State Commission of Forestry

Montgomery, Alabama

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Mr. Knowles Ryerson,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
United States Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing herewith S.P.I. No. 58394 questionnaire on Castanopsis delavayi which was sent to this Commission. A number of these trees have been sent to various parts of the state to determine what they will do under various conditions. The tabulation attached shows the name and address of persons to whom the trees were sent, together with the number and the approximate date of shipment. The balance of the trees were kept in transplant beds in our nursery in Sumter County, Alabama, and at the end of the last growing season averaged two feet in height. However, a cold spell which occurred in early spring killed all these plants back to the ground, but they have all sprouted again and a new growth is now about 6 inches in height. None of the trees fruited prior to being retarded by the cold weather. I plan to obtain reports from the persons to whom these trees were sent to determine whether they were also killed back in other parts of the state.

Very sincerely yours,

Page S. Bunker, State Forester.

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