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Dear Don Carlos:

I owe you a letter to explain two things. First, I did get a draft of the General Resolution which Budowski, you and I discussed at Nairobi, into the Resolutions Committee. Harroy felt that the Resolution was useless in that it was a collection of nice sounding phrases encouraging conservation in general but not tying down anything specific.

I added a paragraph urging OAS to underwrite the expense of a South American National Park Conference. The Resolution embodying eight separate points was not reported out to the General Assembly by the Resolutions Committee.

The second item is my promised draft of a request for a major national park effort. Considering that I found a statement concerning the administration of parks in Southern Rhodesia, I have drafted a series of recommendations for Northern Rhodesia and for Korea, while visiting Pakistan, Thailand and Hong Kong prevented me from finding time in which I could concentrate on framing a suitable document for you to review. Since returning to Washington I find that the World Wildlife Fund has a number of unresolved policy issues concerning a South American park project. Mostly it is a problem of defining just

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what "large" really means. It may be that by waiting the definition of "large" may be considerably more than \$20,000. At any rate we had better wait and see what the ground rules will be.

I also want to tell you how well your statement of 13 September covered the major problems of South America. Paragraph two which deals with technical assistance probably can be picked away at by all of us, concentrating more vigorously on the countries and international organizations sending technicians. This effort will be helped materially by having the countries requesting assistance specifically ask for help in this general area.

Your point about the grass roots educational effort has not really been grasped by people with money. I would not give up hope, but it will need a certain amount of plugging in order for them to fully grasp just what is happening. We may also have to devise some kind of non-governmental entity which will undertake the conservation education effort in the same fashion that the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation has taken the initiative for training native wildlife leaders in East Africa.

Point number four may come to fruition sooner than you hoped. The team may very well be composed of Mr. Lloyd Swift of the World Wildlife Fund and myself. Our objective would be the same as stage one of the African special project - a visit to all of the countries in Latin America to confer with government officials and scientists, and visit on the ground the national park areas which could benefit most from financial help emanating outside of government channels.

With the need to write a substantial booklet concerning our national park investigation, the likelihood of a Colombia visit as part of the I.B.P. in late January, and the shortage of travel funds in my own project account seems to preclude any possibility of my return to Colombia at the Christmas season. Thus, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Successful, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S. Be careful of facts, Puerto Rico does not have a national park or equivalent reserve; *only national forest.*