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Dear Sirs:

In reply to your recent letter asking for our catalog or list we are giving you as much information concerning what seeds we have available as we can at the present time.

We grow African Violets primarily as a hobby, as we are both employed in the bureau of laboratories of the Indiana State Board of Health. We built our own greenhouse, and when we first produced seed on our African Violet plants it was for our own use. However, as we didn't have sufficient space to grow all our seedlings, we advertised and sold a large part of our seed last year. The number of people who wrote to us for seed was so large that our supply was exhausted. We have grown a new crop of seed, and are again advertising it for sale. We believe that the present supply will be enough to fill all the orders we should receive. The following is the list we are sending to people who write to us asking what varieties of seed are available.

At the present time we have more than 125 named varieties of African Violet plants, and we are growing seed on most of them. In a few months we will have a greater quantity and selection of seed. More seed is ripening every day. We can furnish seed from the following varieties at the present time - in limited quantity. We are asking \$ 1.00 for 200 seeds of the following.

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| Big Mike            | Begonia Blue    | We also have seed from |
| Frilled Lady        | Blue Eyes       | an unnamed blue-white  |
| Dupont Lav. Lady    | Orchid Girl     | Bi-color               |
| Myrtle              | Heavenly Blue   |                        |
| Blue Boy            | Red Land        |                        |
| West Coast Amethyst | Pansy Purple    |                        |
| Georgous            | Blue Fairy Tale |                        |
| Blue Girl           | Rosy Blue       |                        |

Regarding seed from double flowered varieties, at present our supply is very limited. We can offer seed from Double Seagirl crossed with a single flowered Blue and white single flowered Bi-Color. We are asking \$ 1.00 for 100 seeds of this cross. We will have more seed from double flowered varieties in a few months.

Our mixed seed, which we sell at \$ 1.00 for approx. 300 seeds, actually contains seed from about fifty different varieties.

If you are interested in seed from specific varieties, we would appreciate your letting us know, and we will attempt to get the seed you wish. As for furnishing seed from specific crosses of two varieties, we will attempt to make specific crosses for customers if we have the varieties available. However, it

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takes from six to eight months for the seed to ripen after the cross is made.  
We would charge \$ 1.00 for seed produced under these circumstances.

Sincerely

**FOREST MILL  
AFRICAN VIOLET SEED**

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