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Santa Marta, February 8, 1984

I am sorry to bother you with this but I will  
Dr. Frederick M. Bayer help with the identification  
Department of Invertebrate Zoology  
National Museum of Natural History  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C. 20560  
started in by sending you gorgonians  
from this area for your collection please let me know  
and I will be glad to do it.

Dear Dr. Bayer:

I am now in Santa Marta, Colombia and have  
started my work with gorgonians of the area. My project  
is not a taxonomic or systematic one but I do need to  
know the different species to be able to do the ecolo-  
gical work.

You might remember that I am in a doctorate  
program with the University of Delaware and from Delaware  
I had written you. I am sorry I was not able to talk with  
you in Washington but my trips to that city were very  
sporadic and those few times that I was there I was not  
able to reach you. The project I am starting now is my  
doctoral dissertation.

For about a month now I have been collecting  
and identifying gorgonians of the area. I am learning  
quite a bit. At the present time I have problems with  
the specimens that I am sending you in a separate pack-  
age. I am only sending you branches of the colonies,  
the depth at which they were collected and the type of  
colony growth (bushy or candelabrum). I am having pro-  
blems because the spicules of the axial sheth seem to  
be of Eunicea (for specimen # 2) while spicules of the  
cortex seem to me like those of Plexaura flexuosa.  
With specimens 1 and 3, I am not sure whether they are  
Plexaura flexuosa or another species. Is specimen  
# 4 Plexaura homomalla?

4 Gorgonian Corals add, May 18, 1984  
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Santa Marta, February 8, 1964

I am sorry to bother you with this but I will greatly appreciate your help with the identification of these specimens.

If you are interested in my sending you gorgonians from this area for your collection please let me know and I will be glad to do it.

Dear Dr. Beyer:

I am now in Santa Marta, Colombia and have started Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Santa Marta, April 30, 1984

Doctor Frederick M. Bayer  
Curator  
Dept. of Invertebrate Zoology  
National Museum of Natural History  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Dr. Bayer:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 16 and for the confirmation of the identification of the gorgonians I sent you. You can discard the material I sent you since I have plenty of it.

As soon as I have a more complete list of the gorgonians of this region, I will send it to you. Also, probably soon I will send you a few other specimens for confirmation of my identification.

Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Leonor Botero  
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