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My Dear Teuscher,

Thank you for your kind letter which I get here back from a wonderful day in the field where I got two native relatives of the *Pausanetia*, one of them described as *Euphorbia Helena*, I think, and the other, which is a small tree, probably new to science. The two plants are of great beauty, and I will put into your hands the horticulturalization of it. They inhabit the pure stand of *Pinus cubensis* at an altitude of perhaps 1000 meters. This place has but recently made accessible and is a fantastic, bewildering place for a botanist. You will receive roots, cuttings, seeds (perhaps unripe), and later on more secure material.

My Havana trip has been just a well-earned rest, and I have spent most of my time going to the Hope and Castleon gardens — and doing nothing, a new venture for me.

I thank you for the details on the garden situation. I am sure Dr. Rousseau will have understood it himself. That was one of the reasons

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for my absence. He can make good for errors without
being imposed upon by my daily interventions. You
judge your own responsibility with an objectivity
that is a credit to you. If you think that things
are like that, then your sailing is clear.

I will be in Havana to - (14 bus
hours!) and will work my notes, photos
and mss. for a while. Then I will fly
to Yucatan (Maya district) and Mexico.

And then, as the crow flies, towards Rome
where I will try to be useful, and work
a hard summer.

Although I nearly died of indigestion in a
country "juda", (those mangrove oysters!) I have
never felt so living in my life. Two months
a year in the Tropics is now a necessity for me.

I am writing a word to Dr. Rausseau just now.

Tell every body that if I am happy amongst
wonderful plants, I miss them a lot. My
respects to Mrs. Tenschler and the children

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