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20 April, 1988

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Dear Dr. Neves,

I would be grateful if you could assist with the following enquiry relevant to an etymological dictionary of the grasses which I am preparing.

There is a grass species *Alloteropsis quintasii* named in honor of F.J. Dias Quintas who collected in Angola.

1. What are his years of birth and, if relevant, of death? *I don't know*
2. From what names are the initials F and J abbreviated? *FRANCISCO JOAQUIM*
3. What was his profession? *Civil servant*
(Custom-house in Hozandique) *DIAS QUINTAS*

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H.T. Clifford
H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany

P.S. I read but do not write Portuguese and so apologize for writing in English.

Dr. J. Paiva

Dear Jorge

*Thank you for sending me
so prompt answer to my query concerning Dias Quintas.
Such courtesy ~~from~~ usually leads to further requests.
~~Such courtesy~~ With kind regards
Yours sincerely
*HTC**

9 April, 1990

Dr. J. Paira
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Dear Dr. Paira,

I have no record of writing to thank you for two photocopies sent in response to my request for biographical information concerning Dias Quintas. They were much appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H.T. CLIFFORD
Professor of Botany