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Dear Lee:

Just a quick note to accompany the enclosed which I saw in the local paper Stars and Stripes, and which I thought maybe you and Bill might be interested in.

Have applied for my Japan trip in February yesterday, plan to spend two plus days in Tokyo, and only visit Nagoya and Yokohama zoos (latter supposedly has several dozen Andean Condors with a possibility of breeding that has not been reported in ordinary zoo journals), plus the Japan Monkey Center. The latter I consider a necessity. R&R only allows you six full days and nights, not nearly enough. February is cold in Japan but for that reason few men want to go. I have already written to Kega.

Baudy's Pacarana birth gets more mysterious all the time. The latest letter of his states the birth was in February of 1966, and both were male young, later sold to Paris. In a letter about two months ago to National Zoo he said the birth was in late 1966 and the young, a pair were sold to John Aspinall who has a private english zoo. In contact with the latter, I find that none went to Aspinall, so one wonders at his veracity. This of course puts in jeopardy many of his other claims. Thus whether he did or did not breed the species is in doubt. I personally do not think he did, certainly it would have been mentioned when the folks visited his place during the Tamap meeting in Dec 66 and it was not.

You might tell Bill that relative to one of my recent letters on Zoological Society versus city operated zoos, another cloud on the horizon is Pittsburgh. Understand that Society takes over there in six months, with many problems.

Have you heard about the new Walrus at Marineland (4) that were caught in Siberia, by the Russians, sold to a dutch animal dealer who in turn sold them to Marineland of the Pacific. Quite a round the world ordeal. Are in bad shape, but maybe will live. San Francisco has a new male Walrus doing well. Goeldi Tamarin born in Frankfurt. Grzimek has three Grey-necked Picathartes, not one as I thought.

Thats it for today, best to all  
Regards

Marvin

He does have two ♀ Snow Leopards from Oklahoma City and a new imported male, which he hopes to breed. The young ♂ Black Jaguar in Philly went to Hannover.