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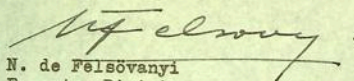
21. DEC. 1956

Dear Mr. Kasapligil,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 1 December, from which I gather that you and your family are doing fine. I should also like to congratulate you on your new job. I was very interested to read that you are teaching forestry subjects in a girls' school. I think that this might make a good news item for UNASYLVA and, if you have time, you might write up a few paragraphs on your work there and send it to us. It would certainly be appreciated here. Fifteen copies of your report will be forwarded to you this week.

My family is doing all right and the two youngsters are growing rapidly. As you can well imagine, they give a lot of work to my wife. We both send you and your family our best wishes for a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Yours very sincerely,


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July 21, 1957

Mr. Nicolas de Falsomanyi

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Dear Mr. de Falsomanyi,

Finally the academic year passed by and I have the opportunity to keep up with my correspondence. Teaching kept me very busy, but it was a pleasant experience. Enclosed I am sending you a short article about my activities at Mills College as you requested in your last letter. I shall appreciate having two copies of *Unasylva* when this article is published under news. I am not sending any pictures now, but if you wish I shall be glad to send you some pictures of our students in the field trips during next year.

I received 15 copies of my report on Jordan with many thanks and I already distributed them among the foresters and ecologists who were interested in the subject. The text of the report as well as the maps were printed neatly. I wish some of my vegetation pictures also could be included.

I am not teaching during summer session, but spending most of my time on a research project dealing with the seed germination and seedling ontogeny of native California pines. My students at Mills College will share different aspects of the problem during the following academic year.

We are settled comfortably after receiving our luggage which took 7 months to reach California. My wife is already accustomed to American way of living, but we can't give up "Fondue" and many other Swiss dishes. David is 14 months old now and he is just starting to walk in his stroller. He likes bathing in the swimming pool of our college and he is already very popular among the college girls.

July 21, 1957

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We hear from our good friends Dr. and Mrs. Masar quite regularly and we are so happy to know that they are in good health finally enjoying their stay in Rabat, Morocco.

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Mrs. Kesapligil and David join me in sending best wishes and regards to Mrs. de Felsevanyi, Philippe, Nicolas and to you.

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany

Biology Department

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JUL 30 1958

Dear Mr. Kasapligil,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 4. We have forwarded 100 copies of your Report No. 549 on Ecological Survey of the Vegetation in Relation to Forestry and Grazing to Mr. Salti and 10 copies have been forwarded to you.

Unfortunately, no copies of the Report "Plants of Jordan with notes on their Ecology and Economic Situation" are available. The run of this report which was, as you probably know, printed in Jordan, is completely exhausted and no means at present are available to have it reproduced. However, I have taken good note of the corrections suggested by you and should at a later date the opportunity arise to have this report reproduced again we shall not fail to introduce them in the new version.

As far as new assignments are concerned, we have unfortunately fared very badly for 1959 in Forestry and there would be no opening which might fall in your field and be of interest to you. However, this situation may change in 1960 and you may rest assured that if anything suitable is included in the 1960 Program I will advise you in due course.

Please give my kindest regards to your family.

Yours very sincerely,

N. de Felsevanyi
Forestry Division.

Mr. B. Kasapligil
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October 4, 1958

Mr. Nicolas de Falsceevanyi
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Dear Mr. de Falsceevanyi,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of July 4, 1958. I am glad to hear that my report No. 549 has been reprinted and forwarded to Mr. Salti. I shall be obliged to receive ten copies of this report, but they did not reach me so far. I imagine they would be forwarded to my address through your office in Washington, D.C. I wonder if there is any way to trace the lost package containing the reports?

My teaching at the University of California during last summer was a pleasant experience. I had a coeducational class with students representing different nationalities, professions and age groups. The session went by with an intensive work and I returned to Mills College for the regular fall semester again. Other than the courses in "Genetics" and "North American Trees" I teach a course in "Economic Botany" for the first time. The young ladies study all arts of timber and their identification, food plants, fibers, medicinal plants and their products in this course. Our visits to food processing factories are also very interesting.

Mrs. Kasapligil and David join me in sending best wishes and regards to you and to your family.

Very sincerely yours,

Baki Kasapligil

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Dear Mr. Kasapligil,

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 1958. I have discovered that the ten copies of your report were by mistake not forwarded to you at the time, but they have now been dispatched and I hope that you will receive them shortly.

Thank you very much for your good wishes. We have had a pretty bad time recently, since both children had their tonsils out and Nicolas was quite ill afterwards. Now I am glad to say they are both better.

With kind regards to you and your family, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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JAN. 12 1960

Dear Mr. Kasapligit,

I wish to thank you for your nice letter of 15 December 1959 and the good wishes you sent to my family and myself. I presume that by now you have received our Christmas card, and I hope that your wife and children are well.

I continue to scrutinize carefully our Technical Assistance program to find out if there is anything of interest to you. For the moment this is not the case. The only opening is a post in Iraq in Forest Research, and I do not think that after your previous experience in the Middle East you would have any predilection for a job in this country.

You might have heard of the development in assisting under-developed countries through the United Nations Special Fund in New York. F.A.O. has already a number of projects approved, but unfortunately, so far, nothing in Forestry. We are making, of course, great efforts to get a number of Special Fund Forestry projects through, and we are confident that we will be successful in some cases during 1960. Under these conditions interesting opportunities may arise, and I will not fail to write to you should this be the case.

Meanwhile, I remain, with my regards also to your wife,

Yours sincerely,

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