ORCHID HERBARIUM OF OAKES AMES

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Dear Leslie:

I am wondering if you would object to my including the new Erythrodes in a second paper of miscellanies on Trinidad orchids, under your name and exactly as written by you, of course. There would be two advantages in this. It would keep Trinidad things together. Further, Smith has finally almost finished a wonderful drawing of it. It would be easier for me to pay for this (and it will be expensive, as he has put some time on it) if published in the Museum. Also in this Leaflet, we might together make the transfer of Trizeuxis pygmaea to Quekettia, which you pointed out and with which I am in agreement. There are a number of new records, etc. that have come in since my last paper, so all together it would be worthy of a second one.

I am also wondering if you would be willing to help out Charles and me by putting provisional names on the Mutis plates of Stelis, Lepanthes and Pleurothallis drawings. As you know, we are plugging away on these plates and I would like to get the entire set of 285 roughly determined so that Charles could go to Madrid perhaps this Spring and anyway before Franco falls! Mr. Franco will put up the money for the trip. Charles must see the originals with colour, etc. to be sure in many cases. Now, if you'd be willing to devote a little of your free time to this, I'd send you the plates. In return, I can promise you for your own herbarium a complete set of the colour plates of all 285 orchids when the volumes are published.

We have negative photostats of the orchids in several of the Linnean volumes which I am putting away for you when you come down. These were done when we released several of the volumes to Mrs. Ames, and we are binding up the positives for our library, but the negs. are also just as useful.

I am making a slight change in your Erythrodes description, as Smith and I discovered a little apicule on the lip which you did not mention in the description. I am asking Vienna to loan us the type material in Aganisia, as I am trying to do this little genus (incl. Acacallis) and it seems to me that A. coerulea must be called A. fimbriata, if, as I suspect, they are the same.

When will you be coming down this way?

Sincerely,

Richard Evans Schultes



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