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Dr. Degener,

Please forgive my oversight
in sending you an Ambiguous
Check. Enclosed find stamps for
the difference involved.

I received the books and I
appreciate your friendly
kindness in sending the other
titles.

I should like to visit the
Islands. It must be very beautiful
there in many ways. Besides, I'd like
to get some materials for the Museum.

Very sincerely

Clyde T. Reed

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CLYDE T. REED
Director

Dr. Degener, I just got your note. It went to the W. of Tampa (in Prof. Emeritus from there now) and it was not sent on to me at once.

Enclosed you will find my check for \$15.70. I hope \$5 pays transportation

Best of the Season to you there in your beautiful Island home.

Sincerely,

Clyde T. Reed

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Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791.
April 26, 1968.

Dear Prof. Adams:

Mrs. Degener & I purchased a "mountain house" on the Island of Hawaii and spend half our time there and half here at the beach. Our correspondence, therefore, is divided between two islands & I guess that on *Hypericum* is on Hawaii out of reach.

We are labeling our recent catch of plants on Hawaii m & have the accompanying nos. to submit to you for critical identification. Shall we three "east" jointly into print again?

We should complete Book 7 next year, but of course individual fascicles would be printed just as soon as enough ms., is available for a form.

It is a funny thing that we have not yet observed any one of these *H.* species naturalized here on Oahu, in spite of their tiny seeds that seemingly could so easily be carried from place to place by some hiker.

When you see Mrs. Yunker, please extend to her our fond aloha. The Yunkers lived in our beach home years ago. Tell her we have not a single pigeon.

Sincerely,

April 30, 1968

Dr. David B. Dunn
Department of Botany
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri 65202

Dear Dave:

The specimens requested in your letter of April 14 to F. A. Taylor are on their way. You would have saved time by writing to the Department of Botany or directly to me, as all leguminous letters end up on my desk, anyway. Mr. Taylor's present position is rather remote from us.

I added to the lot a few more unidentified Mexican lupines that have turned up since your previous loans were sent. I hope you will be able to return some of our specimens reasonably soon because you have a sizeable number, about 1000, I believe. You may return a partial loan. It is not necessary to wait and return everything at one time, as is the rule at many institutions. If I didn't know that Lupinus is a very difficult group and that, hopefully, our material will be annotated authoritatively, I would have been more frugal in pulling this most recent loan for you. More and more our policy has been to save wear and tear on the specimens by encouraging people to use some of their grant money to come here, and then only borrow the most critical specimens.

Thanks for the various reprints that you have sent. Since I usually have to evaluate your grant proposals, I am glad to be kept posted on your progress.

As to my efforts on the Mexican legumes, of which your work on Lupinus might have been a part, the project has met a series of vicissitudes. First of all, it has been and will be necessary to make a number of revisionary studies in order to arrive at the correct names. Some taxa still are iffy and must be checked in Europe. The first part, Sophoreae and Podalyriaceae, was submitted last July for publication in the Contributions of the U. S. Nat. Herb. I was about to write to you that the Contributions would now take papers with morphological, cytological, etc. data when I heard rumors of lack of funds, change of policy, etc. In January, my typescript was returned to me --- no money! So, having had it, I sent the paper to Rhodora and, presumably, it will be published this summer. There is a rumor that the Smithsonian Press would prefer to publish best-selling books rather than our kind of papers and, possibly, will eliminate the Contributions as such. A recent letter from one of the Mexican botanists mentions that "the Annals of the Biological Institute" will accept papers in English or French from "foreign" biologists. If interested, write to Ramon Riba at the University in Mexico City.

Dr. David B. Dunn

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Good luck and best wishes, also from Darellyn Weber, who is with us now, as you may know.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

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May 6, 1968

DR. Velva Rudd
Curator,
Dept. of Botany
Smithsonian Inst.
Wash. D.C. 20560

Dear Velva:

What does one say when he hands a job over to an assistant and then has the job get thoroughly messed up. I guess you apologise and try to regroup. At any rate the last that I remember about the loan was that we discussed it and decided that we probably had most of your material for the ~~xxxx~~ group already. I guess from the number that are being sent, however, that we were wrong in our assumption and that it is just as well that they are being sent. I want to assure you that we are ready to annotate this group and that they will be back in short order ~~xx~~ along with a group of specimens that I have been trying to get ready to send back for some time. Teaching is just so damn demanding that it is difficult to accomplish what one hopes to.

The thesis by William Harmon is finished and is in the process of being bound. We had an extra copy made and it is to be sent to NSF some time next week. I think that you will find it quite interesting regarding some theories on continental plant migrations. The part on the breeding studies was presented to the Missouri Academy of Sciences and is in preparation as a paper for the Transactions. The other portion on the location and the relationship of the various groups of Lupines will need revision to submit to another journal. Bill is one of the most outstanding young botanist that I have seen in quite a few years. He is hoping to be ready to apply for one of the Smithsonian Post-Doctoral Fellowships in about three years, when he has his Ph.D. He has one of his languages out of the way and plans to start on the second as soon as he gets back to school this fall. He has a straight A average in the first two years of graduate work on the Master's, including Biochem. (Top grade in the class).

Sorry to hear about the change in publishing. Perhaps it is a good thing that I requested funds for publishing in the grant. If I can get the funds I can run the Mexican Annuals through the Transactions with relatively little trouble. I hope that the book on the Canadian Lupines was turned over to you. I only wish that I had all of the Lupines worked up that well. I will have Lloyd and Bill out at Gothic working on NSF-GB-5572 this summer while Sam Fleak is out there on NDEA working on the L. amplus complex. A new man on the project who is a Marine veterinarian will be out at Gothic getting his feet wet in research and one of my M.A. candidates will be out there working as a recorder so I hope to get a lot accomplished this summer since I shall not be teaching but just doing research, for a welcome change. Please say hello to Darelyn.

Sincerely

David
David B. Dunn
Curator of the Herbarium

*This typewriter sure
can't spell or space worth
anything.*

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The legend on the back is a little confusing.

1. Robert D.
2. Lawrence H.
3. David W.
4. Marilyn
5. WHH =

William H. Hatheway, Adjunct
Associate Professor, Botany Dept.,
North Carolina State University,
Raleigh, N.C., 27607

Dr. Bassett: Please keep confidential
for 10 ± years. Jan. 20, 1968

C.D.

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6 May 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
68617 Crozier Drive,
Waialua, Oahu
Hawaii 96791

Mokuleia Beach,

Dear Dr. Degener:

You have evidently received Dr. Lawrence's letter in which he answered some of the questions regarding the materials you sent me recently.

I now want to refer to the photograph of William H. Hatheway and family which you sent with the note that this should be kept confidential for 10 plus years.

You can be sure that we will do this. Furthermore, we would not publish it after ten years if Professor Hatheway were still living because it is our policy to not publish, or permit to be published, without that person's specific permission, any portrait of a living person.

Now with regard to William H. Hatheway, is this the man whose biography is in the American Men of Science who was born in 1923 and who received his B.S. and M.S. from Chicago in 1948 and 1951 and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1956, and who presently resides in San José, Costa Rica?

I ask this because the reference book does not indicate that he ever was at North Carolina State University.

With kindest regards,

I guess so. He was dist. assistant at University of Hawaii, and then lived with me for months during his ecological researches of Mokuleia area. See Ecol. Monogr 22: 153-168, 1952. He shared expenses. Bill Hatheway came from a well-to-do family living at Bantam Lake, N.Y. His father was a lawyer.

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for some concern like Goodyear or Firestone ??? Parents were divorced, and mother, a charming lady who visited the Islands, remarried.

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This is the man covered in AMME

ack. by CHML

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

Botany Department
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
27607

May 17 1968

Dear Otto:

The packaged herbarium specimens arrived Monday (May 14), having followed the scraps in the envelope. I haven't gone to Washington again yet, having had to cancel a trip on May 16. The thin beads are curious -- I've never seen a Coix like this one, although obviously it is a Coix. As a matter of fact, ordinary Job's Tears seems pretty much the same thing everywhere I see it, but of course I've never paid much attention to it. Did you know that Edgar Anderson once suggested that corn might be an amphidiploid hybrid of Coix and Sorghum?

I return to Central America in the middle of June to teach a course with Professor Herbert Baker, of Berkeley. I will get back here in the middle of September, and then I take off for Brazil in October. My father died on April 5, and I had to hurry back from Costa Rica and spend most of April working on problems connected with his estate. I guess I'll just have to sandwich the Coix in between trips.

Best regards,

Bill [Hattheway]

Calle 54, 44-105, Oficina 201
Barranquilla, Colombia
16 May 1968.

Dr. Velva E. Rudd,
Department of Botany
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C. 20560, USA.

Dear Dr. Rudd:

; Saludos muy cordiales !

In September of 1966 you told me that when you were visiting Kew Herbarium (1964 ?) Dr. Sandwith showed you, with explainable excitement, an old specimen of Sutton Hayes collected near San Jacinto, Bolívar, in northern Colombia. It was Uribea tamarindoides.

Dr. Sandwith had found it among the indeterminata. He was right to be excited at his find because it is probably the first collection of Uribea tamarindoides. According to the note I made that day the specimen is No. 620 of S. Hayes, and bears the same local name "tamarindo de monte" as in Dept. Atlántico. I understand that he collected it in fruit, April 1863.

You also told me that you had a photograph of it. Will it inconvenience you to send me a copy of the photograph? I shall be very grateful.

Do you know of any other plants collected by Hayes in northern Colombia? He is well known for his Panamá collections, but I was not aware that he had visited the Cartagena region.

Standley, Fl. Panama Canal Zone, p. 45, says that species in the Hayes herbarium (listed in the Biologia Centrali-Americana ?) have not been found in that Zone by later collectors, indicating that he may have visited other places distant from Panamá. I wonder if those species are represented by specimens collected by Hayes, not in Panamá but in northern Colombia. Does this "strike a bell" in your mind?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A. Dugand
A. Dugand

P.D. I suppose you received two specimens of Myrospermum frutescens that I sent with others to Dr. Wurdack.

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

17 May 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
68-617 Crozier Drive
Mokuleia Beach
Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791

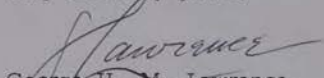
Dear Dr. Degener:

Your letter of 6 May arrived while I was in New England and on my return I have given it first priority.

With this letter I return the manuscript you sent on Topping. With it is (1) a report of his death as published in Science (anonymously written) and in which his date of birth is given as 2 November 1861. There is also a xerox copy of our two entries on the Reverend Joseph Clemens and his wife Mary. These data are taken from the Barnhart Collection at the New York Botanical Garden. From the Flora Malesiana there is (2) the account of Topping as published on pp. 529-530 by van Steenis. I did not check out his reference to an entry published by the Bishop Museum, which must certainly be readily available to you, but I did check that in Chronica Botanica (1940, p. 68) and found that it contained nothing not already in the article given you from Science. There is included a xerox copy (3) from p. 588 of Backer's Verklarend Woordenboek. This is useful to you because it gives the title of his office of employment in the Philippines as the Bureau of Audits and of the Bureau of the Treasury. These two title identities agree with those in your paper. We are unable to get precise dates for his tour of duty in the Philippines. The reference in the RHS dictionary is two lines long and gives nothing not already known to you.

At such time as your account of Topping is published, I would hope that we might receive a copy of it for our biographical files. Meanwhile, I wish you all the best in your efforts and accomplishments.

Very cordially yours,



GHML:kk

George H. M. Lawrence
Director:

Enclosures: Original manuscript on Topping;
Xerox copy from Flora Malesiana (van Steenis);
Xerox copy from Verklarend Woordenboek (Backer);
Xerox copy from Science;
Xerox copy of HBL accounts of Mary and Joseph Clemens.

Dr. Otto Degener

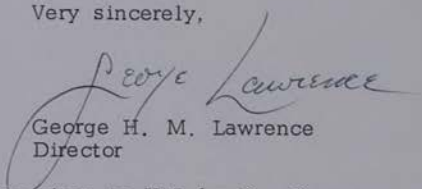
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28 May 1968

With this letter I return to you a xerox copy of the material that you have contributed to the library. Some of them are faint and this is because the original copy itself is faint. I presume that the photograph that you sent of Mrs. Archbold in tropical surroundings, perhaps one or two in or around Fiji, may be retained here. There are two photographs of the Cheng-Ho tied up at Pier 12 in Honolulu. I gather from your letter that she is now in Tahiti. It was my pleasure to go aboard her many times when she was assigned to the navy and tied up in Pearl Harbor. On one occasion, I believe in 1945, it was my job to supervise what were somewhat euphemistically called "speed trials" of her on a predetermined course from Barber's Point to a point off Diamond Head. That was a farce if ever there was one. I think that she finally managed to do four knots.

Your own reactions to all of the above will be deeply appreciated and I will look forward to hearing from you further.

Very sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:kk

Enclosures: Xerox copies of letters given to HBL by Dr. Degener, and listing of same.

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

28 May 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
68617 Crozier Drive
Waialua, Oahu
Hawaii 96791

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 3 May and for the material that you sent us for deposit at this library.

I am pleased to accept all such material that you care to send with the understanding that in return we send you a xerox copy of same, together with a formal statement for each parcel so received of its contents that you may use for tax purposes. The Federal government does not allow recipients of such gifts to declare their value so far as tax claims are concerned. However, I will in each instance give you an "off the record" and informal estimate of what I believe such a collection would bring on the open market. It is our practice to keep such collections together, yours, for example, would be the Otto Degener Collection. This also permits us to show it to Bureau of Internal Revenue representatives on request and to treat it as a unit when explaining to them its potential value to us. As you can appreciate, the better known the originator and writer of a letter or manuscript, the higher its individually appraised price. It is safe to put a value of \$2.00 on the letter of any person who is known to have been the author of a book. For a person as well known as Liberty Hyde Bailey or David Fairchild a price of \$5.00 per letter is reasonable, and more if the number of pages of a given letter is greater than two. These are guidelines that can safely be followed.

I think that as each parcel of material is received the Hunt Botanical Library could consider making a contribution to your flora of Hawaii. We would do so, however, on the strict condition that no mention of this contribution be made publicly. This only invites others to seek similar benefits and we have too many requests as it is. I am sure you understand. The amount of such a contribution would not be in proportion necessarily to the gift value of the parcel of papers that you would send us. This would be too easily traced by investigating parties and could completely ruin your claim for a gift deduction.

Thank you very much for the loan of the clipping of Anne Archbold's death. I met her on three occasions at social functions in Palm Beach and Miami prior to World War II.

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June 6, 1968

AIR MAIL

Dr. A. Dugand
Calle 54, 44-105
Oficina 201
Barranquilla, COLOMBIA

Dear Dr. Dugand:

Your letter of 16 May arrived just as I was leaving for a week at Harvard and vicinity.

I have looked up my slide of Urbes tamarindoides (S. Hayes 620) and it is now at the photographers having a print made for you.

The story of finding that specimen is a little different from your version. I found the specimen at Kew among the "indet." Leguminosae. I identified it and showed it to Mr. Sandwith who then said, "isn't that exciting!"

The only other collection by Sutton Hayes in Colombia of which I have a record is his 621, at Kew, "Balsam of Tolu. I found this tree near Mahates about 12 leagues from Carthagena, in April, but it was out of season for flower and fruit. I saw it also at San Juan, and was told it grows near Turbaco. 1863." According to my notes that specimen is similar to, although less pubescent than, the type of Myroxylon peruiferum in the herbarium of L. fils. Apparently Hayes did visit Cartagena briefly. I note in Killip's "Passifloraceae" that S. Hayes 601 is from Panama, as is his no. 697. Just flipping the pages of Hemsley, vol. 1, I see under Spondias lutea, S. Hayes 616, from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica; Rourea glabra, S. Hayes 643, from "near the city of Panama"; Dalbergia retusa, S. Hayes 642, Panama, in woods at Paraiso." That cuts the possible collection numbers down to 26 or less, if Hayes numbered his collections chronologically.

The specimens of Myrospermum, et al arrived safely. Thank you very much. I have delayed acknowledging until I had a chance to check your 7145, Phaseolus sp., which I will do when I get to that genus for the Flora of the Galapagos Islands. I am "doing" the Mimosoids and Faboides for Wiggins. Dr. Cowen has done the Caesalps. At the moment I am typing the treatment of Desmodium, which I have just finished, thanks to some help from B. Schubert. Next comes Piscidia. On the basis of preliminary observations, I agree that the South American material is P. carthagenensis and I am glad to see that you have provided us with some good collections.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

11 June 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
68617 Crozier Drive
Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791

Dear Otto Degener:

Thank you for your note of 4 June and the very substantial assemblage of letters and other memorabilia relating to botany. I note that you do not wish xerox copies of this material. We will proceed to process it as a part of the Otto Degener Collection.

In it I find two pen and ink drawings identified as having been done by "McBride." One is of Rubus ellipticus frau obcordatus from Puna. The other is of Heteropogon contortus. With this letter I enclose a biographical data sheet, asking that if the artist is in your area, that the sheet be completed and returned to me. I would hope that it is accompanied by a photograph of the artist.

I appreciate having the photograph of Ben Stone and his wife Michiko. It has been a long while since I have seen him.

We are very happy to have the Earl Sherff material that you have sent, particularly so because of the considerable quantity that he deposited here in his last years of activity.

I am returning to Mr. Bossert his letter of 6 May with your valuable annotations, together with the letter you received from Bill Hathaway on 17 May of this year. Thank you for these data.

I especially appreciated the article from the Honolulu Star Bulletin about Isabella Abbott. She and I collected extensively on Oahu during the years 1943-45, whenever my sea-going activities permitted me to get back to that island. In those years she was constantly fighting a rare blood disease that sapped her vitality but never her mental vigor.

The certified copy of agreement between you and the Cheng Ho Trading and Exploring Company, Limited will be preserved in our archival files of biographical material of or associated with Otto Degener. We appreciate your entrusting this to us. With it will also be the reprint you kindly sent of your article of 1943 on "The Last Cruise of the 'Cheng Ho'" re-printed from the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden. Among the materials sent I find, however, only Part I of this paper. Thank you for your note reporting your association with David Fairchild, and of having visited he and Marion at the Kampong some 15 years ago. The golden pomegranate that you refer to is to be seen today in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miller. You may be sure that any and all memorabilia associated with or about the Cheng Ho that comes to us will be duly preserved and all in a single collection.

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Dr. Otto Degener

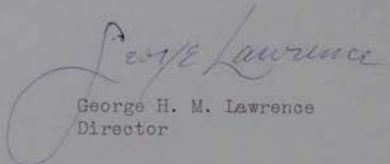
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11 June 1968

As you may have surmised, I am dictating this letter to you as I go through the packet of materials received from you. I now find your pencilled note to keep as confidential the letter received by you in 1962 from Bill Hathaway, and which is affixed to the reprint of his paper "A Weighted Hybrid Index." Your wish will be fully respected.

Once again, many thanks for your continued provision of materials for our archives. They are all most welcome.

Very sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mj

Enc: Data sheet.

P. S. With the start of our new fiscal year, in July, I will arrange for an honorarium to be sent to you in the amount of \$100.00 for archival contributions.

June 17, 1968

AIR MAIL

Dr. A. Dugand
Calle 54, 44-105
Oficina 201
Barranquilla, COLOMBIA

Dear Dr. Dugand:

Enclosed is a print of the picture of Uribea tamarindoides, Sutton Hayes 620 at Kew. The legend, not legible on the photograph, is as follows according to my notes: "'Tamarind de Monte.' This is a fine large tree, common at San Jacinto, where the Balsam-Tolu-tree is found also, near Carthagena. I found it in April with ripe pods [1863], a few of which please receive from Mr. Hanbury." My guess would be that Hayes sent the specimen to Hanbury to give to Hooker. The round imprint on the sheet is "Herbarium Hookerianum 1867."

Do you get Phytologia? If not, I will send you a copy of my recent paper on Mimosa albida. Also, are you getting copies of the Contributions from the U. S. Nat. Herb.? I notice on an old list that your address is given as Roncallo Hermanos & Co., Apartado Aereo 85, etc. Has that been changed? My paper on Ateleia and Cyathostegia came out on April 10, 1968, which you should have by now if correctly addressed.

Best wishes as always.

Sincerely,

Velya E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

Enclosure

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Calle 54, 44-105, Oficina 201
Barranquilla,
20 June 1968.

Dr. Velva E. Rudd,
Curator, Dept. of Botany
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C. 20560.

Dear Dr. Rudd:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 6 and for setting me right concerning the story of your finding the Uribea tamrindoides specimen at Kew. I am making a note of it to be published among others in Part III of my "Notas" in Caldasia before the end of the year. Your interesting discovery belongs to the history of this plant! The Hayes specimen is at present the earliest known collection. It is, as the late Dr. Sandwith put it, "very exciting" indeed.

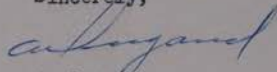
Your observation regarding the Hayes collections from his No. 601 to 643 leaves only from 617 to 641, i.e. 25 "possible" Colombian gatherings. I have written to Kew asking if they have other Hayes numbers from Colombia besides the two we already know.

The distance from Cartagena to San Jacinto, where Hayes collected his No. 620, is nowadays - on good motor roads - 116 kilometers, a very easy two-hour drive. In 1863, through bad winding trails, it must have taken him a good two-day ride, if not three. I wonder what prompted Hayes to make a five or six day round trip to San Jacinto just to get two specimens! There must be some others!

What is in your opinion the correct name for the Bálamo tree of northern Colombia? Killip gives it a Myroxylon peruiferum L.f. in his old MS (ined.) of the "Fabaceae" of Colombia. However, sterile specimens and one with pods, that I sent to Prof. Samuel J. Record long ago (Dugand 481, 581, and 987, at Yale School of Forestry Herbarium) were identified as M. balsamum (L.) Harms by Standley.

Best wishes from one who is sadly witnessing the quick disappearance of acres and acres of forest where so many of my old tree friends used to grow in abundance... What a tragedy!

Sincerely,


A. Dugand

Calle 54, 44-105, Oficina 201
Barranquilla, Colombia.

27 June 1968.

Dr. Velva E. Rudd, Curator
Department of Botany
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Rudd:

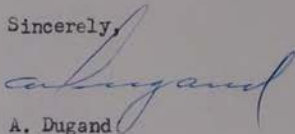
I am very happy to have the print of Uribea tamarindoides which you so kindly sent me. I am sure that the sheet at Kew must have been examined time and again by Bentham, Hooker, etc., and they must have been puzzled. Even "knowing" that it was new, there was no possible way to tell without the flowers. The same difficulty was experienced with my own gatherings by Standley, Killip, and myself.

Your discovery of this historical specimen is quite interesting. It is matched by Dr. Sandwith's discovery at Kew of a Humboldt and Bonpland specimen of my Ficus ypsilophlebia from the Magdalena Valley, as well as one of my Homeroa verticillata (Bignon.) collected by Justin Goudot in 1844 not far from the type-locality of this new genus. Dr. Sandwith always wrote to me excitedly about these "retrospective discoveries", so I know how excited he must have been when you showed him the sheet of Uribea.

No, I do not get Rhytologia. I would very much like to have your paper on Mimosa albida. From time to time I get copies of the Contr. U.S. Nat. Herb., but I have not received your paper on Ateleia. Yes, I have a new address since Dec. 1966, and I have sent notices thereof to the Smithsonian Institution's various Departments. I would appreciate if you set my address right on the mailing lists.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


A. Dugand

6/28/68

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

28 June 1968

(Dictated 26 June 1968)

Dr. Otto Degener
68617 Crozier Drive
Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791

Dear Otto Degener:

Thank you for your letter of 22 June, which I am now reading in the evening and dictating when all is quiet. At the moment I cannot report on the posting of the xerox copies of the letters you sent, but will do so in the morning and add a postscript about them. After reading your letter and the report of your absence, I will arrange that they be held here in the event they have not already gone. Our mailing room has been particularly busy in the last two weeks with the distribution of a new volume we have done, and of which I enclose a copy of the prospectus.

I am enclosing four pink mailing labels that you may use in sending stuff to us, identifying it as library materials, and entitled to a very low special library rate. If memory serves me correctly, it is something like five cents for the first pound, and three cents for each additional pound. However, it is by surface post. There is no low or special air mail rate for library material, even when not designated first class. Letters of the type you have been sending do not have to be identified as first class if being sent to a library. The enclosed label covers them as well as printed matter. In other words, it is expected that a library will preserve and will exchange manuscript materials, including letters, as well as printed materials.

I note that you plan to be on the Big Island for about three months. This suggests a return to Oahu around the first of October. I will keep that in mind and see that no materials other than strictly first class mail goes to you during this intervening period.

Thank you for the information about Richard McBride, and if while on the Big Island you learn more of his whereabouts, I would like to have an address by which I could get in touch with him.

Mr. Bossert is currently in Stockholm selecting photographs of botanists from the Wittrock collection that served as the nucleus of the famous collection now at Hortus Bergiana. Our staff photographer who has been working in Geneva for nearly a year, has gone to Stockholm to copy all of the items selected by Mr. Bossert. I mention this so that you would not expect any acknowledgment from him of the clippings that you sent for him. I am arranging to have the letters, up through 1937, xeroxed for you as you request.

Dr. Otto Degener

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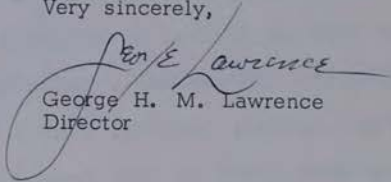
28 June 1968

At such time as it is convenient with you we will be glad to have further information on Cheng Ho, including any documentation that you may feel should be preserved, and at such time as you would care to make it available for that purpose. We in turn would be pleased to supply you with xerox copies of any such materials. One facet of this library's holdings relates to travel and exploration, and we do endeavor to assemble as complete a record of this as may relate directly or indirectly to plant collecting and plant introductions.

Although we endeavor to bring together examples of botanical art and illustration by as many different persons as we can lay our hands on, we do not have an artist on our staff nor have occasion to require new and original drawings. I mentioned this in response to your inquiry of a student who might be able to do drawings for you. It is also true that this university has a very large and active fine arts department. However, it is strictly fine arts in the true sense of the word, and not graphic arts or book illustrations. In other words, they are producing the kind of stuff that I wouldn't walk across the street to look at. Art holds no interest to me when I cannot tell which is top and which is bottom. I am confident that one of these days the pendulum will swing the other way and that which is now a fad will become acknowledged as rubbish.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:gdh
Encl: Prospectus for B-P-H
Four pink mailing labels

96792

Oct. 1, 1968.

Dear G.H.B.:

Mrs. B. & I are back at our main home. We are now ready to receive, by surface (not expressive air) mail, registered, the xeroxes for the original letters mailed you some months ago.

You being acquainted with the Cheng Ho, I am mailing you the accumulation of papers regarding this fiasco. Take any originals if they are duplicates and give us xeroxes of originals you may desire for your files. Then eventually, by surface mail, registered, return the ghostly remains. I wish it understood, however, that I and Mrs. Degener or Mrs. B. (should I precede her) alone or with some colleague (GILL perhaps) reserve the right to publish on the Cheng Ho, and that the submitted papers are not used by anyone to publish a Cheng Ho article without the Degeners having a finger in the pie. The G.H.B. story can be woven into a fascinating booklet, time available. Death of deMascado & of the Tahiti convict simplifies matters.

Now back at sea level from 3,800 feet, we are suffering from the heat. An ocean swim gives us relief for barely an hour.

Aloha,

July 2, 1968

AIR MAIL

Dr. A. Dugand
Calle 54, 44-105
Oficina 201
Barranquilla, COLOMBIA

Dear Dr. Dugand:

Thank you for your letters. I have sent a note to our Publications Distribution Section and asked that they correct your address. In a separate envelope I am sending copies of my Ateleia-Cyathostegia and Mimosa albid papers.

Myroxylon, mentioned in your earlier letter, is a problem. First of all, what is Toluifera balsamum L.? Is there a type? Linnaeus cites "Bauh. pin. 401. Habitat in America prope Carthagenam." Presumably, there should be a specimen in the Burser herbarium but I have unsuccessfully examined the microfiches. I should like to do some searching at Uppsala because it is possible that the specimen exists but was not photographed for one reason or another. (There are specimens in the DeCandolle herbarium that have slips stating that they were not photographed for the microfiches, so it is likely that some Burser specimens were omitted, also.)

In the meantime, I guess we can use M. balsamum for the specimens with larger, long acuminate, glabrous leaflets and M. peruiferum for those with smaller leaflets, somewhat pubescent below, typified by the Mutis collection from "San Juan, Tolima" [between Rovira and Chicoral] now in the L.f. herbarium. Incidentally, have you never collected Myroxylon yourself?

One of my numerous projects is to try to clarify Myroxylon, Myrospermum, and Myrocarpus. I am hoping to get to Europe early this fall, perhaps in September, and would like to include Uppsala in my itinerary. It is pretty certain I will have to pay my own way, so I will not go farther than necessary. The most important on my list is London. Vamos a ver.

Warm wishes from tropical Washington.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

VERudd/chl

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

9 July 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
P. O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

Dear Dr. Degener:

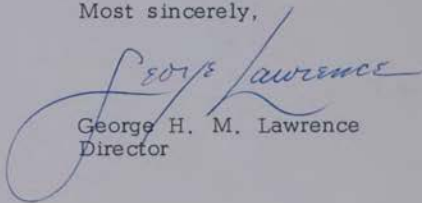
Thank you for your letter of 2 July and for enclosing the clipping from the Hilo Tribune-Herald of 30 June with its account of L. R. McBride. I shall get in touch with him.

We will welcome your "pounds" of Cheng Ho material at such time as it is convenient to pack it off to us. Today I am authorizing our finance office to issue an honorarium to you in the amount of \$100.00, in appreciation of the materials you have generously provided us. This is not much, but it may help in your publishing ventures.

The provision of one's wishes for the future are always difficult. You suggest dividing the responsibility for continuing your Flora Hawaiiensis between the New York Botanical Garden and the local museum. It is my opinion that divided responsibilities never work to the satisfaction of either party, and that you would do well to consider placing it solely with a single institution.

With kindest regards,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:kk

20 July 1968

Dr. A. Dugand
Calle 54, 44-105
Oficina 201
Barranquilla, Colombia

Dear Dr. Dugand:

At last I have worked my way through Phaseolus of the Galápagos Islands and, at the same time, checked your 6854 and 7145. On the basis of our material I am more confused than ever. There is a problem of P. atropurpureus / P. longepedunculatus / P. gracilis / P. erythroloma / and P. bracteolatus. Perhaps, more. A photograph of the type of P. longiped. -- suggests something like bracteolatus, but less pubescent. I think it best for the time being to leave your specimens as P. atropurpureus, the older name. There are specimens of atropurp -- with the calyx about 4 mm. long (including yours) and others with calyx about 8 mm. long. Perhaps there are two things. I should want to see a typotype of atropurpureus at F or MA before making any profound statements. From time to time someone talks about working on Phaseolus but not many results are forthcoming. I wish some young energetic botanist would get on with the job. Hassler's treatment has not helped the situation.

Although I have as yet made no reservations I still plan to go to Europe in September. One type I need to check at BM is the Jacquin type of Galactia striata to see if it is the same as G. velutina Benth. and G. tomentosa (Bertol.) Urb. Those two are the same, I think, but G. striata might be, too.

I have in mind going to Oslo, Stockholm, Uppsala, London, and, possibly, Brussels. If you have any leguminous problems that I can help with, please let me know and I will do what I can. I hope to leave about the 1st of September.

Sincerely,

Valva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

7/22/68

Nadala, Tavua,
P.O. Nadarivatu,
Fiji Island.
22nd, July, 1968.

Dr. Otto Degener,
Maialua, Oahu,
Hawaii, 96791.

Dear Dr. Degener,

It is a long time since you paid us a visit in Fiji, for some 30 years ago, and I want you and your family to try and arrange to spend your next holidays with us.

We will do all we can to give you every comfort, and can guarantee plenty of fruits, eggs, fish, meats etc. The country is looking splendid just now, and there is every promise of beautiful spring weather.

You can think over it well for an answer as far as we are concerned. We shall be delighted to have you if you feel favourably disposed to the rest and quietude afforded by a visit to the hills of our Village at Nadarivatu.

My Father was passed away in September, 1943, but my Mother is still here with us. The rest of my family are all well, and we all stay at Nadala Village.

With kindest remembrances,

Yours affectionately,

Semi L. Ketewai
(Semi L. Ketewai).

Address:

Mr. Semi L. Ketewai,
Nadala, Tavua,
P.O. Nadarivatu,
Fiji Island.

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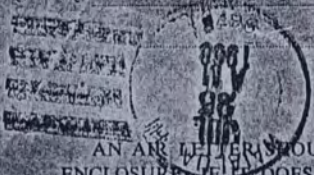
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Göteborg 24.7.1968

Dr Otto Degener
Socialus
Oahu
Hawaii

Dear Dr Degener,

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 27th and for the new leaflets to the Flora Hawaiiensis.

The specimens of Wikstroemia you mentioned in your letter arrived here a few weeks ago during my vacation. The plants are now under fumigation. I am very grateful for this valuable addition to our collections. Within a week or so I hope it will be possible for me to name at least some of the specimens. Unfortunately Dr Skottsberg made no key to the Hawaiian Wikstroemiace.

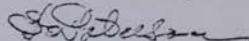
The last days I have been reading Skottsberg's manuscript. The paper will be printed in "Arkiv för botanik".

Please note my address: Botaniska museet
Frölundagatan 22
S-413 22 Göteborg

I am no longer on the staff of the botanical garden.

My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Bo Peterson

Keeper of the museum

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Botany

August 8, 1958

Dr. Otto Degener
Volcano
Hawaii 96785

Dear Otto:

The following names of Degeneria have been recorded:

Vavalaia (in upland Viti Levu)
Mosireru (used in Naitasiri, etc., according to B. E. Parham)
Yarangaale (the name I recorded in Vanua Levu)

I have little confidence in these names, except the first, which seemed to be pretty widely known.

Probably John Parham has sent seeds to so many people that his records get saturated. In spite of the effort, growing the plant from seeds does not seem very successful, although Fred Meyer told me last year that a few plants are still doing well at the National Arboretum in Washington. I suspect that dead ripe seeds, taken from rotting fallen fruits, are required.

We are working nearly every day at the Museum. Hope you and Isa are enjoying your stay on Hawaii, and that we can get together when you next return to Oahu. Our best regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,



A. C. Smith
Wilder Professor of Botany

ACS:dc



Hale Degener

Dear Mr. Bossert:

These papers
do not pertain
to our botanical
work, so please
mail me no xerox
copies for them.
Mrs. D. & I thought
you might be
interested in some
of the biographies.
I do not know
if Xmas cards
have any value
for Hunt. In
Berlin-Dahlem,
at least, the
signatures of such
individuals are
collected. They are
sometimes of
great value in id-
entifying the
writers of plant
labels.

Aloha,

Otto Degener

3/20/68

Pacific Lumber Company,
Hawaii High Land,
Nansori
20 August 1968.

— Dr. Lois Dwyer. —

De bula. ! Ki sa bula.

My dear friend,

Good morning — Good day
or Good evening, according to the time in which you have
received my letter from some one who is so lonely.

It seems long enough I never hear from
you — but I hope you are in good conditions of
life as far as Nansori High Land.

My friend — I would like to tell
you something that if you can spend a holiday in High
Land with me — so if you come, ~~let~~ let me
know first of all, and tell me the time you will
arrive at Kahi — because I can arrange a taxi
waiting for your arriving.

I am working at the Pacific Lumber Nansori
and I'll be very pleased if you visit my
place once before we die.

~~Long~~ So far — I got 2 children — and
my wife still alive — we work with Sam.

My friend I think I must say more
until I hear again from you — I wish you many
happy days and pleasure of all the times.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Timorik Riki

Ki sa moe

August 26, 1968

AIR LETTER

Dr. Arturo Burkart, Director
Instituto de Botanica Darwinion
San Isidro, F. C. N. G. B. M.
ARGENTINA

Dear Dr. Burkart:

Many thanks for your letter of 19 August. I have already sent my Galapagos ms. to Dr. Wiggins, using P. juliflora for the Prosopis sp., more or less at Marshall Johnston's suggestion. In this case I agree with Eliasson and Svenson but in many other taxa they have incorrect determinations.

As to Acacia albicorticata and A. insulae-iacobi, I thought the lack of papery bark might be due to the dry, windswept conditions on the islands, and the fact that the trees are small. There is one collection from the mainland of Ecuador that has the large leaflets, but it has pubescent fruit as in A. tortuosa. I did not put your species in synonymy but stated that it might be the same as A. insulae-iacobi.

On September 1 I am finally leaving for Europe. I am especially interested to see some types at the BM and also the Darwin collections. Dr. Verdcourt tells me that you had a chance to examine the latter. I shall also go to Oslo, Stockholm, and Uppsala. This trip I am not going to Paris because of lack of time. When I do, I should like to stay awhile and see all of Alicia's treasures.

Lyman Smith was cheered when I told him you were getting back to the Mimosoids of Santa Catarina. Mimosa seems to be a particularly fascinating genus, but full of problems.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

VERudd/chl

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SAN ISIDRO, P. C. N. G. S. M.
ARGENTINA

San Isidro, August 19th, 1968

To Dr. Velva Rudd
Smithsonian Institution
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C., 20560, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Rudd:

I am sorry about having had your kind letter of February so long without an answer. I am now returning to work on the Mimosoideae of Sta. Catarina, Brazil, which P.R. Reitz wishes to include in his Flora of that state. There also Acacia is difficult. In Europe last year we were at Paris and met Dr. M. Johnston.

From Islas Galapagos I have very few samples of plants. I do not think that A. insulae-iacobi and my A. albicorticata are the same, because the white bark is such a striking feature, that at least some collector would have recorded it.

As to Prosopis, I can't help you without seeing your material. But obviously we have to think of P. juliflora. It was recorded very recently from Galapagos by Eliasson (Svensk Bot. Tidskr. 59:351.1965) and Svenson (Am. J. Bot. 33:451.1946) records it from Guayaquil and Galapagos. L. Diels (Veget. Ec., Bibl. Bot. 116:93.1937) cites it too from Ecuador. Stewart (Proceed. Calif. Acad. Sc. 4, s. 1:76.1911) cites P. dulcis Kunth from Galapagos, but what he had collected is probably also P. juliflora.

Recently, my "pupil by correspondence", Prof. Alicia de Delgado, from Guayaquil, sent to me good samples of P. juliflora (Sw.) DC. from there. I collected the true form of this in the dry coastal region of Venezuela in 1946. Prosopis is admittedly a difficult genus, but there are many well known facts about it and in Ecuador its variability is narrow. Its real center is in Argentina.

If you like, you can send me some doubtful specimens for examination.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely



ARTURO BURKART
DIRECTOR

February 5, 1968

AIR LETTER

Dr. Arturo Burkart
Instituto de Botanica Darwinion
San Isidro, F. C. N. G. B. M.
ARGENTINA

Dear Dr. Burkart:

Thank you very much for the "Sinopsis del genero . . . Adesmia", which arrived today. Dr. Smith is in Brazil at the moment but I am certain he also will be pleased to have a copy.

I still have not gotten to Europe so Alicia's fears that we would keep her too busy were groundless. With our President's asking us not to travel, I do not know just when I will go.

One of my current projects is preparing a treatment of the Leguminosae for Wiggins' Flora of the Galapagos Islands. I was interested to find unidentified specimens from Bolivia that matched collections of Acacia insulae-iacobi. Then I discovered a sheet of your A. albicorticata that also matched. Although I have not seen the types of either species, the other collections so identified are certainly similar. I do not find any evidence, however, of the characteristic white bark on specimens from the Galapagos. None of the collectors have mentioned it. Some of the sterile specimens can be separated from Prosopis only with difficulty. Maybe we have an intergeneric hybrid?

One of my biggest problems in the Galapagos is Prosopis. Have you any idea as to what name should be used for the species growing there? I asked Marshall Johnston if he still thought it could be P. pallida. His answer was "no, you would not be reasonably safe in assuming that the Galapagos material is P. pallida. And don't quote me. The Galapagos material - - is extremely puzzling. It reminded me a lot of P. 'juliflora' of the west coast of Central America, if I remember at this late date. That genus is horrible." His answer was a big help!

Best wishes to you in your work.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Curator
Department of Botany

VERudd/chl

9/2/68

Pacific Lumber Company,
Hawson Highlands,
Nanaimo,
B.C.

2nd September 1968

Dear Mr. Bto,

"Kula inaka" I hope you still can remember these words.

I am fine out here and am still continuing the old job working in a saw-mill. I was really glad when I heard from Leni that you wrote over to him and I myself was very eager to hear from you.

As to your enquiry I am now married for at least 23 yrs and have eight children. My eldest daughter is now 20 yrs. old and is at present a second year student in our government Teachers Training College. At the moment she is looking forward to her graduation which will be on the December. The second eldest is a son who is also now 18 yrs. old and is working for the Forestry Department the other four a son 15 yrs old, two daughters 14 and 12, another son & are attending school and another daughter 5 and a son 3 are still at home.

I am at the moment working hard to get enough money so that I can afford all these kids education. I am little relieved now seeing my eldest daughter is going to help me next year.

How are you getting on, are you still working

P.T.O

as a doctor? Hawaii must be a lovely place to live in I suppose? How is Mrs. Regener? Would you please send me one of your photos? I'd very much like to see you and even my children, they're always eager to ask me all sorts of questions about you when you were here, and I usually tell them those never to be forgotten exciting and adventures days we usually spent here in Fiji.

Fiji is developing fast these days, we have big buses travelling to various parts of Fiji, even up at home and they usually go daily. Not like those at good old days. Roads about $\frac{3}{4}$ round the islands is now being pitched. Excellent drive from Nandi to Nauru. As you might have heard or read that ~~the~~ Tourism is the main source of income to Fiji and each year we have about 15,000 or more tourists coming to Fiji. More hotels, motels and quite a large number of tourist resorts have been built lately. So if ever you may have the chance of coming back you would be very surprised to see ~~at~~ the rapid improvements ^{some} ~~in~~ in Fiji, and you must not forget that you're always welcomed back to Fiji and by that I mean especially at home.

I think I'd better stop writing now for I have to go to work. I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards to both of you.

Imoci H. Bebe.
a friend.

3/4/68
Nadala, Fijian,
P.O. Nadarivatu,
Viti Island,
1st September, 1968.

My Dear Dr. Bennett:

So here, your very kind letter was very much appreciated by my wife and I.

Other to what you asked in your letter about me, personally, I'm married and I have three children; the eldest being a girl and is now a school teacher. My two sons are still in the high school. My daughter is 20 yrs of age, and my sons are 17 yrs, and 14 yrs respectively.

My family are living in a concrete building with 5 rooms, in which my wife and I occupy during school days when my children are away at their different schools.

We will be very pleased if you will come over to Fiji, at Nadarivatu at any time which is convenient to you.

Concerning about buses from Nadi to Nadala. The buses from Nadi to Tavua (which is our home town) leave at every fifteen (15) minutes. The bus from Tavua to Nadala leave at 4 p.m. every day i.e., from Monday to Sunday.

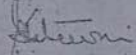
We have had many changes since you left; quite a lot of acquaintances have moved from this District. The Forestry Department planted Pine Trees all over the area Nadala-Navai. At Nadala we have about four shops. We also have Dr. Scheme here and the farms planted yams, Dalo, Potatoes etc.

I hope you will find time to write me again soon. We are always interested in your doings.

Our kindest regards to you both, to which add the warm affection of.

Your sincere friend,

Sa moka.


(Sami L. Kotonui).

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Mrs. Otto & Ida Degener,

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Mr. Semi L. Ketowni,

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October 4, 1968

Dr. Otto and Isa Degener
Waiialua
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Dear Dr. Degener:

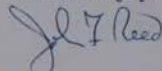
As you know, we have been having great trouble locating copies of the recently issued parts of Flora Hawaiiensis. It does not appear that these are getting to the library. I have not been able to determine where they are going. Will you please address all future mailings to:

Curator of the Library
The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, New York 10458.

Can you tell me if complete, bound copies of Flora Hawaiiensis books 1-6 are still available? If they are, what do they cost?

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



John F. Reed
Curator of the
Library

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A. G. Seaver
P. O. BOX 254
CEDAREGEE, COLORADO 81413

High in the Rockies
On the doorstep of Heaven
October 26, 1968



GOOD MORNING — To our good friends, far and
near to whom we often write
and from whom we love to hear.

A late spring followed by a fast passing summer brings us to these glorious days of fall and Indian Summer. The aspen leaves have turned to gold and blending with the reds of the oaks and the dark greens of spruce and pine make another of nature's colorful pageants. The woods swarm with red capped hunters on their yearly chase for the fat deer and elk — thousands of sheep are being driven from their high summer pastures to their winter folds at lower levels — the feed lots teem with fattening cattle — grain crops have been gathered in — the rushing apple season is on and great trucks with their heavy loads of fruit move at all hours of the day and night. The high peaks have donned their robes of white which plainly tell us that another winter is close at hand, bringing with it the sports of skiing, skating and now the latest fad of the "snow buggies." What a wonderful country — how thankful we should be that we live in a free country and how glad we are that we have found a home in this beautiful valley.

Our plans for our winter vacation are still incomplete so we cannot tell you where we will be at the Christmas season, so our Christmas greetings are being sent along with our October birthday poem which we have been sending you for several years past.

Our mailing list has reached the 700 mark and has become a heavy load together with the care of our six acre plot of garden and orchard along with many summer visitors. It seems advisable that we discontinue our bulk mailings, for the present at least, so this may be the last of our general mailings. However we will keep up our correspondence by personal letters which we love to write. During the busy summer months our letter writing falls to a low ebb and just now we are about 300 letters behind but the days are growing shorter which permits of more time for writing so we hope to catch up soon — we do not forget our friends. From some we have had no word for a long time which makes us wonder if they are still in the land of the living. If you are one of these and are able to write we would love to hear from you.

To all of our friends we send our warmest greetings
for a thankful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and
our best wishes for your good health and contentment.

Sincerely,

A. G. and Rena Seaver



A letter is often better than a doctor's prescription.

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High in the Rockies
On the doorstep of Heaven
October 26, 1968

GOOD MORNING --- Mr. and Mrs. Degener
The glittering tinsel of
today often blinds us to the
road that leads to the gold
of tomorrow.



Just a line or two to add to my birthday letter
which we are sending out today - my 88th birthday.

We want to thank you again for the dinner you gave us
when we were at Hilo and for your kindness in taking us
over to see the volcano when it was in action - one of
the great wonders of the world in which we live.

For the past seven years we have been taking a long trip
each winter but we may have to pass this year if we carry
out our present plans. I am planning on having some ball-
bearing joints put in my hips which are getting no better
and if we have that work done it will take three months.
I was in the hospital and they did some test work like
drilling a hole in one of my bones to see what was inside -
the report hasn't come back yet. So we will just take
things as they come and be happy and contented as we
always are.

[Retired mycologist, N.Y. B.G.]

Had a letter from Fred and he is going along as
usual - the Seavers seem to be long lived - one died at 98,
another at 96, one living at 95, Fred at 92 and I am 88.
I hope we have not lived in vain.

What a wonderful world we live in and how thankful
we should be for the free country that is ours to enjoy
where each of us can do the things and think the thoughts
that are ours and express them without fear.

With kindest regards and best wishes for many
good things to come your way, we are

Sincerely,

A. G. and Rena Seaver



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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

1 November 1968

Dr. Otto Degener
68617 Crozier Drive
Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791

Dear Otto:

This acknowledges your letter of 1 October, together with the shipment of Cheng Ho papers and documents. It is a formidable assemblage and I congratulate you for having preserved it so well all this time. I write this without having gone through it in any detail, but even its mass arrests my attention.

We will go through it item by item in the next six weeks, following your instructions to retain "any originals if they are duplicates and give me xerox's of originals you may desire for your files." The sorting and xeroxing must be worked in with our other work load and we will retain all until the task is completed and then send it to you in one shipment.

The material is accepted from you subject to the stipulation you have made that you and Mrs. Degener, or, should you pre-decease her, Mrs. Degener alone or with some colleague possesses and retains the right to publish on the Cheng Ho and that the papers now put in our hands are not to be used by anyone for publication purposes without our receiving prior approval from you or from Mrs. Degener. I am filing a copy of this letter with the records that we retained, prominently marked, so that no slip-ups should ever occur in the future as concerns this agreement.

I presume that among the records you have sent is the account or report of the death of de Bisschop and of the "Tahiti convicts" whose mysterious activities have played so important a part in the story during the last year. Documentation on them and their activities, as well as your part in trying to get back the title should be as complete as possible. You have already submitted to me some of the documentation on this.

The copy of your book "Naturalist's South Pacific Expedition: Fiji (Honolulu, Paradise of the Pacific Ltd., 1949), is the first that I have seen of this production. I note that the bulk of the photographic prints in the shipment that you sent are those used in this volume, with the same captions, and have them in an album by themselves. In some instances there are duplicates of the prints. Do you wish these duplicates returned to you?

Can you give me anything about the history of the production of this work? How many copies were printed? Did Mrs. Archbold contribute to its publication? Is it still in print and if so from whom should copies be ordered and at what price?

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Dr O. Degener
P.O. Box 154

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Hawaii 96785, - U.S.A.

Dear Dr Degener,

Many thanks for your letter of Oct. 10th. The collections of Wikstroemia arrived here a few days ago. I am indeed very grateful for this material as well as for the other Hawaiian plants, that were included in the shipment and presented to the museum.

Both the collection of Wikstroemia nrs 31671 and 31672 I would like to name W. sandwicensis Meisn.

It was very interesting to read the newspaper cuttings you sent me. I would also like to thank you for the fruits of Argyroxiphium kauense, which you sent me earlier this autumn, and for your kind information regarding Coulter's Gazetteer.

I do hope that the A. kauense will germinate here as it would be quite an experience to see this famous plant.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Mrs Degener and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Bo Peterson

(Bo Peterson)

Please I ust "Profess" me!

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Dr. Otto Degener
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Volcano, Hawaii

12/13/68

Dear Otto,

Sparrows aren't the only ones that tend to dialectism. I have detected differences between Puuna and Kohala apapane! This would indicate that even insular populations are, or may be, quite isolated - more than I would guess. Drop in some time. Regards,
Wlin Banks