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Dear Matt,

I am sending you by surface mail two reprints of my paper on Viet Nam and with them the prints you kindly sent me to use as illustrations, for which I was most grateful. I am sending copies of my paper to John Constable, also to Anton Lang and some other members of the NAS Committee. If you know anybody else who would like to have one, please let me know.

Anne and I spent two days with the Ashtons before returning home and we were sorry not to see you again. While we were in Nevada Anne unfortunately broke her wrist and this somewhat restricted what we were able to do. If you come to this Cambridge, please come and see us.

When we were talking about toxic pollen, I said I would check the distribution of Rhededendron ponticum. In Europe it is native (apart from a subspecies in Spain and Portugal) only in a restricted area by the Black Sea north of Constantinople and in an isolated locality in Thrace, but in Asia Minor it is found somewhat discontinuously along the coastal region of the Black Sea to the western Caucasus, with a scattered stations further inland (from a map in H. Walter, Arealkunde, Grundlagen der Pflanzenverbreitung 2te Teil, 1954).

After I saw you in August, I heard that you had been elected a foreign member of the French Academy as well as of the Royal Society. To achieve two such distinctions in one year must be a record: Anne and I send warm congratulations as well as best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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