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Portland, Oregon  
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Dear Sir:

The horticulturists and pathologists of this Bureau working on blight resistant chestnuts are considering the question of turning over some of the chestnut selections to nurserymen for propagation as varieties. We are writing to cooperators, who have received bud or scion wood or grafted plants of various selections from the Bureau, requesting information on the following points:

1. Resistance to chestnut blight and other diseases.
2. Whether any of the plants for propagation died from causes such as lack of hardiness or uncongeniality of stock and scion. Number of each now alive.
3. How soon did the selection begin fruiting and your estimate of its productivity in different years, number of nuts or quantity in pounds or in just general terms?
4. Your opinion of the size, quality, and other characteristics of the nuts. Do all of them drop free from the burr?

Data as to selections sent in March 1939:& August 1939:

3/3/39	2 Grafts	P. I. 66037	26028	R 33T3
	2 "	" #	26029	R 33T34
	2 "	" "	26031	R 34T39
8/21/39	12 Sticks	Budwood P.I.66037	26028	R 33T3
	12 "	" " "	26029	R 33T34
	12 "	" " "	26030	R 34T36
	12 "	" " "	26031	R 34T39

Have you observed any outstanding seedling trees which ought to be considered as new varieties.

Sincerely,

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