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27th October, 1964.

Mr. G. Reber,  
C.S.I.R.O.,  
Tasmanian Regional Laboratory,  
Stowell Avenue,  
HOBART. Tasmania.

Dear Mr. Reber,

### Reversed Bean Vines

Mr. R. Williams will be departing on an overseas plant collecting trip very shortly and has referred your letter of 16th inst. to me.

Although the differences were not significant it is interesting that the number of beans/pod and individual bean weight were increased by reversing the spiral in two varieties but not the third.

It is an interesting fact that reversed beans had a greater bean/shucks ratio. but there is no indication in your data that the absolute yield of beans was affected by the treatment.

Unfortunately I shall not have time to carry out a trial for you this year due to my increased burden during Mr. William's absence, but I would be interested to hear whether any real differences in total bean yield or total dry matter production were effected by the reverse twining.

Yours sincerely,



R. W. STRICKLAND  
Experimental Officer