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TO : Chief, Technical Branch, Security Research Staff
FROM : Chief, Biochemistry & Pharmacology Branch, Medicine Division, OSI
SUBJECT: Exploration to [redacted] F

DATE: 2 July 53

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1. As verbally suggested, [redacted] shortly be in position to locate and collect certain much desired photographic records, botanical specimens and information, such as times of fruiting and uses during his trip to [redacted] by way of [redacted]

2. His thorough [redacted] training in plant sciences and especially taxonomy, his activity as [redacted] and previous botanical excursions to tropical countries qualify him well. While representing [redacted], he travels on his own limited funds, but offers to carry out any special assignment of limited scope which this government may entrust to him. His contacts with [redacted] were those facilitated through my cover connection with the [redacted] and did not in any way commit our agency or disclose its ultimate interests. A fund of \$100 contributed to [redacted] expenses would assure us his special efforts, especially if he could be told that additional minor expenses, incidental to the collection or purchase and shipment of supplies, requested by me would be refunded.

Proposed Itinerary

[Large redacted area containing the proposed itinerary]

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- Encls:
1-List of [redacted] and [redacted] Plants with requested sources underlined
2-Lists of Desiderata

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[Redacted signature area]

Decidua ~~Scrub~~

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Ipomoea pes-caprae (L.) Sweet Seeds

Plant Introduction Garden - List of Plants and Seeds

Sophora secundiflora Lag - Wiskal Beans

Desiderata from

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Psilocybe cubensis - Mushrooms or spores or locations inia. nature,
b. herbarium

Calocarpum - *Orthocarpus* (Dunal) "Ejuno Peludo" Seeds

Gynochetia - Any species

Breimia Mannieri (L.) Drake "Viracola" Location and seeds

Evolvulus alsinoides "Tobagua"

Evolvulus cubensis

Caliptra alba

"Yerba del Tajo" - Puerto Rico Seeds

Clisistia sepium

Location ?

Blasmodium nemoralis

Desiderata from

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<i>Albizia Sepium</i>	"Alces"	Location and Seeds	Lanceolata
<i>Casahuate achala</i>	"White Zapote"		and varieties
<i>Crotalaria juncea cajunifolia</i>	"Battle Box"		
"spectabilis"			
<i>Erythrina poeppigiana</i>	"Sunara"		
"hondurensis"			
<i>Astrophya</i> -- potent species, e.g. <i>pedagrica</i>	"Guatemala rhubarb"	Seeds	Lanceolata
"multifida"	"Coral plant"		
e.g. <i>curass</i>	"French Physic Nut"		
"urens?"			
"tubulosa?"	"Colima Chilte"		
"acrotifolia"	"Chaya"		
"elastica"			
<i>Prosopis panamensis</i>			
"monosperma"	"Woodlaco Tree"		
<i>Pithecolobium arboreum</i>	"Barba de jalote"	Location and	
<i>Solanum maritimum</i>	"Potato Tree"		
"quitense"	"Naranjillo"		
<i>Banania hirsuta</i>			
<i>Strychnos panamensis</i>	"Canjura"		