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### PLANT MATERIAL INTRODUCED BY THE DIVISION OF FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1930 (Nos. 89211-90836)

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#### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The present inventory (Nos. 89211-90836) for the period from October 1 to December 31, 1930, records the arrival of material from several explorers and collaborators in the field.

From Dr. G. Weidman Groff, Lingnan University, Canton, China, was received a fine collection of subtropical fruits, including species of *atalantia*, *citrus*, *claucena*, *dipterocarpus*, *litchi*, and *mangifera*, chiefly for use of experts in the Federal department.

From H. L. Westover, who was traveling in Spain and Portugal at the time in search of particular strains of forage crops, were received various introductions, principally alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), beans, *melilotus*, and *trigonella*, intended primarily for use in the Division of Forage Crops and Diseases.

From Dr. Donald Reddick, pathologist, Cornell University, and Paul Russell and Max Souviron of this division, were sent in from Mexico over 100 specimens of seeds and tubers of various wild-potato species to be used in potato breeding, as well as minor collections of other native plants.

From P. H. Dorsett and W. J. Morse, who have been in the Orient for several years, were received large collections of forage crops and food plants, principally *lespedeza*, *melilotus*, *astragalus*, *phaseolus*, *vigna*, and *soybeans*, of which they forwarded over 130 numbers. They sent as well seed of various ornamentals, chiefly seed of deciduous trees for testing in this country, possibly in the Great Plains area.

And finally, there were received from Knowles A. Ryerson, from Tunisia, Africa, seeds of *Pistacia vera* (Nos. 89679-89684) and of the hybrid *P. terebinthus* × *vera* (No. 90049) from Chios Island, Greece, to be used in furthering the pistache studies already undertaken in the West and Southwest.

The inventory also records various shipments for other workers—a collection of *hebes* (shrubby *veronicas*) purchased from New Zealand; an extensive collection of *bromeliads* from a specialist in France, for growth and testing in southern Florida; additional shipments of herbaceous perennials from European nurserymen; and a collection of seeds of various ornamentals from the director of the Botanic Garden, Tiflis, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which were requested so as to study their suitability for gardens in the more southern States.