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April 27, 1971

Dr. D.S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas 75079

Dear Don:

I was badly shaken up recently to hear of Lloyd Shinners death and wrote a letter to what I assumed to be the authorities at SMU asking for information as to his next-of-kin because I thought I would like to write him or her about my friendship with Lloyd and my sorrow that he is no longer with us. I never got an answer although that was more than a month ago. I also would like to have my memory refreshed as to the name of the graduate dean, a geologist, who protected Lloyd's position at SMU and hence (in my opinion) did a great service to botany. Can you provide me with the information?

I have already used your Flora of Texas from time to time and find it a most useful thing to have on my shelf. Best wishes to you and your good wife.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse  
Professor of Geology & Biology

P.S. Since I dictated this, Dr. Mahler has written and given me LHS's sister's address.

AT/mdw

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS 75079

October 8, 1969

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Associate Professor of Geology and Biology  
Deike Building  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear Al:

Your letter of September 29 has been received. Helen and I were glad of a chance to say hello to you at Seattle, but, as you mentioned, there is never any time at such occasions to really settle down and talk with one's friends.

All of our specimens in the herbarium and all those that are being inserted are being treated with Mystox. As to whether or not it is a permanent and good method, only time can answer this. Since we have never been bothered with insects in our material, except in material that was loaned to Missouri Botanical Garden, which apparently still suffers from insects, it is difficult to assess the efficacy of any protection. It certainly has not done any harm to our specimens and I would suggest that you try it out. We obtain Mystox (Lauryl Pentachlorophenate) from the following supplier:

Catomance Limited  
Bridge Road East  
Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire, England

We obtain the Mystox in 10-gallon lots (equivalent to 100 pounds).

Best of luck with your treatment.

Sincerely,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:am

September 29, 1969

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Botanical Laboratory  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas 75079

Dear Don:

It was good to see you and Helen at the International Congress, though as always I felt somewhat frustrated by having so little time to speak to my old friends.

I recently got a copy of Dr. Lundell's article on the method for applying Mystox to herbarium specimens. I thought I might take a crack at this because I have long been irritated at loss of specimens when I forget to treat with PDB often enough. Dr. Lundell's article is very complete except in one detail--I can't seem to find a supplier for Mystox. Could you tell me where you get yours, and whether you think the method is a good one? Thank you for your help.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Traverse  
Associate Professor of Geology  
and Biology

AT:kc

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

31 August 1965

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
5508 Coventry Lane  
Austin, Texas

Dear Al:

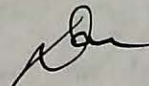
Your letter of August 30th just received. Helen and I want to congratulate you upon completing the seminary requirements that now make you a full fledged man of the cloth. It speaks well of your past training to have graduated in the upper 20% of your class!

We have a daughter entering the University of Texas this Fall and, of course, during the next four years we expect to visit Austin quite often. We do hope that we will have the opportunity to see you frequently when we do so.

We think that it is fine that you will be in Austin, where you will be able to associate with Marshall Johnston and others in the Department of Botany.

Again, best wishes for a most successful career.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll  
Head, Botanical Laboratory

DSC/vp

August 27, 1962

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

I sent you 91 duplicate specimens of my 1961 collections  
on August 24, 1962.

As you may already have heard, I am leaving here in  
September to enter the Episcopal seminary in Austin. I do not  
intend, however, to abandon botany, rather to combine it in some  
way with the Episcopal priesthood. So, you'll still be seeing  
me from time to time.

Best wishes as ever.

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:nw

bc: Dr. Traverse ✓  
Dr. Higgs

SHELL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

February 13, 1962

Mr. Alfred Traverse  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

This is just a delayed reaction to your recent letter. In the meantime, I hope that you received my letter giving you the address of the company that makes our cases and other information you requested regarding these.

I am glad to know that Lynn Lowrey is still in business. I am like you in that I often wonder how he stays in business if he has many friends upon whom he wishes to shower his goods. I do not think that he is as generous with everyone. He has a particular liking for botanists and anyone interested in the native vegetation and you know yourself that there are not too many people who wish to grow the obvious. For instance, I have quite a number of native plants scattered about the yard including two specimens of Ehretia anacua. One of these is about 10 ft. tall. Although I have had them growing for about three years I am not sure that they will have made the recent freeze that we had here in Dallas. I agree with you that they do form a beautiful little flowering tree. Another plant that you ought to grow in Houston is our native Texas persimmon, D. texana. I have a couple in my yard and, until the recent freeze, they have been ever-green. I do not know if they withstood our recent cold spell. It is, as you doubtless know, an attractive small tree or big bush, and as it grows the bark exfoliates and the trunk resembles crepe myrtle.

I hope all goes well with you and yours,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/ce

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

January 26, 1962

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston, Texas

Dear Al:

Our herbarium cases are made by Elliot Shiels Planing Mill which is located at 4001 East Side, Dallas. Our business office tells me that these cases run between \$70.00 and \$75.00 each.

It was good to hear from you and to know that all is going well with you and your work. I hope that it will be possible this spring to drop in to see you for a short visit. I expect to be in the field with a couple of men who are doing work on various families for the Flora of Texas. Since one of these is Cecile Ogden, who is interested in potamogetons and other water plants, we will probably be collecting around the bayous and lakes of South Texas.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/ce

OLD DEERFIELD BOND

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

June 21, 1961

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

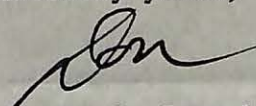
Dear Al:

I want to thank you for your consideration in sending us the 200 specimens from your 1960 collections. They arrived in good condition. They are a valuable addition to our herbarium and I want you to know that we appreciate having them. They will be recorded on our exchange arrangement.

As soon as I get out from under Solanum (!), we hope before September, I am going to pay you folks a visit. It may be later this fall but my intentions are good. In the meantime, don't hesitate to come up and visit with us.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:cm

June 13, 1961

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas


Dear Don:

Under separate cover I have sent you 200 specimens from my 1960 collections, per previous discussion of exchange between us.

Hope that all goes well with you and Helen. I always enjoy seeing you and hope that Betty and I can have a social evening with you both one of these months or years.

Best wishes as ever.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:pjh

bc: Technical Files

Information Copies:

Mr. Purcell's Binder

Dr. Higgs

Dr. Traverse ✓

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

January 4, 1961

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Company  
3737 Bellaire Boulevard  
Houston 25, Texas

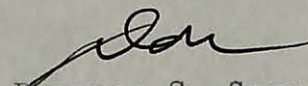
Dear Al:

As you will note from the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Purcell, we were unsuccessful in our request for support from your Company. I wonder if Mr. Smith ever saw my letter addressed to him?

We hope that you and yours had a most pleasant Holiday Season.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

December 27, 1960

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Dr. Correll:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1960, concerning your plans to prepare and publish a complete Flora of Texas.

We have carefully considered your request that we join other companies in financial support of this work but have concluded that at the present time we are not in a position to do so. Each year we receive many more requests for assistance of worthy research projects than can be accommodated from our extramural research funds, and we sincerely regret that we cannot lend our support to all such worthwhile projects as yours.

We wish you every success in this important undertaking.

Very truly yours,

W. R. PURCELL

For: Noyes D. Smith, Jr.  
Vice President

WRP:imm

cc: Technical Files

Information Copies: D. V. Higgs  
A. Traverse ✓  
Vice President's Binder  
W. R. Purcell's Binder  
Technical Information Binder

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

November 10, 1960

Dear Al:

For some unaccountable reason I just received your postcard of Nov. 3 - perhaps the excitement of the election was too much for postoffice employees.

I hasten to tell you that I will not be here on Friday, November 18, but I will be here on the 17th. We would like to see you when you come up and, if you wish to accept our invitation, we would be glad to have you stay with us.

I am still fighting Solanum most of the time. I expect to clear this up before too long.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan Correll

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

November 2, 1960

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Co.  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

I want to thank you for your nice letter recently in which you wrote encouragingly of the possibility of the Foundation obtaining a grant from the Shell Development Co. We think that it would probably be best to wait until after the election to do anything about making this request, but we shall certainly do so before the end of this year.

As you have requested, this approach will be made independently without any mention of you or anyone else, but we will certainly appreciate any boost that you might give it if any occasion arises for you to do so.

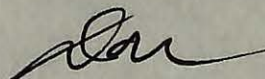
It seems as though everytime I write to you of late I am requesting something, but as you know, it is usually for a good cause. Perhaps in some way we can reciprocate someday by doing something worthwhile and helpful to you. I am sure that if a Flora could ever be completed, it would be something of great use.

When you get an opportunity to do so, come up to see us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:AJ

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

October 7, 1960

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
3737 Bellaire Boulevard  
Houston, Texas

Dear Al:

Last year you suggested that your Company might be interested in giving some direct support to our work on the flora of Texas. Since we are now in the midst of a drive to obtain funds for our next five year's operating expenses, I thought it would be an appropriate time to look into your suggestion.

We would like to ask the Shell Development Company to pledge, or grant, \$1,000 a year over the next five year period in support of our operating budget. The money would be used directly in our work on the flora. Would you be good enough to give us your opinion regarding this, and also tell us to whom we should make a formal approach?

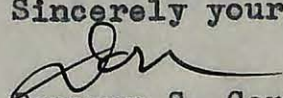
Some tangible returns for your contribution would not only be our published floristic work, but we could also provide you with duplicate specimens of the collections made through your support and, if you wish, pollen samples could be obtained for you.

In line with the above, we want you to know that we have applied to the National Science Foundation for support to produce a MANUAL of the flora of Texas. Marshall Johnston plans to join me in this work. The grant you might give us would supplement this support from the National Science Foundation.

If you wish, I could come to Houston and meet with the officials of your Company who are concerned with approving grants.

With best wishes and many thanks for your cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

May 24, 1960


<sup>22</sup>  
Dr. Donovan S. Cowell  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

Sorry to confuse you re the supposed mixed numbers. I don't remember why you didn't get sheets of those numbers. I shall endeavor to move you nearer the top of the priority list.

We are going to be gone on vacation soon. We'll be back on June 19 and I hope your visit will come after that date so that I'll be here to greet you. I am in the throes of being moved from one set of rooms to another, but the move should be completed by the time your visit materializes. It would surely be good to see you again.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

May 19, 1960

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Company  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

Although I talked <sup>with</sup> you by telephone the other day, at which time I mentioned receiving the specimens which you were good enough to send us, I would like to acknowledge it formally. The 165 specimens arrived in good condition and have been inserted in our herbarium. These are being credited to your exchange account.

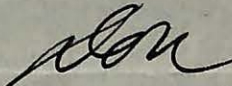
I hope to be able to see you sometime during the next couple of weeks.

Your letter with the two labels has arrived in the meantime. We did not receive either one of these species in the set which you sent to us. I am enclosing the labels which you might wish to have.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:AJ  
Encl.

May 6, 1960


Dr. Donovan Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don,

There seems to be a possibility, based on circumstantial evidence, that two of the sheets I sent recently have switched labels. Fortunately, it is unequivocal and easy to check. The numbers are 1215 and 1216. The species concerned are Juncus marginatus Rostk. and Helianthemum rosmarinifolium Pursh. Will you kindly check those sheets?

If you have a rush labelled Helianthemum, or a yellow-petalled item labelled Juncus, please use the enclosed labels to make the required change.

Yours very truly,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:ns

*File: herbarium exchange*

April 27, 1960

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

Under separate cover I have sent you a set of my 1959 collections. A list of my numbers is attached.

In the future I believe it will be necessary for me to provide unmounted material--we can use the saved time in field work! As I have mentioned to you previously, Gulf Coast plants that may be surplus in your herbarium would be most welcome in exchange--we can perhaps chat a bit more about that when I am next in Dallas.

Do not fail to look me up when you're in Houston if you can possibly spare the time.

Best regards to yourself and Helen.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Attachment

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

Texas Research Foundation

866-878; 880-884; 886-917; 919-921; 927-930; 939; 942; 944; 951; 953-955;

957-958; 966-969; 975; 979; 982; 986; 989-990; 992; 994-998; 1000-1001;

1003; 1006-1008; 1011-1012; 1014-1016; 1018-1019; 1022-1028; 1032; 1058;

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1080; 1098; 1107-1114; 1145-1147; 1149-1151; 1153-1154; 1156; 1158-1160;

1162-1168; 1184-1185; 1191; 1195; 1272-1273; 1275; 1278-1279; 1283-1284;

1286-1287; 1296; 1311-1318; 1322-1323; 1325-1326; 1331-1332; 1363.

October 2, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory  
Texas Research Foundation  
Rrner, Texas

Dear Don:

Concerning your letters of September 25 and 26, 1959, I have taken up the matter of possible support for the publication of the valuable contribution on the Salicaceae. I regret that it turns out that our funds for support of research projects are fully committed through 1960. I very much hope that support can be obtained from some other source, as I do feel strongly that the Flora of Texas is a useful research tool and will be more and more useful as the various incomplete parts are completed and published.

Looking forward to seeing you one of these months, I am

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

## SHELL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

REFERENCE

DATE 28 September, 1959

TO Dr. Higgs

FROM A. Traverse

SUBJECT Attached correspondence and request for  
support for the Flora of Texas*Don:*

*Reorganized*

In Montreal Dr. Correll, who is one of the most respected botanists in the country, chatted with me about his organization's progress toward completing the worthwhile project ~~on~~ the Flora of Texas. He had heard about our support of Professor Tharp's project at the University of Texas and asked whether there ~~was~~ a possibility of similar help for the F. o. T. I replied that I didn't know, but that if he would put the request in a form of a letter, I would make formal inquiry.

In previous years my budget has included an item for support of projects of this sort, but this year I did not list any item of this nature. In my opinion, publication of this volume on the Salicaceae would be a considerable contribution to understanding of Texas Gulf Coast plants, and, if there is money available, I would recommend some measure of support...say \$500, of whatever there is available. If it served as a shot in the arm for the project in general, that would be very, very good. When complete, it will be a great aid to research.

*AT*

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

September 25, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

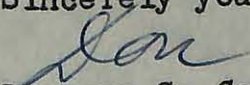
As you know, Texas Research Foundation is actively engaged in the work of producing a FLORA OF TEXAS. The various plant families, or parts of families, have been and are being written by the foremost authorities in their field. Thus far, a number of families have been published. At present, Dr. Reed C. Rollins is preparing the Cruciferae (Mustard Family), Dr. I. M. Johnston the Boraginaceae (Forget-me-not Family) and Mr. E. C. Leonard the Acanthaceae (Water-willow Family)

The Salicaceae, which, as you know, comprises Salix (willows) and Populus (cottonwoods) has just been completed. Dr. Carleton E. Ball was able to finish Salix just before his death. I have written up Populus. This family and the Index will complete Volume 3. This manuscript was submitted to the printers for an estimate of cost. We have just been notified that the cost of completing Volume 3, which includes publication of Part 6, the Index, and binding, will be approximately \$2,500.00

Since your organization has a particular interest in plant life and perhaps has need for such a FLORA as ours, we are wondering if you would consider supporting the publication and completion of Volume 3? As you must realize, a large portion of the cost of such a project, which includes plant exploration and preparation of the manuscript, is behind us. What we are asking is support only for its publication. Any consideration that you may give to our request will be greatly appreciated. ||

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

MEMBERS PAID  
LD DEERFIELD BOND  
COTTON CONTENT

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

September 26, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

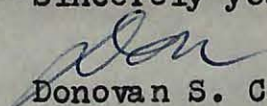
Yesterday I wrote you a more or less formal letter in which Texas Research Foundation made a request to your organization for financial support in completing the publication of Volume 3 of the FLORA OF TEXAS. We certainly hope that you will look with favor upon our request.

I am to meet Howard Gentry in Parral, Chihuahua, next Wednesday, October 1, for several weeks of work in the southwestern part of that state. This means that I will be somewhat out of circulation for several weeks. In the meantime, if your office wishes further information regarding our request, or if you wish to get in touch with us for any other reason, I would appreciate your writing to Dr. C. L. Lundell, Director of the Foundation.

We hope that you had a most profitable and pleasant time in Montreal. I regretted having to leave early, but, as I told you, I had too much work awaiting me in Wisconsin. The wild potatoes under cultivation at Sturgeon Bay were in top shape.

Again, many thanks for what you may do for us,

Sincerely yours,

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

July 20, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
3737 Bellaire Blvd.  
Houston 25, Texas

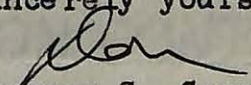
Dear Al:

Many thanks for sending Mrs. Gohdes the paper on palynology. I don't want to appear to be selfish, but if you have another copy that you could spare me I might be able to learn the elements of the subject. I know next to nothing about the subject so I need to start from scratch, as you say of the article.

I am trying to get things squared away for the trip to Montreal and points east and north, starting on the 31st. If you make it I hope to see you in Montreal or some other point in that neck of the woods.

Again, many thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

July 10, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

I am sending Mr. Gohdes a copy of a paper on palynology that one of the Shell palynologists published several years ago that starts from scratch and develops the subject pretty well into its technical ramifications. It is accurate and detailed, but not over the head of a person with some knowledge of botany and geology. I hope this fills the bill.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

July 3, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Shell Development Company  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

When I was at Duke University a few weeks ago, Mrs. Clarence Gohdes, 2737 Circle Drive, Durham, North Carolina, wife of Professor Gohdes at the University asked me if I could tell her whether the age of rock is determined by pollen or vice versa. Not being a palynologist, I was unable to give her any help. I told her, however, that I had a friend, meaning you, who might be able to help her in this matter. If this is the case, I would certainly appreciate your dropping her a note regarding her inquiry and, if possible, give her some reference which she might look up for detailed reading.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

June 24, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Exploration and Production Research Division  
Shell Development Company  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

Your letter of June 18 and the specimens awaited me when I returned to the office after a trip to Washington. We do appreciate these additional specimens, and they have been incorporated in our Herbarium.

I have been on the go quite a bit lately and am looking forward to spending at least July doing some lab work. I don't know when I will get down to Houston, but don't let that keep you from paying us a visit whenever you have an opportunity to do so.

Again, many thanks and with best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

June 8, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

In going through our herbarium I have found a small additional set of duplicates, which I have sent you. Again, for the record, the numbers concerned are:

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 4-6   | 83                              |
| 10    | 95                              |
| 17    | 109                             |
| 20    | 114                             |
| 22    | 145                             |
| 24-25 | 147                             |
| 27-28 | 149                             |
| 31    | 157                             |
| 33    | 200                             |
| 37    | 228                             |
| 41-42 | 237                             |
| 47    | 254                             |
| 49-50 | 256                             |
| 53-54 | 298                             |
| 71    | <u>337</u>                      |
| 74    |                                 |
| 81    |                                 |
|       | 39 Total number of<br>specimens |

I have your letter of June 4 and am, of course, pleased that you were impressed with the quality of our specimens. By comparing those with these in the second shipment, I am sure you will agree that we have improved our mounting and labeling techniques!

There is absolutely no hurry about the specimens you may wish to send. I look on this as a continuing exchange and will take a very relaxed attitude about it.


Dr. Donovan S. Correll

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I am looking forward to seeing you again one of these months and, really, it doesn't make any great difference to me whether it is in Houston or Renner, except I'd like you to see our herbarium, meet my family, etc.

Vive Solanum!

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:pjd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

June 4, 1959

Dr. Alfred Traverse  
Exploration and Production Research Division  
Shell Development Company  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

I want to thank you for the specimens which arrived safely and are already in the Herbarium. I showed Dr. Lundell some of the representative specimens, and he asked me to express the gratitude of the Foundation for your kindness in making available to our Herbarium such nice specimens. We will be happy to receive a duplicate of any collections you make in the future. As I mentioned to you earlier, we will have thousands of specimens for exchange as soon as I can get the present urgent potato problem out of the way. I expect to be ready for the press before the end of next year. Unless you are in a hurry for exchange material, I would like to delay until this problem is finished. In the meantime, send us any materials which you have available.

The next time I am in the Houston area, I shall certainly plan to stop off for a visit. It so happens that I have not been down to Houston recently except for a rapid in-and-out trip earlier this spring. You are always welcome to come to see us, and we look forward to your visits.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

May 26, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:


I have just sent you via Railway Express my remaining duplicates of the 1958 collections made in Texas. Since a large part of our field season was spent in Florida last year, this is not a very impressive list of plants. Beginning this year I am collecting enough specimens of each number (wherever possible) to provide you with one. For the record, the numbers sent this year are:

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| 353-360 | 738-739        |
| 362-363 | 741-747        |
| 365-366 | 753            |
| 371-375 | 757-758        |
| 378-384 | 761            |
| 386-392 | 763-764        |
| 397-404 | 766-779        |
| 406-408 | 782            |
| 410-413 | 784-786        |
| 415-426 | 788-806        |
| 517     | 808-835        |
| 520     | <u>837-865</u> |
| 522-526 |                |
| 529-531 |                |
| 533-538 |                |

Total number of specimens: 183

As we discussed earlier this year, I should like to regard this as an exchange, though I shall not hold you to a one-for-one exchange, nor will I expect that the things you sent me be mounted and labeled. Ours will be, unless you request that we not mount them. Any good material from Texas, or the general Gulf Coast-Caribbean area, will be welcome.

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:pjd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

RENNER, TEXAS

March 17, 1959

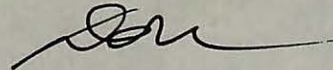
Dr. Alfred Traverse  
P. O. Box 481  
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Al:

I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me the photostatic copy of Kate Anderson's article. We appreciate your trouble in having it nicely bound for us.

We enjoyed having you visit with us and look forward to your early return to the Dallas area. You are always welcome at the Corrells' domicile.

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC/mdr

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

December 15, 1958

Dr. A. F. Traverse  
3737 Bellaire Boulevard  
Houston 25, Texas

Dear Al:


When I returned from Washington I found your note regarding your work which you were good enough to send to me. I suppose that you are providing Lloyd Shinnars with a duplicate of your collections in which case I suppose it would be futile to ask you to prepare a duplicate of any of your Texas collections for us. Since we are dedicated to publishing a Flora of Texas, we naturally like all the collections that we can obtain from the state.

Our Director, Dr. Lundell, is <sup>Guatemala</sup> planning to do some Botanical work on the Tikal ruins in ~~Southern Mexico~~. One of the things he expects to do is to collect pollen of the various species. He asked me to find out what method, including containers, you use in dealing with your collections of pollen. We should appreciate your advise regarding this. Dr. Lundell suggested that if you happen to be up this way in the near future, he should like very much to talk with you. If you can manage to do so, please plan to visit with us. We should be glad to have you stay at our home while you are here.

With best wishes of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

  
Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:jjh

PS. The Tikal ruins are in Guatemala (my mistake). Is there a good reference work available on palynology? DSC.

December 19, 1958

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

I enjoyed getting your letter of December 15. Re the duplicate sets: I am depositing a set with S. M. U., with the Missouri Botanical Garden, with Chicago Museum of Natural History, and with Harvard. I have been thinking that I ought to deposit at the University of Texas as well. As you can see, this is already five sets, which is getting to be something of a project. However, I can certainly see that you have a legitimate claim on a set for your work on the flora. Let's explore the matter a little further. Would you be willing to exchange with me? The sets I provide are mounted, labeled, and determined, but I would not necessarily expect quid pro quo, especially if you are willing to help me, as you did in October, with determinations that friend Shinners can't handle.

Re collection of pollen: I have been wondering if I shouldn't write a paper on this subject, since there is so much interest in it and quite a bit of misinformation current. It is best not to collect pollen in vials, though I can describe some excellent techniques for doing it that way. By far the best procedure for collecting pollen is to collect flowering material in quite the usual way. Herbarium sheets are the ideal source, since they provide an automatic permanent record, and they can be used for critical determination and for indisputable reference. I have made excellent pollen preparations from herbarium material 150 years old.

I appreciate the invitation to revisit you and Dr. Lundell, concerning these and other matters that may be of mutual interest, and indeed I had been planning to visit the Dallas region in early January. Is that soon enough to count as the "near future"? If so, let's tentatively say January 12. Since I have a number of other engagements in the vicinity, I think it would be best for me to decline your very gracious offer to stay in your lovely home, which I know would be a


Dr. Donovan S. Correll

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lot of fun for me. I should like to take a raincheck on the offer for some future visit, though!

Wishing you a happy holiday season, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:pjd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

January 6, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

I returned to the office today after several weeks' absence occasioned by a persistent and puzzling streptococcus infection that turned out to be the result of an abscessed and impacted wisdom tooth. The offending member having been removed, I now feel much better.


Only trouble is that I have got so far behind here that there is no question of my visiting Dallas at this time. I am hoping that I can make it during February as there are a number of things I need to attend to in the area. This will not be soon enough for me to talk to you and Dr. Lundell before he leaves, I suppose, but that's just one of those bad bounces of the ball. I certainly hope this doesn't inconvenience you.

In looking over the correspondence we have had, I note that I failed to answer the question you asked me about palynological reference books. The three best books to look at are:

1. Faegri, K. and Iversen, J. Text-book of Modern Pollen Analysis. Ejnar Munksgaard, Copenhagen, 160 pp. 1950.
2. Erdtman, G. An Introduction to Pollen Analysis. Chronica Botanica, Waltham, Mass. 1954, 239 pp.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Pollen Morphology and Plant Taxonomy. Angiosperms. Chronica Botanica, 1952, 539 pp.

Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

  
Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Shell Development Company

Exploration and Production Research Division

February 27, 1959

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas

Dear Don:

Thanks for a very nice and informative visit. I look forward to many future contacts. I enjoyed the social part of the visit too, and appreciate the efforts Helen took to make me feel welcome. She is a delightful person.

The package for your daughter was duly delivered, though I didn't take the time to have her called down from her room, since the Turners were waiting for me outside in their car.

Best wishes as ever.

Very truly yours,



Alfred Traverse

AT:mpd

Shell Development Company  
Exploration and Production Research Division

TEXAS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
RENNER, TEXAS

October 17, 1958

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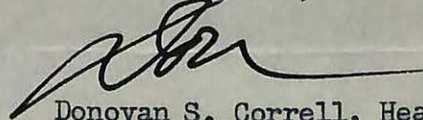
Dear Al:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Shell News. The write up gives us a better idea of what you are doing. I think that it is mighty fine that the Shell Company supports such research.

We enjoyed having you visit with us and hope that it will not be too long before you can drop in to see us again.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Donovan S. Correll, Head  
Botanical Laboratory

DSC:jjh

October 10, 1958

Dr. Donovan S. Correll  
Texas Research Foundation  
Renner, Texas


Dear Dr. Correll:

Many thanks for the fine hospitality extended to me by you and Mrs. Correll during my recent visit in Dallas. I hope that this is the beginning of a mutually interesting relationship. I certainly was mightily impressed by your fine facilities in Renner, and I appreciate your willingness to determine those ferns and orchids for me.

As I said in Renner, please do visit us if you should be in Houston with sufficient time to spare.

Best wishes.

Yours very truly,

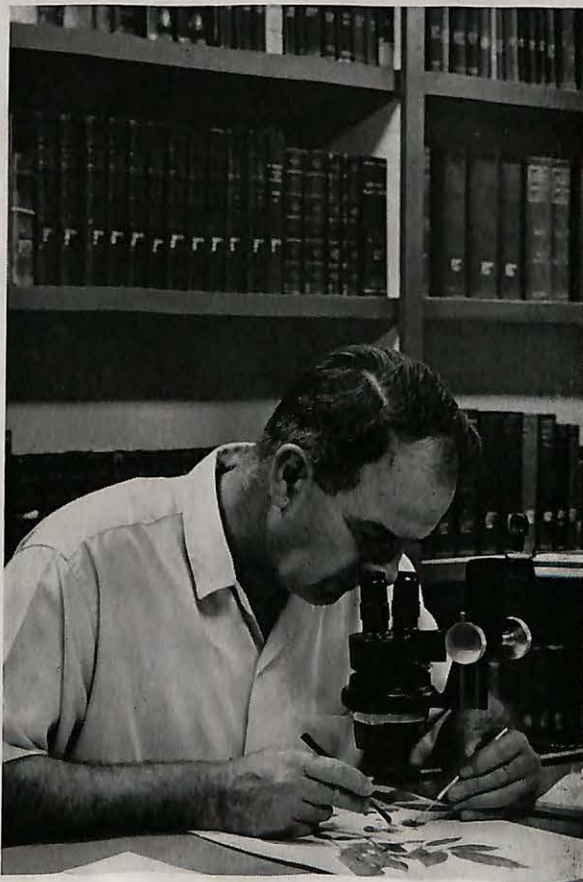
  
Alfred Traverse

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