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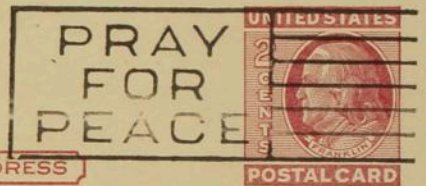
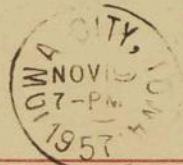
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Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Lowy
~~Escuela Nacional de Agricultura~~
~~Lima, Peru~~
 Botany Dept.
 Louisiana State University
 Baton Rouge, La. U.S.A



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

Editorial Office of MYCOLOGIA. Department of Botany
State University of Iowa, Iowa City

Receipt is acknowledged of the following paper:

A method for obtaining soil-free aquatic
Phycomycetes

* note hyphen

The manuscript will be reviewed in order of
receipt and further word sent.

G. W. Martin, Editor

19 Nov. 57



George and Mary Martin

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

May 1, 1958

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

Dear Bernie:

I wrote Dr. Bernard, Chairman, Editorial Committee, of the MIDLAND concerning your polypore paper. Here is his reply:

"Thank you for your letter of April 16 concerning a paper by Lowy and Welden. This paper's topic is within the policy range of the MIDLAND and would be, with your approval, accepted for publication.

The only problem I see is the excess number of half-tones. Six full page half-tones would cost approximately \$60.00. The MIDLAND underwrites the cost of figures to the extent of \$10.00. Therefore, subsidization of the article for the excess figures would be necessary. I think the total length of the paper also may be slightly more than 20 printed pages. It is our policy that pages in excess of 20 printed ones be subsidized at the rate of \$5.50 per page."

This is self-explanatory. Two things can be done: either you can arrange as many figures as possible on a single plate, or you can find a possible subsidy. If you choose the former, I believe that by trimming and careful arrangement to use all space, you could get many of them on a sheet $9 \frac{3}{4} \times 6 \frac{3}{8}$ inches. This would necessitate reduction by one-third, but I think your photographs would stand it.

Sincerely yours,


G. W. Martin

GWM/fj
c/c A. L. Welden

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IOWA CITY, IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

15 July 58

Dear Bernie:

Glad to get the post-card and the letter from the hotel. I expect you are at work now. I am not sure of the address but shall try this out.

I am anxious to get some fresh air-dried Tremellaceae for culture. I have just had two shipments which were failures. I suspect they were either dried by artificial heat or fumigated, either of which is fatal for culture attempts, but of course not for taxonomic study. So just in case you find some, and find time to send them, I send this caution.

Incidentally, I have some money available for the purpose and shall be glad to reimburse you for postage and other expenses.

Best wishes.

Yours
JWM

11 August 58

Dear Bernice:

Thanks for the Auricularias, which came this morning. Cultures are being started. Glad to have a definite address. I expect my earlier letter reached you however. Quitos should be a marvelous collecting place.

I expect to leave the 20th for the Torrey and A. S. B. S. meetings but hope to get back before the Labor Day rush.

Yours

GWM



Department of Botany

12 Feb. 1959

Dear Bernie:

I thought you would be getting back about now. It must have been a fine trip!

It will be a real job to organize a medical mycology course. Here they have a new man in Bacteriology who is giving it. They use the large, lavishly illustrated and expensive (\$12.-) text of Lewis, Hopper, Wilson and Penick together with Benek's lab manual. I doubt whether nurses or ordinary graduate students would get much out of Dodge. He is a splendid linguist and knows the literature, but his classification is impossible. You remember Conant's little manual. There is a new edition and it is moderately priced. It contains about all one could want for a short course. Also Langeron's *Précis de Mycologie* devotes about a third of the text to medical mycology and is excellent as background reading for you and reference for students who can read French.

Officially, I am not in residence this semester but I must try to reduce the piles of random things on my desk and tables.

Will you be at Montreal?

Yours

G. W. MARTIN
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

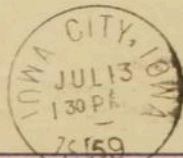
13 July 59

Thanks for the specimen
of E. hispidula. Shall
work on it at once.

Shall I see you in
Montreal?

Yours

GWM



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Bernard Rowy
Mycological Herbarium
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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IOWA CITY

Department of Botany

April 1, 1959

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

Dear Bernie:

By insured mail, I am sending the sheet containing the type and two additional collections of Dacryomitra brunnea, together with a packet of drawings.

As you know, Lorene Kennedy wrote her thesis on the Dacrymycetaceae. She came to the conclusion that Dacryomitra is an unnecessary genus and that its species should be distributed among Dacrymyces, Dacryopsis and Ditiola. D. brunnea is, she thinks, a phase of one of the species of this genus and is proposing to transfer it to Ditiola. In these conclusions, I concur. She has already published part of her work and has a paper in press in MYCOLOGIA which will probably appear in the next issue, but it will take two or three years to get it all out. Note, however, her comment in MYCOLOGIA 48:313. 1956.

Glad to hear the Peruvian collections are on the way. If you have any duplicates you can spare I shall try, even at this late date, to see if I can get spore prints and cultures.

As of the present, I plan to be in Montreal.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Martin', written in a cursive style.

G. W. Martin

GWM/fj

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IOWA CITY

Department of Botany

April 24, 1959

Professor Bernard Lowy
Botany, Bacteriology and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bernie:

Because of the financial regulations under which we operate, we do not order the myxomycete boxes directly. We write specifications and submit samples and the purchasing office gets bids and awards the order to the lowest bidder. This is not very satisfactory, since the lowest bidder usually cuts corners. The last lot was particularly unsatisfactory. I don't remember the firm, and while I could find out, I certainly wouldn't recommend them.

We are expecting a new lot within a week or two and I shall be glad to send you samples. If you must have them at once, I can send samples of what we now have.

I do think the system is basically sound. After looking over myxos in many collections kept in boxes of various sizes or, worse still, on herbarium sheets, I think it is the best I have seen. We have a few double-sized collection boxes which we use only occasionally, and in a very few instances large collections are put in larger boxes and indexed in the regular place.

Yours,


G. W. Martin

GWM/fj

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IOWA CITY

Department of Botany

16 May 1959

Dear Bernie:

I am sorry to say that there are absolutely no copies of the OUTLINE available. I have had a revision under way for some time but have been snagged by several problems. Perhaps my desire to bring it up to date has gone too far to be practicable. At any rate, progress has been very slow. (Change to single space).

There is another matter about which I have been intending to write you. In 1955 Rolf Singer sent me a lot of South American specimens for identification. He would like very much to have them back, and I don't blame him. I sent the Auricularias to you and you reported on them promptly but I have no record of having received the specimens. They do not seem to be among our material. Did you by any chance keep them? The numbers are: Herb. M. Lillo 2669, 2801, 2847, 2906, 3070, 5383, 6249, 6753, 6863, 7907, 7914, 8039, 8590, also Singer & Digilio M-10. You were expected, of course, to keep portions of such of these as you needed for your records and I have a vague recollection that you did return the rest and that I sent them to Singer, but I can find no record that I did so. While I was away at Illinois, extensive changes were made in our laboratories and many things got mislaid. Of course, the real blame is mine. I have always been disorderly and I am constantly getting worse.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. W. S.', written over the typed name 'Sincerely yours,'.



Department of Botany

17 Sept. '59

Dear Bernie:

I am mailing you a sample myxomycete box and a large box which holds 24 of the smaller ones. The large box is from a recent lot purchased from the Cedar Rapids Carton Co. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) and is satisfactory. The smaller one was purchased several years ago from the lowest bidder - I forget who it was - and is not as good as our old ones it was supposed to duplicate, but they seem to have been used up.

An interesting reaction to New York, that was, from a former New Yorker!

It was good to see so much of you in Montreal.

Yours

SWM

Re the Emerson project - I am certainly keeping busy identifying myxos these days. My tables are piled with them. A few more write make much difference.

Bot. Surv
State University of Iowa
IOWA CITY, IOWA



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



Department of Botany

21 May '59

Dear Bernice:

I am glad you are replying to Olive. I have great liking and respect for him but find a lot of things in his papers with which I cannot agree, e.g. the variety of Potamocharadrioides cinerea. I have portions of most of his Tahiti collections which are at your service if you want them.

I wrote Singer that I thought the Arvicularia had been returned, and gave him the numbers. Of course, I have not yet had a reply.

I am sure the programs will not interfere with the forays at Montreal or vice versa. I was tempted to go on the Gaspé foray but the nomenclature sessions overlap and I don't want to miss them. Besides, I don't know whether I could take the trip physically. This has been a hard winter and I have been feeling the effects. I am hopeful things will improve when warmer weather sets in. Thus far it has been cool and very wet. I am sure fungi are abundant, but I have not been able to get out and collect. Still, I hope to get to Montreal.

Yours



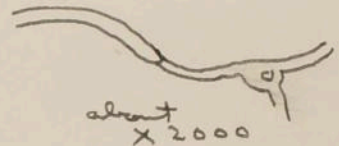
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18 July '59

Dear Berne:

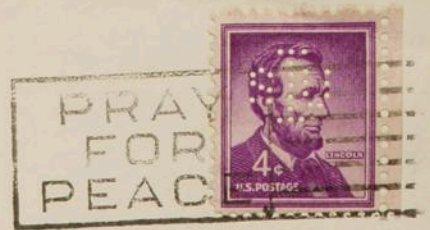
Thank you for the separates. When I examined the beautiful example of Exidia hispidula you sent me a week or so ago, I looked in my file of separates for a copy of your paper and failed to find it, which made me wonder whether I had received it and mislaid it (easily possible). I am glad to know I was mistaken.

The basidia and other microscopic details are extraordinarily difficult to see. I did, however, find evidence of clamp-connections. All were proliferating, like sketch. The hyphae - at least the lumina, as stained in Phloxine, are very narrow, about 1-1.5 μ . You might look at this.



Yours

Botany - B.W.M.
State University of Iowa
IOWA CITY, IOWA



Professor Bernard Lowy
Dept. of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



Department of Botany

17 October '59

Dear Bernie:

Sorry, I know of no commercial drivers. I suppose the demand is limited and they are easily put together. Ours, you remember, is made of sheet iron, which I much prefer to wood because of the fire risk. The lesson I had in Balboa in 1937 has lasted very well indeed. I should think a good tin-smith could fix up what you want for a moderate price.

I am glad you are presumably expanding your quarters. Equally important is help in curating the ~~gas~~ material. I hope you are getting that. I am out of luck this year. I was to have had a graduate student on part time, but we are short-handed and the teaching needs come first.

Fine news about the foray. I hope I will be able to make it. We had a meeting in New Orleans many years ago and the collecting, especially in St. Tammany Parish, was marvellous.

Yours

GWM



Department of Botany

7 Jan. 1960

Dear Benie:

Thank you for the beautiful collection of T. americana.

For your information, I am enclosing copy of key
to families of fungi submitted for next edition of
Dictionary. Comments, especially of derogatory,
welcomed.

Yours,

GWM



Department of Botany

21 April 1960

Dear Bernie:

My delay in replying to your note and enclosed specimen is because I got back from California late last week and found my desk piled with things which needed attention. We drove through Tucson and were disappointed in the desert, which was not nearly so striking as two years ago at the same season. Snow, ice and slush in Iowa; dry hot and windy in the southwest. I think this is the last time we shall drive to the coast, but I hope to take the car to Baton Rouge and Stillwater in August.

Mus.-Inst. Spegazzini No. 22105. A most interesting collection. I have not soaked it nor made mounts, since your photograph and drawings are adequate, and the material is scanty. It seems to me that this is best regarded as a robust example of Guepiniopsis alpina. The vein-like sterile surface is merely an extreme development of what I have seen in other collections. I formerly though thought that the thick septa in the spores was a consistent character in other species, but Lorene Kennedy found all variations and decided that it was not to be depended upon and I agree with her. It seems to me it would be much better to expand the description of the species to include this than to give it even a varietal name.

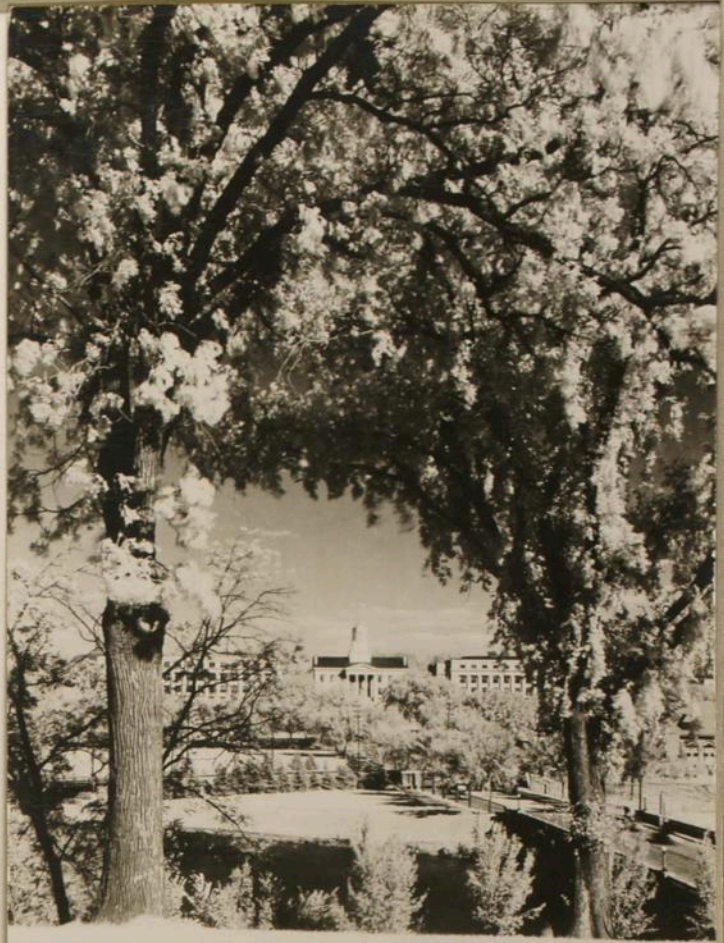
Do you have an opening for another mycologist? Talbot, of South Africa, would like to come to the United States. He is an extremely good mycologist, as you know, and younger than I had thought, 41. I think you could get him as an assistant professor.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "R. W. G. Smith".

I shall keep the photo, with tracings of your drawings, and use the two as an herbarium mount. Thank You!

The label suggests that I have seen this specimen. If so, I have no record or recollection of it.



Old Capitol - Iowa City, Iowa



POST CARD

Best wishes
for
Christmas
and
the New Year
from
The Martins

(MADE IN U.S.A.)

What a good time
you will have this
year with Dianne
Maxine!

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Department of Botany

23 January '61

Dear Bernie:

This is a tardy acknowledgement of the beautiful Scleroderma you sent me some six weeks ago. Unfortunately we do not have Flora CSR, but I shall file the specimen and photograph under the name you give it. The resemblance to Smith's plate XXXIII is striking. You give the spore size as 13-20 μ , including "spines". In the mount I made, I found the body of the spores, excluding reticulation, varied from 5-16 μ . This is an enormous variation - a ratio of 1-32 in bulk! However, as you know, the spores of Sclerodermas are detached from the basidia before maturation and develop in the jelly surrounding them, so wide variation is to be expected, but this seems to be an extreme case. Whether the large "roots" are a sufficient basis for a varietal name is, I should think, dubious.

Did you see the statement of a former Ku Klux Klan leader quoted in a recent number of The Reporter? That, at least, is somewhat encouraging.

Yours

GWM

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21 April 1961

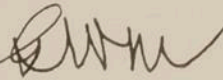
Department of Botany

Dear Bernice:

If I hadn't seen your paper in the last Hydowia I should have thought the enclosed was a very small Exidia. It is, however, a black Lacrymyces with small spores. I saw a few furcate basidia in the one mount I made. The material is so scanty I didn't make another. I did not see it in the field. It was just a dead branch of spruce I picked up to culture for myxos, and this showed up when I wet it two or three days ago.

If you have time, I wish you would look at it and return part to me. If you don't have time send it back and I will file it for later attention.

Yours,



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25 April '61

Department of Botany

Dear Berne:

The Nov.-Dec. 59 Mycologia has just arrived and I immediately turned to your "Bolivian Tremellales". I think Phyllogloea is good and I suspect we need another segregate for the forms with clearly delimited and persistent basal probrachidia (cysts). That will take careful study since they are easily overlooked.

Where material permits, I should appreciate bits of specimens for our collection. I presume you are getting material from Ken Wells. I have a lot of our Iowa material which he has determined, with plenty of duplicates, if you want them.

Yours

RWM

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28 April 61

Department of Botany

Dear Bernice:

Thank you for your comments on the little blackish Saccarymyces, which I am labelling S. ater. Since you have done more with the dark species than any one else, it would be most appropriate if you were to describe it. If you are too busy with other things I could send it to Lorene Kennedy, who writes me that she is adamant in refusing to teach next summer so she can do some research. The same trouble there that you describe - mounting enrollment and shortage of staff. I am overwhelmed with myxos.

That integration business is really a mess, - I mean the fuss about it. I realize it isn't as simple in the South as it is up here but it has got to come. But I feel guilty even to mention it since I have done little or nothing myself except in dealing with a few individuals. I think you met Ray Collins. He is very happy at Queens despite the fact that he could be getting twice the salary at one of the southern negro schools. I hope in a few years it will be a bad dream, like the McCarthy era, but its mean while it lasts.

Do you remember a remark you made to me the day you came to me to discuss graduate work? I have never forgotten it.

Yours
JWM

Thanks also for the separates. They really
messed it up. I hope to get some out shortly
if you have a place for myxo scraps

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State University of Iowa
IOWA CITY, IOWA



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

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11 May 61

Department of Botany

Dear Bernie:

Certainly I agree that Exidia alba Lloyd goes into Ductifera. I thought that both Donk and Wells had made the transfer, Donk a few days earlier. I had both papers, but cannot find them and unfortunately I failed to enter the changes in my card file. I have a vague impression that the specific epithet alba is not valid. A hasty search through recent issues of Toxon, Periconia, Lloydia and Mycologia does not reveal the papers. Am spending nearly all my time on Myxos and in my limited space everything else is buried - in fact the Myxos are getting that way.

In any event you should get hold of Donk's paper before proposing the combination as new. You evidently have Ken's.

Yours
GWM

Botany SWM
State University of Iowa
IOWA CITY, IOWA



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



Professor Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany
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22 May 1961

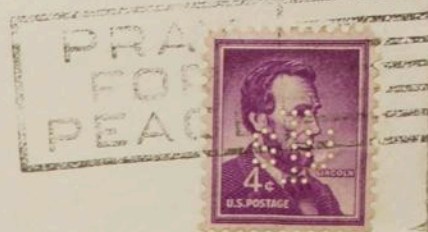
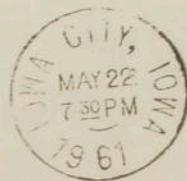
Department of Botany

Dear Berne:

Palmer does seem pleased with the perithecia of Mycocalia reticulata which I sent him with such hesitation. I missed these completely in the field and found them only when I moistened some wood, hoping to culture myxos. They were not, I am sure, from the hunt of wild cattle, so it must have been that low area on the University Farm, where the collecting was good. But I sent him all the information I had since it was the entire lot. If I said East Baton Rouge Parish that must be it. My memory would have said Livingston Parish, but whatever I told him was based on written record.

It won't hurt you to know some plant pathology. I remember what Whetzel told me once. After spending most of his active career in plant pathology, he really got interested in mycology for its own sake and said he wished he had made the shift long before.

Botany (GWM)
State University of Iowa
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Dr. Bernard Lowy
Botany, Bacteriology & Plant Path
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Department of Botany

14 June 61

Dear Bernie:

Thank you for the separate on Bolivian Tremellales. If I can ever get my head above the water in the myxo pond, I hope to get at these again some time. I realize, of course, that for me "some time" is getting short, but I keep swimming.

Yours

BWM

Several years ago, Rolf Singer sent me a number of Tremellales, mostly from Argentina. I reported on a few, then got occupied with something else. A year or more ago, Rolf asked (it was high time) that if I could not finish work on them, I return them. When I went to the box labelled as containing his specimens, it was empty and I was unable to find them. I have just come across them in an unmarked box. I expected to send them back to him, but since you are working on South American Tremellales, maybe he would be glad to have you look over them. Shall I write and ask?

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

G. W. MARTIN
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
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Professor Bernard Lowy
Department of Botany
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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19 June 61

Department of Botany

Dear Bernie:

The enclosed for your information.

I leave Wednesday for Washington; a day at Beltsville for ~~biological~~ bibliographical work (much of my biology now is just that) and 2 or 3 days for NSF. Rolf was planning to be in Amazonas part of this winter so I may not hear from him very promptly.

The ant fungi constitute a nice problem. Lots of literature, mostly European and scattered, as you have doubtless discovered.

Yours,

SWM

June 19, 1961

Dr. Rolf Singer
Instituto Miguel Lillo
Calle Miguel Lillo No. 205
Tucuman, Argentina

Dear Rolf:

I have just come across the undetermined tremellaceous fungi you sent me several years ago. An overzealous student assistant put them in an unmarked box on the wrong shelf.

At the moment I am swamped with Myxomycetes, and much as I should like to I cannot promise to examine them very soon. Bernie Lowy is working hard on South American Tremellales and I know he would like to examine these. Also I know he has looked over much of your material. It occurs to me that he would like to examine these and you might like to have him do so. In any event, I want them to go where they will be studied, so I shall send them either to you or to him as you direct.

I feel greatly embarrassed by the loss of these specimens and am very glad they have turned up.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Martin

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Department of Botany

July 11, 1961

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

Dear Bernie:

I have heard from Rolf and he has authorized me to send his tremellaceous specimens to you. He says you are in close touch with one of his students who is working on the group, so you will know how to proceed.

There is some very interesting-looking material in the lot and I wish you luck. I am mailing the package to-day.

Yours,

G. W. Martin

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Department of Botany

10 Jan 62

Dear Berne:

While I was coming to the office this morning I was thinking of you, and wondering (a bit enviously, I fear) whether you would be going to the tropics again. and when the mail came in there was your letter.

E.S.P.?

Anyway you may be sure you have my blessing and a letter to that effect will go off to-morrow, when I have a typist.

Cordially

Swan

GWM
STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Department of Botany
IOWA CITY, IOWA



Professor Bernard Lowy
Botany and Plant Pathology
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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20 Feb. 1962

Department of Botany

Dear Bernie:

Congratulations! I hope, and expect, that current disturbances in Guatemala will have subsided by the time you plan to go there. I am sure there are a lot of tremellaceous fungi waiting to be collected, not to mention Mexico.

You have probably heard that Alex is going to Texas. Hulbary will take over as chairman here and we are looking for a young man to take over mycology. I am afraid we are going to get one who is not interested in the herbarium. What will become of it in that case I do not know. There are a number of places that would like to have it, but I suspect it will be held for the bottles.

Yours

SWM

The myxos are keeping me fully occupied just now, but I must get back to the Tremellales soon. Just back from Washington (NSF panel). Great interest in tropical collecting right now and anyone with good experience, a good record of publication and, for Latin America, a knowledge of Spanish, has an excellent chance for a good grant. Saw Chester and

John Stevenson.

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Department of Botany

March 30, 1962

Professor Bernard Lowy
Botany, Bact. & Plant Path.
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bernie:

I would suggest that if you want a grant for summer collecting in 1963 you would do well to have your application in for the fall meeting of 1962. The panel meets three times a year -- October, March and June. The June meeting of '63 would be too late for action freeing funds for that summer, the March meeting is always the largest, hence competition is greatest.

Be definite. Have a clear-cut plan for collection of specific things, state where you want to go and why, and what, if any, persons or institutions you plan to visit ("contacts" in our current garble). Look up travel costs in advance. Keep any per diem reasonable. State objectives -- what monographs etc. you plan to prepare. I need not add, be sure to give complete bibliography.

Care in the preparation of your application, involving clear statement of backgrounds, objectives and, where helpful, methods, but not excessive wordiness, are all of very great help. Remember, the majority of those who judge your work don't know you, don't know your work and will have to judge you on your proposal. Of course, for each proposal there are ad hoc reviewers, who do know you, or of you, and of your work, and that helps.

I feel convinced that the panel tries very hard to be as fair as human fallibility permits, but a good proposal is a great aid to their estimate of you and your work.

Good luck!

Yours,

G. W. Martin

Thorne is leaving, to go to Rancho Santa Ana, to work chiefly in the Bay area in the new, and very good, graduate school

established by the group of colleges centered there - Claremont,
Pomona etc. Great difficulties in filling vacancies, due
largely to opposition of those who feel taxonomic work
should be discarded in favor of more "dynamic" approaches.

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30 July 62

Dear Bernie:

I was very glad to have your letter and to know about your Mexican trip. Considering its vast extent, Mexico is still one of the least known areas, mycologically speaking in North America and there is certainly much to be learned there. If you are not leaving until September, it means I shall not see you at Corvallis. We are travelling by train. I decided the auto trip would be too much to undertake. That means the only collecting I shall do will be on the forays, but perhaps that is just as well, since I have more stuff on hand here than I shall ever examine. However, I am doing some good collecting in moist chambers, and you might, some time, send me some miscellaneous litter, especially surface of decorticated wood, or bits of bark, which I can culture for myxos. I had expected to put in half time on myxos, but to keep ahead of my typist and artist, it is becoming full time and even then I find it hard to keep up.

Glad to know about Saccaryces dictyosporus.

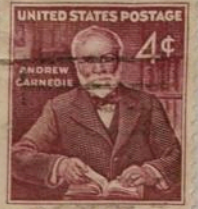
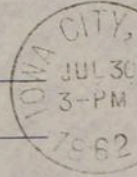
is always good to have it turn up again. That
has happened with the Physarium dictyosporum I
recently described (separate vouching for you at
Baton Rouge).

Best wishes to Sam and best wishes

Yours

EWB

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
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Dr. Bernard Lowy
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Mexico, D.F., Mexico

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September 20, 1962

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

Dear Bernie:

A request has come for a loan of Dacryomitra brunnea. When I went to the folder I found a note saying that the sheet with 3 specimens, including the type, had been sent to you April 1, 1959. I have no record of its return. Do you still have it? If so, I should appreciate having it back if you can spare it.

I hope to hear about the final results of your Mexican trip. Missed you at Corvallis. Scenery fine, but collecting rather poor. Best wishes!

Yours,

G. W. Martin

Found postcard from G. W. Martin dated 20 April, 1959 with
full message: "Acknowledge return of 1 sheet, 4 spec.
Dacryomitra brunnea".

G. W. Martin

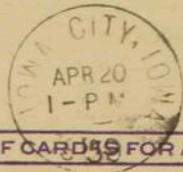
Card sent to G. W. Martin

G. W. MARTIN
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
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IOWA CITY, IOWA

20 April 1959

Acknowledge return of 1 sheet, 4 spec.
Sacryonites lunata.

G. W. Martin



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FOR
PEACE



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. B. Lowy
Dept. of Botany
Louisiana State Univ.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

September 25, 1962

Dear Boss,

After searching through the herbarium for Dacryomitra brunnea, I thought of looking at my file of correspondence where I found the enclosed card. Could you have sent it to Lorene while she was working up Dacrymyces ?

I have been sorting out the Mexican Tremellales with which I expect to be occupied - on and off - for the next couple of months. I am supposed to have a ms ready for the *Anales del Instituto de Biologia* by mid-December. There are a couple of dacrymycetaceous things that need to be studied, an Exidia that looks interesting and a few resupinates still to be examined. There will probably be about 35 species to report which will represent at least a beginning.

My paper on Argentine Tremellales has now been "in press" for over two years with 4 spp. nov. gathering dust. Singer wrote telling me that it would appear in the next issue of *Lilloa* but he didn't know when that would be since he has withdrawn his support of that journal. This being the case, I asked him to consider publishing it somewhere else but have not yet had a reply.

During the first week of September I spent two days at Beltsville looking for more Mexican Teemellales - of which there were very few. Saw Mr. Stevenson, Chester, Lennie and Paul, who all reported poor collecting at Corvallis.

as always,

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Department of Botany

September 28, 1962

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

Dear Bernie:

Knowing how careful you are about returning specimens, I was not surprised to hear that you had returned the Dacryomitra brunnea sheets. But all I had to go on was my memorandum. I have a new herbarium helper, a very careful and conscientious young woman who will, I hope, help me to get things in better order. Yesterday, I told her to go over the Dacrymycetaceae sheet by sheet and went off to a class. Sure enough, when I got back she had found them -- where I do not know since I had looked in all probable folders. Anyway, I apologise for bothering you and shall try to send them to Lorene with a proper record kept here.

Yes, collecting was poor at Corvallis, but everyone seems to have had a good time and to have enjoyed the trips. Since I visited relatives in Portland and Los Angeles, it put me behind in my schedule.

Best wishes--

Yours,

G. W. Martin

October 2, 1962

Dear Boss,

Enclosed is part of my collection of Dacrymyces dictyosporus Martin from San Cristobal Las Casas. This is not the one I wrote you about while I was still in Mexico. That one came from Oaxaca, collected by G. Guzman in 1959. This agrees in all essential details with your original description, so I am including no additional data.

yours,

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October 5, 1962

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

Dear Bernie:

Thank you for the generous specimen of Dacrymyces dictyosporus from Chiapas. This will be put in our collection, which is now being straightened out. I hope we will be able to find things after the job is finished.

Unless there is some reason why you feel I should not, I should like to send a portion to Lorene Kennedy. She is working up a paper on the family, but will not be able to finish before you will have published your account of Mexican fungi. I assume you plan to do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Martin', written over a diagonal line.

G. W. Martin

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16 May 1963

Dear Bernie:

Your letter came yesterday. I am grieved to hear that you feel you must leave Baton Rouge but not entirely surprised. The tense situation which has developed in the deep south must make it difficult for one with your views (which I am sure I share completely) to adjust to. Just now it is difficult to make any suggestions, as next years plans have pretty well crystallized, but you may be sure I shall keep you in mind and shall have a talk with Hulbary, who is now our chairman, and more in touch with openings than I am. Just this morning I received a card from C.W. Dodge, announcing that he is retiring from the St. Louis garden and going to the Medical School of the University of Vermont. That ^(St. Louis) would be an ideal place for you, especially with your wide experience in Latin America, but I cannot believe they do not have things saved up. Meanwhile, you have been publishing and undoubtedly will have more as a result of your many collectors, including those of the coming summer.

I plan to leave for the east on the 26th and expect to spend a day or two at the New York Garden, perhaps June 6 or 7th, where I may be able to pick up some information. I hope to be back in Iowa City by the 15th of June and shall have a busy summer until I leave for Amherst.

Sincerely yours

GWM

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Professor Bernard Lowy
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3 July 1963

Dear Bernie:

Your welcome letter came this morning. How I
enjoy your collecting! And I have always wanted
to see that archaeological material.

I wrote you only two days ago, addressing my
letter to Baton Rouge, marked "please forward". Since
I supposed your headquarters would be in Mexico,
I didn't put on enough postage for Guatemala,
so I don't know when you will get it. I suppose
this had better go to Guatemala City rather than
to Bananera since you say you are to be there
only a few days.

The immediate occasion of my letter was
to forward an announcement of an opening
for a mycologist at the University of California,
Los Angeles. As I said in my letter, it might
mean some immediate loss, but in the long
run might be to your advantage. It is,
of course, for Sept. 1964. I told Professor
Parker you would probably be at Amherst,
as will I.

Good hunting, again!

Yours
G. W. M.

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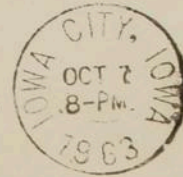
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7 Oct. 1963

Dear Bernie:

The wood samples arrived to-day. Thank you!
This week I shall be moving to rooms on the
entrance floor, formerly Pharmacy office. I
shall start some cultures as soon as I get
settled and shall be greatly disappointed if
some interesting things don't show up.

Yours

GWM

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November 19, 1963

Dear Bernie:

As requested, I am mailing you all of our material of Tulasnella lactea. At first I thought I might divide the better specimens but on looking over the material and making a few mounts, I decided the best thing would be to send the lot as a loan. These very delicate species do not seem to keep well and I don't envy you the task of studying the basidia. Certainly, the things in which the basidia are only partially septate are of great significance and I hope you will be able to throw some light upon them.

The specimens from Guatemala and Mexico have been disappointing thus far. There has been abundant development of mucors, Aspergillus, Alternaria, Trichoderma and similar molds, and at long last, two plasmodia have appeared, very weak and sickly. When these were moistened, there was a strong pungent odor in the dishes, suggesting naphthaline, which may be the explanation. The odor has now disappeared from some and is fainter in the others, so there is still hope.

I am glad to hear that the storm in your area has subsided. By the way, is Ray Collins at Southern? He was to be there this year, but I have not heard from him.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Martin', written in a cursive style.

G. W. Martin



Greetings from George and Mary Martin

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23 January '65

Department of Botany

Dear Bernice:

The Tulasmellas arrived safely. I am sorry to say that I have been unable to find your receipt. As I may have told you, we are moving the herbarium and everything is in confusion. You may take this as an acknowledgement of their safe return.

Thank you for the copy of your paper. I have some notes relevant to it; if I can find them, I shall write you. I am now in the former Pharmacy office and much of my material is in piles on the floor. I waste hours trying to find things, usually without success.

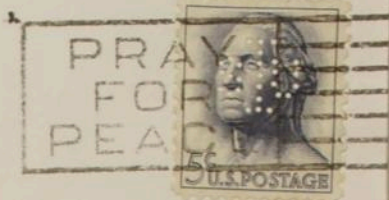
Your Guatemala material was singularly unproductive. However, some of the pine bark bore Liccia minima and an Echinostelium much like E. minutum, but with larger spores and practically no cepillitium. The latter I am sending to Alex for culture. Also I have an interesting Physarium which is very close to P. versum. It is either that or another

species not recognized in N. A. Flora, but we do
have similar material from other places. That
is one of the things I hope to straighten
out. I assume you will want specimens
of these for your collection.

Yours,

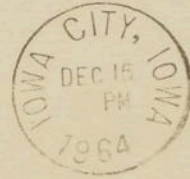
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Professor and Mrs. Bernard Lamy
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SHONO: WHITE RAIN

One of the 53 Stations of the Tokaidō

Japanese colour-print by Hiroshige (1797-1858)

(Size 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.)

Dear Sara and Berin:

Wish a tropical feast you sent!
We love the tropics but I doubt if we
see them again.

We really had a fine summer in
Britain and now I am working hard on
that negro monograph.

No starting point changes made in
Edinburgh and little else changed. The
status quo regna suprema.

Cordial seasonal greetings

George and Mary Gordon

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21 April 1964

Dear Bernie:

Heartiest congratulations on your promotion. I hope this means that thrips in general are brightening up. And alas on the assignment to Costa Rica. Let us hope that Drazin will settle down again before you go.

I am sure you are not serious about suggesting I may not approve of your basidial terminology. That is for you to decide, and any differences we may have on the subject are not personal. I have been working night and main on the Myxos but another year and I hope I can tackle the Tremellales again. Naturally, I am most happy to have your separate, and if there are any smiggles of the new species for our collection we will treasure them. Martin Rosinski is taking over in good shape.

Yours
GWM

University of California, Los Angeles
Department of Botany and Plant Biochemistry

Position for a Mycologist

The Department of Botany and Plant Biochemistry wishes to appoint a mycologist at the rank of assistant professor with initial salary of \$7,700-8,200 for nine months.

Duties will begin on or about September 1, 1964, and will include responsibility for a basic course in mycology and the direction of graduate students. The appointee may develop an advanced course in his field of interest.

Full teaching and research facilities are available in the new Botany building; there is ample space in which the appointee may develop an independent program of research. The department presently includes 15 academic staff members, and approximately 60 graduate students, in addition to undergraduate majors. Please address correspondence to the Chairman, Dept. of Botany and Plant Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

Have suggested you. It would mean reduction in rank and probably salary, but California has a good salary schedule with regular increases.

G. W. M.

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11 May 64

Dear Bernie:

Your material re Brazil proposal came Friday and my report is going on to-day. I sincerely hope you will get your grant. You probably know Ken Wells has been at the Institute on a Fulbright this year. Between his work and yours a big edifice should arise from the early studies of Möller and Rick.

We leave Iowa City on June 3, sailing from ~~the~~ Montreal on the 5th, landing at Liverpool on the 13th and by boat train to London the same day. Address until Sept. 15 - 72, Hornton St. London W-8. Convenient to Kew, British Mus (N.H.), Linn. Soc. etc. Shall of course be in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Belfast, but will have our home base in Kensington.

Yours-

Edinburgh, 9 August 1964

Dear Bernie:

Because of the postal strike your letter did not reach us until after we had reached Edinburgh. We have been here 10 days now and it has been the usual hectic affair, but, of course, extraordinarily interesting. The nomenclature sections were really tough. Actually few changes were made in the Code but there was long debate about some of the proposals which were finally defeated. One of the most tempestuous sessions was on conservation of names of economic plants, which would have established the principle of *nomina specifica conservata* and carried in its train conservation of many additional generic names. Such a proposal seemed to many, of whom I was one, to provide a very serious handicap to future rationalization of taxonomy. In the end, it was roundly defeated.

The papers have ranged all the way from excellent and stimulating to trivial and boring. Because of my hearing, I had difficulty in understanding the foreign papers and those in broken English, and even English English from the platform (although scarcely at all in ordinary conversation) was not

always understandable.

Have seen a great deal of Lowe, both at Kew and here, and a great deal of Alex here and have met and talked with many others. We leave Wednesday for Aberdeen and a week of mycological excursions mainly in the mountains, ~~and~~ then back to London, where I have much to do still at Kew and N.H. Also to Ireland for the B.M.S. foray and then home, by ship from Southampton on Sept. 16.

I am glad of your comments on the situation in Costa Rica. Please present my compliments to Professor Saenz and greet Sr. Mary Cecilia for me. I am so glad she has been able to be there. Has Craigie quieted down? You say nothing of it.

No collecting as yet, but I hope to get some interesting things in Scotland and Ireland. I can't duplicate the cordial and, I know, sincere Castilian foregreeting of your letter, but shall have to sign myself, equally sincerely, I assure you -

Cordially yours

GWM


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London, W. 8

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December 30, 1965

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

Dear Bernard:

I have just returned from Mexico, and I found out while there that you had paid in pesos rather than dollars (in other words 8¢ on the dollar) for some reprints ordered from the Soc. Bot. de Mexico some time ago. This left it to some of the officials to pay it out of their own personal pockets. This has not helped international relations at the botanical level, and I feel it is imperative that we remain on friendly terms with the Mexican botanists. I hope you can rectify this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack
A. J. Sharp
President

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January 18, 1966

Dear Jack:

I have just received (via Baton Rouge) your note - or was it an ultimatum - concerning my alleged disservice to the cause of international botany, Mexican section. Since you write in your capacity as an official of the Botanical Society of America and therefore as a representative and spokesman of U.S. botanists, it is incumbent upon me to answer your charge. Your tone is so unmistakably authoritarian and reproachful that it is apparent you are convinced of my guilt in a matter with which you are only partially acquainted. This is unfortunate for me since it appears that I have been judged and condemned not only without a fair trial but without any trial at all or even the simplest inquiry. I have even been deprived of that time-honored privilege allowed the most notorious criminals before the trap is sprung - of pronouncing a few last words. I take the opportunity to do so now.

I am sure that you write because you are genuinely concerned, but it would have been more generous of you to ask for my side of the story first and more in keeping with the dignity of your office as President of the Botanical Society of America. To begin with, before receiving your condemnation I did not know that a single penny had been paid for reprints on my behalf. If reprints were paid for, by parties vaguely hinted at in your denunciation, why were they not delivered to me? If they were purchased why was I not so informed? Were they purchased only for the pleasure of withholding them from me? Is it likely that the reprints were paid for in anticipation of their being bought by the author while the author was left in ignorance of the price? When Ing. Efraín Hernández Kolocotzi of the Escuela Nacional

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de Agricultura de Chapingo wrote to me in August, 1965, indicating that the price of reprints (an unspecified number) would be \$100, I took the privilege that any author has of either accepting or rejecting the offer. At no time was there an understanding on my part that the reprints had already been paid for and the the \$100 represented only a reimbursement. Every journal I know first consults the author about reprints he may desire, at a stated price. The author is not obliged to order any if he chooses not to. Prior to my receipt of the note from Ing. Hernández I had not been consulted by him nor given any information in advance concerning the Journal's policy on reprints. The only mention made on this score was over two years ago in Dr. Teófilo Herrera's laboratory in Mexico City, more than one year after I had submitted the paper for publication. At that time, Prof. Ramón Riba told me that reprints would be sent to me as a matter of course, that 25 would probably be free of charge and others available at a nominal cost. This is the last I heard of the matter until Ing. Hernández sent me his note announcing the \$100 charge. I felt free to either take it or leave it. I frankly believed the quotation of the price to be a mistake and that 100 pesos would be nearer the expected cost for an apx. 16 page paper with one page of illustrations. (Mycologia at that time charged \$20 per hundred for a 16 page paper.) I wrote to Ing. Hernández telling him that I believed the \$100 quotation to be unconscionably high, in my opinion, and enclosed an \$8 check, requesting that this sum be used to purchase any number of reprints the printer would be willing to run off at this price This is the origin of the "8 cents on a dollar" you mention. The novel idea that the reprints had already been paid for was presented to me for the first time in your note. If Ing. Hernández knew about it he has successfully kept it a secret from me or else has made the entirely unwarranted assumption

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that I knew what was in his mind. In spite of the shabby, arbitrary and unprofessional way in which my paper has been handled since I submitted it to the Journal almost 3 years ago, (I am telling this to you, not to my Mexican colleagues) should it turn out that any individual or individuals paid any sum of money for reprints (neither ordered nor received by me) I am willing, nevertheless, upon being so notified by the proper authorities and upon receipt of a specified number of reprints, to reimburse the parties involved.

I think it is necessary now to make a few comments on the question of maintaining good international relations since you accuse me of worsening them. This is the more appropriate since I am at the moment a Fulbright Fellow and charged with the responsibility of fostering good will, quite apart from any professional services I may render while I am in Brazil. In my 15 years of association with colleagues in Latin America I have enjoyed the most harmonious relations with them. I dare say there is not a colleague among the scores I have known with whom I do not share a feeling of close friendship, mutual understanding and respect. Spanish is my second language and I have had for many years a deep interest in the culture, history and customs of Latin America. So I consider it pretentious to be reminded that we must "remain on friendly terms" with our Latin American colleagues.

In your zeal to set right what you considered to be a wrong, you have been tilting with the windmills. But anyone can make an honest mistake which is what I prefer to think you have done on this occasion, because I am interested in maintaining national as well as international friendships.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Lowy

*reply received.
 all Jan 29, 1966*

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The note is based on incomplete knowledge of the facts and is therefore badly in error. Enclosed is a carbon of my reply to Jack in which I state the case as I know it. Rumors have a way of traveling fast and I would like you to be acquainted with this so that when the rumors reach you, you will have something more than heresay to rely on. I am not so vain as to think that my services to international botany are deserving of special honors but neither do I feel that I merit disgrace.

I am extremely busy and happily at work with my mycology course - 25 students, 3 days a week from 9 to 5:30 plus a weekly field trip. The group is made up mostly of plant pathologists from various parts of Brazil. With few exceptions they never had an introduction to general mycology. I squandered almost the first week on the Myxos and the students seemed to enjoy the novelty. Other "unimportant" fungi are now on deck.

as ever,

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Deary Alex:

A few days ago I was shocked to receive the following letter from Jack Sharp, dated Dec. 30, 1965 and written on Botanical Society of America stationery. I copy it below exactly because there is no duplicating machinery here.

" Dear Bernard: I have just returned from Mexico, and I found out while there that you had paid in pesos rather than dollars (in other words 8 cents on the dollar) for some reprints ordered from the Soc. Bot. de Mexico some time ago. This left it to some of the officials to pay pay it out of their own personal pockets. This has not helped international relations at the botanical level, and I feel it is imperative that we remain on friendly terms with the Mexican botanists. I hope you can rectify this matter. Sincerely, A.J. Sharp
President "

The note is based on incomplete knowledge of the facts and is therefore badly in error. Enclosed is a carbon of my reply to Jack in which I state the case as I know it. Rumors have a way of traveling fast and I would like you to be acquainted with this so that when the rumors reach you, you will have something more than heresay to rely on. I am not so vain as to think that my services to international botany are deserving of special honors but neither do I feel that I merit disgrace.

I am extremely busy and happily at work with my Mycology course - 25 students, 3 days a week from 9 to 5:30 plus a weekly field trip. The group is made up mostly of plant pathologists from various parts of Brazil. They have never had (with few exceptions) an introduction to general mycology. I squandered almost a week on the Myxos and they seemed to like it fine. Other "unimportant " fungi are now on deck.

Con los abrazos de siempre

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25 Jan. 1966



Department of Botany

Dear Bernice:

Thank you for sending me ^{a copy of} your letter to Sharp. I had had no rumor of the affair, but I do know how they get around, so I can appreciate your concern. I have had the experience of being tried and condemned in absentia so I know how you must feel. I shall be greatly interested in what you hear from Sharp. Meanwhile, I have your side of the story and can use it if occasion makes it desirable.

I am keeping extremely busy - mostly on the myxomycete monograph. The ice and snow and subzero weather we have been having doesn't help, but thus far I have managed to make it to the office every day. I think longingly of a warmer climate, but I never expect to leave my books and specimens here for an extended trip so long as I can continue to work on them.

Don't worry about the incident. These things do clear up. I do hope Sharp is man enough to help you straighten things

Give my best regards to Teixeira. I had a
fine letter from Fidalgo a week or so ago. He
hopes to be able to spend another year here
on the polypores - "here" of course being the
east, where he has the best facilities for
his kind of work, in the United States

Our best greetings to Sara -

Cordially
G.W.M.

24 Jan. 1966
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Dear Bernard:— I'll write immediately before I lay your letter aside and forget to answer (I have difficulty "keeping up" these days). Firstly I did not mean the letter to be an ultimatum. Secondly, I wrote as Pres. (now I'm only an "Ex") because as Pres. of the Bot. Soc. I was "jumped on" by 3 (not one) different Mexican botanists concerning the "reprint" matter. Incidentally it involved more than you.

You raise questions that I can't answer—like "Were they purchased before they had your order?" etc. I think that I begin to detect part of the problem. One thing is the mails—I sent letters Dec. 15 from Mexico City which haven't arrived as yet. Another thing is that the Mexican botanists are not communicating very well with each other, and in regard to the Proceedings of the First Bot. Congress in Mexico, too many people were trying to edit it.

In any event, I found myself not very welcome at first, and upon inquiry found this "reprint" problem at the root of it. I'm confused and I begin to suspect that they are. They do not keep good business-like records and responsibility ~~is~~ is not centered in one individual & thus they unwittingly cross each other up.

To further compound the problem, the government withdrew the subsidy (reason unknown to me) for the Mex. Bot. Congr. Proceed. and left Hernández and someone else "holding the bag" for more than 10,000 pesos. Who, they have the reprints, perhaps ordering them "a priori." As I write another possibility enters my mind. As they transferred the papers from the defunct Proceedings to the Boletín de la Soc. Bot. de Mex., they might ^{have} transferred ^{red} orders for reprints (which we would necessarily expect) from one to the other. I might expect to have to reorder.

In any event they were "upset" and pounced on me as Pres. Bot Soc. for the behavior of U.S. botanists. Then I wrote you and others, perhaps too soon and too severely. I'm sure there is a problem there and I'm not sure how to handle it. Best wishes, Jack.

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ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO — BRASIL
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N.º.....

February 2, 1966

Dear Jack:

I agree that the situation regarding the policy of the Botanical Society of Mexico, as exercised by some of its officers may be somewhat confused, at least as seen by an outsider, which includes all American botanists. In any case, I am glad that you see the problem in a somewhat different perspective and that it was not your intention to issue an ultimatum.

As to "how to handle" the problem, it is, in my opinion, their problem not ours and any attempt on our part to interfere may rightly be considered an unfriendly act, just as you might consider it inappropriate should a Mexican (or any other foreign botanist) attempt to advise you concerning the affairs of the Botanical Society of America. I think the best we can do is to be patient and exercise restraint.

With best wishes,

B. Lowy

a variant of this letter sent.

February 14, 1966

N.º.....

Dear Boss,

The last 10 days have been extremely busy ones for me. The Mycology course was ending (the last day of class was Feb. 11) and the usual endterm details plus a few unusual ones had to be taken care of. ~~MEANWHILE~~ Meanwhile, I received a reply from Sharp which though somewhat rambling showed signs that he was willing to admit that he might have been at least partly in error; no small admission for anyone to make. Since I sent you a copy of my letter to him, it is only fair that I send you also a copy of his reply which follows verbatim. "Dear Bernard: I'll write immediately before I lay your letter aside and forget to answer (I have difficulty "keeping up" these days). Firstly I did not mean the letter to be an ultimatum. Secondly, I wrote as Pres. (now I'm only an "Ex") because as Pres. of the Bot Soc. I was "jumped on" by 3 (not one) different Mexican Botanists concerning the "reprint matter". Incidentally it involved more than you.

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In any event they were "upset" and pounced on me as Pres. Bot. Soc. for the behavior of U.S. botanists. Then I wrote you and others, perhaps too soon and too severely. Anyway there is a problem there (wow) and I'm not sure how to handle it. (Keep trying Jack. You may get us into a war with Mexico yet.) Best wishes, Jack. "

Well, Boss, as that profound philosopher Archie used to exclaim: wotthehell, wotthehell, lifes too damn funny for me to explain.

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During the second week of the course, the bulk of my Amazonas collections arrived from Manaus but I have not even had time to open the packages. This is the next order of business and I'll be trying to put them in order during the coming weeks. The palm material I promised you will be forthcoming as soon as I can sort it out.

Sara sends her best wishes and greetings to you and Mrs. Martin.

as ever,

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13 Feb 65

Department of Botany

Dear Berne:

Congratulations! I think you will have a most valuable experience in São Paulo. As I think you know, I had hoped to be there this year, but the dullbright people turned me down and I didn't see how I could make it without their backing. I think now it was for the best. I am working hard on the myxo monograph and have high hopes that barring some unforeseeable contingency, I can see it through.

Thank you also for the photo of the mushroom stone. The mycology seminar is looking into this question this semester and will be interested.

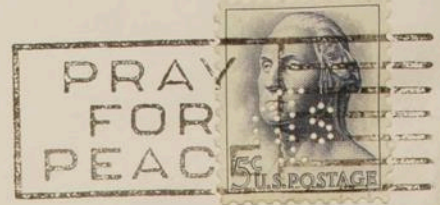
Let me hear from you when you are settled in Brazil.

Cordially
GWM

Sorry this pen is acting up!

Do you happen to have an extra copy of your paper on the Myxomycetes of Louisiana? I know you sent me one, but I couldn't find it when I looked for it a few days ago. Of course we have Mycologia, but I like my reprint set on the subject to be as complete as possible.

Gwm
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16 Feb 65

Department of Botany

Dear Bernie:

Have just gotten around to reading the Mycological Soc. newsletter and learn you have at long overdue last become a full professor. I am delighted to know. You have, I know, had difficulties to overcome, and you have done so without compromising your integrity. I am happy for you and happy to feel that your university is moving as it is.

With very best wishes

GWM

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March 1, 1965

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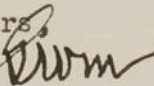
Dear Bernie:

The Myxomycetes arrived safely a few days ago. I am delighted to have the Alwisia. So far as I know, this is the second collection from the western hemisphere, the only other being one by Lennie Farr in Jamaica, in which the bristles were almost lacking. I transferred this to Tubifera several years ago, but admittedly I tend to be a lumper.

Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa (Finca Quebrados 6. viii. 64) is correct. I am very dubious indeed about C. marchella (Volcan, 5. viii. 64) but that will take more careful examination than I have yet been able to give it. The Stemonitis sent as S. axifera is certainly not that. I should call it S. splendens Rost., but if you want to recognize S. webberi Rex, this is it. To me, they merge completely. The unidentified Stemonitis from Liberia, 10 Aug. '64, is the same although the spores are rather small. The St. from Finca Quebrados, 6 Aug. '64, is very old and largely disintegrated, but it has strongly verrucose-reticulate spores, typical of S. fusca. It is too black for that, but much too large for any other species with similar spores and that is where I am filing it. It may be undescribed but better material would be needed before describing it. On the other hand, the specimens sent as S. fusca (Moin-Limon, 3 July '64) has spores 8-9 μ , distinctly warted but without a trace of reticulation; furthermore, neither the habit nor color is that of fusca. It is too large for S. herbatica and it is fruiting on wood (the latter not too important), but that is where I am filing it. The Physarum from Heredia, Parque La Uvita, 31 Aug. '64, is P. viride. The Arcyria from Turrialba, 26 June 1964, is of course A. denudata. The specimen from San Isidro, 4 Aug. '64 bears very old and weathered Physarella oblonga and also a few very minute fruitings which suggest Diderma effusum but they should not be reported on that basis. The Cribraria from Turrialba, 28 June '64, is C. languescens Rex.

I shall write later about C. "marchella".

I assume that you and Saenz, individually or jointly, will report on these species and that you want my comments.

Yours

G. W. Martin

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Department of Botany

March 11, 1965

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Dear Bernie:

I have now examined your Ceratiomyxa morchella. Your color slide, which I am returning, certainly suggests that species. Under the binocular, the habit is almost exactly intermediate between C. morchella and C. sphaerosperma. Some of the fruitings are morchelloid although even in them there is a tendency for the body to develop branches. The great majority of the sporocarps show a definite tendency to form branches at the tip of a stout central stalk, although the branches are much shorter and stouter than I have seen in any example of C. sphaerosperma. A substantial number of the spores are spherical and 7-8 μ in diameter, but a large number are elongate, many 12 x 4 μ or thereabout. While elongated spores are often found in C. fruticulosa and C. morchella, I have never found anything as extreme as this. Perhaps your collection could be regarded as a shade closer to C. sphaerospora than to C. morchella, it really doesn't fit either. Remembering, however, C. porioides and the named varieties of C. fruticulosa which grade completely into each other, your specimen may suggest that C. morchella and C. sphaerosperma should be united, or even that, as Hagelstein proposed, only the single species recognized. I do not yet go that far.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. W. Martin".

G. W. Martin

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Department of Botany

16 March 65

Dear Bernie:

I agree with your determinations of Lindbladia
effusa and Lamproderma arizonense. The Lamproderma
is a beautiful specimen, more robust than most of
our collections, but entirely typical. The Lindbladia
is of special interest, since it shows the cribrarioid
nature of the peridium about as well as I have
ever seen it.

Thank you for both.

Yours

GWM

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Department of Botany

20 March '65

Dear Bernice:

Thank you for the Tremellales reprints. I am putting these carefully aside and when I get through my present project on the Myxos I expect to get back at the Tremellales. Also I have filed your Brazilian address. After you have had time to get settled, you may get a begging letter from me asking for some stuff to culture.

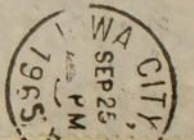
Yours

GWM

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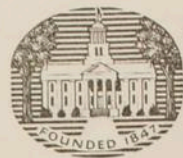
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25 Sept. '65

Department of Botany

Dear Bernie:

I was delighted to get your letter from Blumenau with the panoramic card, which I shall paste into my copy of Möller's Protobairidiomyces. Despite the Grande Hotel and a couple of other tall buildings, Blumenau certainly isn't the metropolis São Paulo has become and there appears to be a lot of forest on the hills in the background. Ken told me it was pretty dry when he was there; he did collect Hyaloria, but it was somewhere else. The second species might turn up at Manaus; it was collected the one and only time in the Amazon basin. Is the German influence in Blumenau still apparent?

We have had a very wet and cool summer and the collecting has been fine, but I don't get out much any more and my collecting is done from Petri dishes, on which interesting things do turn up. If you have time dry a little cortex from a decayed palm and let me see what it yields.

For the moment I am still working hard on the myxo monograph. If all goes well, I hope to have it ready for the printer by next summer.

and I was very glad to have it. You are lucky to have this chance. Give my greetings to Teixeira.

You missed the hurricane at Baton Rouge. I hope your house came through safely.

By the way, as an alumnus, you should note that we have at long last dropped the "State" from the University title.

Warm regards to Sara.

Cordially

WWM

We missed you at Urbana. Hot and dry, so the foreays were not too productive, but as usual it was good to see old friends and pick up new ideas.

27 Sept 66
Dear Berin:

The enclosed note, sealed and addressed, was found under a pile of unopened mail on my desk. I fear it is getting to be characteristic. However!

WMM

I remember - I put it aside to see if I could find the zip code. No luck!

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6 Sept. 1966



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Dear Bernie:

Why Furtado should have sent me these drawings when he was sending his specimen to you, I cannot imagine, but I think you should have my reply.

It was a great pleasure to see you at College Park, and I deeply regret that I was unable to hear your report on your Brazilian trip.

Yours,

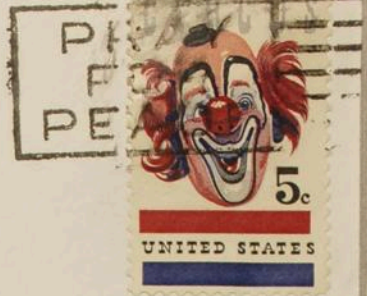
WWM

Because you were away but to return shortly, I did not send you my latest dry as dust effusion. I now repair the omission and hope it reaches you even though I don't have your zip code.

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Department of Botany

September 7, 1966

Dr. J. S. Furtado
Institute de Botanica
Crytogenic Section
Caixa Postal 4005
São Paulo, S. P. Brazil

Dear Dr. Furtado:

The specimen described in your letter and illustrated in your very clear drawings is certainly a Helicogloea and almost certainly H. lagerheimii Pat. This was somewhat later described as Saccoblastia ovispora by A Moller.

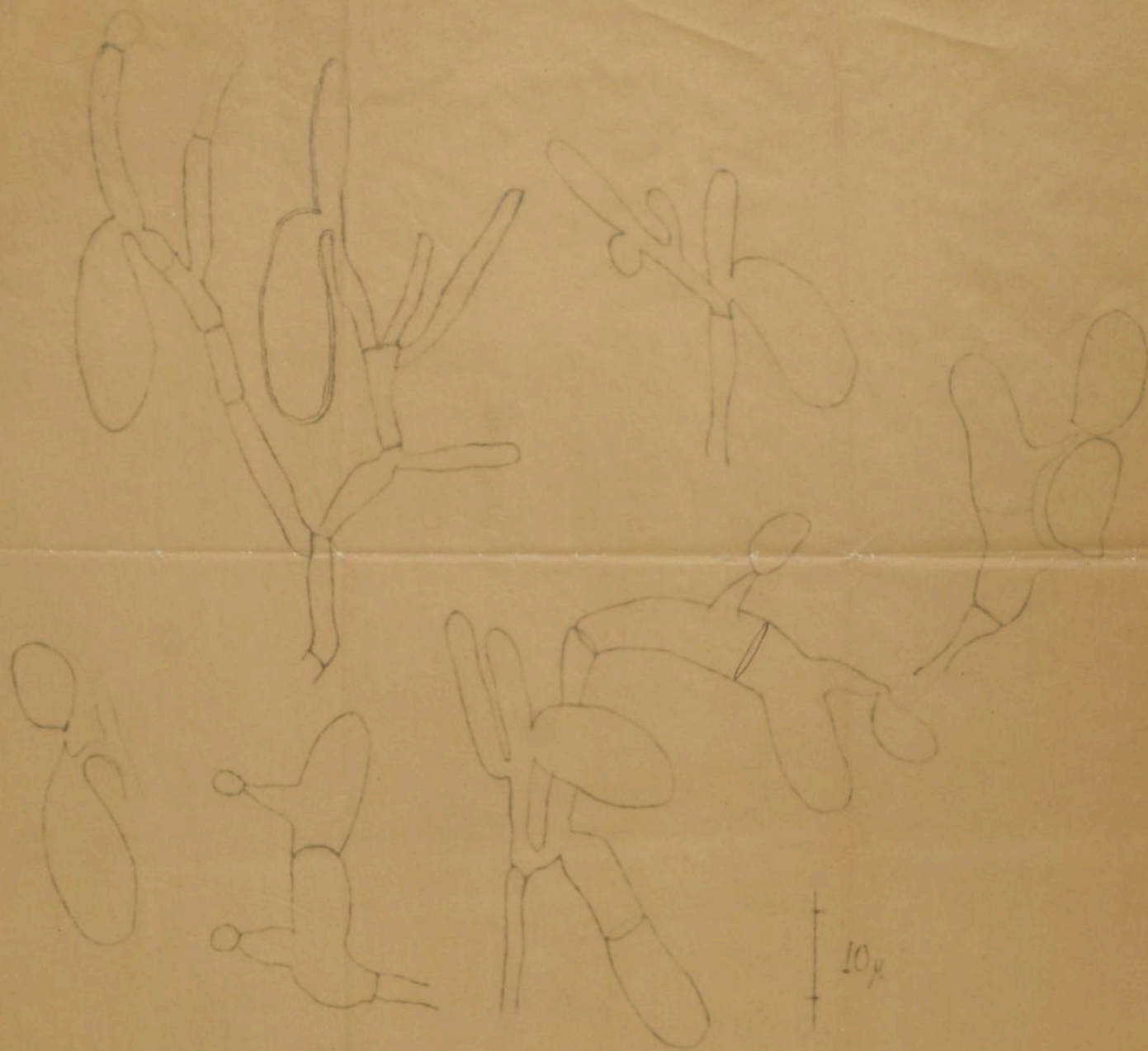
Since you are sending the specimen to Dr. Lowy, I am sending him a copy of this note, with your drawings, and you will certainly hear from him.

He was at the AIBS meeting in College Park, and while there I was delighted also to see Dr. and Mrs. Fidalgo and their charming daughters.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Martin

GWM/ie



SP 95474

Hsioogbea Lagerheimii Pat.

from J. S. Furtado
with specimen

SP 95474.

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copy received 29-IX-1966
from Gwm! See his letter
dated 7-IX-1966, addressed
to J. S. Furtado.

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3-X-1966

Dear Boss,

Furtado's letter to me requesting an identification is dated August 22. I answered him on the 31st and in at least two ways your letter to him and mine were similar. I identified his collection as Helicoglossa lagenheimii Pat. and I complimented him on his fine drawing, a copy of which he also sent to me.

No, I have not yet received your latest reprint (and I must rebuke you for referring to Dr. Martin's contributions as "dry as dust" and "effusions" because his students think otherwise and you are in danger of incurring their wrath if you persist in this sort of thing) but no doubt it will turn up — with or without that latest of man's efforts to harass his fellows — the zip code.

I was delighted to be among those who paid you some small homage at the meetings as an expression of their esteem and affection.

yours,
Arnold

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4 Jan 67

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Dear Bernie:

Thank you for the separate on Stypella robusta.
An interesting find and an interesting publication
outlet. How come?

I am still working hard on the Myxoc. monograph.
Have planned and am striving to get it to the
printer by June. I have hoped to get back
to the Tremellales - there are many things I
want to do, but not before the present job
is completed.

Best wishes -

GWM

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28 March 67



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Dear Bernie:

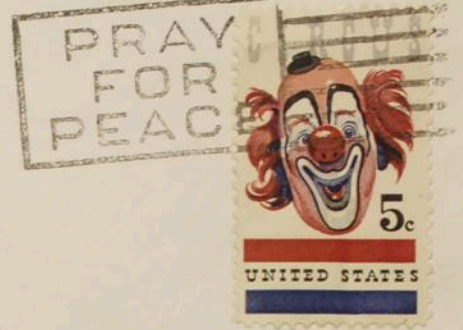
The two papers came to-day. The report of the Louisiana foray calls to mind one of the best of them, thanks very largely to you. The Mexican Tremellales will be of great help. If I am lucky enough to get the myxos to the printer this summer, which is my hope, I plan to get back to work on the Tremellales. Naturally, it was a pleasure to see record of a second collection of Dacrymyces dictyosporus. Could you spare a smidge of Exidia mexicana? I suppose the citation is: Soc. Bot. Mex. Bol. 29: 19-33. 1965, since no volume is given.

Did the Samera of myxomycetes ever turn up? If not, I shall send another.

Yours,

Wm

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April 24, 1967

Professor Bernard Lowy
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Dear Bernie:

Thank you for the type specimens of Exidia Mexicana and for the generous sample of Dacrymyces dictyosporus, all of which have been inserted in our collection. As you know, I hope to do more with this group, but at present I am working feverishly on the myxos, and hope to get a manuscript to the printer by July.

I am glad to hear that you are planning a comprehensive report on Neotropical Tremellas. You should be in position to do it now better than anyone else. And even if you have not yet found them all, such a paper would be extremely helpful to those who are working on the group.

Your Heterochaetella is most interesting. Since, as you suggest at least by implication, the genus is not clearly defined, I should hate to see a new genus erected at this time on the character of the sterile spines. If I did not have your notes before me, I should have called it H. albida Pat. You recall that Sr. Mary Cecilia referred one of our specimens to that species, with some misgivings to be sure. I have made a mount of my Code collections, and it is certainly very close to yours, such differences as I can detect appearing to be well within the limits of specific variation. I think you should look at both of them, but shall not send them until I hear you are ready to examine them.

Surely the Genera of Myxomycetes has reached you by now. If not, my faith in the United States mails - "neither rain, nor hail, fire nor flood" or however it goes - will be shattered. And I have lost so many of my illusions that I should like to hang on to that.

Yours,

G. W. Martin

GWM/ie

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28 May 1967

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Dear Bernie:

As you note from the enclosed, the *Heterochaetes* arrived in good condition. I appreciate your notes on the Coclé specimen, which are enclosed in the packet.

I have a large number of tropical American collections, ^{of Tremellales} from Panama and Colombia which have never been adequately studied. If you could arrange to come here this summer that would be delightful all around. I wish we could ask you to stay with us, but Mary has been suffering from arthritis which at times becomes acute and housekeeping is becoming a burden. I am afraid we shall soon have to give up our house and move to a small apartment in town. We both hate to do it, but her health and the difficulties of transportation may make it necessary. I am delighted that you plan to work over the tropical American Tremellales and I think you, more than anyone else, have the background and experience necessary.

Your heterobasidiomycete paper arrived Friday. Needless to say, I shall read it with great interest and get it back to you as soon as I can do so.

So far as I know now, I shall be here all
summer. I had thought of going to Texas for
the A.S.B.S. meetings but at the moment it
seems doubtful that I can make it. I must
get the myxomycete ms to the printer this
summer. July 1 is the official date - I hope
it won't be later than the 31st. And there
is still much to do.

Yours

Swm

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9 June 67

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Dear Bernie:

We are terribly sorry to hear about Doris' accident. It is fortunate, nevertheless, that her eye was not struck. When Ann was a little younger than Doris is, she was struck by an auto while riding a bicycle, and we feared she would be disfigured. She has had trouble with teeth as a result, but everything else cleared up remarkably. Children do have marvellous recuperative powers and we hope that will be so in this accident.

My typist graduated to-day and is leaving, so I shall have a bit of a let-up for a week or two and hope to catch up on some neglected work. Your paper is high on the list of things to be done.

I shall be interested in what you say of Viegas. Someone told me - I forget who - that he had quite retired from scientific work and was living in seclusion.

Cordially
LWM

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June 16, 1967

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Dear Bernie:

Your paper has been read with very great interest. I have made some pencilled notes on the ms, including filling in the French accents on p.2, but not beyond, on the assumption that this is a preliminary copy and that the originals are accessible to you. Longer comments are on the accompanying pages (Notes 1, 2, 3).

As to your major proposal, erecting the new subclass Metabasidiomycetidae, I am uncertain. It does solve some problems, but it also creates others, the chief one, to me, is that it separates at the very high subclass level genera which, in my opinion, are in reality closely related. That problem, of course is at the base of the hetero - homo division which you are discussing and is covered by Note 3. I admit that my almost exclusive preoccupation with the Myxomycetes these last few years (I did not intend it to be that way) has kept me from the intensive study of the heteros I had hoped to continue. I still hope to continue such studies but at present must do the other work. This is just to let you realize that I am aware that you need not take my comments too seriously.

Sincerely yours,

GWM/ie

✓ Note 1, p.5. Donk's argument is extremely weak. To equate what is normal and common in one group with what is clearly abnormal and rare in another may have certain implications, but cannot justify Donk's statement.

Note 2, p.11. I have since 1957 observed spores of Cerinomyces pallidus which are definitely 1-septate. C. pallidus is apparently not "rooted" but I think (I have not reexamined it) that in C. canadensis some evidence of "rooting" may occur.

✓ Note 3, p.13. In Tremella, meiosis occurs in the vesicular basal body and first one sublongitudinal (not strictly longitudinal since it always arises from the base at one side) develops; then, presumably after the second meiotic division, each cell divides again, the two new septa at right angles to the first; in Patouillardina the same process occurs, but with different orientation; in Auricularia it is essentially the same except that all septa are transverse. In genera with incomplete septation we have another modification of the same basic process and the same is true in Ceratobasidium.

✓ Note 4, p. 17. As I interpret the evidence, there is a very real union between Homobasidiomycetes and Heterobasidiomycetes at what might be termed the basal level, especially as represented by Ceratomyces (leaning to the hetero. side) and Pellicularia (leaning to homo. side). In erecting phylogenies we always assume a connection, but usually a connection in some remote past. Can it not be that we have, in the complex you consider, an example of two widely diverging groups, which have diverged to the point where we are justified in giving them high taxonomic ranking, despite the admitted fact, that examples of the connecting intermediate genera are still extant?

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in Cerinomyces

notes on my paper from G.W.M.

19-VI-1967

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240

15 August 1967



Department of Botany

Area 319: 353-5790

Dear Bernie:

The Iowa Union is closed and I cannot find out when the hotel service will be resumed but apparently well after Labor Day.

Most of our motels are on the outskirts of town and while there is bus service, it is irregular and a nuisance. I have heard that the Rebel Motel, ³³⁶ ~~on~~ South Clinton Street, is good, and it is just three blocks south of the main center of town and is an easy walk to the University. Same zip number as ours. If you feel so disposed, I suggest you write them and reserve a room.

Our present plans call for our return from Texas the evening of August 31, and I have every expectation of being at the laboratory before 9 on the morning of Sept. 1.

I shall be glad to see you.

Yours

GWM

Telegram to Dr. Martin: Rebel Motel most appropriate. Hope they accept Confederate currency.
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Department of Botany

20 August 67

Dear Bernie:

I have reserved a room for you at Iowa House (Iowa Memorial Union) beginning 31 August. Everything but hotel rooms is closed, but that is being kept open.

This has been a comedy of errors. I was told everything at the Union was closed. The Rebel Hotel is booked solid for August and September. The Jefferson Hotel is being taken over by the University for class-rooms and closes as a hotel on the 31st. Our other hotels are very poor, and at the Rebel they told me that most of the other hotels were probably filled. At any rate this will give you a comfortable place to stay when you arrive, although the dining rooms will not be open.

We expect to get back from Texas the night of the 31st and business in the Botany Dept. (for me, at any rate) will be going on as usual on the first.

Yours

GWM

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September 8, 1967

Professor Bernard Lowy
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Dear Bernie:

I am mailing two packages containing the tremellaceous fungi you put aside for further examination. I have made no record of them and these are not to be regarded as an institutional loan. I should appreciate it, however, if you will send back as you study them those which you determine so that I may enter and mount them in our collection. It is understood that the rule enunciated in Deuteronomy 25:3 applies to this material.

Anything on which you propose to publish will of course be understood as reserved for such publication.

It was a great pleasure to have you here even for so short a time. I hope you will come again.

Sincerely yours,