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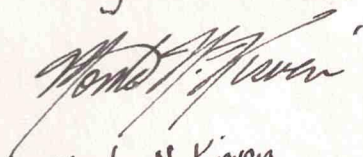
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Sr. Ivan Dario Maldonado
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Valencia (Edo. Carabobo)
Venezuela, S. A.

Dear Sr. Maldonado:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness in permitting me to visit Hato el Frio with my friend Walter Arp in May of this year and August of last year. As an ecologist I can appreciate your unique practices of wildlife conservation. Hato el Frio is a haven for native flora and fauna, and should stand as a model for all far-sighted people who care about the preservation of Nature in your beautiful country. I sincerely hope that you will receive the recognition and praise you deserve for your splendid efforts in providing sanctuary for the rapidly vanishing wildlife of northern South America. I have taken many photographs and, as soon as they are developed, will send you copies. I hope that some will be of sufficient quality to warrant a future article for publication. My first priority for the moment, however, is to continue my PhD thesis research which will require field studies elsewhere in Venezuela, but I hope to return to Hato el Frio in the future, and to continue a close association with your charming family.

Sincerely,



Monte N. Kirven