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Dear Archie:

In my opinion, the use of a corporation and the signing of document all for the rearing of two dozen ridleys is a bunch of unnecessary nonsense. I do, however, see some merit in establishing a reservoir of animals at a number of facility, as outlined in my "additional strategy" write-up. As far as Cayman Island is concerned, it wouldn't surprise me a bit if they use the undertaking and document in their suit against the U. S. government. Those present at the meeting should have been alert to this possibility; maybe they were, but didn't care. Incidentally, if Cayman is so concerned about Kemp's ridleys, why didn't they get some on their own? After all, the turtles are in Mexico, so why go to the U. S.? Of course, we both know the answer to that question.

I'll be out in the Leewards doing field work for a few weeks. Hope to recapture some immature turtles that I tagged at Necker Island 18 months ago.

I trust that you received my letter of last week. Enclosed is some additional copied information on the New Caledonia workshop.

Sincerely,

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