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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts

Amherst 01003

Department of Botany
10 April 1972

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

Dear Bernie,

Thank you very much for sending your keys to the Neotropical Tremellales. My wife and I are pleased to have these in our reference library. Although we are far from the tropics, we do find that several of our colleagues at the University of Massachusetts go in that direction and bring us back some puzzling specimens. I note that some species are in the temperate zone as well though, so we anticipate considerable use.

I trust all is well with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard".

Howard E. Bigelow

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

19-IV-1972

Dear Howard:

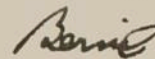
I hope you will excuse the tardiness of my reply to your kind note. I have been making preparations for my departure to Peru and am afraid that I have neglected some of my correspondence. I am not sure that the enclosed notice was attached to the last reprint I sent you. I instructed my herbarium assistant to do this, so I can conveniently shift the blame if it wasn't done.

A disadvantage of my working in the tropics (I can't think of many) as I try to do most years, is that I miss the national meetings and consequently do not see many of my colleagues and friends as often as I would like to. I am afraid this has been interpreted as evidence of indifference.

My interest in ethnomycology continues and if I can get away from my teaching duties long enough, I plan to investigate a few promising clues in Peru and Ecuador later this year. Of course I also expect to make collections whenever possible.

With kindest regards to you and Margaret,

Cordially,



B. Lowy



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

The Department of Botany

12 November 1971

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

Dear Dr. Lowy;

The April 21 date will be fine for us, so unless I hear from you we shall plan on it. Someone will be at the airport to meet you at 12:27 PM.

I forgot to include the sample abstract, but you did not need it. From your abstract it seems that you will interest a large part of our group.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We appreciate your quick reply.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith Blackwell

Meredith Blackwell

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

November 10, 1971

Miss Meredith Blackwell
Department of Botany
University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Miss Blackwell,

I am glad to be able to accept your invitation to speak to the graduate students in Botany. The two dates that suit my schedule best are April 14 or April 21, 1972.

Since I am presently working on some aspects of ethnomycology in Central America, the Botany group may be interested in a brief presentation of the nature of the evidence now available for assuming that an hallucinogenic mushroom cult existed among the Maya. I have been making a study of the Codices and believe that I shall soon be able to correlate information from those documents together with mushroom stones and data from other sources, all of which strongly suggest that some mushrooms played an important role in the religious life of the Maya.

I have checked airline schedules and find there is no direct service to Austin from Baton Rouge, so I plan to go via Dallas and arrive in Austin on a Friday at 12:27 PM (Flight 87 Braniff). In all probability I shall leave the following morning.

As far as a title and abstract are concerned, I would suggest the following:

Title: Evidence for a sacred mushroom cult among the Maya.

Abstract: Although a sacred mushroom cult is known among some contemporary Indian societies in Mexico, none has been discovered elsewhere in the Americas. The existence of such a cult in the past, however, has been postulated largely on the basis of evidence from mushroom stones found in Guatemala. This assumption is now fortified by a study of Maya and Aztec Codices which provide graphic evidence that mushrooms were used ceremonially by those civilizations in pre-Columbian times. A new interpretation of part of a previously undescribed Guatemalan Codex suggests the ritual use of mushrooms identified as Amanita muscaria.

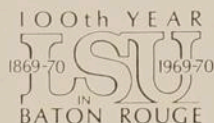
The talk will be illustrated with Kodachromes and other pertinent demonstrations.

Please let me know which of the two dates in April you prefer.

Sincerely yours,



B. Lowy
Professor of Botany



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11 - XI - 1971

Querido Alex,

I was delighted to accept the invitation from Miss Blackwell to speak to the Botany students next semester. I have asked for either April 14 or 21. What a wonderful excuse to see you again!

At long last, monograph N° 6 of "Flora Neotropica", entitled "Tremellales" is in print. It was accepted for publication Feb. 25, 1969 and published Nov. 8, 1971! Now to see how it will be received.

Not that I am an "Indian giver", but it would be useful to have back the slides I sent you, as soon as you have copied those you want. I have been asked to give a talk locally and I plan to include some of the slides in that set.



Un abrazo fuerte de
Bernardo



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

The Department of Botany

8 November 1971

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Lowy;

We are pleased that you will be able to visit Austin and speak to the botany graduate students. As I mentioned on the telephone the honorarium is \$50 and we pay your expenses.

I did not write so soon as I had expected to because we were still arranging the schedule. The dates on which we shall be able to have you here are January 28, March 10, April 14 and 21 and 28, and May 5, 1972. These dates are all Fridays; the time is 4:00. It will be helpful if you can give us a second date since our spring schedule is still not complete.

We should like a title and brief abstract of your topic, so I am enclosing the announcement of a previous speaker as an example.

Sincerely yours,
Meredith Blackwell
Meredith Blackwell

J. BOIDIN

UNIVERSITÉ DE LYON

DÉPARTEMENT DE BIOLOGIE VÉGÉTALE

16, quai Claude-Bernard
69 - LYON 7^e - FRANCE

Lyon, le 3. Mai 72

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Monsieur,

Je serais heureux de recevoir le tiré à part des articles suivants :
I should be most grateful if you would send me reprint of your interesting article :

Keys to Neotropical Tremelleles
Lehre. 1970. 32 pp. (Nova Hedwigia)

Veillez agréer mes vifs remerciements.
Thanking you in anticipation.

J. Boidin

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26 May, 1972

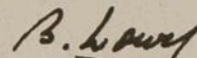
Dear Dr. Boidin:

Some time ago, I sent you a copy of the "Keys ..." which you request, but I regret that apparently this has not been received. I am also concerned that you may not have received the copy of my monograph ("Tremellales" in *Flora Neotropica*) which I sent to you in February. I mailed a very small number of these (because of the prohibitive cost) to colleagues in Europe, several of whom appear not to have received them.

I am quite sure that I have your correct mailing address but shall await confirmation of this. By June 20 I plan to leave for Peru and do not expect to return before the end of the year.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Bernard Dowy
Professor of Botany

September 6, 1972

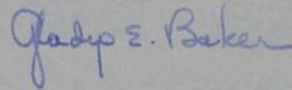
Dr. B. Lowy
c/o Dr. Eduardo F. Indacochea
Comision Fulbright, Maximo
Abril 599, Lima, Peru

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Peru should be a rewarding place for Tremellaceous and other fungi. I hope you have "good hunting."

Many thanks for the copy of your Nova Hedwigia paper, "Keys to Neotropical Tremellales." It will be very useful.

Sincerely yours,



Gladys E. Baker
Professor

GEB:go

11-2-72

Dear Bernie,

Finally an answer from Boston Rouse! I received your letter during my last week in N. H. city. I was there about a month and had a very good trip. Stayed in N. Ferry with friends (a poet whose wife is a painter) ^{on weekends} and on weekdays with a former student of mine in his loft in the village. Saw all kinds of galleries & shows, met old friends, and spent days in the various museums. I even spent an enjoyable morning in the Botanical Gardens next to the Brooklyn Museum. Of course, I thought of you at the time. My weekend hosts were chess players, so I had lots of that when I was "across the River." I also did a lot of reading at night and came across two books by C. Castaneda dealing with his experiences as the apprentice of a Mexican Indian sorcerer. Have you read them by chance? They are spell-binding! Deals with his experiences using mushrooms, and two other hallucinogenic plants. He has a third book just out which I am waiting to get a hold of. If you haven't read them, I recommend their immediate consumption!

But it is nice to be home again. I felt bad being away when Dan broke his arm - Dad should definitely be around for them.

Department of Anthropology
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas 78712
December 16, 1972

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Dr. Lowy:

You may not remember me, but I am Dr. Alex's secretary. I enjoyed your talk on the mushroom cults of precolumbian Mexico and ethnomycology very much last spring, and I wanted to write to ask you for a reprint of your Mycologia article about the codex as soon as you returned from Peru.

I spent the summer taking an intensive crash course in Aymara up in Pittsburgh, and will be continuing my work in Quechua this spring. This semester I have been spending most of my time working on my project for a Seminar in Precolumbian Iconography, working with Tiahuanaco, but unfortunately found no symbols resembling mushrooms!

Dr. Alex left Thursday morning at 7:00 for the Far East, and will be gone until the end of January, visiting Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Ceylon, and finally India for the International Symposium on Taxonomy of Fungi.

Did you make any exciting discoveries about the ethnomycology of the Andes? I'm very curious about your adventures there, and I hope you still have reprints left of the codex article.

Sincerely,

Helen Ann Barler

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

8-I-1973

Dear Helen:

I returned from Peru at Christmas and am still in the process of unpacking, catching up with correspondence and preparing for the new semester which begins on the 15th.

With your "crash course" in Aymara completed are you planning to go to Bolivia for field work? I don't know whether your interests are largely linguistic or ethnobotanical. The Quechua-speaking indigenous population in the Cuzco region, in the Urubamba valley and elsewhere call fungi "kallampas," and several edible species have their special designations, the scientific names of which I have recorded for future use. I had some interesting conversations with a curandero in Iquitos which was my base for about a month of travels up and down river.

Best wishes for success in your studies.

Sincerely,

B. Lowy
B. Lowy

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

April 24, 1974

Dr. Nissan Binyamini
Division of Mycology and Plant Pathology
Tel Aviv University
Tel Aviv, Israel

Dear Dr. Binyamini:

Your paper on "Species of *Inocybe* and *Cortinarius* in Israel" in the Israel Journal of Botany 22: 144-150, 1973, has just come to my attention. Would you be good enough to send me a reprint, together with any others on mycological subjects that you may still have available for distribution?

Although I work mostly with the Tremellales, I also have an interest in agarics and other fungi. Under separate cover I am sending you in exchange a few reprints of mine.

Sincerely yours,

B. Lowy

Bernard Lowy
Professor of Botany

&
Curator, Mycological Herbarium

Christmas, 1974
1114 Pine Acre Drive
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Merry Christmas -

We missed sending a "Christmas note" last year because we were busily involved in a series of events that have made 1974 a year of change for us. First I changed jobs after twenty years at Bendix. An excellent opportunity opened at Deere and Co. which has its corporate headquarters in Moline, Illinois (across the river from Davenport). I am managing their world-wide materials research program which includes all the developments in metallurgy, chemistry, fuels and plastics. Deere is the leader in production of farm equipment, tractors, combines and cottonpickers, etc. and is fast catching up with Caterpillar in the field of construction equipment. The change has really kept me busy learning new technologies and traveling. I've already visited our plants in France, Germany and Spain and will be going to Australia in the near future. The second event was that Marilyn received her Master's Degree this summer in Remedial Reading. Writing her research papers in the first part of the year and putting the results to use the rest of the year by helping children with reading problems has kept her extra busy.

If that wasn't enough, we moved last August. Friends of ours who lived in Bettendorf (suburb of Davenport) moved to Florida leaving a house we had always admired located in a pretty wooded area. The children say it's like living in a vacation house. We have certainly enjoyed it in spite of all the work associated with moving from a house that had twenty years of accumulations.

The children are all doing well and are in one level of school or another from sixth grade to college senior except for Kathy who is working for a local advertising company.

I hope we are sending this early enough so that you will have our new address. Have a good Christmas season and New Year. Let us know of some of the events in your family.

Sincerely,

Tom & Marilyn

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VANCOUVER 8, CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

September 24, 1974.

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

Dear Bernie:

I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging receipt of your letter of August 21. I was in Japan at the time and did not return until September 11.

I had the technician transfer a number of Zygomycetes for you as soon as possible. These appear to be growing now and they are being sent by air mail. Some directions for their culture also are being sent. Please let me know if you have any problems with them or if you need additional species.

B.C. REGISTERED MAIL 557581 2.00

M 766
FROM Dr. R. J. Bandoni
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
2075 WESBROOK PLACE
VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA V6T 1W5

Sincerely yours,

Bob

R.J. Bandoni
Prof. of Botany

TO: Dr. B. Lowy
Dept. of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

U.S.A.

8 cultures received: 2-X-1974.
✓ *Zygorhynchus mulleri* #79 ✓ *Monterella fusilla* #32 ✓ *Basidiobolus ranarum* #17
✓ *Ascidia caerulea* #137 ✓ *Cunninghamella echinulata* #92
✓ *Phycomyces blakesleeana* 33(-) & 31(+)
✓ *Candidofelis villosa* #89

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August 21, 1974

Dr. Robert J. Bandoni
Department of Botany
University of British Columbia
Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada

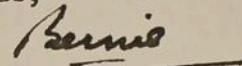
Dear Bob:

I recently returned from Guatemala where I spent a little time at a few archeological sites in the Petén. The eager graduate students there who were majors in archeology and/or anthropology were surprised to find that the natural habitat of some mushrooms is not the supermarket. But I had my share of surprises too- on the archeological side. In any case, I have new distributional data and a couple of tremellaceous things that may be of interest.

Now that the academic routine will begin here again shortly, I remembered your kind offer to send me cultures of Phycomycetes for class use and I would welcome anything you may be able to send, my greatest need being for Zygomycetes.

I hope you enjoyed a good summer and wish you luck in the new semester.

With kindest regards,



B. Lowy

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

3-8-1971

Dear Bob,

The 8 cultures of *Physomyces* arrived today and I'll be dealing with them appropriately very soon.

I thank you sincerely for your generosity which will make possible a fine display of these fungi for my mycology class.

Did the Japanese live up to their reputation of being excellent meeting organizers? Are you planning to go to Leningrad next year? If you do, we may meet again next July.

With all best wishes,

Bernie



Dr. Henri M. Burdet

26-I-1979

Dear Dr. Burdet;

I have just received your most recent papers of the "Cartulae ---" series together with two bibliographical studies. Harming's portrait of Candolle is a handsome work of art. I thank you sincerely for sending these to me.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours

BC

10-11-1975

Dear Dr. Pundak,

I have just received your latest
reprints, including the "Cartulae ad
botanicorum graphicam" through number
XI.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the
receipt of these unique papers.

Sincerely yours,
B. Honey

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5-II-1977

Dr. Hervé M. Burdet
Conservatoire Botaniques
Route de Lausanne 192, CH-1202
Genève, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Burdet:

The first six papers of your unique series with autographs of botanists of the past has reached me. These examples, reproduced in their original dimensions, are of extraordinary interest.

Allow me to congratulate you on publishing these documents which now constitute an important archival source heretofore unavailable to the great majority of the world's botanists.

I sincerely appreciate your kindness in sending me your papers.

With all best wishes,

B. Lowy

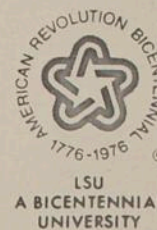
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6-I-1977

Dr. Hervé M. Burdet
Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques
Ville de Genève
Case Postale 60, CH-1292 Chambésy
Genève, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Burdet:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me two reprints from your "Cartulae ad botanicorum graphicem," which I have just received.

Normally, I have little occasion to refer to Candollea, so I would very likely have missed your papers. I am much interested in botanical history and would be most grateful if you would send me any other reprints of yours in this series that you may still have for distribution.

A few reprints of mine are enclosed.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. Lowy', with a horizontal line underneath.

Bernard Lowy
Professor of Botany

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VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

June 9, 1980

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

Dear Bernie:

Thanks for your note. I was very surprized to learn that you are retiring from university life -- also envious! There are many times now when I would like to quit the rat-race and just collect and identify fungi!

You did not mention a forwarding address -- will you still receive things sent to the botany dept. there? I assume, that since you are continuing work with jelly fungi, you'll have an office somewhere in which to hang your hat.

Best regards,

Bob Bandoni

P.S. Thanks for the reprints!

Boehne



Department of Botany

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504/388-8485

15-XII-1980

Dr. Ray Boehne
Department of Botany
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

Dear Dr. Boehne:

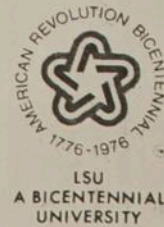
I have just returned from a 3-month mycological expedition in Brazil and was presented with a culture of Psilocybe cubensis (Earle) Singer by a former student of mine, Rod Roberts, whom I had earlier alerted to your request for fresh material. It is on PDA and flourishing, so you should be easily able to subculture it. I am sending it to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy
Professor Emeritus, Botany

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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

18-X-1976

Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz
Botany Department
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Stuntz:

After your student called on Friday, I realized that I had inadvertently misinformed him. I do not collect many agarics here for the herbarium any more, except for a few things that I keep on hand for class use. Several weeks ago my wife found a fruiting body of Psilocybe cubensis on campus and presented it to me. I had put it in the dryer and forgotten about it. Anyway, I am sending it to you under separate cover. It isn't much, but may serve your purpose. Although it is fairly common here, it has become harder to come by now than formerly because some students show a lively interest in its hallucinogenic properties.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy
Professor of Botany

Stuntz

December 16, 1976

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

Dear Dr. Lowy,

Thank you for forwarding us a specimen of *Psilocybe cubensis*. It is now in culture here. I am indebted for your prompt response, and beg your pardon for my delayed reply. Merry Christmas.

Respectfully yours,

Ray Boehne

C/O Dr. D. E. Stuntz
Department of Botany
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195

Phone: 20-VI-1980 (home)
Phone: 21-V-1980.
Phone again 22-II-1980, for more of same.

Boehne phoned me 26-IX-1979 to ask for more of same. I told him I would look for some, but was not optimistic about it.



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Bernard Lowy
Professor Emeritus, Botany

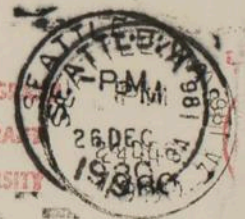
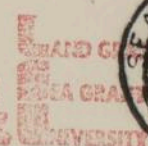


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~~Dr. Ray Boehne
Department of Botany
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195~~





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26-III-1982

Dear Mrs. Brown,

I have just heard of Clair's death, following his long illness. As a colleague and friend of Clair's for many years, I knew and appreciated his great botanical competence, and his willingness to share his knowledge with others. He belonged to a school of meticulous researchers of another era. You may take pride in his lasting contributions to botanical knowledge. I send you my heartfelt condolences on your great personal loss.

Sincerely yours,
Bernard Lowry
Professor Emeritus

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
2075 WESBROOK MALL
VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA
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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Dr. Bernie Lowy
Mycology Herbarium
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Aug. 4, 1982

Dear Bernie:

I have supplied a number of Tremella cultures, including several haploid strains of T. brasiliensis to Dr. Y. Sakagami of the University of Tokyo. He has been working on the mating hormones in these fungi for the past several years. Unfortunately, my mating strains of T. brasiliensis were isolated about 15 years ago and they were maintained on agar slants for a number of years. Consequently, their mating reactions are rather weak and I am trying to obtain new isolates. If you should pick up any collections of this species during your travels to the south, an air-dried basidiocarp would be greatly appreciated. If you can suggest anyone else who might be able to supply a fruitbody, this information would also be appreciated.

I hope all goes well with you now that you have retired -- also that you have enough time now to work on jelly fungi.

Best regards,

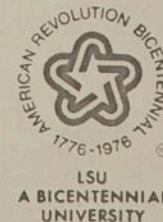
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BATON ROUGE · LOUISIANA · 70803

College of Arts and Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



12-V-1976

My dear Dr. Beck,

Thank you for letting me know about your change of address to the Landessammlungen für Naturkunde at Karlsruhe - "im Herzen Europas." I sincerely hope that the opportunities for research and travel in your new position will meet with your expectations.

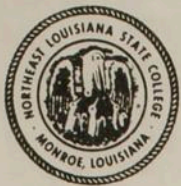
I still continue with my interest in taxonomic mycology and in recent years have also worked somewhat in the field of ethnomycology, a relatively new discipline, some aspects of which are summarized in one of the papers enclosed. Shortly I plan to go to Mexico and Guatemala for further study in the Mayan region and to gather additional Pilze.

Mit den besten Wünschen für seinen Erfolg und Glückseligkeit in Karlsruhe.

Vielen herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr

B. Henry



Department of Biology

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA STATE COLLEGE
MONROE, LOUISIANA

January 9, 1963

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Dept. of Plant Path. L.S.U.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Lowy:

I am returning the fungus specimens under separate cover. I have also included a specimen of a stinkhorn that has been very common around here. Thank you for the loan of the specimens and also for your assistance in our summer institute.

We believe we had a successful institute last summer. We had the opportunity for another grant this year, but a new clause in the contract made it necessary for us to refuse it. This will leave several of us without summer employment, so if you know of any possibilities for summer work, we will appreciate such information.

Sincerely yours,

Elton R. Barrett

Elton R. Barrett
Assistant Prof. of Biology

answered: 17-I-63



DIVISION OF
PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Department of Biology

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA STATE COLLEGE
MONROE, LOUISIANA

April 18, 1963

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Lowy:

I have been looking for information concerning membership in the Mycological Society of America, and I thought you might be able to supply such information since you are a member of the society. I would like to know who is eligible for membership and how membership is obtained.

The college has granted me leave for the summer to do independent research on the fungi in this area. At the present time I am trying to make plans for a study of the Basidiomycetes in an area that covers about ten parishes. I know that will be a large area to cover in a short time, but tentative plans are to limit the collecting to the different soil types such as the hills and bottom areas. This should give considerable variation taxonomically and I hope to find variation of species on the different soil types.

If you have any suggestions or know of pertinent references relating to this type of problem, I would appreciate them very much.

Sincerely yours,

Elton R. Barrett

Elton R. Barrett
Assistant Professor of Biology

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RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANIC GARDEN
OF THE NATIVE PLANTS OF CALIFORNIA
(Founded in 1927 by Susanna Bixby Bryant in memory of John W. Bixby)
1500 North College Avenue, Claremont, California

LEE W. LENZ
DIRECTOR

PHILIP A. MUNZ
DIRECTOR EMERITUS

1 March, 1963

Dear Bernie:

The label on the specimen of Labidura riparia is Filaromyces forficulae Shanor (see Amer. J. Botan. 39: 498-504. 1952.).

In addition to the material cited by Shanor, I have material collected at Lake Okechobee, Fla., in 1950, by H. H. Ross, and material collected on the island of Mindoro, P.I., in 1945, by E. S. Ross. The Florida specimens were on Prolabia pulchella, and the P.I. specimens were on a species of Prolabia.

Thanks for sending the specimens to me. I'll add them to my collection.

Hope things go well with you and that I'll see you at Amherst--if there are any meetings at Amherst.

Sincerely,

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February 18, 1964

Dr. C. R. Benjamin
National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Md.

Dear Chester,

I am working on the Guatemalan Tremellales collected last summer and have come across a number of things of some interest, including a species of Tremella which may be in the new or "interesting" category.

In a paper by Baudoni (Lloydia 21: 137-151. 1958) there are some notes on a Tremella vinacea Lloyd (= T. Wrightii B. & C.) which may be what I have from Guatemala. I would very much appreciate having a few collections so named for comparative study, when and if you get the time to dig them out.

With best regards,

As always,

Bernard Lowy
Associate Professor

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February 18, 1964

Dear Dr. Bohus:

The handsome book of photographs devoted to Budapest has recently arrived. I have since made several "tours" of the city, admiring it from this considerable distance. As you know, I am very partial to things Hungarian and although to my knowledge, none of my family live there any longer, I nevertheless have a deep interest in the birthplace of my parents and hope some day to visit their homeland.

My sincere thanks to you and Madam Babos for offering me a few glimpses of your great city.

With kindest regards, as always,

B. Lowy

April 28, 1964

Dear Elton:

Some time ago, Dr. Harman asked me to read the ms which you submitted to him for the Proceedings. I am sorry I have taken so long about it, but this has been a very busy time of year for me. I think you will shortly receive a copy of my comments from Dr. Harman. Perhaps the most serious criticism has to do with the treatment and your approach to the classification of your specimens. I think your paper would be much more valuable if you made your identifications on the genus level. If you continue your project, which you certainly should, you will eventually have to reckon with the genus level. Some of the other points I make are rather trivial, but the question of taxonomy is quite important.

I do not know of a better way of being helpful to an author than by being completely candid in my criticism and I hope you will consider these comments in the same disinterested spirit in which I make them .

Best wishes, as always,

Sincerely yours,

B. Lowy

April 28, 1964

Dr. Elton R. Barrett
Department of Biology
Northeast Louisiana State College
Monroe, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Barrett:

Dr. Bernard Lowy, professor in Botany here at L.S.U., has reviewed your manuscript and offers the enclosed suggestions. I have not read critically these suggestions but I am returning the carbon of your manuscript with the suggestions so that you may take these into consideration in any revision that might be necessary. I think, from talking with Dr. Lowy, that his suggestions will improve the quality of the manuscript.

Because of the bulky size, the illustration is not being returned. Should you like to have it back for some necessary change, please drop me a card and I will pack it for mailing to you.

If you could make the necessary revision of the manuscript at an early convenience it will permit us to go to press at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Harman, Chairman
Department of Zoology

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Enclosure

Comments on Dr. Barrett's paper "Variation of Summer
Fungi

P.1, l.4: "... actually do" is superfluous. Perhaps it would
better to say something like: ... to determine
the nature of the differences found;

P.1, par. 3: Under "materials and methods", reference is made
to soil areas (A), (B), (C) & (D), but in the
legend to fig. 1, soil areas are not designated
alphabetically to correspond with the text refer-
ence. On P.2m, par. 4&5, soil area D is subdivided
into D-1 and D-2. The legend accompanying the fig.
shows 2 types of "recent alluvium" without alpha-
betical designation. For complete clarity, the app-
ropriate letter should appear alongside the soil type
which it identifies, since the soil areas are so refer-
red to in the text.

P.3, par.2: "... 27 locations" are indicated, but reference to
Table 1 lists 28 locations. Should not some indica-
tion be made on the map regarding the locations visi-
ted? For example, the Coastal Plain area includes
parts of 9 parishes, within which 10 locations were
visited (table 1). These localities may be 100 miles
apart or more. Showing these localities would be per-
tinent since this would reflect on the distributional
pattern of the collections made. Also, a scale of
miles could easily be included on the map.

P. 3, par. 3: "soil ... stored in plastic bags in the laboratory for several months!" Is it to be assumed that storage of soil samples had no effect on the fungi? No indication is given as to conditions of storage. Why was a prolonged period of storage necessary? These points seem pertinent.

par. 3, l. 4: "...viable fungus reproductive structures"...

What does this mean? If spores are meant, this should be stated.

In the previous paragraph, Alexopoulos is given as the authority for the classification followed. In a research paper of this kind, it would seem better to cite the source of the classification used, since Alexopoulos himself has only borrowed it and clearly acknowledges this. ie Martin, G.W. 1961. Key to the Families of Fungi. in Ainsworth & Bisby's Dictionary of the Fungi. 5th ed. 1961. The paragraph is misleading because species are not taken into account in the data given, only orders. The Agaricales and Polyporales are so large and heterogeneous that the assignment of a fungus to one or the other is not very helpful. Generic distinctions would be far more desirable and would give a much more complete picture of significant differences and similarities found in the survey. But if genera are not indicated, at least families should be.

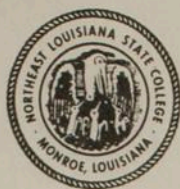
P. 4, par. 1: "interferred" for interfered.

"... reproductive structures ..." should be clarified.

P. 4, par. 2, l. 4: "All classes of fungi..." Some indication should be given of the "classes" found or considered here and how this was determined.

The aim of this paper is a very significant one and further ecological studies on the fungi are much needed. I would strongly recommend acceptance of this ms., with some of the modifications indicated, before publication.

B. Lowy
Botany Dep't. LSU



NORTHEAST LOUISIANA STATE COLLEGE
MONROE, LOUISIANA 71205

April 30, 1964

DIVISION OF
PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
Department of Biology

Dr. B. Lowy
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Thank you for your letter and your comments on the manuscript. I am making some of the suggested changes in the manuscript and illustration. Since the major emphasis of this report is intended to be on total productiveness and not on species distribution, I am not attempting a comparison of species in this manuscript. I have plans made and work is underway to make a species distribution study including all seasons. Work on this will be rather slow since we are quite busy during the regular semesters with teaching and other associated duties. I hope to eventually complete this and will again probably be seeking your suggestions in preparation of the manuscript.

Under separate cover I am returning your reprint on "The Ecology of the Fungi". Thanks a lot for the loan of this and the other references.

Sincerely yours,

Elton Barrett
Assistant Professor of Biology

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NORTHEAST LOUISIANA STATE COLLEGE
MONROE, LOUISIANA

SCHOOL OF
PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES
Department of Biology

January 5, 1967

Dr. B. Lowy
Department of Botany*Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Lowy:

Mr. George Montgomery, who is a student in our department, has expressed an interest in doing graduate work in mycology. He has shown a willingness to work in his undergraduate courses, and I think he has the necessary ability to do graduate work.

We would like to know if you are interested in George as a graduate student in mycology beginning in September, 1967. We also need to know if assistantships are available, since he will need financial assistance.

If you are interested in him as a student, an interview can be arranged at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elton R. Barrett".

Elton R. Barrett
Associate Professor of Biology

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January 9, 1967

Dr. Elton R. Barrett
Associate Professor of Biology
Northeast Louisiana State College
Monroe, Louisiana

Dear Elton:

Because of the large amount of material that I collected, in Brazil I am tentatively planning to take a leave of absence beginning in the fall of this year. If this becomes effective (my proposal has not yet been acted upon by the university administration and it depends in part on whether or not a replacement can be found) it will mean that I shall devote myself entirely to research, that is to working up the Brazilian collections. Nevertheless I will need a good graduate assistant to help with a culture program that I have planned. He must be a high caliber student who is not afraid to work. I estimate that between fifteen and twenty hours a week of his time will be necessary. However, I shall not be able to commit myself to this program before I have definite word from the administration, which will probably not come before April or May. On your recommendation I will be glad to talk to Mr. Montgomery, but I shall of course, be considering other candidates as well. In any case it is still too early to act. If you do not hear from me by about the middle of April, you might send me a reminder and then we could go on from there.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE
BATON ROUGE · LOUISIANA · 70803

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE

February 1, 1967

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

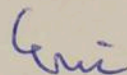
Dear Bernard:

You and Mrs. Lowy are cordially invited to attend the Latin American banquet on Thursday evening, February 23, 7:30 p.m., in the Vieux Carré Room, LSU Union. The banquet is a part of the Colloquium on the Modernization of Brazil which will be presented on the LSU campus on February 23-25. The colloquium will bring together twelve Brazilian specialists in the humanities and social sciences from U.S. universities and Brazil with the generous support of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

The banquet speaker will be Dr. L. A. Costa Pinto, one of Brazil's most celebrated social scientists. A past Vice-President of the International Sociological Association (1953-1956), Dr. Costa Pinto has lectured at Cornell, Tulane, Columbia, Dartmouth and the University of California at Berkeley where the students elected him "The Favorite Professor of the Year." Dr. Costa Pinto is the recipient of numerous post-doctoral research fellowships, including Guggenheim Foundation and Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto. His prolific publication record comprises twelve monographs and books in addition to numerous articles in scholarly journals in France, Brazil, and the United States. His best known book is probably Sociology and Development which appeared in its second edition in 1965. Dr. Costa Pinto is also a man of affairs, having held positions with the Brazilian Government, UNESCO, and the United Nations. He is currently on leave from the University of Brazil and serving as Senior Research Officer in the U.N. Institute for Training and Research.

The cost of the banquet will be around \$3.00 per person. Kindly let me know at your earliest opportunity whether you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,



Eric N. Baklanoff
Director

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The Mycological Society of America

Founded December, 1931

Office of the President

April 3, 1967

The National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

AIR MAIL

Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

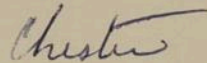
Dear Bernie:

Enclosed is an invitation for MSA representation at the inauguration of W. L. Giles as the new President of Mississippi State University.

If you are at all interested and can arrange your own financing, I would be pleased for you to represent our society at the affair. In this case you might complete and send in the acceptance card which has an April 15 deadline. Otherwise, you might send our regrets (if you feel that they are expected) or, time permitting, forward the invitation to Arthur Welden or H. W. Johnson (Forage & Range Res. Branch, USDA, Delta Branch Exp. Sta., Stoneville, Miss.).

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Benjamin
President

Enclosure

April 6, 1967

Dr. C.R.Benjamin, Pres. M.S.A.
The National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dear Chester:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the invitation to act as MSA representative at the inaugural ceremonies for the new President of Mississippi State University. This comes at an extremely busy time of the school year, however, and I shall not be able to act in behalf of the Society.

Since time is running short, I have taken the liberty of asking our Department Head, Dr. S.J.P.Chilton whether he would be interested (he is an MSA member) and he tells me he will be glad to go. Dr.Chilton knows many of the people at Mississippi and I think they will be especially glad to have him there. Although this does not follow your suggestion to the letter, it does so in spirit and I hope you will agree with me that this is a satisfactory solution.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Lowy

The Mycological Society of America

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April 27, 1967

The National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Dr. B. Lowy
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
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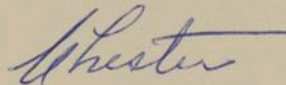
Dear Bernie:

Thank you for your letter of April 6 regarding your disposition of the invitation for MSA representation at the inaugural ceremonies for the new President of Mississippi State University.

Your solution was entirely satisfactory. I was very pleased to learn that Dr. Chilton was interested and able to represent the MSA at the ceremonies. I plan to write him a short note to this effect. I thank you for your prompt action.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Benjamin
President

cc:
R. P. Korf

The Mycological Society of America

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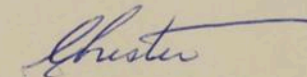
Dr. Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Dear Bernie:

Again I have enclosed an invitation from Mississippi State University. This one, however, seems to require no response of any sort. If you, Dr. Chilton, or anyone else wish to use it, please do so; otherwise, I think it can be discarded.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Benjamin
President

Enclosure

August 29, 1967

Buck Knives, Inc.
6588 Federal Bldg.
San Diego, Calif. 92114

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the terms of your guarantee, I am returning under separate cover, a knife I purchased from you in June 1965. I would like to have it refinished and sharpened. The knife has given me excellent service and I am completely satisfied with its performance.

Kindly bill me for the service charge.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy
Professor of Botany

October 6, 1967

Dr. Chester R. Benjamin
National Fungus Collections
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Chester:

I am at work on the neotropical Tremellales and it would be extremely useful if I could consult some of the tropical American collections that you have on hand, especially Lloyd's material. I have already seen some of this -- mostly Auricularia, which does not attract me this time, but everything else tremellaceous does.

Tentatively I would like to think of coming up on Monday the 16th of October and to stay through the 19th or 20th, working with as much material as I can manage ~~in~~ this time. I spent a few days with the Boss last month in Iowa and now I am eager to look over anything tremellaceous (neotropical only) that you will give me access to.

If the 16th is OK with you, please advise me. I might also be able to manage it on the 23rd, as a possible alternative, if necessary. A few years ago, I remember staying at the motel adjoining the main building, but I've forgotten its name. If they are still in business, it would be convenient to stay there again and I would appreciate your kindness in making a reservation for me, expected arrival time the afternoon of the 16th (I'll be on a Delta flight arriving at Friendship via Atlanta at 11:46 AM).

With best regards,

Cordially,

B. Lowy, Professor
Dept. of Botany

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
CROPS RESEARCH DIVISION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

October 10, 1967

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

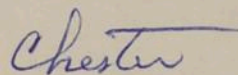
Dear Bernie:

Thank you for your letter of October 6 regarding your proposed visit here to study Tremellales. The dates suggested are convenient for us. I have made a reservation for you at the Del Haven White House Motel (10260 Baltimore Boulevard, College Park, Telephone 474-6565). This is the motel that immediately adjoins the Plant Industry Station. Your reservation is for the night of October 16 and any subsequent time that you may wish to stay.

I am very pleased that you are visiting us and look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. Benjamin
Principal Mycologist
Mycology Investigations
Crops Protection Research Branch

