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Dear Baki,

I don't know when you will read this letter but I just hope it will be after an unforgettable travel.

First, I'd like (with Pierre of course) to thank you very much for your so kind invitation. With you, I could be again (in thoughts) in the Mediterranean region, a region you know so well and I have just began to love with the study of one range; of course, I hope I'll have opportunities to discover many other aspects in the future and specially the Middle East. I have dreams ... and time !

But I must tell you that our recent travel in an American Mediterranean region was really great and successfull. It's such an enrichment to meet interesting and friendly people ! After Berkeley we have been in Davis (where I could have a "tonic" meeting with Dr. Stebbins) and we have been working with people of the Dept of Botany around Bishop ... a new good occasion to meet interesting botanists and vegetation. In the way back, we haven't seen any plants on the top of Mt. Shasta, but it was fun to discover another aspect of California: skiing and climbing !

I am sure you will be pretty busy at your way back in Berkeley and the answers to my following questions are not urgent at all. But I am very curious and interested to know your impressions about the vegetation and specially the forests of Morocco. Are they in rather good shape compared with other Mediterranean countries ? Or, in the contrary, do they seem strongly endangered by human activities ? I think that one can see both aspects, depending upon the region and the elevation. We have met too both kind of foresters: some (few!) were very dynamic and conscious of the problems of the forests of their country; others seemed to be good officials in their offices ! But you have probably met more foresters than we did and I am curious too to know your opinion about their impact in this major problem of Mediterranean countries.

On a more qualitative plan, I should be interested too to know your ideas about the floristic affinities between Atlas Mts and Turkish Mts. Among the "orophile" flora, we know several good examples of species whose affinities are without any doubts with Meddle East or even Himalayan taxa (*Silene boryi*, *Alyssum psilocarpum*, *Cerastium dichotomum*, *Veronica sibthorpioides*, *Papaver atlanticum*, *Androsace maxima*, *Centranthus battandieri*, *Scutellaria orientalis*, *Potentilla tornezyana*, *Onosma fastigiatum*, *Cotoneaster nummularia* ...) Usually, these species show "ancient" cha-

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racters in their morphology, their chromosome number or their scattered distribution; this is for me the sign of rather "old" contacts and migrations (E $\rightarrow$ W or W $\rightarrow$ E) during Miocene.

I realise that my questions about the forests arise a pretty broad subject which could be more valuably discussed orally and, of course, I don't want you to spend too much time in answering me. But anyway, your global impressions after your travel in different Mediterrean countries could be really interesting for me.

Please, excuse my approximate english and the length of this letter. I am looking forward to read you !

The very best regards from both of us,

Sincerely,

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Dear Baki,

I am ashamed to send news from Seattle only now, specially after the kind and interesting letter you sent me following your travel to Mediterranean countries. Actually, I hoped I could have an occasion to meet you in Berkeley at the beginning of April, since we have been travelling in the Southwest between mid-March and mid-April. We travelled with other people and unfortunately it was impossible for me to know in advance our schedule and therefore to write to you before the trip. And during the only day we spent in the Bay Area, I tried to call you but without any success; at least, we thought to you as we met Bruce Pavlik at Mills College! May be you were somewhere in the Mediterranean Basin at that time?

But now, I don't regret too much to have missed you since I know that we will have a nice occasion to meet each other this next September in Istanbul. Indeed I am registered for the 5th Optima Meeting in Istanbul and I have noticed with great pleasure that you will be there an outstanding speaker. I am really looking forward both to see you and to listen to you!

I plan to present a poster summarizing the main conclusions of my PhD thesis (the dissertation will be published this year). For me, this meeting will be

a very nice occasion to take up again with Mediterranean botanists

I plan to leave the United States at the end of June; Pierre will stay a little bit longer as he has the opportunity to go to the High Arctic in July and then to attend a meeting by the ~~Shaw~~ ^{Graduate} Institute for Botanical Documentation

Now we are both pretty busy to finish the research we are doing here and to prepare a little bit the future in looking for a job.

During this last year I have been busy with the "alpine" plants collected in the North Cascades. But, before all, I have tried to learn the technique of electrophoresis I'd like to apply to specific problems with my Moroccan plants. I have also collaborated to a study of Venezuelan Draba and of Berberis grex aquifolium-repens. This second year in the United States was really interesting and worthwhile for Pierre and for myself and we have greatly enjoyed our stay in Seattle: this experience is fully positive!

I hope you will have a nice summer. See you in Istanbul and warm regards from Pierre and from myself.

Nicole.