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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.

from Wilton

BRITISH LEGATION

RIGA, March 7, 1922.

Dear Sir David,

You asked me a long time ago to try and ascertain the whereabouts of some of your former friends who had been left behind in Russia. I have at last been able to find out something about two of them:-

Mr. Boris Fedtschenko is quite well, and is still working at the Botanical Gardens at Petrograd. A letter addressed to him at the gardens would reach him all right.

Doctor Fischer von Waldheim has died.

There are several Madames Lunin. Please let me have her christian name and if possible

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Sir David Prain, F. R. S.

to Prain 7.III-1922

her father's christian name.

The same applies also as concerns M. Anatole Serebriakoff, which is a very common name.

If you will kindly let me have this additional information, I will communicate with Moscow and find out what I can about M-me Lunin and Mr. Serebriakoff.

I was very sorry indeed to see from the Times that you had resigned your post at Kew Gardens but I have no doubt that you require a rest after your strenuous work all these years.

With kindest regards to you and Lady Prain,

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Wilson