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 : B.S., 1898; M.S., 1904; Sc.D., 1926. Harvard, Sc.D.,
 : 1936. Univ. Cal., LL.D., 1936. In Manila, Dir. Bur.
 CUT : Sci., 1919-1923. At Univ. Cal., Dean Col. Ag. and
 : Dir. Exp. Sta., 1924-1929. In New York, Dir. N. Y.
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World authority on plant problems, plant names, etc. Has described about 4,000 new species. About 200 species and seven genera named in his honor. His "Emergency Food Plants and Poisonous Plants of the Islands of the Pacific," widely distributed to members of the armed services throughout the Pacific region. His "Plant Life of the Pacific World," available in 1943. His services to agricultural education and research in California have been described as "very successful." Has greatly expanded the work of Arnold Arboretum, an institution of large and highly picturesque acreage with more than 6,000 different species and varieties of woody plants on trial for hardiness, from whose collections about 2,000 species, including many of our most prized ornamentals, have been introduced into public and private cultivation in the United States. Only American botanist to receive the gold medal of the Linnean Society of London, since the awards began in 1885. Member of many learned societies, including Academy of Sciences, Institut de France, Royal Swedish Academy, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Botanist, Explorer, Editor, Lecturer, Administrator, Cooperator, interested and generous. Agricultural career aspirants must master plant production principles and methods, with sharp eyes to varying hardiness. For our "Hist. Ag. Ed." Dr. Merrill wrote this record of his direct aid to such students:

"Since the establishment of agricultural instruction at Jamaica Plain High School (November 1918), the Bussey Institution and Arnold Arboretum have assisted by providing summer work for selected students of agriculture, thus giving these boys practical experience in various phases of horticulture. A number have been stimulated to undertake college work and several of them not only proceeded to acquire the Ph.D. degree through the Bussey Institution, but have become outstanding research men in genetics and allied sciences." -- R. W. Stimson.

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 WELLFLEET, MASSACHUSETTS

BOX 33

6 November 1946

Dear Dr. Merrill:

Above you will see a copy of your record and citation as they now stand on the ms. of my HONOR ROLL.

You will see: (1) the reference to California you suggested, (2) the quotation of your lines which you approved, and (3) my set-up of the condensation of your record which you sent me with your note of 7 September 1946 and your excellent picture. INTERSTATE, in due time, will return the picture to you.

Unless you write me to the contrary, I shall assume that this grateful recognition has your approval.

A THOUSAND THANKS FOR YOUR AID. Sincerely yours,

Rufus W. Stimson.

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