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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.

Monsieur

Monsieur Merat

ruel des Saints pères n° 17 bis

Paris 9 9bre 1838

Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser un peu
de la graine d'Alfalfa ou Luzerne
du Chili, envoyée à M^r Viturion
au printemps dernier par un de ses
fils élève de Marine.

J'ajouterais qu'il ne serait pas possible
à la graine de distinguer cette Luzerne
de la nôtre - & que la graine de notre
Luzerne varie en grosseur, en longueur,
en forme & en couleur suivant l'année
le terrain le climat: ainsi nous pourrions
aisément distinguer des graines recollées
en Provence, en Poitou, en Beauvais ou
en Bourgogne —

Je profite de l'occasion pour vous
faire voir ma Po-tsai venue en
bonne saison. Je n'ai pas voulu
en présenter avant hier la Société
parce qu'ils seront plus beaux à la
prochaine séance
J'ai l'honneur de vous

Saluer tout devant le service

L. L. Lacrara