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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.

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Jan. 14. 42
Dear Dr. Menninger.

Yours Your interview is the
best I ever saw printed. I
read it to Mrs Fairchild &
she said "Just like you
dear Doctor"

I am pleased and en-
couraged with your interest
in what we are trying to
do here to keep alive a
center of aesthetic things that
are living - not merely things
made by human hands - fine
as these are.

The dark clouds over

the Orients are Ominous enough.

Did you ever stop to think how impenetrable will be that world of superb beautiful plants, scenes, animals etc where the Japanese take over the Dutch East Indies? None of us have been wise enough to learn their language & difficult ^{about them} signs and their literature will be closed to the English speaking world.

In 1844 the U.S. sent an Admiral to Berlin to teach the Germans how to build a Navy ~~the had none~~

In 1912 only 4 years after the first public airplane flight Curtis had officers from the Japanese Navy at Hammondsport

DAVID FAIRCHILD
THE KAMPONG, 4013 DOUGLAS ROAD
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA

Teaching them to fly & to make
Airplanes.

There is no use trying to solve
Wars by mechanical means.

They get worse & worse
War is an insanity of the
human animal and hates are
the breeders of combat and
war. To hate is to yield
to ones animalistic nature to
bark and bite.

But I am no bracher
even if my father and two uncles
were.

Sincerely

David Fairchild.

FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDEN

BOX 407, COCONUT GROVE
FLORIDA

Nov. 18. 53.

Dear Menninger.

No. I don't think the
Mucuna bennettii has ever
been flowered in North America.
As I understand, it is the true
"D'Albertis Creeper"

An Assistant Botanist of
the Forestry Department sent
me a few seeds from New Guinea
of what he called Mucuna Nuova-
Guineensis the other day but
didn't say if the flowers were
red or not. I have written
him to find out.

If your seeds grow do please
send us a plant when yours
grow.

A. G. Lloyd of Lae, New Guinea
is the man who recently sent
me these Mucuna seeds from New
Guinea. It was a great pleasure to see
you a few days ago. Kindest regards
David Fairchild

EDWIN A. MENNINGER
"THE FLOWERING TREE MAN"
P. O. DRAWER 45
STUART, FLORIDA

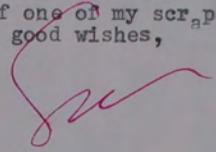
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Dr George H M Lawrence
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Dear George

I pulled this old letter out of one of my scrapbooks as
you have more use for it than I have. All good wishes,





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