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THE STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

August 3, 1937

IN REPLYING TO THIS LETTER
PLEASE ADDRESS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

Dr. Carleton R. Ball
Extension Service
U. S. D. A.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Ball:

I am returning herewith your correspondence with Mr. W. N. Saksdorf which you so kindly loaned to me. I have had copies made of his letters to him, I have had copies made of his letters to you so that a complete file will be available in the Department of Botany at the State College.

I wish to thank you again for your kind permission to use this material.

Very truly yours,

F. L. Pickett

F. L. Pickett, Head
Department of Botany

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Extension Service

August 11, 1937

Prof. F. L. Pickett,
Dept. of Botany,
Washington State College,
Pullman, Washington.

Dear Professor Pickett:

I am in receipt of your letter of August three and the correspondence between Wm. H. Saksdorff and me, which I sent to Dr. Lincoln Constance on March 7th.

On examining the material returned, I find that you have sent back to me the original of the letters I wrote to Saksdorff, instead of the carbon copies which I sent Constance.

It would seem to me that these original letters from me to him should be in your files, as they discuss the willows he sent me for identification.

If you will return the carbon copies I sent, I will be glad to return to you all these originals.

I find with my correspondence as returned, a letter to S. from a doctor named Ball, with account. Also a letter from me on Jany. 5, 1902, which was not concerned with willows but official grass publications. Also my letter to Constance on March 7. These I am inclosing herewith.

Cordially Yours,

Carleton R. Ball

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August 12, 1937

IN REPLYING TO THIS LETTER
PLEASE ADDRESS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

Dr. Carleton R. Ball
Extension Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

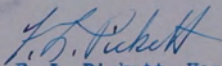
My dear Dr. Ball:

When I came to check through the Suksdorf material, I found that through a slip in this office, there had been returned to you your original letters to Suksdorf, and that at least a part of the copies of those letters, which belong to you, had been kept here.

If you will be so kind as to do so, I would like for you to return the whole mass of correspondence. I shall take time to go through it very carefully myself, so as to be sure that all of your material gets back to you safely, and that we have the originals of your letters to Suksdorf and copies of his letters to you. I am arranging all of his correspondence so it will be easily available in the herbarium or in the State College library.

I regret very much that this mistake has occurred.

Very truly yours,


F. L. Pickett, Head
Department of Botany

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(See over)

Extension Service

September 1, 1937

Professor F. L. Pickett,
Head, Department of Botany,
State College of Washington,
Pullman, Washington.

Dear Professor Pickett:

On my recent return to Washington I find your letter of August 12 asking that I return the correspondence with Saksdorf, because the originals of my letters to him had been sent me and my carbon copies thereof retained in your office. I had already discovered that fact and written you about it on August 11.

In accordance with your request, I am returning the entire file of letters herewith. At your convenience I will be glad to receive what I originally sent you.

Cordially Yours,

Carleton R. Ball
Exec. Secretary

Please address me at Extension Service, U.S. Dept. Agric.

THE STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON
COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND ARTS

December 10, 1937

IN REPLYING TO THIS LETTER
PLEASE ADDRESS
DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
STATE COLLEGE OF WASHINGTON
PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

Dr. Carlton R. Ball
Extension Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Ball:

I have finally found time to carefully check over the Suksdorf correspondence which you kindly returned to me late in the summer. It is now all arranged and ready for binding and preservation.

Read
Mar 7, 1938
Apr. 7, 1938

To my surprise, I have found no correspondence between 1902 and 1916. Neither is there any correspondence between 1916 and 1922. This fact makes me wonder whether or not a part of the correspondence has been lost. Since there are no original letters from Mr. Suksdorf to you in that period in your collection, and no originals from you to Suksdorf within the same periods in the Suksdorf correspondence, I am inclined to think that nothing passed between you.

I would be glad to have any information you can furnish touching this matter.

Very truly yours,

F. L. Pickett

F. L. Pickett, Head
Department of Botany

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Extension Service

December 17, 1937

Prof. F. L. Pickett,
Department of Botany,
Washn. State College,
Pullman, Washington.

Dear Professor Pickett:

Your letter of December 10 received, together with the correspondence between me and Sukadoff between Feb'y 7, 1922; and April 7, 1927.

In your letter you speak of there being no letters between 1902 and 1916, and between 1916 and 1922. This leads me to believe that you did find my letter to him on November 6, 1916, which I had overlooked. That your record may be complete, I am sending you a copy of his letter to me, of June 1, 1916, to which mine was a reply.

As to the gap between 1916 and 1922, you will note that his letter to me on Feb'y. 22, 1922, transmitted willows collected earlier than 1922. My letter to him on March 18, 1922; shows that I sent him the determinations of his willows collected in Spokane Co. in 1916, and in Klickitat and Skamania Cos., in 1920-1921.

So far as I am aware, his letter of June 1, 1916 was the first I had ever received from him. No willows were received before 1922, but these included 1916 collections, as noted above.

Cordially Yours

Carleton R. Ball
Executive Secretary