My dear Dr. Standley:

The two specimens sent for identification are as follows: Pardilla s.n. Salvador, Habenaria macroceratits Willd. G. Salsas 384, Campylocentrum micranthum Rolfe. It may be well to state that neither of these specimens is satisfactorily typical, but to refer them to new species would be to strain a point.

Mr. H. C. Skeels has sent in species of Vanilla from Ecuador for determination. One of these, Vanilla odorata, Presl, is most important. Please use your influence to have herbarium specimens and the economic fruits obtained from Mr. Skeels' correspondent. I have asked Mr. Skeels to take a special interest in the matter. Of course he will do so, but a word from you may help. V. odorata in good condition is a most necessary addition to our herbaria. And the capsules as used by the Indians are needed to round out the economic collection. It is essential that every effort be made to secure flowering material of Vanilla both dried and in alcohol. Our knowledge of this genus is much hampered by sterile specimens and by agglutinated flowers. Only two leaves of V. odorata were sent to me.

Yours sincerely,



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