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August 31st, 1923.

My dear Dr. Standley:

Your letter of the 30th is just here.

When the Nicaraguan orchids arrive I will give them prompt attention.

I have already written to Mr. Maxon about the Costa Rican trip which you have in view. Although you are sufficiently supplied with funds to carry out your program, I hope you will not be averse to any additional aid that will make your plans of work wider. I realize the difficulties of making sets. They are sufficient to make one dread field work. But in the case of the orchids it would be a distinct advantage to you if you could by getting everything in duplicate have an extra helper. It seems to me that this Costa Rican expedition will be of great value to us in the work on a Central American flora. There are wonderful opportunities for filling perplexing gaps in the orchid family. I am sure that something "to go and come on" will be welcome. So keep me in touch with your needs, hopes and prospects.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

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