

20th January, 1964.

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Dear Mr. De Vis,

Thank you for your prompt informative letter of the 3rd. I have found a description of *Vigna Sinensis* on page 576 of Bailey. He is peculiarly reticent about direction of all twining plants. Perhaps all the varieties of *Vigna* turn clockwise for similar unknown reason that all varieties of *Phaseolus* turn counter-clockwise.

Enclosed is a short note entitled "Reversed Bean Vines". I would like to perform a similar experiment with some plant twining clockwise to learn if the described phenomenon occurs in other genus. Unfortunately, Tasmania is not a suitable place to work with *Vigna*. I am wondering if, next growing season, some arrangement could be made to have your field staff carry out the reverse twining of a couple of dozen *Vigna Sinensis* plants. An equal number would be needed for control. The plants should be grown on well spaced vertical poles for ease of manipulation. I would be able to defray any reasonable cost of labour required for the twining and harvesting. In the meantime I would like to secure a few hundred mature, well dried pods from this year's crop for initial statistical investigation. After counting and weighing, the seeds would be returned to you.

Your consideration, comments and suggestions will be much appreciated by me.

Yours faithfully,

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