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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

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**Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation** 

Jan. 5, 1960.

Dr. Wm. C. Steere, N. Y. Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York City.

Dear Dr. Steere:

Thanks largely to the grant of the National Science Foundation sponsored by the Garden, my wife, Dr. Isa Degener, and I accomplished the following during the year 1959:

Botanized on the islands of Molokai once and Maui twice for any species of interest, besides conducting field work on the home island of Oahu for specific species needed to complete definite descriptions or illustrations.

For professional improvement, attended the International Botanical Congress in Montreal, participating in several field trips. Thereafter Mrs. Degener and I travelled through Mexico and Guatemala to further study "Plents of the Tropics," a subject on which I published four articles under the same title in the Garden Journal years ago. We noted that the native species, except perhaps in Plumbago, are conspicuously different in Central America from those in Hawaii; whereas the cultigens and native weeds are conspicuously alike. Of about 3,000 numbers collected during the three months away from Hawaii, choice Mexican and Guatemalan representatives were deposited at the Garden. Canadian material, on the other hand, was denated to foreign herbaria, as to send it to material already there.

Alerted interested individuals and associations to the threat of extermination of our endemic flora by the further wreckless introduction of herbivorous animals, such as axis deer to Maui, mouflon to Kausi and Hawaii, and over 30 antelope to tiny Lanai.

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1. Degener & Degener, Flora Hawaiiensis, Book VI, 84 pages.

2. Degener & Degener, Flora Hawaiiensis, Book VI, 84 pages.

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Respectfully submitted as the 1959 Annual Report

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 6, 1960

Mr. Otto Degener Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your letter of December 28 and for the six copies of the latest fascicles of Book 6. Incidentally we now require that you send only four reprints of a publication in place of six. It is good to see the printing continue and to learn that you avoided catastrophe with the near bankruptcy of your printer. From the account in the newspaper that you sent, it is hard to see how the Paradise of the Pacific press managed to survive.

Thank you for your inquiry about a possible trip to Hawaii. I think the first possibility will be at the time of the Pacific Science Congress.

All good wishes for the new year to Isa and yourself.

Cordially,

David D. Keck Program Director for Systematic Biology

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Jan. 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Montagne:

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We printed 16 pages of the Flora Hawaiiensis Book 6 on Dec. 28, 1959, but the bill will not be due until 1960.

I am a bit fearful about expenses as completion of Book 6 means the assemblage of the pages and the horrible cost of having covers made. Those for Book 5 came to 72 cents each. I doubt prices will be any more reasonable in a year or two hence.

Aloha,





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Jan. 20, 1960.

Dear I'r. Montagne:

I am a little worried that my letter of Dec. 20 did not reach you, and still more worried that it did reach you and that the contained \$1,000 cheque to me got lost between N.Y., and Haw.

I have botanized recently on Molokai, Lanai and Maui and have an outs standing printing bill. If, therefore, the \$1,000 cheque is not in the mails (or is lest, in which case the banks must be notified regarding cancellation), please mail me a \$2,000 N.S.F., cheque by air. The latter perhaps should be certified; registered costs more.

While on Maui day before yesterday, it would have cost \$25 per person to fly to the neighboring Island of Hawaii to circle lava flow and fountains. The round trip would have taken 2 hours. It was quite an inducement that was nevertheless a bit to expensive to enjoy. Anyway (sourgrapes), the plane might have gotten into rain and then visibility would have been close to nil.

Aloha,

## The New York Botanical Garden BRONX PARK · NEW YORK SS · NEW YORK · LU 48500

CHARLES B. HARDING, President
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January 28, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oshu Hawaii

Dear Otto:

I must apologize for my dilatoriness in answering letters. I did have your letter about your trip to Montreal and subsequent travels in Mexico and your troubles with the printer. Your letter was appreciated and noted with interest. I also have your six months accounting in letter dated January 9, 1960 for which many thanks. Let me thank you too for the copy of "Paradise," the reading of which is almost as good as a trip to Hawaii.

I take this opportunity, likewise, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 20, and note with concern that a letter of December 20 apparently miscarried. We had not sent you any money recently. As requested, therefore, I am enclosing check to your order for \$2,000 representing a further payment on account of your grant. Will you please acknowledge this immediately on receipt so that we know you have it.

Probably the most important project immediately enjoying our attention here at the Garden is the proposed new Library Wing for which we are raising funds. The enclosed letter will no doubt be of interest and give you further details.

Otherwise, with best regards, I am

Singerely yours,

H. de la Montagne
Secretary

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September 15, 1959

Dear Fellow Member:

Since 1899 The New York Botanical Garden has served its membership and the public in many ways. One of the most significant of these services is that of the Library. The Library of The New York Botanical Garden is one of the great horticultural and botanical libraries of the world and, like all great libraries, it is growing constantly. For some years now, it has been inadequately housed and even dangerously housed due to serious overcrowding. Its 64,000 bound volumes and 300,000 unbound books and pamphlets must be kept in a suitable modern library, and the decision has been made to build a library wing, as an addition to the Garden's Museum and Administration Building. This proposed wing will provide space for future expansion and will be air conditioned. It has been designed by the architectural firm of Eggers and Higgins, who have had extensive experience in this type of building. They estimate that the cost of the library wing will be approximately one million dollars, at least half of which must be raised by The New York Botanical Garden.

Here is a very real opportunity for you to serve the Garden and to help us preserve our wonderful Library for the future. We are enclosing a fact sheet which explains the plans and gives estimates of costs in detail.

The Board of Managers of The New York Botanical Garden is anxious that every member have a part in building our new Library. No contribution is too small and if our 2,100 members all participate in this inspiring project, we know we shall have our greatly needed new Library in the very near future. Thus we shall have served The New York Botanical Garden as it has served us over the years.

Please give as generously as you can. As you know, all contributions are tax deductible.

Very sincerely yours.

Charles B. Harding

Charles B. Harding President angela Mono Placa

Mrs. Hermann G. Place Chairman, Fund for New Library Wing.

P.S. Checks should be made out to The New York Botanical Garden and mailed with the pledge card in the enclosed business reply envelope.

## A NEW LOOK FOR AN OLD FRIEND



The addition to the Museum Building is designed to house adequately the Library of The New York Botanical Garden, one of the great botanical libraries of the world.

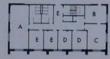


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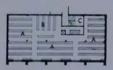
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A.	Classrooms (3)	\$ 56,100
	Conference Rooms (2)	
C.	Director's Office	10,560
	Staff Offices (6)	
E.	Other Spaces and expenses*	91,260
	(on both floors)	\$214.000

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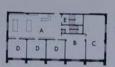


STACKS Second and Fifth levels of new addition

A.	Stacks	\$ 54,000
В.	Study Areas	800
C.	Other*	160,400
	(on both floors)	\$216,000

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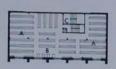


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	D.	Librarian's Offices (3)	24,480	
	E.	Other*	21,000	
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Library Space

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Between Second and Third floors of Museum

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Dr. Otto Degener

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February 2, 1960

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

Dear Dr. Degener:

In order to find new space and in order to save the time of employees we are turning over our stock of back volumes of journals to Stechert-Hafner and Company who will reprint missing numbers and take over the task of advertising and selling these publications.

We are considering a parallel treatment of the various books published by the Garden and it is for this reason that I am writing to you now. I do not find a written agreement with you in our files concerning our responsibilities to you -- or yours to us -- with reference to the large number of Degener's "New Illustrated Hawaiian Flora" and Degener's "Plants of Hawaii National Park." I shall be grateful to you for any reference to correspondence or memoranda that will clarify the arrangements about these publications of which you are the author and that are stored here at The New York Botanical Garden. We will also keep you informed of the details of handling publications by Stechert-Hafner & Company.

Thank you for the prompt completion of your annual report. Our very best wishes to you for a successful New Year.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Steere

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Packeny allied Van Brine 4 (9) 57-311 or 40 ently Manhattay strings 12 Jack prairie Dear Mr. Montagne:

I have the enclosed \$2,000 N.S.F., chaque with your interesting letter. Herewith is the receipted printing bill, which arrived in this morning's mail.

Thanks to the rare opportunity of acting as botanical guide to a group of non-botanists, I had the chance to do some field work on Moloksi, Maud and Lanai. Being house guest most of the time, my hotel bill amounted to but \$3.50! I did give gifts in payment for favors, namelian seedling false sandalwood trees from Molokei for a Maul host, and five boxes of candies totaling about \$5.00 for five children or host families. Such exportunities are rare, and I jump at them every time I have the chance. Isa, unfortunately, was under the weather at the time and stayed home. I got some nice, extremely rare material - a mint from Lanai, for example - for annillustrated description for Book 6. It is so much more correct to describe from the living plant, as this time I got the true color of the flowers; not "white" but conspicuous pink. I also got the strange wahlenbergia on the forchills of Molokai - I needed the flowers for the description. This adds another plant family as native to our Archipelago.

It is so nice to learn that the Garden will get a new addition to the Library. I imagine Dr. Steers convinced NSF to help materially with financing. Poor Dr. Rickett and Miss Hell have been pretty growded for years. I hope the beauty of the old building will not be marred. It has a style all its own, and in its way is imposing in spite of some of its ginger-bread.

We are having quite a smog problem, due to the eruption on the Island of Havaii. We can't see our mounts ins back of the house. Some tourists are leaving for home because of it. It is amazing how much lava is being exuded. As I see it, this grand eruption guarantees that pressure is being relieved and that no disastrous explosion can occur.

I have some nesty postage expenses due to air mailing live plant material to foreign experts. Skottsberg just started work on one of my Molokai finds of Jan. 15, THIS YEAR. He writes as though it is new. Some properly dried, goes by ordinary surface mail: when his monograph has been completed, I will get my plants back and, as usual, the Gardem will get the best set. Plane travel certainly helps for man and mail.

I am reading daily temperatures of the various Mainland oities, and can see you sloshing around in "rubbers" in slush - better come to Haw-

Alohe,

Dear Dr. Steere:

I have your Feb. 2 letter regarding my two books stored in the P. Lorillard Snuff Mill.

No written contract involves these books in any way. Being a New Yorker who emigrated to the Hawaiian Islands in 1922, I started storing all my botanical possessions at the Garden. The nucleus was my collection made in the summer of 1920 with the late H.H. Whetzel. Dr. Britton, of course, was interested and received the cream of my collection. Drs. Britton, Merrill and Robbins, continued the arrangement, I donating my best set of plants to the Garden. The number to date, with Bermuda plants, exceeds 23,000. In fact, during several residences of two-year duration at a time, I gave afternoon lectures like any salaried staff member to the public and at members' teas. In 1941 I shipped, according to Dr. Cleason, at least 50,000 Haw. herbarium specimens to the Garden, following them soon thereafter. Dr. Merrill assigned one and at times two secretaries to help me with the labeling during the next two years and in extracting the best specimens for the Garden. In addition I donated Bornean and Philippine ferns bequeathed to me and purchased by me from D. LeRoy Topping. The Garden under Dr. Merrill gave me a grant of about \$1,000 to help my Fiji project, receiving the second best set as a result. The first went to the Arnold Arboretum, a higher contributor. As Mr. Montagne may remember, the Garden was heir for decades to my entire estate in case of death and hence it was logical at that time for the books to be stored on the premises. In summary, then, the arrangements between myself and the Garden have been always those of sincere cooperation without any written or implied contract in the background.

Mrs. Degener and I think your project is grand. As we see it, a Museum should get educational publications into the hands of persons that can use them, rather than have them lie in storage unused to get progressively obsolete day by day. Stechert's offer seems to be the one logical solution. I am so glad they will reprint missing back numbers. With the photo-offset process, it should be extremely reasonable. What a lished and offered for sale with each species loose-leaf a la Degener so that the entire work sould be bound in taxonoic sequence. I do hope the North American Flora will get a "shot in the arm." It started out as a very worth while undertaking, as remarks by some foreign botanists I believe to ship my books to Honolulu by freight via Panama, if you no longer have room for them, would come to about \$44 per ton. I am writing my sister, Miss Irma Degener, 24 East 82 St., New York City, to get me names, addresses and prices of N.Y., freight-forwarding concerns. Could you have Mr. Dugan estimate the weight of my stored books, namely of "Plants Haw. Nat. Park" and of "Flora Haw.", separately? Are they still properly packed for shipment by van? I fear there was heavy spoilage by water during their storage back of the lecture hall, a danger I had never anticipated and hence had never covered personally by insurance. Should the Carden, perchance, have been covered, this would be the time to inform the underwriter and collect. Have you the name of a reliable freight forwarder?

I am eagerly awaiting your answers so we can plan accordingly.

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for you so do is the so ask I she But. Farden to recommend a parker and ship-& per to Hamaii. I hope Siyan worth hom to more the brokes. It will be a great Expense, especially the ferading. I may home some further information later. I am so agraid the books will be carelessly hundled. There is nothing new here. a very wild winter. This Harranan Freight Formar dess, 11 Broadway would ship the books, but they do not pack them or call for them in the Brooms. You would lime to get the books down to them. It is all very difficult. Berlha Days The received no Paradose

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February 15, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener 68617 Crozier Drive Waialua, Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you for your informative and helpful letter of February 7. We are glad to have the information concerning the handling of your publications. I am delighted to be able now to settle this matter and am turning your letter over to Mr. R. F. Kolkebeck who will let you know about the handling of your books.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Steere Director

WCS/gd

P. S. We are always happy to have information about the progress of your work. It sounds fascinating especially in our cold New York winter.

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> February 18, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your letter of February 5 with the enclosures which have been noted with much interest by all of us here at the Garden.

You refer to us sloshing around in rubbers, but the temperature a couple of days ago was 63° and runs in the neighborhood of 50° practically every day, so don't feel too sorry for us. Nevertheless, I am sure Hawaii is a marvelous place to be in winter.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. de la Montagne

HM:md

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> February 19, 1960 Air Mail

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Dr. Otto Degener 68617 Crozier Drive Waialua, Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Supplementing Dr. Steere's letter of February 15, I shall try to summarize the information we have put together on your publications.

Earle Dugan has kindly made a count of the books. There are 3,278 copies of Plants of Hawaii National Park and 2,174 copies of Flora Hawaiiensis; also approximately 2,000 Tropical Plants the World Around, reprinted from the Journal of The New York Botanical Garden, May 1945. The weights are estimated at 3,278 pounds, 8,220 pounds, and 200 pounds, respectively.

The books will have to be packed for shipment. The estimate we got was \$15 per case for labor and material including the removal of the books from the loft of the Snuff Mill where they are stored. All told approximately 50 cases would be required.

We also got an estimate of \$45 - \$50 per ton for shipment by water freight via Panama to dockside at Honolulu. This is close to the figure cited in your letter of February 7 of \$44 per ton.

The following freight forwarder has been highly recommended: Victory Shipping Company, 810 Bridge Street, New York City.

We shall await further word from you about the shipping and financial arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

RFK:md

Feb. 84, 1960.

Stechert-Hafner Inc., 31 Mest 10 St., Mew York, W.Y.

Dear Sirs:

For years you have been ordering from me my "Plants Hawaii National Fark", paper, edition 2; and my "Flora Hawaiiensia, Books 1 - 4 in a single board cover, edition 2.

These editions are presently stored in New York City, and I contemplate having them shipped to Hawaii. Before doing so, please let me know if you wish and copies and, if so, how many and what you offer for them.

It seems a pity as well as extravagant to ship books all the way from New York to Hawaii, and then from Hawaii back to New York again.

Sincerely,

Feb. 84, 1960,

N.Y. Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, N.Y. City.

Dear Mr. Kolkebeck:

Thanks so much for your informative letter of Feb. 19. It was good of Mr. Dugan to break down the number and the weights of the three distinct items.

My brother, a commission merchant in wholesale textiles in New York, wrote me the name of his shipper in whitehall Street. Now with facts on hand thanks to your letter, I am writing the latter for a bid on shipping the books. I am also approaching Stechert, asking if they are interested in the purchase of a larger lot of my books, and their possible offer. I have little hope, however, that their offer would be worth while.

Regarding the 2,000 "Tropical Plants the World Around" weighing about 200 nounds: These are reprints from the Garden Journal purchased by me but on which I never took delivery. Gould you therefore have these wrapped at the Garden's expense into corrugated boxes of about 50 lbs., each, and have them mailed to me by BOOK POST as these pamphlets are technically books - this definition depends on the number of pages. The price them would come to 9 cents for the first pound per package and 5 cents for each additional pound. The limit is 70 lbs., per package. The beauty have is that the 4 or 5 boxes would cost a total of less than 315 to get them from Museum building to my doorstep. I do not know details today at the Garden, but I imagine the postman still backs up his truck to pick up mail from the basement as in former times. Each package, I suppose, should be insured for 550 or so. Just in case this method works out, I enclose labels herewith. I should eventually have a formal bill for postage and insurance so that I can add this cost as a regular busieucost tax examption.

As we see it, the bottleneck in getting the Flora and the National Park book to Hawaii is the packing & hauling expense to the wharf in New York. That will take some figuring and planning. The freight by water

comes precisely to \$44.01 per ten, approved for all steamship lines by

I doubt that packing for the great mass of books is necessary because the freight forwarders I asked by 'phone in Honolulu replied that corrugated boxes are perfectly satisfactory for shipping "school books" via Penama, and that crating or boxing in wood is unnecessary. It merely adds to the weight. Most of the books should still be in the original corrugate boxes in which the printers delivered them from Chicago to the Garden. Perhaps all that is necessary is to strengther each box with additional string, and paste a label with my address on it. If any broken boxes remain, perhaps one of my nephews in New York could visit the Garden, repeak, and mail the few new boxes via book post.

At any rate we can start the ball rolling on the pumphlets, and work out a method of shipping the larger items as soon as we get more facts. I shall keep you informed of developments.

Have you seen the last number of the National Geographic Magazine? The public expelled by the recent cruption on the Island of Hawaii is now drifting upon our beach on distant Cahu and blackening it along the high water mark left by the waves.

Aloha,

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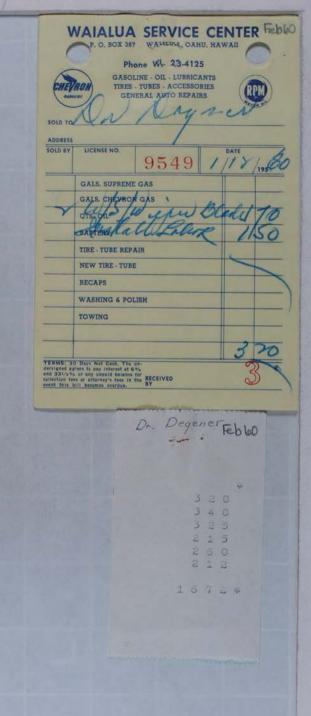
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March 1, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you for your good letter of February 24.

Mr.Dugan mailed to you yesterday the reprints from the Journal: Tropical Plants the World Around. There were 1675 copies and Earle put them into three cartons each weighing approximately 40 pounds. The total bill for insurance and postage came to \$7.02 and I am enclosing a bill, as you requested.

We shall await further word from you or from your brother in New York about the other books.

Aloha to you...

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

RFK:md encl.

March 4, 1960.

Dear Dr. Kolkebeck:

Many thanks for your March 1 letter.

Enclosed is the cheque covering the shipment of the Garden Journals. It is wonderful that the postman will haul everything to the front door! As you know, we live rather isolated on ay very lovely beach.

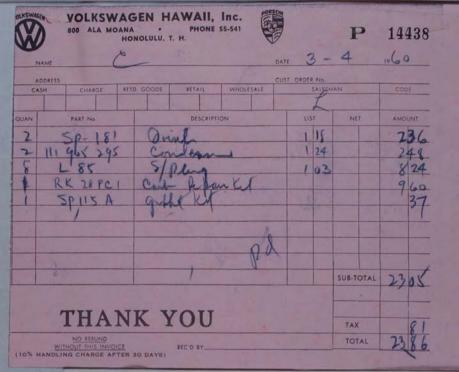
Stechert-Hafner, as expected, show little interest in my books. They are rather specialized and about a very specialized region.

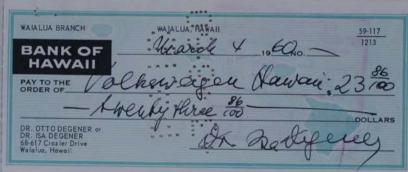
Mrs. Degener & I suspect most of the remaining books can be shipped in the original cartons in which they were delivered to the Garden by the printer. They came all the way from Chicago, so the packing must have been sturdy.

Dr. Britton, who was not too friendly with the Gray Herbarium, once facetiously remarked that its influence did not extend south of the Charles River (or whatever the name of the stream south of the Herb., is called). You will be pleased to learn that the influence of the Garden extends to Japan. Would you please ask Mr. Dugan to mail a copy of my Flora Haw., to that country. I just got an order from there. I enclose a label for the package.

I hope you, Dr. Steere and other members of the Garden plan to attend the Pacific Science Congress here on Oahu a year and a half hence.

I am a bit worried about the car insurance involving the NSF grant. It has run out. I could handle it from this end if Mr. Montagne wishes. He attended to it three years ago in New York.

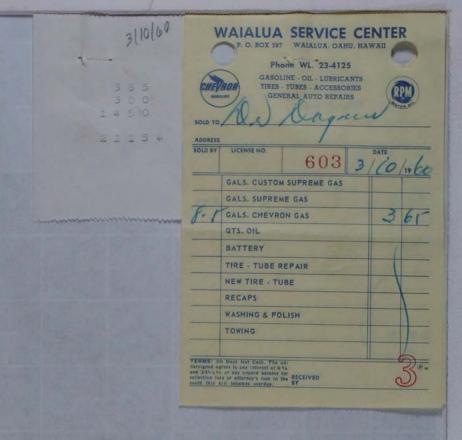




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March 14, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 and your check covering the shipment of the reprints from The Garden Journal.

We shall still await further word from you or from your brother in New York about the remaining books. I hope they can be shipped in the original cartons, as you and Mrs. Degener suspect.

Mr. Dugan has mailed a copy of your  $\underline{Flora}$  Hawaiiensis as you requested.

Mr. Montagne will write to you about the car insurance.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

RFK:md

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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTER. P.O. Box 485. Singapore, 13.

Date: 14th March,1960.

Dr. Otto Degener, Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your letter of 28.2.60 and to inform you that "Flora of Malaya, Volume II Ferns" by Holttum is available.

The cost of one copy including registered postage is \$21.40 (Malayan Currency).

It would be appreciated if you would arrange to pay in Malayan dollars, preferably by bank draft and made payable to the "Government Printer, Singapore".

Yours faithfully.

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March 14, 1960.

Dear Mr. Kolkebeck:

I received an answer from Fred Henjes, the forwarding agents. They verify that the cost by water is \$44.01 per Ton. They likewise write that for their expert to ascertain condition of the packages for shipment they need a letter from me authorizing him to do so. Before rishing into this matter blindly, please give me an idea to what extent the books need repacking as most of them undoubtedly are still in the original packages in which they were hauled to the Garden by the printer.

Mrs. Degener & I at times do some bot "odd jobs" for pin money and MAY have the opportunity of botanizing in American Samos for three weeks to a month, beginning about April 10. We should get the book shipment question settled before our possible departure. The books would then be in trensit for such a long time, we would be home at their arrival in Honolulu and could then personally haul them gradually home.

If the packing of the books is in such a delapidated state that it would actually cost \$500 to wrap them, it might pay Mrs. Degener & ne to take a "quicky flight" to New York. We would coincide such a stay with the weeks my sister vacates her apartment for an out-of-manhattan visit. Besides wrapping books we would have the fun of visiting with our Garden friends, and looking up important literature and specimens in the Library and Herbarium. The trip would be limited strictly to business and hence

I shall not answer Mr. Henjes' letter until I have more information to work on from you.

It is really horrible that the Third Ave. L. is no more!!!! It was so handy for me in years past to get to the Garden from East 82 St.

Aloha,

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> March 15, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Walalua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Otto:

I have your letter of March 2 in regard to insurance on the car. As regards public liability as against a third party, this was arranged through our office here, including also property damage against others and this insurance is now in process of renewal. I am not sure, however, that this is the particular insurance to which you refer. It seems to me that you might have gotten some added insurance yourself against fire or theft or damage to your own car. Insurance such as this is not carried by the Garden and if it is this particular insurance that you refer to I think you had better arrange for it yourself. Will you let me know definitely what the final status is.

Sincerely yours,

H. de la Montagne Secretary

HM:md

P.S. Our limits of liability against others are carried in the amount of \$300/500,000 and \$25,000 for property damage. This applies also to the car assigned to you.

March 20, 1960.

Dear Mr. Montagne:

I have your March 15 letter regarding the Volkswagen insurance. We were serred to use it until it was properly covered. Should I have the precise fee to add to our account or does your office wish to add it there? You might let me know before we make our 6 months' accounting for you.

Within this week we should know whether we are to be invited to Samoa for three weeks. They are interested to know something about their own plants from attangers such as we! Well, enyway, the weeds will be pretty much the same, and the native plants will belong largely to the same genera as the Hawaiian ones. The one dread is that the natives may try to force us to drink kawe that has been prepared by chewing. In fiji it was pounded, clean and refreshing. Such people can be terribly easily insulted. The F. Browns in the Marquesus got terrifically unpopular and had no end of difficulties because they dered to botanize on Saturday—the people are Seventh Day Adventists. In Samoa, Isa & I may attend Church Subdays before going into the field and act pious. I did that in Fiji, and liberally donated silver to the platter passed around. We admire the singerety of the natives, though not necessarily their good sense in adopting our religious thinking in toto.

Greed for cash or "progress" is wrecking the endemic Haw. vegetation. I occasionally protest feebly, as at end of enclosed clipping. Future generations of Garden botanists will thank their lucky stars I emigrated to the Haw. Islands in 1922 and started collecting everything in sight.

I don't know if I wrote that our once white beach has some nasty blackish ripple marks due to fragments of pumfee that floated here from the recent Island of Haw., eruption.

Tonorrow we drive to Honolulu for the first major repair to the now 4-year old Volkswagen - grinding of valves. That involves taking the engine out of the car. We shall stay overnight in Honolulu, working the two days at the Museum. We really wanted the car overhauled for a colecting trip to the Island of Hawaii, but the possible Samoa trip must come first. Anyway, it seems a bit early for Hawaii as the newspaper showed a photo of Mauma Kea snow-covered at higher elevations. The catch of fls would not be too good until the weather warms up a bit more.

Aloha,

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March 21, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialus Oshu Hawsii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Our letters of March 14 crossed.

If I were an expert I should be glad to give you an idea on repacking your books but under the circumstances I think you ought to refer this question to the forwarding agents or anyone else who would be qualified to pass judgment on the material. In my letter of February 19 I said the books would have to be packed for shipment which I based on what Mr. Dugan told me. If you authorize anyone to look at the books please let Mr. Dugan know so that he can show the person where the books are and how many are involved.

If you and Mrs. Degener should decide to come to New York it will be a pleasure to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

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Yesy truly yours,

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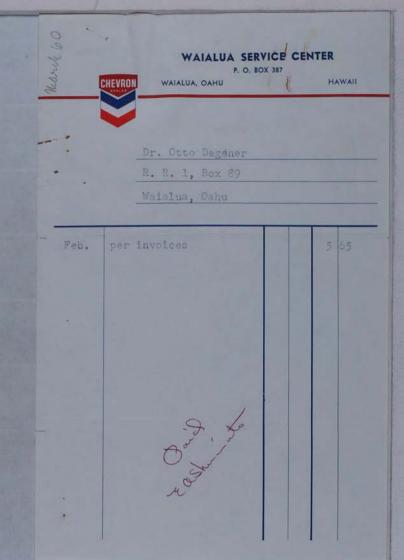
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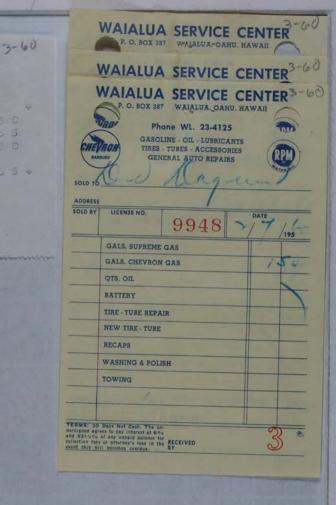
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The Leopard's Spots: Scientific Attitudes toward Race in America, 1815– 59. William Stanton. University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill., 1960. 245 pp. \$4.

This study is centered around the "American School" of anthropology and ethnology which arose in the antebellum period. The most distinguished member of the group was Louis Agassiz, the Swiss-born naturalist, but the leading figures in developing the school were Samuel G. Morton of Philadelphia and Ephraim G. Squier, whose genuine contributions to the development of anthropology have been largely obscured by the fallacious conclusions drawn from their researches. The group supported a theory of polygenesis for the races of man and held that the divisions between the races were permanently established at their creation. Furthermore, in the "Scale of Nature," these races of man were ordered with the Caucasian at the top and the Negro at the bottom.

Stanton does a splendid job of placing the scientific problem in its social and intellectual context. He shows the character of the men involved in attempts to find a quantitative measurement of racial diversity, the inadequacy of the existing scientific knowledge, the social pressures working on scientific judgments, the interplay of research findings and attitudes toward race, and the ultimate failure of the school following the publication of Charles Darwin's Origin of Species. Although Stanton feels that the anti-Biblical crusade that accompanied the teachings of the school neutralized its support of racism among the slaveholders, one cannot help wondering how much of its "scientific proof" of the biological inferiority of the Negro filtered down into the popular mind of the post-Civil War period. Obviously, this book will interest anyone concerned with the background of the color line in the democratic ethos.

On the whole, the American school was a scientific failure, a blind alley, but in selecting it for study. Stanton has been better able to illustrate the complexity of scientific advances. In spite of fallacious conclusions, the work of the school on the nature of hybrids, the transmission of racial characteristics, the contradictions in the environmentalistic theories of biological change, and the inadequacies of the received Biblical account of the creation of races, helped focus attention on vital problems which had to be

faced by the Darwinians. The school also helped in the subtle process of transforming the climate of opinion toward an active interest in the problem of racial origins.

Without wishing to quibble over minor points of interpretation, Stanton does attach considerable importance to the idea of economy in nature, meaning the frugality of nature, as a part of the outlook of the period (for example, pages 99, 109, 133), and he attributes the recognition of nature's "shocking waste" to Darwin (page 133). The word economy was commonplace in the language of natural religion and meant design. The design could include enormous wastefulness as well as frugality, and after the graphic pictures of fossil strata presented by Cuvier, the wasted productions of nature were widely acclaimed. Tennyson, for instance, in his In Memoriam: "'So careful of the type?' but no. / From scarped cliff and quarried stone / She cries, 'A thousand types are gone; / I care for nothing, all shall go . . .'."

FRANCIS C. HABER

Department of History, University of Florida

Teaching Comprehensive Medical Care.

A psychological study of a change in medical education. Kenneth R. Hammond and Fred Kern, Jr. Published for the Commonwealth Fund by Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1959. xxii + 642 pp. \$10.

The decade of the 50's has been a period of experiment in medical education. A number of medical schools have modified their programs and are trying to evaluate the results. This book is a comprehensive report of one of these experiments.

In 1953, the University of Colorado School of Medicine established a General Medical Clinic designed to teach senior medical students "the techniques and philosophy of comprehensive medical care" (page 4). The staff of the clinic (in Denver, directed by Fred Kern, Jr., associate professor of medicine) collaborated with the behavior research laboratory at the university (in Boulder, directed by Kenneth Hammond, professor of psychology) in planning and executing a 5-year research project designed to evaluate the effects of the program. Although Hammond and Kern were the principal investigators

and are now the senior authors, it is evident that their staffs contributed significantly to this very thorough and detailed work. The study and the report emerge as fine examples of interdisciplinary effort.

The subtitle, "A psychological study of a change in medical education," comes closer to describing the book than the title itself. About three-fourths of the volume (including the 60-page appendix) is concerned with details of the research. The reader is likely to learn more about the problems of how to study the effects of a change in curriculum than about what the effects actually are. Its careful and lucid account of research methods used in the study of parts of the educational process in medicine constitutes the book's major contribution. Particularly appealing are the authors' candid reflections on the difficulties met in the several stages of the research.

The authors are conscious of the dual audience for whom the book is intended: "the medical educator" and "psychologists and sociologists." There is enough material, however, to keep these and other groups (for example, educationists) busy for some time to come. Medical educators will read it: so will psychologists and sociologists interested in medical or professional education. But the book deserves a wider audience. Any seientist concerned with the measurement of change in human behavior in a specific (educational) environment will find this a very useful reference work.

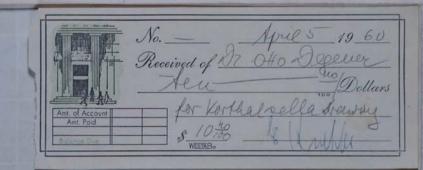
One is inclined to agree with the authors that the research itself represents a "pioneer effort." It is unusual on two counts: (i) No other medical school has had a part of its program studied so exhaustively (although others have instituted more extensive changes in program). In no other institution, to my knowledge, has the plan to initiate a curriculum change been so closely intertwined with a research program carefully designed to study its effects. (ii) The design of the study followed classical lines, that is, each of three successive senior classes was divided into an experimental and a control group, the former attending the clinic, the latter the usual senior clerkships. The use of experimental and control groups within the same class over several years knows no parallel in experiments in medical education.

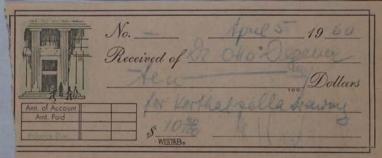
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April 6, 1960.

Dr. David D. Keck. Lational Science Foundation, Mashington 25, D.G.

Desr Dave:

Paradise of the Pacific Printers has been purchased by the Porter Press - I hate the change of name - and now Isa & I are getting some of our ms., set up. The bottle nack was chiefly lack of suitable engraver.

Here, then, we submit four copies as per instruction of the latest fascicle, of which about 100 copies go into the mails tomorrow morning to interested individuals and institutions.

Nothing much new here excepting that the NSF car, after four years of field work, required general overhauling coming close to \$300. But now the old bus purrs nicely and again has more power. We cannot risk getting stuck in out-of-the-way places. We should like to botanize on the Island of Hawaii again but are ready to jump to the island to which we might be more or less invited.

We are trying to get the Army to take us onto a cliff-surrounded plateen by helicopter on the Island of Kausi back of the town of Hanalei.

Al Smith wrote a favorable letter suggesting that we get plants from there for the Smithsonian. I took the liberty to show this around.

Aloha.

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Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii. April 8, 1960.

Frederic Henjes Jr. Inc., 44 Whitehell St., New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Strunck:

Thank you for your informational letter of March 8. I did not want to raply until I should receive more facts from New York.

Now I have them.

I am asking my sister, Miss Irme Degener, 24 East 84 Street to contact your office for some day convenient to meet at the M.Y. Botanical Garden, Bronx Park (Fordner) to inspect my books stored there.

Most of the books should be in the original conrugated boxes or crates in which they were shipped to the Luseum by the printers. I wish them ship ped, cheapest way which is by \$44.01 per Ton by water, to Honolulu. Time is unimportant. Perhaps the boxes need strengthening with rope.

I have written Assistant Director, Mr. Robert F. Kolkebeck, of the Carden about your concern.

Sincerely,

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April 8, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua, Oahu Hawaii

Dear Otto:

Thank you for your informative letter of March 20th, and for your newpaper article on the early days of Hawaii. I hope the Samoa trip has become a reality.

As regards the car insurance, this insurance covering public liability and property damage and medical payments was renewed for one year effective February 28, 1960. I am enclosing for your information a copy of the policy and also a copy of the letter from Brown, Crosby & Co., our brokers. The cost as you will note amounted to \$43.18 which was paid from here and charged against your grant. If you want to change the medical coverage as per Mr. Haberle's letter, please let me know.

We are going to be pretty much upset here in the Museum Building over the next several months owing to extensive repairs to the building by the City but the end result should be greatly to our advantage.

I hope all goes well with you.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Degener.

Ma la Municipale

H. de la Montagne

Secretary

HM:ek

Dear Mr. Montagne:

I planned mailing you the bill for the april 7 printing et the same time as the enclosed one for car everheul. Then yesterday I noticed the printer had erred, charging as for a since of a grass I had borrowed and turned over to him. So that bill goes back to him for correction.

Not to delay any longer, here is the car bill - now the Volkswagen should be equal to inferior roads again. We plan going to an outside Island for collecting, and it would be evident having a break-down for from a Volkwagen repair shop. Neidently special, not standardized tools, are needed. This is the one disadventage against using a foreign car in out-of-the-way places.

We are losing a tenent and are presently bound to our lot, waiting for some prospect to drop in and arrange to take over the rental unit. The present tenents are getting a baby & by adoption - and need a two-bedroom house.

Aloha,

April 9, 1960.

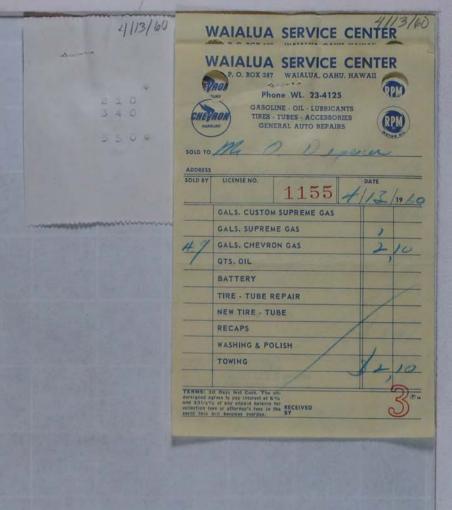
Deur Mr. Kolkebeck:

Regarding my books in the smuff will, I am writing my sister Iron Degener, 24 East SE Street to meet at the Garden with a representative of Frederic Henjes Jr. Inc., 46 Whitehall Street at some day convenient to Mr. Dugen or one of the Garden men to finally decide upon how wany packages must be repacked etc., etc.

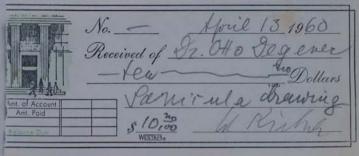
Prederic Banjes is a licensed customs broker who handles my brother's shipments, and evidently is reliable. It would be nice, in a way, if Mrs. Degener and I should be "needed" and obliged to Tly to s.Y., to headle the racking nurselves.

We are ammanity "marcened" on our 3/4 more let because of a tenant turnover. It is the proper time to concentrate on plant descriptions. We hope to complete Book 6 before N.S.F., time limit and funds expire. It takes a good deal of planning.

Sincerely,







# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

April 14, 1960

Mr. Otto Degener Waialua, Oahu Hawaii

Dear Otto:

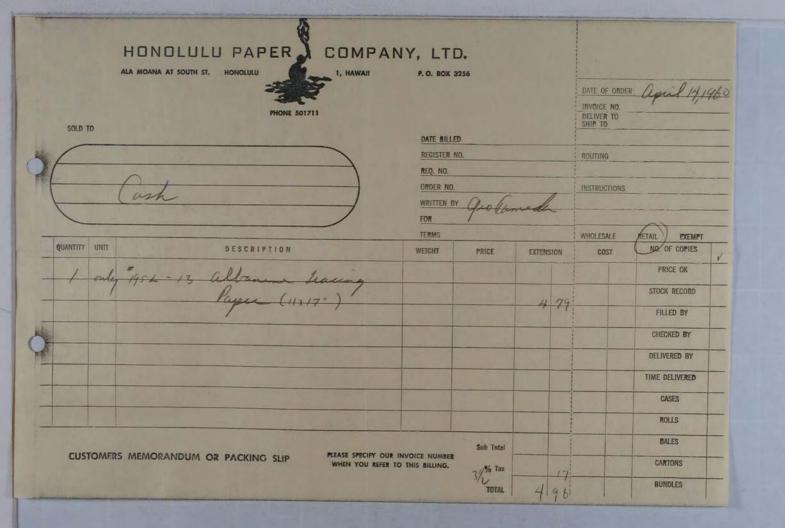
Thanks for sending us another fascicle of the <u>Flora Hawaiiensis</u> which arrived this week. I am glad that you now apparently have a suitable engraver.

I am pleased to learn that the "old bus" is now in satisfactory condition and that you are continuing with the collecting.

When the covers are available for Book 6, we will be glad to have them.

Sincerely yours,

David D. Keck Program Director for Systematic Biology



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WAIALUA, DAHU, HAWAII

April 18, 1960

Dear Prof. Leabdri:

Thank you for your effocient letter of April 11 regarding Remy No. 604 (Claoxylon insigne H. Baill.) in your herbarium.

Mrs. Degener and I should be very pleased if Miss Godot de Mauroy were to execute the drawing in the same style in which others have been executed for the Flora Hawaiiensis. I am taking the liberty of analosing a foreign postal money order for the sum of \$10.00 made out to the Museum for her.

Please have Miss de Mauroy sign the drawing parallel to the stem.

Aloha,

Dr. Otto Degener

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April 20, 1960.

Dear Mr. Montagne:

Here is the bill for the NSF printing dated April 7, 1960. It is corrected for credit for the one zinco That I had borrowed from the University and then had supplied the printer.

I guess by this time my sister, Mr. Dugan and the book shipper have gotten into a huddle regarding the Snuff Mill storage problem. If the books are not already on the way, please ask Mr. Dugan to ship 30 copies of Plants Haw. Nat. Park to our National Park, and send me the bill.

This morning Isa & I were on the Kaiser TV Station for half an hour's taping. The tape will be run on Saturday at 3:30, and we will have fun (or embarrassment) looking at ourselves in action. In the strong search lights we both looked ghastly. I mentioned that the Garden was sponsoring the Floral work through NSF, and that the books were on sale at the local Bishop Museum book store. Yes, the influence of the Garden extends all the way to the distant State of Hawaii.

It will be a problem storing the Snuff Mill material hereat home and we are trying to make room for it by gradually hauling all MSF sheets to the printer for collating and eventual trimming and punching. We told them they should keep this lot as we expect them to make covers for us anyway. Thus we get free storage but, on the other hand, it will eventually be difficult to shop around for the cheapest cover maker. Locally there are very few - the newspapers have terrific prices - so the advantage outbalances the risk. Our little printer can't afford to be unreasonable lest they lose us a printing customers in the future. They seem to be fair.

The Samoa trip idea is silly in view of 1) loss of a tenant May 1 - which means Isa & I must renovate the rental unit until some prospective tenant takes it, 2.) the Shuff Mill problem and expense and, 3.) Isa is momentarily a bit under the weather. I seem to be in fine fettle with a blood pressure of 150 over 85, and going onto 61 this May.

I believe I wrote you that our old printer went bankrupt and that the setting of our ms., was largely postponed. A Mr. Redmann.

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distribution. Then another fascicle will be printed, with many lobelia drawings, all original. I am writing you now so you can mail me another sheque by ordinary mail.

Postal conditions have improved on this side of the Pacific at least. Ordinary mail, if room is available, will go airmail at surface mail rates. Air mail will as usual always go airmail. So this heavy letter goes officially by SURFACE MAIL to you as an experiment. I shall watch how soon it reaches you.

Aloha.

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April 20, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Following up on my letter of March 21, I wonder whether you have been able to make any arrangements to have someone look over your material that is stored in the Snuff Mill.

The City is going to rehabilitate our Museum and Administration Building. This means that we will probably have to evacuate this building. We are therefore looking for storage space whereever we can find it.

It would be most helpful to know soon what disposition we will be able to make of your material in the Snuff Mill.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

RFK:md

April 22, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Mr. Kolkebeck has asked me to acknowledge your letter of April 9 which arrived just today and evidently crossed his letter to you of April 20. I shall inform Mr. Dugan of the contents of your letter so that he will be prepared to arrange to meet with your sister and a representative of Frederic Henjes Jr. Inc.

Sincerely yours,

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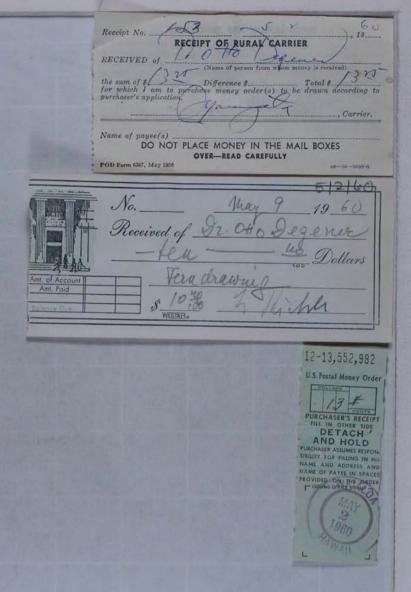
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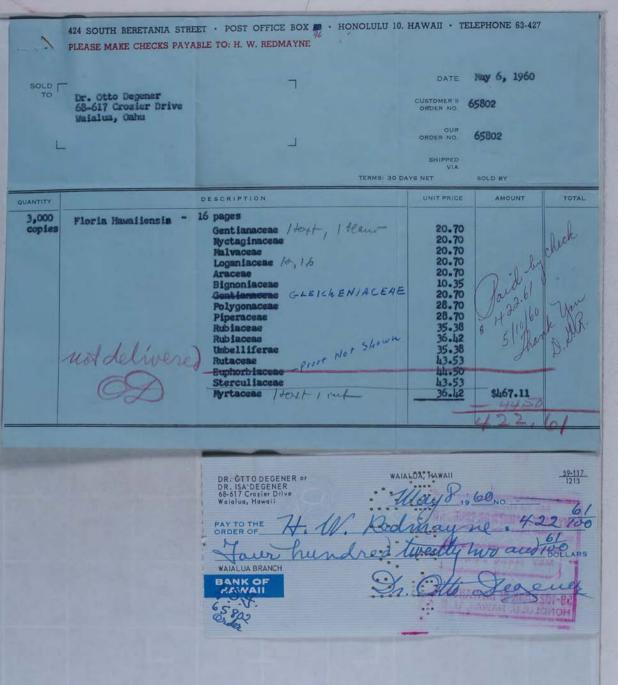
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July 1, 1960.

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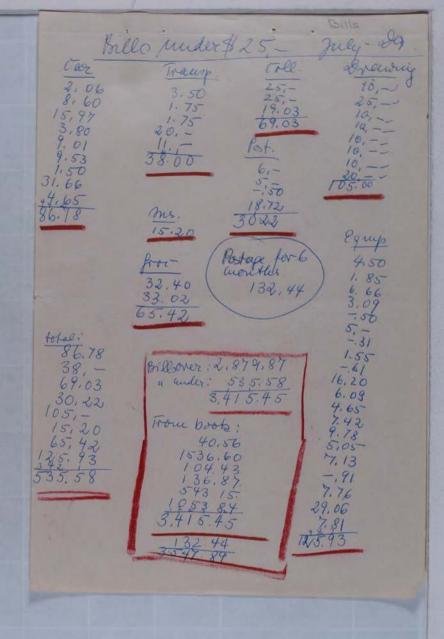
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Aug. 4, 1960.

Dear Mr. Shootman:

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Natually, I can't risk losing a possible future grant-in-aid by being criticized for mistakes. So in the coming bill, of which I need 3 copies, don't have Mr. Johnson include these 6 pages. I will have to get into a huddle with him later and privately pay for my own errors.

Run the three sets, corrected, on the next form and then Mr. Johnson can bill me for them in the normal way.

Since the type has not been malted up, nor plates destroyed, I guess the mistakes won't cost me too terribly much as mostly paper and only a little extra labor is involved.

The past 8/8/60 fascicle looks pretty nice & we are getting ready to mail out the 31 sheets on that date.

When you get around to it, please mail me proofs of everything & Mrs. D & I will do better on proof reading in the future. I guess we have about enough for a smaller form.

I have no proof of Clermontia pallida cut on hand. The flowers are upright; peleana, the wrong cut used, has 4 flowers drooping.

Aloha,



Aug. 8, 1960.

Dear Dave:

Enclosed are sheets of an additional fascicle of Flora Hawaiiensis distributed to approximately 100 institutions and interested individuals on 8/8/60, the printed date of publication.

It would have been nice detouring to Honolulu via Washington and seeing you and how your office is set up. Instead, we returned home to be here before Isa's parents should return to Germany which, incidentally, is today. Shorvly on arrival home, Isa underwent a successful major operation which, we are so thankful, was not malignant in any way. It was nice to he we had her parents here during the early period of her convelescence. The operation puts a crimp into our planned rield work on Kauai and, with the Shiras Baldwins, on Hawaii. There is compensation, however, in getting more text printed and just that much sooner Book 6 in the hands of botanists and the intelligent public.

It is lots of fun, at this advanced stage of the game, to see fresh sheets, like individual pieces of a mosaic, fit into place. Another fascicle, including more lobelias, should follow soon.

I may have written you before that a former convict somehow wangled his way as manager into my good old "Paradise of the Pacific" printer & ren the concern into bankruptcy. The receivers printed my previous, 5/20/60 fascicle, and the new owner (?), who made a \$2,000 down payment with promise of paying the remaining \$15,000 within 30 days, was to complete printing the various odds & ends on the premises. Well, Isa & I got a bit skeptical and fed up with all the confusion and so, with not much loss to us by the bankruptcy, had all the ghastly remains of type, ms. Zincos and drawings hauled out of the old shop to the local newspaper. As you see, the latter did very nicely in taking over and printing 8/8/60.

If the Honolulu Advertiser does not start overcharging, I will of course continue with them. If they do, I don't exactly know where to turn but eventually certainly would find some concern as substitute. There are not too many in the Islands. I hardly think the Japanese English-Univ. of Haw., student is Shigeo Soga is owner.

Well, we are rather happy that the operation is over, and that messing around with a questionable printer is ended.

Aloha,

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# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

August 11, 1960

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

Dear Otto:

I am going to visit Honolulu on September 20-21. I am making a trip eastward around the world to visit laboratories that may be called upon to identify biological materials collected in connection with the forthcoming Indian Ocean Survey. This is quite an assignment for a botanist, is it not! I have written the people at Bishop Museum that I hope to visit them on the afternoon of the 20th (I am due to arrive from Hong Kong on flight PAA 2 at 12:20 p.m.). I have written Max Doty who is in charge of my schedule at the University that I would like to spend the 21st there. I have expressed an interest in visiting proposed sites for the National Botanical Garden on Oahu on that day if feasible. Is there a chance that I could see you and Mrs. Degener, possibly on the campus on the 21st? I have several people to see at the University in the limited time available, but I do not leave the Island for San Francisco until midnight on the 21st.

I am leaving here on the 18th and so do not expect a reply but why don't you get in touch with Max or Alex Spoehr if you wish to arrange a meeting with me. I would be very happy to see you both. I should add, parenthetically, that I am planing to make a more leisurely visit to the Islands at the time of the Pacific Science Congress, and so I am doing no more than making their barest acquaintance on this hurried trip. I regret I cannot arrange it to stay longer.

Cordially yours,

David D. Keck

Program Director for Systematic Biology

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Aug. 15, 1960.

Dear Dayer

Iso & I are delighted you will arrive on Onhu Sept. 20 to stay for a couple of days. I got in touch with Max and he tells me he is trying to get you to stay here longer.

August 8 by ordinary mail I seat you another fascicle of Book 6 plus a letter explaining why we rushed home from New York. Is a underwent a major operation in Honolulu and is now convalencing normally and successfully. This mail of mine will probably reach your Washington office after your 'round the World departure. I new no need in using air mail for a heavy fascicle of pages.

Isa & I would be so glad if you could join us for lunch or supper. We want the Dotys; Miss Meal, botanist of the Bishop Museum; and Constance Hartt, one of the leaders of the Nat. Bot. Garden to join us.

We live on the North Shore of Dahu. Hence if you should have time to circle this island on Sept. 21 or later, we could lunch or sup on our side. If pressed for time, let us cut in Hon. You may need a little relexation before emplaning for Calif. At any rate, you know best your commitments and can at the last minute make your final decision.

This letter goes off to your office, and a carbon to the PAA office in Mong Kong.

We shall be in Honolulu at the Museum or Gampus, whichever is better. It will be so nice seeing you again; and we won' talk shop as everything is presently transpiring smoothly so far as the grant is concerned.

Alona.

Aug. 18, 1960.

Dear Dave:

Ise & I were not satisfied with four pages that our new printer ran off. So we discarded the lots, and had them reprinted for distribution B/19/60.

We are looking forward to your Gahu arrival, long before you actually get these sample sheets.

By the time you get this slim puckage, you will know what means,

Aloha nui loa.

### GLEICHENIACEAE

GLEICHENIA FAMILY

Usually xerophyllous terrestrial ferns with dichotomously branching long-creeping usually superficial rhizomes usually hearing hairs or scales. Fronds not jointed to rhizome, erect or straggling, distant or caespitose, usually coriaceous, very rarely determinate and 1- or 2- pinnate but usually indeterminate and with primary erect or ascending stipe appearing to dichotomize 1 to several times but with single central terminal buds either dormant or tardily developing into secondary or tertiary or higher-value leaf-axes which are similar to the primary leaf-axes, their ultimate pinnae being usually in pairs and nearly quite pinnate or rarely bipinnate with the segments usually elongate and pectinately arranged; vernation circinate. Sori superficial, sessile or nearly so, dorsal or terminal, upon the veins on under side of frond, of 2 – 16 sporangia. Indusium wanting. Sporangia with complete transverse medial annulus, with longitudinal slit of dehiscence facing center of sorus. Veins simple or dichotomous, free. Prothallus green, flat, costate.

About 6 genera comprising almost 150 species, found chiefly in tropical regions and rarely in temperate ones such as in Japan and New Zealand. The bizarre shape of the frond in Dicranopleris and Sticherus (with some modifications) can be best visualized as developing from a highly decompound fern frond in which the terminal growth of the frond after development of the first pair of pinnae is retarded as a dormant bud, in which the terminal growth of the pinnae after development of the first pair of pinnules is retarded as a dormant bud, and in which such retardation progresses regularly for each subsequent frond subdivision. The gardener arrives at a similar condition of vigorous lateral growth by "pinching back" the terminal bud of a growing flower cluster.

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(Aided by National Science Foundation)

Aug. 22, 1960.

Dear Dave:

The enclosed Brittonia 12(3): 170 - 175. 1960, article is of course not officially part of the NSF grant. Nevertheless, Isa & I thought you should see a copy as it mentions the Foundation.

The field work, in large part, was financed by NSF, and the results of such work (of which the Brittonia paper is but limited to a few genera of the many found) will eventually appear as properly illustrated descriptions in the Flora Hawaiiensis.

Our catch of plants, I believe, was worth the outlay of cash expended. We economized by being guests of young Ward Fleming, his influential plantation relatives, and others. Without such help, field work is prohibitive in cost.

Aloha,





Aug. 27, 1960.

Dear Mr. Dutton:

Thanks for the bill, etc., for which I enclose cheque. Please return me THREE receipted bills: one for my files, one for N.Y. Bot. Garden files, and one for National Science Foundation files in Washington, D.C.

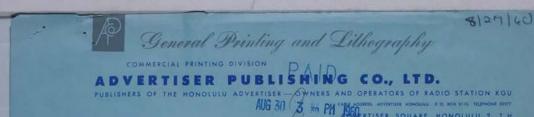
Please have the old zincos in a box for me when I pick up the job in a week or two.

Perhaps you can someday introduce me to Mr. Gora or some other garden page writer to see whether some of the zincos can't be reproduced with a semipopular article in the Subday Mag. Section. It may help me sell some of my Floras, the cash therefrom being used for additional bot. Exploration and Advertiser printing.

The National Science Foundation inspector arrives in Hon., Sept. 20 to remain for a cuple of days. Please have the next fascicle of mine printed, billed, and by me payed for by Sept. 15. To do all this would be a wonderful argument that the Degeners need more cash for their local bot. project from N.S.F. You have lots of copy already set up and some additional ms., pages.

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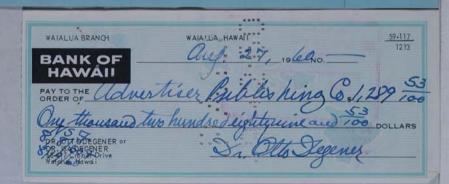


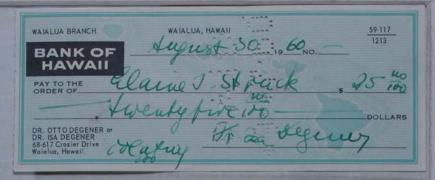
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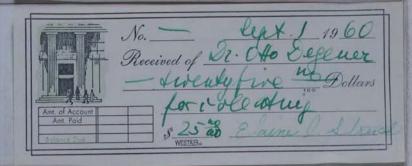
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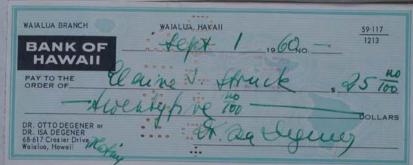
To had lots of fun with the Berkedules. Due to Ins's convolencence, we lunched at a neighboring int rather than do all the cooking at home. Then I drove with the derindules alone to the most vestern end of our Island, a plantag up water samples on the way for their active and comprehence studies. It is too bed they had not arrouged to stop over an early longer so that I could have taken them history in the native forcat and to the colder nountain streams for additional water samples.

Our close to the Contempes who we hope to see in Harmil talk coming winter, and to the Storres who we hope will attend the reciric Science Compress a year honce.

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Sincerely,







# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

September 2, 1960

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

Dear Otto:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent article from Brittonia for my personal files. I am looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

David D. Keck
Program Director for
Systematic Biology

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# The New York Botanical Garden BRONX PARK - NEW YORK 58 - NEW YORK - LU 4-8500

September 12, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener: Re: MSF Grant No. G6377

Please find inclosed a third report on your MSF Grant, reporting period from Jan. 1, 1960 to June 30, 1960.

I trust you will find it in order if not please get in touch with this office.

We are having the hurricane "Dona" visit us today and there has been considerable damage in the City. This would be pretty mild to some of the ones that have come your way.

Hoping you and Mrs. Degemer are enjoying the best of health.

Very truly yours,

5. W. McLernon

P. S. Mr. Countey is on vacation in Massachusetts and he has asked me to send the above to you when it was completed.

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Edwards Brosthers, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Sira:

Oct. and Dac. 1945, while I was at the N.Y. Botanical Garden, you photo-offset 10,000 copies of my "Flants Haw. Rational Park."

I am completing Book 6 of my <u>Flora Hawaiiensis</u>. The covers must be similar to those of Book 5 of which I here enclose a sample. The design, of course, would differ. The cover should hold about 450 pages of No. 70 stock.

If you make covers like sample, please quote your price for 2,500 and for 3,000; and approximate freight charges to Honolulu.

If you do not make covers, kindly recommend some concern you consider good and reasonable. That combination is not found in the Haw. Islands.

Aloha,

Sept. 23, 1960.

Dear Dave:

Now that you have been in the Islands - too be sure for only twodays - you have acquired a pretty good bird's eye view of conditions.

I guess you will agree with me that the Islands are just far enough apart to stimulate speciation and, unfortunately, to require costly plane fares for hopping from one to the other. The terrain is of such a character that I have concentrated in my field work in dashing up and down ridges, and up and flown streambeds. The slopes in most cases are too precipitous to tackle and a weste of time when unexplored ridges are still available. Botanizing these knife-edge ridges and the ladge- and waterfall sprinkled atrembeds is hazardous and only an idict would navigate them alone. Labor prices are prohibitive - not like Fiji, for example - so that hikes are limited to what Isa can do with me alone, or to what some hiking enthusiast will do with me for the fun of it and hence without pay. Some rost areas surrounded by cliffs are absolutely inaccessible without a helicopter.

I was able to catch the lest jitney - 5 o'clock - for the 35 mile drive home. Is a hed kept the car for her 1 P.M., Waislus Hospital spointment where she got medicine to try to dissolve the blood clot. It is evidently the eftermath of irritation from the glucese needle she had in that vein for two days a couple of months ago. I was a bit frightened - still om - and don't like to leave her alone in case such a throbus should work loose to get stuck elsewhere.

Regarding the grant, we have published approximately 300 pages of Book 6 and have approx. \$5,000 remaining. With your present permission to ask for a renewal of the grant before the three years are up, I have sent Réwards Brothers of ann Arbor a sample cover to get their bid on making the one for Book 6. Three thousand covers, plus collating, at Hawaii prices would come to about \$5,000. Perhaps Edwards can do better. Should some other grantees have discovered reasonable binderies, please have your secretary mail me the names and addresses.

Isa & I would like to produce for each grant a 400 - 450 page volume, but swidently we can't quite manage. Do you notice how sheets fall into place like the individual pieces of a jigsaw puzzle and the Flora is gradually taking useful shape? Rechinger in Ann. Naturhist. Mus. Wien 63: 472 - 473. 1959, wrote a rather flattering review, mentioning the Interstitzing der National Science Foundation. One sentence is a suble

commendation: "Ein rascher fortschreiten fles Erscheinen dieses unkonventionellen aber Susserst praktischen und hochwillkomenen Werkes wäre dringend zu wänschen." He, of course, refers to our taking from 1946 to 1957 to complete Book 5. Since then, thanks to ESF, we should get Book 6 completed in three years. Book 5's delayed birth was entirely financial as our few rentsl units just keep us in fish and poi.

I am so proud of my juvenile "wisdom" in 1922 to have emigrated from my old home town of New York City to haweii. Next summer Isa & I will show you our Mckuleis Beach workshop. We have accumulated over 700 pamphlets pertaining to haw. pleats, and each genus mentioned in these pamphlets is listed on our filing cards. With this collection, our own source books, our own herb specimens & fresh material available in Jahn jungles, and two days per week in Bishop Museum library & herbarium, we can manage pratty well. Field work beyond Jahu is only practicable if Isa & I odd jobs there like hunting for Bauvolfia material for weelthy Mainland

In surmary, then, Isa & I are overjoyed with the NSF grant, are conscientiously pinching pennies, and are trying act to pester you with trivally with work as it is.

Alohe nui los from the both of us.

Oct. 1, 1960.

Dear Mr. Dutton:

Mr. Shootman is going ahead with the printing of additonal pages of Book 6 of the Flora Haw. I took the batch of Aug. 8 packages the other day with the understanding that when Book 6 is pau, the pages are to be uniformly punched with 3 pukas and trimmed, for which work I have already paid ahead of time. That will result in a smoother and more uniform book than if this trimming work is done half a dozen different times.

Book 6 is almost three-fourths pau with roughly 300 pages printed. It is about time I searched about for a firm to attend to the next step. I used to collate and bind jyself here at the house, but want to avoid that drudgery if at all possible.

Please, on an edition of 2,800, quote me your bids for:

- 1. Collating 450 pages.
- 2. Collating and binding in the 3 Chicago screw loose leaf binder which screws and binder I would supply.
- 3. Punching and trimming approx. 100 packages (printed by Paradise which, due to bankruptcy, never got to punching & trimming their jobs).

Aloha,



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October 20, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Please forgive me for not replying sooner to your letter of August 31. I was the one who held up sending you a check because I wanted to see whether we were following the new procedure that Mr. Montagne wrote to you about on June 11, 1959.

When I got your postcard I felt that we should not wait any longer for the figures and so we sent you an advance of \$1,000. Now I should like to try to summarize the figures so that we can follow the new procedure from now on. I shall try to keep it simple but there are a number of figures involved our records indicate that through June 30, 1960 you had spent \$5,592.64. The bill you sent with your letter of August 31 from Advertiser Publishing Co., Ltd., was for \$1,289.53. These two figures total \$6,882.17, which represents what you have paid out from the advances we have sent you.

Our records indicate further that our advances to you total \$7,800 as follows:

January 1959 - \$1,200 April 1959 - 1,600 January 1960 - 2,000 June 1960 - 2,000 October 1960 - 1,000

Total \$7,800

So that you will have an advance of \$2,000 against expenses we are enclosing a check to your order for \$1,082.17. In other words, advances to date of \$7,800 plus the enclosed advance of \$1,082.17 equals \$8,882.17/or \$2,000 more than you have spent. From this time on we will reimburse you for whatever bills you have paid in the exact amount of those bills. Obviously we will not reimburse you when you start to invade the \$2,000 advance.

As you know, the grant provides for direct costs of \$13,650 which is your operating budget for the work you are doing. (Very deliberately I am trying to avoid your concerning yourself about the bookkeeping of the overhead which is 15% of direct costs or \$2,050.) We will not send you money beyond \$13,650 less whatever expenditures are made directly by the Garden for your grant. Such expenditures amounted to \$82.68 through June 30, 1960 and there are no other expenditures of this nature since then. The expenditures to June 30, 1960 were for insurance.

I hope all of this is clear. Please let me know whether your figures coincide with ours. And please do not hesitate to ask for further explanation if you need it. Once we follow the new procedure I think you will find everything quite straightforward.

I hope your wife is fully recovered and just as active as ever. My warmest regards to both of you.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kolkebeck

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Oct. 24, 1960.

Door Mr. Kolkebeck:

\$1,082.17 cheque. Meny taunks for your Get. 20 letter and the enclosed

The Advertiser newspaper (which does our work now) had planned to print another fascicle more or less immediately some time ago and hence my early S.O.S., which you answered with the earlier \$1,000 cheque. Then they were suddenly swamped with political handbill and blurb orders for the Nov. State & Federal elections, and my fascicle was shoved aside. This political printing has about anded and the printers 'phoned us to drop in at the shop. We are going tomorrow to correct the very last treef. So can seen expect another batch of Flora Haw., sheets and a receipted bill.

With the second \$1,082.17 cheque in our hands we have the courage to go on a field trip to the Keland of Kousi for several weeks. We will ship our aquipment looked up in the car.

In general, the NSF cash is not sufficient for much field work should we honorfly pay our way. In this case we have such a bargain that we feel we should not lose this opportunity: Mrs. Ruth Mannaw, presently in London, has a mountain house in a rather unspoiled jungic area on the island of Kausi at 4,000 feet elevation. It is really rain-forest.

Today I received an enswer to my "begging" letter. She will let us have the use of the cottage FRME provided we don't"gum up" plans of her relatives who may also want to use it some time. We are quite excited and feel like old Pegsaus or mythology straining at the relas. Field work should be good until Xmes when the winter rains are apt to curb flowering. Without a free cottage, we would be stuck as the few hotels on Kaumi cater to tourists and the prices are simply fontentic.

We shall 'phone our physician for ar okay on our plane. Is a still has that blood clot in her right arm, but she can more or less sit on the side lines while I and assistant or two snoop about for bot, prizes. An air force friend has offered to help if we pay expenses. Then, on the spot and hapoleon, the horse, both of whom and which we may hire for hauling loot back to the cottage.

You can't realize how we grave getting into the field on an outside

When Dava Keck was here I explained our financial situation: that we may deplate our appropriation (due to high cost of printing, collating and book covere) before the three years have expired. No then reassured us that we could ask for renewal of the grant before the three years are up. Thus we could continue our project without interruption.

We just came book from the post office where we sent \$100 to Dr. Wimter for Lobelia drawings he is having made for us in Vienna from material he has critically studied and which is in the herbarium there.

I mailed a cover of Book 5 as sample to Edwards Bros., Annarbor, Mich., for their bid on Book 6 covers. They have not yet answered.

With the new method of accounting, I hope provided is left for our having a couple hundred dollars "working capital." The Degener family is not on a salary so it would be difficult to pay for possible immediate car repair or for drawings @ \$10 that some artist may hand us. If stock without working capital, we would be obliged to borrow cash from the bank or sell some atock, of course both nulsance and a waste of cash.

Oct. 28. We were at the Museum and at the printers to read proof, and ateyed overnight in Honolulu. At the printer I got a tentative estimate for complete punching, trimming, collating and binding Book 6 at \$2,100. Riwards B os., Ann. Arbern Mich., has not yet realied to my Sept. 20 query regarding cost of am king the binding. Perhaps they have gone out of business since they bound books for me 20 or so years ago. A few days mation.

According to our secounts we received \$8,882.17 from NSF up-to-date, jibing with your Set. 20 letter. But you figure we spent \$5,592.64. According to our records for the three 6-month periods we have:

The discrepancy between your \$5,592.64 and our \$4,895.59 comes to the nesty sum of \$697.06. We thought perhaps our insurance or the 15% free might accound for this difference but sven so the figures don't some out keeping. Please let us know your reaction soon as \$696.06 is a pretty

We are going to botanize on the Island of Kausi Nov. 14 - we made reservations. We must buy new non-skid three for the slippery mountain roads land end any needed repairs would be disricult to have made by nonexperts.

Aloha,



DR. OTTO DEGENER OF WAIALUA HAWAII

DR. ISA DEGENER OF DR. ISA DEGENER

Oct. 27, 1960.

S.K. Smith Co., 5260 West 104 St., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

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Yours sincerely,

DR. OTTO DEGENER or DR. ISA DEGENER or DR. ISA DEGENER OF DR. ISA DEGENERAL DEGENERAL

November 2, 1960 Air Mail

Dr. Otto Degener Waialua Oahu Hawaii

Dear Dr. Degener:

Thank you for your letter of October 24. I am sorry we gave you the wrong figures in my letter of October 20. Let me re-state the figures and try to explain them. Our records indicate that through June 30, 1960 you had spent \$4,852.40. The bill you sent with your letter of August 31 from Advertiser Publishing Co., Ltd., was for \$1,289.53. These two figures total \$6,141.93 which represents what you have paid out from the advances we have sent you.\*

So that you will have an advance of \$2,000 against expenses, you should have received \$8,141.93. You have received \$8,882.17, or \$740.24 more than you should have received under the new system. Mr. Countey will straighten out this difference as your bills come in and we reimburse you for them.

Speaking of bills, I shall send to Mr. Countey your letter of October 24 with the purchaser's receipt for \$100 which you sent to Vienna for the Lobelia drawings. In the future it would be helpful if you made out a slip for an item like this so that the slip would serve as a voucher - together with whatever receipts you may have.

I don't understand your saying: "With the new method of accounting, I hope provision is left for our having a couple hundred dollars 'working capital." Since you will have an advance of \$2,000 beyond expenses, won't this provide the "working capital" you seek? Perhaps I have misunderstood you in which case I know you will bring this matter up again.

As for your figures and our revised figures, let me try to explain the difference. Your total through June 1960 should be \$4,895.58. Mr. Countey says this includes an insurance bill that we paid directly of \$43.18. Subtracting \$43.18 from \$4,895.58 gives \$4,852.40.

I was sorry to hear that your wife still had the blood clot in her right arm and I hope there will be better news about her soon.

\*In addition, expenditures made directly by the Garden come to \$82.68.

Thank you for being patient with us. I am sorry for the mistake in my letter of October 20.

Sincerely, Nobeleckele

Robert F. Kolkebeck

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Nov. 3, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener. Waialua, Oahu, Hawaii.

Dear Dr. Degener:

I am pleased to learn that both you and Mrs. Degener plan to visit Kausi again.

You will notice quite a change at Eckee. The Navy has moved in and is constructing a missile tracking station on the ridge to the left of the main road between Halemanu and Eckee. The Air National Guard is also installing an air defense radar station in the vicinity of Kalalau.

What with all of the tourist tour groups each day, plus all of the construction going on, Nokee is not what it used to be.

Hope that you will drop in at our office after you arrive. We are now located at the old Libus Grammar School site which is close to our original site.

Best regards and aloha to you both from Mrs. Duvel and myself.

Very truly yours,

Albert W. Duvel, District Forester.

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ENTOMOLOGY AND MARKETING FORESTRY



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Nov. 3, 1960

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Permission has been granted to the bearer, Dr. Otto

Degener and party, the right to collect botanical specimens

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This permit will be effective for the duration of their stay.

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Dear Mr. Kolkeback:

Following Mr. Montagne's early instructions, we immediately mail you receipts for bills in excess of \$25, and expenses below that sum we explain to you at the end of each six matths' period. Lou are now adding to our accounts which we thought ere to be balanced up to July 1, 1960, the Hon. Advertiser printing bill of \$1,850.55 which, according to our figuring is to be ignered until our Jan. 1, 1961 accounting with you. Please den't forget that in ancition to the \$1,850.55 printing we have spent various small sums each less then \$25 for ear, postage, equipment, drawing, etc., which altogether come to several hundred dellers for which we believe we are to give you the soccunting Jan. 1, 1961.

Now coming to your Nov. 2 letter: the figures still con't jibel As we see it, we spent \$4,695.58 and instead of the insurance of \$43.18 being subtracted from that sum, it should be added to it. According to our accounts, we never figured the \$43.18 as we sever handled it. I figure, dealing with the insurance, we would come to \$4,955.55 plus \$43.18 or a total of \$4,956.76. The total of \$4995.58 plus the Advertiser bill of Aug. 31 (and hence to be figured we thought Jan. 1, 1951) for \$1,290.53 equals \$6,185.11, not as you have it \$6,141.93 because \$40.18 do not enter our accounting here in Hawaii et all.

Cash on hand June 30, 1960 was \$1,904.42 and slace tout time you mailus \$2,083.17. Total amount of cash received slace the beginning of the grant is \$8,882.17 according to our records, which coicides with your figures.

You did not understand my fear, as expressed in your Nov. 2 latter in the fifth paragraph, about our perhaps being stranded without working capital. We meent that we might be stranded only after the \$2,000 had been spent, as we have almost asily little expenses such as postage for lobelis herb specimens sent to Wimmer in Vienna for drawings, or #100 for drawings made locally, or gas to deah late mts., for a fern or verbena, or photostats of descriptions from USDA library, kerosens for drier, etc.

Right now we are expending WEF funds in heaty blobs as Beturary we leaved the ear with equipment at Pier 24 for hauling by relent-barge to the Island of kausi and we follow by plane Monday at 1:50. We will have two assistants along. Personnel & our clone expects along, we are purviouslessly fortunate, and that is why we are going now. A triend of ours owns a cabin in the junely rein-forest at 4,000 feet elevation and is giving it to us free while she is on a visit in London: We will be pretty isolated with no stores, postoffice, electricity, gas nor telephone. The Forestry Ranger sometimes sells sout meat Saturdays. We tried to buy two mudgrip tires or tire chains for the car but could get neither. We shall buy all our provisions at the town of Libus near the simport and will probably reach the cabin pretty late at might. We have Coleman kerosene lanterns - 7 of them - to dry the plants. We are afraid to carry gasoline, loose, about. We will be away about a month.

Picase look on reverse of this sheet for orientation.

Aloha.

TELEPHONE 99-2951 1347 KAPIOLANI BLVD. P. O. BOX 3050 HONOLULU 2, HAWAII

### BISHOP INSURANCE AGENCY, LTD.

GENERAL INSURANCE AGENTS

November 9, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener 68-617 Crozier Drive Waialua, Oahu

Dear Dr. Degener

In reference to our telephone conversation, this is to confirm that you will be covered for both automobile liability and personal liability while on your trip to Kauai.

The limit of liability on your personal liability is now \$10,000.00 each occurrence and for this trip we are keeping you covered for \$100,000.00 each occurrence.

Since this increased coverage will be for a short period there will be no additional premium charge if no one is injured. In the event that there is a claim the policy will be adjusted.

Should you have any further question please let us know.

Yours very truly

Charles Furuya Underwriter

Nov. 11, 1960.

Dear Dave:

Here is enother fascicle of the Flore Hammileysis, published today. The cash involved in producing it is a bit less tunn ordinary as many of the drawings were made and paid for 20 - 30 years age and salted away by me for a day when I might be able to efford to print them. Two of the artists, the Chinese Robert Los and the Japanese Kanneth Charametra by atalente at the university of Massii around 1920, and died decades and important artist, whose nemes you will occasionally see on entain Toshio Tammato, he was paralled to me from the sanitarium and died of 35 while I was at 5. Y.B.C., in 1933-35.

We have packed just about everything except our toothbreakes. Toothor we deliver our cor to the wharf stacked with our equipment such as driets, E house-doors to make the crief box, slauping bags, blenkets, shorts, lanterns, formelin, elochol, visis, that, jars, recapped tire (we tried our beat to buy mud-grip three or choins but they just don't exist on Griss) and all the old hising cloths we oun. Then by slow pine-spale bargs it gets hauled to Hawiliwill Merbar, Kausi. We 'ried to get \$500 lacurence of car a contents for this wack-end but the agent refused I fear because thefts on wharves are owner, Well, anyway, I doubt any thief outle wake use of much we have packed except boots.

because of the muchy lobelias we hope to collect esp. for Singer, we are a bit short of netal corpugates, and for snother field expedition should order 100 or so mars. The Jobelias will tend to constipate the drive, but we will manage siright.

The dar will be in Keumi Monday morning and we, to benefit by the fortily plants themper flying rate beginning at noon, will get there about 2:30 P.M. We will be easy three or some weeks.

this field trip, instructed date of publication to be Dec. 15. We must

We ARE a bit nervous leaving our home & rental units close for long. During our Int. Bot. Congress trip and the recent one to NYM.C., Isa's perents were here on a visit from Germany and held the fort for us. This time we have no one.

We are so extremely glad to get into the field again, and to escape from books a hard, appointens for a little while.



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November 30, 1960

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

Dear Otto:

Thank you for sending copies of the new fascide of Flora Hawaiiensis.

I was interested in your account of the preparations for the trip to Kauai. I hope that the collecting was very profitable and that you had a good trip. I was glad to note that Isa was well again and able to do field work.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

David D. Keck Program Director for Systematic Biology



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WAIALUA, DAHU, HAWAII

Dec. 21, 1960.

Dear Mr. Kolkebeck & Mr. Countey:

Total spent by us til June 30, 1960 Total spent by us from July 1 til Dec. 20, 1950 Total	figures: \$ 4,995.58 3,547.89 \$ 8,443.47
Expenses (bills over \$25, July 1 - Dec. 20, 1960): Collating (Hrs. Struck July 5, \$35, Aug. 5 \$50) Printing (Sept.15 \$108.50, Nov. 30 \$1,026.03, Aug. 30, \$1,289.53 receipt already sent)	\$ 85.00 2.424.06
Haw. Air Lines Kauai field trip	100.00
Young Bros. car transportation Groceries, equipment, etc. \$43.16, 49.26, 39.09	56.50 131.51
Expenses (bills under \$25, July 1 - Dec. 20, 1980): Car, gas, oil, kerosene, repair	
Transportation Insurance for assistants	86.78 38.00 15.20
Ordering Drawings (excluding those paid by postal money Food	
Equipment, Coleman Lanterns, etc.	65.43 125.93
Cash on hand: Total	\$ 608.02
July 1, 1960 Oct. 1 Oct. 20	\$1,904.42 1,000.00
Total spent in (almost) six months Cash on hand Dec. 20, 1980	1,082.17 \$3,986.59 3,547.89
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As always, we are keeping the vouchers we have for purchases or services below \$25 on file should you ever went them. Only a very few are without vouchers as, for example, drawing material, fermulin, etc.

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WAIALUA, DAHU, HAWAII

Dec. 21, 1960.

Dear Dave:

Off the record, we had a wonderfully interesting three weeks on Keuai. We had just one day of rain and this luckily, was the day we did not betenize but attended the opening of the Kauai Museum in Lihue.

Botanically we concentrated in an area of Acacia forest, 100 acres of which are to be bull-dozed as an experimental planting for Pinus, Samanea & other exotics. The Pinus seedlings seem to be thriving so you know what that means: additional areas will be cleared of ended of for the harvesting of board feet. At Jeast we have a representative catch of plants from the area so that workers in Museums at least will know what grew here. In the srea we discovered a new species of Scaevola that almost minings a Dodonara & I guess therefore escaped observation for so long.

The picture, in general, is depressing. The bull-dozed areas are absolutely razed of all vegetation; while at higher elevations Rhbus penetrans, introduced about 25 years ago, has taken over to make an impenetrable jungle crowing out all endemic seedlings. I walked all through this area without hindrance in 1926, but not so now. All the queer Diellias seen gone.

Wild pigs are not allowed to be shot in the area about Waimes and Kalelau with result that much uprooting esp. of ferns is taking place. They were never so numerous. They could even be a menace to such as you and me, we almost bumping into a wild sow and family. She could have eviscerated us.

In a small guich we seem to have discovered a new Glermontis and a new Cyanga in fruit but not flower.

We shall print one "biggish" fascicle probably Dec. 28 and then you won't get much evidence of activity from us as we must "digest" and tabel our Kauai catch. We have material esp. for Fosberg, Skottsberg, Wimmer, Sleumer, Stone & Sherff, and rafts of material, dry & pickle, for ourselves.

We have written Korkebeck to mail us another NSF application blank as our funds will be jus about depleted with further collating and book cover charges. Book 6 is close to completion.

Everything is going well. Ise, in spite of the past major operation,

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could do all but strenuous up and down hiking. So I alone, with the kane essistent, climbed into a deep gulch for good Hibisous material. We have enough, with pickled flowers, for a decent drawing. It is H. waimene Heller.

Greetings of the Sesson to your family and self from Isa and,

Yours truly,



WAIALUA, DAHU, HAWAII

Here is a preview of the future: 1. The Volkswegen, bought second hend to begin with and in our possession five years, is showing signs of age thanks to the elements and the poor roads we take in order to get to collecting areas. It needs overhauling here and there; eventually it won't pay to have it repaired any further. 2. Dec. 28 the printer is scheduled to run off snother big batch of pages for the Flora which will cost close to \$1,000. 5. We have collating expenses ahead of us. 4. We must have 5,000 book covers made for the almost completed Book 6, an expense of several thousand dollars. 5. We were short of corrugated metals during our Kausi firld trip and need about 100 additional ones. In summary, then, the funds remaining from our second NSF grant are practically at an end. Please, therefore, mail me an application for a renewal of our grant so that I can fill it out properly and have it submitted to Washington in time for review and possible action. Bave Keck, when last in Honolulu, advised me to apply in just such an emergency for renewal to keep the project of the Flora Haw, going without interruption.

Please well me edditional cash to meet the forthcoming printing and other expenses.

Mrs. Degener joins me in wishing you both, the Montagnes and Mr. McLernon a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Aloha,

Dec. 20, 1900.

Br. David D. Keek, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C.

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Here is another fasoicle, published today, for Book 6 of the Flora Hawaiiancia. The Flora has grown to about 575 pages by this time. Because of the high cost of the cover, we think we should get about 450 pages into it.

We shall drop nost of our me., work now and spend too time writing labels and identifying our Kaumi esteh; otherwise we would get swamped.

We rend about the cold wave in the East and are sorry for you.

Aluha,

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Dr Degener:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1,518.12 we arrived at this figure as follows:

Total amount spent 7/1/60 to 12/20/60 ( Your letter of 12/21/60)

\$ 3,547.89

Less amount for which you were previously

1,289.53 2,258.36

Less amount more than you should have received ( Re: Mr Kolkebeck's letter 11/2/60)

740.24 1,518.12

Total amount you have received, including the attached check

10,400.29

Less your expenditures to 12/20/60 \*

8,400.29

2,000.00

\* In addition, expenditures made direct by the Garden come to # 82.68

Sincerely, THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

& J Countey

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December 30, 1960

Dr. Otto Degener Waislus Oshu Hawsii

Dear Dr. Degener:

We have received your letter of December 21 and the Accounting Department will send you a check to reimburse you for your expenses, in accordance with our recent correspondence.

At Dr. Steere's suggestion I called Dr. Keck about the possibility of renewing your grant. Dr. Keck said that a new proposal should be submitted similar to the original one. He suggested that you spell out the background of your work since many members of the NSF panel that will consider the proposal will not be acquainted with what you have accomplished to date.

If you will send us a draft of the proposal we will work it up in final form and send it to MSF in the usual manner.

Enclosed is a booklet "Grents for Scientific Research" which may be helpful; and also a sample proposal: Dr. Steere's proposal of April 18, 1958 for his work on Arctic American Mosses - Their Systematics and Geographical Distribution. These two documents will give you all the information you will need on the raw material we will need from you before we can put the proposal into final form.

Dr. Steers and I are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Kolkebeck Assistant Director

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P.S. With further reference to your letter of December 21, please remember what I said in my letter of November 21: "You may send in bills whenever you like; you need not wait until any particular date."

### RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO THE MATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Completion of Book to of The Continued Publication of Illustrated Descriptions in the

"Flora Hawaiiensis or New Illustrated Flora of the Hawaiian Islands"

Dr. Otto Degener y Dr. Isa Degener

1. Institution: New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York, 58, N. Y.

2. Principal Investigator: Otto Degener

3. Title of Proposed Research: "Publication of Flora Hawaiiensis" | Total 6.

4. Desired Starting Date: The research is already under way with abundant specimens collected; support is desired to publish their illustrated descriptions as soon as this proposal can be activated

5. Time Period for which Support is Requested: Five years One year

6. Budget Requested: 644,832 \$ 6,000

## **Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation**

- 1. Institution: The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York, 58, N.Y.
- 2. Principal Investigator: Otto Degener, Collaborator in Hawaiian Botany
- 3. Title of Propos ed Research: "Publication of Flora Hawaiiensis"
- 4. Desired Starting Date: The research is already under way with abundant specimens collected; support is desired to publish their illustrated descriptions as soon as this proposal can be activated
- 5. Time Period for which Support is Requested: Five years
- 6. Description and Background of Proposed Research: Thanks to Grant Number G2216 dated January 1956 and its renewal as Grant Number G6377 dated May 1958, the writer and his wife conducted field work as well as study in herbarium and library. As a result of these efforts, the "Flora Hawaiiensis or New Illustrated Flora of the Hawaiian Islands" has progressed through Book 5 into Book 6. The total number of published pages available to the public comes to just over 2,000.

The Hawaiian rchipelago is so isolated geographically in the Pacific that of its estimated 20,000 - 30,000 different species, varieties and forms of Flowering Flants all but a fraction of 1% are endemic. This high degree of endemism is not only limited to the rchipelago as a whole, but many taxa are limited to one isolated mountain summit, some arid ridge surrounded by a lush sea of vegetation, some darkly shaded gulch, or some isolated casis in a barren waste of to lava.

The continuous discovery and publication of novelties up to the present time indicate that our knowledge of the Hawaiian flora is still far from complete. Many such novelties are collected even in those areas that are rapidly being despoiled of all vegetation due to the ravages of feral goats, cattle, deer, swine, antelope and mouflon, the competition of weeds and of exotic trees planted by the State Government by 'plane and otherwise in the Forest Reserve, and the spread of agriculture. Such destruction of the native flora is continuing with ever-increasing fury, and cannot be stopped! Many species, collected by early workers, and even by modern ones like myself, are already extinct and known to us only from herbarium specimens. Many more are on the verge of extinction and should be collected and

studied before it is too late. We owe to future generations a representative set of herbarium specimens of our unique Hawaiian flora that we, due to commerce, ignorance and vandalism, are rapidly exterminating.

Though the collecting, describing and illustrating of the native flora is of prime importance, the introduced flora must not be neglected. Exotics should be collected as herbarium specimens and preserved as proof of their arrival in the Hawaiian Islands at a certain date. Comparison centuries hence of these pioneers with their descendants in the Islands may give clues as to the rapidity of speciation and other evolutionary problems as yet unformulated.

But to pile up Hawaiian specimens in the main herbaria of the vorld as I have done since 1922 hardly advances the Science of Botany. The material should be made available as soon as possible in print to botanical institutions in the Islands and elsewhere, and to local schools. So that interested workers should not be obliged to wait many decades before a complete Flora Hawaiiensis becomes available, I publish fascicles of various lengths at irregular intervals, distributing 100 sets to them. The remaining copies are stored until a sufficient series accumulate for binding in book form.

The first fascicle appeared June 31, 1932, followed by 61 others and ending with fascicle 12/23/38 as rising printing prices exhausted my modest private fortune. The project was dying. Finally, in desperation, The New York Botanical Garden approached the Mational Science Foundation for help on my behalf in 1956, enabling Mrs. Degener and me to publish 24 additional fascicles with the result that Book 5 was completed and Book 6 to 381 pages of the planned 450. The present appeal for a 5-year grant is to complete Book 6, work up the material collected in the Islands with and without help of the previous MSF grants, and work toward completion of the Flora Hawaiiensis. Actually, this goal can never be attained because of the constant introduction, year after year, by accident and design of species that deserve inclusion in an up-to-date work. The loose-leaf character of the present Flora provides for just such a contingency.

(Torreya 33: 158), my specimens have been available for study to any qualified specialist anywhere.

9. Budget Estimate (5 years) The project would result in several books similar to Book 5, herewith submitted as sample. The printer chosen would be the newspaper, "The Honolulu Advertiser," which in the Hawaiian Islands owns the various fonts, such as italics, BOLD, French accents, needed. No funds are requested for additional research, typing, editing, indexing, travel, etc., but for full-page drawings, collating, binding, and making covers for three volumes in an edition of 3,000 copies. No other support is requested from the Foundation excepting for the appeal submitted May 15, 1961 for funds for continued field work. were sold retail at \$3.50 each, but Book 5, because of higher prices, is being sold at 5.00 retail. I believe Book 6 should be priced similarly. As in the past several hundred copies would be distributed gratis to institutions and colleagues, the remainder being offered for sale privately and through museum and other book shops. The cost of distribution is not included in the estimate below as it would be usually absorbed by the 05 purchase price. From past experience and from records of past expenses submitted during the past five years for NSF files, I come to the following tentative summary: 40) NIH moustigators

- 7. Facilities: Our home on the Island of Cahu is available as our laboratory and study. There we have our collection of books and pamphlets about Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian plants, our microscope and other study and writing equipment, and two huge herbarium cases for storing material requiring immediate action as well as material no longer needed and hence awaiting shipment as gifts to hO-odd scientific institutions. In addition, Mrs. Degener and I, through the kindness of its Director, have the use of the library and herbarium of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. Here are preserved many of our finds, deposited from time to time as gifts.
- 8. Personnel: ims. Degener and I, being childless, would be the permanent personnel, giving essential ly full time to this project. Funds are not requested from the National Science Foundation for salaries. In fact, local experience indicates that the purchase of needed plant drawings from artists at prearranged prices is more economical than having an artist on salary.

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	BOOK 6	B0	OK 7	В	COK 8	TOTAL
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Salaries of Drs. Degener		-		-	-	
TOTAL DIRECT	\$5160	\$5970	\$10130	\$5970	\$10130	\$37360
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TOTAL						044832

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Otto Degener, Principal Investigator

William C. Steere, Director The New York Botanical Garden

Robert F. Kolkebeck, Assistant Director and Business Hanager, The New York Botanical Garden