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To Dr. Otto Degener
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Michael H. Webb
Asst. Curator

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DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
68-617 Crozier Drive
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July 12, 1983.

Dear Miss Mosher:

With delay and probably some loss of letters between the States of Hawaii & Michigan so frequent, Mrs. Degener & I simply went into Action. It was also prompted by my recent hospitalization for ten days for a blood clot that might fragment and cause serious malfunction of heart, lungs and brain; and my having still ANOTHER birthday! So last week, with the help of our friend, the retired Ginn & Co., employee (did you know that Xerox Co., absorbed it recently?) Mrs. D., & I are scattering our copyrighted page-proof among an as yet unknown number of 100 major botanical institutions throughout the world. The enclosed, old, early draft of the first page is more or less self-explanatory. We omit all reference to BB.

When we have stock in a company, we feel we are part owners of that company. After we have donated hundreds to thousands of Hawaiian, Fijian, etc., herbarium specimens over the past 60 years to 100 or so botanical institutions (like U. of Mich.) we, without the Director or President being aware of it, feel we have a vested interest in such an institution. So, copies of botanical letters, actually business, and the original drawings & photos we mailed you for the present edition, were sent to such institutions for embalming in their herbaria or archives. Since BB has not even now answered whether they can improve the looks of the inferior reproductions mailed me, we are mailing the page proof copies for sale, for barter or as outright gifts to "our vested" institutions with the query whether they happen to have the original drawings or plates. If they have, we want to borrow them for mailing to BB for a second try of making good reproductions for the properly printed Edition 3. I paid for this work once, and see no reason for being charged a second time.

This distribution of COPYRIGHTED copies of the page proof has a more important PERSONAL aspect. Mrs. D., & I were local pioneers explaining the origin of our archipelago in relationship to Continental Drift, Hot Spots, etc. Also, we have decided that the scientific names of certain local plants need changing. Others are winning the "glory" that we, without years of delay, would have gotten. Moreover, our dried specimens in museums will be enhanced in value and usefulness with a legible page proof description available until the proper book appears on the scene. Including plants collected outside the Haw. Islands, I guess we have distributed between 350,000 and 500,000 since 1922. For two years at the New York Bot. Garden, I would write the master label, and two WPA secretaries would write the duplicates; and for years in the islands I hired two boys for \$1 per day and keep to do similar work. It was good pay, considering their fathers worked on the sugar plantations as laborers for the same sum.

Your July 1 letter mailed to Wolsano and forwarded to me at Waialua (we must be here for a tenant turnover) has efficient suggestions, but first Mrs. Degener & I want to see how well your engravers can repair defective illustrations. You will expedite matters if I know for which you need my originals so that institutions can hunt them up among my gifts to them.

For additional needed pages, a charge of \$18 is quite satisfactory, but to "discuss print and bind costs at the completion of the composition" would hardly meet with approval of the BBB office in downtown Honolulu. We need more facts before signing a contract and some kind of ceiling beyond which BB charges cannot skyrocket. You cannot expect to please 100% of your customers. I don't seem to be alone.

Aloha, *Dr. Otto Degener*

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June 15, 1983.

Dear Prof. Price:

Mrs. D., & I have your June 6 letter. You have no idea what a lucky man you are! Were I a Frenchman in Ann Arbor, I would kiss you on both cheeks in gratitude. I notice in newspaper photos that even French Generals follow this practice.

Your information is precisely what we needed, and I just wrote Miss Laura Kett our tentative plans: Being exposed to tsunamis at Waialua - I turned over my entire personal herbarium over to NY after World War II Japanese bombers flew over my home and even shot at my protege while he bicycled to the postoffice to fetch the mail - and being exposed to volcanic fireworks at our Volcano Village home. Mrs. D., & I try to get rid, via museums, ~~are~~ no longer useful valuables.

Taking BB at their word a couple of years or so ago that they no longer needed the drawings & photos they returned, we mailed them away in herbarium package gifts to 100 or so institutions throughout the World. Most probably went to NY and Hunt at Pittsburgh. We plan buying a duplicator from Xerox when in Honolulu in two weeks (rental turnover). The machines are about the size of a typewriter. Therewith we shall first make two copies of our present page proof as it is. When we have copyrighted these two, we plan running off about 100 more to distribute to the 100 institutions which MAY have the needed originals. These we want to return to BB for a second try. We by this method get our few new binomial combinations legally fixed, and need not continuously revise the page proof to keep it up to date. It is silly for me, who died of heart arrest about ten years ago at the KMC mess with the highest degree of euphoria (without the b) until my wife and mother-in-law brutally slapped me alive, should not publish. Why not antehumously improperly and then perhaps posthumously properly. A man of my age, no matter how well he feels, may topple over any day. In view of the fact that my German father, on a visit from America to an Austrian relative married a distant cousin have I not the right to be silly? In that vein I got amused with resurrecting the name of a distant ancestor of mine BY MARRIAGE with the "new combination" Pandanus tectorius (du Roi) Deg. & Deg.

I amused myself similarly describing plants can be so monotonous - in naming a new Schiedea for a Bishop Museum Director who cost me my position at the University in 1928 (bless his Soul if he has one). Publishing no Latin diagnosis for S. gregoriana, the binomial is as worthless as the man I dishonored. The joke about it is that the Code printed a paragraph in error about my action as an error on my part. Have you noticed my nastiness?

I knew Krajina very well a half Century or more ago. I shall explain the situation, starting with the Cambrian or Ordovician: In the Geology Dept., at Yale Dr. Herbert E. Gregory was a keen expert I imagine, but in spite of that just a grown up juvenile delinquent. His colleagues could not stand him. In fact, bad boy Gregory noticed lecture notes on a fellow geologist's desk, filched them, and used them to give the public lecture as his own! I, as student, was on a field trip with gentle Dr. Charles Schuchert of Yale. Finding a contorted trilobite I showed him, he explained to me "it had died of a Palaeozoic cramp." Gregory & Schuchert were at opposite extremes in personality.

In the predicament of removing from the Campus troublesome Gregory, who was a bosom friend of the Harvester King McCormick (spelling?) who had endowed Yale with millions, the President of Yale brilliantly offered to pay a Director's salary at the impoverished Bishop Museum if Herbert Gregory were accepted. Furthermore, he would establish valuable "Yale Fellowships" paid by Yale for the Bishop Museum. I GOT TO KNOW "Vladi" Krajina as one of these Yale Fellows!

Dr. Krajina is an outstanding, somewhat exuberant, fearless individual who had been something of a Freedom Fighter and, I guess, might have been "liquidated" had he not emigrated to the US. He properly opposed the flagrant "lumping" of taxa by locals in his Sadleria monograph of which we have a copy on Oahu. With more collecting and field observation, still more "splitting" is in order. We have the brutes wild in our Volcano treefern patch with hybrids.. That we should reduce a taxon simply because a hybrid

occurs IN THE WILD (they don't do it for cultivated cases) is illogical to us. I believe Krajina to survive, after the Yale Fellowship ended, became a Canadian citizen more or less involved in the scientific part of Forestry. I considered him older than I, so don't be surprised if he is now collecting asclepiads along the Milky Way. I may follow him at any time.

Where have you been all this time? Don't you know that I paid no attention to Director Gregory because of his questionable reputation and particularly because of his treatment of the genius predecessor of mine, J.F. Rock, at the College (University) of Hawaii? Rock is the son of house servants and, he told me, Austrian-Hungarian by birth. Because of the peak he reached from his humble beginning, he deserves the very highest praise. In school in Austria, I presume it was a Catholic one, he studied Chinese, no biology. Perhaps he intended becoming a missionary. Early, he contracted "consumption" and, expecting to die from it, decided to see something of the world first. In some University town in France he noticed people walking the streets with name plate and their destination "New York" pinned on their coats and dresses. He got information from one of these emigrants and, practically on the spur of the moment, decided he could die of TB just as well in the US and in France. So he joined the group on the vessel. Arriving in New York, he started spitting blood from a lung haemorrhage. Going to an M.D., this sensible man told him he was not deathly sick at all, and that the best place for him to live would be in a warm climate. Thus Rock finally landed in Honolulu.

To cure himself Rock would lie in the sun at Waikiki. (I believe modern physicians consider this the worst thing to do for TB.). He confided in another genius (Alexander Hume Ford (whom I also knew well & gave some lectures free at his Pan-Pacific Assn.) how deadly monotonous lying on the beach was becoming. So Ford gave him a glass bottom box and told him to go out on the reef and study the "seaweeds". From algae & study, Rock got a position with the Territorial Forestry Dept. (Do you know his book Indig. Trees - --?) and finally the first Botanist at the College of Hawaii where, after he had become a University I got my M.Sc., for two Lycopodium S.L., papers in '23, and taught in '25-'27.

Rock during institution time & during his own time amassed a herbarium. Going to Berlin, he made it particularly valuable by getting (I believe from Engler) fragments from Hillebrand's herbarium bequeathed to them. I saw the ghastly remains in 1923 at the Bishop Museum after the Zoologist Ball as Curator had sealed the herbarium cases with putty before killing the cigaret beetles within! By the way, has Ann Arbor any of Hillebrand's and Rock's plants? Didn't "Uncle" Bartlett ever amass any?

No matter what the legal ownership might be, all specimens were of course arranged properly in sequence in the wooden, well made herbarium cases. I don't know what the trouble was, but Gregory and Rock disagreed about something. The Conchologist Montagu Cooke at the Museum had a brother (Clarence?) in the Legislature. Gregory thus got the Territorial Legislature to pass a bill that Bishop Museum be the legal depository for the College of Hawaii herbarium. Frantic Rock saw a moving van come to the College and haul the herbarium, including his personal plants, to the BM! Whenever Rock wanted to study his own plants, he would be obliged to cross Honolulu by trolley and then walk to the Museum. Lest Rock "steal" any of his plants, Gregory stationed a janitor beside him during his stay. With these nasty tricks, Gregory forced Rock out of the Islands, luckily finally to Tibet. You must know of his splendid record there from Nat. Geographic Magazine article and from a Rock biography (which I have not yet been able to get to read). Knowing this beast Gregory, I feared having anything to do with him.

Coming to the Hawaiian Islands from NY with my sister as a tourist in 1922, I collected greedily. In fact, on my return to my Alma Mater (Mass. Agr. College, later U.), I actually won the honorable Hill's Prize and the \$15 reward for the best herbarium submitted. Such plants are of course now in their herbarium. In the Islands for the school year 1922-23 under the U. of Mich., Exchange Professor DR. JAMES B. POLLOCK.. He had a tiff with Gregory too. I got my M. Sc., through him in 1923 for two published articles about Lycopodium s.l., appearing in the Bot. Gaz.

Having licked blood, I craved to return to the Islands - the vegetation on fire escapes & window sills of the Island of Manhattan did not interest me - and so wrote Pres. Dean of the University of Hawaii: I wished to teach Botany half time beginning 1925 for pay, and to work on a Flora of Hawaii on my own time without pay. On arrival in Honolulu, Pres. Dean informed me that the Regular Botanist Dr. Herbert Bergman (feared & unpopular in student eyes) had gone on leave of absence to Mass. As the

enrollment had increased tremendously, he asked me to teach full time with full pay of \$180 per month - this was reasonable in those days. What could I do but acquiesce? My Freshman Class had about 75 students and Plant Physiology about a dozen.

I of course bumped into Gregory. In fact, he arranged a meeting with me at the museum where he had the nerve to dictate what I should do even though not in his employ! I was politely noncommittal, and continued according to my former routine. In 1926-27 we got a new President David Crawford, a former entomologist and son of missionaries years before in Mexico. He surprisingly (I was considered the second best (K.C. Leebrick) on the small campus) informed me in writing that "the Director of the Bishop Museum does not approve of your reappointment", or words to that effect. Such letters are salted away in Archives in NY or Pittsburgh. The Museum, remember, is a private institution and the University of Terr. of Haw., one - no official connection between them at all. Though I never seem excited consciously subconsciously I get upset. I suffered heart pains, and have not driven a car since 1928 - never had a driver's license, because of chronic tachycardia. The cure might be a change in environment, and so I became the first Naturalist of Hawaii National Park, including Haleakala and Kilauea areas. I perked up and published during my spare time my tourist book, and returned after a couple of years to Oahu where I had bought a home - cross my palms with silver & gold and it is yours - in 1926.

Being nasty in addition to feeling insulted by having been dumped from the U., by Ores. David Crawford, I just could not help playing a joke on him. Even though I was unemployed (selfemployed?), he would 'phone me for the correct binomials for local plants of economic interest. Next he published his "Haw. Crop Parade", ignoring my labor in the introduction and ascribing it in with the help he got from my replacement at the Bot. Dept. I wrote an honest book review for the University newspaper Ka Leo O Haw. Because of the President's unpopularity, it passed the Faculty censor, and produced for a little while a furor. I also had the article in the newspaper. As a result, which I never expected, sales slumped. As licensed book dealer I bought all the unsold copies at a great bargain, corrected them with red ink as I would a Freshman notebook and offered them for sale at a profit. My best customers were Faculty members who, however, usually avoiding having their copies visible on their library shelves. Have you guessed what is buzzing in my mind?

Oh, yes, after ~~B.~~ Crawford was impertinent to Dr. Rock then in retirement in Honolulu and known well to us by that time - we named a Hibiscus in his honor - the newspapers had articles about his probably retirement from the U., three of us helped to dislodge him. Dec. 5 he sailed for California, and Dec 7 the Japanese bombarded Pearl Harbor. He thereafter became a farm machinery salesman in Mexico.

If you will read between the lines you will realize that even with a tape of Chopin on the radio, I am sick & tired of scribbling plant labels - at times 100! - Also, that besides tachycardia I still suffer from a mental scar from a fight that occurred over fifty years ago. It seems so silly as I realize that the Gregory-Crawford imbroglio was a blessing for me (and Rock), forcing me to be self employed, living off of investments, fee simple real estate & book sales. We get no pension, no salary, nor anything else..

This letter is so long delayed as Mrs. D., evidently with a touch of 'flu without realizing it, went swimming and then had to be hospitalized for two days after the M.D.'s pills dehydrated her excessively. She is just about well now. Then we enjoyed the visit of the P.S. Greens' ~~visit~~ ^{stay} at the Volcano House. He is retired from Kew.

What helps us tick is that we feel we are part owners of a company of which we own shares of stock. Similarly, with a third to half a million herbarium specimens scattered in 100 different institutions to help the advance of Science, we feel we have a vested interest in those institutions which not even the Directors can deprive us without destroying our specimens. *Cheefas with his Pyramids at Ghiseh had a similar idea.*

We have many more Topping cards for you to xerox After we have copied the reverse notes about my own collecting.

Thanks again, & aloha,

W.D. Ogden

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June 22, 1983.

Dear Dr. Rogerson:

Mrs. D., & I in 1981 spent considerable time in Tasmania, southern Australia and the North Island of New Zealand. Then in 1982 we botanized in the Canaries, Madeira and the Azores. Our strictly 100% botanical publications we mailed as samples to the Garden for Mr. Long's archives.

1983 Besides botanizing in these foreign regions with pleasure, we have been greatly upset for a number of years from an environmental standpoint and have received from the State of Hawaii Legislature a signal honor as overleaf shows. This announcement was later published in the Newsletter of the Haw. Bot. Soc., actually about Feb. 15, 1983 and IN ERROR given as May-Dec, 1979. We and others have protested the dating error, and received the editor's lame excuse (now in our archives) that as no new combination in nomenclature had been made, dates were irrelevant!

Haw. Volc. Nat. Park, besides its volcanoes Mauna Loa and Kilauea, is also outstanding for its wealth of endemic plants in deserts to rainforest and up to the alpine elevation of above 13,000 feet. During the last few years practical individuals and their powerful companies have begun the project of "mining" the area from the Park boundary southeastward about 25 miles to the ocean! The proposal is to sink about 90 wells to the white hot molten magma to tap geothermal energy. Mrs. D., & I are strenuously opposing this danger to our environment by writing protests to the local newspapers and other publications. We then send such articles xeroxed usually in 100 copy lots. We distribute to local and other Legislators, to Biologists and Environmentalists, and to any other groups that may prevent or at least retard this desecration & extermination of our biota. I having been Naturalist at the National Park and with a book prominently on sale, and Isa & I being residents in the neighborhood for over 15 years tend to be followed a bit more seriously than the average citizen. What is happening now thanks to a few test wells is frightening with the clouds of SO₂ and other poisonous liberated gases. Our group is not fighting the vandalism as one-sided naturalists, but have chipped in to retain an attorney to protect our rights legally. Isa & I are not so much interested what happens to our acre property but to the Island as a whole whether we are still living or not. This fascinating can so easily be changed from a Paradise of the Pacific to a Pittsburgh of the Pacific with a concentration of heavy industry.

Regarding our bibliography we contacted Dr. Prance May 20 as he knows something about local conditions as does of course Dr. Hester, a former schoolboy on Oahu! Dr. Prance in his June 16 answer wrote that we "are wondering how much detail to put into the bibliography list that Dr. Rogerson completes each year. My inclination on this would be to tend towards all inclusive. I think the more comprehensive these are the more useful they are for the historical record - - -. Dr. Rogerson may eventually weed out some of it as he does for all of us - - -."

The trouble is that 1. we are presently living at our mountain home on the Island of Hawaii where only a couple of such articles remain, 2.) at our beach home on the Island of Oahu we have only a few others stashed away, and 3.) of many, we have distributed all 100 or so copies. They are in the public domain where we hope they will help our cause. WE HAVE, HOWEVER,, INVARIABLY SENT SAMPLES of such material to Mr. Long for the Garden archives from time to time. Could you easily leaf through the material probably filed under "Degener" to select the proper bibliographic material? Should it be time consuming, could you hire some student to do it for us at our expense? (We shall take the cost off our taxes as a business expense.) To print a respectable bibliography should to readers that the Degeners have not yet succumbed to old age but are still useful as well as ornamental.

Aloha,

Shaw

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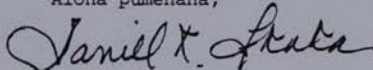
Dear Drs. Degener:

This is in response to your correspondence to the editor of the
Advertiser concerning the Maui Botanical and Zoological Gardens.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. I will
do whatever I can to assure that these gardens can be enjoyed by
everyone.

Thank you for your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to
contact me whenever I may be of service.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
Member of Congress



7 July 1983

Dear Doctors Degener,

I thank you most kindly for the lovely packet of plant specimens which arrived in perfect condition today. Like all the others you've sent over the past few years, they are treasured and valuable additions to the herbarium here, and I will mount them up and curate them lovingly.

I regret to say that your #35,800 (perhaps a kind of Sophora?) arrived without a label. Do you suppose I might trouble you for a label for it? I hate to ask the favor, since you've been so terribly generous all along.

I have 3 very competent assistants (work-study students) this summer in the herbarium, and we are plugging right along. We now have 66,300 and growing. It may not be a terribly large collection, but I flatter myself it is a quality collection, helped more than you can know by the additions from the Degeners.

There have been stories intermittently the past several months about the volcano spewing lava not far from your home. I gather that your home is away from the lava flows, since the news reports we see here always stress that the threatened homes are "natives who often have no plumbing." It seems a curious way to describe people's situations, but that's what we read, and see on the television.

My thanks again for the most welcome additions to the herbarium. And my every best wish for your continued collecting vigor!

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Most cordially,
Neil
Neil A. Harriman

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July 13, 1983.

Dear Prof. & Mrs. Harriman:

Mrs. D., & I wish to thank you for your July 7 letter. But, really, you are doing us a favor by preserving our botanical pets so that more advanced humans of the Future can get a better idea as to what a fascinating Archipelago the Hawaiian Islands had been before the Polynesians came 1,000 years ago, and other races since about 1778 to devastate it. They did so with fire; introduction of herbivores; aggressive weed herbs, weed shrubs & weed trees like the explosive eucalypts, and rather recently with the bulldozer. Accidentally introduced fungi, viruses and insects are major problems.

When we own stock in a company, Mrs. D., & I consider we actually are part owners of that company. We are perhaps a bit eccentric in feeling that if we can get our specimens into herbaria in institutions from NY, Berlin, Vienna, Kew, Peking, Leningrad, Oshkosh and about 75 others scattered throughout the World, we actually have a vested interest in those fine institutions whether their Presidents or Faculty believe it or not. It makes us feel useful as well as ornamental given into the Future.

Mrs. D., connected with Berlin-Dahlem before I "kidnapped" her to Hawaii by marriage in 1953, saw the herbarium destroyed in World War II by British bombers halfheartedly helped by our own. In WW III, IV, etc., etc., crazed politicians vry likely may destroy major cities, but hardly waste bombs on communities like Coimbra, Dublin, G8teborg, Hobart, Ithaca or Oshkosh. SOOOO let's scatter prizes there for long survival. Why not do that for your Wisconsin endemics? If potential political enemies yet unborn can wipe out much of the US and perhaps "conquer" the World, it may be wise to fill museums in Leningrad, Moscow, & Peking. A few nincompoop leaders - remember I am not responsible for a Nixon - may be the enemies; hardly Botanists, as we have noted after attending Int. Bot. Congresses.

We live on the Island of Oahu at the warm beach preferably winters and on the Island of Hawaii in the 3,800 foot rainforest preferably summers. BUT we may switch without notice at any time due to the vagaries of tenant turn-overs. So, now, we are under protest sweating at Mokuleia Beach. We shall be back at cool Volcano in about two months. Your letter is going there with us, so that we can shuffle through our herb., specimens there for the missing label of (?) Sophora 35,800 which we probably collected at Punaluu, Kau. Is the legume torulose?

Though unusually well for our ages, we want to empty our two homes of all herb. specimens lest some lawyer executive through everything into the garbage as worthless. Thereafter, we shall publish again as usual. You must realize that since about the Viet Nam War efficient botanizing for us has ended, and we are ready to sell our jeep as isolated roads leading to interesting regions are too dangerous. We just pick up odds & ends along main high-

which we botanized decades ago. The wild areas are honeycombed with illicit plantings often boobytrapped and guarded with armed criminals. A few years ago, while botanizing and probably wandering too closely to a patch of Cannabis, Mrs. D., & I were shot at. On our acre of treefern-Metrosideros forest, farthest from our house, someone even was growing Cannabis seedlings! I had the urge to press them and mail them out as specimens, but of course did not do so. It would have been a Federal offence.

The lava[^] threaten mostly shacks of illicit growers, and we are rather pleased. Our property is Mauks (uphill) from the presently active rift. Of course something will eventually happen to our property, but that may be a month or more like 20,000 to 50,000 years hence. At the Beach, we have had the ocean three feet deep in our diningroom. This has happened thrice since I bought the place in 1936; and after the Japanese bombers flew over the house to attack Pearl Harbor & esp. Schofield Barracks, we have kept no personal herbarium. Should we ever want to monograph a genus, we can always borrow specimens from institutions in which we feel we have a vested interest such as NY, Ann Arbor or Oshkosh.

What's new in the spiderweb?

Mrs. D., joins in aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener



19 July 1983

Dear Drs. Degener,

I have your kind letter of 13 July; it arrived yesterday. The specimen I asked you about is indeed Sophora tomentosa, your #35,800, and the pods are strongly torulose. I thank you in advance for carrying my letter along to your other home, to dig out more label data. I checked through my holdings of Sophora, and I do have other specimens of this species, but not from Hawaii. Had it been something you'd sent me a dozen times before, I wouldn't want to bother you any further.

I shall take to heart your further comments on the vagaries of war and politics and instruments of mass destruction in human hands. I regret sincerely the bitter tone that comes through in your letter, but I think I can understand why you write as you do. There is scarcely a monograph in my herbarium library that is without a mention of the destruction of one or more types at the Berlin herbarium in the infamous bombing raid of 1943. Without meaning to excuse anyone's behavior, I would add that the German authorities forbade the botanists there to evacuate the herbarium to a safe locality, but the Willdenow Herbarium was hidden away here and there outside the city in private houses, despite the orders from the authorities. Hence, it survives intact. Just out of curiosity, do you know whether this tale is true? I have no wish to dredge up horrible memories, but I would treasure some personal history that I know you, Mrs. Degener, could supply me with.

My thanks again for the lovely specimens, and your letter. I used your tale about marijuana growing in isolated places in the islands in my Biology class just this morning -- the students were open-mouthed. I think it made quite an impression.

Biology Department
U. of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

Most fondly,

Neil
Neil A. Harriman

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Department of Biology

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TEL. NO. 812-1337-

18 July 1983

Dear Drs. Degener,

I thank you very much for your gift
of 21 herbarium specimens for Indiana University
(received 18 July '83). As always, the specimens
are greatly appreciated, as is the printed matter
that accompanied them.

Sincerely,

Lewis Johnson

Herbarium Curator



HERBARIA OF THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM AND GRAY HERBARIUM
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

20 July 1983

Dr. Otto Degener
Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

Dear Dr. Degener:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the 27 miscellaneous
Hawaiian plants which we have recently received from you. The material
will be mounted and added to our collection.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Michael Canoso
Manager, Systematic Collections

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20 July 1983

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

Dear Dr. Degener,

Please accept my apologies for not writing sooner. I would like to acknowledge and thank you for two recent gifts to Herbarium Pacificum:

Accession 1983.205; 21 dried plant specimens, Hawaii

Accession 1983.247; 31 dried plant specimens, Hawaii.

I enjoyed very much your reminiscent letter about NYC and NYBG. My time there was full of interesting experiences which I will try to gather into a letter to you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Peter J. O'Connor
Collections Manager, Botany

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July 22, 1983

Dr. Otto Degener
68-617 Crozier Drive
Waiahua, Oahu, Hawaii 96791

Dear Dr. Degener:

Many thanks for your contribution of published material and 23 specimens of plants. We have always appreciated your generous contribution of valuable plants to this University. Your collections are of great value and it is exceedingly kind of you to continue your gifts to our herbarium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Davis".

Edward L. Davis
Department Head

ELDdlr



Kala Degen

WAIALUA, OAHU, HAWAII

July 24, 1983

Dear Dr. Price:

I have your July 3 letter, and thank you two Arborists for your help with BB. But so far as Mrs. D., & I understand, we are not ready to continue with BB until this concern answers - I asked the same question about a year ago - my query as to WHICH illustrations were botched in the Ann Arbor shop so that I can hunt up the originals or try to get substitutes. Many originals may be in the archives of N.Y.B.G., Carnegie-Mellon U., or perhaps even in Ann Arbor. To have me pay them \$500 and THEREAFTER be told how much the job is to cost is hardly what the BBB (Better Business Bureau) or an attorney would advise us to sign. Without a specified ceiling sum, theoretically we could be bankrupted. We noticed something like that happening to distraught relatives who failed to note the fine print of the contract in the Honolulu nursing home where Isa's mother died. After the past experience and unsatisfied printing customer's frigidly remark, we are unusually careful. Our plan, as I probably mentioned before, is to have the present page proof copyrighted without more years of delay. This move will date our publication of some of our new name combinations and put some of our ideas into the public domain.

We are now at our Mokuia Beach home due to tenant turnovers until at least the middle of Sept. and to dental work (root canal; it's a tap root). Here we have our private library of 2,200 books & pamphlets dealing with Haw., plants. Also, here we have our collection of holographs and xeroxes of holographs. Many of such holographs have been deposited in the archives of the NIBG, Hunt Library of Carnegie-Mellon U., in Pittsburgh and (?) in Ann Arbor and elsewhere AFTER we had had them xeroxed.

We NEVER list authors of books, pamphlets, holographs and xeroxes on filing cards. Instead, we list any genera of interest from Haw., standpoint mentioned in such collections. When Mrs. D., & I work on some genus, we then haul out for us to see what others have thought about them. Regarding Cibotium our filing card lists 71 books and pamphlets, and 55 holographs & xeroxes of holographs. Regarding Scleria, we have 66 of the former, and 24 of the latter. Moreover, we are not quite up to date, some boxes of pamphlets are still lying about our library waiting for us to list them on our cards and putting them on our library shelves. Letters & xeroxes are in 3-ring binders.

I shall watch out for Krajina's publications, but I hardly have the time to hunt thorough all our pamphlets, at least NOW.

Here is something for you to ponder with your bot. Colleagues: People die today who never died before! Over 84 years old, even though moderately healthy, according to life insurance statistics I consider myself terminally ill. I have lived with a pacemaker for nearly a decade, carry nitroglycerin pills in a tiny vial in my trouser pocket, do feel a bit dizzy at RARE times, was hospitalized for ten days a couple of months ago for a blood clot, have a-

long with Mrs. D. been shot at while botanizing by illicit Cannabis growers, and travel with Mrs. D. by auto & 'plane. Here is the chance for a Bot. Dept., to acquire a xerox collection of correspondence with me and mostly botanists starting in the early '20s. A friend and distant neighbor is a retired Ginn & Co., employee. The company has been taken over by Xerox Co. Friend Don Smith visits us every Saturday, and kindly takes any material we want duplicated to a shop in Honolulu, returning it to us the following Saturday. Does U. of Mich., want a xerox copy, good & bad as they appear in our notebooks at 10 cents per copy? The writers represented in our first notebook are: H.H. Whetzel of Cornell 12/29/21, Irma Regener, Otto Regener, Alma S. Stacey (Lyc.), O.K. Courtney, A. Vincent Osmun, W.H. Davis (Myc.), deVis Norton, Ray E. Torrey, Kenyon L. Butterfield 7/3/23.

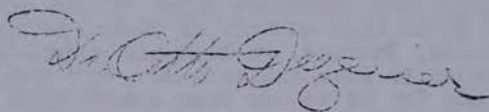
When I left New York City with my sister Irma to tour the Hawaiian Islands in 1922, she returned home that Fall while I registered at the University of Hawaii for a Master's. By luck your own Univ. of Mich., Dr. James E. Pollock, a physiologist, was the Exchange Professor of Botany; and Wendell Brown, son of an Ann Arbor minister, was student and lab. assistant. On returning to MI I stopped off in Ann Arbor to visit my friends once again. Brown gave up Botany, I believe, for Law; & I lost track of him.

A year hobnobbing with Ann Arborites stimulated my mailing material to your institution - how many numbers thus far? - with a hidden feeling that I had a "vested interest" in it. Hence I prefer having a set of my xeroxes in Ann Arbor, an area of relatively little military importance during future World wars in comparison to MI, Honolulu next to Pearl Harbor, and other coastal areas. Many of my later letters are more or less repetitive as I am trying to advertise the horror of our altering a Paradise of the Pacific into a Pittsburgh of the Pacific. The recipients of such letters are different and the idea may be new to them. At least their answers are often interesting.

As an experiment, does your Dept., want xeroxes of my first 100 pages for \$10/ So long as my friend sees to the xeroxing for us, it would be silly for Mrs. D., & me to invest in a machine for such work. We save so much labor thanks to his kindness.

We are unusually busy, offering our home ⁷⁴ near the University for sale Aug. 1. The "profit" of being a landlord is offset by the nuisance of dealing with occasionally horrible tenants and with rising taxes. We landlords are degenerating into unpaid tax collector.

Aloha,





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July 25, 1983

Dr. Otto Degener
68-617 Crozier Drive
Waiahua, Oahu, HI 96791

Dear Dr. Degener:

Mr. Mahoney has asked me to respond to your nice letter of July 5. One of the benefits of this job is that I can correspond with alumni from all over the world. Your part is one of my favorites.

I have spoken with Dr. Davis of the Botany Department and he did indeed confirm yours and Mrs. Degener's generosity to your alma mater. And I asked him to please keep this office informed of your gifts so that we could keep some record of these "gifts in kind".

You are correct that there is a faculty union on campus now. However, much of the blame for this happening resides with the state legislature. There were too many years when our state allocations were cut and no faculty or staff salary increases were given. Unfortunately, one answer was and is a union. However, there are some stalwart faculty members who have refused to join and have taken the option to make a charitable contribution instead.

Again, thank you for your letter. We have removed your name from our telephone solicitation file.

Sincerely,

Lois A. Carlson

Lois A. Carlson
Director of Individual Giving

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cc: Dr. Edward Davis

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July 26, 1983

Drs. Otto & Isa Degener
P. O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

Dear Isa and Otto:

Again my thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending your packet of xerox copies of letters and botanical reprints received on July 11. Of special interest to me was your letter of April 7 to the Advertiser relative to Rene Sylva's extraordinary work on Maui.

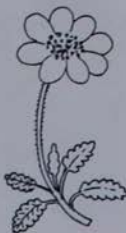
In my view this so-called amateur is one of the best professionals in the islands and deserves enormous support from everyone who has the energy and decency to recognize the marvelous job he is doing. Thank you for your letter in his behalf.

My very best personal and warmest regards to you both.

Sincerely,

PAUL R. WEISSICH, Director
Honolulu Botanic Gardens

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Drs. Otto & Isa Degener
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Dear Drs Degener,

We have today received the 10
Hawaiian specimens you sent us as a gift. They
are all in good order and we wish to thank you
for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Pyddoke
Susan Pyddoke
Curatorial assistant

July 29, 1983

Dear Otto & Isa,

It was good to hear from you and learn about your history. Why don't you write your memoirs? I appreciate your comment about Isa reading the book. Comments from geologists & actors in the book are not so useful. It is time we got together again. We spend Dec 1 to Mar 1 in Honolulu. We see Netha often and his wife. They load us with fruit & orchids.

If your botany professor had remained at Wesleyan, I would have been a botanist instead of a geologist. He was a captivating individual.

Cloudsledge is just as wonderful as ever. We are in good health because of our deep love for each other.

Aloha mi ka

Harold & Claudia

P.S. Thanks for enclosure.

Harold T. Stearns
Box 158
Hope, ID 83836

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Göttingen, 2.8.1983

Dr. Otto Degener

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Lieber Herr Degener,

Es freut mich, daß der "Index Collectorum" gut angekommen ist und Ihr Interesse gefunden hat. Für die Übersendung des "Flora Hawaiiensis"-Bandes danke ich sehr. Ich hoffe, wir finden die Zeit, die Tafeln - Ihrem Rat folgend - in das Herbar zu inserieren.

Es ist bewundernswert, daß Sie trotz aller Schwierigkeiten immer noch ins Gelände gehen.

Ihnen beiden herzliche Grüße
von Ihrem

Gerdhard Wagemann

PS. Soeben erhielten wir eine Sendung mit 20 Herbarbelegen und einigen Separaten, für die ich mich herzlich bedanken möchte.

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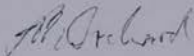
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Dear Drs. Degener,

Today we received another parcel from you
this time of 23 plants and a number of papers and clippings.
As usual the literature made interesting reading, and the plant
specimens will be a useful addition to our collection.

I thank you for thinking of us again in
this way and assure you of our appreciation of the work
you are doing.

Yours sincerely,



A.E. Orchard.

DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
68-617 Crozier Drive
Waiialua, Oahu, Hawaii
96791 U.S.A.
Aug. 18, 1983.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, Drs. Otto & Isa Degener, as landowners and resident tax payers of 68615-68619 Crozier Drive, Waiialua, Oahu, HI. 96791 (Tax Map Key 68 004 005) herewith go on record opposing the petition requesting the abandonment by the City and County of Honolulu of plans to pave the remaining unpaved ten foot width of Crozier Drive. We protest strongly any action taken against our vital interests, safety and well-being. We oppose also any gate closing off our access to Crozier Drive and plantings on the unpaved strip suggested by the Hello Easy Street Corporation (See copy attached). We own vested rights and easements such as underground electric line to the electric pole.

Crozier Drive has been in the Public Domain for many years, longer than the 48 years we have owned our home here, and we wish it to remain so. The City & County of Honolulu has always provided road maintenance and other public services like refuse pickup, protection by cruising police, fire protection, school bus pickup & delivery, ready access for ambulance visit; and for USA mail service, etc.

Our desired paving of the remaining width of Crozier Drive will make driving less hazardous, enabling ordinary cars and bulky trucks coming from opposite directions to pass each other safely, ease access and egress to and from our property, parking, etc. During natural disasters like tsunamis, hurricanes and high storm waves it is vital for us to be able to evacuate to higher ground via a properly widened paved street which is not impeded by plantings and locked gates. We would be in jeopardy with them.

The railroad right-of-way, which was granted by King Kalakaua to Oahu Railroad & Land Company (B.F. Dillingham) for railroad use only between Honolulu and at length Kahuku reverted to the Territory of Hawaii and later to the State of Hawaii after railroading was abandoned. To our great surprise this narrow strip parallel to Crozier Drive is claimed to be owned privately by Hello Easy Street Corp. We protest any such sale as probably faulty or spurious of State Land and our easements thereon to any private party without any public hearing or notification to us property holders and the public in general.

We were told by an officer of the corporation that the area in question would be landscaped with palms, other trees and shrubbery by some elderly yardman at the rate of \$25 per month for each abutting lot. After experiencing many precautionary evacuations, two tsunamis flooding our home to the height of 2-4 feet and crossing Crozier ~~Drive~~ also experiencing Hurricanes Dot and Iwa since 1935, I know such plantings even if only one tree falls across the Drive would prevent our escape to higher ground with our valuables by car. In how many hours during the day or night could we residents remove a fallen tree from across the only road of escape to safety? Anyway, for two Senior Citizens (like me, O.D., born in 1899 and without pension nor any welfare benefits) to join such a plan is simply unaffordable.

Furthermore, a right-of-way of venerable age exists between Crozier Drive and Sandy Mokuieia Beach. It is a few lots west of the Degener one. With a gate across Crozier Drive "to enhance the integrity and exclusivity of our neighborhood by increasing its privacy and exclusivity of our section of Crozier Drive" how could the good, average kamaaina citizen of the democratic USA reach the beach right-of-way?

In summary: We residents have more faith in our State and City & County of Honolulu than in private individuals with to us somewhat impracticable ideas. The only change we residents wish is the widening of Crozier Drive to increase its safety for us in times of threatened disaster like tsunamis, hurricanes and ocean storms. On the average they hit us about every ten years.

Aloha,
Isa Degener

Dr. Otto Degener

Copies to: Hon. Michael Chun, Dept. Public Works, City & County Hon.;
& elsewhere. Director, Dept. Land Utilization, C. & C. Hon.; Office Information & Complaint; City Councilman H. Matsumoto; Dept. Gen. Planning, C. & C. H.; Mr. Richard Rand, Hello Easy St. Corp.; Mr. Max Moody; State Ombudsman, Dept. Land & Nat. Resources; etc.

North Shore News

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OCTOBER 12, 1983

Problems on Crozier

by Muriel Tuairau

There seems to be a bit of controversy brewing over on Crozier Drive, leaving us with the question "gateways on the road" or "free and easy access?"

The first suggestions is to construct two ranch style gateways at each end of Crozier Drive between Olohe'o Street and Mahina'ai Street in Mokuieia. It is also proposed that a landscape program be introduced along the 10 foot "unpaved" balance of the 20 foot wide road. The landscaping might well include coconut trees along the roadway as well as various other plants. A hired gardener/security person, in a relaxed manner, would then be assigned to keeping track of people driving through the neighborhood. The concept here is to beautify the road plus increase the value of the resident's investments and increase the privacy and safety of the community. The estimated cost per landowner would be \$25 per month. Sound good, so far? Read on.

There are those resident/landowners who are quite content with their present

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living conditions and surroundings and the entire affair has left them somewhat frustrated. A few residents contend that it would be unwise to landscape the area with coconut trees or to install gates on each end thus hampering access to the residents. There is a possibility that this might cause jeopardy for them during a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tsunami etc. Some of the residents appreciate the natural foliage already there and complained that this would also inhibit access to the public beaches nearby.

It would seem that both sides have valid reasons for their individual preferences, but who will decide on the answer or compromise? Well...

According to the Director of Transportation, Bill Bonnet, Crozier Drive is private property and at the city's discretion, they would do emergency repairs on the road only, otherwise, the residents make the final decision on other matters, but it must be a 100% vote after which it will then become a Council matter.

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Aloha,
Dr. Otto Degener
Dr. Isa Degener

REMARKS, Dr. Degener's many works, including plants of Hawaii

I have received a long impetioned time blanketed Hialeahah Crozier, letter from Drs. Otto and Isa Degener, authors of many books on plants and who are Volcano centric full time for a combined 90

How many of the books are they? 10/10/83

REMARKS, Dr. Otto Degener, botanist, taxonomist, conservationist, and advocate, has devoted well over a half-century toward a better knowledge of our invaluable yet highly sensitive natural environment;

REMARKS, the flora and fauna of Hawaii's unique island ecosystem are treasured resources and

REMARKS, the preservation of our wildlife resources, which have evolved in our isolated oceanic environment over many thousands of years, has become a paramount concern in the recent years of its rapid urbanization; and

RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Degener.

RE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Tenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1979, that it commend Dr. Otto Degener for his contribution to the preservation and enhancement of Hawaii's wildlife resources; and

RE IT RESOLVED that his five and one-half

REMARKS, this outstanding service of Dr. Otto Degener in fostering the preservation of our community's precious wildlife resources is worthy of our recognition and commendation; and

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August 22, 1983

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P.O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending us the photograph of Orlando Lyman and his wife. It is a lovely view of them and one that enhances our material on alumni in the Archives.

Sincerely,

Katherine Emerson

Katherine Emerson
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Mount Holyoke College

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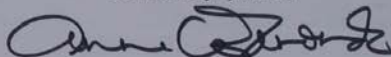
Dr. Otto Degener
P.O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii 96785

Dear Dr. Degener:

How wonderful to have two Hawaiian homes
although the address "Volcano" sounds rather
ominous.

I shall await with interest whatever materials,
or further anecdotes, you can provide us.

Sincerely yours,



Anne C. Edmonds
College Librarian

ACE:jc

26, Aug. 1983.

96791, USA

Dear Prof. Mäkinen:

Mrs. Degener & I just received your interesting Aug. 18 letter, and wish to congratulate your University for having you as leader of the Herbarium. Living in two homes, one next to the National Park where we are occasionally awakened with interest at night by the noise of lava fountains in a raspberry red sky; and the other on the beach where our ground floor has been flooded 2-3 feet by tsunamis with algae, fish & crabs everywhere, we have never been 100% sure that our personal herbarium may not be destroyed. So when the Japanese bombers flew over me and my home along the north shore of Oahu to bomb Fort Schafter, I mailed an estimated 50,000 herbarium specimens, not all Hawaiian, to the New York Botanical Garden. I have not kept a personal herbarium since the beginning of the War, merely retaining specimens until I take the time to label them and send them off to 100 bot. institutions of the World listed in Holmgren's Index Herbariorum.

Mrs. D., & I get satisfaction that our plants get properly housed, and a help to further knowledge. We even feel, just as though we own a part of a business in which we have bought shares of stock, that we are part owners of the University of Aarhus and the remaining 99 other institutions. You never realized we concealed two feel we have a vested interest in your Department!

Though our ages (I was born in 1899) would not hinder us much from collecting choice endemics for Turku and elsewhere, we simply cannot get them anymore. When we collect now, it is mostly mostly unimportant endemics growing along main highways which we probably collected many years before, AND mostly near-worthless exotic weeds! We are ready to sell our jeep which took us to botanically fascinating areas over almost impassable roads. You, having known the Islands years ago, will be surprised to learn that one exotic is preventing our further botanizing. IT IS CANNABIS!

The sugarcane and pineapple industries are almost failing due to striking laborers and foreign competition. Since about the VietNam War people are growing more & more hemp for local consumption & especially for export to the Continental US. In fact, this illicit industry in the hands of criminals is more lucrative than that of sugar and pineapple combined.

We live alternately on both Oahu and Hawaii. We would not dare botanize as before. It is deadly dangerous. These usually youngish criminals run plots of marijuana within sugarcane fields. Should the cane wor them, the criminals out of revenge may set fire to the cane at \$20,000 to the plantation.

Recently, a military man, told us that while maneuvering in several men in different places with rifles warned that they are owners (a lie) of the land and would allow they were of course protecting their illegal plantings

While botanizing with our jeep perhaps half a mile from our home near the Volcano three years ago each of us was shot at. I guess we approached too close to an illicit planting. While we were living away from there on Oahu for three months, some one had planted a row of Cannabis on our acre of private land. I really wanted to make herbarium specimens, but of course would have risked going to jail by the Federal Government were I to mail the herbarium specimens via mail. The Volcano village has one general grocery store which sells an unusual number of spring rat traps. They sell most to dope growers who put a rifle cartridge where the cheese belongs, and attach a long blackish string to it. When a botanist or hunter unknowingly sets off this booby trap, he may be shot dead. Some hunters simply disappear, presumably murdered in the jungle. As Mrs. D., & I hate to die of gunshot wounds, our real botanizing days are over.

The police often with the aid of helicopters discover hidden plantings & uproot them. But the judges seldom jail or imprison the criminals because our jails & prisons are already overflowing.

Mrs. D., & I are getting disgusted with a high percentage of Mankind. Would it not be wonderful if a Cannabis strain were developed that would kill or at least sterilize these creatures and prevent them from procreating their (on the average) evil kind?

We hope you will have success with botanizing in South America - we are beginning to mail some duplicates to Caracas & Rio * so that future botanists will realize how wonderful the Earth once was. Don't neglect collecting plenty of duplicates. Should Turku be destroyed, some of your specimens may survive in Canada, China, Japan, USA, etc.

Mrs. Degener joins me in aloha,

Otto Degener



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DRS DEGENER

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Our reference QL75

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HAWAII 96791

Date 1 Sep 1983

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your presentation of

FLORA HAWAIIENSIS Book 7

to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Your gift is very much
appreciated.

Yours faithfully

U Phillips

AP Miss S M D FitzGerald
Chief Librarian &
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Sept. 6, 1983

Dear Mr. Merwin:

Mrs. D., & I are emptying the attic of our former Honolulu house, discovering a wealth of "shopworn" books! After that is done, we shall concentrate on labeling & distributing the remaining couple of bulky herbarium specimens and publishing an enlarged edition of our 300-page Plants Haw. Nat. Park tourist book to about 500 pages. It is now in page proof, we want to do such house "cleaning" before we get too decrepit (I was born in 1899).

I am mailing you to your Maui address Fl. Haw., Books 1-4 for \$22.50. This is the second edition printed on poor World War II emergency paper and bound in a SINGLE poor cover.

Book 5, which I just unearthed, is in too bad a condition, so please accept it gratis. In good condition, it would be \$22.50.

Book 6 sells for \$22.50

Book 7, without cover, is complete through Sept. 1, 1983. It also sells for \$22.50. Your bill to me consequently comes to \$67.50 plus \$ postage, or a total of \$.

Mrs. Degener & I are our own publishers, and collate our Fl. Haw., sheets ourselves. Presently, our Volcano basement shelves are groaning under sheets of Book 7. We have lots of packages from the printer of sheets of Book 5, but simply lack the time to clear the deck to collate them. Hence I am mailing you the waterlogged copy free.

Should we live long enough, Mrs. D., and I, after getting rid of bulky, duplicate plant specimens, publishing a 500-page edition to replace the 300-page "Plants Haw. Nat. Parks", etc., hope to get all collating completed.

Your letter of Aug. 29 states you are a writer. Does that perhaps indicate that you are publisher as well who distributes his own products by mail & otherwise? Some years back, when botanizing on Maui, we tried distributing our tourist-slanted Nat. Park book especially about Lahaina, curio shops & book stores would gladly accept copies. BUT living on Oahu & Hawaii, delivering copies, book keeping & collecting our bills was too much of a nuisance. You being on the spot, would you wish to take over? You can have at wholesale, until further notice, Polynesian Haw. Nat. Parks" at \$5 each, Fl. Haw. Ed. 2 (1192 pages as it's Books 1-4 in a single cover) for \$15, Books 5 (almost sold out presently), Book 6 and Book 7 (as is where is) for \$15 each. You would sell at a price you judge best.

I presently sell the Nat. Park book wholesale for \$5, and retail for \$7.50. Haw. Volc. Nat. Park sells at \$10, and I may follow suit. What Haleakala asks we don't know.

Mrs. D., & I are interested in your reaction.

Please mail the cheque to our Oahu address.

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener

DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
P.O. Box 134
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Oct. 4, 1983

*Egermayer
Cousin*

Dear Mr. von Hamn:

We have your recent letter regarding Mrs. Hildegard Rasch Pietsch's request to work in horticulture or landscaping for a few months in our Islands. We are botanists, and not connected with her two disciplines. Off hand, with Haw. Nei troubled with unemployment, I doubt the lady would find opportunity to employ her evidently expert talents.

But even so, why should she not at least contact the following two men about her desire:

1. Dr. K Woolliams, Waimea Arboretum, 59864 Kam. Highway, Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii 96712, USA

Dr. Woolliams got his training at Kew. The arboretum is a private institution, I believe owned by the Realtor Pietsch. He may be a distant relative by marriage of your correspondent!

2. Mr. Paul Weissich, Foster Gardens, 50 North Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu. I would not be surprised if he speaks German.

We fear we are not of much help/

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener



Botanisches Institut
und Botanischer Garten
der Universität Wien

AUSTRIA, EUROPE

Wien, den Oct. 6th 1983
Rennweg 14
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Dear Madam! Dear Sir!

Herewith our library orders one example of "Flora Hawaiiensis"
Ed.1, Book 6 together with a cover, and also one extra cover
for Book 7.



Yours sincerely

L. Niklas

Dr. L. NIKLAS Librarian

DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
P.O. Box 154
Volcano, Hawaii
96785 U.S.A.
31 Jan. 1984

Sehr Geehrte Frau Dr. Niklas: Meine Frau (vor unserer Heirat in Berlin in 1953 Botanikerin in Dahlem) und ich haben so viel ungewöhnliches erlebt (Hurricane mit Verlust von 10 Kokospalmen die ich von Samen in 1936 pflanzte), dass Ihre Bestellung bis kürzlich verloren war. Wir schicken sie jetzt ab. Ich weiß nicht wie viel die Post im Dorf chargieren wird, aber ich glaube mehr als \$1. Ich möchte also Ihnen für das Paket \$22.50 + \$1.-- chargieren; also \$23.50 KANN DIESER BRIEF IHRE RECHNUNG SMIN? Es würde so praktisch sein.

"Buch" 7 ist noch nicht fertig und wir haben noch keinen Einband dafür. Bitte bemerken Sie dass "Buch" nichts bibliothekisch oder botanisch meint. Jedes Blatt Paper ist eigentlich ein separater Artikel mit Autor & Publikation angegeben unten. Alles muss auseinander genommen werden & assortiert werden wie wir es in der Fl. Haw., beschrieben haben. So wird die Flora immer THEORETISCH näher fertig. Natürlich da ich in 1899 geboren bin - - - -. Nachdem der Letzte von uns zwei Degeners stirbt soll ein "Degeners! Fl. Haw. Trust" dieses Project weiter führen natürlich mit mehreren Museen wie in NY, Honolulu, Wien (?), Berlin, etc. Wenigstens unser Geld - ich habe vor Jahren gutes Land gekauft * mit \$23.50 Wiener Geld, sollten die Umkosten übernehmen können.

NY hat unsere besten Sammlungen, viel hat Honolulu, und ~~mehr~~ mehr Material ist in Graz (nach Kranichsfeld) und Burgring 7, Wien, etc. Wir werden Ihnen auch Material schicken gratis, aber nur wenig & schlecht. Unsere Schwierigkeit ist nicht Alter, aber Kriminale die in den besten endemischen Plätzen Cannabis versteckt wachsen. Wir wollen im Bett seit an Herzfehler sterben und nicht von Schiesswunden zwischen Argroxiphium Arten, auch wenn sie neu sind. Wir beide sind in 1979 angeschossen.!

Unsere Fl. Haw., kann eigentlich "wachsen" wenn irgend ein Monograph Haw., Pflanzen so beschreibt wie wir in Format & dann im selben Format druckt (1,500 Kopien). Solche Blätter, mit den 3 Löchern, kann dann in die Fl. Haw., passen. Alles muss nicht "Degener & Degener" bleiben hauptsächlich wenn die nicht mehr existieren.

Aloha an einen "Tasmanier", und an Sie,

Dr. Otto Degener

DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
38 617 Crozier Drive
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Oct. 6, 1983.

Dear Dr. Rogerson:

We got your Sept. 21 Memorandum a few days ago. A resident of 89th Street in view of the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument on Riverside Drive, I visited the Hawaiian Island as a tourist in 1922. After getting my Master's at the University of Haw., in 1923, I lived with my sister at Pickwick Arms, Moshulu Highway, to work up my collections at the Garden with the aid of A.A. Heller's beautifully pressed Hawaiian plants and other pertinent collections. While studying for an advanced degree from Columbia U., under Mrs. Britton, Barnhart, Harper & Rydberg, I made a little pin money by giving lantern lectures to various garden clubs in the Bronx suburbs (even as far as Greenwich) for \$15-30. As History is apt to repeat itself, is there not some student at the Garden who would for modest pay in Degener books or cash, look through a bulky handful of envelopes in our Archives for publications by Otto & Isa Degener during July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983? They are within easy reach, having been dutifully mailed to Mr. Log's Archives.

The crucial question is which Degener items should be included in your list. Because of emergencies, Isa & I have been concentrating heavily, not on plant descriptions; but on Conservation of our endemics. Long term success measured by hundreds of years - is hopeless. But our efforts are eminently successful in helping RETARD extermination of endemics. Our chief efforts are by letters to local conservationists, periodicals, newspapers, bot. garden directors, local politicians, etc. Newspaper articles signed by reporters more or less quoting us, even newspaper articles written & signed by us may not be considered publications, according to Int. Bot. Rules. But when we perhaps edited a bit further 50 to 100 or even 250 xerox copies (at 5 cents cost per page) to that many interested (?) individuals & Index Herbariorum World Bot. Institutions, our ideas and complaints are certainly in the public domain. In other words, Isa & I hope you will engage at a reasonable cost clerical help to list our production of the fiscal year desired so you can check which deserve recognition in our Printed Annual Report

Please note our continued activity has already "made local waves", otherwise the Hawaiian Legislature would not have passed Senate Resolution No. 294. The Senate erred in not recognizing the fact that Isa & I are a team, and she rightfully should have been included.

Nonimportant gossip not connected with the above:

1. Our real estate is taking much of our time. We had to evict a tenant in our Honolulu home for illegally without our knowledge changing the place into a rooming house. We are now offering the lot with two house on two abutting streets for sale at the impracticable sum of \$355,000, or the one large house for \$1,000 per month rent. The small gets us \$450. Wanna buy it?? The cash eventually should continue production of our Fl. Hawaiensis. We are now gracefully helping a divorcee on a ~~xxxx~~ second story unit here at the beach vacate. She lacks sufficient funds, has a two year old son, and is beating a baby next month! She hopes to return to her parents. Friends of other tenants want the place, even buying some of the furniture.

This beach place of ours is a potential goldmine for hotel development at La Waikiki - income to continue Fl. Haw., for years to come - and so a slick realtor seems to want to prove that we and neighbors have no right-of-way to our property over his strip - an old Railroad easement - to reach it. So he has to bluff us into selling at a loss. We are spending much time studying old documents in Honolulu. He even threatened to prosecute us for slander. Just a bluff.

2. Our 500 page edition of our old 300 page tourist potboiler is still unpublished. Braun-Brunfield - the Moldenke's know them - of Ann Arbor has

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mailed ~~back~~ us an unsatisfactory pageproof - we always pay as we go along - with request we pay \$500 now (we don't quibble here) and that when the work has been completed that they will mail us a bill for additional ^{unspec} expenses. Have avoided signing a similar contract with a local nursing home where Isa's mother existed during her terminal cancer - other realities of patients there have been bankrupted - we had to refuse ~~UNLESS~~ they specify a ceiling above which their bill cannot rise. As BB seems to be stalling and a man my age, according to statistics has drop dead any day, we mailed two weeks ago with ~~sent~~ two identical pageproof copies to Washington to have our work - modern geologic ideas & new bot combinations - to the patent office. Should Isa or I die before the proper book is produced, we at least get the posthumous credit we deserve. Xerox copies - eventually almost priceless collectors' volumes - we shall legally offer for sale at about \$50. A xerox copy costs about half.

3. Our main "exercise" now is ~~MEMORANDUM~~ Honolulu attic of World War II Flora Haw., sheets often carefully read by industrious termites. These we are shipping off to "Holmgren addresses" with 21 September 1983 a collection of 1192 pages of a second edition is available for \$22.50. Also, we must write labels for our catch in Queensland, Tasmania, New Zealand, Canaries, Madeira, & Azores. Now that I have had a change from standing to wrap old books by ~~NON-RESIDENT STAFF~~ N. this letter to you, I shall resume my standing & wrapping routine.

FROM: CLARK ST. ROBERSON, Senior Curator, but it is soooo veeery interesting.
Aloha,

SUBJECT: Staff Publications

Dr. Prance has asked me to compile the list of staff publications for the period July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983. Please send me a list of all papers published by you and your department during this period, including abstracts and reviews. A complete list will be prepared for the Archives of the NYBG. From this the major papers will be selected for inclusion in the printed Annual Report.

The deadline is NOW!

CTR/bw



Kala Degener

Oct. 11, 1983

WAILUA, OAHU, HAWAII

Dear Miss Skinones:

Mrs. Degener, who taught Pharmacognosy in Berlin until we got married in 1953, and I were greatly interested in your "Leprosy" article in the Oct. 2, 1983 issue of the Honolulu Advertiser.

Allow me to mention a little gossip we gleaned in our personal library: I earned my Master's at the University of Hawaii in 1923 and taught Botany there under the excellent Pres. Arthur L. Dean in 1925, and part of 1927 until his replacement by the mediocre Pres. David Crawford who later was removed by the Regents from office. Dr. Dean was a good chemist and with Dr. Hollman and later with Prof. Dr. Wrenshall of the Chemistry Dept., would get some thing like \$10,000 per year from the Legislature to prepare and administer esters from chaulmoogra oil derived from *Hydnocarpus laurzi* (King) Warburg. The species had been introduced to Oahu by one of my predecessors at the then College of Haw. (in my time already the Univ.) Dr. Josef P. Rock from Burma. I believe it was by seed.

The late Charles Judd was Chief Forester of the Territory. He was the only REAL one, having been trained at the Forestry School at Yale. He grew a tangled grove of the trees on the Judd property not far from Coconut Island (Waiahole Valley to be more exact). I visited it years ago with Charlie and his brother James. I imagine were you to go to the spot, you might find some ancient survivors.

Though the effectiveness of the *Hydnocarpus* ester as a specific became more & more suspect, Drs. Dean & Wrenshall continued for a few years to be granted funds for its preparation in spite of some criticism regarding waste of taxpayers cash.

In 1925 I had a Freshman student Eichi Masunaga who proved so industrious that I selected him to make microscope slides for me for use in Freshman Botany. He not only followed my instructions, but independently browsed through better local libraries to collect texts & study the techniques during his spare time. I lost track of him for some years, and then suddenly discovered he had become the technician for the Leprosy Receiving Station in Kalihi. At that time he told me that he could not distinguish the leprosy bacillus from the TB one under the microscope, but instead by their physiological requirements.

I lost track again of Dr. Masunaga for some years. Mrs. D., & I botanizing in the '50s mainly about Kokee, happened to learn that Dr. M., had become a general practitioner, living with his wife at (I believe it was Kekaha). Looking up his address in the phone book, we decided to give him a surprise visit when near his home to purchase groceries for our Kokee stay. When we finally stopped at his home, we were rather surprised that Mrs. Masunaga seemed to rebuff us! A week or so later, we read in the newspaper that Dr. Masunaga had died a few days before! No wonder his wife acted so upset. Should you write about the early technician Dr. Masunaga in your forthcoming book?

In 1935 I purchased a beach lot at Mokuleia, Oahu, in part influenced

by the physician Eric Fennel and his Southern wife Nancy, slightly part-American with Pocahontas as one of her 15 Century ancestors. Eric's father owned a drugstore I believe it was in Cincinnati, and Eric as a juvenile was actually a cowboy! The Fennels and Harry Arnolds (Sr.) had come to the Islands as Army physicians during World War I. Fennel became technician and Harry general practitioner of the Straub Clinic in Honolulu. Years later, by the way, I illustrated Harry Arnold's "Poisonous Plants of Hawaii". Do you know the book? The two families owned the Mokuleia Place jointly for week-end use, Arnold eventually selling his ownership in it.

Fennel became head (?) ~~of~~ at least prominent on the Leprosy Board. He mentioned that occasionally he would recognize Filipino laborers in the Wai'alua village store with signs of early leprosy. I remember his telling me that a chealmoa ra oil was no more effective than olive nor many other oils.

I might add that my good friend, the late Eric Fennel was unjustly cheated out of the credit he deserves. Remember, we were neighbors & had a handy gate between our properties, and passed back & forth fro^u house to house. I had my house built in 1936. A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER, WHEN WANDERING INTO HIS GARDEN, I noticed Fennel working on his bed of prized roses. I asked him what he was doing with a frothy, dark red, thick liquid in large malted-milk-like, glass jars. He replied it was old human blood from his Straub Clinic Blood Bank. He was wont to use it as fertilizer for his roses! Dr. Eric Fennel was the very first person to start the Blood Bank in the Hawaiian Islands, yet "Pinky" Pinkerton wrongfully gets the credit for it! I hope you wish your M.D., contacts will help try to correct local medical history.

Now finished with gossip, here are a few notes I have come across in my accumulation concerning Botanists and Plants that are of interest for us in producing an illustrated Haw. Flora. We are presently working on "Book" 7, interrupted by getting rid of bulky possessions before we die of old age. In our private library, we have a shelf about 15 feet long with 3-ring binders recording the thoughts of leading and (misleading) botanists concerning Haw., plants dating from about 1922 when I first came here.

Mrs. D., & I are preparing to sell xerox copies of good, bad & indifferent letters and or articles from this collection at 15 cents each to some local institution that will not censor nor try to white-wash the writers.

Hydnocarpus kaurii is an interesting species for our Flora Haw. Will you not show a plate of it similar to those of our Flora? The original drawing - I took Art courses - should be twice the size for the finished plate. My artists used India ink. Should you get an authentic drawing made from the Book introduction in the Waialeale region, may Mrs. D., & I reproduce it in our Fl. Haw., "Book" 7, giving you due credit?

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener



Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation

Here is a picture of me holding
a copy of my own fascinating book.
Since I cannot produce extra
copies after the scheduled publishing
date, remember to place your
order today.

Regards,
Shaon

Dear Friend,

As you may already know, we have been doing some work relating to people who have the same last name as you do. Finally, after months of work, my new book, THE AMAZING STORY OF THE DEGENERERS IN AMERICA, is ready for printing and you are in it!

The Degener name is very rare and our research has shown that less than one one-thousandth of one percent of the people in America share the Degener name. We have spent a great deal of effort and thousands of dollars to research through 70 million American names and we have located almost every Degener family in the United States. My new book features this valuable and extensive directory of Degenerers living in America.

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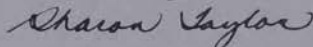
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Sincerely,


Sharon Taylor

P.S. Even though the book is printed for you alone and I believe you'll be pleased with it, if you are dissatisfied for any reason I guarantee a full and prompt refund. Please see Approval Order Form for details.

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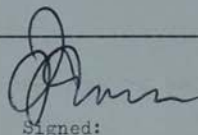
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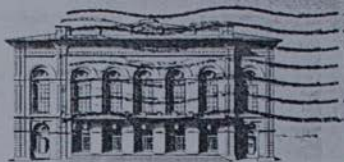
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[Answer, mailed Back.]

November 2, 1983

Thank you kindly for sending the copy of
your Flora Hawaiiana. We had a partial
copy, and we are pleased to have what you sent.

You may not remember me, but in the 1950's
I was a graduate student at the NY Bot. Garden, and
I met you on occasion there. Since then I have been
here, working on Hawaii, and on the Flora of the Great
Plains (which is now in Press).

Best regards to you!

yrs. sincerely,

Leslie Barberry

Herbarium, Kansas State Univ.
Manhattan, KS 66506

La. State U.
Baton Rouge

Oct. 29, 1983

Dear Miss Chalaron:

I have your Oct. 26 letter, and perhaps it crossed our gift package of more or less termite-damaged sheets of our Fl. Haw. Here is the story:

Mrs. Degener & I are getting elderly - I was born May 1899. So we decided to sell our old Honolulu city home and concentrate in living winters at our warm beach home at Waiāluā, Island of Oahu; and summers at our cool mt., home at Volcano on the Island of Hawaii.

When the Japanese bombers flew over me Dec. 7, 1941 to plunge us into World War II, I stored all my unsold books & parts of books in the attic of my Honolulu house. I mailed my entire herbarium, estimated at 50,000 tentative sheets, to the NY Bot. Garden. Then a month or two later I followed them to NY (my original home). I then worked up my Haw., plants at the Bot. Garden for a couple of years. I then published a second edition of everything I had published since 1932. This was printed on poor quality war emergency paper, ^{rebound} stuck in a poor cover. It was a bargain & I sold most of this cheap edition successfully by this time. Hence I ignore the old first editions in my attic for about half a Century.

Wanting to sell our Honolulu house NOW, we are mailing to bot. institutions throughout the World all these first edition, damaged copies. Of course as each sheet is a separate publication, there is lots to salvage. Why waste them? One of these assemblages evidently came to your desk a few days ago.

Since WW II we have published "Books" 5, 6 and ALMOST complete "Book" 7. Do you want "Book" 7 without cover for \$22.50 so far as it is published in approval? Remember, it comprises a miscellaneous collection of first edition, single page publications each with author & date cited. Of the edition of 1,500, about 100 have been scattered among 150 bot. centers to effect actual publication. I have been selling such a lot for the last 10 or so years "as is, where is" for \$22.50. The earliest purchasers of course received a thinner assemblage of sheets than later purchasers. Anyway, considering expenses, it is worth the price.

Because of our ages, we have loafed in publishing more pages of Book 7 and, instead, are trying to get our backlog of botanical possessions into safe hands. This means scribbling labels for plants we casually collected last year in the Canaries, Madeira and the Azores; and during the Int. Bot. Congress the year before in Australia, New Zealand & Tasmania. We lack time and Floras to identify them. But if properly housed in herbaria, monographers will eventually make use of them & be delighted. We scatter such questionable GIFTS among about 100 bot. institutions of the World. Does your institution want to be included? We must clear our shelves before we continue publishing fresh 2-page articles for our Fl. Haw. Were we to die - people do so who never died before - an executor would most likely dump all such bot., treasures into the garbage! We want to avoid that.

If you wish to buy the missing sheets, give Mts. D., & me a few weeks time to sell (or rent) our city home, return to Volcano, and collate the collection laid out on shelves there.

Did you know that Senior Citizens tend to be arrulous?

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener

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Kila Degener

WAILUA, OAHU, HAWAII

Nov, 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Manheim:

Mrs. Degener & I have your Oct. 27 letter & ~~am~~ ^{are} disturbed that, trying to be frankly honest, we are such kill-joys in our answer!

I have concentrated on the Haw., flora since 1922 after having botanized a previous summer in subtropical Bermuda. Mrs. D., with a summa cum laude, has been collaborator since I "kidnapped" her by marriage from the Berlin Museum & Bot. Garden in 1953. With less than three years partial interruption by teaching Bot., we have specialized full time about 90 years publishing our Fl. Haw., now in its seventh "BOOK".

After this concentration in the field & lab., we are convinced that the historical "Red Book" and equivalents are a blessing for the Mainland States where the Ferns & Fl. Plants usually extend over large areas and have been under intimate study continuously by thousands of outstanding botanists. If they are doing so far as the present knowledge of Botany allows. What will happen in the future with chemical studies, electrical, sound waves etc., we don't know. I bet there will be unheard of advances.

On the contrary to the Mainland, the Haw. Islands, begun essentially at the ever present Madam Pele Hot Spot near Kilauea Volcano. The various erupted islands drifted more or less at the great speed of 2-4 inches per year (at least during such modern durations of time as 100,000 - 500,000 years) northward. Their emigrant plants (and animals) had plenty of time (a few 100,000. 000? years) to evolve even into endemic genera. I can give you a (intelligently) guessed list of them! This change was stimulated by isolation on distinct islands encouraging inbreeding and in changes in the environment as when the high islands like Midway, Lisianski, etc., with rainforest floras eroded down toward arid sea level. Those that could not manage to survive or be washed, blown or bird transported to a more favorable island not yet so eroded, kept up the novel genus. Now, as exemplified in the case of *Cyrtandra*, monographed by Dr. St. John, even each gulch or gulch system harbors on a single island endemic variety & forms. Furthermore, as the enclosed paper we wrote indicates, we local botanists are far too few, ill trained or too busy to properly identify the 25,000 (?) local ferns & Flowering plants. Practically nothing has been done with the other groups! Just a little with ~~XXXXXXX~~ mosses & algae (seaweeds).

In other words, we Degeners in about 90 years of continuous work have described about 2,000 species of the presently existing 25,000 endemic ferns & Fl. Plants. Our few local colleagues have done less. The Red Book and more modern publications select a handful of species deserving extra care to retard extermination. By doing so we lull the average decent person into the belief that the remaining 25,000 or so can be browsed by arm animals or bulldozed to extinction with impunity. As a plant is not on the "sacred" list, the average person thinks it is okay to "chop it."

It is gratifying that more & more humans are eager to keep endemics - in a

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Sacred Creations of the interaction of the Laws of Nature - from extermination. But for the Hawaiian Archipelago we want a more wholesale method: Forget the Red Book idea. Embrace a BLUE BOOK instead that is based on considering EVERYTHING endemic SAVED except some few listed species which are without any doubt so ubiquitous for the present at least that they can be harvested or destroyed in certain areas without any danger whatsoever of extermination. I am thinking of such species as the beach morningglory, beach scaevola, some kinds of *Metrosideros*, some kinds of treeferns, etc.

I have botanized years ago in and about Diamond Head, observing & usually collecting endemics for my alma mater, the University of Mass., and other scientific institutions. I remember the endemic *Eidens* so closely related to the one peculiar to the Isthmus of Maui; and the *Schiedea*, both of mauka ledges; and the *Santalum makai* (oceanward) of the coastal Road. All three deserve extra care to insure preservation. But, don't forget other rare taxa needing help; and, contrarilywise, some species such as the algaroba (*Prosopis*) preferably chopped to reduce competition. The last belongs in the Blue Book.

Isn't it a ghastly paradox that the most efficient conservationists of plants and animals are the most vile dictators? Lacking humane human birth control, they are reducing human population pressure which directly and indirectly causes the holocaust of wonderful Creations in the Haw. Archipelago, Brazil's rainforest, etc., etc.?

The average population of the World is essentially the same - rather decadent & often delightful people. Then some Dictator stirs up the vicious mob spirit latent in most of us, and some Nations in World War I became our most intimate enemies and others, not poisoned by rhetoric, remain our bosom friends. Then, in World War II our most hated enemies of WW I become our most admired friends, and vice versa. What WW III, IV, V etc. will be like concerning enmity and friendship? Mrs. D., was employed at the INTERNATIONALLY VALUABLE Berlin Museum when British & US bombers set fire to it from the air during WW II. My Haw., herb. specimens given them for Engler & Prantl book went up in flames. When attending the Int. Bot. Congress in Leningrad, Moscow & the Caucasus, even by the average populace on the street, went out of their way to please us because we were admired Americans. Then our Pres. Carter, by his Olympic Games fiasco, slapped them in the face and turned them against us toward their not too popular maffioso-like Rulers. The average Russian is no more responsible for such creatures as Mrs. D., & I was for having a Nixon President. With the crazy - the word is appropriate - switching of friends & enemies in successive World Wars, we have been concentrating since the Congress a good collection of Haw., endemics in potential enemy countries like Russia & China. Should one annihilate our finds deposited in the Honolulu Museum near an unwanted Pearl Harbor Naval Station, or annihilate the Bronx Park Garden because of the wish to destroy Manhattan, botanist of the US & elsewhere can visit former ~~KKKK~~ enemy Territory to study & admire Degeners still existing Haw., and other plants.

We should like to register one criticism against the the forbidding of w. collecting for study by wiser offspring of us contemporaries of the rarest species. In 1929 plus I collected a large series of invaluable museum specimens from the Type specimen, the only tree alive, of *Hibiscadelphus giffardianus*. I did take one live twig for an illustration for my "Plants Haw. Nat. Park" book, the rest, as the end of petioles and pedicels show, on scattered herb. sheets, were gathered FALLEN leaves and pedicels lying below the tree. I vi it repeatedly to harvest these treasures. Also, when gathering rare *Eidens* species, for example, one can "pay" for robbing some twigs for museum preservation by kicking the earth loose in the neighborhood in several places and stamping some achenes or seeds into the spots. Tramped down, they will quick absorb moisture, and hopefully germinate. To carefully forbid reasonably careful collecting material for later generations promotes the coming of another Dark Age of Ignorance. Too often, I have seen a great rarity in the Haw. Islands, and on a second visit find it has been destroyed by feral goat or ol

As a clincher that we need a BLUE BOOK to retard extermination of the endemic Hawaiian flora, mull over our statistics in "Notes from Waimea Arboretum 2(1):3-4. 1975" based on Dr. Harold St. John's excellent study of the genus Cyrtandra. This is an example of our present lack of knowledge of many thousands of Haw., Ferns & Flowering Plants and of probably a million more species of Fungi & Mosses down to Bacteria! A BLUE BOOK is needed for their protection.

Now that I have disgusted you enough, it is high time for wishing you

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener

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Nov. 18th, 1983

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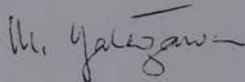
Dear Drs Degener

How are you getting on in these days? A month ago
a volcano in Miyake Isl. of our country errupted much amount
of lava and the stream burried a whole village. Fortunately
no resident was injured. How is now in Oahu?

Apart from this, a specimen (No. 35,670) a kind of
Fomes, which you kindly sent me previously, was identified
by Dr. K. Aoshima as " Earliella scabrosa (Pers) Aoshima ".
Dr. K. Aoshima is an eminent mycologist working at National
Forestry Research Station of Japan. He told me that the speies
occurs widely in tropical Far East Asia, Africa and South
America.

Hoping your good health and good luck,

Very sincerely yours,



M. Yatazawa



VIA AEREA

Carretera Hiram Bingham a las ruinas de Machupic
The 13 hairpin curved roads leading to Machupic
from the railroad terminal. Built in 1948.
Cusco-Perú.

Nov. 4, 1983

Dear Drs. Degener,

Just returning from
a 5 weeks' trip to
the deepest Amazon
forest. Amazing masses
of different tree spe-
cies - maybe next year
shall learn to know
some of them. Angios, got
results in riverbank succession plots!



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Le 15-11-1983

Dear Sir

From time to time we
receive in our Botanic Garden
of Bordeaux, sheets of the Flora
Hawaïensis by yourself. This time
we have received a lot we
already had. This seems to be the
first lot you send us. We
are wondering if this can be
a mistake and was intended
for another garden.
We could either send them back
to you or to someone else
if you wish.

We thank you very much
for all those parcels we
receive from you. and hope
we can help you in this.

Yours sincerely.

M. Trower

p.s. we send also a copy of
this letter to the Smithsonian
Institution not knowing who
we were supposed to write
to.

Feb. 5, 1984.

Dear Monsier:

Mrs. Degener & I live alternately on the Island of Hawaii and on the Island of Oahu. Hence we did not receive your kind letter of Nov. 15 until a short while ago.

I am sorry I was such a nuisance. As I was born in 1899, Mrs. Degener & I have decided to distribute excess sheets of our work that are lying about. That is why we carelessly mailed you duplicates. Should you have anything you do not want, please simply give it to a horticulturist or botanist who may be interested. Are none coming to islands in the Pacific? Each sheet usually is a separate article with author and date of publication at the bottom.

The Polynesians who settled the Hawaiian Islands (from Tahiti? Marquesas?) 1,000 - 2,000 years ago to intermarry here and become the Hawaiian race had no metal nor clay to make containers. Sp. with stone tools they made containers out of certain kinds of wood like that of the acacia. As this was much work, they used usually gourds to store their belongings and for carrying water, etc. A few months ago we saw such a plant growing in the garden of a Hawaiian family and took some seeds. The plant is some aboriginal form of Lagenaria siceraria (Molina) Standl. We are growing it now on three clothes lines in our garden for the fun of it.

The gourd becomes about 6 dm. long:

Here are some of the seeds if you want to try them. The flowers are nocturnal, closing the next afternoon. I am afraid it is perennial & would die during Bordeaux's cold weather. Have you room in your conservatory, or would it be a nuisance.?

Many thanks again for your efficient kindness.

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener

Your reference:

Our reference:

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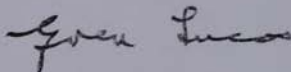
15 November 1983

Dear Dr Degener

Thank you for another batch of Hawaiian specimens. It's little enough we ever do for you in return, what with our reduced staff, etc. - besides you know your own flora that much better than we can ever do. But we did notice some weeds unnamed and can offer the following suggestions:

- 35667 Euphorbia hypericifolia L. sensu lato det. A.R-Smith
35692 Arenaria serpyllifolia L. det. B. Mathew
35701 Korthalsella complanata (Tieghem) Engler det. R.M. Polhill
35722 Hyptis pectinata (L.) Poit. det. R.M. Harley
36577 Crotalaria retusa L. det. R.M. Polhill

Yours sincerely



G L Lucas
Acting Keeper of the
Herbarium

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Mit verbindlichem Dank bestätigen wir den Eingang von:

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of:

Nous sommes reconnaissants de l'envoi de:

Degener, Otto : Flora Hawaiiensis.

Peter Hirsch

22. November 1983

Hunt
DRS. OTTO & ISA DEGENER
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Volcano, Hawaii 96785, U.S.A.
Nov. 27, 1983

Dear Mr Merwin:

My wife & I received your kind letter and your interesting gift about "Opening the Hand" a month ago during a most hectic time that has not yet quite ended. Attending chiefly to emergency real estate problems. Our Manoa property problem was dislodging a tenant who illegally without our knowledge altered our old home into a boarding or rooming house. To get the place empty, cleaned, repaired and this time decently rented took almost three months. Thereafter, we had difficulty with roof repair at Volcano, but no earthquake disaster like that of some distant neighbors.

Mrs. D., & I read your word pictures and portraits. "Ali" reminds us of ourselves, and the four "poi" dogs of unknown ancestry & age we adopted after finding them feed- about our garbage pails. Though we are not poetically inclined, we were interested in your field.

We have dipped into the selected poems (1923-1967) of J.L. Borges and find it strange that you with your background in Romance languages, automatically seem to use short, Anglo-Saxon rather than long English words of Latin and rarely Greek origin. Does that not "touch" the feelings better of Americans and truly Americanized readers?

Our notes & carbons of letters are on Oahu, cluttering my desk until Mrs. D., & I retire from Volcano at some unspecified date. So I really do not remember what I had written you about the books and articles I and later she & I have written. I believe I waited with mailing you additional material, a bit confused as to which of your two addresses was the correct one.

Regarding your letter: We do not know about the Cousteau Almanac. Due to our advanced ages and accumulation of botanical riches lying about our homes, we are concentrating on their deposition in safe museums & bot. institutions throughout the world. By the way, our Oahu neighbor is in contact with oceanographer C., concerning the "Calypso". It may find Haleiwa as its home port. I lack details thus far.

Until Univ. of Mass., days, my home was 89th Street in view of the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument on the Island of Manhattan. I attended Trinity & later Collegiate Schools. Perhaps you heard of them or even attended one of them. As a high school student I took private lessons in oil painting, and later attended the Art Students' League more or less opposite Carnegie Hall. Then one summer, when my mother was terminally ill, the family got me out of sad surroundings by having me enroll at the Art Colony at Woodstock along the upper Hudson. My instructor was Max Rosen. Of course I learned a little something.

A chum of my sister, 18 years my Senior, was Mabel Johnson (Johnston?), daughter of the famed newsboy ~~XXXXX~~ painter Brown. When she happened to be at our house, she expressed in seeing my Woodstock masterpieces. I proudly displayed them. She studied them carefully, and then hesitatingly and honestly stated: "If I were Otto, I would not go into Art as a profession." I wisely took her advice.

I can draw better than the average, but to get really good excellent illustrations for my books and to save me drudgery, I would ask Hon. school Art Teachers for the names and addresses of their truly born artist pupils. I then usually paid my pick \$1 per day plus keep (they lived in the servants' quarters of my Manoa home). I criticized constructively; "Avoid tangents", etc., etc. When this wage was above my means after losing my Botany teaching position at the U. of H., I hired one normal boy at that price - it was laving in the '20s - and a boy on parole or otherwise handicapped (TB) at 50 cents per day. They enjoyed botanizing week ends, and even accompanying me to other islands. Thanks to my training, I at least was successful in amassing a goodly supply of illustrations. The young artists were inspired, because they signed their work.

I received my Master's from the University of Haw., in 1923, and taught first under excellent Pres. Arthur L. Dean in 1925, and the following year under the execrable Pres. Crawford. Being a competitor in Botany with the Bishop Museum, the delinquent-type

Crawford refused to reappointment me to my position on the cohest of the Superdelinquent-type director Gregory as Crawford frankly in his letter to me. The Chemist couple Gilger, Regent S.N. Castle and I for our own good reasons helped Crawford's ouster from the U. He & Mrs. Crawford left the Islands by boat of course at that time on Dec. 5, just two days before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor! My life greatly influenced by Crawford & Gregory, I have the informational newspaper clippings, etc., in our private and personal library on Oahu. It is of course a blessing in disguise that these two induced me to foresake employment with the Territory of Hawaii in favor of the Federal Government, namely the National Park Service in 1929. Later, I became, like Mrs. D., still later, staff members of the NY Bot. Garden in the Bronx, but representing this famed institution in the Hawaiian Islands. It nauseates me, an alumnus and ex-Faculty Member, to read historical accounts of the College & later Univ. of Haw., including such a black sheep Crawford in glowing terms with such outstanding Presidents as Dean and Sinclair! Such whitewashing certainly is unjust to the truly great.

We had no serious offers for the Manoa property and so are renting the two houses again, this time to two desirable couples. That does not mean, however, that we would not be able to have our tenants simple change from a Degener landlord to an Aitken or other one. Our \$355,000 price we figured because we are no longer residents and thus lose something like 40% of the sale price to taxes. Furthermore, the realtor expects 6% for really little paperwork. That leaves little for us. Eventually, some wealthy family from Hong Kong may buy it to avoid living under Chinese communist rule when the British leasehold expires. We are in no hurry to sell. Of course we can reduce the 6% cost by having an escrow company take over at a reasonable price. Our reasonable rent on both places together is \$1,300 per month. Did you even hear of a Worth Aitken or of two early Aitkens who were archaeologists in the Terr. of Haw.?

Should you found an Arboretum, please remember one danger! Try to limit yourself to endemics of Maui. Don't mix closely related plants from several islands. After seeing authentic Mauna Loa and Haleakala silverswords years ago cultivated in a flowerbed & blooming next to one another, we are convinced the two are distinct species. As the Mauna Loa one is exceedingly rare in the National Park (& elsewhere), some well meaning individuals resolved to increase their numbers for the pleasure of residents and tourists alike. So by seed & seedlings many Haleakalas were introduced among the Mauna Loas near & mauka of the upper end of the Mauna Loa Strip Road. The Mauna Loa silver-sword is being exterminated by overwhelming crosspollination by the Haleakala species. We no longer bother studying the present plants in that area as we suspect them to be counterfeits. The same thing is happening to the authentic Polynesians in Haw., Nei. How many real, 100% Hawaiians actually exist since the coming of Capt. Cook & probably Spaniards a few hundred years earlier?

The Degener couple would enjoy meeting the Herwins, BUT the former is presently at Kilauea & Ili Streets, Volcano, 'phone 9677409. When on Oahu depends largely on the uncertain plans of tenants.

Not knowing what you want, we are mailing you herewith a couple of books ON APPROX. AL for \$22.50 each. The editions are 1,500, and copies are getting to be collector's items. They are too technical for local consumption, but over the years we have sold most of the copies to Universities and bot. institutions throughout the World - there are lots of them. They, or at least 100 of them get our Haw. herbarium specimens free or for exchange. We got nice lots from Peking!!!!, which we then mail to Bronx Park for proper care in their museum. We really don't work with LIVE plants; just with Mummies.

Do you realize we have no Maui agent. Should you be interested in selling our books on Maui at the same time with your own, you can have our books for the present at least at the wholesale price of \$15 each in quantities of three of a kind. Due to my advanced age and no children, we wish to get them into good hands, even at a loss. If we get into such a deal, WE DEGENERS should charge you the Library Rate postage, which must be tacked on by you to the retail sales price.

Remember, I have forgotten details of my previous letter to you, and that I may be repeating myself. Senior Citizens tend to have that failing.

We were long impressed with R.S.'s ability & energy, and had our opinion published in the newspapers. We can't well repeat this. His failing is, in a competitive society, unusual decency and modesty. Thanks again for the gift. Mrs. D., joins in aloha,

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Dear Scientists,

I hope you've had an opportunity to examine the material we recently sent to you. Reducing the threat of nuclear war requires organized grassroots lobbying pressure on those elected officials who help shape this nation's defense policy. If you have already completed and mailed the questionnaire you received, thank you. If not, please do so immediately so that we may include you in our efforts to control the arms race.

Sincerely;

Darlene Finch

Darlene Finch
Coordinator
Scientists' Education Project

12/1/83
NY
Dec. 1, 1983

Dear Dick:

No matter how well one is according to physicians on both Oahu & Hawaii, I take stock in life insurance statistics. With this in mind, I consider any person over 80 terminally ill. So Isa & I are presently concentrating on putting our three homes in order, all stuffed with good, bad and indifferent books, separate one-sheet articles (H. Hawaiiensis & Pl. Hawaiiiana) and herb., specimens representing mostly duplicates of taxa mailed NY., DC., Hon., & elsewhere.

Fls. Haw., Books 1-4 articles (in editions of 1,500 copies) were pretty well sold out by the time I evacuated to the N.Y. Bot. Garden at the beginning of World War II. Unbound copies, in good and in termite-tasted condition, have been long stored in the attic of our Manoa home. With editions 2 in a single cover, we can dispose of editions 1. Edition 2 we sell for \$22.50 retail (\$15 wholesale). We probably have 300 copies remaining.

As we are putting the Manoa property up for sale for \$355,000 via realtor who demand 6% commission or for less by us alone, we are taking advantage of your Mr. Estes' Exchange Service to clear our house of such books & articles. We are not in any tremendous hurry, but expect to sell to some oil-dripping East-West Arab, to some Hong Kong Chinese capitalist wishing to repatriate before the Communist take-over, or to some wise Washingtonian who may become Director of the Bishop Museum.

The recipients of our printed words of botanical wisdom are World Bot. institutions conveniently listed with addresses by Mrs. Holmgren et al., in the Index Herbariorum.

We have been publishing our 500 page National Park paperback for many years via a Michigan printer, paying him as the work is being done. For a year or more we have had a 500 edition in gal., already paid for by us. Being so slow in Michigan - another customer in NY complained to us about this job - some pages of gal., as in the case of Amorpha, became obsolete, requiring changes. Now we have the page proof before us & ALSO BEFORE YOU, a sloppy copy, which will take months to correct as we are as usual busy with some matters such as rental units & attending to our Volcano house roof.

Not sure when we two may healthily drop dead of old age, we have had the page proof copyrighted last month and are offering it free and/or for sale "as is, where is" for \$50. Please mail us a note that you received the copy so we can get \$50 tax credit on our eleemosynary gift. All this should stabilize the date officially of thoughts & "spitty" binomial changes. At least this 500 page "masterpiece" should be useful for some of the hundred or so institutions who get our herb. specimens as gifts.

We are scared by the printer's proffered contract by which he expects us to sign rather blindly. He wants us to pay \$500 outright, which is piffle & perfectly agreeable to us. BUT we are to agree also to pay an unspecified sum for additional work. This we cannot do unless he discloses his reasonable estimate of what the extra cost would be AND specifies a ceiling above which the bill cannot rise. So far he has done nothing, and this is the stalemate.

Having dealt with tenants since 1926, we are just about experts avoiding off color contracts. A recent attempt for seemin poor faith occurred about a year ago in the case of Isa's mother in a Hon., private nursing home during her terminal illness. The busi-officer tried to rush Isa, while next to her perfectly lucid mother, to sign the contract for care without reading the fine print in which the Home could increase charges WITHOUT consulting with patient, relatives or the attorney of a mentally disturbed one. In that way, relatives upset by sadness can be induced to sign the contract & end nearly bankrupt. A senile, well-to-do, senile widow friend thus lost for her estate practically her Waipahu real property, etc. This was the Home in which we were involved. We refused to sign before studying the contract overnight at home. We were shocked

(Nursing)

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of the 100 foot. I refused to sign. He had right to come here for my mother-in-law via our contract with the Hospital, which had selected this Home. So instead of signing, he simply bought 20 shares of stock for a couple of hundred dollars on the open market of the Home. Then the Business Office again asked us to sign the same contract. We surprised them in silence by saying that we were stockholders and part-owners of the S. Martin Home! Our final bill was reasonable.

If the Michigan printer can't change the National Park contract to omit the small print that seems risky to us, we may try printing it in Taiwan. At any rate, we have useful copies for gifts or sale for the 100 recipients of our herbarium specimens, or for collectors who relish oddities. This 500-page monster is a legal publication!!!!

Isa joins me in wishing the Covans a Merry Christmas in 1983, and possession for a cash sale of 2234 University Ave in 1984. The lot faces two streets and has two houses on it. It is opposite the Park and within 3-minutes walk of the U. campus. Both University & Bishop Museums are respectively hunting for a new President and for a new director.

Wika,
CHD.

Attn: O.D. --

21 December 1983

With the shortest daylight hours on hand, Otto, I'm going to type this out, and it may arrive the day of Isa's return. I talked with Isa on Monday PM and may hear from her again before she leaves.

Thanks for the sundry Degener missives that have appeared in Box 548, and the latest, the 18th, helps me understand why Stearns may not have answered my letter. He did the first one. He may, or may not, have assumed that --knowing you-- that I have knowledge of his first marriage, etc., and it is rather obvious, as you say, he (nor his present wife?) - - is likely to encourage ^{not} talk of matters dealing with that period of his life.

I think you showed Crozier Drive "street-smarts" in not writing a review of Stearn's book. The "ad" appeared in the Sunday paper as I recall. I'm still mystified as to why his book has not been reviewed by one of the local papers. Geo. Chaplin, Adv. editor, 'phoned me yesterday about another matter, and later I may ask Chaplin why the neglect. There is an "ol' boy" hui in this town as you well know, and it may be that the Hiram Fong tribe (that were not treated with kid gloves in the Memoirs) took it upon themselves to put a damper on that geological tome.

Here's a tic-tac-toe'ing with Holiday Cheer,

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Liebe Degeners:

Zunächst die besten Wünsche für das Neue Jahr, vor allem beständige Gesundheit! Es freut mich, daß "after all" der STRASBURGER doch an die richtigen Empfänger gekommen ist und daß Sie Spaß daran haben.

Wir denken oft und gerne an unseren Hawaii-Besuch zurück, vor allem auch an Ihre Gastfreundschaft und die gemeinsamen Untersuchungen. Vielleicht ist doch einmal ein Gegenbesuch möglich.

Machen Sie sich keine Mühe wegen der Korthalsella und der Orchideen. Es handelt sich nicht um ein weltbewegendes Problem.

Wir sind reichlich mit Arbeit, meist überflüssiger, eingedeckt, doch ist dies nichts Neues.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und
allen guten Wünschen

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Dear Sir:

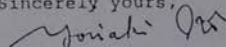
This is the report on the chain letter movement to stop the nuclear arms race and abandon all the nuclear weapons from the earth; I initiated this just before the SSD₂ of the United Nation. By the end of October, 1983, 809 scientists of 50 countries informed me that they supported the movement. In addition, I received five letters appealing the nuclear disarmament signed by 113 scientists. I believe that more than 10,000 letters should circulate among the scientific community. I express my sincere thanks to your support. Being stimulated by your actions, four Japanese ecologists (including myself) published an appeal in July, 1983 and this was signed by 80 members of the Ecological Society of Japan.

But I must apologize you for a fault in my side. I missed to set the time limit and the way to publish our request. Now the movement has grown to a level I cannot control it. I overlooked the great depth of scientists' concern about the nuclear holocaust! I am afraid that the endlessness of the movement should lead mannerism. I am now inclining to consider that we should finish this first step action at present and wait the next chance to expand our movement, which must have a clear objective to ask our wishes. If you would kindly tell me your opinions on this point and/or introduce the aim and results of our movement to your colleagues by your newspapers, journals and notice-boards of your laboratories, I would be most grateful to you. Although the political situations around the nuclear disarmament are not so good at present, I hope our movement could encourage peoples' movements for this goal, which are rapidly growing in many countries.

Anyway, I hope you to keep your concern about this problem till the day of complete abandonment of the nuclear weapons.

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS!

Sincerely yours,



Yoshiaki Itô
Laboratory of Applied
Entomology and Nematology

AN APPEAL

As Japanese ecologists, who know terrible consequences of nuclear disasters of Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Fukuryu-maru (name of a ship that suffered deadly radioactive fallout from an H-bomb test "Bravo" at the Bikini Atolls in 1954), we express our strong support to the following appeal signed by 111 Nobel laureates in 1982.

WE NOW APPEAL:

To our colleagues of the world's scientific community: accept responsibility and become directly involved in actions to avert nuclear war.

To the governments of the world: seek a comprehensive international agreement aimed at eliminating the risk of nuclear war, and the danger to civilization involved in any use of nuclear weapons.

To all peoples: support measures to remove the nuclear menace that threatens the survivals of mankind.

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