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16th December, 1963.

Grote Reber Esq.,
C.S.I.R.D. Tasmanian Regional Laboratory,
"Stowell",
Stowell Avenue,
Hobart, Tasmania.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of 26th November.

The beans to which you refer are known in the trade by their Italian common name of "saluggia beans".

The market in beans is a fluctuating one, so that we variously buy supplies of all varieties: saluggia, barlotti, cannellini etc, direct from Italian shippers, or through other importers here, or in small lots from local merchants. There is no way of determining the particular source of your purchases at the King's Cross store.

As you are probably aware, all imported beans are rendered sterile before release by Customs, by fumigation. To import beans for propagation would require the approval of the Plant Quarantine Service of the Federal Department of Health.

It may well be that a local botanist, particularly one working for Chas. Creswell & Co, H.S. Creswell or Pearce & Pearce, all of Hobart, could give you the botanical name for saluggia beans. Or you could get in touch with one of our Italian shippers, such as:

Eros Srl.
P. O. Box 228.
Naples, Italy.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BROTHERS PTY. LTD.



H. V. Parkin

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