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- Taximetrics Laboratory

February 6, 1967

Dr. George S. Bass
Calle 31 #6-42
Bogota, Colombia

Dear George:

It is fairly definite that I will be in Trinidad April 1st to 9th. I could come on over to Colombia for a few days after that time. If you are interested in my coming over and can arrange some where between April 12 and 19, I could make some sort of survey of your problems then.

Let me know if you are still interested as soon as you can.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Rogers
Professor of Botany

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The Saturday Evening

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February 28, 1968

David J. Rogers, Esq.
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York, N.Y. 10058

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I have heard fascinating things about Economic Botany, and I would appreciate learning more. Are subscriptions available? Back Copies?

I am leaving this job in two weeks and am going soon to take my microscopes and family to a small farm in the south of France. There are vineyards, and I intend to keep bees. I have other ideas about what I might grow (lavender, ginger, gourds), but my ideas are vague and uninformed.

Is there anything you might suggest that I read?

Cordially,

A Curtis Magazine

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Guide sheet for trials with yuca -
Present cult. in Colombia

Conditions for testing yuca cultivation

1. Soil selection
2. Varieties + methods of testing.
3. ~~Cultivation~~ Cultivation techniques
4. Characteristics of local yuca varieties
5. Guide for selection of site,
drainage - soils, rainfall -
fertilizing, if any - local practices.
productivity, including starch
content, cycle time, etc.

George Bass

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APARTADO AEREO 13768
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA
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A) PLANT SURVEY - WHAT TO RECORD ON PLANT TYPE

I PLANT ITSELF

1) WT OF ROOT

2) STARCH CONTENT

3) AGE WHEN WT + STARCH CONTENT TAKEN

4) TYPE OF ROOT STRUCTURE

5) " " LEAF + STALK "

6) Photograph of Plant

II GROWING CONDITIONS

1) soil analysis

2) rainfall

3) Type of

B) SITE SURVEY - WHERE PLANTS GROW BEST

1) LAND

2) RAINFALL

3)



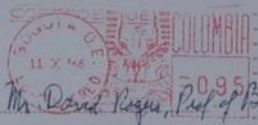
URABA-COLOMBIA
Indias Cunas

10 Oct 1966

Dear Dave - Many thanks your
letter 135pt. Will do a little
research to find best time to
find good growing young.
Right now up to my neck in
chicken problems. Hopefully
we could work out a trip when
you are having snow. But
before JAN-1968 dry time on
road. Will let you know.

Sincerely - Jerry Bass
Calli 31 #6-42

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May 20, 1966

Dr. George S. Bass
301 East 66th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear George:

Thanks for your offer to help out with the Brazilian trip. Unfortunately, it is so close to the time that I had to cancel out earlier. However, let us think a little bit ahead. I have another invitation to appear at a South American symposium in September. Would it be possible to get together with you in September? This might be more appropriate. Let me know how this grabs you.

Sincerely,

David J. Rogers
Professor of Botany

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May 13, 1966

MAY 16 1966

Mr. David J. Rogers
Professor of Botany
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado

Dear Dave,

Are you still considering the Brazilian trip?
If so I think I could finance perhaps \$600 of it and
expenses in Colombia if you could drop by Colombia
for about 10 daus to help me out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Bass
George S. Bass

GSB/bxm

- Taxonomy Laboratory

February 8, 1966

Mr. George S. Bass
37 Mt. Vernon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear George:

I am sending this letter to both of your addresses in hopes that I may be able to catch you somewhere between your various flights round the world.

I'm in a spot and I need some help. I have been invited to participate in a big stick symposium down in Belem, Brazil this coming June. Like most such invitations, they do not come accompanied with greenbacks. Could I tap you for some finances to make that trip? The thing I was thinking about was that if I could make that trip to Belem it would be no sweat to stop off in Colombia. Let me know if you can afford such as this. I don't have any idea at the moment about the total figures, but the base round trip air fare from here to Belem is around \$650.00. I hate to beg like this, but there is nothing left for me to do. All of my travel funds have either been used up or are ear-marked for some other expedition.

Best regards,

David J. Rogers
Professor of Botany

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Bogota, Colombia

- Taxonomy Laboratory

February 25, 1966

Mr. George S. Bass
301 East 66th Street
New York, New York

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st. I have some very faint clues about other potential utilizations of yuca. I have run across a group that is attempting to develop a "yuca chip" which is nothing more than a chipped up root dried and sent to Europe for cattle or animal food. I have not been able to get my hands on the exact group that is involved in this inasmuch as it came to me second-hand, but here is another use for yuca, that is, for a chipped dried product that can be used by various people for cattle feed. That is the only other use that might have any potential size involved in it. One other little thing that came to my mind recently has an intriguing possibility, although you will probably say, as I have to myself, that it doesn't have one heck of a large potential market. But, let me mention it anyway. When I was in Jamaica I noted that they made a very nice crisp little cocktail wafer from yuca. This is a product marketed locally in Jamaica and, to me, the product was certainly a delightful one. It was made from ground up root which had had the juices extracted and the wet product formed into a loaf about the size of a small loaf of bread. This was then sliced cross-wise through in thin layers, dotted with butter, showed into the oven and baked until dry and crisp. There may be other aspects to the manufacture of this wafer or biscuit or whatever you wish to call it, but it sure looked like a good deal to me if it could be put out in any size or quantity. Does this sort of thing grab you?

This is about the only way that I have heard of any new uses for yuca. I hope this does you some good.

Sincerely,

David J. Rogers
Professor of Botany

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FEB 24 1966

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21 Feb 1966

Dear Dave,

Your proposition sounds interesting. I will have to make a few more inquiries into the market before I can give you a definite answer. In the meantime, do you know of anybody using yuca in the universal food thing (Incorporins etc.) + 2) ~~in yuca~~ has anyone come up with new uses of yuca in addition to the standard uses. The reason I ask is that there are already 2 corn starch companies down here + I just don't know what market a yuca factor would have.

Please drop a line to both addresses.

Sincerely
George