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Dear Mr. Ames:

I am very glad indeed to know that you are willing to undertake the preparation of a list of the orchids of
Costa Rica. The list will, I suspect, comprise a substantial
portion of the completed work, since the family must be by
far the largest one in the Costa Rican flora. Certainly the
number of names to be considered must be extensive indeed.

Probably it is better not to begin preparation of the account until I notify you that I have been successful in the printing of the first part. I am assured that it will proceed promptly, but of that I shall feel more certain when I see at least the proof.

I expect to have the first portion of the mauscript, covering the families up to the Orchidaceae, completed in the near future, and shall send it to San Jose at once. The work of compilation has been relatively simple, since I already had most of the data in accessible form.

Your work upon the North American Epidendrum species must be exceptionally interesting. It will be most satisfactory to have something useful upon this large and difficult genus.

Sincerely yours,



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