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Dear Mr. Lolonis,

Thank you for your interesting letter of 27th July and enclosures which arrived on 23rd instant. I will try your seeds soon as spring has arrived here.

Enclosed with this letter are two different reprints entitled "Reversed Bean Vines". Also enclosed is a small packet containing fifty seeds of *Phaseolus velutinus*. These perform best in very fine sandy soil set about a sixteenth inch deep. Three years are required to develop a mature plant. The climbing stalk twines counter clockwise, same as beans, and reaches a height of six to eight feet. Many small yellow lily-type flowers appear on short stems. I use quarter inch diameter dowel wood as climbing support. So far, I have not done any manipulations with this plant.

Perhaps you would care to perform some manipulations upon your *Phaseolus velutinus* similar to those described in the enclosed reprints; and look for any anomalous effects in how the plant reacts.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

*Sent Costanea & Inl. Genetics*

Grata Babar.

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