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Dr. Alvaro Maldonado  
 INVEGA  
 Calle Peñe  
 Valencia, Carabobo

Dear Alvaro Maldonado:

Sorry we missed you in El Frio. The head of Smithsonian research, Dr. John Eisenberg, really was impressed with the hat.

I was hoping that you would have been able to talk with him. He assured me that Smithsonian will finance my Ph D. research on the Baba and Galapago at El Frio! I will have to return to the States this December to enroll in the University of Kansas. I will probably return to Venezuela in July and August of 1977 and then again to begin a years' stay at El Frio starting February 1978.

Tentative plans were discussed with your father about Smithsonian importing a pre-fab field house which would become your property in the future. I have asked Dr. Eisenberg to call you in Valencia before his departure on the 15 June 1976. I want you to be involved with the plans and negotiations.

Thank you very much for the copy of the map. I plan to return to El Frio during June and then again in late July August and November.

During this last trip to El Frio, I collected a baby culebra de agua. It was only about 3 weeks old. I plan to keep it as a pet. We also collected various species of frogs, which are very abundant this time of the year.

best wishes,

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