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Sr. Alvaro D. Maldonado
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Dear Alvaro:

I hope all is well with you and your family. Since my return to Colorado I have been very busy in preparing my return trip to Venezuela in mid-May. The manuscript is complete for the article concerning Háto El Frio. I am waiting to hear from Edgardo Mondolfi as to how he recommends my sending it to him the safest way possible. I know from experience that the Venezuelan mail system is less than efficient.

I have been corresponding with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature which is the world wide organization I spoke to you about last August. They seem to be interested in your desire to set up a foundation enabling Háto El Frio to be used as a research station. I need to know if you have progressed any more in this area, what facilities are or will be available for such activities.

As you know I spent only 2 weeks on Háto El Frio this past summer gathering preliminary data on several research projects. This summer I will return to continue my work from May to August. I would like to do most of my research on Háto El Frio. This research should generate much information concerning the ecological communities on the "llanos" and particularly on the work of ecological enrichment you have been doing on the ranch. If this is agreeable to you I would like to know what arrangements I can expect such as sleeping quarters, laboratory space, food, vehicle or horse. I will be more than happy to give you more detailed information concerning my research if you like.

Sincerely,



Tom A. Swain

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