

355 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. Nov. 12, 1921.

My dear Dr. Standley:

I enclose my check for \$250. as a contribution toward your trip to Salvador. Dr. Maxon, as I remember his instructions, requested that the check be made payable to the Smithsonian Institution. If this is not right, kindly inform me.

I understand that you may accompany Mr. Powell to Chiriqui. Such a trip might be very profitable from the point of view of orchids. I hope you will find it possible to accompany Mr. Powell. I have just received a long letter from him, a copy of which has, I understand, been forwarded to you. It would seem that my determination to make amends if any were necessary won for us Mr. Powell's co-operation.

Schlechter has begun to send intracings of critical species. I have just sent him funds to make possible a stay of two weeks in Vienna. He will hire an artist and make copies for me of Reichenbachian types that I must have before I take up Stelis and Pleurothallis. I suppose this trip will also give him an opportunity to work up some of Mr. Powell's Panama plants. Uberrima fides!

Schlechter has written to inform me that most of the orchid species he has received from Mr. Powell are composed of flowers only.

I have a number of sheets ready to return to you. These should be sent off by the end of the week. Among them you will find some of Johnson's Guatemalan orchids, Dr. Rose's Ecuadorean orchids, some of Pittier's Colombian things and another distribution of Philippine orchids for the National Museum.

Please let me know the latest possible date for delivery of the manuscript of the Central American Orchid Flora. If I have a definite time to work to it will be easier for me to get my materials in final shape. You must realize that I am a bit up in the air because of the Powell-Schlechter combination. A year from this date would be satisfactory to me .

Yours with best wishes,

Robert Oakes



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