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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
DIVISION OF AGROSTOLOGY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.



July 14
Dr. P. V. Boile
Div. Botany. Dept. Agr. Washington

Dear Sir:—

I have ~~written~~^{wrote} you concerning
a special agency for your div. in Cuba and
as you replied that the time had not arrived
for such a trip. I accepted a temporary
appointment under Prof. Scribner. This however
will not prohibit me from considering an
appointment in your division as my
appointment here lasts but 3 months.

I wrote you some time ago concerning the purchase
of a set of my Cuban plant collected in 1896 and
you were not then prepared to purchase one. I now
give you another and a last chance, for I have
but one set left, numbering about 635 numbers
and sell at 100 per set. Would you like it? Yours truly
Robt. Combs
Formerly of Ames Iowa