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**1979 DISTINGUISHED ECONOMIC BOTANIST**

*Richard Evans Schultes, in over 35 years of botanical and ethnobotanical work your accomplishments have been many and your recognition international. As collector of more than 48,000 specimens, and leader of expeditions in Latin America you have discovered plants new to science and recorded the uses of these and many others by native peoples of the area. The rubber industry has relied on your expertise and your collections from wild Hevea trees. The botanical and popular literature of orchids and rubber, and on hallucinogenic, narcotic, and drug plants has been enriched by your numerous papers and articles. Through lectures and teaching you have brought not only the knowledge of ethnobotanical plants but the understanding of the people and societies that use them. In your posts as Curator of Economic Botany and Director of the Botanical Museum at Harvard University and as editor of its Botanical Museum Leaflets, you have furthered the technical and public awareness of plants useful to and used by humankind. As editor of Economic Botany for 17 years you have been one of the cornerstones of this Society. In recognition of your contributions to the study and knowledge of economically significant plants, as collector, teacher, writer, editor, and administrator, the Society for Economic Botany takes pleasure in naming you as Distinguished Economic Botanist.*

<sup>1</sup> Professor Schultes (right) with Professor Paul C. Mangelsdorf, Past President of The Society for Economic Botany, at the Harvard University Commencement, 1977. (Photograph by Rick Stafford.)