

I. FOREWORD

In our letter of 8 December, 1961, requesting material for the 1962 Maize Genetics Cooperation News Letter we stated that contributions should consist of notes and reports of research on genetic (broadly defined) studies. It was felt that the pages of the News Letter should be utilized primarily for reports of genetical interest and that we should not encourage the submission of contributions of a purely agronomic character, for otherwise the News Letter would become unmanageable in size. Although the decision as to the appropriateness of a report was left to the judgment of the individual investigator, it is our impression that this policy has resulted in an improved News Letter.

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As has been true for the past six years the task of editing and assembling the News Letter has been in the capable hands of Miss Ellen Dempsey. We gratefully acknowledge our appreciation of her invaluable services.

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