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We here at Ames are engaged primarily in growing for seed increase seed of Lotus introductions from various parts of the world. We obtain a few descriptions on them and then make them available to plant breeders in the North Central region. However, we have only a portion of the world collection of Lotus. Dr. D. D. Dolan, Coordinator of the Northeastern Regional Plant Introduction station at Geneva, New York has the primary responsibility for maintaining this crop so he would have a more complete collection.

Perhaps you are somewhat familiar in that we have four regional plant introduction stations, and each operates more or less within its own region. However, if we have responsibility for a given crop collection, we do send it to anyone who desires it in the United States or even in foreign countries. There has been completely free exchange of seed between the United States and Canada with respect to plant introductions.

As mentioned above we are primarily interested in seed increase, and we depend on others in the region to perform the evaluations. Therefore, whatever I would have to report is the result of the work of others. I enclose a copy of Appendix C to our Annual Report which is a report on promising introductions for 1969. You will find two Lotus corniculatus introductions that were reported to have certain value by Dr. J. P. Baldrige 108 Waters Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65202, U.S.A. Dr. Baldrige has evaluated all of our Lotus corniculatus introductions for resistance to root rot. Of all that he evaluated these two appeared to have the most promise for resistance.