

All communications should be addressed to

THE DIRECTOR,

quoting the following number: H 1103/46.

Dear Sir,

## ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW, SURREY.

31st August, 1946.

In reply to your letter of 16th August Mr. Sandwith reports that in his opinion the Tomato cultivated from the seed you sent in February last must go under the "cultigen" Lycopersicon esculentum Mill., subsp. typicum Mill., possibly as a "feral condition" growing subspontaneously and reverting to the wild type, var. cerasiforme (Dun.) A.Gr. (subsp. Galeni (Mill.) Luckwill). He thinks it is not the latter, the "cherry tomato", because the fruits are not spherical enough and the flowers are too large; also, the seeds are winged. Var. cerasiforme is said to be truly indigenous only on the west coast of S. America, probably in Peru.

Mr. Sandwith has consulted C.H. Muller's 1940 Revision of the genus, and L.C. Luckwill's paper "The genus Lycopersicon" (1943).

It has not been possible to match the <u>Solanum</u> sp. you forwarded with material in the Herbarium and I suggest you send a specimen to Dr. C.V. Morton, U.S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D C., U.S.A., who has a special knowledge of American species of <u>Solanum</u>.

I must add that Mr. Sandwith has no special knowledge of this vast critical genus.

Yours faithfully,

Senor Carlos Faust, Jardín Botánico, "Marimurtra",

Blanes, Spain. 137/76

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