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My Dear Tenschler,

I have spent the day going around the garden where everybody is anxious to help us for our greenhouses. The palm collection is especially good and it would be possible to get seed and young plants. I understand that there are direct ships from Cuba to Montreal and it would be easy to arrange an expedition.

I am enclosing the list of seed exchange that you do not probably have. Please send me our own list.

Cassia grandiflora: beautiful, rubber plant of great future --- and the fruit jelly is delicious (good for the economic collection).

Annona, Anacardium, etc. (for the economic collectors)

Hematoxylum (important as a lat. product)

Psidium Goyave (economic collector)

Crescentia Cujete (curious plant)

Marie Victrolin, Fr

I hope you are always getting along well and that the greenhouses are progressing notwithstanding the political situation.

I feel quite ashamed to be at large when everybody is working here. But I make the best of it to bring you back a little more vitality and a little more help.

Let me add once more how highly I appreciate your work, your dignity of life, and high standards of thinking. It might have been otherwise and our association could have been solely on business grounds. Fortunately things are different, and our relations stand on much higher and on much more intimate ground.

Please offer my best wishes to your family and to the garden staff and believe me

Truly yours
Fr. Max Picot