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Subject: VISIT TO EARTH  
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JAMES B. FRENCH

EARH UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter to the two Rubens. I got it after my Vietnam mission. I just got back to the office today. We had a THAI\_VN Education Fair and I had to give a paper on Cooperative Education in Agrobusiness and Agroindustry. It was similar to the paper presented by Dr. Pornchan during our seminar. I do not know if Meg shared the news with you that the Vietnamese government gave me a medal of honor in recognition for my ten years of promoting higher education in Vietnam through international cooperation and linkages. The ceremony coincided with the Fair.

I just had a phone chat with Dr. Nippon and they are trying to make a short version of the VDO and I hope to have it in time for the Oslo meeting. Unfortunately, I had to cancel my participation in the pre-meeting because of some work here and in the Philippines. I will however join the meeting proper and will therefore arrive on the 4th..

Thank you for your kind invitation to visit EARTH. August is also not a good month for me as I will be again in Vietnam for almost a month as part of the faculty exchange between Vietnam and Thailand. I will be working with Thai Nguyen University in the establishment of their School of Environmental Management. I will also have to spend some time with the Hanoi Agriculture University to follow up the project on Agrofood Industry between our two universities. Ruben V suggested November and if that is okay with you, it will also be a better month for me.

May I ask you a kind favor of following up with Wendy the reimbursements for my Chang Mai expenses. It will be nice to have some extra pocket money for the Oslo trip.

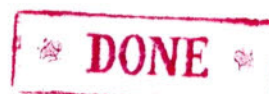
Looking forward to our meeting in Oslo and in Bogor in June. I am pleased that Aman has taken the assignment of the venue of the October in Chang Mai without any difficulties.

Sincerely,  
Prof.Dr.Ruben C.Umaly  
Director, CIA

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Dear Ruben U. and Ruben V.:

How have you both been? We have been reviewing our budgets and have determined that we would be able to support your visit to EARTH. I hope that both of you are still very interested in making the visit. Ruben V. suggested that the 20-24th of August is a time that both of you could visit. This would be alright with us, however it is probably not the best time, because our students are on vacation that week and the following week, and they have final exams on the prior week. Also, the first week of August we have board meetings. So the month of August would not be the best time. Is there another week that would work for both of you?

We will also be receiving a group from Uganda, Africa as well and we were thinking of trying to coordinate the two groups if possible. If not, then we will go ahead with any dates that work well for you.

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the seminar and the time that we spent together. I think we are headed in the right direction and the EARTH-ASIA seminar will be outstanding and will have a very positive impact in the region. You probably both saw the notice from Aman agreeing to putting on the 2nd planning meeting and doing a mini-forum. We should

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probably talk some about this at our meeting in OSLO. I want you to know that he was very understanding about the decision to not have the seminar in Indonesia and it was obvious from his feedback that he holds no grudges.

All the best,

Jim



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Subject: Re: Travel arrangements for Oct Exec Comm meeting

Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2001 11:00:40 +0700      Status: Normal

From: supaporn@ccs.sut.ac.th

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Dear Windy,

Thank you very much for your message to Dr. Umaly. He is now on mission in China. I have forward your message tohim and hope he will reply you soon.

Sincerely,

Supaporn

Secretary to Dr. Umaly

>Dear Ruben;

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>Greetings from Costa Rica. I hope this finds you well.

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>I wanted to write you with regard to the Executive Committee meeting that we

>have coming up in October. The meeting will begin at mid-day on Monday, Oct

>1, and end at mid-day on Tuesday, Oct 2.

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>Have you had an opportunity to make an plane reservation yet? If so could

>you please send me your complete itinerary, along with an idea of what your

>anticipated costs will be for visa, ground transportation, and departure

>taxes.

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>I assume Ruben that we will have the same arrangement for your

>reimbursement-- a transfer as soon as possible after the meeting. Or do you

>prefer that I reimburse you in Washington for your personal expenses in

>cash, and wire only the amount for the airline ticket?

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>I have reserved rooms for us at the State Plaza Hotel again-- the same place

>we stayed last year. I have said that you will arrive on Sunday the 30th,

>and depart on Wednesday October 3. Let me know if this works for you.

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>State Plaza Hotel

>2117 E Street NW

>Washington, DC 20037

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Subject: Travel arrangements for Oct Exec Comm meeting

CC: "Supaporn Kingnok (E-mail)" <supaporn@ccs.sut.ac.th> , Meg Harris <mharris@salzburgseminar.org>

Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2001 13:27:07 -0600

Status: Normal

From: Wendy Judy <wljudy@earth.ac.cr>

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Dear Ruben;

Greetings from Costa Rica. I hope this finds you well.

I wanted to write you with regard to the Executive Committee meeting that we have coming up in October. **The meeting will begin at mid-day on Monday, Oct 1, and end at mid-day on Tuesday, Oct 2.**

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State Plaza Hotel  
2117 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Tel: 202-861-8200  
Fax: 202-659-8601

Richard, Meg, Daniel and I will be arriving in Washington on the 30th, coming from the Africa team meeting in Senegal. Jim French will also arrive on the 30th.

Jim, Daniel and Meg leave on Tuesday afternoon. Richard and I will probably leave on Wednesday.

Warm regards,

Wendy

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Subject: RE: Exec. Comm. mtg & invitee list

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Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2001 15:07:51 -0400

Status: Normal

From: Meg Harris <mharris@salzburgseminar.org>

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Greetings Ruben,

It is nice to hear from you Ruben, and welcome home -- at least for a little while!

Thanks for noticing the typo in the Project Profile. We will redistribute the new versions to everyone soon.

I assume that you have now received Wendy's message with regard to the Executive Committee meeting in Washington, DC on October 1 & 2. Please let me know if there is anything I can do on this end to facilitate your U.S. visa. I too hope you can get all the paperwork squared away in time for the meeting.

I will send an e-mail to Aman asking him it would be possible to hook him in via phone on a meeting in DC on Monday morning, October 1st.

Jim -- I'll also get in touch with Randy and ask him, tentatively, if we might have a small meeting room on Monday morning, prior to the Executive Committee meeting, to make such a call.

I will go ahead and add Yunnan Agriculture University to the list; I know we discussed this previously and apologize for it somehow being left off.

Ruben, with regard to your assistance with the list, if you could go through the list and prioritize it -- especially with an eye toward the academic and international organization sectors that would be very, very helpful. We will be unable to invite everyone on this list and need to determine those who we think will contribute the most.

Once we have prioritized the list and looked again at the mix of sectors and nations, we will need to gather contact information so that we can begin to send out the invitations.

In the meantime, I will go ahead and draft a letter of invitation for the Thailand session and ask Dr. Nipon at Maejo University to send me a copy of the President's signature for the letter.

Glad to hear that the proposal for continued EARTH Asia activities is still in the works. Again, do let me know if you need any help on this from this end.

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I will pass on your comments on our latest UP report to my UP colleagues --  
I know they will appreciate them.

Talk to again soon.

Best regards,

Meg

-----Original Message-----

From: James B. French [mailto:[jfrench@earth.ac.cr](mailto:jfrench@earth.ac.cr)]

Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2001 12:31 PM

To: '[supaporn@ccs.sut.ac.th](mailto:supaporn@ccs.sut.ac.th)'; [mharris@salzburgseminar.org](mailto:mharris@salzburgseminar.org)

Cc: James B. French

Subject: RE:

Hola Ruben:

Glad to hear that you remain active and traveling. Do you ever stay home? Your comments were very good. I will ask Wendy Judy about why it says that the site for Asia is not defined yet. We have clearly defined it and announced it publicly that it will take place in Maejo University. I'm sure its just a minor misunderstanding.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington. Meg and I talked about having a mini-EARTH ASIA meeting to discuss the up-coming seminars in Indonesia and the big one in Thailand. We can talk about the lists again, and maybe make a final decision based on all the proposals up to that time. We should also look over the changes to the proposed program that we made in Norway and see if we can get that solidified and then see who will be taking leadership in each area. Meg suggested that we might consider including Aman in as part of a conference call.

Meg, maybe we should see about having this meeting at Randy's offices so that we could use a conference phone. Can you look into this or should I ask Wendy to?

Ruben, great to hear from you,

Jim

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MEG HARRIS

SALZBURG SEMINAR

Dear Meg,

Greetings from SUT !!

Thanks for your letter with the list of names of possible invitees. As of now, I have no objections to the persons marked in the list and I will be willing to help you in contacting them if necessary. However, I would like to make a request that another name be added in the South China list -i.e. a representative of Yunnan Agriculture University who is now giving full support to EARTH ASIA activity. We may even sponsor a mini-workshop in Yunnan as part of EARTH ASIA proposed program..

I was in Hanoi for two weeks giving lectures at the University. On my way to Hanoi, the Director of the Rockefeller Foundation was also on the same plane and we rediscussed the possibility of requesting support from the Foundation for EARTH ASIA activities. Unfortunately, Dr. Nippon and I did not finish yet the project proposal. Maejo is still preparing the budgetary components. I have finished most of the write up. I will go again to Chang Mai after my trip to China.

On the way back from Hanoi, Chongrak and I met at the airport while waiting for the plane. He was at AIT Vietnam for a few days. Thus, we were able to discuss the EARTH project and also the list which you sent. We have not heard from Aman regarding his preparations for the Bogor meeting. Now that there is peace in Indonesia, he should not have much problem organizing the event.

Richard mentioned about the meeting in Washington. My passport, visas and permits expire at the end of September. Thus, I have to obtain them earlier, if I have to go to Washington. I will attend to them when I get back from China on the 10th. I hope it will not take time to have the documents so I can reapply for a visa to US.

I received a copy of the report of the University Project from Salzburg. It was a very well written document. We may pursue again the possibility of a EURASIAN dialogue at Salzburg. The meeting next year will be hosted by Europe. I am waiting for their final decision as to whether the venue will be Salzburg or somewhere else.

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I also received a revise draft of the document from Judy. I am surprised that she still mentioned that the meeting in Asia will be somewhere in an undetermined country in Asia. It does not speak well of the EARTH ASIA group not being able to decide !!!!

Looking forward to our next meeting and let me know if there is anything I can do to facilitate work.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Prof.Dr. Ruben C. Umaly

Director, CIA

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