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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO

May 3, 1936.

Dear Mr. Schweinfurth:

There is room for considerable flexibility in treatment in the Flora of Peru, as you will see when the next part appears, that is, the one following the grasses, which is now being set up. Macbride originally did not wish to include descriptions of new species, but recent developments have shown that plan impractical. The next part to be published--it will appear in a few weeks--consists chiefly of Latin descriptions of new Piperaceae, so there is no reason why new orchids should not be included. Incidentally, it is not necessary to have descriptions as brief as those in the part already published. In the part treating the Rubiaceae, to go to the printer within a few days, the species and genus descriptions are rather ample, and they may be just as long as seems desirable to you.

As a rule, in citing specimens, the departments have been cited alphabetically, but there may be many deviations from this practice.

If matters remain as at present as regards WPA assistance, the Orchidaceae can be published just as soon as the manuscript is ready. I don't know what has happened with the list of Costa Rican plants. The Director would like to have it published here, as things are now, but I do not wish to take it away from the people at San José, if they are going to make some headway with it. Especially would I dislike rewriting it in English, which would be almost as much work as the preparation of the original Spanish manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul C. Standley*

I have here on my desk "Plantas útiles de Colombia," by Enrique P. Arbeláez of the Ministerio de Agricultura, Bogota, Colombia. Have you seen it? I ask because it contains some rather nice original sketches of Colombian orchids.





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