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My dear [redacted] A/B 5734/10 Reid

I carried out your very happy suggestion to go to the A Embassy with my problem. Through the wholehearted cooperation of [redacted] I was able to turn over the shipment to the Air Lines, who with the Air Force provided at 1/2 the price of the excess baggage and an inspection service both at the [redacted] as well as the [redacted] airport agreed to check the material direct to me in care of [redacted]

The employees of the A Lines were most helpful and indicated that the seed & other specimens would likely be in Washington airport by Tuesday, 17 Feb. This cooperation enabled me to complete my plans to collect certain material [redacted]. This work exceeded beyond my expectations. I only hope my last week's efforts will be equally successful. Being somewhat of an exploratory trip for material orientation, valuable contacts and opportunities for future exploration. The time available proved all too fast.

Of course, I took some of the most important seeds with me - so that if anything should happen in the air - either to the main shipment or to me - the mission will not be a failure. I am eager to report to you and others interested and only hope that my efforts - made possible through your invitation and planning - with the results obtained will furnish the foundation for further action.

Believe me very sincerely and gratefully yours

A [redacted]

enclosed how, see to reach [redacted]