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My dear Mr Davenport.

There are several ways
of writing the names of hybrids.

Engelmann, in a paper on oaks
wrote, *Q. falcato-cinerea*
Q. imbricaria-nigra, etc.

Watson, in Gray's Manual 6th edition,
wrote *Q. alba x macrocarpa*
Q. Phellos x nigra - etc.

You will find a review of the
subject in Gray's Standard Botany,
but, as I have not a copy by me,
I can not refer you to the page.
nor do I remember exactly what
Gray's conclusions were.

Neither do I remember which
parent-name should come first
If you follow Engelmann you would
write either { *A. marginalis-cristatum*
or *A. cristatum-marginalis*

If you follow Watson, you would write
either { *A. marginale* × *cristatum*
or *A. cristatum* × *marginale*.

But you would do best to
read Gray's essay, & follow
his advice, whatever it is.

Yours very truly

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