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Dearest Bidsy,

'Bless ma soul I almost flipped when we got your article together with the repro from Gourmet. Thanks a million for both an if'n you don't mind my saying so - especially the bit on Hungary. As luck would have it I had already devoured it whole and we now have a copy of that issue on my cook book shelf. Isn't it absolutely divine and interesting? It was so very sweet and thoughtful for you to have thought of us'ns. After reading all of it we both realized what a piss poor tour of Budapest we had- we never even knew of the existence of any of those pastry shops mentioned. Not that that would have been on the top of our list but there were lots of other places we could at least have had a look-see at were it not for that very neurotic Ibusz guide we had the misfortune to tie up with. She was a deal drag and a general pain the ass and she spent more time describing her own personal problems of survival than she did with the supposed business at hand. Namely, us- who were there for such a teeny bit of time. Oh well, dats the way it goes. At least we had the excellent good fortune to meet with the Roumanian couple and we did spend two out of our total four evenings with them. We would never have known about the theater of satire fer instance had it not been for them. As it was we understood about 70% anyway (am I being overly generous)...But the music of the Mayjas Pince will be with me forever and that view of the Duna we saw that first night of our arrival.. That's Hungary m'lady.... Or should it be = that's Hungary m'lady???? So my dear Goofus- ven did you get back from your safari and what did you bring back as if I didn't know..... Am eagerly looking forward to your publication date some time next month perhaps???

Heavens- not that I intend reading it or anything like that-~~eh~~- there. The fact of its being is what matters! It seems like ages since we've seen you. When is next foray to the Gardens?? Or a meeting? Or anytning?? Did you meet the family in Mexico this summer?? Were both the girls with you? And when is Max leaving for Iowa? God- I never wrote to her about her graduation but I'm gonna do that before she leaves for school and that's for sure. We've been very busy and are very busy and it's gonna be a lot of work between now and the golden hour of our departure for Switzerland and Italy. Only about 3 days in the Alps (Harold may be with us) and then to Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome with the all the little side trips we can manage. "If this is Tuesday we must be in ----" Don't think we'll get down to Naples. But can you just imagine all that we're not going to see??? OhK. nice bronze doors that Ghiberti designed- Gates Of Paradise, eh???

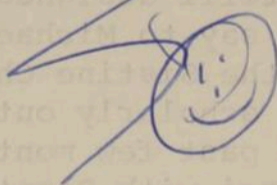
And what did Pope Julius say to Michaelangelo when he observed him painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel??? "Come on down- we've decided to paper"! Nice scholarly outlook, wot??? Actually, I've been reading ardently for the past few months- so much so that I know I shall confuse Brunellesci with Donatelli or possibly with Gozzoli. And of course we'll pop into that famous Franciscan church known as Santa Croce. I wouldn't miss that for the world. My problem is: how do I slink out of there while he's busy taking pictures so that I can take a fast look at the monk's leather school which is at the side of the church! So they make pocketbooks and such instead of binding old

illuminated books" After all , ya gotta look at the craft don't ya???

Well, anyway if all goes as planned we will leave Sept. 30 and stay the usual 22 days. I've also been studying Italian from my trusty little Berlitz phrase book as well as another idiot one called " See it and say it in Italian"....I doubt very much if I shall be able to swing "the mouse is large" into the conversation but it won't be for want of trying... My own experience has taught me that everything is worthwhile and important. I remember so well all the laughing we did over a phrase in the little Japanese idiot book "do you like music". As it turned out I had an opportunity to use just that phrase one fine day (otherwise known as egy szep napon) when sitting in a taxi with the radio ~~turne-~~ turned to some astronomic decibel count and it was a polite way of suggesting that a little less volume would be welcome. And when he turned it down I almost fainted from sheer joy..... With my 20 cents worth of Spanish the little Italian comes very easily- ~~of~~ I ~~elut--~~ could only devote more time to it. Are there any special stamps I might look for for you in Italy Doc?? You may be sure I'll be on the lookout for any funghi along the way... Especially if there's something other than pigeon shit in the Piazza San Marco.. Hala istenek it'll be in Oct. and the mad tourist rush will be over to say nothing of the heat.. I visited with Sissie last week- was down there for 8 days. Just me and Sees and of course THE BABY... He is too dear for words and sweet beyond words and of course I don't have to tell you what a joy it was to be there. We have the most wonderful times possible- just sittin around talkin and laughin and watching HIM. He slept over 2 nights. It was heaven. His resemblance to M.A. when she was a baby is only fantastic- it's just as though she were a baby all over again. I could go on and on about him but I'll spare you all that.... We have a hot proposal to get out over the week end so that saves us the trouble of wondering where we'll go etc... Just think- I'll be actually seeing La Scala in Milan. No performances till Dec. 8 but you can't have everything. And we're staying ~~the-~~ in the hotel that all the opera folk stay at which will certainly make the kraut more binding..... To hear Traviata would be a dream come true. We'll take lots of pix and then try and nab you when you come up to N.Y. next.... Am on a great weight reduction program and will be quite svelt when next you see me. Hope you're fine Bidsy dear and all is well at home. Our love to you and the family.

yer little sister

Baby



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Dear Prof Lowry
Herewith I have the honor to
send you 60 samples of fungus
collected in Parque de S. José do SP
28-30. 1. 71.

With best wishes

R Skovth

from GRACE SZABO

Sept/ oops sept.4

1971.

Dearest Bidsy, First I want to thank you for the clipping you sent me about the proper length for the Vatican and as though that weren't enough that weren't enough you've even equipped me with the ruler marked at the proper measurement. So if I go around like an ugly American offending anyone it WON'T BE YOUR FAULT... Yeah...Sissie has also sent me a "chapel veil" which will be indispensable when entering any cathedral. It's a small piece of lace made to just sit on top of the head. Of course I must say I've seen scads of cathedrals ALL OVER THE WORLD (ofsned) and NO ONE was ever offended by my lack of head covering. But I believe those Ginzos are a different breed. "When In Rome" ho ho ho...Or Venice or Florence or Milan or wherever... I ~~ala-~~ laughed at your very sage comments about "speaking the language like a native". oh sure...It's precisely as you pointed out- they may dig you but from there on out forget it Charlie because you are one lost cat when they open their yaps and THAT'S FOR SURE...Anyway, there is still much positive to say when the gringo makes the valiant effort and sometimes with luck, they'll even respond to your gruntings and snortings by doing as you have asked, cajoled, requested etc. Anyway, it's very sporty to throw out a "caio" or two, it gives one the illusion that he is speaking the language....But you and I know better.... I really would have gone to school if there had been any courses at the local high school but s'fortunatmente they only begin at the end of Sept. Perhaps when we return from the ~~trip~~ I'll pursue it. I rather like languages (except English of course with which I've had no more than a passing success) and learning anew one is fun. In the interim my handy Berlitz guide book with "phrases to suit all occasions" will hve to be it. And when they say all occasions they ain't just sayin it.

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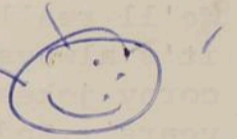
Expressions like "Help, robbed"
show up in all the help h
frightening regularity. It makes one wonder.
Hmmm. What manner of place is this?? Seriously,
the warnings about being robbed are most pointed
and the traveler is warned against going about
with more than 12 lira on him at any one time...
And all along I thought they were only tuned in
to Donatello and Brunelleschi. Oh yeah???? It's
like a jungle, man, like a jungle (just like home).
We are both so saturated with information from
a score of books that we'll be in all but a
state of shock when we finally stumble into the
Pza. San Marco. I'm really wild to see that place
and the Ponte Vecchio in Florence and all like
that there. O.K. nice bronze doors, what else is
there??? Anything to buy ??? Here is a typical
conversation between 2 American ladies at the
hairdresser: "And then where did ya go"... Answer "
"Then we went to Germany" The other one: "Germany
- oh that's garnets"... What can you do??
I guess look ef- for garnets, eh? I know that
Willie has already told you that Harold is meeting
us in Frankfurt when we land and into his Volvo
we go thru the Black Forest, Heidelberg, Maggiore,
the Jungfrau and all those spots. Then we'll drive
into Milan together when Harold must turn about
and make the long drive back to Frankfurt alone.
We'll really have a great time with Harold (oops)
it's always fun somehow to listen to these same
corny jokes he's been spouting for the last 35
years... And we're bound to do a performance of
that fine old operetta "The Constipated Indian"-
the original libretto of course... Finally wrote
a little old note to Maxine and I told her I
would make every effort to be a more responsive
correspondent now that she is ~~l~~ living away
from home. Hearing from folks somehow becomes
much more important under those circumstances.
I hope she's going to be happy with her situation

at school. I'm sure it'll
be lonesome at home without
her but that's the way the
Cookie crumbles.

If I don't mail this now
it just won't get out —

Love to you all

Fabs



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25 August 1971

Dear Butch,

I have just reread your letter dated February 11 and I guess that is where I must start. I did have an opportunity to read several of the letters you wrote to Syl while I was ~~at~~ in Atlanta in April, and we did receive your card from Guatamala, altho it was not possible to know if you would be able to pick up mail on you way back, from the simple return address you put on it. Gracie has also responded to ~~your~~ your last note with the Hungarian recepies etc., etc.

But I promised, mio, some time ago to rectify my negligent habits, so I will begin with a reply to yours of 2/11/71.

~~I~~ I did want very much to ~~visit~~ visit with you in ~~NO~~ ^{BR} in April but I sensed from you letter ~~and~~ and from our subsequent telephone talk that things were not going well in the domestic arena so I decided not to go. I ~~must~~ must confess that at the time I had a secondary motive, I had heard that there was to be some new additions to the campus ~~at~~ ^{at BR} and perhaps you might have been able to put me in touch with some responsible people on the campus. But after reading the letter you sent to Syl in early April, I decided that it would be better if I did not go. I'm still interested in the projected new buildings and if by chance you would know the name of the person who is responsible for campus planning and development to whom I could ~~address~~ ^{address} a letter offering my services as an audiovisual consultant, well it would ~~be~~ be great.

In the letters to Syl as well as your ~~2/11~~ 2/11 letter you talked at length about the Mayan codex. In fact you were quite excited about it. Did you persue the matter in this last trip to Guatamala. Did you buy the document from the ~~son~~ son of the man who showed it to you in the first place. I think we sent you a NY Times clipping relating to a British find which also purported to be a possible Codex. (Or did we send it to Syl with the suggestion that she send it along to you after she had read it?) I'm sure you must have followed it up this summer. We would be most interested to know what happened.

Also in your letters to Syl you were talking about buying a Nikormatt ~~Y~~ with 55mm Micro lens, etc, etc etc. As you ~~know~~ know, I'm a camera buff (which means he talks a better picture than he takes) and since 1968 I've had ~~a~~ a Nikon F with most of the goodies such as thru-the-lens light meter, 28mm, 55mm Micro, 105mm lenses; 2x and 3x magnifiers, a very useful polarizing lens, and a tiny attachment which enables me to use flash cubes. I also have a 4.3mm-8.6mm which I thought I would be crazy about (I actually ended up with two of them when I returned from Japan) which I don't like because I have become so accustomed to my

28, 55 & 105 that I never use it. Did you get the Nikormat? Would you like to have the Zoom. Its yours for \$100 including a K9 Filter.

Concerning the publication of Flora Neotropica you must be burning up! Immediately upon receipt of your announcement (the publisher's, that is) we mailed off a check post haste. They sent us a nice letter asking whether we would like our check back or would wait for the publication of this most important document. Naturally we said keep the check and send us the book when published. Well, each month I see the check ~~is~~ ^{has} not yet cleared the bank and that implies that the book has yet to be published. Lots of Luck. Is there a realistic publication date you can look forward to? I'm sure this must be most frustrating to you, Doc. I know what it is to write a 1000word column, which I do bimonthly. To have spent the years you did preparing the manuscript; endured the hopes and exp^{ec}tations of having it published and then finally after all the travail finish it- and then not have the published ~~it~~ ^{to} print it. Well, that must be too much.

Comming back to the 2/11 missive you mentioned that I was planning to visit my daughter and grand daughter. There is no Granddaughter, doc, only Varga Louise Gladhart who is the ofspring of my marriage with Laura Dell~~a~~ (you can still hear the sound of the slur in dell, as Syd used to say it). She was 28 this August and is married to a 29 year old cattle farmer in Highland, Kansas, where her mother also lives. We were unable to make the trip in May as I had planned but fortunately, she and her husband were able to come and visit us the first week in June of ~~xxx~~ this year. I was a most gratifying visit!

You may recall that I told you when we were divorced in '46 that Phil Weissman advised me to be available if I was needed but to not create a scism in the child's life by imposing myself on her. I accepted that advice and gave up the pleasures (I'm convinced that ~~they~~ ^{it} can often be less than pleasurable) of ~~xxxx~~ fatherhood. Indeed I had seen the child three times ~~xx~~ since 1946, at ages 7, 10 and 20. Well, ~~ix~~ this year seemed to be the time she needed me, and her visit with her husband, whom she married five years ago, and whom I had never met, was just wonderful. Much of the wonderfulness of the occasion was contributed by Gracie ~~who~~ who was able to provide Varga with a "big sister," "mother" and "step mother" complex which seemed to fill all her needs. We both provided the kind of love which apparently neither of them has from their families and which, truthfully flowed naturally from our being together. Of course, we did all of the things they expected of us- a drive around Manhattan, a trip to the Statue of Liberty, dinner in Chinatown, the Circus (how I envy anyone who had never seen the B & B circus in his lifetime) a "big-name" Broadway show (Danny Kaye's ^{pic} Two-by-Two, ugh), and finally a couple of nights in a NY hotel, the ~~xx~~ Kadilly~~g~~ on 45th St off B'way. Well, sir, it was a ball. We have been in weekly correspondence since and for them as well as us it was a renaissance. (Perhaps in some succeeding letter I will tell you about the life of a young farmer in Kansas. It is ~~xxxx~~ interesting, enlightening, and ~~even~~ to be envied, reflecting upon my own youthful aspirations.)

In lieu of the trip to Kansas and the "West", (our plans were to visit Tulsa, Denver, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Phoenix and Albuquerque) we have decided that Switzerland and Italy would be more fulfilling. So we depart Sept 30 for Frankfurt where we will meet Harold and motor with him thru the Switz visiting ~~Zurix~~ Heidelberg, the Swartzwalde, Zurich, Lucern, Interlocken, Jungfrauajok and possibly Lugarno, Ascona and Como. After five days together he will return to Germany and we will go on to Milano (La Scalla, of course,) Venice, Florence and Rome, with possible excursions to Siena, Padua, Bologna, Friesole and maybe Napoli. What the hell, we live only once, and its about time we saw the Bay of Naples - and after that?

Doc, it being the summer vacation and all of that we never did send Maxine a graduation present. Is there some little thing that she would particularly like? Which school has she decided to attend? (It would be coincidental if she should chose Oberlin, where Heidie is, or would it? Do they correspond?) We receive some delightful letters from Heidie now and then and she phones us once in a while. Apparently Syd's wrath has not rubbed off on her. I regret that I don't ever hear from Clifford.

On the subject of Syd, you know of course, that I am saddened by the complete lack of communication we have with him. Gracie called him about a year ago, just to chat, since we felt that whatever his beef with me is it should not have rubbed off on her. Well Margarit called back at a time that Gracie was not home and the answering service gave us the message that she had called. Since it was him she had called she is still waiting ~~for his~~ for his call. I too called Syd, some 6-8 months ago to say that if I had been the miscreant in this 'fascere' I'd like to make it up. I too could only contact Margit and her answer was "oh, that would be very difficult". All of this seems rather unusual to me. Do you see and talk to Syd? (You say you did see him in January) Next time you see him please query him about this. I'm sure that he has reason not to want to talk to me, ~~but~~ altho I'm not at all sure about his reason. I think he stinks for not having talked to Gracie after she called him. And I'd be interested to know whether Margrit ever told him about our conversation, and my desire to talk to Syd.

It would be easy to complain, mio, as no doubt you do sometimes. I, for one, am very fortunate. Gracie is such a wonderful person that regardless of the troubles of the world which surround us, or the day to day discomforts that earning a living may engender, there is rarely a day that goes by that her fearful laugh, her tender smile, her warm embrace or her gypsy intuition doesn't bring me contentment and happiness. Her intelligence and wit makes a shambles of the Times erudition and I have learned from her that compassion and love is the most valuable element in this puny world we live in.

On this note, my dear friend, I hope this rambling letter has communicated some of myself to you. Do write us soon.

Love
Will

P.S. Addressed to you thus, I suppose it is difficult for you to let the children know we send our love.

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Dear Willie:

I have just received and read your good letter and am interrupting one that I am at the moment writing, to answer you. Since you inquire about the codex, I can give you a brief account of where matters stand. In fact, I am writing to a Mayan scholar at the Smithsonian to let him know what I am up to regarding the Guatemalan codex. I have not met him personally but have talked to him by phone when I was at the Middle American Institute in New Orleans last year consulting some of their interesting documents relating to the codices, and copied of the codices themselves. This summer I photographed the codex with my new closeup lens and camera and it luckily turned out to be quite satisfactory. I have been studying the photos (black & white enlargements, also color) since my return and am consulting the specialist on a matter of interpretation of a mushroomic object shown in one of the paintings. I think I must have mentioned this before - possibly in a letter to Sees if not to you or Baby. In any case, I now know that in all probability the codex is a copy of part of a well known Mayan codex which is called the Tro-Cortesianus or the Madrid (for its present location). There is almost a 1:1 correspondence between many of the frames of both codices. The Galindo codex, as I call it after the name of the present owner, consists of a parchment divided into 12 panels which are painted on both surfaces and arranged in the folding format of the 3 legitimate codices. The other 2 are at Paris and Dresden. The Guatemalan codex measures about 107 cm in length when folded out and it varies from 9.5 - 10 cm in width. I have had my black & white enlargements made to coincide rather closely to these dimensions, then cut out each frame and taped them all together to simulate the original. I did not put them back to back as they are in the original because this would have made their study more difficult. So I have 2 long strips of 12 frames each; one set in color, the other in black & white. The Madrid codex consists of 56 panels painted on both surfaces, each of which I have carefully examined (in reproduction which we now have at our library) and compared frame for frame with the Galindo. In the process I have consulted such works as are available on Mayan hieroglyphics and have learned a little about them. According to most estimates, only about 35% of the glyphs recorded on stelae and codices have been deciphered, and their content, again according to the experts, refers almost exclusively to astrological, mythological, calendrical and religious matters and not to historical data. But a recent investigation by a Mayan scholar at the Peabody (Tatiana Proskuriakoff, with whom I have also corresponded) shows that some of the glyphs refer to individuals whose names she claims to have found on the stelae. In any case, the Maya were obsessed with time and it is their calendar that is best known today. And this comes about as a result of a most curious (I almost said ingenious, which would have been appropriate too, except that it has little to do with Gilbert & Sullivan), yes, a most curious paradox. This is what happened. In 1562, a Spanish priest (hogy döglyön meg, an event that took place some years ago), Diego de Landa, one of thousands who were to flood the Americas immediately after the conquest, demonstrated his zeal for Christianity by assembling all the native documents that he could find and/or extort from the Indians by torture and burned them. This act was considered so cruel and unusual even at that time, that he was recalled to Spain to stand trial not only for this but for numerous acts of cruelty toward the indigenous population. He also had some powerful political enemies who wanted him out of the way. But his influence was great and he was eventually exonerated of all charges and returned with a promotion to Yucutan as Bishop of Merida,

in 1572. He died in 1579. Here is the paradox. While Landa is responsible for the destruction of enormous treasure, he also wrote a book during his interval in Spain and in it he set down all the elements of the Maya calendar. He was after all a learned man and apparently from the notes he had taken with him from Yucatan to Spain, he faithfully reconstructed the Maya calendar, glyphs and all ! It is this work that is still fundamental to Mayan scholars today. He called it "Relación de las Cosas de Yucatan." I bought a copy of it in Mexico this summer and in it he refers to his (by us) much lamented act in this single laconic sentence: "Hallámosles gran número de libros de estas sus letras, y porque no tenían cosa en que no hubiese superstición y falsedades del demonio, se los quemamos todos, lo cual sintieron a maravilla y les dio much pena." (my underscoring, of course). Running translation: We found among them a great number of books written in these characters (hieroglyphics) and as they contained nothing in which there were not to be found supersticion and lies of the devil, we burned them all, which they regretted to an amazing degree and which caused them great affliction."

Well, all this is fascinating - to me - but you may have quite a different view of it. I somehow have the feeling that I've been over a lot of this before, but not necessarily with you. I have written at length to Sees about it and no doubt it was one of those letters that ^{you} must have seen. In fact, I generally assume any letter I write to you and Baby or Sees will sooner or later be read by you all but I realize there may sometimes be a rather long time lapse before this happens. I think it is a great pity that for various complex reasons which I cannot pretend to know all about, that you and Syd are not on speaking terms. I cannot analyze it or completely understand it because I simply don't have the information, but my impressioⁿ is that most of the bad feeling on Syd's part stems from the fact that he believes that you revealed to Heide certain matters - the "religious" question principally - which Syd feels should have been kept in confidence. I may be entirely wrong but I think this is at the basis of it. On the few occasions that I have seen Syd in recent years, this was never discussed. I wish I knew how this could be ameliorated but I think it will not be possible unless you can both get to speak to each other directly and not through a third party. I have a great affection for you both and would like to see some kind of normal relations restored.

Your meeting with Varga Louisa and her husband in June must have been extremely gratifying and I'm happy that it was such a success. I don't see how they'll be content to stay "down on the farm" in Kansas after the memorable reception you gave them in New York. Your mention of Barnum & Bailey brings back very old memories. I think the first time I ever saw the big show was when I went with you, invited by your father, to Madison Square Garden. It must have been about 1932 ! All the glittering array, the warm friendliness, the fascination of it all- the popcorn; unforgettable night.

And so 40 years have passed ! Sara accompanied Maxine last week to Lafayette, Indiana, where they stayed with old Baton Rouge friends (now Prof. of mathematics at Purdue) for about 5 days, before Maxine left for Grinnell College in Iowa, where she arrived on Friday. Her classes begin on Tuesday. She is interested in writing, journalism, Latin American affairs and will pursue a curriculum along these lines. The tuition etc is fairly expensive and will cost about \$4200./yr. not counting extras such as books, travel and incidental expenses. Of course I could not have undertaken it if we were not financially prepared. If our combined income continues, there should be no problem. If as you mention, you would like to send her a small "graduation" gift, I'm sure she would be happy to receive it. Her address is Haines Hall Basement, Rm. 412, Grinnell, Iowa. I suppose it is appropriate for a Freshman to start at the bottom.

The publication date of "Flora Neotropica" no longer seems to have much meaning, but since I was finally sent the last scrap of proof to read about a month ago, my guess is that it should appear some time before the end of the year. I have tried to dismiss it from my mind since I have other work to do. It is quite possible

that you will hear about it before I do, since you have placed an order and I have not. The publisher has never said anything to me about sending a copy or copies gratis. Also this year there should be another reprint or two that I should be able to send you.

Your European itinerary sounds pretty lively to say the least. Baby told me that she is studying Italian and I have an idea she'll be talking like a native before Sept. 30 rolls around. Now here is a little phrase that should be useful to you both somewhere along the line: Ho smarrito la via = I've lost my way. You could surely put yourself into a situation where you could use it. As a matter of fact you could approach any stranger on almost any street corner and spring it, just to find the response - not that that would matter, since after the first word from the kind stranger you would still be lost. I think this is the trouble with phrase books. You can always manage to get the phrase out but what the hell do you do after that? It might just be your luck to stop a Siciliano and before you know it he would either have sold you something or stolen something from you. Of course this comes from my deep acquaintance with Italia. Well, as they always say in Italia (since Mussolini, that is) Il treno porta ritardo.

Many thanks for your offer of the zoom which would be a steal at \$100. but I don't think I will have a real need for it at least in the immediate future. With the equipment I now have, including the Micro Nikkor P Auto 55 mm f3.5, I should be able to handle anything that comes along.

I am not really sure to whom it would be best to refer you as audio-visual consultant, but the following may be the best: Prof. Fred M. Smith, Director, Bureau of Educational Materials and Research, 131 Peabody Hall, LSU 70803. I do not know him personally, but if he is not the man concerned he should be able to direct you to who is.

I have rambled on enough, mon ami, so I'll wind this up with all best wishes, as ever and much love from

Doc

SEPT. 14, 1971.

from GRACE SZABO

Dearest Betsy -

I just read your review of
the Wassons book and

I just wanted to write
and tell you what an
extraordinarily good writer
you are. Uh - uh -

You sure turn a neat
phrase - just great, really..

If you ever get tired of
mushrooms (a likely eventuality)

you could always switch
to writing. Most men
(or women) of scientific
persuasion fall very short
~~in~~ in the scribes' art but
some like you + ol Lou
Schwartz ~~can~~ can manage
both. Sooo, in case I don't
write ~~of~~ before departure date of
Sept. 30 I'll say cheers
and will send a bit of note
from Italy. "Cradle of the
Renaissance" here I come!!
Firenze is the spot. When are
ya gonna make the scene in that
partly the world? Love to y'all
Baly 😊

from GRACE SZABO

Sep. 18

we've only to sleep
11 more times before D
day!

Dearest Bidsy,

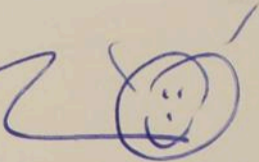
This fast exchange is breaking all precedents - in fact it can be classified as one of those "vagy-vagy" situations. Letters back and forth or a complete silence for eons on end. I must say the former is infinitely more desirable, con't you agree? This is not unlike the endless gift giving custom that goes on in Japan. A gift is given. It is returned. Then another is given in response to that one and then returned and it goes on and on and on. In fact it has been recorded that this custom of gift giving has been known to end in suicide! No shit this is for real. I have reams on the customs of Japan (well, booklets maybe) and the whole thing is so bound up with customs, rituals, protocol etc. that some poor bastards found themselves in such a fix that suicide seemed the only way out... They are a rather rigid folk still and the rules of conduct for given situations are so definitely prescribed that's is wonder the incidence of suicide isn't even greater than it is.. I do believe they exceed the Scandinavian in their suicide rate. And that's not for the ming, schling (Max?) and ding dong dynasties, that's for now. But how did I get started on that?? Funny thing- when I was paying at the rate of \$50 a throw to free associate I lay there like a lox but NOW... Oh well, dat's the vay it goes....Originally I wanted to just comment on the matter of a thank you letter for a thank you letter so to speak. How udderly delightful to have read that note from the editor. Now there's a man who knows

where it's at. And he's in the best position to comment no doubt. I'll warrant there isn't another myocetes chap around who can come within a hundred yards of ya. Maybe even a million...Yeah.. And Dr. Talbot was surely delighted wasn't he?? Gee. I didn't even know you reviewed books! But it just goes to show that there are discerning guys around even in Mycology! I shall save these very carefully in my "Quelling File" In case you don't know the meaning of that word it is not Spanish in origin- it's one of our very own ethnic expressions in that quaint tongue referred to as "Yiddish" and it means kinda ~~gef~~- growing fat with pride. You dig? If our repro machine downstairs was in better condition I would instanly make a copy for Sissie, but I'll take it with me the next time I go to the Xerox place in downtown N.R. Did I tell you that we plan on going to La Scala on the nite of Oct. 4 to hear Verdi's Requiem Mass?? Note the "a"..A thrill supreme just to be there.. We went ~~et~~ to the N.Y. Sata State Opera last nite at Lincoln Center. Heard Traviata - our very most favorite and I think it's the first time we ever saw a poor performance there. The tenor was about as good as you (sorry about that) and even the orchestra was painfully thin- in tone that is. Their physical appearance attested quite well to the presence of pasta on a somewhat regular basis... We're seeing Tosca next week and we still have tickets to Barber of Seville.. The soprano last nite was quite good in voice but her acting was not too unlike the Allentown Civic Little Theater. I must say her "croce's" were nice. Remember- "di quell l'amor etc etc... Got a darling little note from Maxine and it's nice to hear that she's happily settled and seems to like the whole thing. I love the name they gave her quarters "the pit". Must find some cheery little ~~item~~ in Italy to adorn

from GRACE SZABO

her quarters. Will keep my eyes open
for specimens in the Black Forest. Not
in lederhosen, but in the mushroom family!!
And then on ~~to~~ Hedelberg. It'll be a bash
to see where the Student Prince went to school.
All that schnitzel and singing- do you think
he could possibly have made Cum Laude??
These and more questions-----

Love from us both

Baby 

Me too

Will

13.10.71

SECRETARIA DA AGRICULTURA
INSTITUTO DE BOTANICA



Dear Prof Lowy

N.º.....

Your letter, the present, and your article on ethnomycology I have received. Thanks for all.

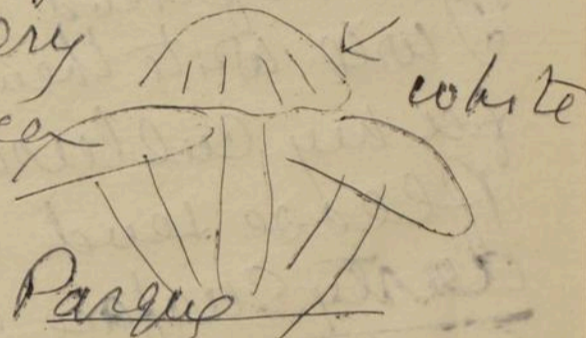
In S.P. also is I found a monument of a large fungus made by cement 2/3 m. high.

It is a decoration in gardens, restaurant, ^{at ext.} It is very

similar to a agaricus

which I found in

March of 1971 in Parque do Estado. Up to the date it is not named yet. I have send it to you, to Dring, to Calcutta, to Netherland to Paris.



The summer rains began and I have
collected for you about 100 samples.
Should I collect more? Today
I have colle. seven slime fungus
to you.

Our Bot Inst is closed, and it
seems it will be in SP University.

With best wishes

B. Skovs

Please send me some address of
your new friend of Central Amer.
I will write them to get samples
for my cultures of *Flapellias*.
Please send me 50 gr. of
dusty surface of soil from your
garden.

B. Skovs

to Inst. de Botânica
Caixa Postal 4005
São Paulo, Brazil

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19-X-1971.

Dear Dr. Boris,

I was glad to have your letter, which leads me to believe that you are well and as vigorous as ever — at least I hope so!

I do not understand very well the news about the Institute being "closed". Is everything going to be moved to São Paulo University? When? I have not heard from Dr. Fidalgo or Furtado for a long time, so I do not know what is happening. Please write to me about this.

I will send you the soil sample you ask for, but concerning Central America, the chief interest of most of the people there seems to be in politics, not in research! Below is the name of a good friend of mine in Mexico who may be willing

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to send you what you need for your study
of flagellates.

DR. T. HERRERA
INSTITUTO DE BIOLOGÍA
APARTADO POSTAL 29817
UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE MÉXICO
MÉXICO, D.F.

He is a mycologist and has done some excellent
work.

Please do not bother to send me any other
collections for the time being. But let me hear
from you anyway, from time to time.

Best regards,

B. Howe

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November 8, 1971.

Dear Schieber,

This is to introduce a colleague of mine,
Dr. Joseph A. Pinckard, Professor of Plant
Pathology at LSU.

Dr. Pinckard is a specialist in cotton
pathology and is in your country on a
consulting mission. I think you will find
that you both have a good deal in
common, since Dr. Pinckard is also a graduate
of Wisconsin. Any orientation that you can
give him during his brief stay will be
greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards,

B. Lowrey

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B V Skortzov



INSTITUTO DE BOTÂNICA

Caixa Postal, 4005 - São Paulo - SP - BRASIL

Dear Prof Lowy

Your letter of 19/7/71 have been received. The question about closing of Bot. Inst. to me is not clear. Our peoples are much nervous and my position is much isolated. I am only a plant collector.

The last week I have send you more specimens, and before closing I will send to more and more.

A letter come from Dr. Rolf Singer of Field Museum of Nat. Hist., Chicago. He writes "Thanks you for the specimens you sent me. It is *Tricholoma praetigrandum* (Beck.) Sacc. which I have collected in Brasil (near Recife) and Colombia. I know it is edible".

In March of 1971 this large white color fungus was collected by me during one month only in one plate in grasses. I have send you also it. I meet Mr. Reer with his wife (they are from Shanghai, China) in SP. These peoples are lovers to eat fungus. They ~~have eaten it~~ found it near SP and have eaten many times. I have not seen it this fungus on the market.

With best wishes

B V Skortzov

12 December 1971

Will Szabo Associates Ltd.

121 Wellington Avenue
New Rochelle New York 10804

Dear Doc,

Here it is a Sunday afternoon, rather grey, but an ideal one for sitting and talking. Perhaps in another hundred years we will solve the person to person communication requirement with some kind of new medium. Until then this one will have to do.

How are you - and the family. Well I hope. Grovie says you were in touch with Syl recently and that all is well. I'm glad. I understand you will be off again this summer on a new Fulbright scholarship (or is it just called a grant?) Where to Mio, Will you be able to come North to visit us en route. It has been a long time since we've met, too long. I had hoped that I might get a commission ~~offer~~ from ^{Tulane} ~~the~~ University's new campus in New Orleans but it never materialized. (I think I also wrote ^{you} to ask about the new campus planning for LSU some (over)

time ago and that you did reply. But I can't find that particular letter. If it is possible for you to again get me the name of the person responsible for planning at LSU I would appreciate it.

As you know we are experiencing a recession comparable to the 30's. Altho our dear prez is not responsible for this ^{phase} of our economic development, the roots of which lie in the irresponsible management of previous administrations, he is not doing a very good job in rectifying it. It is frightening to visit some architects offices and see 60 of 80 drawing boards vacant. As a result my income has been cut considerably. Yet I am fortunate, since my overhead is low, I do not face the kind of economic extermination which the larger firms are experiencing. In fact, currently I am quite busy working on the audiovisual requirement for the new National Gallery of Art in Washington. And if some of the prospects relating to the 1976 Bi Centennial materialize next

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year we may even see the kind of prosperity I had in 1967 & '68. I hope the universities, aware of the cost of inflation, are keeping professorial salaries in line with living requirements.

Despite the recession we were able to get away for a wonderful vacation in October the details of which will have to wait for your visit so we may accompany the telling with slides. For this letter I will say that it was unique in that it is the first time I can recall that I stopped working completely and just relaxed. As you know, we met Harold in Frankfurt on 1 Oct and spent the next few days touring the Black Forest of Germany and the Bernese Oberland in the Swiss Alps. Baden-Baden, with its Casino and Kur house ~~was~~ ^{was} delightful and the food we downed in the German pensions is still clinging to me as excess pounds. October in the Alps is exhilarating. We stayed one night on the lake near Interlachen and another high up in the mountains at Grindelwald. P/ths of
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been in our own Rockies, Sierra Nevada and Teton Mountains, which are as majestic as the Alps, none of them gives the feeling of intimacy - it is almost as if one could reach out of his bed room window and touch them - that we had in Klein Scheidig and Murren. Now do we have the Railroads, actually cog trains, that exist in ~~Switzerland~~ the Swiss Alps. These climb up and down the most perilous mountainsides providing the most thrilling trip I have ever taken. Wait till you see the pictures.

We crossed the Gottard Pass on October 5th and after a brief look at Lake Lugano and Lake Como drove to Milano where Harold left us. It was pleasant being with ~~him~~ him and his knowledge of the language and customs made our stay in Germany and Switzerland more like a visit to a relative than as tourists. Harold has not changed much ~~since~~ and is still with the corny jokes in German ^{as} in English and Hungarian. As a civil servant he is pretty much circumscribed,

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in his personal affairs, due to the "sensitive" nature of his job. But with us he was relaxed and easy going which resulted in a good time being had by all!

We did not stay in Milan overnight - our only reason for doing so would have been to attend La Scala - since there was no performance. Instead we flew to Venice. The only unpleasantness we had on the entire trip ~~was~~ occurred on this flight - someone stole a carton of cigarettes from my flight bag.

Venice, as did Florence, Rome and all that we saw in Italy, quite outdid my expectations. One quite soon accepts the uniqueness of a city on water and the canals in lieu of our streets. But the quiet of a city without automobiles is delightful, the serenity of the places in which people live and children play is moving and the grandeur of the Piazza San Marco with its Basilica and Palaces is awe inspiring. And, as in all of Italy the juxtaposition of the old and new - the

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art treasures in the streets side-by-side with the common place ~~and~~ make for a feeling of historical continuity which is missing from our culture.

I liked Venice best because of the quiet (except for the early matins - the bells are more than just a tocsin for the faithful. I think they are there to keep the tourist from enjoying his sleep) and because it is small enough to walk from end to end. I liked the food^{too}, but above all the vast expanse of the piazza San Marco seemed like a magnet. There one can drink coffee or wine or whatever - hear music night and day and just enjoy - dolce fa niente.

From Venice we went to Florence via train with a short stop off at Bologna. Bologna we visited because it is one of the cities that has a communist government. It turned out to be quite ordinary, a little dirtier than some, with more beggars in the streets (gypsies) and with the same ~~catholic hierarchy~~ catechism on the doors of the churches as elsewhere in catholic
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Italy. I don't really know what we expected to see that would have been unique, in Bologna, but not finding it an obvious utopia (sic) was a let down.

Florence, however, was more than I expected in the grandeur of its palaces and the magnificence of its ~~art~~ works of art. In six days one gets to see only the superficial. Yet it was a revelation to me. Probably a more knowledgeable person could see that not all the paintings and sculpture are great works of art. But the sheer ~~volume~~ numbers are impressive - and most of the paintings are beautiful. And the fact that the statues in the streets are not desecrated by vandals is something of a miracle. Altho I could not name more than a dozen significant works of art we saw the total impression I retain is one of a person who has for a short time been exposed to something which was formerly only history but now is a living part of my own heritage.

We spent a day visiting San Gimignano (over)

and Siena. Again I had the feeling that the past was not so dead as the history books make it out to be. Fourteenth century and twentieth century are really part of one historical continuum.

~~On~~ this subject I will put off till another time (we are expecting my mother and brother's family for dinner soon).

Certainly Rome with its Foro Romano and Pompeii caused very deep response for me.

To finish our itinerary - from Florence we journeyed to Room Rome where we stayed six days, including a side trip to Naples, Pompeii and Sorrento. Then we went back to Frankfurt and spent a day touring the Rhine with Harold.

Got to leave this now, Butch. Much Love

Will - Hurst Bidsey - This is just to say hello to you - Have a happy holiday. When are you coming over as Soopak used to say. Love Faly 😊

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601

June 11, 1971

Dr. Bernard Lowy
c/o American Embassy
Guatemala City, Guatemala

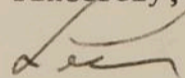
Dear Dr. Lowy:

I have completed the form you sent me and have mailed it. Best of luck on receiving a Fulbright award! I am glad to support your application.

Your travel plans for the next couple of months sound exciting. You should have good collecting.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Leland Shanor
Professor of Botany and
Chairman of the Department

LS/ck

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Dear Dr. Shanor:

I recently returned from Central America, chiefly El Salvador and Guatemala, and have your letter dated June 11, addressed to me c/o American Embassy in Guatemala. I checked several times at the Embassy and they never produced it, but it was forwarded to the university.

I deeply appreciate your support of my application for a Fulbright. The Committee's decision will not come before early next year, in all probability.

Apart from my usual mycological work, I have become very much interested in recent years in mushroom stones and related matters - in a word, in ethnomycology. A paper of mine on this theme should appear in the next issue of *Mycologia*. Since my participation in the hallucinogenic mushroom ceremony in Huautla in July 1969, my students have been asking me to explain "exactly what happened" there. The enclosed paper is a partial answer to this question.

Should you ever have occasion to visit this part of the country, it would be a pleasure to see you again.

With kindest regards,

Cordially,

Bernard
B. Lowy

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December 17, 1971.

Dear Bob and Wilho,

I have just received your letter outlining a few of the highlights of your European tour and am eager to be filled in on further verbal and pictorial details when we next meet. Even your partial Itinerary makes me realize how provincial I am as far as the rest of the world is concerned outside of Latin America. Well, say so upon-----

But for the time being, my orientation is still directed toward Latin America where I continue to broaden my professional and cultural interests. Also, at least for the moment, everything seems going my way. There has even been a partial reconciliation with Sara, in time for a happy reunion with Maxine, who

arrived from Jane last night. We drove to the
N.O. airport to pick her up and she is bubbling over
with enthusiasm for her life at Crinnell. She
has only been away 4 months, but in that short
time I can see she is maturing. We got to bed
about 1 AM and the talk hasn't stopped yet - I
think it's just begun!

Another good bit of news I received yesterday, came
from the State Department in the form of a telegram
telling me I've been selected for another Fulbright to
Peru beginning in June 1972. I'm very happy about
it and I think it's almost certain that when I am
"off duty" is not teaching, I'll be able to get into the
Amazonian section of Ecuador as well. Also to parts of the
Peruvian Amazon.

You should be getting a surprise very soon. Your
order of Monograph No. 6 in "Flora Neotropica" ~~is~~ can
now be filled. I received the first copy about a
month ago, but the publication was released on
Nov. 30. The publisher is very stingy with copies
for authors. At first they said I would get the
magnanimous total of 10 copies, but I convinced them

that I need at least 20 - mostly as gifts to colleagues overseas, so they agreed to send them and they should get ~~to~~ to me before the end of this year.

Seer called a few nights ago to invite me to speak to her group of doctors and other professional people at the hospital on hallucinogenic mushrooms and I gladly accepted. It is scheduled for January 10. I also have an invitation to speak on this topic at the University of Texas in Austin next May. I am on to something extremely interesting regarding the Maya codices and evidence I have found in them for the existence of a sacred hallucinogenic mushroom cult! Do you think you could get away to Atlanta on Jan. 10?


The enclosed reprint arrived only a few days ago. In it, I review briefly some of the Maya ideas pertaining to the interpretation of mushroom stones.

Let me hear from you - all more often!

Love,

Doc

Dear Betsy -
Hope this little
snack is just
in time for a
spot o' tea -
What no
Rauerkraut?

Love
Betsy 

Margie Jean Hat Dog!
Jan. 24 - '72

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Dearest Fidsy -

Have lost track of when I last wrote - I thought I had responded to your sending us a copy of the monograph but apparently I am in error. So please accept our thanks for your autographed copy. By now you must know that it is with

a great deal of pride and joy that we receive your work. Who knows - some day I may even read it!!

Heavens. We got a beautiful hand made card from Maxine - a collage of leaves and such. Am having it framed.

Isn't it great that both girls are so artistic. Where is your next grant taking you this summer? Is it Guatemala? Hope you enjoyed Atlanta. Will keep in touch. Love

Babe ☺

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Jan. 20, 1972

Dear Bob and Lottie,

Thanks for your kind words about the monograph. I'll help translate some of it for you next time we meet. I'd like to think of visiting you briefly before I leave for Peru, for which there is still no fixed date of departure, but I'll keep you posted. Sara and Doris are going to Spain this summer, but Maxine does not want to go along. She wants to get a job with the local newspaper, since she is interested in journalism. This would be fine if it works out.

I was happy to be with Lee in Atlanta and the meeting seemed to go off well enough. I was glad to see that Lee has lost a lot of weight and she seems to be in very good shape. As you know, her responsibilities at the hospital are many and she works too hard. Of 2 members of her staff whom I met in the office, the administrative assistant (?) is obviously a know-nothing type, but the other, Hugh, is just as obviously highly competent.

I haven't heard from Syd in ages - have you?

Love,

Joe

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March 24, 1972

Dear Willie and Babs:

Since we have been incommunicado for a couple of months, I thought I would write you a "void." I'm sorry I could not get to N.Y. to see you after my 3-day stint in Washington (March 13-15) but as it was, I felt rather guilty about leaving Baton Rouge while Maxine was with us (and will be until the 28th), so I returned home directly after the meetings. The State Department briefings were fairly useful and I met some people at the OAS who gave me the names of a few botanists to look up in Ecuador when I get there later this year. I want to do some collecting in the Auca country - the Ecuadorian Amazon. This is to be extracurricular. My Fulbright is for teaching and research in Peru, but the program will allow time for the other also. In fact, according to the experts in Washington, the university situation in Peru is rather "delicate," which means that they may or may not be open when I get there. The military government of General Juan Velasco Alvarado, who took over in October 1968, is taking a hard line on students (as well as expropriation of foreign interests such as IPC) and will not tolerate the incessant student strikes and general turmoil (although the students have plenty to complain about). So a university reorganization is under way and Washington has no information on what is expected to happen at the university of Piura where I am assigned.

Where will you be taking your holiday this year? How about China? Babs, you would be in with your knowledge of Chinese (hun sung ming!) While watching the arrival and departure ceremonies for Nixon in Peking (and everything in between) if you were with it too, I think we must have been humming or singing together when the band struck up Chi Lai. Is this now the national anthem of the Jung Hua Ming Gwo - or is it still "China town, my China town?"

Sara and Davis are joining the special LSV group going to Europe on May 28 (N.O. → London) and returning on August 10 (Amsterdam → N.O.) at the low RT fare of \$225. Their itinerary is very fluid at the moment but France and Spain, especially the latter, will be included. Maxine is still waiting to hear about her possible job with

The local newspaper - and I have no firm
date for leaving yet.

Let me hear from you all soon.

Always yours,

Doc

P.S. - You will find the enclosed an indispensable
companion - guide to the identification of all
your Tremellaceae fungi.

Dear Bids - Here are the
films I promised you.
Now you can add them to
your already voluminous
collection. Willie says the
color is awful but what
can we do? Love
D.

July 19, 1970

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Memo from Will Szabo

Dear Doc

Here is the copy of *Flora Neotropica* which we received from the publisher.

Admittedly I cannot react to this publication as your professional colleagues will but it appears to be monumental in scope and meticulous in execution. You must be very proud of such an accomplishment. I'm sure too that it brings much honor to your university.

I hope some day to see the *Dacryopinax* and *Ditola*

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(Lamy) in person.

A belated congratulations, mio, on a wonderful
oeuvre,

Lame

Will

Dear Goofus - (That'll bring you down to
earth level.) There are two superb pictures in this
book. The one in the front of Amazonas, Brazil & the one in
the back of y'all. And that bio sketch just sends me man.
But it doesn't say anything about my being your sister - Heavens...
My personal favorite specimen PSEUDOTULASINELLA GUATEMALENSIS... I have visions
of a GRACIEANELLA. NO ONE WOULD NOTICE ANYTHING AMISS - SHE SHALL NEED FOR
IMMORTALITY - HMMM? LMC - Baby 

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May 4, 1972

Dear Babs and Willie:

Although a bit tardy, I still wish you "Happy birthday," Willie ... and happy all other days, too. In academia our chief point of reference is the semester, quarter or other similar time interval and another cycle will be ending shortly, May 12 to be exact. Sara and Doris leave for Amsterdam (changed in an announcement yesterday by the airline which originally scheduled the trip to London) on the 28th, joining about 250 other tourists from LSU. Once in Europe they will be on their own (they pay only for round trip transportation) and will return August ~~10~~ 9. I expect to leave around the end of June, meanwhile Maxine will be with me at home. Her newspaper job now seems to be only a remote possibility, so she will most likely enroll for a summer course or two at LSU.

Where will you be going this summer? Are you studying other esoteric languages in anticipation of a trip - to Balnibari, for example? How about Machu Picchu for a real change - or even Mérida and Chichén Itzá? One of these days, a place I would really like to see is the Grand Canyon!

On April 21 I spoke to a group of about 80 at the University of Texas (Austin) on hallucinogenic mushrooms and related matters. They seemed pleased. I also toured the LBJ library which is on the campus, built with university funds (about 18 million, I think they said). It is architecturally impressive with a lavish use of marble, meant no doubt to last "forever." LBJ is depressingly ubiquitous in photos, sculpture, etchings, paintings and even in cartoons ... all an imperishable monument to his ego.

Since you liked the photo of my frontispiece so much, I enclose a color rendition of that (to me) nostalgic spot on the Rio Negro in Brazil.

Write to me, you hear !?

Abrazos,

Doc

20.1.71

Dear Prof Lowy

herewith 5/
samples collected
in forests of Parque
do Estado are
sending for you
herbarium.

With best
wishes
A. S. K. W.



19.12.70
INSTITUTO DE BOTÂNICA

Caixa Postal, 4005 - São Paulo - SP - BRASIL

Dear Prof Lamy

Herewith I am sending 2 pnts
of Hepernia seeds and about 50
samples of fungus collected in
P. do Estado the last week

With best wishes

B. Skowron

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College of Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

30 May, 1972

Dear Dr. Stakman:

In about two weeks I shall be leaving for Peru to take up my teaching duties under the Fulbright Program and am trying to get things in order before my departure. During your visit you mentioned to me that one of your books in Plant Pathology has been translated into Spanish. I would be most grateful to you if you were so kind as to send me a copy for my personal use.

The brief time that you spent here was a memorable one for many of us and for myself in particular, since I had not previously had the advantage either of hearing you speak on the subject for which you are so justly and universally famed or of exchanging with you a few thoughts in personal conversation. En una palabra, ha sido para mi su visita un verdadero placer y más que nunca puedo apreciar profundamente no solo su gran dominio de material técnica mas también - y para mi más notable - las suaves calidades de humanismo que dominan su carácter.

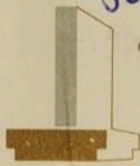
Reciba Vd. los afectuosos saludos de su amigo

B. Lowy
Bernard Lowy
Profesor de Botánica

20-III-70

Friday -

EAR BIDDY - SO FAR THE QUEST FOR YOUR LIL
 IL TAPE RECORDER HAS AFFORDED ME MANY
 ADVENTURES WITH THE HAPPY NATIVES. IT
 DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN STOCK BUT OF COURSE
 THEY CAN ALL GET IT FOR ME AT THE DROP
 OF A YEN. SO FAR HAVE BEEN QUOTED ABOUT
 85. MUST LOOK IN HONG KONG (GOING MONDAY)
 AND THEN IF THE PRICE IS NOT FAVORABLE WILL
 PICK ONE UP IN TOKYO WHEN WE RETURN THERE
 ON THE 28TH. A ³⁴ SAVINGS DOESN'T SOUND
 LIKE ENOUGH TO ME. FAMOUS LAST WORDS -
 NO USE OF JUMPIN AT THE FIRST THING YA
 ARE OFFERED!! BY THE WAY, THERE IS NO
 BARGAINING IN JAPAN AT ALL. ONE PRICE
 FOR ALL AND THAT'S THAT. NOW I UNDERSTAND
 THAT IN H.K. THE ONLY PLACE THERE IS NO
 BARGAINING ~~IS~~ ARE THE DEPT. STORES.
 EVERYWHERE ELSE IT'S EXPECTED. DON'T
 KNOW HOW WELL I CAN DO BUT I'LL
 TRY. COULDN'T GET TO KOREAN PAVILION
 SO I'LL TRY FOR THE STAMPS AT HOME.




THE PLAZA MY LANGUAGE PROBLEM

at ABC center

THERE IS SOMEWHAT LESS

2 chome, Minami, Oyodo-cho, Oyodo-ku, Osaka, Japan Phone 06-453-1111

NOTICEABLE HEAVENS, YOU ALL... THE WHOLE
SCENE HERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE
EUROPEAN THAT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. AH SO...
INSCRUTABLE ORIENTAL MIND. THEY ARE MOST
APPRECIATIVE OF MY HUMBLE AND MISERABLE
ATTEMPTS AT THEIR LANGUAGE. THE COURTESIES
ARE UNPARALLELED. I DON'T THINK I'LL WIN
THE AWARD FOR TEMPLE VIEWING. IF Y'VE
SEEN ONE ----- YEAH... THE WEATHER IS JUST
FREEZING COLD + PENETRATING. AT THE EXPO
SITE IT'S COMPLETELY + MISERABLY COLD. I'VE
SEEN ALL I'M GONNA THERE. IT WOULD TAKE
6 MOS. TO SEE IT ALL. I DON'T THINK THERE'S
A WASTED $\frac{1}{8}$ METER OF SPACE. TINY ESTAB-
LISHMENTS ALL HEAPED ON EACH OTHER. HAVE
NEVER SEEN SO MUCH FOOD IN MY LIFE. DON'T
DIG IT MAN. NO JAPANESE WEIGHS MORE THAN
80 LBS. MUST BE THAT JAPANESE # CURRENT.
OR SOMETHING. YEAH... A REALLY UN-
FORGETTABLE TRIP COMPARABLE TO NOTHING
EVER. WOW. GEE. BOY. WILL KEEP YOU
INFORMED RE TC-50. LOVE TO SARA
AND KIDZEK. Baby 



UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL TECNICA DE PIURA

PIURA

7 September 1972

Dear Babs and Willie:

Your good, long letter arrived ~~today~~ today (how's that for great typing) at a time when I and the rest of the world (almost all of it) have still not recovered from the shattering events in Munich. How can we adequately express our profound indignation over such monstrous conduct, the acts of hideously pathological minds? Only humans can exceed some wild animals in brutal ferocity. At a time like this I suppose Swift's evaluation of the human race comes closest to the mark: "I cannot help but believe the greater part of mankind to be the most pernicious race of odious little vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth." Quite a mouthful, but applicable to the Arabian assassins.

I envy the Olympic coverage that you've enjoyed (until the other day). I've also been watching but the best they have to offer here is a 1-hour summary (with 15 minutes of commercials included) of the day's events. Better than nothing. But I have been keeping up with Fischer-Spassky which has been very adequately reported in 2 Lima newspapers (and local ones too) including the play by play, all of which I have clipped out for further reference. The 2 principal newspapers of Lima are ~~Ex~~ ^X El Comercio and La Prensa, both pretty good (considering that they are controlled by a military dictatorship) and get here the same day of publication, in the afternoon. Fischer is a stupid genius but has done more to popularize chess than all the clever geniuses of the past. There is a local chess club and I've joined and have already been beaten by everyone in the house, certainly not a difficult accomplishment (to beat me, I mean) for anyone who has been playing steadily or even unsteadily for a little while. I may sharpen up after a month or two and might even hope for a draw with the least experienced members (a euphemism for downright backward, retarded members, whom I have been actively seeking .. unsuccessfully so far). Life in



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Piura (founded by Pizarro in 1532, 3 years before Lima, and if that doesn't impress you, I'm through, because I've just used my biggest piece of artillery) .. as I was saying, life here can be beautiful .. especially if you happen to be a Tibetan monk who has taken the solemn vows of silence, poverty and chastity. Well, its good practice, anyway, since I am thinking some day of doing the mycological flora of Katmandu. "Each thing in its place is best and what seems but idle show, strengthens and supports the rest." Seems incredible that a great poet wrote this trashy couplet, a jejune apology for the status quo. But things are not all that bad here. For example, when I was in P Quincemil (don't bother looking it up .. you won't find it) a few weeks ago, I lived in a hotel where the greatest boast was that every room had its strip of flypaper (in color .. it is yellow, you know) which is a sanitary practice and a great convenience ~~which~~ that many a small accommodations in which I have found myself might well emulate, should that ingenious and felicitous invention ever become known to them. Piura hotels cannot be accused of being quite so gauche (being in the vital and vibrant mainstream of the Sechura desert - not to be confused with the Sahara which is in another continent and is much smaller) and it should be added in all fairness that not only do I have (and enjoy) my strip of flypaper but also have the use (part time) of an enameled chamber pot, a nicety generally omitted by smaller, less fastidious hostelries.

Your itinerary sound beautiful, with a week in Buda of the famed Hiába van patotád Budán, Pestbe jársz a boldogság után. When you get to Budapest would you send me a good photo of the Lánosz Hid, preferably showing one or more of the oroszlányok which ~~is~~ ^{guard} that hires landmark. Wasn't it there that ^Papa used to play when he was a young, penniless lad? Or was it at the János Hegy? A postcard will do the trick, but enclose it in an envelope to save wear and tear on the photo. It occurs to me that that famous bridge (oroszlányok and all) may have been partially destroyed during the háboru and rebuilt, but it does not matter; send me a picture anyway.

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September 2, 1972

Dearest Bidsy,

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You must be in state of shock after noting the letterhead. Never thought I'd get around to it, eh?? Promises, promises....Your post card came two days ago and you didn't mention when you would be leaving for Ecuador so I better hop to it and get this into the mail at once... The topography looks most interesting but at the mention of the word "dessert" I quickly change my mind about making forays into the region. Unless it's a new kind of KOOL dessert. Them thar mountains look pretty good- but after seeing the Alps (especially the one in the middle) there just can't be a mountain to top that. I really flipped for Switzerland and am looking forward to seeing more the Alps on the Bavarian side this Fall. Before I get off and fill you in ~~our~~-euon our future travels I want to just mention that I re-read your article in the Revista Interamericana Review and came away with the same feeling of elation that accompanies a fine experience. I'll wager there isn't another scientific cat around who can touch you with a ten foot pole in putting down his experiences on paper- it's really like the most Doc and it sure was a gas to close it with those few lines from Coleridge. UH UH-that's my Pop as someone used to say long ago..And let Wasson put that in his pipe and smoke it.... Grerrrrr - he became my mortal enemy ever since that scurilous exchange you had. But as I would have predicted he was simply no match for you... Anyway, when you want a really objective, fair, cold, impartial judgement just don't come around me!.. Heavens... Balls... I really should have writtten to you at that first address but I'll take a chance and hope that this reaches you at Piura (does the name have anything to do with a prevelant scent perhaps???) I just dashed down to check once more on the ddress and note that it said Lima. I wonder how long you'll be at the University. I hope they are happy with your cracking good course in mycology. Now if we can just ship them some our grand laundry products for brightness, whiteness, cling-freeness they will be supremely happy...What's the fare like Doc and where do you fress?? In fact you can fill us in on the accomodations in general or lack of them as the case may be... Have you read about the chess match in Iceland?? The news media have been flooded with reports on the Fischer-Spassky match and it was covered move by move on TV at each game. Channel 13 carried it and Willie missed only what he absolutely had to. In fact during some of the games he dashed from the office to the tube and when he couldn't watch he just listened. The actual players weren't televised but they had a board set up and a grandmaster by the name of Shelby Lyman analysed the moves. It's programming like that that can turn off the viewing public in droves....I understand it constitutes 80% of TV viewing in USSR. Surely a nyet nyet.. Anyway, Bobby the Unicum won the title so it's joy unconfined. And we're also making a fine record at the summer games in Munich. We watch every single nighte-- 3 hour coverage. Today they'll be on for 6 hours. The pictures are by satellite and the reception is absolutely super- color glorious and the subject altogether fascinating... But back to chess for just a moment. Willie clipped the article out ~~th~~- of

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the Times each day showing the moves. He especially wanted to save them for you'll. We'll have them reproed and save them for you. I somehow have the feeling that you might prefer reading them when you've come home, but in case you find it hard to endure please let us know and we'll send them post haste..... The mail from Peru seems to take a week which isn't bad at all. Mail from Rumania takes 10 days in case that's of any interest at all. And speaking of Rumania we'll be visiting there next month as part of our itinerary... Staying at the home of some nice folk who befriended us in Budapest in 66. They happened to be sitting at the next table to our at Gundel's and one thing led to another and egymasba bele trafaltunk as the saying goes. They live in a city called Timisoara which at one time was part of Hungary (called Temesvar) and that's why they speak Hungarian as well as Rumanian. He is a urologist and what a time we had translating that one. After a gallant struggle it ended up as "pisas orvos". That'll give you a rough idea of what we're in for... It's really tough when you have to really deliver exclusively in Hungarian. They also know ~~some~~ French and now Ilus has learned some English. We have corresponded during the intervening years and that accounts for our current plans to see them. Here is the way ~~teh-~~ the strip shapes up: departure Oct. 2 on Finnair to Leningrad. One stop enroute in Helsinki. There's about a 4 hour lay over so we can dash out and see a Finn or two. Leningrad to Moscow. 3 days in L. and 5 in Moscow. Then, on to Budapest for another 5-6 days, Timisoara for two days and then to Munich to meet with Utchike who will be there in his trusty Volvo. We're going to tour the Tyrol with him for another 5 days and end up in Frankfurt (his home base) and thence back to N.Y. And that's just the bare outline. We plan on renting a car in Budapest so we can get to some of the districts outside the city. Szeged, Balaton (shades of Nyaray Karoly- remember) etc.. And wait... We got word from Blanchie ~~who~~ has been in Europe since June that we have relatives in Budapest. So I'm eagerly awaiting the news of who, vere, vot, ven. She ~~says~~ they are most charming people and we must go to see them. Which of course we will be delighted to do. I presume they are related to Papa in some way. Anyway, will let you know about that. Harold never mentioned them- but he's so scared that he avoided the whole thing altogether. ~~He~~ doesn't want us to write him any cards of anything else from Hungary or the USSR. I guess that's because of his position which I can understand but never mentioning the relatives is kind of perplexing... I'll have to get more details.... Anyway, Bids, that's the way the trip shapes up and I can tell you I'm so excited that I'm literally counting the days till departure.. If you have any colleagues you want me to look up just ~~way~~ the word. Have been struggling with the little Berlitz book in Russian and find it infinitely tougher than the Japanese. I had an excellent book in Japanese and the approach was altogether different than this Berlitz book which doesn't break down the sentences and give you word meanings. So the only thing to do is to memorize the phrases. I haven't put much time into it but may accelerate just before we go. Yah n'feh pah-nee-MAH-you, that's gonna be one I'll need all the time... Anyway, I'll have a few of the absolute basic words and phrases and hope for the best. Little phrases like "do you like to swim"- "you have a beautiful daughter" will be in constant usage as you can

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imagine.... I'm gonna wrap this up because our mail man will be here very soon and he can just whip this on it's merry way. All is well here at home Angel is working like a demon to finish up he projects before we go. Part of the summer was very slow but it'll probably build up to fever pitch the closer we come to date of departure. There is a rather large project in the offing that we hpe will materialize in November. In the event that it comes thru and can't wait for 3 weeks we'll have to make a dicision then. We had that ~~happye~~ happen last year. A project came thru the day before we were to leave and we decided to let it go. It was a mistake and we'll never do that again. It's easier to take trip than get clients- as simple as that. Losing about 9 grand hurt a lot I can tell you. I guess Sara and Dorrie have returned from their trip. I guess Max is fixin to go back to school. I wonder what kind of summer she had rattling around in the house all by her ~~done~~done. I remember when I was her age it would have been sheer heaven to have the oldies out of the house- a situation that never presented itself but one glorious time during the war. Remember when Ma went down to visit with you in Florida??? Ah, that was the golden time for me andSees. That was the era of Lee Brody and Carl Darling. Seems like eons ago doesn't it?? As a matter of fact it was eons... We hope you're well and happy Goofsy dear and if you get a chance you can ~~ppp~~ppp us another note and tell us what address to use to send you a missle from our travels. Imagine- we're going to the Hermitage...I'll never get over the wonder of going to places that I never thought to see in my life time. Traveling is like the absoluteX greatest and maybe some day we can take a few more weeks. I don't think I;d like one of those two month jobs. About 5 weeks is just about right for me. So happy hunting to you and I hope you find some smashing new specimen. Don't forget the 612! We may not write a whole lot but we sure do think about you.

Much love,

Fabs 

P.S. A blanket apology for any and all mistakes in spelling and typing- I skip the editing and corrections . It interferences with the flow.....

Hi Doc

I GUESS I'M THE WORLD'S WORST CORRESPONDENT,
BUT GRACE MAKES UP FOR IT. HOPE YOU
HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN SA.
LOVE
Will

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November 2, 1972

Dr. B. Lowy, Prof. of Botany
Louisiana State University
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Dear Dr. Lowy:

Thank you for your letter. Don't fuss about it. I just took a chance. The students are reading your papers in MYCOLOGIA.

Have a good collecting trip in the Amazon.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tom Sproston'.

Thomas Sproston
Professor

TS/cb

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SECRETARIA DA AGRICULTURA
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S Paulo, Brasil

4.11.68 BVS Koolen

N.º

List of fungus collected in
forest of Parque do Estado de
S Paulo 31.10.68

1/ jelly fungus yellow on Pinus sp
branches

2 on coffee manure

3 _____ of light colour

4-15 -



SECRETARIA DA AGRICULTURA
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N.º.....

27.1.69 B. V. Skorsky

Dear Prof Lowry

Herewith I am sending N1-30
of different fungi collected in
Parque do Estado in mountain forest
in shade 25.1.69.

With best wishes
B. Skorsky



UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL TECNICA DE PIURA
PIURA

'AÑO DE LOS CENSOS NACIONALES'

20-X-1972
Piura, Peru

Dear Dr. Sproston:

Your letter dated September 27 has just been forwarded to me from Baton Rouge.

I regret that I no longer have reprints of the 1970 paper on mushroom stones and I have already received many requests for reprints of the 1972 paper in "Mycologia." Because of the unexpectedly large number of requests, I must restrict these to one for each correspondent. I have instructed our secretary to fill these as they come in.

I have been in Peru since the beginning of July (as a Fulbright Scholar teaching mycology) and will leave Piura shortly for the Amazonian region where I expect to pursue ethnomycological questions and to collect fungi until the end of the year.

Best regards,

Cordially,

B. Lowy
Professor of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, La., 70803

Dear Butch

I was so happy to ^{hear} from you -

Have been thinking of you all the time! Rec'd. a card from Sara - she sounded just great & they seem to be having a great time - Thank you for the beautiful butterfly - but I just would feel happier if he/she were still flying! Or do they live just a few hours away. ?!

The country sounds just beautiful & pretty damn far away & isolated & I know you're enjoying it to end. Kind of keeps one going (being away from it all) for the rest of year - not so?

2

I'm enjoying my retirement
Busy dear - & now know
I should not have let
myself get into such pit-
ter poor physical shape before
doing the retirement bit-

Live & learn - & I know I
have a much better chance
of living longer now -
Have had a maximum
of angina pains - almost
zero since leaving there -
so that's a good sign!
I called Maxine - twice -
both at the wrong times -
no answer - & I wanted to
write you before you left
this address - I'm sure she's
just fine & having somewhat
of a ball, I hope.

The kids are OK - Marianne
is settled in her apartment

DATE _____

with the baby + is getting lots
of help from a very fine
psychiatrist - which she's
 sorely needed for many years.

Hank is working at the
Xerxes Lab at Emory U -
+ loving it! That's the
behavior study lab down
here - aside from the
rest of the University - it's
a good place! I'm going to
sell the house I believe
next Spring - I don't need
all the maintenance head-
aches etc etc - nor can I
afford it so I guess selling
it is the only way. I'm not
at all attached to this place
Too much rottenness has
happened here - so what the
hell - Heidi is studying
in Switzerland - (Piano)

DATE _____

4

Ph's graduated from
Oberlin & will more than
likely stay in Zurich for
a year or two.

As to McGovern, I doubt
that he has a chance in November.
With all the trauma about his
first choice of Eagerton (who
was bounced out because of
a past history of electroshock
therapy)! & now his selection
ofargent Shriver (a Kennedy
in-law) the whole campaign
is a mess. I think Shriver
is a glib nothing bastard.
His posts in the Peace
Corps & as French Ambassador
do not particularly put him
for the position of Pres of US.
In my opinion, they're
in trouble (the Demo Party)
deep trouble & here it is
August already! There's no

DATE _____

✓

Question in my mind but
that we'll have to live thru
another 4 years of that
pucke - together with
his partner in crime - Agnew -

So where is there to go?
To where you are, I guess,
but you know me & the heat!

Babs & Willie are going to visit
the USSR this October &
will go to Hungary again
I think - Just that great?
Hungary, I mean - I wouldn't
be caught dead in the
USSR - (Some switch eh)
?

When are you planning
on coming home? Now that
my kids are out of school
I don't know when school
starts anymore!

I hope you find some
wonderful undiscovered
fungi to bring home, Betsy
Deerest - & that you are
happy & content in your
very wonderful work -
which I know you are -

Take care of yourself -

The kids send their love to
you - They were all here
last night & read your
card - They're quite in
awe of you, you know -

My love to you

Your
Sis

DATE _____

INSTITUTUL DE BIOLOGIE "TR.SAVULESCU"
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ROMANIA

Dear Sir,

The exsiccata HERBARIUM MYCOLOGICUM ROMANICUM initiated in 1928 by the late Prof. Tr. Săvulescu is still edited by our herbarium. Thirty seven fascicles of 50 specimens each were published up to now and four new are in press. Only parasitic and saprophytic fungi collected from Romania are included and the new fascicles contain species or hosts not previously distributed.

In order to review the balance of our exchanges and to make new connections, especially with herbaria interested in exchanges of mycological specimens, we kindly ask you to complete this questionnaire and return one copy to the curator, Dr. O. Constantinescu. Any critics, suggestions or appreciations concerning our exsiccata will be highly appreciated.

Did you receive Herb.Mycol.Rom. ?
Which fascicles are in your possession ?

Did you ever send specimens to our herbarium ?
When, and how many specimens ?

Do you want to receive (anymore) Herb.Mycol.Rom. ?
(Fascicles 1 - 33 are out of print and from 38th the material is available both as separate sheets or bounded fascicles. Please specify your choice)

Are you interested to receive the Schedae (labels), and the fungi and host index of fascicles 1 - 35 ?

Have you available fungi for exchange ?
(Please specify groups or send a list)

Can you offer mycological literature as exchange of herbarium specimens ?
(Only journals or papers on mycological taxonomy are desired)

INSTITUTION :

ADDRESS :

SIGN :



UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL TÉCNICA DE PIURA
PIURA

August 17, 1972

Dr. O. Constantinescu
Institutul de Biologie "Tr. Savulescu"
Herbarul Micologic (BUCM)
Splaiul Independentei 296
Bucaresti 17, Romania

Dear Dr. Constantinescu:

I am returning to you the enclosed form which was forwarded to me here in Peru where I shall be staying for the remainder of the year.

Although I do not work with pathogenic fungi I would be interested in receiving a limited number of exsiccata of the Herbarium Mycologicum Romanicum. I have some tremellaceous fungi as well as reprints that I could offer you in exchange, but this would be possible only after my return to Baton Rouge late in December or in January 1973.

During this interval, any pertinent correspondence should be directed to me at the following address:

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Apartado Postal 295
Piura, Peru

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy

Professor of Botany

and

Director, Mycological Herbarium

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September 27, 1972

Dr. B. Lowy
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Would it be possible for you to send me 15 copies of your paper, NEW RECORDS OF MUSHROOM STONES FROM GUATEMALA, Mycologia Vol. LXIII, No. 5, Sept.-Oct. 1971?

I would like to hand them out to my class. I know the students would be very much interested. I would photocopy them but they do not photocopy very well.

Please let me know if there is a charge.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Sproston

Thomas Sproston
Professor

TS/cb

*isn't asking too many?
please, answer short.*

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Adam Schexnayder
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at the Nuptial Mass at which their daughter
Jacqueline Marie

and

Mr. James Bailey MacMurdo
will be united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony
on Saturday, the sixth of January
One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three
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HAVE A CHOCOLATE AND A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY MUCH LOVE

GRACIE AND WILLIE

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October 6, 1972

Dearest Bidsy,

Many thanks for all the notes etc and the great long letter which was in response in my long letter. While it is still fresh in my mind let me write this:For th structure that we build, time is with material filled Our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build. ~~Frut-sh~~ Truly shaped and fashioned these Each thing in its placet etc....

And now the kicker: I don't recall the name of the poem or who wrote it. So please fill me in the next time you write.. As soon as I read your quote I filled in the above and could probably do a bit more if I put myself to the task..One of those idiot savants no doubt with good recall but what good is it if I don't even know who wrote it... Heavens--- I'll just have to be the retarded one in our family I guess. (don't you believe that I really think so for a second).. oh ho ho.... Don't know where to start so I may as well get to the big news at once. The fact is we never went to the CCCP or anywhere else in Europe.. We ljust returned from our vacances and it was to Colo. New Mexico and California! Here is how that all came about.. Our itinerary was all set & the travel agent had a chunk of our dough, our applications for visas all made out etc. The only missing link was that my dear heart was so pooped out and fatigued (he had been putting in work at seven days a week) that it just didn't make any kind of sense to me for us to make such an exhausting kind of trip at this time. As you know, while these trips are a lot of fun and we enjoy them thouroughly they not exactly what one would call restful and relaxing and this particular one was more running from country to country than we had ever done before. So my feeling is that one really ought to be in tip top shape and spirit at the outset and I just didn't feel that Willie was up to specs. So to make a long ~~strey~~- story short (too late?) I took the bull by the horns and spoke up (after Sissie had come and coroborated that Willie really looked awful) and said that we ought to ditch the whole plot and start off with something local like going to the Adirondacks or somethin. And then Willie heard from a project that we had expected would start a little later- it is called the Salt River Project and it's out of Phoenix Arizona. So they got in touch with Willie and asked him to come out to Ariz. and then to Denver and then to Los Angeles as part of a feasibility study which was the first phase of the project. So we decided to combine business with pleasure (typical Americyn business man approach) and after Angel was all through with the work part he went back to Denver and I flew out to meet him. Then we rented a car and we took the trip that he had been wanting to make with me for a great many years. We covered all the territory where he used to be stationed in the Air Force. Of course the very first thing we did was to dash down the Brown Palace where Sis and Jool ~~were~~ married. And from then on we did all that mountain driving that took us to every natural wonder that part of the country. No aspen was left unrec~~ord~~ed on film - Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, the sand dunes in New Mexico, (o.k. if sand is your thing) the cliff dwellings of the Indians in New Mex. and other spots too numerous to mention. Much.....I just never realized

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the country was so vast and how much undeveloped land there still is. It's wild to think of people all bunched together without space to breathe back here in the East. One of the things I didn't enjoy too much was all the driving without seeing any signs of habitation and after what seemed like hundreds of miles, we would come to a town with a gas pump and a kind of quasi-grocery store and post office and that was the town. Wow... Sooo, I wanna tell you we got our fill of BEAUTY. O.K. nice mountains, gulches, ravines, arroyas, buffs, canyons etc. -- when do we get to the next department store or some other spot for a fling of CONSUMERISM.... Aaa Alas, I'm hopelessly lost. Mind ya, I like beauty but ISOLATION and DESOLATION would never be my choice for living. Cripple Creek, Colo. and Central City were most interesting sep- spots and in the former we took the narrow guage railroad and went thru some great looking old abandoned mine areas. And those aspen trees. All I can say is- ya could croak from all that beauty and I damn near thought I would if we didn't get to a civilized spot soon! So we ended our sojourn together in Alburquerque (we went back to the Officer Club at Kirtland Field- all changed, all different. Thomas Wolfe, anyone?) and then Willie came back home and I went on to Los Angeles for a three day visit with Blanche and Sid. I had an absolute ball with them and Blanche and I were hahetzing away just as we had done back in 1934 or whenever... Archie lives out there too and I had a most wonderful time with him. He took off a day from work, took me to the Farmer's Market and gave me a ride in a Cessna 150 plane which he pilots (it was rented). That was my first time up in a small aircraft and I just loved it. We went up about 2600 feet. What a great view below. He even allowed me to take the wheel for about 4 seconds (silly headstrong boy) and I was thrilled to pieces. Both he and Blanche were so intereted in what you are doing, etc and somewhere along the line we began to discuss the halucogenic mushrooms and I told them of the paper which included your own personal observations. I mailed that out to Archie yesterday- I know they'll enjoy reading it. Archie unfortunately is not very happily married (understatement)- his wife is the most Waspish, uncommunicative cold personality one could imagine. All very incongruous but that's the way it is. We all went out to eat one night to a Viennese restaurant that happened to be owned by a Hungarian who played the violin. I slayed them with my repertoire of songs - I just happened to know every thing he played and knew all the words, natch... It sure was fun and I was so sorry that Willie wasn't with us. Anyway, it was such fun to get together after an absense of so many years. Who knows, we may all be together again here, somehow sometime. Wouldn't it be a gas?? Sorry I couldn't send the cards from Helsinki, Moscow etc. I woulda sent some from the land of the Hopi but I didn't have your S.A. address with me... Sorry about that. Write and tell us of your adventures. I picked up the little book on mushrooms and couldn't resist it- even tho you probably have seen it and know all about every specimen in the state of Colo. We were thinking of you my dear Goofus.. Hope all is well at home. Don't forget your 612 and as cher Mama used to tell us "don't talk to strangers"... They are almost always stragge! What kind of stuff do you eat?? Gee, can you make it without McDonalds?? Thank you so much for the birthday greetings. I had a great day. Sissie was here and stayed for over 2 weeks. She's just at and so is the baby and Marianne and Hank. Am going down for David's day at the end of the month. 3 year old in that Aragasag. Much love

☺
Szabo
from us both

Feb- 1973

Dearest Betsy -

This is a happy-
birthday-card and in
keeping with the spirit
of the occasion let us
wish you a happy day
and a great year.
Wouldn't it be fun if we
could all get together on
someone's birthday and

have a real party.
Remember the birthdays we
used to have? The big
treat was 15¢ to go to
the movies and cake and
ice cream later. Come to
think of it - what a
Capital idea. It was
great then because we
never seemed to have our
fill of goodies. Now there
are too many goodies and

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March 16, 1943

Dear Bobs and Willie,

A belated note to acknowledge your sweet greetings sent on Feb. 28. I don't feel 57, often don't act 57 and a friend told me that I don't look a day over 56.

This is our "Spring Break" of 2 weeks ending March 18 and I am using more of it than I would like in identifying a couple of hundred specimens of Tremellales sent to me by your neighbor the U.S. Botanical Garden. This kind of service is standard procedure both for the botanist and the Garden. The botanist is "paid" by the added experience he gets (he generally also gets something like lumberjacks after hours of microscopic work) while the Garden gets its stuff named. This is the kind of symbiosis that I sometimes feel (now, for example) hoggy menyan tei a divatbol!

Marian is home for her holiday which almost corresponds with ours. She is happy at Grinnell but I think she may be working too hard.

Did I tell you I had a letter from John Allegro (Univ. of Manchester and best known for his work with the Dead Sea Scrolls) supporting my interpretation of the mushroom in Maya codices? I want to publish the entire Calendo Codex in color but the cost is prohibitive. The single plate in color (part) in the "Revista Interamericana" paper, a reprint of which I sent you, cost the journal \$800!

lots of love,

Doc

PS - Enclosed is a book review I recently wrote for "Economic Botany."

Memo from Will Szabo

March 28, 1973

Dear Doc

Those frequent letters which we promised each other some years ago seem to have been forgotten. Yet we do think of you often. Thus, during the past three days that the Times has been publishing a series on Mayan relics I wondered whether you still read the NY Times. At any rate here are the articles, neatly clipped, for your reference file on the Myan codex. (How come they didn't mention your "find"?)

I often think of you when we show our slides, remembering the fine pictures you have taken on your trips. Now another idea: What do you think of exchanging some slides, just for viewing (and then returning them?) I have about 500 slides I took on out last trip to Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona in 1972. Then there are another 500 or so of our trip to Germany, Switzerland and Italy which I took in 1971. They might be of interest to you. I am sure we would like to see the pictures you have taken these past years in Mexico and SA. Might even consider recording a cassette with some sort of slide change cue (a wine glass struck with a pencil) and a little narrative to provide background. (You probably have many of your slides arranged in lecture form, not so?) I can ship slides in either the carousel cassettes (140) or in Kodak handy boxes. Let me know if you would like to exchange, or just send us some of your

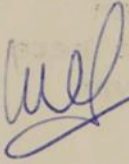
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xxx stuff.

I'm writing this during the day and the telephone is just too much to cope with. Gracie will be writing you a not soon. so let us hear from you.

Love:



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Wm. S. G. ... New York, N.Y. 10014

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5-IV-1978.

Dear Willy —

Thanks very much for the 3 articles from the N.Y. Times. I get the Sunday Times only, so would have missed these. There is also an excellent report on the same subject by Karl Meier in the March 24 New Yorker.

Your idea about an exchange of slides is fine but I can't manage it at the moment, so let's hold off on this for the time being. — Do you expect to be at home during the first week or so of June? If so, I may be able to pay you a visit en route to Honduras where I expect to spend several weeks on a dual ethno-mycological - fungus hunting project — for which I have a small grant. My plans are not settled yet but Honduras - Guatemala is on, whether or not I can make it to N.Y. — Sera will probably go to B.A. for a few weeks to visit her family and the girls both expect to take summer courses at LSU. Tentatively, we all plan to meet in Mexico City upon my return from Central America and spend a week together on vacation there. — I write to Sera

but have not heard from her. No doubt the
moving accounts for this. What is her new address?

Thanks for the \$20. contribution for my March
7th Dinner walk which comes off on Saturday, the 7th.
Luis has developed a slight sore throat and is
staying home today and tomorrow morning it is
the hope that she'll be ready to walk too. If
not, I'll walk for us both.

Write soon -

Abrazos fuertes.

Joe

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May 1, 1973.

Dear Mr. Sudduth,

Please accept my apologies for
the inconvenience this has caused you.

I'll have to eat more carrots
to sharpen up my night vision!

Best regards,

B. Lowry —

My check for \$37.59 is enclosed.

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April 13, 1973.

Dear Sees,

I just received your change of address notice and this is to wish you lots of good luck in your new apartment.

Also - happy birthday, Sees, dear!

What's your new place like? Is everything built-in including the maid? I hope so! Can you occasionally see through the smog and get views of Alluring Atlanta - the next great city of the world?

Enclosed is a small ornament from the lap of the Mayan civilization for your desk.

lots of love,
Butch

23-11-73

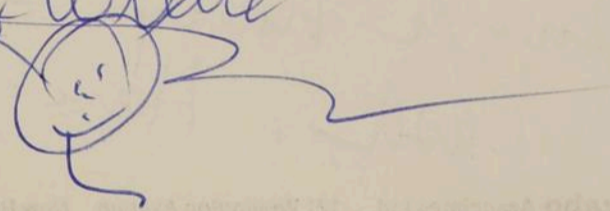
Memo from Will Szabo

Dear Bids - Right on - march
away - upward & onward and all that
rot! Wish I had a picture of you &
Doris marching along. Maybe I should
not have written on your Xerox thing
but I guess it won't be too serious!
In-a hurry as I'll send
Cash. Have fun - Bernie Lesser

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had a heart attack & is recuperating at
the new Prochelle hosp. right now - You
might drop him a Cherry w/nd or two at
home - 63 BERIAN DRIVE New Roch
He's doing fine - Isn't it great about
Jessie - she sold the house in a
trice - Love later

Love Joan & Willie


Received: 1-VIII-73

Memo from Will Szabo

Dearst Bidoy - Here is your
needlepoint - ready to install where you
think best. Hope the rest of your trip was
as exciting as the news you sent us
about the "thunderbolt". It's been a
jumpin' summer so far. All plans are
made in accordance with the Watergate

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hearings - We leave for Europe Oct. 4 - Any
colleagues you want us to contact in Budapest?
Do I remember correctly that your associate in
Budapest died? I hope it's not true but I seem to
recall this unhappy news - We're going to MISKOLC
just to take a look-see. From what I read it's
about as interesting as Birmingham Ala.
It sure has been a scorch - Mm mmmm

Love
Bob & Willie



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7 - VIII - 1973.

Dear Bob and Wilhe

I returned home a few days ago and am still occupied with the usual post-trip catching up - straightening out routine. Waiting for me in my mail was your needlepoint version of Hyphella rostrata, which now adorns my office. I am very happy with it - its originality, fine workmanship - and your thoughtfulness in making it for me.

The trip to C.A. yielded results beyond my expectations (but not necessarily beyond my wildest expectations). In a word (you're lucky this time) I can summarize by saying that I have discovered the existence of the Amanita muscaria - Thunderbolt legend - for the first time in the Americas! As a result of my inquiries I have ample linguistic evidence from the Quiché Indians of Guatemala and the Tzeltal Tzucantecas of Chiapas, Mexico, showing that this magical association is an integral part of their folklore. It is established as an Indo-European myth, but never before found in the Americas. I am preparing a brief note for publication

and will send you a post when I have it ready. — All is gemütlichkeit here at home. The girls have finished their course work at LSU, Sara is back from B.A. and we are all going to take a rest for a few days at Dauphin Island Ala. (Holiday Inn - on - the - Gulf) beginning the Friday.

I have heard nothing about the demise of Bohus Căber (or his assistant ^(colleague) Babos Lorántne) in Budapest. Lately, we only exchange Xmas greetings (the xerox of his for '72 is enclosed - together with his address. I send him (them) my warm regards, should you stop at the Museum. You might mention to him that I hope to see him possibly in '75 at Leningrad, where the International Botanical Congress is scheduled to meet. Tentatively, I plan to be there. — If you find a good Hungarian salami, you could send me one. But Popriko's Weiss might have the same!

We'll be in touch before OCT. 4!

Love,

Doc

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15 May 1973.

Dear Baby and Walter

The dates you indicate are perfect for me. If you can handle Rehike and me at the same time, just start putting up the káposzta - and dusting off the Taubers - in that order.

If the following flight schedule is OK let me know and I'll make the reservations.

June 6 (W.) Lv. N.O. 12:20 PM
Ar. N.Y. (KENNEDY) 4 PM } EASTERN W. 66

June 9 (Sat.) Lv. N.Y. 10:25 AM
Ar. GUATE. 2:20 PM } PANAM FL. 541


Always,

Doc

Memo from Will Szabo

May 9 -

Dear Bide - Have been remiss in answering your last communique but I just want to say that we hope you can come by here en route to Honduras in June. Just let me know what date & I'll hop right over to JFK to pick you all up. On La Guardia if you prefer - Uitchike is due to arrive in June 5 & stay till the end of that week. Then if all goes well we may drive him to Wash. D.C. That's not yet certain. How does that fit in with your dates? I'm at home

Will Szabo 

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Memo from Will Szabo

May 18


Dear Bids - Will be at the airport to pick you up. With Uchike no doubt who will have arrived the previous day. I'm trying to figure out when you two last saw each other. Won't we have a ball - - - O.K. doc -

See ya on the 6th (your letter is not in front of me at the moment so in case I have the date wrong - don't worry!!) Love from us both

Will Szabo

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Dearest Betsy -  - no 2

Yah man - Great pix - especially those
far away shots. Must remember to

remove my sun hat in picture taking!

So glad you like the needle point & have installed
it where your colleagues can marvel at that

strange specimen - Syd, Magrit + the kids all
visited Lissie in about 2 days last week. They

had a ball - a big eating orgy (natch) I'm in
going down on Sunday (Sept 2) to be with Lissie

in THE BIG MOVE. 647 WILLOW HEIGHTS DRIVE
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Memo from Will Szabo

23 Aug 73

Dear Butch,

Received the pix and article. I think you're the best photographer in the family and the only writer I know who can make scientific subjects exciting.

By the way, have you researched the genesis of the Hungarian expression "nem eset gombát = he's not crazy"? Do they have some or hallucogenic mushrooms?

Love
Will

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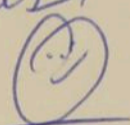
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Memo from Will Szabo

Dear Eds -

I thought you might like these two - they were one of the ~~high~~ points of our trip. Had these made from the slides which you can catch next time you're up (try + avoid them if you can)

Thank you for the book review - as you pointed out the review was, as usual SOO PERB.

Thank heavens we didn't have to read the book - - Love to Sara + the girls
Gracie 

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DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

November 20, 1973

Memorandum to Contributors, Mycology Guidebook

I now have word from the University of Washington Press that the Mycology Guidebook, to which you contributed material, is expected to be published in February, 1974. All material, as camera-ready copy, is now in the hands of the printer.

As a contributor, you will receive a copy of the book gratis, sent directly by the publisher. We want to make as certain as we can that the addresses furnished the publisher are current and ask your help in doing so. In the section below is the address we now have for you. IF IT IS INCORRECT IN ANY WAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY BY MAKING THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND RETURNING THIS TO ME DIRECTLY.

Thank you,

R.B. Stevens

Russell B. Stevens

Bernard Lowy
Mycological Herbarium
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, La. 70803

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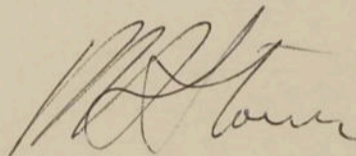
July 26, 1974

Professor Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Enclosed is the cap of a brown-spored agaric which we would like to have identified. It is common at times in pastures *on dung*.

Yours sincerely,



R. H. Stover

RHS:mrm

P.S. I am sorry we do not have better specimens. This agaric is eaten for purposes of getting a "high" similar to Cannabis

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August 12, 1974

Dr. R. H. Stouer
Tela Railroad Company
Division of Tropical Research
La Lima, Honduras, C. A.

Dear Dr. Stouer:

I have just returned from Guatemala and have at hand your July 26th letter in which you enclosed a dried mushroom cap for identification.

The genera Psilocybe and Stropharia are closely related and their separation is not always easy, especially in dried material. Species of both genera may be coprophilous and spore characters too are similar. If in the living condition there is no bluing reaction on the cap and/or stipe when bruised or when "metol" (P-methylamino-phenol sulfate) is applied, it is probably safer to call it a Stropharia, which I take your collection to be. Species of both genera may be hallucinogenic and this has led experienced "trippers" (generally without mycological training) to "classify" all such species as Psilocybe. I would put your specimen near Stropharia stercoraria (Bull. ex. Fr.) Quel. or S. semiglobata (Batsch ex Fr.) Quel. When fresh, the pileus should be viscid or glutinous.

I always recall with pleasure your many courtesies during my visit with you in June 1973. You may not have the enclosed reprint in which I briefly report some findings I made in Guatemala last year. I am extending the linguistic approach.

With best regards,

Bernard Lowy

Enclosure

9-24-74

Dear Bernard -

Thank you + Sarah
for a lovely evening,
and thanks for the
loan of the Reeves book.

Unfortunately, his fears
seem to be coming true.

See you soon.

Ben

Ben Schieber

2402 W. 9th St.
Austin, Tex. 78703
Sept. 19, 1974

Dr. Bernard Lowy
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Dear Dr. Lowy,

I'm taking a course under Dr. Alexopoulos at the University of Texas this semester entitled "Fungi and Human Affairs." At present I am working on a lecture concerning psilocybe and stropharia mushrooms: as hallucinogens, and am particularly interested in the ethnomycological aspects.

Dr. Alexopoulos is allowing me to use your slides, but also suggested I write you and request reprints of your papers concerning this subject.

As the suggestion was made today, and the lecture is a week from today - time is short. However, if you could possibly send me the information - I would greatly appreciate the trouble. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Judith A. Sanders

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23-IX-1974

Dear Judith:

Your letter has just reached me so this will probably be too late for your seminar. But I am sending it anyway because any student of Dr. Alexopoulos merits special attention as far as I am concerned. The only reprint on ethnomycological matters that I have left for distribution is enclosed.

You will find the following recent references pertinent:

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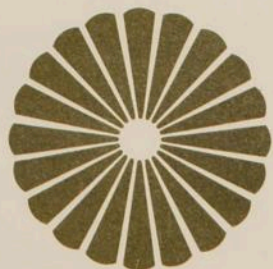
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Best wishes,
B. Wong
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August 19, 1974

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Botany Department
Louisiana State University
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Dear Dr. Lowy:

As you may already know, Dr. Jack Sharp must formally retire as an official faculty member from the Department of Botany, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on September 1, 1974. We anticipate that he will remain active with his research and other botanical interests during the forthcoming years. This letter is intended to inform you about several of our plans for honoring this man, one who has dedicated himself to all of Botany, The University of Tennessee, the community, and his fellow man. We invite you to join with us in these commemorative celebrations. At this time, Jack is still unaware of some (items 1 and 4) of the following plans which we wish to remain a surprise.

We have planned four events which we feel will offer everyone an opportunity to join in this occasion. These are: (1) a publication of a "modern manual of bryology" with appropriate dedication, (2) an informal fellowship luncheon at the American Institute of Biological Sciences Meetings in Tempe, Arizona in June, (3) an institutional-community lecture series, and (4) the establishment of an endowment fund in Jack's name to provide a graduate fellowship in pursuit of bryological and related research.

The production of a "manual" is expected to span several years. We must solicit the interest of an international group of experts, coordinate a call for their contributions, and edit the compiled volume. We anticipate the completed work to represent a contemporary version of VerDoorn's Manual of Bryology which is now 41 years old. On this matter, we are still open for suggestions and discussions.

The luncheon is being held at Tempe, Arizona on Monday, June 17. We anticipate that a number of professional friends of Jack's will join us for an informal visit with him.

The UT-community lecture series has been held during this past Spring Quarter at the University. Dr. Stanley Cain spoke on May 10, Dr. Cecil Humphries on May 13, and Dr. Paul Sears addressed a banquet on May 17. These outstanding educators gave talks that were well received by the members of our community and each in its own way was a memorable experience for Jack.

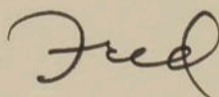
The honorary endowment fund (item 4 above) will be used to provide a continuing fellowship supporting graduate education and research in bryology and/or related cryptogamic fields. We think it would be appropriate to encourage foreign students to seek these funds since Jack has shown such a sincere interest in students from Japan and Mexico in particular. These funds will be used principally for the support of bryological research and education. We are well into and hope to be nearing completion of the search for Jack's official replacement but an announcement is not yet possible. We fully expect that a strong bryological program in keeping with the quality sponsored by Jack will continue to grow within the department.

Our goal to amass a standing endowment of \$50,000 is now about 25% attained. This, by its income, will provide an attractive fellowship and thereby become a self-supporting educational and research resource within the department. We are now seeking substantial support in contributions among former students and friends which we hope will bring the endowment to a productive stage. Already several generous gifts are encouraging our own optimistic feelings. As always, donors who support the University of Tennessee through giving receive automatic recognition as "special friends" of the University. For example, donors of \$100 per year become members of the Century Club. However, in contributing to this A. J. Sharp Fund, perhaps the greatest reward will be in knowing that your gift provides continuing support for quality research in the mainstream of Jack's interest in Bryology.

We look forward to your interest and support in whatever way you can participate. With the fulfillment of these plans we hope to express sincere thanks and admiration for Jack. All of us know how he has enriched the experience of living for ourselves and unknowingly for many others who have not been touched by the delight of his friendship.

Sincerely,

Raymond W. Holton
Head, Department of Botany



Fred H. Norris
Chairman of Commemorative Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

15-XI-1974

Dear Lee,

After returning from one of my summer forays in Latin America I sometimes find that an item or two has been mislaid in the accumulated mail. One such case was recently called to my attention by a colleague who had received and read your retiring presidential address in the July ASB Bulletin.

I was pleased to find that you considered my ethnomycological work of sufficient interest to single me out for comment. It is a fascinating field and might deserve more attention from professional mycologists. Anyway, this is a note of appreciation for your comment.

One of my regrets is that because of my work in Latin America I rarely get to the national meetings and years go by without seeing many of my colleagues. Neither is this pattern likely to change in the near future. But I tentatively plan to be at the Congress in Leningrad next year. If I make it, I might get to see mycologists from such exotic places as Florida or Illinois! Do you expect to attend?

Best wishes, as ever
Bernie

Leland Shaver

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE

May 5, 1975

Dr. Bernard Lowy
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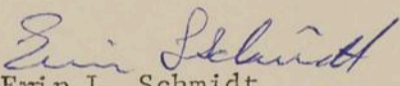
Dear Dr. Lowy:

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your willingness to attend the reception given to the Venezuelan students by the International Student Office on April 1, 1975.

Your presence not only increased the enjoyment of the Venezuelans who were there, but provided an opportunity for them to get valuable information in regard to LSU and studies in the U.S.

Thank you very much. With best regards.

Sincerely,


Erin L. Schmidt
Director,
International Student Office

Heteranthera lunosa Vahl

Plants herbaceous, perennial, with characteristics of an annual, due to unfavorable climate conditions (drought or frost), caespitose, with short ascending stems measuring 10-20 cm in height. Adult leaves mostly petiolate, blade variable in form, commonly ovate, base nearly cordate and apex rounded; infrequently cordate and rarely oblong-linear. Spathe glabrous, tubular, narrow, 22-25 mm tall, the basal portion enclosed, with oblique margins and terminating in a mucronate tip 1-3 mm in length. A single flower per spathe, \pm 30 mm tall and 25 mm diam, bluish-violet or lilac, facing the leaf. Perigynium having a long cylindrical tube (20-25 mm), externally glandulose on the upper half; lacinae (slender lobes?) lanceolate \pm 17 mm in length \times 4 mm wide, the exudo (sheath?) not larger than the lobes, is yellow but white at the basal third, the 2 contiguous margins are white at the base; the lower (medic?) is the same size and shape as the others, lacking pubescence or glands on the opposite surface. Stamens inserted at the base of the lacinae, filaments bluish-
^{anterior}
white broad, flattened, slightly glandular, with yellow anthers curved toward the spathe. central stamen somewhat more pubescent, taller, with greenish anther with a fixed vertical base and more outward and downward relative to the pistil. Pollen grains small, greenish, spheroidal, concentrated in a mass on the

main stamen, scattered on the laterals.

Gynoceum: ovary cylindrical, glabrous, 1.8 mm in height. style glabrous, white, with a few glandular hairs, about 10 mm long, on a level with the main stamen. stigma white, enlarged and glandular.

Capsule cylindrical, relatively large (14-18 x 2-3 mm diam.), maturing under water. Seeds ellipsoidal, dark brown, longitudinally striate \pm 0.5 mm long.

Flowers abundantly almost throughout the year. flowers ephemeral. It is a plant producing many flowers and it is difficult to find normal leaves and no flowers.

Geographical distribution: Córdoba, Santa Fe, Formosa and the Chaco. In the latter territory (Chaco) it is extensive and abundant; grows in wet places, inundated fields and pools in low mountainous areas, and in places of scanty vegetation having impermeable soil.

Translation from Spanish
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Campus Correspondence

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

7/17/75

from: Joel Selbin

to: Selected Faculty

Please read the enclosed, sign if you wish and return signed portion only to me.
Thank you.

Joel

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June 18th, 1975

Dear Colleague:

This coming August the sixth will be a somber anniversary: thirty years after Hiroshima.

We are writing to invite you to join us in marking this anniversary in a constructive way. We propose to issue on that date, on behalf of many members of the technical community in this country, a statement that may help our nation's leaders make their decisions concerning the unresolved questions facing the world about nuclear energy. The proposed statement, which is attached, emphasizes the following problems:

- Uncertainties about reactor safety against catastrophic accidents arising because of the lack of research to confirm safety system performance and because of deficiencies in construction and operation of nuclear plants;
- The troublesome and unresolved problem of long-term management of the hazardous radioactive waste created by nuclear power plants;
- The difficulties in safeguarding plutonium from terrorist use;
- The danger that adequate plutonium safeguards procedures may of necessity undermine cherished personal freedoms through the use of police-state methods; and,
- International proliferation of reactors under controls inadequate to prevent, or appreciably hinder, the construction of nuclear weapons.

Although time is running out, we still have the capacity to apply some controls to the expanding nuclear reactor program. Commercial nuclear power is still an infant industry, supplying the United States, for example, with only about two percent of its total energy. The 'recycling' of plutonium has not yet begun in commercial nuclear power plants, nor has a world-wide plutonium reprocessing program yet been initiated. There is still time to attempt through appropriate research the resolution of safety, waste disposal, and safeguards problems.

It is imperative that our nation reappraise the current rush to construct nuclear power plants and to export them to other countries. It is imperative to seek solutions to the nuclear safety, waste disposal, and plutonium-related national security problems before massive commitments are made. Is it not, therefore, imperative to slow down the nuclear program until this is accomplished rather than incorporate known, likely, or suspected defects in the many reactors resulting from an accelerating nuclear plant build-up?

If you share our concern over the present nuclear power program, and want to join us in sending the enclosed Declaration to the President and the Congress on August 6th, 1975, please return the enclosed form.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Edsall

John T. Edsall,
Professor of Biology Emeritus
Harvard University

J.D. Watson

James D. Watson,
Professor of Biology
Harvard University

Henry W. Kendall

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Harvard University

Declaration on the Thirtieth Anniversary of Hiroshima

Nuclear fission releases enormous energy locked inside the atomic nucleus. Used in anger, nuclear fission can create world-wide devastation. Applied for peace-time electric power generation, nuclear fission creates massive amounts of radioactive by-products posing grave potential hazards which can only be controlled by an exceedingly high level of care, perception, and diligence.

There was once widely shared enthusiasm among scientists that nuclear fission would represent an inexhaustible new energy source for mankind, valuable because it would be safe, inexpensive, and non-polluting. This early optimism has been steadily eroded as the problems of major accidents, long-term radioactive waste disposal, and the special health and national security hazards of plutonium became more fully recognized. It also became clear that the nuclear power proponents failed to appreciate in due course the practical problems that could interfere with the implementation of this new technology, of how companies and individuals might fail to achieve the high level of performance required to safeguard the prodigious quantities of radioactive materials accumulating in a country-wide nuclear power program and thus enhance the risks of serious accidents.

The nuclear power program in this country is now the focus of a burgeoning controversy. Many thoughtful members of the technical community, and some of the Government agencies with responsibilities relating to the nuclear power program, hold a variety of reservations about the assurances of nuclear safety. The effectiveness, for example, of basic reactor safety systems is questioned because of the lack of relevant experimental evidence. The operating record of the country's nuclear plants includes no major nuclear accident to date, a very gratifying fact, but the total operating record is small and the absence of casualties is no guarantee for the future. In fact, the record to date evidences many malfunctions of major equipment, operator errors, and design defects as well as continuing weaknesses in the quality control practices with which nuclear plants are constructed. Granted the present state of reactor safety, it is difficult to see how the occurrence of a major mishap can be precluded in decades to come in a full-scale nuclear power program.

No technically or economically feasible methods have yet been proven for the ultimate disposal of radioactive waste: a grim legacy from the nuclear program to future generations. Several proposals for dealing with the wastes exist, and one or more of these approaches may eventually be shown to be satisfactory, but important questions remain unanswered today about all of them.

The connection between commercial nuclear power plants and nuclear explosives is another legitimate source of concern. Various studies carried out by the Government, as well as by outside reviewers, point up multiple weaknesses in safeguards procedures intended to prevent the theft or diversion of commercial reactor-produced plutonium for use in illicit nuclear explosives or radiological terror weapons. Proposals for satisfactory plutonium safeguards procedures appear to require special pervasive security apparatus incompatible with American traditions of freedom, an apparatus which could take the United States a long way down the road to a police state.

The plutonium safeguards problem has an international dimension because the United States, and to a lesser extent Canada, West Germany, and France, have begun world-wide commercial nuclear power plant sales programs that, if continued in their present way, may give dozens of countries the wherewithal for nuclear weapons: the necessary supply of plutonium.

The problems now besetting nuclear power are grave, but not necessarily irremediable. A major program of reactor safety, plutonium safeguards, and waste disposal research, conducted with much enhanced priority and level of competence, might be able to provide the answers to the technical concerns that have accumulated. We urge national consideration and adoption of such a program. In the meantime, however, the country must recognize that it now appears imprudent to move forward with a rapidly expanding nuclear power plant construction program. The risks of doing so are altogether too great. We, therefore, urge a drastic reduction in new nuclear power plant construction starts before major progress is achieved in the required research and in resolving present controversies about safety, waste disposal, and plutonium safeguards. For similar reasons, we urge the nation to suspend its program of exporting nuclear plants to other countries pending resolution of the national security questions associated with the use by these countries of the by-product plutonium from United States nuclear reactors.

In order to reduce reliance on nuclear energy prior to resolution of the problems discussed above, the United States must adopt realistic policies governing energy acquisition and use, the extraction, conversion, and combustion of coal, and the development of alternative sources of energy. These policies present grave challenges and will call for decisions that have been largely avoided to date in the national debate over energy policy.

We must, in the first place, commit this country to a comprehensive energy conservation program. This program must increase the efficiency of energy use in all sectors and eliminate the present waste in transportation, space heating, and industrial uses of energy.

Secondly, we must commit this country to the prompt application of air pollution control equipment at coal-burning power plants, to vigorous efforts to improve the safety of coal miners, and to a conscientious program to mitigate the damage from strip mining. These procedures are essential if the nation is to make use of our vast coal resources during the period of transition from our present mix of energy sources to the one we develop through research efforts in the upcoming decades.

Finally, we must commit the required technical resources to a full-scale research and development effort to create more benign energy producing technologies that can make use of the energy of the sun, the winds, the tides, and the heat in the earth's crust. Fusion energy research should also be given an enhanced priority.

It was no mistake, following Hiroshima, to try to make use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. But it was a serious error in judgment in the following decades to devote resources to nuclear development to the virtual exclusion of other alternatives. It has also been unfortunate that the efforts to commercialize nuclear energy allowed safety and national security problems to receive less than the required consideration. The nation, on the thirtieth anniversary of Hiroshima, must take note of these facts, diminish the large growth rate of the nuclear program, and take other appropriate steps to ensure adequate energy for the nation.

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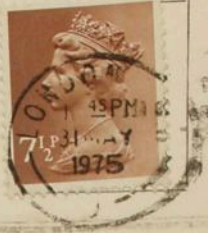
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MAY 29. WHAT A SUPERB CITY
WITH HISTORY COMING TO
WIFE AT EACH CORNER
IT WAS A JOY TO BE IN
JOHNSON'S HOUSE THIS
ONE OR TWO OTHER FOLK

POST CARD
CHESSINGTON
ZOO - SURREY
OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR



SO WE HAD A MARVELOUS
CHANCE TO TAKE PIX OF
THE DICTIONARY ETC. THENCE
TO HIS FAVORITE EATERY "THE
CHESHIRE CHEESE". THE AUTO
TOUR OF IRELAND + SCOTLAND WAS
SUPER AND THE COTSWOLDS IN
ENGLAND CAN NEVER BE SURPASSED
WE URGE YOUR INSPECTION!!
AND OXFORD - IT WAS LIKE
"WOLW" MAN. hwy to y'all
Baby & Willie

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Original Letter from Samuel Johnson to Oliver Goldsmith
proposing James Boswell for election to "the Club." From
the Collection on view at Dr. Johnson's House, Gough
Square, London, E.C.4.

Sept. 16 '73

Dearest Bidsy —
Thank you so much
in the telegram — I
had a ball with it —
which is more than
I can say for that
poor Western Union
girl!! When she began
to do the spelling bit
I thought it was Hungarian
(never assume) and
I just couldn't get with
the translation!! When

I saw it - watch it
was crystal clear -
There was indeed a
Nonne a Proesse
None ever got such an
original birthday message!!
We're counting the days
till Oct. 4 - Might
even give your colleague
a personal hello - Will
let you know about our
cousins in Budapest
(3rd cousins) & will
of course take many
many pictures. Of
Mischob too - - - He
are staying at the

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

April 25, 1973

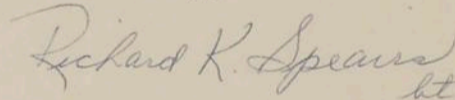
Dr. B. Lowy
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Dear Dr. Lowy:

I appreciate your rapid response to my request for reprints. They arrived this morning less than twenty-four hours after our conversation. They certainly will be of help to me.

As yet I have not had the time to read any in detail, but in glancing at "A Newly Discovered Copy of a Maya Codex" I noted that in the second paragraph you speak of "ethnomycological investigations. In talking with you right after Wasson published Soma you mentioned that this was perhaps the beginning of "ethnomycology." I am interested in this particular word form, for after checking in the library rather quickly and admittedly superficially, I do not find this word in the dictionaries or encyclopedias. Of course its meaning is apparent, but I am wondering if you have any knowledge of when and where it made its appearance in literature.

Sincerely,



Richard K. Speairs
Professor and
Chairman

RKS:bct

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

27-IV-1973.

Dear Dick,

The word "ethnobotany" was coined by
The Wessons and first appeared in print
in 1954, "in an invitation sent out by the
American Geographical Society, New York, to a
lecture" given there by the Wessons.

Although I don't cite this in my review
of "Jama" (enclosed), I credit them with
founding this branch of ethnobotany.

Yours,
BL

14 November 1975

Dear Les,

Do you think Frank Church can break the back of the CIA? I realize that this may not be the question uppermost in your mind, but he is one of the few men on the Hill who has dared to challenge its power. He would get my vote if he ran for — anything — including President. I still do my microscopic bit by writing to some legislators and letting them have my invaluable suggestions from time to time. One of my best has to do with nuclear weapons, still proliferating at a mad pace. If, as we constantly advertise, we consider ourselves to be the leader of the "free world" we could show it by stopping the arms race — unilaterally. According to Herman Kahn and other experts in and out of think tanks, we are now capable of killing every Russian man, woman and child in the USSR at least 8 1/2 times over. My simple contention is that it is enough to be able to kill them just once and insisting on more than that is a clear manifestation of brain pathology. Besides, in consideration of our noble efforts toward détente, it is something less than friendly to wish each of them more than a single death. — Well, there is no point in going on in this vein. When I argue with some of my colleagues along these lines, they often gently but firmly suggest that I get back to my mushrooms — just another way of saying:

"zapatero - a tu zapato!" — Maxine graduates from Brinnell this semester with no immediate plans for the future, I expect that she will be at home for a while before deciding what she would like to do. She has been quite active in extracurricular programs to get civil rights for minorities. Her excellent knowledge of Spanish, her "major" orients her in the direction of Latin American affairs. At the moment she doesn't seem to be interested in graduate school but it's a possibility. Doris is in her sophomore year at Brandeis, likes it very much and may spend a year abroad — in Peru (1976-77) with a special program in anthropology (her "major") sponsored by the university of Indiana — with full academic credit at Brandeis. She just turned 19 on Nov. 1. — I've taken on an additional job. The II International Mycological Congress meets in 1977, ^{in Tampa, Fla.} and I have been asked to organize a section on ethnomycology, of which I'll be the Chairman (all work and no pay). I have some high-powered people lined up including several of those ~~mentioned~~ in the bibliography of my paper on mushrooms & religion. Allegro (of Dead Sea Scrolls fame) has accepted my invitation to participate. Now all we have to do is find the money to bring him here from England. A committee is working on it. — Last night we had a phone call from Buenos Aires. Sara's brother Nemi (±65 years old) died of uremia after a 2-week hospitalization. We knew that he was in serious danger and Sara

guessed that he would not survive. His health had been very poor for some years. — A new rule has gone into effect at the university. Everyone must retire at age 65 so I'll have to quit in 1980! I was counting on at least 10 years more. Save the same. Well, the best laid plans of mice and men. I had counted on building up a little surplus after our big investment in the girls' education was finished. So much for now, Les. Let us hear from you now and then. Your record in communication is at least as good as mine — in other words, let's keep in closer touch.

Lots of love to you and all
the kidz at home.

Butch

Wednesday -
4/24/74

Dear Butch + Sara

Congratulations to you, Dorrie -
What a wonderful record you must have
to have made it with Braudeis! You must
all be very happy - Good luck to you dear -
I know that all will go well with you -
I've always said that in my second life I'd
just love to be an archeologist! (Can't
even spell it in this life) - You're all
quite a motivated family, that's for sure -

I just got back from a month's stay at
Baby's - Had a lot of dental work done
Had a great time, too. Willie was in Spokane
working on the Fair thing - They're leaving this
Friday to go to the Fair - which seems to be
the best-kept secret in the country!

When I came back from my I took off
to Miami - from there to Nassau (on that 3-
day junket to Nassau) The ship was very
nice, but it seems that every kid on Easter

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vacation was on that ship! 800 people on board - including babes in arms - really! I've had it with the Islands - Nassau ~~is~~ couldn't have been more boring if they tried! Went to the much-touted Paradise Island - upon which stands an edifice built to the glory of gamblers - all stupid, rapid, idiotic goons shoveling their money into those one-armed bandits known as slot machines. Also gambling tables playing at 21 & God knows what other rip-offs cemented to part the jerks from their dough - I was thoroughly revolted by the whole thing & shall never go back - the economy of the Island depends upon crazy tourism, of course - with gambling being first & foremost - what a crashing bore!

Your program for the summer sounds simply sensational, Bidzy dear - ~~What~~ ^{when} are you planning on leaving? And Sara? A little trip - just the two of you - sounds just great - what with the girls taking off - a little "togetherness" for the old folks is a fine thing, I'm sure. Marianne is working very

Hard at school - It's a long haul but I'm sure it's worth it. Of course now she's sorry she didn't go to Medical School when she had a chance - I am too, but we reap what we sow - the man says - If she hadn't been in such a hurry to screw up her life at such an early age - it would have been a lot more satisfying to have gotten her M.D. Oh well -

Hank is in a Carpet Cleaning business which he bought from a friend - & is doing very well - working hard & is getting along real nicely - He's still with his little girl friend - & seems to be very happy - That's enough for me -

I'm doing pretty well - but am very bored - nothing to do with my life - Will go into some kind of Consumer Protection work - I hope - as a volunteer - when & if the City sets up such an agency - I can't work for money - because it would put my disability benefits into great jeopardy - actually would eliminate them - & I can't afford to do that - So we're rocking along - Hope you are all well & happy - Take care of yourselves - My love to everybody - Sees
over →

Forgot to tell you the good news - Syd & Babs
~~was~~ "made up"! We all had dinner
together in N.Y. - I know you'll be very
happy to hear this. At long last (5 yrs)!
They've decided to behave like adults!

Of course, Willie was not present & I'm
sure that will not ever be - but that's beside
the point - to think that Syd & Babs should
be estranged forever because of some stupid
irresponsible fuck is simply unbelievable!
They both feel much better, I'm sure -
& I'm also sure that they can have a
relationship without Willie - on that point
Syd is adamant - Oh well - as long as
it's where it is - I'm happy -

My love
S
Eels

Will Szabo Associates Ltd.

121 Wellington Avenue
New Rochelle, New York 10804

121 Wellington Avenue
New Rochelle, New York
January 22, 1975

Dear Butch,

I often try to understand why we don't write more frequently. You are usually reasonably prompt to reply so I must conclude that the fault lies at this end. Be that as it may, we do think of you often and wish that we could be together more often. (Wasn't there a congress of some kind that was to have taken place this fall here in the Northeast? Did you make it?)

Although I am still persona non grata as far as Syd is concerned Gracie did have lunch with Heidie last week and then dinner with S & M. Naturally your name was mentioned and no one really had heard from you recently. What have you been doing. How are the kids? Sara ? etc, etc.

1974 was a good year for us, what with the World Expoition in Spokane bringing us a stimulating job as well as a nice income. I spent about eleven weeks all told in Washington and Gracie joined me for a week, in May. Enroute we stopped off for a visit in Highland, Kansas to see Varga, John and my grandson Will. Did you know I was a grandfather and Gracie is une gran'mere? John and Varga are doing well ; on the farm and, of course, Will is the fairest, smartest, most beautiful boy in this whole wide world. Since November, when the fair closed, things have been relatively quiet but a little this and a little that have kept me occupied and now the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration work is beginning in earnest.

After the wonderful time we had in Hungary in 1973 we had made plans to return in '74. Unfortunately we had to cancel our proposed October sortie to Europe where we had planned to tour western Switzerland before going on to Budapest. Instead we took a ~~xxx~~ brief motor trip to Albany, Syracuse, Buffalo, Niagra Falls and Toronto, where I gave a "learned" paper before the Society of Motion and Television Engineers. In Totonto we saw the magnificent Chinese Anthropological and Cultural Collection, which, in the Totonto Royal Museum, which has its own very significant collection of Chinese art, was a very gratifying experience. Totonto in itself is a stimulating city, exemplary in its enlightened municipal government. Although it is booming in terms of construction and economic development it is experiencing none of the problems that the metropolises in our country are suffering from. Unlike New York, where residential contruction is left to the haphazard non-planning of the real estate mogul, Toronto has a coordinated plan for its development. Currently people are moving in from the suburbs to the center-city to newly developed living quarters while at the same time, cultural centers are being developed and historically meaningful buildings are being preserved. We stayed at an elegant hotel, had excellent food and saw some first-rate theater in the short time we were there.

Unlike Totonto, Detroit, where we went to visit Jay and some friends we knew from our visits to Lake Placid, is a dead city. Even before the effects of the current recession became evident, that part of downtown Detroit where the center of town was when we ~~knew~~ knew it (remember Cadillac square?) is now a ghost town. For fear of violence no one walks the streets of this capital of middle class bourgeoisie after dark. It ~~is~~ angers me to realize that because of the failure of the leadership in this country the city which was once the home of the working man's most significant contribution to our democratic institutions is now also the home of the nations highest crime rate. What new shame will be the heratige of the Nixon years and their abject subservience to laissez faire capitalizm? *bring?*

I am sure that like us you are heartened by some of the advances in civil liberties, particularly in the area of women's participation in government and civillian enterprise and those of minority groups. Or do you feel like some of the teachers in New York who now are complaining about reverse discrimination in accademia, with the increase in appointments of women and minority group citizens, based on quotas, to positions which better qualified (thier statement) white males feel they should have received.

Although we react to the news I feel frustrated that there is so little I can do in the absence of leadership or a national program that I in good conscious I could support. Can you imagine having to acknowledge that a man like Buckley is our senator! And that Gerald Ford is our President?

Enough or this!

On the brighter side, my monograph on Audiovisual Projection Systems has finally been published. (I need not tell you how long ago it was started.) I am sure you will know how pleased ^{I am} to see it in print, modest as it is. I know it lacks your literary style, but I do believe it is valid and I am proud to see it published. In fact, it is the first work of its kind in so far as I have endeavored to establish criteria which can be validated in general scientific terms. (Show it to your Director of Audiovisual Communications and solicit his criticism. I would be most interested in his reaction.) With it I return the compliment for all the papers you have sent us.

Do let us hear from you and about the family.
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Love,

W. E. L.

Dearest Bids Don't even have time to read what Willie wrote but before I put this in the pl mailbox I want to say hello to you & shed you my love - Ruby

Dear Willie and Bob,

10. II - 1975
Baton Rouge

It was good to have your letter and the impressive enclosure of your work on audiovisual projection systems. From all the data that you offer, even a layman like myself can conclude that your colleagues will want to have this on their reference shelf. Congratulations, mon ami! This kind of national recognition is certainly important and though you have been a leader in your field for many years, this helps consolidate your position of authority, or as Ocsike used to say - it makes the kraut more binding.

Its too bad that you didn't get to Hungary last year but since your domestic travels and work were interesting and lucrative too, your disappointment had its compensations and you'll surely have other opportunities to visit there for further sampling of their kitünö csirke paprikás and other renowned specialties.

I probably won't make it to Leningrad for the XII International Botanical Congress. The increases in travel cost have made me seriously reconsider whether the additional outlay would be justified, which I seriously doubt. Also, I had planned this time to go with Sara but even the group air fare (leaving from NY) I think is unreasonably high (for me). In the brochure sent to me from Leningrad, I was surprised to find that the most economical hotel accommodation there for Congress participants would be \$50/day for two. But we've decided to take a vacation anyway and will probably visit Spain and France on the annual LSU charter flight to Madrid leaving from New Orleans.

The girls tentatively plan to take summer courses again at LSU. Maxine is in her senior year at Grinnell and Doris is just beginning at Brandeis. Spanish and anthropology are respectively their interests at the moment. Both schools have a demanding curriculum but the girls are very conscientious and are enjoying their experience.

I've had your letter on my desk for weeks, it seems, but have delayed writing because I'm preparing a couple of papers, one mycological the other ethnomycological. Your neighbors at the NY Botanical Garden are also keeping me busy sending specimens for identification. The latest batch was over 100 collections from Colombia, almost all of which requires microscopic work. So far I have found one that I consider to be a new species and since I recently received a collection from Brasil which is also new, I'll combine them in one report together with some Colombian and Venezuelan things from the Garden which though not new, represent extensions of their geographical range. So what I have is an addendum to my "Flora Neotropica" paper.

Tomorrow is Mardi Gras, time for Masque
and Beubel, so I'll drink to your
salud

with love,

Burt

Feb. 1978.

Dearest Biddy -

Just a bit of note to mark the day and let you know that I do think about you - evidence to the contrary! We never outgrow our need to be remembered!! You forthcoming trip sounds just great. I wish you could come by here in a visit. There's bound to be a meeting some time later!! We are planning my trip now. Probably in

Happy Birthday

May, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. No big cities - only the genuine countryside and from what we have been reading of what we have been reading of beauty is that things were headed in the right direction. Celebrate and enjoy and a happy happy birthday from Betsy + Willie



in view of how things are
economically but what we'd
like is something big and
fat. Like a Fair. When
are y'all coming north?

We'd be happy to see you
and I'm sure they would
like to see you at the Zoo...

Glad that all is well with
Dara and the girls. They
sound just great. Have a
happy ~~day~~ year LIFE - will be
Thinking of you
Ouz line - Willy
Dalyant

Received: 1-17-76

New Rochelle, ny
12 January 1976

dear butch,

I recall some time ago saying in a letter to you that I would be prompt in replying to every letter you sent. Yet it seems that I fall behind inevitably.

It is'nt because I don't have something to say. It seems that I am never happy with the way I say it. Was it Bacon that said... "writing makes a positive man" (or words to that effect)? I seem to do quite well in the technical field but when it comes to just sitting down to chat. I find what I write seems dull.

Be it as it may, first let me wish you and the family a healthy and happy New Year. I hope that having taken a "vacation" in 1975 you found it so great that you will continue to spend your free time in somewhat more civilized (?) places than you have in the past.

You might take umbrage at the implication that spending time in the rain forests of Central and South America is spending time in less than Civilization so let me explain. As you know Gracie and I travel to somewhere each year and I have found that the places which are most satisfying are those that have some connection with our own Western culture. Thus, if the day has been spent in admiring some grand spectacle of nature, or some man-made artifact I like to return to the comfort of a clean warm room, a pleasing meal and in the evening some music or theater which I can understand and enjoy. The experience need not even be in a language which is familiar, Japan's music and Kabuki were all strange, yet there seems to be a continuum in humankind's art that transcends the language barrier to a common, and understandable, element. We also like to travel to places where we can meet people we have similar interests. I was amazed that in Roumania I was able to spend two hours with a man who spoke no English, yet was able to communicate in a way that was enlightening and pleasant (he spoke german and understood hungarian).

I had not intended that the preceeding paragraph be so long. But I do run on. Rather I wanted to get to your paper on "Notes On Mushrooms and Religion" which must represent the most comprehensive research on the subject short of Wasson. (Did you manage to get the copy of the Codex you located in S.A. ?) I am sure you have already looked into the possibility of giving a course in Ethnomycology. will you indeed? As a layman, I was able to get more out of your story of your visit with the cuzero, but I recognize the current opus as prodigeous. Are you versed in the Mayan heiroglyphics? Where do you intend to go (both physically and academically) next in your pursuit of the sacred mushroom?

We must also acknowledge the latest reprint on the Tremalles of America. It is too far out for our comprehension. Yet it is nice to have it alongside of its predecessors. Who know some day I shall really know what you are talking about.

How was the trip to spain? Aside from the few words on your post card we really don't know how you spent your time and how you reacted to the country both you and Sara have been so close to culturally.

[answered! 4-II-1976]

A long time ago, Butch, I suggested we might exchange slide of our various trips. Gracie says this is not meaningfull because most of them would be enhanced with personal commentary. So I make the following suggestion: record your commentary on a cassette recorder with a fine wine glass and a chop stick in front of you. Whenever a slide is to be advanced, tap the wine glass with the stick. Thus can one make a simple sound-slide show. Want to try it? I'll trade you Hungary for Peru & Chile, or Ireland, Scotland and England (where we visited in October of 1975). I also have some nice pix of Sitzerland and the Bavarian Alps (1973). What do you say to a trial exchange? I keep the last trip in Kodak 140 trays (7) but the former trips are in Kodak Ready Files. For them I use the Kodak Stack Loader. Do you have one?

Later: I wrote the above without having your last letter to refer to. Having reread it I see that the symposium on Ethnomycology might well be the preface to the introduction ~~as~~ a formal course. Good luck on you fund raising. It certainly appears that you are putting together a galaxy of "stars" in the field.

With respect to talking to Doris and welcoming her into our home you know we would be delighted to see her. However, it seems that the generation gap (or more likely cultural gap) seems to pose some obstacles to the new generation making contact with their relatives. At 19 I would expect her to make the initial contact. Do let her know that we would be happy to meet her and her friends.

Altho you wrote about the children (sic) you did not mention Sara. Is she still teaching at Howard (??)? Despite our lack of communication we wish her well.

I think I wrote you some time ago that Gracie and Syd had again been seeing each other and lat month S., Margrit and Heidie came to dinner. I was really glad to see them having regretted many times over the unfortunate circumstances that drove us apart. Syd is not in the best of physical health, the old back and thigh still give him much pain. Margrit too, has been having problems with her health - I'm not quite sure of the ailment but it has to do with the alimentary process. Nevertheless we did manage to have a good time with syd polishing off trencherman portion of "pofa szolona" and half a loaf of Gracie's wonderful potato bread (she has become breadmaker since we remodelled our kitchen).

I know you keep in touch with Syl and know that she is well. Marriane graduated from anesthesiolgy in September and now is a practicing nurse anesthetist. David is so bright and so handsome. Of course his grandma is his mentor and I do believe that he and Syl make each other very happy. Hank and his wife have separated and there is no talk of a divorce. I wish there was something that I could do to help Hank but I'm afraid that at this distance there is little that we can do except give him encouragement and help with a few dollars now and then. My grand son is now two years old and under Varga's loving care and tutaledge he is quite outstanding, both physically, he is quite beautiful, and amazingly bright. Varga is expecting a second child within a week, hoping it will be another boy to be a companion to Will. We shall see!

I am keeping busy with the Bicentennial among other things, like museums and a "show" in Caracas. But I missed out on the Expo in Okinowa this past June.

Love,
W

4-II-1976

Dear Willie and Babs,

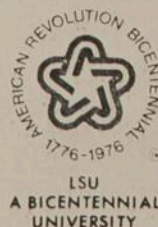
Thanks for your letter of about 3 weeks ago, which, after the custom of our "good neighbors" to the south, I'm just getting around to answering. Its good to hear from you and I hope that your consultations in Caracas turn out to be something of importance in your future work. You've already covered part of Europe, Asia and South America so Morgen die ganze Welt : And why not ? As far as my own travels are concerned, in future they are likely to be restricted to the Americas. Not that I didn't enjoy some of the European tour last year, but I've concluded, not reluctantly, that I travel better alone. If I think it is warranted to make a complaint in a restaurant concerning the food, I don't want to feel inhibited (not even in London) because my companion, having a greater regard for the sensibilities of a waiter than for mine, thinks it proper to offend me rather than to make a just complaint to him. Then there is the bull fight. Some like it and others don't. But it is profoundly Spanish and to think of it as an unfortunate aberration outside the cultural life of the intelligentsia is a gross error. I spent a very pleasant Sunday afternoon at one of the smaller bull rings in Madrid. Well, it is this kind of thing that is not conducive to producing a general aura of Gemütlichkeit. I've never worked in the northern countries of South America and it isn't likely that I'll have any projects there soon, but the outlook is good for more mycological-ethnomycological investigation in Central and South America. On my 1974 trip to Guatemala, the Dean of the College of Arts & Science of the Univ. of San Carlos invited me to return to give a summer course and if he gets the financial support I'll go down in June. I could combine it very nicely with more field work in the Quiche and Cakchiquel country in north-central Guatemala where traditional ways are still maintained among the population. I'm convinced there is a lot to learn ethnomycologically. Even if he doesn't get the support I'll probably go down anyway. At the end of a day in the field I like amenities as well as anyone, but if few are available it's surprising how little you miss them. I rarely have to spend a night where there are no bathing facilities and in the country, bath or no bath, a tropical night has great allure. Another project that interests me is an exploration of Patagonia. I've been asked to participate in a mycological investigation of Tierra del Fuego, my part to be the contribution of a monograph of the Tremellales. I have to finance my way down there but once there I'll have transportation from Buenos Aires south with the group from the Univ. of Buenos Aires which gets its limited support from the national government, a rather touchy thing just now and for the foreseeable future. Tentatively this is for 1968. Like everyone else, I have to finance my expeditions, which are fairly modest in terms of cost. I've had the support of various agencies over the years, as you know, but it is becoming more difficult to convince a committee that now at age 60 I'm not likely to collapse in the field. In fact, I am in excellent health, better than 5 years ago because I work out systematically in a gym about 3 times a week. At my yearly medical check-up my doctor pronounced me as sound as a dollar, peso, yen ... well at least as good as most currencies. Recently the NSF (National Science Foundation) stressed that in future they will support mostly (or at least favor) young scientists. To make up for this anticipated loss of revenue I have a modest proposal. If you or Syd ~~would~~ or both of you would consider supporting an old scientist I would gladly accept any contributions you would care to make. If politicians can get support not only from their families but ~~h~~ from unknowns and for very dubious purposes sometimes, from my prejudiced point of view, my case is at least equally worthy. Maybe you ~~can~~ could talk it over with Syd some time. What I need is a small Research Fund not to exceed about \$1000. nor less than \$1. in a year, which, together with an approximately equal amount of my own could make me virtually independent of agencies reluctant to support old men.

Doris returned to Brandeis the other day after about a month at home between semesters and she phoned last night to tell us that she has been accepted as a participant in a year-long anthropology project (her major) sponsored by the University of Indiana, to study in Peru. She will have full academic credit at Brandeis and will begin some time in August. The cost for the year will be about the same as for her regular year, now that tuition at Brandeis has just been increased by \$500. I've asked Doris to call you and if she gets to NY I hope she can spend a little time with you. Maxine has accepted a temporary job with the Farm Workers Union in Chicago. She expects to help in their Chicano Program and of course her knowledge of Spanish will be a valuable asset. This is on a volunteer basis ~~and~~ with her room and board paid plus \$5/week which naturally we expect to supplement. She may begin within a week or two. Maxine's 4 years at Grinnell has made her very politically conscious and she wants to be confronted with some of the problems of working people. Sara recently went to a meeting of Spanish and South American poets and writers in Houston, her trip sponsored by her Department at Southern.

This has been interrupted numerous times and I want to get it off to you before another week passes. I'm glad to know that you are a happy grand father - no doubt with justifiable pride.

Love to you both

Butch



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Dear Bats,

10-XI-1976

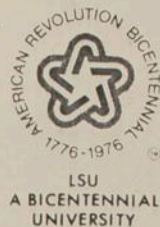
Thanks much for your thoughtful surprise package holding Byron's "Prisoner", and for the dedication, which is nice but undeserved. — When I talked with Seena I was surprised at her disappointment with Budapest — after all these years of anticipation. But she said the rest was great. Loved Genevieve, loathed Bude! After the airport pickup though, it might be hard to feel charitable towards them. — Well, the election is over and our candidate won. At least the possibilities are better than they would have been under a Republican administration. It was good to see Moynihan win over Buckley. — In recent years, I've been writing to senators and other assorted politicians, mostly about the "defense" budget. Too bad this will not change significantly under Carter. My view is that we should begin de-escalation unilaterally now. I've enclosed a copy of one of my recent efforts to influence the influential in this direction. Ah, well, this is what comes of my addiction to Don Quijote!

Doris is enjoying Rene and Maxine likewise in

California (for the moment) working with The OFA
under César Chavez. Here on the home front, everything
is gemütlich, so why complain about this best of
all possible worlds? — I'm organizing a symposium
for the II International Mycological Congress to be held
in Tampa next year. It's taking a lot of correspondence
but progress is being made. I plan to invite ± 8 speakers,
including Wesson, who only recently finally agreed
(he is 78 yrs. old and hard to convince). — On the
taxonomic side, reports of a few more new tropical
Tremellales will soon be heading your way. Others are
under study. — Well, where do you go next?
I know it could be to almost any part of the world
but wherever it is, they're lucky to have your
services!

Schluss for now — with love
to you both

Butch



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

14-XII-1976

Dear Baby and Wilhe,

Just a note to accompany the enclosed, to wish you well at the end of this bicentennial year and for 1977. I'm swamped with work of a "catch-up" kind and also trying to get out a paper on my recent new find in Guatemala. I have Psilocybe mexicana, an important hallucinogenic mushroom, collected for the 1st time from that country. This tends to further support the hypothesis that a magico-religious cult may have existed among the Maya, centering around the mushroom. Anyway, it makes the rant more binding! — If you have a chance to get a copy of a new book published by Cambridge U. Press (1976), you'll find a few entries that will interest you. G. C. Ainsworth (Englishman) has just come out with his "Introduction to the history of mycology." He limits his entries to reporting the "solution of major problems which have confronted students of fungi over the centuries and novel discoveries which have given new insights." His treatment is so exclusive that 75% of all workers discussed are dead — and the rest

getting there. He begins with the year 1491, the
last entry (mine, as it happens) being 1979.
Between 1970 and 1979 he lists only 23 works^{world-wide,}
that meet his criteria. Two of my ethnomycological
papers are cited and 1 illustration of mine is
reproduced. —

Maxine will be home by \pm the 22nd for
only a week. Doris is enjoying her studies etc
in Peru. She'll spend part of her \pm 3 months
school holiday in Buenos Aires with the family
but expects to travel extensively. She'll be working
on an archeological project in northern Peru. I've
given her letters of introduction to some key people
I know in Cuzco and elsewhere. — Sara and I have
been seeing Louisiana lately. — We spent a night at
Ashford Plantation (Thanks giving). Quite impressive.
What must it have been like in the "good old
days"?

Lots of love,
Butcher

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DEAR BUTCH,

IT IS SATURDAY, A DAY USUALLY DEVOTED TO CHORES. BUT ON XMAS DAY A CHRISTIE SHOULD NOT WORK. WHAT BETTER THING TO DO THAN WRITE A WORD OF GREETING! EVERYTHING GOOD FOR YOU, SARA, DORIS AND MAXINE IN THE COMING NEW YEAR.

WE ARE BOTH VERY HAPPY TO SENSE BOTH FROM THE TONE OF YOUR LAST TWO LETTERS AND WHAT YOU SAY THAT EVERYTHING IS GEMUTLICH. THE INCREASING RECOGNITION OF YOUR GOOD WORK, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY G.C. AINSWORTH INTELLIGENT SELECTION OF YOUR WORKS TO CITE AND WASSON'S AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE II I.M.C. MUST GIVE YOU AN INTENSE FEELING THAT YOUR LIFE'S WORK IS SIGNIFICANT. I THINK THAT THE FEELING OF SELF-WORTH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ^{BUT} WE CAN ACHIEVE, NOT IN TERMS OF THE SPECIOUS VALUES SOCIETY IMPOSES VIS-A-VIS OUR OWN INTERNAL VALUES. THAT FEELING CAN EASE MUCH OF THE STRESS THAT ONE'S DAY TO DAY TRAVAILS MAY IMPOSE.

YOU MUST BE PROUD TOO OF THE PROGRESS TOWARD ADULTHOOD AND SELF REALIZATION THAT THE GIRLS ARE MAKING. I AM TEMPTED TO SAY "NO DOUBT THEY WILL MAKE THEIR MARK IN THE WORLD" BUT I WOULD HOPE, RATHER, THAT THEY LIKE YOU WILL FIND INTERNAL SATISFACTION TOO.

YOU DO NOT SAY WHAT SARA IS DOING THESE DAYS, DOC. WHAT IS SHE DOING?

WE WERE HAPPY THAT YOU ENJOYED THE BROCHURE FROM CHILLON. HAVING ALL THESE YEARS KNOWN ONLY OF THE HORRORS THE CHATEAU HELD FOR ITS FAMOUS PRISONER WE WERE INITIALLY SHOCKED TO FIND IT SUCH A LOVELY PLACE. EVEN THE DUNGEON SEEMED MUCH LESS IMPOSING THAN BYRON MADE IT TO BE. STILL THERE WAS AN ALMOST RELIGIOUS FEELING BEING IN THE PLACE THAT FOR SO LONG HAS BEEN IN OUR EMOTIONAL MEMORIES. I WISH YOU COULD HAVE BEEN THERE WITH US. THE SLIDES I MADE ON THE OCCASION DO CAPTURE "THE SUNBEAM THAT HAS LOST ITS WAY" BUT IT APPEARS THAT BYRON TOOK SOME POETIC LICENSE IN PUTTING THE RING ² THAT IRON IS A CANCEROUS THING - IN THE COLUMNS SEVEN. IN REAL LIFE THE PRISONERS WERE CHAINED TO A WOODEN POST, ONE OF WHICH IS STILL THERE. (WHEN ARE WE EVER GOING TO EXCHANGE SLIDES? EVER?)

DESPITE THE NEGATIVE REACTION THE GIRLS HAD TO BUDAPEST (MINE WAS ALSO NEGATIVE BUT LESS INTENSE) THE TRIP THRU SWITZERLAND, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA WAS GREAT. AFTER TWO DAYS WITH SEES AND THE SEIDMAN'S IN GENEVA, DURING WHICH WE MADE A DAY'S OUTING TO ANNECY IN FRANCE, GRACIE AND I MOTORED ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE OF LAKE LEHMAN THRU LAUSANNE, MONTREAU, WHERE CHATEAU CHILLON JUTS INTO THE LAKE, AND ON TO SCION, A TOWN IN VALAIS OF SOME HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE. IT WAS HERE THAT THE BISHOP OF ROME BUILT HIS CASTLE HIGH ON A HILL AND TAXED ALL THE TRAFFIC THAT PASSED BETWEEN ITALY AND SWITZERLAND. DRIVING THRU THE RHONE VALLEY, WITH ITS VINEYARDS EVERYWHERE, WE PASSED THRU SIERRE (WHERE ANOTHER BISHOP BUILT ANOTHER CASTLE ETC, ETC.) ONWARD AND UPWARD WE WENT TO TÄSCH WHERE WE PARKED THE CAR AND TOOK THE TRAIN TO ZERMAT AND THE MATERHORN. ZERMAT WAS DELIGHTFUL IN LATE SEPTEMBER BUT I COULD VISUALIZE IT DURING THE TOURIST SEASON IN SUMMER AND THE SKI SEASON IN WINTER WHEN IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE FOR THE CROWDS. THE MATAHORN IS INDEED IMPRESSIVE AND MAJESTIC. I PREFER THE LESSER MOUNTAINS OF THE BERNESE OBERLAND, HOWEVER.

I FOUND THE TRIP TO THE GOENERGRAT EXHILIRATING. HERE, WHERE ONE FEELS HE HAS REACHED THE TOP OF THE WORLD THE MATERHORN IS ALMOST WITHIN ARMS REACH, IT SEEMS, AND ONE CAN LOOK DOWN ON MIGHTY RIVERS OF ICE THAT FORM THE MASSIVE GLACIERS OF THE ALPS. AFTER EXPERIENCING THESE HEIGHTS YOU MIGHT THINK THAT THE REST OF SWITZERLAND WOULD BE DULL BY COMPARISON. NO SO. THE REMARKABLE THING ABOUT SWITZERLAND, EVEN AFTER THREE VISITS, IS THAT EACH NEW PLACE HAS A UNIQUE CHARM THAT COMPLIMENTS THE EARLIER EXPERIENCES. SO. THE TUNNEL FROM GOPPENSTEIN TO KANDERSTEG WITH ITS EIRIE BLACKNESS, THE BUCOLIC CHARM OF KANDERSTEG, THE GARDENS AT THE CASINO IN INTERLOCHEN AND THE TUMMERSBACH FALLS NEAR LAUTERBRUNNEN, EACH IN IST WAY PROVIDES A NEW AND JOYOUS EXPERIENCE.

WE SPENT ONLY ONE DAY IN BERN AND MARVELLED AT ITS MODERN SUPERMARKETS (LARGER BY FAR THAN ANY I HAVE SEEN HERE) IN THE MIDST OF ITS CENTURIES OLD CLOCK TOWERS AND STATUE LINED STREETS. WE PAUSED FOR FIVE DAYS IN GEROLDSWIL, A SUBURB OF ZURICH, AND AGAIN ENJOYED THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH BY VIRTUE OF THE ARCHITECTURE AND CUSTOMS ONE CAN FEEL THE CONTINUITY OF CENTURIES OF CULTURE. (MY GREAT-EST CRITICISM OF TRAVEL IN THE USA IS THAT THERE IS ONLY 20TH CENTURY HERE. EVERYTHING ELSE IS RELEGATED TO MUSEUMS OR COMMERCIALY UNATTRACTIVE ENTERPRISES.) WE SPENT ONE OF THE DAYS IN GEROLDSWIL TOURING THE NEARBY COUNTRYSIDE AND LUZERNE AND MOUNT RIGI. THEN WE MOVE ON, TO APPENZELL AND ST. GALLEN. IN ST. GALLEN WE SPENT TIME IN THE ABBY, A MAGNIFICENT BAROQUE CHURCH- THE INTERIORS WERE SHOWN JUST LAST WEEK IN KENETH CLARK'S CIVILIZATION TV SERIES. UNLIKE SO MANY OF THE CATHEDRALS WE HAVE SEEN THIS ONE WAS PURE WHITE AND BLUE AND GOLD INSIDE. FULL OF LIGHT, NOT THE DARKNESS OF THE GOTHIC CHURCH, AND WARM. WE ALSO VISITED AN EVEN MORE FAMOUS BAROC CHURCH IN GERMANY, THE WIES KIRCHE. TOGETHER THEY GAVE US ANOTHER INSIGHT INTO MAN'S EXPRESSION OF HIMSELF THRU ARCHITECTURE. A VERY GOOD FEELING.

LEAV^{ING} SWITZERLAND AT LAKE CONSTANCE WE DROVE ALONG THE BAVARIAN ALPINE ROAD TO FUSSEN AND THE KAISER SCHLOSSES. MAD LUDWIG'S CREATION OF NEUSCHWANSTEIN, TO WHICH DISNEY WORLD IS INDEBTED FOR ITS PICTURESQUE CASTLE, WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE ALBIET SOMEWHAT MIXED. ALTHO I CAN ENJOY THE BEAUTY WHICH SO MANY CAPABLE ARTIST AND ARTIZAN INVESTED IN THIS OPULENT BUILDING I MUST ALSO REMEMBER IT WAS A PERIOD OF SERFDOM AND WHOLESAL EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE. ENROUTE TO OBERAMAGAU WE VISITED THE WIES KIRCHE AND SAW THE KIND OF PAINTINGS ON BUILDINGS WHICH REACHES ITS HEIGHT IN OBERAMAGAU ITSELF. YOU MUST COME AND SEE OUR PICTURES OF THE CHILDRENS ORPHEANAGE WITH LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND ALL. A SHORT TRIP TO GARMISCH-PARTENKIRKEN, WHICH TODAY IS A REGIONAL RECREATION AREA FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS, LEFT ME UNIMPRESSED, ALTHO MAY SAY IT IS THE MOST DESIRABLE PART OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS.

GARMISCH TO SALZBERG IS PLEASANT IF NOT AS EXCITING AS THE ALPS. IN SALZBERG WE SAW THE MARIONETTES DO DIE FLEDERMAUS, TO THE LONDON RECORD WHICH IS OUR VERY FAVORITE. THEN ON TO VIENNA AND BUDAPEST, WHICH, BECAUSE THIS LETTER IS GETTING SO LONG I MAY ^{HAVE TO} TELL YOU AT ANOTHER TIME. (WE DID SEE A RATHER DULL TALES OF HOFFMAN AT THE STADTS OPER IN VIENNA, AND I SAW AN EXCITING DVORZAK RUSSALKA AT THE NEM-ZETI SZINHAZ. WE ALSO SAW EN VAGYOK BERHOLT BRECHT IN BUDAPEST WHICH TURNED INTO A MEMORABLE NIGHT AT THE THEATER.)

I DID READ YOUR ⁵LAT PAPER FROM BEGINNING TO END, WITH INTEREST, ALTHO I MUST CONFESS THAT IT IS A LITTLE BEYOND ME. I OBSERVE THAT THE ENTRIES, IF THAT IS WHAT YOU CALL INTRODUCING A NEW SPECIES, ^{IS ARE} IN LATIN. IS THIS STILL THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE IN THE BOTANICAL SCIENCES? IN CONTRAST, I AM ENCLOSING ONE OF MY LATESTS PUBLICATIONS WHICH IS WRITTEN (BY MY EDITOR) IN A RATHER HORRID VERNACULAR.

YOU ALSO SENT US SOME REPROS OF LETTERS WITH YOUR ⁷NOVEMBER 10TH LETTER. IT SHAMES US TO THINK THAT WE NO NOT DO THE SAME. LIKE MOST AMERICANS WE ARE POLITICALLY LAZY AND AS A CONSEQUENCE RECEIVE THE REWARDS OF LASSITUDE. YOU'RE TO BE COMMENDED MIO. YOU ARE ALSO TO BE COMPLIMENTED ON YOUR LITERARY GENIUS. YOU REALLY WRITE BEAUTIFULLY.

ALTHO THE BICENTENNIAL KEPT ME BUSY THRU MOST OF ⁷⁵76 AND THE EARLY PART OF ⁷⁴77, MAY TO OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR WERE THE SLOWEST I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN TEN YEARS. THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN EMPLOYEE CENTER IN KINGSPORT WAS VERY SATISFYING, I BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST MOVIE HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE LIVING HISTORY CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA, WITH ITS 90'X74' IMAX SCREEN WAS ANOTHER I AM VERY HAPPY WITH. MOSTLY, I HAVE BEEN DOING MUSEUM- LONG BEACH M OF FINE ARTS IN CA, THE SMITHSONIAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK IN WASHINGTON, A RAILROAD MUSEUM IN SACRAMENTO AND HOPEFULLY, WE WILL START ON NEW HARMONY INDIANA NEXT MONTH.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE SOCIETY OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION ENGINEERS TO PREPARE A DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD BECOME GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN OF MOTION PICTURE THEATERS FOR THE USA. UNLIKE EUROPE WHERE STANDARDS HAVE EXISTED FOR A DECADE WE HAVE NONE HERE-"THEY WOULD INTERFERE WITH FREE ENTERPRISE" SAY THE THEATER OWNERS. IF BUSINESS SHOULD GET BAD AGAIN I MIGHT ASSY IT. AFTER MANY YEARS OF MISSIONARY WORK ON MY PART THE CLIMATE SEEMS TO BE GETTING WARM.

I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS. PERHAPS YOU COULD DIVERT FROM FLORIDA TO NEW YORK FOR A VISIT?

MEANWHILE, A GOOD LIFE TO ALL.

LOVE,

W. C. C.

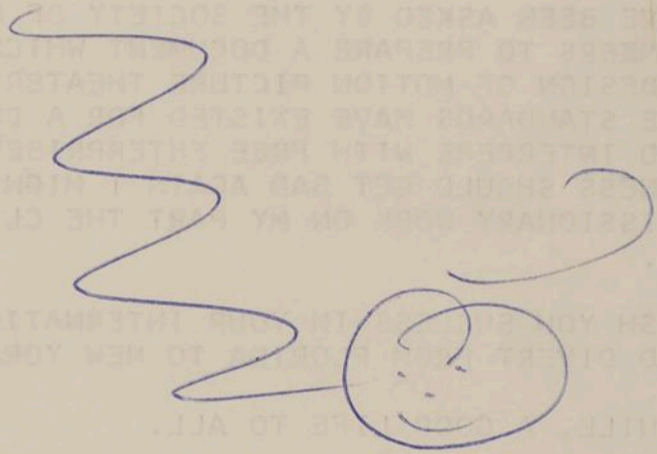
Dearest Betsy

*In the middle of making the Xmas dinner
bit so I'll just slip in a hello + wish you
all the best New Year ever. Was happy that
Arthur mentioned your articles as "coming up"*

to specs" (whose quote was that?) Anyway, he
shows rare good taste and he'll
be my friend forever -

Enthusiastically,
and with love,

Baby



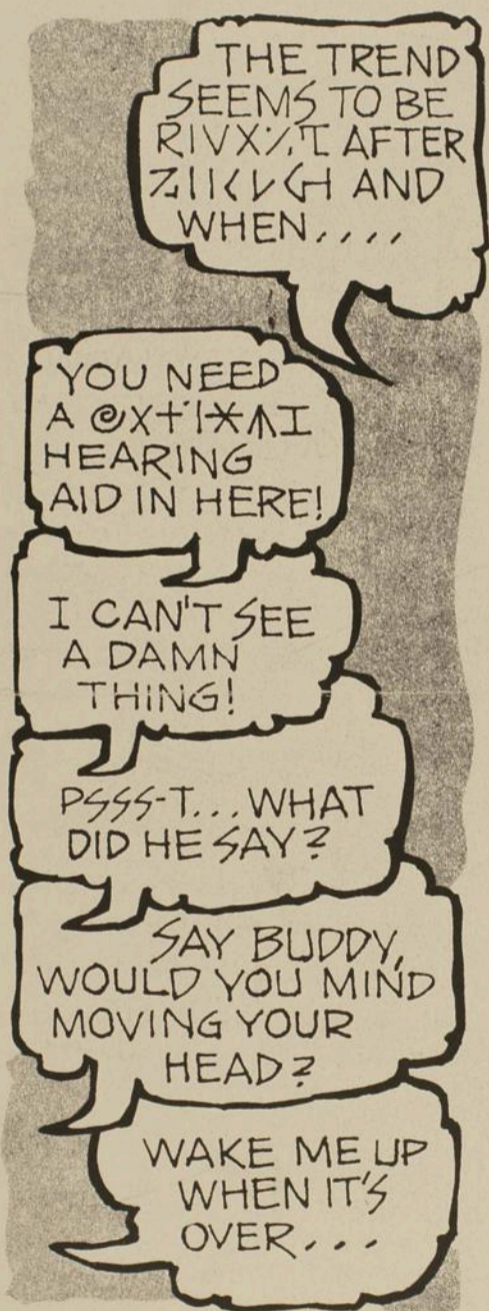
P.S. THERE WILL BE A WORLD'S EXPOSITION, SPECIALIZED CATAGORY
ON ENERGY, IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1982. I HOPE WE WILL BE ANBLE
TO MAKE IT, PROFESSIONALLY THAT IS.

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Maximizing your meeting rooms

By Will Szabo

With competition increasing for group meeting business, now is the time to analyze the communications capabilities of your meeting rooms and audiovisual facilities.



Are you losing meeting room business to that new property down the road? Or to the conference center on the other side of town? You may have adequate equipment, flexible rooms and courteous service, but are you paying attention to the environment of the meeting room and the communications that goes on there?

Although subject matter and personalities differ, the gatherings in your meeting rooms have a common denominator: people talking to people and usually using audiovisuals to inform, motivate or entertain. While millions of dollars are spent yearly on these meetings and the preparation of audiovisual media, the full potential of the media is often lost because the meeting rooms fail to provide the environments needed for effective audiovisual communications. As a result, many groups are switching from lodging meeting rooms to communications or conference centers, whose meeting room designs take into account the special requirements of audiovisual presentations and whose facilities enable the presentation of slides, motion pictures and television. These centers also provide interconnecting telephones with public address systems and access to computers and intercity television systems.

The bad meeting room

There is a widespread lack of understanding of the nature of au-

diovisual communication in the lodging industry and what criteria must be met to insure effective use of audiovisual media. In planning meeting areas, lodging owners and architects often erroneously assume that supplying first-class equipment, such as screens, projectors, microphones, amplifiers, loudspeakers, TV monitors and lecterns, will alone provide good audiovisual facilities. It's just not so. Effective communications using images and sound together, the basic definition of audiovisual technology, depends as much on the design of the meeting space as it does on the projection and sound equipment. A fundamental of good audiovisual planning is that everyone should be able to see and hear well. Some of the ways this criterion is violated in lodging meeting rooms are:

- A seating arrangement that enables a person to easily see the head of the speaker will not usually provide that person with sightlines to see a large projection screen or an improperly-located TV monitor.
- A room designed or treated to minimize the clatter of a luncheon crowd is not the best acoustic environment for listening to a speaker, even if his voice is amplified electronically. Feedback squeals from PA systems can usually be attributed to room acoustics.
- Room lighting that ignores the highlighting of a speaker when the general illumination is low or that fails to provide adjustable lighting levels to match projection requirements is unsatisfactory.
- The noise of film and slide projectors can be distracting to an audience. Consider installing sound-proof enclosures, either built-in or mobile, to use with projection equipment.
- Projection and sound-reproducing equipment frequently requires remote controls from the speakers location. Since power and control cables on the floor can be hazardous, be sure power receptacles are properly located and remote control wiring is concealed.

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Basically the emphasis in the design of many meeting rooms has been on equipment rather than on communications. The absence of industry-wide standards for audiovisual facilities further aggravates the situation.

Plan it right

How can the problem of ineffective lodging meeting rooms be corrected? Fundamentally, a change in attitude is required.

First, assign top-level personnel to plan the audiovisual facilities of your meeting rooms and give that task the same high priority as the planning of other facilities in your property.

Secondly, consider retaining a professional audiovisual consultant who can bring to the design of your audiovisual facilities the criteria to insure effective communications.

Start the planning with a statement of your communications requirements, taking into account both current and long-term needs. Since the design of space is influenced by audiovisual requirements and the selection of equipment is

influenced by the space in which it is to be used, both the space design and equipment selection should be made concurrently. For example:

- Ceiling height and floor slope work together to determine the size of the audience who can see well. It is often better to provide no audiovisual facilities when the viewing conditions are poor.

- Rooms that are acoustically well designed for speech do not need expensive ceiling loudspeakers.

- Audiovisual facilities require special control of lighting. Conversely, the type of lighting in a room influences the selection of projection equipment.

- In the future you may want to install video monitors above the audience area. To hold down future costs, include building supports for mounting brackets and conduits for cable in the initial planning of the meeting area.

Design criteria

Certain criteria relating to seeing, hearing, lighting and comfort must be recognized in designing your audiovisual facilities.

There are criteria for seeing well, involving such things as seating and sightlines for good visibility; the preparation of media and their presentation for good legibility; image distortion and TV viewing.

There are criteria for hearing well, which relate to the acoustics of the meeting space and the characteristics of electronic reproduction. When audio or video recording of meetings is required, still other factors must be considered.

Human comfort and "audience psychology" are important but they vary depending on the type of audio-visual presentation.

Lighting, noise control, sound isolation and TV distribution should also be considered.

Whether you're planning a new property, an addition or a refurbishing job, be sure to give prime attention to the total communications environment of your meeting rooms. It may take more effort, but it will pay off in added business. **□**

Szabo on audio visuals

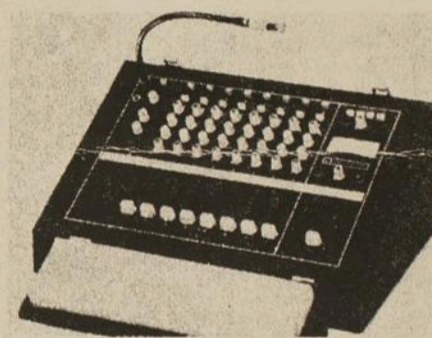
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