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Dear Dorothy:

As you requested when I saw you in New York, I am sending you this outline of what we agreed on in connection with the Rice Bibliography, and how I propose to proceed with it.

We shall plan to issue the bibliography in parts. The first will include references on the rice plant and its culture published in 1936 or later. Here we shall have all aspects of the botany of the rice plant--anatomy, physiology, morphology, cytology, genetics; varieties, their development, selection, and characteristics; the culture of rice--soils, fertilizers, crop rotations, planting, cultivation, irrigation, drainage, harvesting, threshing, storage on the farm, and equipment for these operations; diseases and pests of rice plants and stored rice, prevention and all types of control, life histories of causal organisms and pests. References on insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides used in controlling pests, diseases, and weeds of rice will be included, but general discussions of these chemicals not specifically related to their use with rice will be omitted.

Processing of rice beyond threshing, rice products and byproducts, utilization of rice, its nutritive value for man and animals, cookery, milling, grading, and all economic material--farm management, labor, marketing, transportation, trade, and statistics--will be reserved for later lists.

The bibliography will be limited to writings of substantive value. We shall be as complete as possible for books and monographs, reviews and bibliographies, symposia, conferences and congresses, reports of research, and technical articles. Administrative reports of research stations and institutions working with rice will be included. Popularizations of research, news articles, and extension-type how-to-do-it publications will be omitted. These references will be retained, however. The possibility of the publication of a selected list of popular practical publications has not been excluded.

I should have the references from the Tropical Products Institute back from Recordak, and the pasted cards from the high school girls the end of this week. I shall immediately arrange to have these arranged and interfiled. I shall then have to await the arrival of the cards from the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux. When these arrive, they will be interfiled.

I shall then be ready to check such sources as Chemical Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, and Bibliography of Agriculture for additional references. Searching of any bibliography will cover the whole range of subject matter whether it will be part of the first volume or not. Unless the bibliography is arranged chronologically, as current bibliographies are, I shall record pertinent references from the earlier period as I go along to avoid searching the same bibliography more than once.

The next step will be the final selection of references for the first volume, followed by classifying and indexing them, editing and preparation for publication. Inasmuch as we do not expect to examine all publications to be included, judgements as to the character and quality of many references will have to be made on the basis of title, author, and journal or monograph series. I shall expect to err on the side of inclusiveness in doubtful cases. Many publications will have to be examined for one reason or another at best.

Indexing is still far in the future. When we do come to it, I think we should consider a Key Word in Context Index as the easiest and probably the cheapest we can produce. Indexing will have to be done from titles in any event--so we should consider letting a machine do it.

I hope you enjoyed your trip to Central America. You certainly missed a lot of snow and winter in New York.

Lyle sends his regards. He is always interested in hearing of you.

Sincerely,

Margaret