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MEMORANDUM

TO: AID/PPC/CDIE/DI, room 209 SA-18
FROM: AID/SCI, Victoria Ose *VO*
SUBJECT: Transmittal of AID/SCI Progress Report(s)

Attached for permanent retention/proper disposition is the following:

AID/SCI Progress Report No. 7. 228
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Progress Report for A.I.D./O.S.A. grant 7.228: "Seed Dispersal in a Tropical Forest Managed for Sustained Yield"

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I visited Peru 4 to 21 Jan. 1988 to visit the study site and meet with USAID and Peruvian officials and scientists. This travel was done on my own funds. In Lima I met with Raymond Waldron, Chief of Human and Natural Resources Development at AID-Peru, and discussed the extent of cooperation and logistical support I could expect from AID-Peru and Proyecto Especial Pichis Palcazu (PEPP), the Peruvian agency involved in the Central Selva Resources Management Project (CSRMP). Mr. Waldron told me that negotiations were underway with the Peruvian authorities for an extension of the CSRMP, which is currently scheduled to terminate in June 1988. Even if CSRMP is not extended, forest management for sustained yield is likely to continue in the study area and much of the infrastructure will remain in place and provide support for my research. Mr. Waldron and I met with Luis Llanos de la Mata, Executive Director of PEPP, who, after hearing my presentation on my proposed research, agreed to make PEPP facilities at the study site available to me and to support my application for an official visa. I also met with Dr. Howard Clark, the Regional Environmental Director for AID in western South America, and we discussed how my research would complement existing research efforts in the Project. Dr. Clark also said he would begin the process for certifying that this proposed research would not have an adverse environmental impact.

I also visited the research study site in the Palcazu Valley and met with several employees of PEPP who are involved with forestry management. In Iscozacin I inspected the two experimental clearings cut in 1985, the arboretum, herbarium, and seedling nursery. I also visited the native community of Shiringamazu (about 25 km south of Iscozacin) where commercial extraction of timber on a sustained yield basis by the Yanasha Forestry Cooperative (YFC) was nearly ready to commence. I was shown the surveyed strips that were scheduled for clearing in 1988 and decided that most of our research should be done in these clearings rather than the 1985 clearings in Iscozacin. I explained my research plans to Guillermo Conivo, the director of YFC, who informally gave me permission to do the research in these clearings. I also discussed with several individuals logistical problems of housing and transportation.

One of the two Peruvian collaborators, Monica Romo, informed me that she will be unable to participate in the project, at least during the first year. I wrote to several Peruvian scientists asking whether they were interested in collaboration. Several responded and I interviewed these during my visit to Peru. Some of these scientists were also interviewed by the other Peruvian collaborator, Fernando Cornejo. In consultation with Ing. Cornejo I have decided to offer the position to Cesar Ascorra of the Museo de Historia Natural in Lima. I am awaiting his acceptance.

Ing. Cornejo, Dr. John Terborgh, and I have consulted with several Peruvian and U.S. scientists about our research project. We plan on beginning the field work in June 1988, as was indicated previously. Several pieces of equipment were ordered in September and have been received. The remainder of the equipment will be ordered in April.