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MARIA IOLITA BAMPI
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Dear Mrs. Bampi,

I thank you very much for your friendly fax letter of today. Since I am capable of expressing myself precisely in only one of our three mother tongues, I prefer to write in German, knowing very well that you have a perfect translation agency at your disposal.

When you read my preceding letter carefully, you will note that it is organized into two parts: firstly, the announcement of my leaving the Committee, and secondly, the assurance of my continued collaboration with it on a voluntary basis.

It cannot be considered a setback or even an endangerment of the conservation project for the Spix's macaw, because my voluntary collaboration with the CPRAA will continue to the same exact extent.

I want to make my assurance even more precise:

-Insofar, as the Committee will thoroughly inform me about its activities, I will do the same. You will continue to receive notification about my stock of *Cyanopsittae spixii*. As to the breeding I will supply all-important data like date of hatching, gender, etc.

-to the extent of my possibilities I will make birds available to the Committee for mate combinations, renewal of blood, to set free into the wild and other purposes.

- I will also keep an open mind for other concerns of the Committee. Private contact with its members is more important to me.

Thus, you can see that in principle nothing will change for the rescue program of this most rare species of parrots. This project is just as important to me as it is to you!

What I do not want anymore, is the following:

-I do not want to be part of a Committee, in which an individual can express needs, which are so foreign to me, as, i.e., the mounting of commemorative plaques on buildings, which announce his generosity and heroic deeds.

- I do not want to participate in a Committee that puts a muzzle on me as, i.e., by the prohibition of publications on the activities of this board. Only Mr. Kiessling has this right.

- I do no longer want to belong to a Committee, which lets me arrange the import of a sick Spix macaw with a great investment of time and money and then cancels it with flimsy excuses at the last moment. Obviously, a word does not count for much here.

-I do not want to sit in a Committee, in which people with bad manners set the tone. Before the meeting in Petrolina, Mr. Indermaur, the authorized representative of Mr. de Dios and me, asked me for clarifications on people and facts of this conference. For this I put together a personal dossier. Mr. Kiessling rudely took this away from Mr. Indermaur during a meeting and looked at these private documents. As I perceived this, I contemplated for weeks how to react to this tactlessness. Again and again I had to tell myself that it is better for me to leave the Committee. I do not like to sit at the same table with tactless people.

With friendly greetings,

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