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Gnetum

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Fagelund

Dear Dr Eames,

In the middle of July I am starting for Ecuador. On the way I will also visit the botanical garden of Port of Spain, some places in Venezuela and Barro Colorado in the Canal Zone. If possible I will also stop at some other places in the northern parts of South America. I intend to stay in the tropics for about an year. The intention with the trip is to collect morphological, embryological and cytological material in order to be able to complete some of my earlier investigations. I am still very interested of Gnetum, of Piperales, Santalales, Balanophorales and Rubiales.

When it is the question of Gnetum my interest concentrates itself to the following point: is there double fecundation or not, is there a secondary as well as a primary endosperm? Now I knew that Gnetum is growing inside Ecuador but also that it will be rather difficult to find it there. During the congress here in Stockholm Dr Furi told me that he had studied

the morphology of the Gnetum-ovula during his stay in USA and that you had provided the material from some place in then northern part of South America. I should be very glad if it is possible for you to tell me a place where I can be sure to find the desired Gnetum material.

With best regards to your wife and to yourself

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