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September 13, 1923.

Mr. J. S. Ingraham, Pres.  
Model Land Company,  
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Sir :-

We received your recent letter regarding the rubber trees planted over the Perrine Grant a number of years ago and I have made an effort to get some information about this matter from the Chamber of Commerce but as Mr. Livingston is not connected with the Chamber at this time and is not in the City, I was unable to find any one there that knew anything about the matter and we failed to find any information in their files regarding the same, although Mr. Fred L. Weede, the present Secretary made a search all through their file.

I made a trip to our Government Experimental Station on Brickell Avenue this afternoon and had an interesting talk with Mr. Simmonds who is in charge in Mr. Fairchild's absence, who stated that he had heard Mr. Fairchild say that there were a number of rubber trees planted on the Perrine Grant but he did not seem to know what variety they were. I am taking the matter up with Mr. Fairchild in Washington to see if he can give us the approximate date they were planted and any other information he has regarding them. I know of several very large rubber trees now growing on the grant and I will have photographs taken of them and send to you. I will also endeavor to find out at the same time if they were among the trees planted by the Company.

I am enclosing herewith two paragraphs from a letter dated April 28th, 1923 and written by Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, to Duncan U. Fletcher, U. S. Senator, which letter Mr. Fletcher sent to the local Chamber of Commerce. While I was talking to Mr. Simmonds he showed me a rubber tree that was growing at the experimental station that he states got started in some manner at Key West and is growing wild on the island. He says that it is a fast grower and contains a very good grade of rubber.

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Mr. J. E. Ingraham. Page # 2:

I am sending you a small branch from this tree in a mailing tube, under separate cover. The name of this tree is CRYPTOSTGIA.

I took your letter to the Chamber of Commerce yesterday to see what information I could get about the matter and in some manner your letter became misplaced and I will appreciate it if you will send me a copy of same.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER & POTTER,

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