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355 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass.

December 6th, 1922.

My dear Dr. Standley:

The Buchtien orchids and your specimens from Guatemala and El Salvador arrived day before yesterday. I am unable to express to my satisfaction the thanks you deserve for placing at my disposal such a wonderful accumulation of good things. I have taken it that the Guatemalan and Salvador numbers are an exchange and need not be returned. Your letter was a bit obscure as to this. I certainly hope that my understanding is correct.

The Brazilian and Guatemalan orchids that you wish immediate results from arrived yesterday afternoon. I beg to make the following report.

GUATEMAL

Solas 92. *Brassavola nodosa* Lindl.

Solas 93. *Govenia utriculata* (Sw.) Lindl.  
Only one good flower. I believe the determination is as close as possible.

Rojas 73. *Malaxis calycina* (Lindl.) Kuntze!

BRAZIL

Holway 1194. *Liparis elata* Lindl. var.  
In fruit. But surely the species named which is always characteristic and not easily confused with other things.

Holway 1864. *Cranichis candida* Cogn.



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Holway 1214. *Spiranthes nitida* Cogn.

The specimens of *Cranichis candida* (Rodr.) Cogn. are a bit under-sized, but in this genus we usually find a tremendous variation in the vegetative development of the plants.

Among the Salvador plants there are several very interesting extensions of range. This, of course, was to be expected. I intend to work up this collection as promptly as I can. When the work is done the list of determinations will be forwarded to you. The Guatemalan specimens do not promise anything new. But one never can tell what close study will reveal.

If not too much trouble will you forward the determinations of the Brazilian species to Prof. Holway.

Yours faithfully,





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