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Dear Rich:

Many thanks for the two publications, particularly the one on Vermilacinia. We now have additional evidence to support its erection. Janet Marsh has been reexamining the generic segregations within the Ramalinaceae from a phylogenetic perspective, using both morphological and rDNA data. It appears that Niebla is paraphyletic. The appropriate division corresponds to Vermilacinia, and we are glad not to have to wait for your monograph to have the name available.

You would be most welcome to visit the herbarium. May I suggest after Jan. 15th or better yet after the Super Bowl. I have several trips planned in late Dec./early January and will probably have to visit a student's research sites near Mexico City the week of the Super Bowl. How long would you need?

Janet is trying desperately to complete her dissertation this semester and consequently the niceties of completing specimen preparation (including her type) have gone by the wayside. Thus, we've been tardy in responding to your earlier request. The better solution is to have you visit here.

Sincerely yours,



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