

March 11, 1942

Mr. George Rosaia,
Glendale Greenhouses,
Route 3, Box 177,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Rosaia:

In today's mail I received the plants which you sent to me, and I want to thank you for sending them down and will, of course, given the very best of attention,

On the stock plant situation, for this coming season, I was just wondering what you people in your territory are going to do to take care of the normal demand which will exist for potted poinsettias. With the complete evacuation of the Japanese, their orders with me are all being cancelled, and I was wondering if you will want to increase your production of poinsettias under the circumstances, or if you had any idea what may occur to the greenhouses, if they are going to be taken over by other growers or if they are going to stand idle.

As the Japanese have been in the potted plant business so heavily the last few years, their evacuation is going to create a definite shortage, and if you are going to be in a position to absorb any of the business they normally had I would be more than glad to supply you with any additional amount of stock plants which you might be able to use. The percentage of production on the Pacific Coast under the control of the Japanese was the heaviest in Los Angeles and Seattle, and naturally those two markets will be most seriously affected. Some of the Japanese have turned over their places to other growers here at rock bottom prices but just what is going to occur as yet I am unable to say. I do feel, however, that there will undoubtedly be a severe shortage in potted plants in Los Angeles this coming Christmas, as I doubt very much if the new people operating the greenhouses will be able to produce any percentage of the volume formerly produced.

Assuring you that I will appreciate hearing from you when you have the opportunity to drop me a line, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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