

ORMOND, FLORIDA

November 22, 1944

Dear Mr. Standley:

Your letter of the fourteenth November is in hand having been forwarded to me at the above address where I shall be quartered for the winter and spring.

I think Schweinfurth will be able to handle the Costa Rican orchids if we can pull him away from his work on Peruvian species. It should not be difficult to do this work, although there are still many puzzles among the smaller flowered things from Cosata Rica. You cannot run these things through at a glance unless you wish to lose your self-respect. Of course I will be unable to do a thing in the way of research until this long vacation comes to an end. And even then I find that I like too much the little jobs I do as an old man viewing the end of his life. Any way, send on the specimens and let Schweinfurth do what he can.

As I understnad it, the manuscript of the Guatemalan orchids was finished long ago. All of the new species were described in Bot. Mus. Leaflets, vol 10. If others have turned up, they have not been called to my attention. As you know Correll is in the Navy. He had the manuscript and as I understood from him there was no hurry about delivery to you as the date of publication was somewhat upset by the War. At least the job has been completed! That is, completed as far as anything can be completed of the nature of a tropical flora. It is a vast affair. I feel that it is a creditable one. It will be a great pleasure to see the final treatment as I feel very sure that nothing quite like it has been done for any orchid flora of the American trpics.

I am also sorry that Mrs. Lewis is no longer busy with Guatemalan orchids. We owe to her some delightful finds and it was a pleasure to be able to share her enthusiasm.

What you report about your nephew is in line with my experience. Many interesting things have been picked up by the chaps in the armed forces and I really believe there will be a strong trend toward orchids after the war, the stimulation coming from what the boys saw in the South Pacific area.

If there is any hurry about the Guatemalan flora, I can write to Correll and ascertain what has become of the manuscript.

With the best wishes in the world,  
Faithfully yours,

*Charles C. Standley*





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