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Dear Dr. Garay,

Many thanks for your letter of December 4th.1961. It has taken some time to reply to it because I had to consider several things. I am most thankful to you for taking the trouble to find a program for this student of mine. His name is C. Verhoef.

I think that your proposal to startwith the Gongoreae is certainly acceptable and therefore I should like to ask you if you could return the

material of the Gongoreae.

As for the rest, I am not quite sure what can come of it. It is certainly an excellent idea to send Mr. Verhoef over to you for 6 months in order to have the opportunity of studying the Orchidaceae in such a splendid institute. Actually, however, we do not feel quite sure that such a plan can be realized. There are two main problems. 1. The costs of going to Harvard for 6 months are of course very high and I don't know if we shall be able to raise the necessary funds. Even the mere yourney is expensive. 2. Mr. Verhoef is married - he married quite young - and has at present one child, while a second child is expected early this summer. Actually he has a half-time job as a teacher. Nevertheless we will see what can be realized.

As to the other point you raise, assuming that Mr. Verhoef may cooperate with you in writing the Orchidaceae for the Flora of Surinam, I think, that for the near future this will be too difficult a task for him. We may hope that he will become a good specialist, but I am sure that this will take some time yet. I feel that first he must show what progress he makes in working on the Gongoreae. Should after that the occasion present itself to work at your place for 6 months, you will be able to judge for yourself if it will be possible that he assists you with the work for the Flora of Surinam. But I feel that for the present you better reckon with the fact that you will have to do it mostly yourself. I hope that you will find time to proceed with this work on our Flora. The additional material will be sent to you. It may take, however, some weeks, before it is ready for distribution.

Separately I will have sent a sample copy of a part of our Flora to you, to give you an idea in what way it is done.

I thank you once more for your kind assistance.
With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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(Prof.Dr.J.Lanjouw).

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