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Dear Dr. Bayer:

We are students of Biology, last semester, of the Universidad del Valle-Colombia and we are finishing our thesis, principal requisite for obtaining our Bachelor's degrees. We had to do a revision of octocorals, specifically about Family Gorgoniidae, Genus Pacifigorgia from the Colombian Pacific and we have had many difficulties about the correct identification of some specia.

We would appreciate very much if you can give us the correct identification of three specia that we are sending you with this letter.

We know about your many occupations, but last year on May 23 we sent you other material about octocorals by Henry von Prah. There was a beautiful red colony with many small elevations on its surface and the branches forming by anastomosing a small fan. The growing of the colony: it is in a single level. Because we don't have any specimen of this species, we cannot send you anything. We would very glad if you also identify it with the others. We think that the four are Genus Pacifigorgia, but don't have any idea about its species.

We are pleased to write you and wait for your answer.

Cordially yours,

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