

424 North George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia
24 June 1949

Prof. J. R. Livermore
Department of Plant Breeding
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Prof. Livermore:

In response to your letter of 4 June 1949, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter and a photograph to add, if worthy, to the collection to be presented to Dr. Love.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

Encl.

424 North George Mason Drive
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Dr. H. H. Love
Department of Plant Breeding
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Love:

Secret Agent K 19, my special spy at Ithaca, has sent me word that you are planning to retire from active duty on 1 July 1949. Upon evaluating this information I find it difficult to imagine that this is a completely voluntary decision, reached solely on your own initiative. My recollection of our last meeting tells me that far from having reached an age and psychological condition which would warrant such a step, I am warranted in the deduction that the course contemplated must be one that is being foisted upon you by hardhearted authorities who are insistent upon their own prerogatives and the undeviating implementation of policies determined by themselves. Assuming that this is true, I deem myself warranted further in prognosticating that retirement from duty as head of the Department of Plant Breeding will not mean that you are going to go on an inactive status leading to a vegetative existence akin to that depicted in some of the botanical texts which I studied one time under your direction. In short, I anticipate that you will continue for many years, in emeritus status, actively to engage in various scientifically profitable studies, or in pursuits conducive to the general betterment of mankind. I think occasional fishing or hunting also falls in the latter category of activity.

My memories of the days of our association in the Department are so pleasant that I often wish that I had never left the place. Although it seems that I strayed far off the genetics reservation, the things I learned under your direction have been most useful in the field to which I have devoted myself. You will recall that while in the Graduate School, for a short time I was one of the junior members of the Staff under Prof. Gilbert, until I left Ithaca to join the Riverbank Laboratories. Had I not

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done so, the chances are good that I would have continued as a member of the Department's staff, in which case, an important part of my recompense would have been a continuation of a most friendly relationship with you.

I hope that you will be able to do some traveling now and that you will visit Washington. Please look me up, if you do come, and it shall be my pleasure to assist in making your visit enjoyable.

With very cordial greetings from a former student and associate, who will ever appreciate many courtesies and kindly assistance, and with my best wishes for a long and useful continuance of your active career, I am

Most sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

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Photograph

June 4, 1949

Dear Friend:

Dr. H. H. Love will retire from active duty on July 1, 1949. He has been a member of the staff of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell since 1908, the second year of the Department's existence, and for the past several years has been Head of the Department. The staff and the graduate students now in residence believe that this event should not go unmarked and that all other students and associates of Dr. Love will agree with them. It is planned to mark the occasion by honoring him at a dinner during the late summer.

The present staff members feel that Dr. Love would cherish a collection of personal letters written at this time by those who know him best. To provide an opportunity to those who may wish to send a personal message of friendship, good wishes, appreciation - whatever you like - this letter is being mailed to those who had Dr. Love as their major or minor advisor in their graduate study, and to his friends and associates in his professional field. We hope that no one will be excluded who wishes to participate, and if you know of any such persons who should be included and who did not receive this letter, if you will send us their names and addresses, a copy will be sent to them.

The letters will be bound in a volume with a suitable inscription, and will be presented to Dr. Love at the dinner. The committee will be happy to receive your letters by July 15th or earlier in order to arrange for binding. If for any reason your reply cannot reach Ithaca by this date, please send your letter so that it can be presented at the dinner.

Your letter should be written to Dr. H. H. Love, Department of Plant Breeding, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, but sent to J. R. Livermore or R. G. Wiggans, Department of Plant Breeding, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. We hope, of course, that Dr. Love will know nothing of the book until it is presented.

To facilitate the binding of the proposed volume, it would be very helpful if the letters could be typed on an 8" x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " surface, and they must have a two-inch left hand margin. It may be one or more pages. Early replies will be greatly appreciated. Please mail unfolded.

Photograph or snapshot. If you would attach a recent photograph or snapshot of yourself to your letter, it would add much to the pleasure your communication will afford.

Yours very truly,

J. R. Livermore
R. G. Wiggans
J. R. Livermore, R. G. Wiggans
Professors of Plant Breeding