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Dear Dr. Hammerli,

Thank you for your fax dated March 24th. We were very pleased with the good news regarding the Spix's Macaw hatched in your facilities. Congratulations!

Also, in attention to your request concerning the transportation of the Spix's Macaw which is in the São Paulo Zoo, we have some considerations to make.

Regardless of our wish to follow the Working Group Recommendations which states this transference, we wish to express our concern about the political situation regarding these birds. The moment is not favorable to carry out this transference, considering that we are faced with very strong pressure from some environmental groups with respect to the exit of Spix's Macaw out of our country.

We are responding and discussing these demands with the Non Governmental Organizations in a very frank way, explaining all aspects of the CPRAA recommendations which views the best management options to set the most viable pairings for reproduction. Unfortunately, however, these groups have very little or no understanding of captive breeding, even if it is successful.

Under such circumstances, we think that to achieve any new transference of birds out of Brazil, it would be very appropriate to await for the completion of the SP Zoo facilities meant to accommodate the 2 birds that will be coming from the Philippines likely to happen in the occasion of the Annual CPRAA meeting, than, it will certainly be easier to take the steps to transfer the Spix's male #3.


Finally, we are pleased to inform you that the Brazilian Decree stating the October 30 as the deadline to any aviculturist that maintains Spix's Macaw to come forward with their birds and to work with the management plan for this species will soon be signed by

the president of IBAMA. This, of course, brings us hope to obtain some positive responses and gives us encouragement and new options for the captive breeding plans.

We would like to remark that we are committed to follow the CPRAA's recommendations, and that this momentary difficulty will be soon sorted out. We very much hope to count on your comprehension regarding this subject, based on your always cooperation and spirit of team work to our coordinated effort for the conservation of Spix's Macaw.

Awaiting your comments and suggestions on this subject, we remain

Sincerely yours,



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