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PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACAL SC WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47907 PARTMENT OF MEDICINAL EMISTRY AND PHARMACOGNOSY March 19, 1975 Dr. Robert E. Perdue, Jr. Chief, Medicinal Plant Resources Laboratory Agricultural Research Service United States Department of Agriculture Building 265 Poultry Road BARC-East Beltsville, Maryland 20705 Dear Dr. Perdue: This letter is a follow-up to our phone conversation of yesterday regarding problems we have been having in obtaining the cactus plant, <u>Lemaireocereus</u> <u>weberi</u> (Coult.) Brit. and Rose from Mexico. The species grows in central Mexico. It is a large tree-like cactus and is quite abundant in its natural habitat. It should not be difficult to collect. - Jugat. We need a minimum of 2 kg. (5 pounds) for alkaloid analysis. We would like to have more if possible, but this would give us enough to do a phytochemical project. For this minimal quantity I am prepared to pay up to \$100.00. The research is funded by an NIH grant (GM 21, 211), entitled "Cacti as Drugs of Abuse." operation of Dr. Cassady in our department who has grants from the National Cancer Institute for plant anti-tumor studies When we have excess plant material we routinely make extracts of I have a plant import permit number and a copy is enclosed. should add that this document is worthless since I have yet to receive any shipment of imported plants although several have been sent. Our efforts to obtain the material have all been frustrated and unsuccessful. We are working with Dr. H. Sanchez-Mejorada at the Department of Botany, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City. Dr. Sanchez-Mejorada is a qualified cactologist and Charlet to day. Try for to paunel @ 55 (Payment by Purdue Univ.) is editor of a well-known cactus and succulent journal. I am sure he could help anyone in locating plant material and identifying it prior to shipment. In addition, he might be able to help someone in drying the material.

Any help you can give us on this project would be most appreciated. We would like to receive the plant material as soon as possible. We have been trying to get the material for the last three years.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. McLaughlin, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Pharmacognosy

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Enclosure

c.c. Dr. H. Sanchez-Mejorada

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