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Dear Hughes:

I tried to reach you by telephone the last weeks but I understand you were overseas. We would like to thank you again for the Leucaena seeds and the references which led us to contact Professor J. Brewbaker, the president of NFTA. We have applied for membership in the NFTA which will be effective January 1, 1985.

The purpose of writing this letter is, however, to request the supply of yet another species. Recently the Norwegian state television has run a film series entitled " The Living Planet " narrated by David Attenborough. In the last program we were shown a forest tree with extraordinary characteristics i.e. an average growth of 10 meters a year. I am not sure of the spelling but the tree was pronounced in the film as ALBIZIA. Its origin I presume is Indonesia and is classified as monoculture. Does your institute possess seeds of this tree? Our conservetionist group would very much like to experiment this tree in Eritrea. Any publication or references you could provide us would be very helpful since we know nothing about this particular species.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to hear from you.

Best regards,

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