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August 3, 1941

Mr. C. H. Lankester
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Cartago, Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Lankester:

1a As I wrote you some time ago, I am having my idea of your letter of June 4 transcribed. Rather than do as Mr. Rolfe did and describe "some mighty queer things" to your pen, I am sending a copy of the transcription for your correction and emendations.

I have had another letter from you this morning, in which was enclosed a specimen of *Pleurothallis*. I shall get at it very soon and try to send you a determination of it.

We do not have a single specimens in our herbarium of *Mesospinadium Warscewiczii*, but we do have the figure of it from Reichenbach published in *Xenia Orchidacea*, and I enclose herewith pertinent parts of that figure. You will notice that the lip is quite different in shape and has a different callus from *Aspasia pusilla*. You will notice from the lateral view of the lip and column that the lip is free from the column to the base. The leaf and inflorescence which I have sketched crudely, are also quite different. /s

Following your suggestion I have looked into the combination which was made of *Masdevallia fimbriata* to *Pleurothallis*. Those two genera along with *Stelis*, some *Lepanthes*, *Physosiphon* and some of the other pleurothalloids, are a headache. Really, there is no good generic distinction in the lot, but it would be a crime to put them all together.

I am glad that you are enjoying the American Orchid Society Bulletin and I hope that I can get an occasional note or article from you to put in it.

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I was very much intrigued by the very large postal stamp on your letter. I believe that you at one time collected stamps, and I wonder if you have the many recent United States commemoratives. If not, I shall be glad to send you as many of them as I still have.

With my regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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