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NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab.  
Sept. 24, 1932.

R. Stokes, Esq.  
Thanadar Fruit Orchards  
KOTGARH P.O.  
Simla Hills.

Dear Sir,

You no doubt have heard that this Institute gathers material on Native cures of various stages of cancer. The present collection contains already most important material on this vital subject and we are very anxious to add to this material every possible information available.

On a recent visit to this Institute, Mr. C. H. Donald of Dharmasala mentioned to us that you had knowledge of a root growing in the region of Rampur and Spiti which had cancer curative powers. I am sure you will not refuse to communicate to us the latin name as well as the native name and use of this root. I take pleasure in sending you the last number of our Journal should you like to acquaint yourself with our activities.

In anticipation of your early reply

Yours faithfully,

Director.



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HARMONY HALL,  
KOTGARH,  
SIMLA HILLS.

Sept. 30th, 1932.

The Director,  
Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute,  
Nagar, Kulu,

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your favour of a few days ago as well as for the Journal of the Institute which you have so kindly sent me.

I much regret that I have no information whatever of any root or herb used in these parts for the treatment of cancer. Coming as I do of a family of doctors and being in touch with many (Prof. John H. Stokes of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School is my first cousin), I should have felt it a duty to bring any such information to the notice of specialists, had I come across it.

It is commonly thought that cancer is rare in these hills, but I am beginning to suspect that there is a certain amount of cancer of the stomach and I have come across one clear case of cancer of the anus. Cancer of the breast in women is not so uncommon in the hills below Simla.

For chronic pain in the stomach our people here either smoke (with tobacco) or chew a root called locally "Chaura". I have used it myself in the hooka for such pain and have found it of considerable value. But our local medicine men have no treatment for cancer, as far as I am aware.

Yours faithfully,

*Satyendra*  
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NAGGAR, Sept. 23, 1932.

W.H. Donald Esq  
Dobi.

Dear Mr. Donald,

When we had the pleasure of your brother's recent visit to the Hall and this Institute, your brother mentioned of some Mr. Stokes in Rampur, of whom he said that he knew some root of a medical plant in which our Institute is interested for its pharmacological collections. Unfortunately I forgot to ask your brother the initials and place in Rampur, where this Mr. Stokes lives, but I hope you may - as a veteran resident of this Valley, also know this gentleman's initials and address. We shall be much obliged if you could kindly communicate this to us, or in case you are not aware of his existence, could please kindly forward this letter to your brother in Dharmasala, of whom I regret, I also do not know the exact reply. Please excuse me troubling you with this.

With best wishes from us all

Yours sincerely,



DOBI-KUTBAI-NAGGAR ESTATES,

Dobi P. O., Kulu, Punjab.

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No. Dobi; dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1932.

Dear Shibageff,

This is the address. Mr. R. Stokes. Thanadan  
Fruit orchards - Kotgarh. P.O. Simla Hills. He was  
formerly the Revd. R. Stokes but recently he turned  
a Hindu. So <sup>he</sup> is addressed as Mr. Stokes.

I think this will find him. Any way I am sending  
on your letter to my brother whose address is -

C. H. Donald. Egerton Hall. Dharmasala Cantt  
Kangra District. Hope you are all well.

With our best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,  
C. H. Donald