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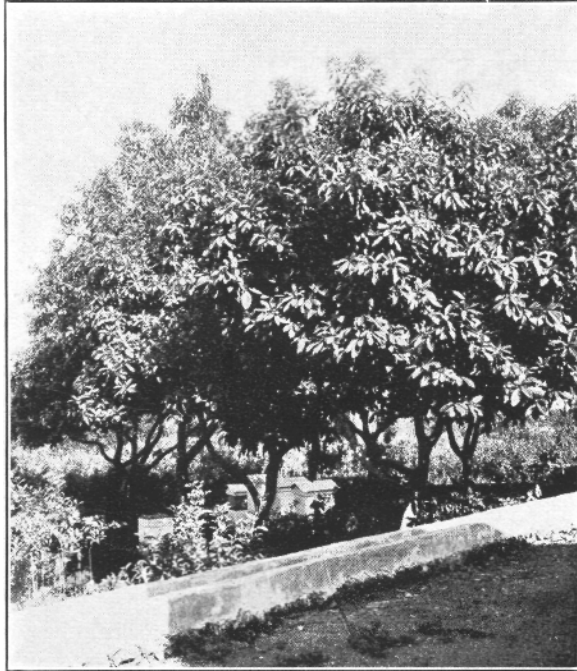
Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of June 19—

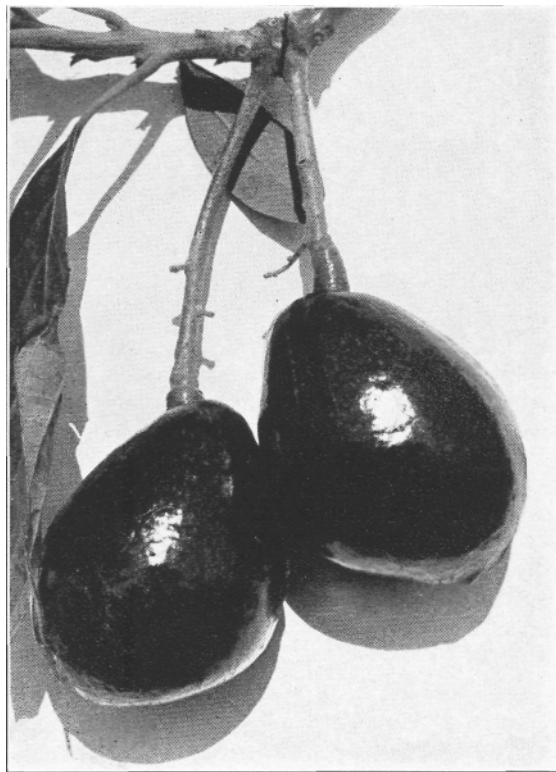
I have the pleasure of enclosing photographs of *Persea gratissima* Gaertn., (tree and fruit), growing in the experimental field of the Royal Experiment Station. There is a row of four beautiful trees which, in a natural volcanic soil, have attained a height of about 21 feet. The fruits mature in September, weigh about 3 1/2 oz., but are strongly infested with Mediterranean fruit fly, (*Ceratitis capitata* Wied). There are many other small plants in the nursery stock, all nice looking and vigorous.

I must add, however, that the fruit is not popular with the local population.

With very best regards, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
(Signed) GUIDO AJON, The Director.



Avocado trees growing at Experiment Station, Acireale, Italy.



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Fruits of Mexican
type avocado growing
in garden of Experi-
ment Station, Acir-
eale, Italy.