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

Dear Mr. Ames:

Thank you for the name of the Salvadorean orchid collected by Mr. Choussy. The Salvadorean specimens to which I had reference, as not having been named, were Dr. Calderón's numbers 1722, 1724, 1736, and 1753. These were in one of his most recent sendings, and all, I thought, were new for the country. They were all terrestrial species, if I remember correctly, one of them a Microstylis, or whatever it is called now. I had in mind also the Nicaraguan specimens, collected by the Moravian missionaries, which were sent to North Easton about the same time.

With regard to the Nicaraguan specimens, there is no reason why you should not keep them, if you so wish, for Dr. Schallert stated that it would be better to keep any of the Nicaraguan material that might be useful where it would do the most good. In case you do keep them, it would probably be best for you to write directly to him, Dr. P. O. Schallert, 1820 South Main St., Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. Maxon was much pleased with your remarks regarding his Costa Rican orchids. I hope that I can do as well while I am down there, and there is no apparent reason why I should not. You may be sure that if I get into a region where there are orchids, they will not be neglected, and according to all reports there is an abundance of them anywhere in the higher portions of Costa Rica.

It is about time for me to be getting my things together, and in fact I already have all my outfit and it is only a matter of packing it. I suppose I shall leave for New York two weeks from today, to sail November 15. Your check I shall be glad to receive at any time now, if it is convenient to send it. It had better be made out to me personally and not to the Smithsonian Institution as formerly, at least so the disbursing officer of the Smithsonian tells me.

From Mr. Powell I have had some very kind and much appreciated offers of assistance in work in the Canal Zone. I do not suppose I shall be in a very good orchid region there, but I hope it may be possible to get something. Do you know whether Mr. Powell has a copy of Constantin's Atlas des Orchidées Cultivées? I have an extra copy that I think I shall take along with me, for it will doubtless prove interesting to someone. I have already sent several copies to friends in Central America.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul Standley*





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