,

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