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ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

CHICAGO

July 21, 1936.

Dear Mr. Schweinfurth:

I thank you for the orchid manuscript for the Flora of Peru. I shall make the corrections that you suggest in the previous manuscript. I think it will be just as well if you will hold the rest of the manuscript until all, or at least a major part of it, is completed. We can, of course, publish it as soon as it is ready (as long as our present WPA assistance lasts, which will surely be until a year from now). It will end the first volume of the Flora.

We are sending in a day or two a box containing the Costa Rican orchids, also the Costa Rican manuscript. I haven't looked at the Brenes specimens, but was informed that the whole sending, as forwarded to you, consisted of orchids. If you do find any other plants, please return them separately.

I had been expecting to submit the first part of the Flora of Costa Rica soon for printing, but shall hold it until the orchids are ready. I have to wait, also, for some economic notes that I am expecting from San José. Valerio is to be joint author of the flora, in case he supplies the notes, as he has agreed to do. I do not mean by this, naturally, that you should exercise any undue haste in studying the collection, only that the manuscript probably will be used as soon as you return it. Having myself been exceedingly rushed with urgent work lately, I am becoming quite stubborn about it, and certainly do not have any desire to impose upon anyone else. Two to three months from now, will do very well for the orchid part.

Let your conscience guide you in taking material from the collection. We shall be glad to have as many as possible of the specimens, or rather parts of them, but I feel that you should keep any types, and any other specimens that seem essential. How many of the specimens can be divided, I don't know, but probably a good many of them.

The Quiros orchids are part of a large collection, the rest of which I have already named. Several new collectors are at work now in Costa Rica, and I am hoping to have a large amount of material from there.

The manuscript will not need to be retyped, unless very extensive changes are made in it, and we can have the typing done here, if not convenient to have it done at the Botanical Museum. Descriptions of new species can be included, if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Standley



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