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4th July, 1963.

Mr. J.A. Hogan,  
12 Eckford Street,  
DANDENONG, Victoria

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Thank you for your good letter of 28/6/63. The plants arrived in fine condition at noon of the 27th; only about 24 hours from time you dispatched them. They have been divided into three nearly equal groups, right, left and unknown. All tubers have been planted in sandy soil. Most of the stems have been cut off to make the roots send up new shoots. These will be given ample supports to twine upon from the start.

The plant is a variety of Asparagus belonging to the Lily family; probably *A. asperagoides* known to florists as Smilax. See "Manual of Cultivated Plants" by L.H. Bailey, page 215. Exact identification can only be made after examination of the flowers and seeds. Undoubtedly the plant was introduced for ornamental purposes and has gone wild.

When flowers and seeds become available we would appreciate receiving samples. A few color photos of the flowers would be very desirable. I thank you for your interest, effort, and co-operation. An appropriate cheque is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Greta Reber.