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Dear Dr. Van den Bosch:

Thank you very much for the letter of July 26. I was wondering how well the T. pallidus wasps were doing there. Clancy Davis and I stopped by there several weeks ago and found four aphid mummies in just a few minutes of searching. We thought this perhaps indicated that they were taking hold and becoming fairly well established.

Please do let me know about any changes in their activity and that of the program as a whole. I'm certain that we can place more wasps there next year and expand to other places if feasible and desirable.

Sincerely yours,

Lonnie Hendricks
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Dear Mr. Hendricks;

I'm sorry that I've been so negligent in contacting you as regards the Walnut aphid parasite releases at Gustine - but the old excuse about being busy will have to suffice.

We have stopped colonizing there now and the wasps will have to survive on their own devices. However, I think they have a pretty good chance as we colonized heavily and they seemed to reproduce well - up until the time that hot weather and lady beetles knocked off the aphids.

We will check again in the fall or the aphids build up again - and then we will follow through next year and in ensuing seasons.

We certainly appreciate your interest and assistance in this program - and are also grateful for the cooperation of Mr. Nunes.

I'll keep you posted from time to time as things develop in this program.

Sincerely, Robert van den Bosch
Associate Entomologist.