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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.

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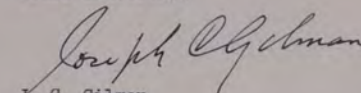
Dear Dr. Ray:

Thank you for your comments on my letter to Dr. Gerard. I agree with your opinions on the points in question. I am sure we should program our meetings with the A.I.B.S. but I would like to see a little better coordination between the two programs. At Minneapolis, for instance, the Mycol. Soc. program started the morning meetings at 9:00 and the A.I.B.S. started the same meetings at 9:30. I don't know where the slip occurred, but it was a bit disconcerting to the chairmen involved.

As to the placement committees I expect that the more places that listings of openings and candidates appear the better. What I fear is that the A.I.B.S., being larger and also richer, will, once it is established, come back at the societies with the logical argument that since they are covering the field there is no need for the society's listings and thus the societies can save money and energy by letting the A.I.B.S. do the job. This is the technique of the camel and the tent and I sense that the A.I.B.S. is operating along those lines. That being the case the alternatives are but two; give up in the beginning or not let it get started. It would be fine if we can work together for the good of both but too often the stronger absorbs the weaker in this world.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,


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