

La Macarena Range, Meta, Colombia.

January 3, 1951.

Dear Charles-

Thank you and all those at the Museum for your Christmas cards. They arrived the other day with the boy we sent out to get more food. They could not have come at a more opportune time, as I was feeling a little sorry for myself with malaria, which has again decided to pay me a visit. As I take things easy for a day or so, I am writing a short, semi-popular article for the Revista de la Universidad Nacional on the "Requiza de la Flora Colombiana". I am even going to hazard a guess as to how many spp. of flowering plants Colombia has. Now, if you could give me the following data, it would help me greatly. Naturally, I will credit you with the second and third.

- 1) How many spp. of orchids are listed in Flora of Costa Rica? $\pm 946 + 20$ var. ⁹²⁵
- 2) How many spp. of orchids (rough estimate) do you expect for the Flora of Peru?
- 3) Do you think that Colombia will have more or less or about the same number as Peru?

I should like to have this information by February 15th, if it be possible.

Naturally, in these forests there is little news to send you, except that we have already collected quite a number of interesting orchids which you eventually will get. Write when you get a chance. News from Harvard will be good to get. Any skating yet?

Cheerio,

Regards to everyone, including Mrs. Nash and Paul Allen. Richard.

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