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Washington, D. C.
10 February 1953

Dear [redacted]

I am enclosing herewith the Export Permit you requested in your recent correspondence to me. The permit, as you note, was issued at the [redacted] and bears the [redacted] on 9 February 1953.

I regret very much the delay, but [redacted] has been sick with the flu for the past ten days and only returned to his office on Monday of this week.

If you will note, the permit is issued to bring plants or plant seeds into the United States through the port of [redacted]. I do not know how you planned to return to Washington, but in view of the point of entry set out in the permit, I believe you will have to route yourself through [redacted] where a copy of this permit has been sent by the [redacted].

However, if you find this totally inconvenient, I suggest you take the matter up with the [redacted] at the U.S. Embassy and they possibly could give you assistance, although I am not sure of this. If you are able to return [redacted] but have purchased railroad or airline tickets via some other port, there is no problem involved in that connection. Either void the tickets [redacted] or do nothing about this and we will have them voided when you reach Washington, if you are traveling on any of the standard airlines or railways. This, of course, will require purchase of tickets through [redacted] which you can do on your own funds and subsequently be reimbursed for this expenditure.

Whatever you do be sure to get receipts showing cancellations or refunds of money and receipts showing purchase of new tickets. This is necessary so you will have no problem of having to account for the funds later.

I hope you are well and that the trip has not been too tiresome for you. We are looking forward to seeing you upon your return.

Very truly yours,

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