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January 23, 1976

Dr. Houston Baker
Business Executive
American Society of Plant Physiologists
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20014

Dear Houston:

I have received the 1975-1976 Directory and I find many new innovations in it that make it more useful.

There is an error on p. x, and I wish you would correct your records as well as future editions of the Directory. H.J. Evans has never been a member of the Monograph Committee; D.B. Dickinson should be listed in his place.

Sincerely yours,

Zelitch

Israel Zelitch
Chairman, Monograph Committee ASPP

IZ/lc

23 Jan 76

Joe, Please correct your list so that we don't perpetuate
this error
Houston

copy to Briggs

RECEIVED JAN 23 1976

This letter is also being sent to Professor Imamura
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September 30, 1976

Dr. A. A. Nichiporovich
K. A. Timiriazev Inst. of Plant Physiology
Leninskii Prospekt 33
Moscow E-71
USSR

Dear Dr. Nichiporovich:

It gives me great pleasure to write that the American Society of Plant Physiologists has overwhelmingly elected you as a Corresponding Member. As a Corresponding Member, not only do you join the distinguished group of plant physiologists listed on Page XIII of the Directory, but you are "entitled to receive Society bulletins and journals throughout life" as it is expressed in the constitution.

May I offer my personal congratulations to those of the Society and urge you to accept this honor.

Sincerely yours,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

cc:
Black
Baker
Key

ASFP

Dr. Anthony San Pietro
Department of Plant Science
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Tony:

Many thanks for the acknowledgement. I look forward to your recommendation from the Committee on Corresponding Members. I apologise for sending the letter to Brandeis! I can't quite figure out how that happened except that I was writing a letter to Jerry Schiff at the same time - perhaps the two addresses became confused.

Best regards,

WTS

The American Society of



Plant Physiologists

March 11, 1976

Office of the President

*Please ask you
secretary to
correct my
address.
Thank you.*

Dr. Anthony San Pietro
Institute for Photobiology
of Cells and Organelles
Brandeis University
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Tony:

I am embarrassed to discover that in my flurry of activity appointing people to be members or chairman of various committees for the American Society of Plant Physiologists, I seem to have neglected entirely to get in touch with you. Though normally one would not ask a person to chair a committee for two consecutive years, it looks as if we have done it by default this year, and I am grateful that you were willing to take on the assignment. I must say, I find Nichiporovich an excellent nomination.

Very best wishes,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

Win;

This is no problem. I hope our Committee (Lang, Rappaport & myself) will have recommendations to you and Houston Baker within two weeks. I should then rotate off this committee.

With best wishes.

*Cordell,
Joy*

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February 25, 1976

Dr. Anthony San Pietro
Chairman, Dept. of Plant Sciences
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Tony:

I enclose a statement supporting my nomination of Anatoly Alexandrovich Nichiporovich as a Corresponding member of the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

Date of birth: November 11, 1899

Current Position: Since 1940, Head of Photosynthesis Laboratory of K.A. Timiriazev Institute of Plant Physiology, Academy of Sciences, USSR; also Head of the Council of Photosynthesis of the USSR

Previous positions: Assistant and Head of Laboratories of Saratov and Rostov Agricultural Experimental Stations, 1922-30. Head of Laboratory of Research Institute of Gutta-Percha plants, Moscow, 1931-39.

Publications: 6 books and over 160 articles. He has made significant contributions to:

- (a) Physiological foundations of rubber plant productivity
- (b) Photosynthetic activities of plant communities
- (c) Theoretical foundations of photosynthetic productivity
- (d) The role of plants in the bioregeneration system, that is the role of plant in the constant renewal of vital resources such as organic matter and oxygen.

In my opinion, he is the leader in the Soviet Union on research dealing with photosynthetic carbon metabolism in higher plants. His laboratory which includes N.P. Voskresenskaya has also provided classical input to the effort of light quality upon the flow of carbon. His concepts

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Dr. Anthony San Pietro
February 25, 1976

on photosynthesis and plant productivity are imaginative and consider the plant in all its aspects.

I strongly endorse this gentleman as a Corresponding Member. In turn, his election enhances our Society.

Sincerely yours,

Marty

Martin Gibbs
Editor-in-Chief

MG:Lmc

The American Society of



Plant Physiologists

Office of the President

November 17, 1975

Dr. Larry Rappaport
Department of Vegetable Crops
Mann Laboratory
University of California
Davis, CA 95616

Dear Larry:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation concerning your membership on the committee for Corresponding Members of the American Society of Plant Physiologists. I am delighted that you are willing to serve on this committee. The other members are Tony San Pietro and Anton Lang, with San Pietro as chairman. You will probably hear directly from San Pietro concerning your duties for the year.

Very best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

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8 March 1976

To: Anton Lang and Larry Rappaport
From: A. San Pietro *A. San Pietro*
Subj: Committee on Corresponding Members

I apologize for not contacting you sooner but was unaware that my tenure as chairman of this committee extended through 1976.

Enclosed is information provided by Dr. Martin Gibbs. He has nominated Dr. A. A. Nichiporovich (NICHIPOROVICH) as a Corresponding Member of A.S.P.P. and I would certainly support his nomination. May I please have your comments on this matter.

Should you wish to make additional nominations, I think this is possible if we do not delay.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you wish additional information (Area Code 812/337-4115).

dr

cc: Dr. Winslow R. Briggs

Enclosure

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Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. Russell L. Jones
Department of Botany
2017 Life Sciences Building
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94620

Dear Russ:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation concerning your membership on the Meeting Site committee for the American Society of Plant Physiologists. I am delighted that you are willing to serve in this capacity. I have asked Dr. R. W. Breidenbach to be chairman, and you should hear directly from him. He can bring you up to date on the status of negotiations so far for the next two or three years.

Best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

The American Society of



Plant Physiologists

Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. Carl S. Pike
Department of Biology
Franklin and Marshall College
Lancaster, PA 17604

Dear Carl:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation concerning your membership on the Meeting Site committee for the American Society of Plant Physiologists. I am delighted that you are willing to serve in this capacity. I have asked Dr. R. W. Breidenbach to be chairman, and you should hear directly from him. He can bring you up to date on the status of negotiations so far for the next two or three years.

Best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB:kk

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Office of the President

November 19, 1975

Dr. R. W. Breidenbach
Department of Agronomy
University of California
Davis, CA 95616

Dear Dr. Breidenbach:

I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to serve as chairman of the Meeting Site committee for the American Society of Plant Physiologists, for the coming year. Both Dr. Lyman and Dr. Morgan have rotated off, and I have made two new appointments to the committee: Dr. Carl F. Pike at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania, and Dr. Russell L. Jones, at Berkeley. Also, Dr. Clanton Black as secretary is a member of this committee ex officio. Joe Cherry is the other remaining member. I have asked Page Morgan to send you anything that you need to get you up to date on meeting negotiations, if you don't happen to have it all in hand. This, of course, is all on the assumption that you are willing to be chairman!

With very best regards,

Winslow R. Briggs
President

WRB;kk

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26 November 1975

Dr. Winslow R. Briggs, President
The American Society of Plant
Physiologists
Carnegie Institute of Washington
Department of Plant Biology
Stanford, CA. 94305

Dear Winslow:

I will be pleased to serve as chairman of the Meeting Site Committee for the American Society of Plant Physiologists for the coming year. I have already received the files from Page Morgan. As far as I can tell, all of the urgent business has been taken care of. However, there are some things that I would like to get busy on after the first of the year and I will be in touch with you and the committee at that time.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill", is written over the typed name.

R. W. Breidenbach
Assoc. Agronomist

RB/cv

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR AMERICAN HORTICULTURE

LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR 1975-76

In a letter dated March 12, 1976, President Paul Larsen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, asked the National Center for American Horticulture Liaison Committee (NCAHLC) to pursue two courses of action, namely: 1) to determine the future of ASHS at River Farm in terms of a permanent ASHS headquarters facility, and 2) to evaluate other headquarters alternatives. These charges are spelled out in greater detail in the Evaluation Task Force (ETF) Interim Report to the Board of Directors dated September 1975. In a letter from Cecil Blackwell (on behalf of the President and President-elect of ASHS) to H. M. Cathey, President of AHS, the current members of the NCAHLC were appointed to serve on the AHS River Farm Use Committee, August E. Kehr, Chairman.

The NCAHLC met at River Farm on April 8 to: 1) explore the Renewable Natural Resources Center, Bethesda, MD, as a possible site; 2) seek information from an architectural firm (Ward, Hall & Associates) on the logistics of planning and construction in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area as well as current cost estimates for planning and new construction; and 3) seek information on costs and availability of suitable buildings and/or land which might be purchased (Glen J. Koepenick, Inc., Rockville, Md.). In addition we met with Dr. Houston Baker, Business Executive, American Society of Plant Physiologists (ASPP), on the possibility of the two Societies sharing a new building. (Houston Baker subsequently reported that on May 30, 1976 the ASPP Executive Committee directed its Board of Trustees and Business Executive to investigate and recommend the manner of housing the headquarters of the Society in the future. Among the options to be considered is the possibility of purchasing or constructing a building jointly with another Society such as ASHS). Each of these meetings will be discussed

separately later in this report. We also discussed the possibility of buying into the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC) and American Phytopathological Society (APS) building in St. Paul, Minn.

On April 9 the River Farm Use Committee met with all members present (E. A. Crosby, Alben R. Eaton, W. H. Gabelman, Mrs. Polly Hill, August Kehr (Chrmn.), S. E. Sanders, Francis Stark, James Strobel, and Harold B. Tukey, Jr.). Details of this meeting have been supplied to the Board of Directors of ASHS. AHS reports that it now has clear title to the River Farm and can proceed to make plans for use of the facilities, including the erection of buildings. In addition, the AHS has an option (through June 30, 1977) to purchase for \$900,000 some 15 acres of the Halpin property (including the mansion) adjacent to the River Farm on the south.

The following recommendations were developed for presentation to the Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society at its June 10th meeting:

- 1) That the adjacent Halpin property be acquired.
- 2) That the Board (of Directors of AHS) explore the feasibility of forming a foundation (or other appropriate mechanism) through which plant societies to be located at River Farm could become involved in the development and management of a National Center for American Horticulture.
- 3) That a Master Site Plan be developed for the River Farm.

The first stages should explore:

- a) Options for development of the property both with and without the Halpin property.
- b) Location and arrangement for office facilities for affiliate plant societies.
- c) Continue the development of plans for a Visitors Center.

On June 9, the River Farm Use Committee reconvened with only A. R. Eaton absent. In addition, Houston Baker (ASPP), Cecil Blackwell (ASHS), and H. M. Cathey, Mrs. Erastus Corning, II, and Gilbert Daniels (AHS) attended. Discussions centered on Site Plans and on the development of a National Center for American Horticulture in which affiliate plant societies can participate. Location for a building to house ASHS and ASPP southwest of the current mansion was discussed, although a location northeast of the mansion or on the Halpin property are also possibilities. AHS representatives expressed a possible desire to "rent" space in the building for a temporary Visitors Center and limited support needs for personnel located at the River Farm. This building would be in the size range of 12-15,000 square feet (gross) with 2 stories above ground. Houston Baker indicated the desire of his Society for an energy-conserving design for the new building, *should they choose this option*

The RNRF (Renewable Natural Resources Foundation), Bethesda, Md. will provide land free at the RNRC (Renewable Natural Resources Center) for affiliated societies. The architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill has developed a site plan for the area anticipating 2 or 3 buildings of approximately 100,000 square feet each to be built. A number of society groups have indicated an interest in a shared facility. The RNRF has a lien in excess of \$1,000,000 against the property, but does not believe this is a serious long-term problem. The Society of American Foresters and the American Fisheries Society are already located there in the mansion and an adjacent (converted) garage.

Ward, Hall & Associates indicated that office buildings of the type needed by ASHS can probably be built at about \$40 per square foot. Cost of construction is attractive in the Washington, D. C. area now; increased costs are estimated at 10%/year minimum. Time from start of design to finished construction 1 year; 1 1/2 to 2 years more realistic.

Land and buildings suitable for society headquarters are available in the Washington, D. C. area.

The AACC Board of Directors and the APS Council has expressed, by letter, their willingness to consider a proposal from ASHS for third-party ownership in their building at St. Paul, Minn. The location, removed from the Washington, D. C. area, existing property taxes and other considerations make this alternative somewhat less than attractive.

Recommendations:

1) ASHS should proceed with developing plans for the construction of a headquarters building, preferably located at River Farm if a suitable lease or land assignment can be negotiated with AHS. This building, hopefully, will be a joint venture with other scientific societies such as the American Society of Plant Physiologists. ^{together,} The ASHS and ASPP ^{could} justify construction of a building in the size range of 12,000 to 15,000 square feet, with a number of shared operations and facilities. Building plans may also include some space for temporarily meeting AHS's needs for a Visitors Center, and should be designed accordingly.

2) The ASHS Board of Directors should endorse the concept of joining with the ASPP and other interested scientific societies in the design and construction of a headquarters building at River Farm or at another suitable location in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area.

3) We recommend that continuing legal counsel be made available to this committee.

4) The NCAH Liaison Committee should be continued and given the additional charge of developing proposed building plans as outlined above.

Committee members:

Warren H. Gabelman, Chairman
Edwin A. Crosby
James W. Strobel
Cecil Blackwell (ex officio)
Harold B. Tukey, Jr. (ex officio)

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May 24, 1976

Prof. Warren H. Gabelman
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Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Dr. Gabelman:

It was my pleasure to meet with your committee to explore the possibility of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences and the American Society of Plant Physiologists cooperating to solve some problems in common. Your proposal that we build or purchase a building to share office space and certain other services is provoking. Apparently both societies could benefit from such an arrangement.

To seek a facility in common at River Farm, The Renewable Natural Resources Foundation, or another undetermined site would require approval from our Executive Committee. I plan to inform its members of your interest at our meeting next week. If this proposal interests them, they are likely to form and direct a committee to develop the matter.

Dr. August Kehr invited me to attend a follow-up meeting on June 9 at River Farm with the American Horticultural Society's River Farm Use Committee. Regretfully, I had to decline his invitation. I hope that ASPP and I shall be given another opportunity.

Sincerely,

Houston Baker, Ph.D.
Business Executive

HB:par

cc: W. Briggs, J. Key, R.W.F. Hardy, R. Byerrum, C. Blackwell

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
NATIONAL PROGRAM STAFF

Agricultural Research Center-West
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

June 11, 1976

Subject: Draft of Minutes of June 9 Meeting

To: River Farm Use Committee

Enclosed is a draft of the minutes of the River Farm Use Committee meeting of June 9. These were prepared from memory, so there certainly could be many omissions and corrections.

Will you please review this draft and before July 2 send us any changes you desire to make.

August E. Kehr

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Report of River Farm Use Committee Meeting, June 9, 1976

Members attending: S. E. Sanders, E. A. Crosby, F. C. Stark, Houston Baker,
 J. W. Strobel, W. H. Gabelman, Polly Hill, H. B. Tukey, Jr.
 and A. E. Kehr, Chairman.

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 Visitors: H. M. Cathey, Betty Corning, Cecil Blackwell, Gil Daniels,
 Jim-Trees (briefly present)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am. It was pointed out that the major consideration for the meeting was a thorough discussion of the Master Site Plan. Mr. Sanders then proceeded to describe the plan he had prepared. The Sanders plan was built around the two options:

1. Plan using existing property and
2. Plan using existing property plus the Halpin property (assuming it could be made available). Some major points which evolved from this discussion were:
 1. Consideration of acquiring Halpin property in two plots rather than one entire parcel. It was pointed out that the east end of the Halpin property (facing the River) provided an excellent view, but the terrain was much too steep for building purposes. If the center for American Horticulture is to meet the primary objectives for which it was founded, the immediate urgent needs were for office, visitor, and parking space. For these purposes the west half of the Halpin property (facing East Boulevard Drive) would be ideally suitable. Also according to present arrangements the Halpin house would be reserved for other uses for 5 years beyond the date of acquisition. Hence for planning purposes the east end of the Halpin property would not satisfy immediate needs. Consequently, for purposes of the Center the West half of the Halpin property might be far more valuable (and hopefully less expensive) than the rest of the property. Consideration might be given to its acquisition separately if this action might facilitate such a purchase.
 2. Master Plan should provide for immediate needs of member societies. The American Society for Horticultural Science and American Society of Plant Physiologists have both expressed interest to start building plans immediately. The acquisition of the Halpin property is uncertain and such uncertainty does not provide a basis for moving forward for short range needs for office and parking space. The Sanders plan provided for present and future office space on the Halpin property. Meanwhile the Visitors Center (which was planned to be constructed on existing property) was still unfunded and its future quite uncertain. The shift of the Visitor Center to a location on the Halpin property would therefore provide space for immediate needs for office space.

3. Covering Document for Development of Plant Society Consortium Needed. In the April 9 meeting of the River Farm Use Committee the necessity was felt for the formation of an umbrella mechanism to bring in members societies on an equal participative basis. Mr. Jim Trees informed the committee that such a covering document was already in existence and filed in Richmond. However, it was only a shell document because it had not been implemented. Mr. Trees felt there would be no problem in adapting the present document to provide for the kind of consortium as provided for in the Policy Statement of the River Farm adopted by the Board of Directors of American Horticultural Society on June 26, 1975. He was provided a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation to serve as an example of how such a covering document has served elsewhere in the area. Mr. Trees felt he could develop a suitable document prior to the next meeting of the Committee.
4. Providing for Equitable Sharing of Overhead Costs. Upkeep costs of River Farm are high and a source of serious funding problems for American Horticultural Society. With the development of a consortium, provision would need be made for member societies to participate in assuming an equitable share of these costs. The members present recognized these needs to provide for equitable sharing of overhead costs on a mutually agreeable pro rata basis.
5. Use of Present River Farm Mansion. The present Mansion will be adequate office space for American Horticultural Society for the foreseeable future. This Mansion should be open to members of American Horticultural Society and members of other Societies which included in the consortium. The Mansion should be used solely for horticulturally - related purposes.
6. The SW Exit Road be changed. The exit road as approved by local zoning board provides for an exit on the main highway on the south west side of the present property. Mr. Sanders demonstrated the desirability of exiting the proposed SW road at the existing exit by making the road circle across front of the existing property, somewhat parallel to East Boulevard Drive.

Mr. Sanders volunteered to redraft his Master Site Plan to reflect the changes which the Committee felt should be made. This re-draft would be prepared and submitted to the American Horticultural Society Board of Directors in time for their meeting on June 10. (The re-draft was submitted on the morning of June 10).

The following recommendations were made by the River Farm Use Committee and transmitted verbally by Dr. Tukey and Dr. Cathey to the Board of directors of American Horticultural Society at its June 10 meeting:

1. That the adjacent Halpin property be acquired, preferably as one parcel. However, top priority should be given to acquiring the west half of the parcel (the half not facing the River).
2. Space for construction of an office building of at least 12,000 square feet be made available for American Society for Horticultural Science and ^{perhaps the} American Society for Plant Physiologists. This space is to be set aside from property presently owned by American Horticultural Society. Temporary public facilities and space for some of the other projected needs of the Visitors Center ^{perhaps the} would be housed in the basement floor of this building. A joint planning committee composed of members from American Horticultural Society, ^{perhaps the} American Society for Horticultural Science and ~~American Society for Plant Physiologists~~ shall be formed.
3. The Master Site Plan prepared by Mr. Sanders be approved in principle.
4. A covering document which will provide for active participation of member societies in River Farm be prepared, to include equitable sharing of overhead costs.
5. The River Farm Mansion shall be used by members of the horticultural consortium societies solely for horticulturally - related uses.

The next meeting of the Committee was tentatively set for fall (September or October). The invitation by Polly Hill to meet at Martha's Vineyard (providing there were not impelling reasons to meet at River Farm) was acknowledged.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Ed Crosby
Dr. Houston Baker ✓
Mr. Cecil Blackwell
Dr. Harold Tukey

FROM: J. W. Strobil - 919-737-3131

NCAHLC Chairman, Dr. Gableman, asked me to jot down some notes on our meeting held on the morning of June 9, as well as some comments from a luncheon meeting attended by Ed, Buck, Cecil, Houston and me.

The attached notes are in rough form and typed doubled spaced so that you can easily edit them. Please send your corrected copy directly to Dr. Gableman who will put together a final draft for our files and appropriate distribution.

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cc: Dr. W. H. Gableman

Attachment

NOTES ON THE JOINT NCAHLC - RIVER FARMS USE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 9, 1976

National Center for American Horticulture - River Farms

The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman of the AHS River Farm Committee, Dr. August Kehr. The following were in attendance:

A. E. Kehr	W. H. Gableman	Guests: Mark Cathey
S. E. Sanders	E. A. Crosby	Mrs. Erastus Corning
Mrs. Polly Hill	J. W. Strobel	Dr. Gilbert S. Daniels
F. C. Stark	Cecil Blackwell	Jim Trees
H. B. Tukey		Dr. Houston Baker
		Bus. Exec. ASPP

Item 1. Chairman Kehr called on Mr. Sanders to present his renditions for land use of the present River Farm property and the adjoining Halpin (15 acres and mansion) property (for which AHS holds a purchase option effective until June 1977). Proposals for the use of Halpin property centered on 2 - 12,000 sq ft office structures and 3 parking areas on the undeveloped west tract. The Halpin mansion (approx. 9,000 sq ft) and attendant property would not be useful or available for immediate development. It was recommended that any future consideration of this property be predicated on such a division whereby the west portion could be developed as of the purchase date. (Mr. Halpin has stipulated use of mansion for 5 years.) Its use would be compatible with the overall land use plan for the existing property. This plan would involve the location of a visitor center situated roughly on the existing boundary between the 2 properties.

The plan for the present AHS River Farm property as proposed by Mr. Sanders involves an office/visitor center on the knoll east of the front

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meadow - development of parking for 182 cars on the sites now occupied by some out-buildings. It was determined that an office structure of 20 - 30,000 sq ft plus necessary parking could not be accommodated in the vicinity of the present mansion and out-buildings. Thus, it was decided that since the present holdings could not accommodate the "ideal", we would be advised to wait for the acquisition of the Halpin property for the final development of all office space needed, as well as a separate visitor center complex.

Chairman Kehr then directed further discussion to the "possible" development of the existing AHS property to accommodate the needs of ASHS, ^SAAPP, possibly SAF and other societies. After considerable discussion it was resolved that one viable location for a first office structure would be the site originally proposed for the visitor center/office complex (east of the large meadow area see Sanders sketch). It was suggested by Gil Daniels that this structure of at least 10,000 - 12,000 sq ft be constructed so as to consider the future expansion needs of occupants and also could function as a temporary visitor center. The visitor center space (possibly first floor) would be under the control (including financial aspects ... rent, lease) of the society(s) providing the building. Functions of the visitor center discussed would include rest rooms, display areas, sales areas plus limited support needs for River Farm staff personnel. It was "assumed" that the visitor center function of this "first" office structure would be moved to the site previously mentioned on the Halpin property when and if the latter becomes available.

This broad proposal (including the several options) was approved for submission to the AHS executive board (June 9) and the AHS general board

meeting (June 10). It was noted that ASHS members of the committee are not bound to any one particular site for an office to house society functions. The potential of some of the peripheral areas behind the mansion and out-buildings were discussed. Parking space limitations were mentioned by Mr. Sanders as prominent obstacles to some of these areas.

The property in the vicinity of the mansion and extending along the ravine to the west boundary on GWMP was recommended as a site for various Horticultural uses, including plant growing situations, equipment storage, etc.

Mr. Sanders presented an access road sketch which included one main entry (existing) and a loop road running along the west or GWMP side of the property connecting to the main entry road.

Chairman Kehr introduced the subject of mansion utilization. It was generally agreed that it presently serves the needs of groups for meeting space and office space for AHS - ASHS and should also be considered as a location for a general library facility. It should not be open to the public as a historical site, but rather reserved for more group-oriented programs as well as the functions just mentioned.

Item 2. The concept of a Center or Foundation for the National Center for Horticulture - the original intent in Mrs. Haupt's gift of the property to AHS was for the property to serve as a Center for societies interested in the pursuit of educational aspects of Horticulture. At the April meeting the ASHS members brought forth the proposal that our Society and possibly ASPP would be interested in a relationship or National Center that operated under the Foundation or Center concept on a participating rather than tenant

basis. This was made a part of the recommendations for AHS board action (see Tukey minutes) for the June 9 and 10 AHS meetings.

Chairman Kehr asked Ed Crosby to outline the early development and concept behind the (NRRC) with emphasis on how this Center accommodates various societies. Subsequent to this discussion, the Foundation concept was reendorsed at this meeting. Mr. Jim Trees, AHS Legal Representative, also indicated that he has possession of some early AHS documents or provisions for the Center concept that reflect AHS interest in a multi society or National Center concept. Mr. Trees stated that a Corporation has been legally established and properly filed. He was given a copy of the (NRRC) legal documents and asked to consider the matter and come back with a "first-cut" of a proposal that would accommodate the present property and interested societies under a Foundation concept. Our committee members would like to be prepared with legal council to evaluate any proposed documents related to legal matters surrounding the establishment of a foundation.

The spirit of the committee discussion at this point was one of endorsement of the foundation concept and seeking for arrangements that would make possible satisfactory accommodations for all interested societies and protect the interests of AHS as the principal owner. It was voted that the 501 - C3 tax status would be required for societies to participate fully in property ownership arrangements.

Item 3. Other Points Mentioned and Discussed:

1. AHS President Cathey noted that AHS does not have originals or copies of the deed to the Haupt property, although he reaffirmed that the Enid Haupt Foundation had satisfied the last payment of the \$1,000,000 commitment.

2. Houston Baker, Business Executive of ASPP attended all meetings on the 9th and 10th for the purpose of expressing his board's interest in exploring a possible relationship with ASHS in seeking suitable headquarter accommodations (see footnote from the overall committee report). He expressed interest in the current River Farm discussions, and if AHS responses warrant, would consider introducing the details of the matter before his board this summer prior to our August meetings. It was suggested that the potential mutual ASHS - ASPP relationship be presented to the executive boards of both societies.

3. The potential interest of the Botanical Society of America in joining the River Farm Foundation concept - or at least using office facilities there - should be explored. Houston Baker agreed to contact Barbara Palser, President, BSA.

4. AHS has secured architectural services to assist with the overall architectural development of buildings at River Farm. It was mentioned that societies could obtain their own architects who would in turn coordinate through the master architect.

5. There are many mutually beneficial aspects of a joining of societies under the foundation concept. Shared facilities for printing, mailing, employee services, reception service and library services are but a few.

Houston Baker reported on May 30, 1976 that the ASPP Executive Committee instructed its Board of Trustees and Business Executive to investigate and recommend the manner of housing headquarters for the society in the future. Among the options to be considered is the possibility of purchasing or constructing a building jointly with another scientific society such as ASHS or BSA.

The one benefit recognized by all committee members is the enhanced effectiveness such a foundation would have in seeking funds from the private sector.

6. The mutuality and essentiality of related horticultural - plant science groups joining together as a Center for American Horticulture was recognized as a central core extending throughout all discussions.

7. Preliminary responses from AHS board members attending the AHS BOD afternoon (June 9) indicated a positive interest in entering into some form of joint relationship, possibly a Foundation arrangement, as recommended. They likely will wish to have ^{through} legal reports prepared by Trees. There may also be some resistance to the meadow location for office facilities ... a fact that would not displease ASHS members since we feel some of the ^{peripheral} areas around the present buildings would be suitable for office accommodations.

8. Any further substantive discussions of the NCAHLC or sub-groups with regard to ASHS must await a report from the AHS BOD or authorized spokesman. ASHS representatives feel that some written statement of intention is required before further negotiations can proceed and would be highly desirable before our August board meetings at LSU.

ASHS committee members strongly recommend that our society retain legal representation and appropriate services as soon as possible. It would be most desirable to have such services established on a yearly retainer basis so that these preliminary evaluations and opinions can be paid as a part of this retainer. It was the feeling of the group that legal advisement at the

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first stages of any arrangements regarding the location of a permanent home for ASHS could expedite such arrangements on the correct legal basis.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon by Chairman Kehr, who recapped the major provisions discussed in Items 1 and 2 and indicated the fact that they would be introduced to the subsequent AHS Executive Board and General Director's meetings.

James W. Strobel

MEETING OF ASHS REPRESENTATIVES AND HOUSTON BAKER

June 10, 1976

ASHS Headquarters - River Farm

A first draft of the proposed report of the NCAHLC to the ASHS Executive Board was edited, discussed and generally approved. It was noted that many specifics would be contingent upon official word from AHS board meetings.

It was also noted that legal services and continued NCAHLC committee functioning would be highly desirable.

A draft of the preliminary report should constitute a sufficient detailed record of this meeting.