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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
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July 1, 1969

Dr. David Rogers
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Dear ^{Dave:} ~~Dr.~~ Rogers:

The Organizing Committee of the IV Mexican Botanical Congress is planning a symposium on the present state of botanical research in Mexico, as well as other projects concerned with Mexican plants.

It has been arranged that three speakers will discuss the work actually being done within the Mexican Republic, and in addition studies carried on in the U. S., but involving Mexican plants, will be presented. One of the U. S. speakers will cover those investigations going on in the eastern U. S., while the other will discuss research being carried out at western institutions.

I have been asked to represent the West. In order that the coverage will be as complete as possible, I am writing to a number of colleagues to solicit their assistance. What is desired is a brief resumé of any projects involving Mexican plants. I should appreciate any information concerning your own researches or those of your colleagues or students. It is hoped to cover not only taxonomic studies but all phases of botany. Therefore, work in paleobotany, ecology, cytology, ethnobotany, etc., should be included.

Any assistance you can give us will be greatly appreciated. If you know of work going on at an institution other than your own, I hope you will call it to my attention. Although this letter is being sent to all of those I think may be carrying out studies involving Mexican plants, it would be easy to miss some important projects.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give us, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

John R. Reeder
Professor of Botany
Curator, RM Herbarium

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