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December 28, 1955

Dr. Baki Kasapligil,
Forest Botanist of F. A. O.,
Department of Forests,
Amman, JORDAN

Dear Dr. Kasapligil:

It was so good to hear from you again. Thank you very much for your nice Christmas greeting and for the valuable stamps you sent for my son. He was delighted with them!

You will be interested to know that I am finally thinking of accepting your invitation of so many years ago and visiting your country! If our plans materialize and we get enough people to sign up for the trip, I plan to lead a trip this coming spring through parts of Egypt, Israel, and Jordan. It will be especially for garden club women, but other people may join us too. We want especially to see the beautiful gardens of these lands as well as the wild flowers. We shall also visit spots of religious, historic, and cultural interest. A travel agent with much experience in arranging garden tours will handle all details of travel, passports, hotel accommodations, etc. I am supposed to come along with my wife to identify the plants and tell of the historic and religious significance of the things we see.

As far as we know now we will enter Jordan from Jerusalem on April 7th and will return to Jerusalem again on April 10th to catch a plane for Cairo.

Would you be willing to send me via air mail as quickly as possible your suggestions of places we should visit during the few days we have in your country? The travel agent already has his plans but he may be willing to change them if you can give us a better itinerary. We would like to see as many of the formal gardens that there may be available and as many of the wild flowers and scenes of general interest, but you must remember that the women on the trip will mostly be older ones who cannot walk too far, and rather wealthy ones who do not want to endure any inconveniences. The travel agent will have a hired bus to take us from place to place.

I wonder if you would be able to join us during the time we are in your land and help us with plant identifications, etc.? It would be wonderful to see you again and renew our friendship.

Also, can you send me a good map of your country, showing roads, place names, etc. (in English)?

You may well believe that I am very busy now with plans for this trip as well as all my regular work. Hoping to hear from you as quickly as possible, and with all best wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

Harold N. Moldenke
15 Glenbrook Avenue,
Yonkers 5, New York

Amman, January 9 th, 1956.

Dr. Harold H. Moldenke
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U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Moldenke,

I was very pleased to receive your Christmas Greeting, as well as your letter of December 28, 1955.

I am glad to know that you are planning to visit Jordan; I certainly will be pleased to help you and your companions during your stay here. But there are very few gardens to be seen in Jordan. The ladies of your garden club may be interested to see the gardens of certain churches in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. It would be worthwhile to visit Jericho, Jordan valley and the Dead Sea also. Since you are going to stay for a very short period, I would like to suggest that the first day may be spent in Jerusalem, the second one in Bethlehem, Beit Jala and Hebron and the third day in Jericho, Jordan valley and the Dead Sea.

Mrs. Kasapligil contacted the Tourist Department of the Jordan Government and gave your address to them. They will send you two copies of road maps and two copies of bulletins and pamphlets about the Holy Land. You will hear from the Jerusalem branch of the Tourist Department. If you notify them about the exact date of your arrival, they will be glad to send an official guide to the airport to welcome and guide your group.

I shall be glad to join your group as well, in order to help you with plant identifications. As you may remember, I was assistant professor of Botany at the Ankara University. I came to Jordan one year ago as a Forest Botanist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to advise the Jordan Government in problems related to Forestry and Grazing. Last year I completed a general ecological survey of different vegetation types in Jordan, and now I am preparing the vegetation maps. Last year, I also established a herbarium containing 1500 plant specimens, and this way I became more or less familiar with the plants of Jordan. Therefore, I hope to be helpful to you in the recognition of the flowers of the Holy Land.

Mrs. Elisabeth Kasapligil is an amateur botanist, and she is mainly interested in the plants of the bible, although she is not from botanical career. She comes from St. Gallen, German part of Switzerland, but she speaks perfect English as well. She can also be very helpful to the group, if she will be able to join the tour, but this is very doubtful due to her maternity.

However, she is willing to sell her albums containing the Bible plants, in which the group may be interested. She would like to know the people interested in purchasing such albums, so that she can prepare adequate supply to meet the demand.

Dear Dr. Moldenke, I delayed my letter purposely, since I travelled in Jerusalem and Bethlehem during the last three days, during which I also had personal contact with our good friend, Monsignore Pietruszka. I told him about your intended visit to the Holy Land; he is also willing to help you. Monsignore recommended the following places to be visited:

1. Gethsemane Garden in Jerusalem
2. Mount of Olives: garden of the Apostolic Delegate
3. All small gardens in cloisters and Holy places in Jerusalem
4. Orta garden, near the pools of Solomon, near Bethlehem.
5. Salvador

You won't need a guide during the first day in Jerusalem, since Monsignore will be glad to take your group around the Holy Places. You can contact him directly for further inquiries. His address is as follows:

Rev. Can. St. Pietruszka

Jan 9th, 1956.

Rev. Can. St. Pietruszka
P.O. Box 4056
Jerusalem / Jordan

In one of your previous letters you recommended to contact Prof. Zohary. I know most of the botanists in Israel very well, but I am not in a position to contact any one of them. There are no political relations between Israel and Arab countries at all. As a rule, those, having an Israeli visa in their passports, are not allowed to enter any Arab country thereafter. Therefore, I would like to recommend you the following procedure:

1. Either you all should have two passports, one to be used for Israel, the other one for the Arab countries.

2. First you should visit the Arab countries in your program, then you can fly from Beirut to Cyprus and from there to Israel.

I would like to order two copies of your book on the "Plants of the Bible". You may kindly inscribe one of them to Mrs. Elisabeth Kasapligil and the other one to Monsignore Rev. Can. St. Pietruszka. Please send the bill to my name. Either I can remit the amount to the States, or if you prefer, I can pay you the equivalent in terms of Jordanian money upon your arrival at Jerusalem. I think, the latter proposal would be more convenient for both of us.

I was very pleased to hear from Andrew. In a separate letter I am sending some more stamps for his collection.

Mrs. Kasapligil joins me in sending our best wishes and regards to Mrs. Moldenke and to you. If you have further questions regarding your trip, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Beki Kasapliligil,

Forest Botanist of F. A. Q.,
Department of Forests,

Amman, JORDAN



January 17, 1956

Dear Dr. Kasapligil:

Thank you so much for your nice letter just received. Our travel agent still is not certain of the itinerary or dates. When he finally has settled on these things I shall write you again and tell you just where we plan to be each day. I do hope we can meet you and Mrs. Kasapligil and that you can be with us at least for some time. I shall tell you before we leave how many people will be in our party. It is hoped that we may have twenty; in fact, if we do not get 20 the trip may not materialize at all. As yet we have not sent out our brochures to garden clubs and churches. We hope to do this in a week or so; after that we should know how many will want to make the trip. Thank you for all your helpful suggestions. I shall tell you later how many of them our travel agent is able to incorporate into our itinerary.

With all best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Hollander

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February 3, 1958

Dr. Baki Kasapligil,
Forest Botanist of P. A. O.,
Department of Forests,
Amman, JORDAN

Dear Dr. Kasapligil:

The two books you ordered were mailed to you on
January 23rd. I hope they reach you safely.

Our itinerary has been changed again and I enclose
herewith a copy of the REVISED itinerary. You can see from it exactly
where we plan to be on every day of our trip.

I must point out, however, that as yet we do not have
the required number of persons signed up for the trip. I shall notify
you via airmail before March 14th if we get the necessary number
and if the trip will actually materialize this year or not.

With kindest regards and all best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Harold N. Moldenke

14. February. 1956

Amman - Jordan

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Dear Dr. Moldenke,

I received your card of January 17 as well as your letter of February 3, 1956. Thanks for both.

Your itinerary seems to be a very interesting one. I hope you will have enough people to sign up for the trip so that you can realize your intended visits in the Middle East.

The road between Damascus and Amman is not in good order, especially the syrian part is very bumpy. The scenery is dull and monotonous along the route and there is nothing interesting to be seen in Amman either. That part of your trip may be tiresome especially for the elder members of your group. Amman is about 800 m. above sea level. While travelling from Amman to Jerusalem you will have to pass from Jordan Valley where the elevation is nearly 400 m. below sea level and then when you climb toward Jerusalem you will reach a height about 700 m. above sea level. These quick changes on elevation also have very tiring effect on the body.

Therefore, I would like to recommend that you fly directly from Damascus to Jerusalem if you can alter your itinerary. If you let me know the exact time of your arrival at Amman or Jerusalem we can meet you either in Amman or in Jerusalem in the place you will specify. American Colony and Ambassador Hotel (P.O. Box 186 Jerusalem-Jordan) are the best hotels to stay in Arab side of Jerusalem.

Many thanks for the books you sent, normally it takes about a month to reach Amman. I shall pay for them when you come to Jordan, but if your trip is postponed I will send the remittance to New York.

Mrs. Kasapligil and I send you and Mrs. Moldenke our regards and best wishes for a happy journey. Hello to Andrew.

Very sincerely yours,

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September 19, 1979

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Dear Baki,

As you may know, in all my verbenaceous monographs I try to discuss all known fossil members of the genus as well as recent ones.

Now here are my problems:

(1) I see from Biological Abstracts that a *Vitex goderozica* has been described from the Mio-Pliocene of Russia by Tsagareli in *Sobshch. Akad. Nauk. SSSR* 78 (2): 381--384. 1975. I have written to the U. S. Geological Survey Library in Washington asking for a xerox copy of the paper with its illustration, but have had no reply so far. Do you have any other suggestions as to where I might write to ask for a copy of the paper and illustration?

(2) I also see from the same abstract that in the paper he compares his fossil with a *V. paucidenticulata*. I have never before come across a reference to this latter fossil species and need to know by whom and where it was published. Is there a list of published fossil plant names comparable to the *Index Kewensis* for recent plant names? If so, where could I locate a copy? I know of Knowlton's list and Lamotte's *Cat. of Cenozoic Plants of North America*, but neither one helps me for names published for European, African, or Asiatic plant fossils.

Alma and I are much concerned at Andy's plight in not having had a job now for 3 full years and no prospects in sight yet either for him or his wife. We would hate to see him waste his wonderful training and exceptional biologic and ecologic talents by going into industry or clerking in a store. Are there any prospects that you know of at Mills or elsewhere? He would prefer to stay in the West since he has worked most on the plants and insects of the West (and western S. America). He has had 6 years as Assistant Prof. at U. of Calif. Santa Cruz but was dropped with many other after Prop. 13 was adopted and college registration dropped. His address is 811 Columbia St., Santa Cruz 95060 in case you care to contact him.

With all best wishes to you from us both and many thanks in advance for any help you can give me on the above paleobotanic matters, I am, as always

your friend,

Harold

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January 1, 1981

Dear Beki,

Thank you so much for your Christmas card and letter.

Alma and I were shocked and distressed to learn of your mugging and hospitalization. We sympathize with you most sincerely. Unfortunately, this is now a widespread phenomenon in our country (and I am told even in some other countries). Alma and I never go out at night anymore and never in parks or lonely streets at all. Even so, we also have fear most of the time. Alma has had two bad experiences in Plainfield in the past two years -- not actual muggings, but still terrifying to her. I, also, came near to having my car stopped and turned over by a street gang whom I escaped only by driving my car up on to the sidewalk and round them to get away.

I enclose a new copy of the PHYTOLOGIA directions. We will be most happy to publish any of your papers, long or short. You will note that we now have PHYTOLOGIA MEMOIRS for longer papers. I was published last year with 220 pp. by F. C. Seymour, II was also published last year with 630 pp., and III is now in press (by Liogier on the flora of Hispaniola, 228 pp.).

Alma and I are down with the flu now. We picked it up in Oregon over the Xmas holidays at the home of Andy and his family. Albi has a temporary research director job at the Univ. of Oregon, but Andy still manages to get only small jobs with the Forest Service, National Park Service, etc., mostly on projects relating to endangered species and dangers thereto by logging. Their address now is 1850 Arthur Circle, N. W., Corvallis, Oregon 97330

We wish you a happy, healthful, and eminently successful year 1981.

As always,

your old friend,

Harold

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August 12, 1981

Dear Harold,

Part of my article titled, "Past and present oaks of Turkey" is attached to this letter. It is 52 pages long and I asked our Mills College Business Office to send you a check of \$520.00 from my Faculty research grant which should reach you shortly. I hope I shall complete the Part II during our next Christmas vacation. It is in a draft form now and all the illustrations are ready. Meanwhile, I shall request another research grant to pay the cost of publishing the subsequent Part II article since my funds are depleted.

I hope this letter finds Alma and you in good health. I plan to attend the Sydney Congress from Aug. 14th till Aug. 29th. Hopefully, the airlines will be operating. My regards and best wishes to both of you.

Your old friend,

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Oakland, California
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Braun-Brunfield Inc.
To the attention of Mr. Bradley R. Maxy
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

Aug. 12, 1981

Dear Mr. Maxy,

My article titled, "Past and Present oaks of Turkey,
Part I." is being published in Phytologia (Vol.:.....
issue:....., p:.....). I shall need 100
separates with special covers. Kindly ship the reprints
to my institutional address below and bill me at the
same address. I shall pay your bill with a personal
check. Thank-you.

Sincerely yours,



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