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May 28, 1974

Dr. Edward W. Schallenger
Vice President and Director of
Park Operations
Sea Life Park
Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795

Dear Ed,

In reference to our earlier discussion concerning the transference of a pair of our hawksbill turtles to the Park's facilities, I would like to proceed to investigate the possibility. As I mentioned, we presently have 16 hawksbills here at Coconut Island which were obtained at three weeks of age from Western Samoa. These animals are now 29 months old and range from 15 to 30 lbs. in weight. I am convinced that considerable educational and conservation awareness value could be obtained by exhibiting two of these attractive and endangered reptiles in your reef tank. Before any final arrangements are made, I would have to ask that several necessary conditions be first agreed upon by the management of Sea Life Park. Included would be the stipulation that:

1. the animals will be accepted on a conditional loan basis and that future transference to facilities other than Sea Life Park would first be cleared through myself or the Director of HIMB;
2. the animals will not be released into the wild;
3. the present identifying tags will be retained and periodic (once every 6 to 12 months) growth measurements will be permitted;
4. in the event of mortality the intact carcass would be returned to HIMB;
5. mention would be made during your reef tank display talks as to the endangered status of sea turtles and the need for conservation (sections of the brochure which I sent to you might be appropriate);
6. any future events of a significant nature (injury, theft, egg deposition, etc.) relating to these turtles would be communicated to myself or the Director of HIMB as well as to Mr. Dillon and Mr. Kridler of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

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Although this seems like a long list, I believe that in the long run it is best to cover all possible problems before they occur. Although I will be at the French Frigate Shoals off and on throughout the summer, I will find the time to personally bring the animals over to the park after hearing from you. Hope that your construction on the new turtle nesting area and pond is progressing nicely.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs
Jr. Marine Biologist

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cc: J. Bardach
P. Helfrich
E. Ross ✓
E. Kridler
M. Dillon



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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PERMITTEE:

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
Department of Animal Sciences
1825 Edmondson Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Date _____

Att:- Dr. Ernest Ross

ENDANGERED SPECIES

PERMIT NO. ES- 340

Effective: _____

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Expires: _____

When terminated _____

1. In accordance with Title 50 C.F.R., Section 17.12(b), and pursuant to the application and documents submitted on May 25, September 25, and December 19, 1972,

THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII (Dr. Ernest Ross), is authorized:

TO IMPORT - into the United States, at Honolulu, Hawaii,
from the Travis' Hatchery, in Western SAMOA,

300--400 TURTLE hatchlings=of *Eretmochelys imbricata squamata*
Agassiz (Hawksbill),

to study the nutritional requirements of this and other sea turtles.

The experimental animals are to be released in U.S. and Micronesian waters in cooperation with B.S.F.W. personnel, at the termination of the experiments.

2. No marking, as provided in 50 C.F.R., Section 17.6, shall be required for the importation described above. However, should semi-permanent or permanent marking be placed on any or all of the animals by permittee at some future time, written notice thereof, stating the manner and location of the marking shall be supplied to the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D.C. 20240, within ten calendar days of such marking.

3. The turtle hatchlings, or any progeny thereof, may not be sold, donated, or transferred to any institution or individual unless such person has first been issued a permit by the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

4. The death of any of the turtle hatchlings must be reported to the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, within a period of 10 days. Their escape must be reported by telephone or telegraph within a period of 24 hours.

5. The permittee shall allow inspection of the facilities and records by any authorized employee of the Department of the Interior during regular business hrs.

6. A report of the importation made under authority of this permit, with identifying characteristics relating to the specimens, shall be made to the Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, within ten days following their receipt.

7. This permit is conditioned upon compliance with all applicable foreign, State, and United States laws/regulations.

8. This permit is specific and may only be utilized for importation in accordance with the terms hereon.

AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE: _____

C. R. Bavin
C. R. Bavin, Chief,
Division of Law Enforcement