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Mr. Oakes Ames,  
355 Commonwealth Avenue,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Ames:

Your letter with regard to the Javan orchids has just been received. Doctor Rose has promised to take the matter up with the Federal Horticultural Board. He is in constant communication with them with regard to the entry of living Cactus specimens, and I am sure that there will be no difficulty in the release of your material. Of course it was not necessary to have it inspected in the first place. It is very seldom that we encounter any difficulties with regard to the receipt of herbarium specimens from abroad, but once in a while it does happen that the packages are incorrectly marked and consequently are sent to the Federal Board for inspection. As a rule, as soon as they learn the nature of the contents of the packages they send them on at once. If there should be any delay in the receipt of the specimens, please let us know and we shall take further steps.

We have not received the duplicate letter from Mr. Powell, but perhaps it will arrive later. I hope that it may be possible to secure something from him. So far as I know, we have never had any correspondence with him and knew nothing of him until the visit which we received recently from a friend of his. The latter seemed to think that Mr. Powell would be very glad to send material to this country.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul C. Standley*

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