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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

Dear Brother Hodge:

If you sent me the photo, nay portrait, of me--many thanks. Many thanks, anyway. It is quite shocking. I have imagined myself as a quiet sort of fellow, demure, even shrinking. Your photo shows a robust, sardonic, lecherous old goat, evidently coarsened and hardened by the buffets of life, leering at the world, the right eye half closed since a bale of army goods in a warehouse on the Seattle waterfront fell on it shortly after the first world war. I suppose this is all so shocking because I do not recall having had a picture made for many years, except snapshots while ~~trudging~~ trudging along mtn. trails, etc. This is indeed a fitting ~~portraiture~~ portrait of the founder of The Society for the Selective Extermination of the Human Species. No pushing, please; the line will form on the right. Who wishes to become a charter member?

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Carl Linde Jones.

Nov. 30, 1963.