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Dear Mr. Hart:

Your letter of the 30th. April past has just reached me this very moment, and I feel very much embarrassed from the information that you have not received any news from me to that date.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of my letter of the 29th. of March past, which I sent you with some important documents. This letter must have been lost in the mails, since it was sent Via Air Mail. You will see from said letter that I am exceedingly happy and very grateful for your coming to Cali, and help us in the planning of the "Parque Nacional de los Farallones de Cali". Also I mentioned the importance of visiting the area of another Park I have proposed to the government, that is "Parque Nacional de Puracé" in Cauca Department some miles south of Cali. which we can visit from here by car.

Please let me suggest you that you not travel to Bogotá directly, but instead as originally planned to Cali. The best way is to take the Pan-American route from New York to Panamá, and make connection there with Panagra plane to Cali. In this way I will meet you at the air port and help you through Customs, and start working immediately.

Also I am wondering if Mis Leonore Smith has received a letter from Dr. Vicente Aragón, President of the C.V.C., regarding your visit, and suggesting that you postpone your visit some days, due to the fact that May is a very rainy month here. We have not heard from her either. I was also wondering why I had had no news from you earlier in answer to my above mentioned letter.

Let me take this opportunity to confirm to you that the C.V.C. will take care of your transportation while here, and the the Secretaria de Agricultura will take care of you hotel bills while here. I have been able to obtain this small cooperation for your expenses, since the Central Government, due to lack of interest of the former Minister of Agriculture has done nothing yet. Happily this Minister has been changed recently, and I hope to be able to meet the new one here in Cali next Saturday 11th. and talk to him and the President himself, who are coming to Cali that day.

The ^{is} very much enthusiasm here in Cali with the development of the nearby park of Farallones. You will contact the people in our Board. As you will see from the copy of my letter of March 29th. I mentioned to you since that date the lack of interest of the Ministro de Agricultura, but as I said above he has been changed since. I hope that the new one will realize how important is this program of parks and Natural Reserves, and especially how urgent it is. I'll give you first hand information when you get here.

Mr. Hart

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I have contacted Pan-American office here and find that they have two flights leaving New York the 30th. of May. One is Flight No. 81, Jet, and the other is Flight No. 719 piston plane. The first flight connects No. 719 in Panamá (Tocumen Airport), while No. 719 uses same plane from New York to Cali without changing plane. Please let me know well in advance which way you will come. As air mail is taking so long now, I give you here my personal Cable address so you can notify me in shorter order: CARLEHMANN- CALI, Colombia. In this way I receive your news within 24 hours time. If you take any one of these two flights you will arrive in Cali the 31st of May at about 11 hours.

After doing the work here, and with the influence of prominent people and local institutions, we will go together to Bogotá, see the President and the Ministro de Agricultura, and get them interested in the program to a Nationwide scale, as I want it.

I am sending you herewith also one copy of the spanish text of the Seattle Recommendations, and of Ley 2a. de 1959, which is the one that gives the base for the establishment of the National Parks, and Natural Reserves.

Please let me know by return air mail as soon as you get this letter which I am sending personally Via Registered Air Mail, in the hope to reach you soon. Copy will be sent to Miss Smith in case yours fails to reach you.

With very best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

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