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Dear Mr. Ames:

Manuel Valerio, the present director of the National Museum in Costa Rica, has been trying for some time to get me to prepare a flora of Costa Rica, to be published by the Costa Rican government. He states that the manuscript can be printed promptly if I will prepare it.

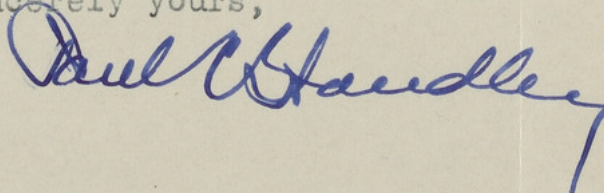
I have finally begun work upon it, my intention being to publish a list of species, with localities or local ranges, giving literature citations for the species first described from the country. What I have planned to do is to list the plants preceding the orchids, and send the manuscript to him for publication as the first part of the flora. I am curious to see how prompt publication will be, and what form it may take. There is no reason why, with the facilities available in Costa Rica, the printing should not be done moderately well.

Now, I am writing to ask whether you would consider preparing in the rather near future such a list of the orchids. I should not start it until we see what happens with the first part of the flora, for I am all too familiar with the nature of some Central American promises--some of my own have not been better, perhaps.

If you are inclined to look favorably upon the project, I will send you later a sample to indicate the general style. I shall also inform you regarding the progress of my own first part. It so happens that I have notes and manuscript from which this first part can be prepared with little trouble. In order to complete the later parts of the list I should have to visit Washington.

The list is to be published in Spanish, but the translation can be provided for. I have not planned to include any keys to genera or species.

Sincerely yours,





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