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Dear Dr. Reber,

I thank you very much for your most interesting letter dated 17.10.62. I am indebted to you for the pains you took to indicate possible causes for the distribution of the left and right-handed coconuts in different countries. In fact you have opened a new venue for my future work although I have no serious knowledge on astronomy or geography. As you had mentioned, I feel that my data is quite meagre, but I hope to collect more. If I succeed in getting some facility to collect the data myself in several centres from higher magnetic latitude near geographic longitudes of  $290^{\circ}$  and  $110^{\circ}$ , the data will be of good quality. Anyhow I am making an attempt.

A brief study to compare the root pressures of some monocot species, particularly palms and dicot species was made by me here last year and the preliminary report as appeared in "Nature" is enclosed herewith. I have little doubt that you will be able to offer me your comments on my finding. Several readers made remarks, both favourable and unfavourable about it.

Thanking you once again and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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