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Plant Introduction Section

January 11, 1956

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Dr. Baki Kasapligil
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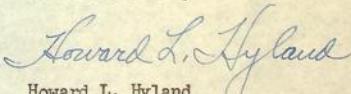
Dear Dr. Kasapligil:

We are not certain whether you can help us with the present problem but will be interested in any reply you will give us. A few years ago we collected a small seed sample of *Agrostis tenuis* from near the small village or in the area of Karanlikmese, Tutunli, Coruh. Our interest in this particular plant is that it apparently may have some value as a lawn grass in some of our southern states and we are particularly anxious to get some more seed, if possible, from the above area.

Dr. Jack Harlan actually collected this sample in 1949 and the only notes we have would indicate that he merely collected seed from a small colony or few plants in the above vicinity. If you could be of any help in getting us some additional material either in the form of single plants or as a general mixture of seed from the Coruh Province, we will be extremely pleased.

I am attaching an extra copy of this letter just in case you can pass it along to some of your associates who might be in a better position to help us. If and when any seed could be obtained, would you use the enclosed labeling as the only address in forwarding this material to us. We wish to thank you in advance for any consideration you may be able to give us.

Sincerely yours,



Howard L. Hyland
Foreign Plant Exchange
Plant Introduction Section

Enclosure

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March 2, 1957

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Dr. Howard L. Hyland
U.S.D.A. Agricultural Research Service
Horticultural Crops Research Branch
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Hyland,

I was in Jordan on an F.A.O. Mission during last two years. I received your letter of January 11, 1956 recently when I stopped over in Ankara on my way to the States. I accepted a position at Mills and settled in Oakland with my family.

I just forwarded the copy of your letter to "Dr. Hamu Demiriz of Botany Dept. of University of Istanbul" and asked him to secure the seeds of Acrostis tenuis for you. I also forwarded the labels to Dr. Demiriz, so that he can send the seeds directly if he is successful to obtain them.

I am sending you a list of my Jordanian plant collections under a separate cover. Please do not hesitate to ask me for any assistance, I shall be glad to be of any service.

Sincerely yours,

Baki Kasapligil
Ass. Prof. of Botany