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Mr. G. S. deSilva  
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Dear Stanley:

Thank you for your letter of 26 July inquiring further about visiting conservation or national park projects in Hawaii. I certainly hope that such a trip will be possible, and also that I will be in Honolulu at the time of your visit. Approximately 50% of my time is now spent doing field research in the remote Northwestern Hawaiian chain.

I would recommend a two to three day visit to the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the Island of Hawaii, which is about 200 miles from Honolulu. There are two scheduled airlines making several flights each day. Also, there ~~is~~<sup>are</sup> excellent hotel accommodations in the Park at the Volcano House. A car could be rented in the city of Hilo right at the destination airport. Of course you must understand that wildlife is not all that abundant in the Hawaiian Islands. The Volcanoes National Park deals mostly with active volcanoes. It is a very large preserve area of great beauty and interest. I think you will find such a trip to be very rewarding.

Concerning costs, round trip air fare Honolulu-Hilo is approximately US\$65 per person. Car rental would be \$20-25 per day. Hotel about \$20 per person per night. There are many good restaurants on the island - it is all quite modern.

Keep me informed of your plans.

Sincerely,

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