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Dr. Alvaro Maldonado
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Dear Alvaro Maldonado:

Sorry we missed you over Semana Santa, but I trust you had a rewarding time in Vail. Bob is from Steamboat Springs Colorado.

We collected some good data on basking and activity cycles of caimans and galapagos that should result in a publication by the Smithsonian. My Smithsonian boss, Dr. Marcellini really enjoyed El Frio, and was excited about the possibility of setting up several research projects for next spring to include Babas, Galapagos, and Iguanas.

These research projects will depend ofcourse on available funding and coordination with you and I.N.V.E.G.A. as so not to interfere with the Spanish group.

Bob and I plan to go to El Frio on about 2 May, 1976 for several weeks of additional baba and galapago work. We also will be re-stocking El Frio with about 50 babas that have been collected over the last two years from El Frio. All these animals have a small numbered tag inbetween the webbing of the hind foot for future recognition.

Around the 15 of May, Dr. John Eisenberg, research leader of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park will be visiting Venezuela. He is in charge of all phases and aspects of the Smithsonian Venezuelan research projects currently in Guatopo and T. Blohm's ranch near Calboso. Neither locality has the potential (for reptile projects) as has El Frio. I am certain that he will be most interested in talking with you upon his arrival and visiting El Frio as well.

Looking forward to seeing you again. With kind regards we remain:

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