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5th January 1957

Rome

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Dear Mr. Karapiglit,

Thank you for your good wishes. I received some days ago. I have been very glad to have news from you and particularly to see that you enjoy all your new job.

I hope that this new year will bring you and your family as many good things as you may want, and particularly every satisfaction in your studies and every success in your research.

I can easily understand that, in your situation, you need time to keep abreast of all the development and progress in your field, but I am sure also that you will come back to a more active life, some outdoor observation is the real laboratory of the ecologist. Perhaps, on such occasion, we will have again the opportunity to meet and you will have the occasion again of helping us, as you have done so successfully in Jordan.

Very sincerely yours

J. François

July 22, 1957

Mr. F. Francois
Forestry Division
F.A.O. of the U. N.
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Francois,

I received your nice letter long time ago and I wish to thank you for your very kind compliments on my service with F.A.O. My first academic year at Hills rushed by with busy teaching. Now I find opportunity for my research during summer. I am revising my plant collections from Jordan and preparing an article about the plants now for Jordan. I wonder if I may have the approval of the Organization to publish such a purely scientific paper in the botanical journal of the Hebrew University in Israel?

A few months ago Prof. Zohary, Head of the Botany Department of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was here and he saw some of my Jordanian plant collections and vegetation pictures when he visited us in Oakland. Dr. Zohary, an authority on the vegetation of the Middle East was very much interested to have my duplicate plant specimens and vegetation pictures for the Botany Department of the Hebrew University. Again this will be a purely scientific cooperation and I shall be obliged to receive your approval.

I gave several lectures on the vegetation of Jordan during last academic year as you will see the announcement of one of these lectures on the attached card. Several other lectures are scheduled already for the coming academic year. I have been asked by our College President to give a lecture on "U.N. Arid Lands Project" as the speaker of the College Assembly during U.N. week next October. I shall emphasize on Arid Zone Projects of F.A.O. and Unesco in this lecture. I have a set of slides about the arid lands of the Near East, but I need some more slides about the arid lands and their improvement in other parts of the world to illustrate my lecture. I shall be obliged if any Division of F.A.O. can supply me with the information or slides of general nature in this subject.

Sending you my best wishes and personal regards, I remain sincerely yours

Prof. Baki Kasapliligil



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SEP. - 9 1957

Dear Mr. Kasapligil,

I must apologize for my delay in replying to your letter of 22 July. I found it only when I came back from vacation at the beginning of August and as it raised a very delicate question I wanted to have a decision from the Director of our Division.

Mr. Leloup has just returned to Rome, but he thinks also that the approval you request both for the publication of an article in a Hebrew journal and the despatch of duplicate plant specimens to the Hebrew University might place our Organization in a difficult position. He wishes to refer the question to our Director-General, who is now away from Rome for some weeks. I will write to you again when a decision has been taken.

With regard to the slides on arid lands, some have been collected here, but they are almost entirely on the Middle East. I would suggest that you write, on our recommendation, to the following persons, who would certainly be able to supply you with a good choice of pictures:

Mr. A. Consigny
Group Leader, FAO Forestry Mission
c/o Oficina Regional de la FAO
Casilla 10095, Santiago, Chile

L'Inspecteur général Ch. Grimaldi d'Esdra
Chef de l'Administration des Eaux et Forêts
et de la Conservation des Sols
Ministère de l'Agriculture et des Forêts
Rabat, Maroc.

Very sincerely yours,

T. François

Tony François
Forestry Division

Mr. Baki Kasapligil
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P.S. Attached are the names and addresses of two further persons who would be able to send you good pictures.

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Sep 9, 1957

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Mr. D. M. Currie
40 Hampton Park Road
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Mr. G. J. Rodger
Director-General
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OCT. - 1 1957

Dear Mr. Kasapligil,

In the absence of Mr. François on leave, I am writing in continuation of his letter of 9 September 1957 concerning the proposals in your letter of 22 July 1957 for publication of an article based on your experience in Jordan, in a Hebrew journal, and despatch of material collected in Jordan to the Hebrew University.

Experience acquired and material collected as a result of an FAO mission must not be used in a way which might be of detriment to the relations between this Organization and its member countries. Therefore, considering the existing tension between the aforementioned countries, FAO cannot approve the proposals made in your letter of 22 July 1957.

You will agree that an article under your name, even without any reference to FAO or Technical Assistance, would be easily identified as based on your work for our Organization. In order that no difficulties may arise for our further work in Jordan, I would be grateful if you could refrain from the proposed publicity and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,


H. Andersen
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