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My dear Jacques

Please forgive me that I have not acknowledgedyour three letters until now. They all came around Christmas and the New Year when everything seems to stop in this country, but the wheels are now turning again.

I am delighted that you were able to spend some time with Dr Vollmar in Morges and it is very good of you to have outlined the general situation in Zaire to me in your letter of November 27th. I very much hope that the IUCN General Assembly this September will do a great de al to enhance your position and that of the National Parks: from your letter it sounds as this won't be too soon and I trust the situation won't deteriorate before then.

Thank you very much for the copy of 'The Leopard'. I didn't in fact receive the first issue so would quite like to see it sometime.

Finally, it is good news that the slaughtering programme has been held up: let me know immediately if there is anything IUCN/WWF can do at high-level.

We are all very much looking forward to our meetings in Zaire which promise to be interesting and extremely important for conservation in West Africa.

Yours even Petr