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APRIL 15, 1970

DEAR ISA & OTTO:

THANKS A LOT FOR THE SENDINGS OF YOUR FLORA HAWAIIENSIS WHOSE LOOSE LEAVES I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING CONTINUALLY.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER VOL. VII IS READY AND WHETHER THE LOOSE LEAVES I HAVE AFTER VOL VI IS PART OF VOL. VII.

MY WIFE AND I MISSED YOU BOTH VERY MUCH AT SEATTLE. MAY BE WE WILL MEET AT MOSCÚ NEXT TIME!

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A GOOD HEALTH AND PERSONAL WELLBEING AND HAPPINESS I REMAIN YOUR MOST SINCERELY

José de J. Jiménez

pd 5.00

408 Catamba Street
Union, S.C. 29379
Sunday, 1 May 1970

Dr. Otto & Isa Degener
P.O. Box 154, Volcano
Hawaii 96788

Dear Drs. Degener:

In skimming our Naturalist's South Pacific Expedition Life and in reading your most interesting letter, I realized that quality of your books which so strongly attracted us. As we are not botanists in any stretch of imagination, I must explain that your guides are invaluable to the chronic hiker and nature "buff." Your commentary in Life, moreover, reflects a state of mind shared by us against "crass racism".

I'm an avid reader of Bronislaw Malinowski, and both my engineer husband and I share an enthusiastic interest in Pacific cultures. Our older son (3) is Samoan-Japanese.

Thank you again.

Yours,
Kelly Parker

Wailua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791.
June 30, 1970.

Dr. William S. Steere,
N.Y. Botanical Garden,
Bronx Park, N.Y., 10458.

Dear Dr. Steere:

The following is my annual report:

Invited by my Fijian assistant of 1940, Timoci Bebe Ketewai, and his wife Emma, to be houseguests in their little mountain village of Mandala, Viti Levu, etc. Degenor and I enplaned from Honolulu for the Nandi Airport. With cases of tinned biscuits, corned beef, tuna, peaches and other appropriate supplies, we hired a U-Drive car to reach our hosts' one-room grass ghuro. As Timoci and Emma's household included his aged mother-in-law and his eight children, we providentially found a cottage abuilding for a coming Peace Corps teacher as our temporary home. The magnificent Fiji kauri forest about the village, where Timoci and I had collected so many endemics almost thirty years before (described by Dr. A.C. Smith in the first issue of *Sargentia*), is no more due to the ravages of the lumber industry. In fact, the second growth of endemics, including sapling kauri, was being eradicated during our present stay by poison spray and the area then planted to various exotic Pinus species. We did manage to collect some interesting plants, including lichens, on the slopes of 4,341 foot high Mt. Victoria; but our stay at Mandala was saddened by the surrounding devastation.

The Ketewai family is wealthy in land and children, rather than cash, and depends largely on subsistence farming and the wages Timoci earns as chain-sawyer for the Pacific Lumber Company. On our departure, with tears in every one's eyes, they gave us the highest honor in their power: should the next child be a son, he would be named "Otto"; if a girl, "Isa." A few weeks later Otto Ketewai was born.

Disappointed with the present Mandala exotic weedtree flora, we left to

embark in a sailboat for Ngalito Island, about 30 miles distant from the "mainland" of Viti Levu. Here we collected in virgin land upon which no botanist had ever set foot before. Instead of augmenting the Fiji collection in the Britton Herbarium by about 1,000 numbers, due to Hong Kong flu that deteriorated into pneumonia, we collected only about 200 numbers of Ferns and Flowering Plants. Though none excepting probably a grass is new to Science, our collecting materially helps Smith's forthcoming Flora of the Fiji Islands extend the known range of species to an "off-shore" island of the Fiji Archipelago.

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Besides the above publications I, aided and abetted by Mrs. Degener, wrote some articles for the National Park Courier and the local newspapers in an attempt to further Conservation in the Hawaiian Islands.

Respectfully submitted,

Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany

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Dear Dr. Degener,

Recently I corresponded with Dr. Sydney F. Glassman, the famous palm expert and plant taxonomist, who is currently the director of the herbarium at the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois. He has expressed a desire to purchase a set of the *Flora Hawaiiensis* (six volumes) through me for \$30. I recommend that you send the set directly to him at this address: Dr. Sydney F. Glassman, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Biological Sciences, (Box 4348) Chicago, Illinois 60680. Payment will come to me and I will retain my commission before forwarding the balance to you, as per your proposition.

Dr. Edmundson, a botanist at the University of West Florida here in Pensacola, is also definitely interested in purchasing the six-volume set of *Flora Hawaiiensis*. He decided he wanted it upon seeing my set. This set should be sent directly to me, and the University will buy it from me according to what Dr. Edmundson has told me. Again I will retain my commission before sending you the balance.

So far I'm doing all right as a book agent, with two tries and two successes. I am sure, though, that it is not my recommendation but rather the content of the volumes themselves which is selling the *Flora Hawaiiensis* so easily. I look forward to the appearance of Volume 7, and wish you and Mrs. Degener the best in its preparation.

Yours sincerely,

James R. Burkhalter
James R. Burkhalter.

July 16, 1970.

Editor, Hon. Advertiser

Dear Sir:

It is deplorable when a child is maimed or killed, but parents should teach their children the facts of life:

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BIG ISLANDER

SEPT. 11, 1970

Dear Dr. Degener,

Enclosed please find a money order in the proper amount to cover the cost of one set of the Flora Hawaiianis, plus postage, minus my \$10 commission. This is for the set which went to Dr. Edmister (whose name I previously misspelled "Edmundson"). At last contact Dr. Edmister expressed great pleasure (almost to the point of being overwhelmed) concerning his acquisition of F. H. It is obvious that he is a bibliophile as well as a scientist.

Dr. Glanman has already received his set of F. H. He informs me that it should be some weeks, however, before a check to cover its cost can be sent off. (Bureaucratic red tape can hardly be avoided at a large university.) Dr. Glanman wishes to extend special thanks to you for the gratis volume about your adventures in Fiji. He told me that he remembers meeting you in 1949 when he was on his way to Ponape and other Caroline Islands on a National Research Council fellowship. He extends his fondest regards to you and Mrs. Degener.

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Concerning your postulation about Hawaiians
introduced weeds and those of this local area;
I have given it some consideration. However,
since my knowledge of Hawaiian flora is not
very extensive I have not been able to come to
any definite conclusions. Nevertheless, as far as
I can tell it seems that there are few or almost
none — if any — weeds which are common to this
area as well as Hawaii. In my estimation the
weed most likely to be found in both places
would be the trumpet creeper vine, Campsis radicans
(which I shall place in the genus Bignonia), as the
family Bignoniaceae is well represented in the
Hawaiian Islands. However, I do not know whether
or not Campsis radicans actually grows in
Hawaii. Perhaps you would inform me on
this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Otto Degener,

Wednesday Oct 29

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. Needless to say the past week has been one of the most memorable of my life. I have had two experiences this past week that I will not soon forget. Last Saturday I went to the Missouri Botanical Gardens ^(ST. LOUIS) and much to my joy and amazement I saw the only known *Degeneria Vitiensis* under cultivation. I went to the botanical garden with a hunch that I might see a plant you mentioned in your writings but to see the only cultivated *Degeneria* was a thrill beyond words. The second memorable experience of the week was the receiving of your book. Words alone can not thank you for your kindness and generosity. This book is by far the most prized of my youthful library. I've only read the first 32 pages so far because I have been readily displaying it to my friends and family. I meant to mention earlier that the *Degeneria* is located in the Climatron at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. I am going to visit it regularly in the future. Reading your one book and receiving your other one, not only have given me great pleasure, but

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have made me reconsider my academic position. Although I majored in physical geography I am coming to the realization that my favorite subject is botany. For now I will pursue botany as a hobby but in the future I may pursue a degree. If I pursue botany I already know my inclinations are towards tropical flora. Once again I would like to express my sincerest thanks to a great scholar and a fine gentleman.

Sincerely
Frank Walker

November 3, 1970

AIR MAIL

Dr. Thomas B. Croat
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear Tom:

I hear you put in a long night of work. Did you get everything done?

Your Ormosia specimens are on the top of the pile today. I suddenly realize that I have to make a decision on the name for my own use in a treatment of the Sophoreae for North American Flora soon to go to the editor. I now think that all of the collections from Panama might be O. coccinea var. subsimpler. Would you please see if Dwyer's 1170, Isla de Coiba, is at MO and, if so, if there is a seed? Red? Red and black? The material he sent to US is without seeds. Also, would you please jot down date, and any other collection data. On innumerable occasions Dwyer has promised to send a label but years have gone by without a trace.

It was nice meeting you in person. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
Botanist
Department of Botany

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Waimanalo, Oahu, UH: 96791.
Nov. 18, 1970.

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Dear Mr. Petersen:

Mrs. Degener & I are delighted to learn from you ~~///~~ that Dr. Skottsberg's Wilstroemia monograph will appear in print this coming year. Please, remember, we wish 100 reprints, with bill, for distribution among the many Hawaii individuals interested in our flora and among colleagues elsewhere, mostly in the Ew World.

It will be wonderful to get this genus, so common locally, better understood.

If you want W. herbarium specimens from here, Mrs. Degener & I shall be glad to begin collecting the genus again. It should be easy to identify most taxa from Dr. Skottsberg's key. But, unfortunately, such new numbers will not have the historical value that sheets listed by Dr. S. will have.

By additional collecting, we may even find a few novelties in the genus - wonders never cease.

Mrs. S. leaves day after tomorrow via the polar route for Frankfurt enroute for Freiburg. There she will visit with her parents - her father is well over 80 - and return home just before Christmas. I guess she will not be too far from Göteborg's skies in her travels.

Thank you again for giving us happiness in anticipation.

Aloha,



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Summit Herbarium & Library
Drawer S
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone
November 23, 1970

Dr. Velva Rudd
Botanist
Department of Botany
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington, D. C. 20560

Dear Velva:

I left before your letter arrived at St. Louis. Thanks for all the help you gave me on my recent visit. I hope the girls at MO were able to help you with the Dwyer specimens for which you needed information. I will continue to collect and observe Ormosia here when possible.

I am afraid I did not bring with me your monograph of Aeshynomene and I need some help. Standley reported three species of the genus for BCI: A. americana L., A. hispida Sw. and A. sensitiva Sw. As I recall you cited only specimens of the latter for BCI. Could the others also occur there? I failed to check US for specimens for the first two names. Since they are not in the synonymy of A. sensitiva I should have searched for specimens under these names in the herbarium in order to confirm or deny their presence on the island.

Could you be of help to answer these questions?

Sincerely,

Thomas Croat, Curator

TBC/ps

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Velva:

After sealing my letter I realized that I have another question for you. Perhaps you recall the specimen of Ormosia I showed you which was new to BCI. I believe you said it was Ormosia panamensis, but I can find no such name in the Gray card file. Could I have heard you incorrectly?

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Also do you know if Rhynchosia phaseoloides (sw.) DC. and R. pyramidalis are synonymous? If so which is the one being used?

Tom

(ham) Mub

R. pruriatensis (H. + B.) DC.

December 22, 1970

Dr. Thomas B. Croat
Summit Herbarium and Library
Drawer S
Belbos Heights, CANAL ZONE

Dear Tom:

Your letters came while I was on an extended Thanksgiving vacation, as did, also, a specimen of your 10177, sent from St. Louis.

Until such time as someone can make a study of these *Acacias*, and examine the types, you might as well continue to use the name *A. riparia* H.B.K. for your 10177, and your 8000, although I am not sure that the two collections are the same. Have you collected good flowering material? It would be helpful to have both fruiting and flowering collections from the same plant, if possible.

Ormosia panamensis Benth. is not in the Gray Cards because they do not duplicate the original Index Kewensis. You will find it cited in my *Ormosia* paper (Contrib. U. S. Nat. Herb. 32: 315-317. 1965).

Rhynchosia pyramidalis (Lam.) Urb. seems to be the correct name for *Rh. phaseoloides*.

Platymiscium pinnatum (Jacq.) Dugand (Contr. Hist. Nat. Colomb. no. 1: 11. 1938) is the correct name for *P. polystachyum* (see your 6589). For some unknown reason Dwyer put the prior name in synonymy.

As to *Aeschynomene*, the BCI library probably has my paper (Contr. U. S. Nat. Herb. 32(1). 1955). So far as I know, *Ae. sensitiva* is the only species on the island. The name *Ae. hispida* has mostly been used incorrectly, for various things, and *Ae. americana* probably was included by Standley because of its proximity to the island, near Frijoles, etc.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Velva E. Rudd
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Dr. O. Degener

Göteborg 30.11.1970.

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Dear Dr. Degener,

Many thanks for your letter of November 18th laying on my desk after returning from London.

I will try to get 100 reprints of Skottsberg's Wibstroemia monograph for you. I will discuss the matter with the editor hoping the reprints will not be too expensive. You will be informed later on.

As I have written you before, there is no key by Skottsberg in the revision. I will publish the manuscript as it was left by Dr. Skottsberg, and no additions will be made. I hope it will later be possible for me to write a paper on additional material not seen by Skottsberg, and to elaborate a key to the Hawaiian Wibstromiae.

It should be very nice if Mrs. Degener could pay us a visit here in Göteborg, while she is in Europe.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Bo Peterson
(Bo Peterson)

12/18/70

Dear Dr. Vegerer:

Thank you so very much for honouring us with a communication from you. You are a most famous gentleman & it is a pleasure to correspond with you.

Indeed, we will raise your calabash gourd seeds —
Thank you ~~so much~~ for sending them.

Do you have particular instructions for their ~~various~~ stages of growth from the planting of the seed? Perhaps, due to their need of hot sun, we should not start until the rainy season passes? I took the liberty of presenting 6 seeds to our neighbors — Milton I + Bill Dodge. Their Hone Puhane Gardens are exquisite too. Certainly, we will endeavor to grow many to preserve their position in Hawaiian horticulture. I am quite concerned in these areas and am also volunteer Chairman of ecology + environment on Oahu.

Your reference to "Kostis Curse"; I assume you are talking about Iron wood trees? Naturally, I am aware of their poisonous position + handle them appropriately. We do have a number in the rear of the property — but they serve as a windbreak for our gardens.

You wrote — "don't become famous for a Huber's curse on Oahu" — what did you mean by that?

T.O.P.

As the article mentioned, we are relatively new to your field — but we love our plants + take excellent care of them — please do not worry about that.

Dr. Degener — it comes to mind that you might enjoy a visit to our home. We would like very much for you to come here and stay over for a couple of days — we have an extra house open at the moment — plus room in the main house. Please do consider that anytime after the 1st of the year.

Again, our warm thanks for your letter & seeds

Cordially,

Rudy Huber ← The paper misspelled
our name
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