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Dear Sir Krishnan,

I do not seem to be getting very far with my vague inquiries on the banana disease you mentioned when we met some months ago. I enclose the original of a reply from the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture which sheds only bibliographic light.

If you give me some more specific information I shall contact the United Fruit Company and any other likely source.

Yours very sincerely,

*T. A. Raman*

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In reply please refer to No. 650 20th January, 1954

Dear Sir:

I referred your letter of 13th January to the Professor of Botany, R.E.D. Baker, whose comments are as follows:-

"We have no first-hand knowledge of this disease. Wardlaw in 'Diseases of the Banana' mentions it (p. 160) and cites two references:

1. Essed, Ed.: The Surinam disease. A condition of Elephantiasis of the Banana caused by Ustilaginoidella oedipigera. Ann. of Botany, XXV, pp. 363 - 365, 1911.
2. Prescott, S.C. 'Diseases of the Banana'. Bull. No. 2, United Fruit Coy., Boston, Mass. 1917.

The latter will be very difficult to obtain.

According to Ainsworth & Bisby 'Dictionary of the Fungi' this weird genus Ustilaginoidella Essed = Fusarium"

Yours faithfully,

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