## FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN CHICAGO

December 3, 1930.

Dear Professor Ames:

Acknowledgement of your last letter has been delayed because of the fact that I was obliged, quite unexpectedly, to spend some time in the hospital for an appendicitis operation. My stay there was quite painless and lasted only eight days, but I did not return to the Museum until a few days ago. I now feel considerably better than I did before the operation, and the doctor says there is nothing else wrong with me, so I should have cause for rejoicing rather than otherwise.

Of course, I do not know the conditions surrounding the research position you suggest for Professor Record, but if it has to do with research work in tropical woods, I feel sure that he would at least be interested. He has, I presume, the greatest familiarity with tropical woods that any one ever has had. The subject is one of the greatest economic importance, and he should be enabled to make the greatest possible use of the experience that he has accumulated. Of course, he has almost a free hand where he is, and rather ample facilities for work, but doubtless they could be bettered.

We are sending you a few more Peruvian orchids that somehow have been overlooked previously. I thought that we already had sent you everything that we had. Personally, I hope that no more Peruvian plants come in in the near future, for we have been almost swamped with them for the past two years. If we ever get all of them mounted, we can take care of some of the collections from other parts of South America, very extensive ones, that have accumulated in the meantime. In orchids I presume it would be possible to use further collections, but in some other groups there is a rather embarassing quantity of duplicating material.

Sincerely yours,

audlec Paul C. Standley.



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