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Bud,

I am faxing this to you as well as sending it by e-mail since you may want to cut-and-paste this together in a different way..... I hope this helps!

Let me know asap if you want copies of the articles mentioned in this fax, I can make them and take them to the US when I leave this Sunday for the Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival. Keep in touch over the net.....

Avery D

I will send a copy to Seymour Rosen's friend who may help us forming a Foundation...

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Dear Bud,

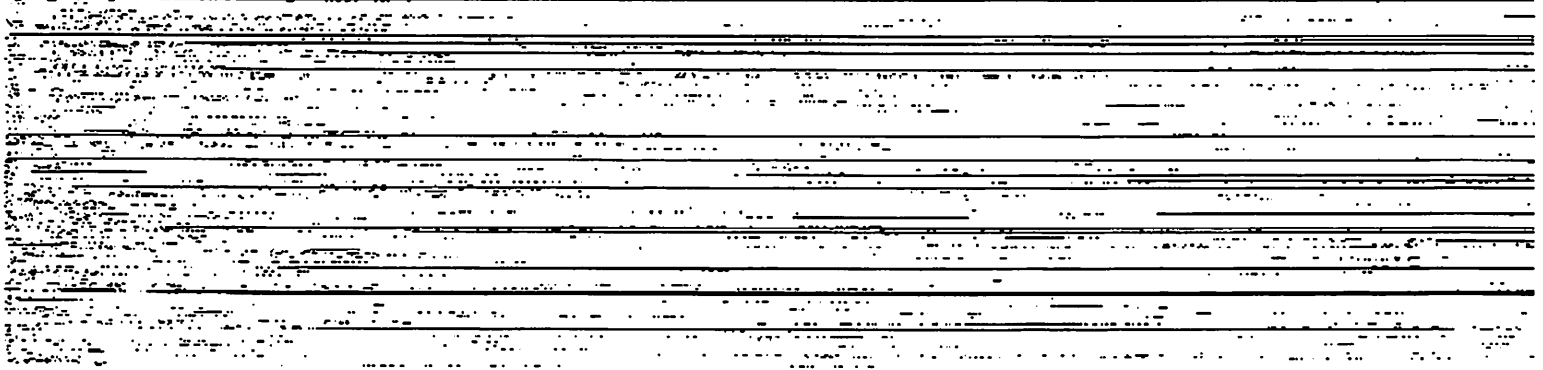
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Great to hear the check finally arrived and things have started cooking on your end! As to your deadline of Nov.. 7th, it is far more important, to us at least, that you have adequate time to prepare your study and to champion our cause to potential fund raisers than to adhere to an exact schedule.

As per your fax to Doc Wulff, I would be glad to take whatever detailed photos and/or video of areas you have concern or questions about, and send them to you via a departing guest or federal express.... Your getting the necessary information to make the best evaluation possible, both for restoration and potential funders, is our top priority, so don't rush yourselves unless you have to.....

As to your questions posed in your latest fax here are some of the answers, with more to follow:

SINCE I WILL BE TRAVELING A LOT DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, PLEASE E-MAIL, AS WELL, ANY MESSAGES YOU CHOOSE TO FAX SO THAT THEY WILL GET TO ME AS AP. THANKS!



& POZAS 8&9) and structures is though the private area. Kaco charges around 75 cents to enter Las Pozas.

2. The official assessed (tax) value of Las Pozas is very low, probably around \$15,000 and is determined by the number of acres Las Pozas occupies. It is valued as undeveloped jungle, with no value given to the structures. The value is increased slightly every year, again only as the value of all local undeveloped jungle property is raised. There has never been a reduction due to weather damage or annual deterioration of the property.

Several times Kaco has been offered quite large sums of money to sell Las Pozas, the last offer he turned down was from the governor of the state who recently offered him over \$500,000 for the property. Kaco does not want to sell the property since the money will make him just another rich kid in Mexico, but Las Pozas allows him to be a kind of celebrity. That is why he is willing to donate the property as long as he remains in some position (even figurehead) of power. Kaco also knows that any development of Las Pozas will only increase the value of his surrounding property, as evidenced of his recent sale to the governor of 1 acre of land, near Las Pozas, for over \$30,000! Kaco may be vain but he is very savvy with his assets!

3. & 4. The only major damage that has occurred here is during the Sept. 19th 1986 Hurricane (called GERT here in Mexico) which dumped over 3 feet of water here in less than three days. This brought VW sized boulders down the river, causing a lot of damage to the river structures, and the rains caused a major mud slide to occur immediately above the HOUSE OF 3 FLOORS THAT COULD BE 5 - (Estructura de tres pisos...) p29,49,61. This mud slide covered part of this structure and knocked several free standing walls above and to the cascada side (NW) of the structure. Some of the mud has been removed from the structure and a few small repairs were done replacing the broken concrete leaves which adorn the concrete support columns which had several leaves broken off of them. The James Foundation gave Kaco \$6,000 to build 1/2 km long, 3 foot deep stone lined culvert which basically follows the straight black line shown on the map surrounding and just above the structure which terminates just above the Bathtub In The Shape Of An Eye. This seems to have prevented further damage from mud slides as excess water is channeled into Poza #7.

One of the biggest tasks will be to remove the stones that have collected in Poza #8 to the depth of about 5 meters, this Pozas was always cleared annually by Edward, but since his death in '84 and the inundation of '86 it has remained full of stones. The structures here and immediately below in Poza 7 have suffered the most obvious damage.

I have no idea if these storms and our area were ever declared "disaster zones" but Kaco has never applied for federal assistance, since he fears, rather than appreciates, their intervention. His feeling is that the usual Mexican "fix up" leaves the property in worse shape than before.

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