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TO: U.S. AID Biological Diversity Support Program

FROM: World Wildlife Fund
Evelyn Wilcox, Project Director

SUBJECT: "Establishment of a Marine Park and Fisheries Program
at Les Arcadins, Haiti."

cc. Gus Medina, Senior Program Officer for the Caribbean

This project began, officially, on July 2, 1990. I left for Haiti on July 5 to make final arrangements with the PNUD mission (United Nations Development Program) and to secure our funding from them; to interview Haitians for the position of WWF field representative and community fisheries specialist and to visit Luly in order to begin our discussions with the Luly Fisheries Cooperative. Attached is the field report.

Before my departure, I prepared a report, in French, to be distributed to officials of the Haitian government, explaining the future project. (See attached). Fifty copies were printed and approximately 25 were given to government officials, key individuals in the private sector and non-government organizations.

Since returning to Washington, I have hired a WWF field representative (see attached resume) and tentatively hired a community fish specialist. I should have a signed contract with OPS (Operations Program Services) from New York next week, (after a fair amount of negotiation), and am planning to go back to Haiti the week of October 15, to begin the field work at Luly and begin the organization of the Marine Park and Fisheries Advisory Committee.

attachments
July 5-20, 1990 field report
French project document
field representative resume

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CAREER INTERESTS To be involved in motivation, education or execution of reforestation or conservation efforts in Haiti.

EDUCATION ECKERD COLLEGE, St. Petersburg, Florida U.S.A.
Bachelor of Arts, January 1989
Concentration in Marine Sciences and French Literature

WORK EXPERIENCE
Dec 1989 CASP/CASS-HAITI, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Assistant Country Coordinator in scholarship program. Recruitment and selecting candidates; organizational and decision-making skills.

June - Oct 1989 HOPITAL ALBERT SCHWEITZER, Deschapelles, Haiti. Administrative secretary. Scheduling transportation and placing orders for hospital supplies as well decision making on behalf of the Executive Director.

April-May 1989 UNION SCHOOL, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Substitute teacher for French courses at the different high-school levels and substitute teacher for the 3rd grade.

Jan 1988 DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES, Damien, Haiti. Project conducted in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and of Natural Ressources. Access to documents helped to determine the status of fishing management in Haiti's coastal waters. Planned and implemented a project designed in accord with a Marine Ecology professor at Eckerd College and carried out in part at the coastal town of Dame Marie.

Dec 1987 SAVE THE CHILDREN, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Secretary. Filing as well as correspondence and translations.

Jan 1986 EYE CARE HAITI, Inc, Mirebalais, Haiti. Employed as a translator to assist foreign medical group in visits to the surrounding communities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
STUDENT LEADER, St. Petersburg, Florida. Volunteer work at a local park which included transplanting of mangrove seedlings and informing the local press about the public's responsibility in preserving the beach communities.
F.R.E.N. (Federation pour la Restauration de l'Environnement National), active member.

SKILLS Languages: Fluent in English, French and Creole. Word Processing. SCUBA.

TRIP REPORT JULY 5-20, 1990

July 5

Arrived at 2:00 pm. Picked up by PNUD. Met with Mme. Beatrice Poligny for 15 minutes. Discussed the week's schedule with Jeannine, Beatrice's secretary. Met with Joelle Cupaud, Directeur Executif de l'Association Hoteliere et Touristique d'Haiti to discuss schedule while in Haiti. Interviewed Ann Frederique for the position of WWF representative in Haiti. (7:30 to 11:00 pm)

July 6

Breakfast meeting with Joelle Cupaud and Roger Dunwell. Got copies of letters from the Hotel Association to the former Minister of Agriculture (Agenor) and the former Directeur of the Office National du Tourisme and a copy of a decret for designating a park at Les Arcadins, drafted by the Hotel Association attorney for use by the Office of Tourisme and the President of Haiti. (These copies are in the files under institutional development)

Meeting with Poligny at 9:30 am. at PNUD. Worked in the office to draft response to OPS in New York and to the Minister of Agriculture. (See attached). Met with Helmke, the Resident Representative, at 2:30 pm. He suggested we meet with Agriculture as soon as possible to discuss their letter which claims serious reservations on the management of the project. They are claiming that the project separates the government from the project. Ministry of Plan (the section on coordination with external agencies) has already approved the project. No request for approval was made to Tourisme.

July 7 -8

Drove to Kaliko Beach with M. and MME. Tamari. (Save the Children Foundation). Discussed the project with them. Met with Gigi and Art, the owners of the Kaliko Dive Club. Visited Lully twice. Talked briefly with Lucien Revange, the President of the Cooperative and made arrangements for the trip next week with Randy Walters and myself. Looked briefly at a few beach houses which could be rented next to Lully. Talked with a French agronome and his wife who are willing to rent their beach house, if they can still use the beach. We did not talk rent but it seems as though the fish specialist could pay as little as 250 per month.

Note: M. Tamari worked on a project at Lully in the mid-seventies. At that time, the VSN (Macoutes) were very strong as

were the ruling families in the village. The project failed because the equipment and supplies were commandeered by the power structure in the village. Apparently these forces are gone and Lucien is now in control. This is an opinion shared by everyone we talked to, including Lucien.

July 9 Monday

General strike is being called for the capital. Worked at PNUD. Talked to Michelet Fontane by phone. He is making arrangements for a slide show at AID for Alerte/FAN/AID staff tomorrow. Jeannine has made an appointment with M. Magny and M. Lafontant for Wednesday morning at Damien. Talked to Bobby Chauvette, the founder of FAN, by telephone. He explained why he has not responded to WWF. Electricity is out frequently. FAX's do not work properly. Attended the meeting of FAN, with Ann F. from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm. Heard discussions from a resident of Trou de Nippe where large tracts of trees are being cut and the town's water supply is being silted over. FAN gave him posters and other written materials and encouraged him to start a new group there. Talked to Marisa about Randy's trip. Should be postponed til next week. Worked on response to OPS.

July 10 tuesday

Worked at PNUD on the FAX for OPS and preparation for the meeting with Agriculture. Gave slide show and talked to members of Alerte and F.R.E.N. after the show. (3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.) Learned that AID is planning to fund a marine resources component of their follow up of the Country Environmental Profile. There are no plans to print more copies of the Profile although the new strategy will not be ready for 9 months to a year. It is too bad that this had such limited printing. It is badly needed now, as a reference among the environmental groups.

July 11 wednesday

General strike is in effect.
Worked at the hotel. Talked to Marisa/the Tamari/
Worked on response to OPS. Worked on job description for WWF field representative.

July 12 thursday

Prepared for meeting with Agriculture. Finished FAX for OPS. Met with M. Edmond Magny, Director of Natural Resources, M. Claude D'Albert, the Environmental Officer for the Department of Agriculture, M. Guy Pierre Lafontant, Director of the Office of Fisheries and Beatrice Poligny at Damien. Meeting lasted almost two hours. Agriculture claims that they have jurisdiction over fisheries and parks, therefore they should be more directly involved with the project. Beatrice has called a meeting for

next Tuesday to invite comments from all the appropriate agencies.

Drinks with Dunwell and Lefevre and dinner with Bernard Lefevre. Bernard is planning to do a "fact finding study" of the environment of the Cayemites after the first of the year. If we can get started sooner, he is willing to put \$10,000 plus room and board in-kind contributions to match Biodiversity funding and WWF funding. I told him I would contact U. of Guadeloupe upon my return and Gus and I would draft a proposal to the biodiversity program since Hartshorn flew over the site and is familiar with the project.
We need to do this soon.

July 13 friday

Talked strategy with various people re meeting with Agriculture. Met with Cupaud/Lafontant/Claude/Fontaine to work on PNUD preparatory assistance document from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm then lunch and discussions with Cupaud and Dunwell. Met again at 3:00 pm until 5:30 pm to finish the document. The style of french was changed on every page. The substance was changed only in the composition of the advisory committee. Agriculture is now one of five members of the comite. Cupaud took the document to retype completely.

July 14

Breakfast meeting with Ann. Rented a car after trying for several hours to get a ride. Left at 11:45. Arrived at Kaliko at 1:30 after tremendous traffic jam. Ate lunch, saw the Tamari's and drove to Lully to talk to Lucien. Talked to Lucien for about an hour then drove back to the Tamari's as they do not have a telephone. Went to the Frenchmen's house to inspect for rental purposes. House is definitely not suitable. Too primitive and isolated. Took the Tamari's and Ann to dinner at Kaliko. Met Bernard Friedman who is an oceanographer and married to the Director of Care in Gonaives. Stayed overnight at Kaliko. Ann and I looked at another house nearer Kaliko Beach Hotel, in the morning which was much nicer and within walking distance of the hotel. It is owned by an American dentist from NY. Got their names and address.

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Went to Lully and took a boat trip courtesy of COPELU to Les Arcadins with Ann and Lucien. The boat is owned by the cooperative and was captained by one of the fishing captains and a first mate. Did not visit Ti Teal. Anchored at Lighthouse Island and went ashore. Took the boat to Ile du Sud. Snorkeled on the north side of the island. Lucien came with us. Lucien described the cooperative rules. We also discussed the names and duties of the officers of the cooperative and their backgrounds.

The secretary is a school teacher. The treasurer is trusted by all and does a good job. They have definite ideas as to how the park should be structured. The fish reserve is going to take a bit of time to put in place, I think.

Read draft which Joelle prepared for the meeting on Tues.
July 17

Breakfast meeting with Roger Dunwell.
Talked to Michelet at AID. Michelet is willing now to write a letter in support of the Pestel/Cayemites project. We discussed the U. of Guadeloupe participation along with Alexis. Met with Jacqueline Pompilus, environmental officer for Plan at the Hotel in the morning. Gave her a copy of the draft that Agriculture and Tourism had worked on. Met with Beatrice. Went over the draft and wrote a note to send to M. Magny at Damien in preparation for the meeting on Tuesday. Electricity and plumbing not working. Couldn't print out or zerox. Phone not working most of the time.

Interviewed Edwidge LaFleur for position of WWF field representative in Haiti. Ms. Lafleur is well qualified, however is an American citizen. Apparently there is no dual citizenship. She charges 20 to 25 per hour. Is available as a consultant to translate documents etc. Her resume is filed with us.

July 18 Tuesday

Arrived at office at 9:00 am. Discussed meeting with Beatrice. Official government meeting lasted from 10:15 until 12:00 noon. Sense of the meeting was an information meeting for appropriate government officials. Pompilus wanted to add several paragraphs to the justification of the project. The Dive Club was replaced by the Office of Tourisme by the group. Dunwell, representing the Hotel Association suggested that the Association represent the diving community as well. "Plan Externe" wants project to be a model for other fisheries projects in Haiti. This should not begin until the last quarter of the year in my opinion. They did not think it necessary to put ISPAN on the advisory committee. Those present were: Ginette D'Meza from ISPAN; Jacqueline Pompilus, Environmental Specialist from the Ministry of Plan, Roger Dunwell from the Hotel Association, ...from the Office of Tourism...from the Ministry of Planning for external affairs,...from the Ministry of Commerce, ...from SEMANA; Lafontant from the Ministry of Agriculture; Beatrice Poligny from PNUD and myself.

Met at 3:00 pm with Dunwell. Met with Ann Frederique at 4:30 pm to discuss the job of representative for WWF in Haiti. Reviewed the entire document and wrote the terms of reference for the field representative of WWF in Haiti. Discussed the philosophy of WWF and the conservation movement with Ann. Made an appointment to talk to Joseph Felix, ALERTE, at 4:00 pm tomorrow.

July 18 Wed.

Breakfast with dunwell. Phoned Pompilus to invite her to PNUD for a meeting to discuss environmental education materials and her program at PLAN. Asked her to get in touch with the ISPAN representative to discuss the comite etc. Discussed the draft document with Beatrice. Worked on the terms of reference for the community fish specialist and the WWF representative. Met with Jacqueline Pompilus et Ginette Cherubin D'Meza, achitecte attache a la Direction Generale de ISPAN. Although ISPAN is for the protection of all patromoine, it has become a institution of architects, primarily interested in the restoration of buildings etc.

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