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Dear Jacques,

I regret that I was not able to change my travel schedule to meet you here on 7 June. Instead I decided to just drop into Kinshasa en route from Bujumbura to Libreville.

I had useful discussions with Messrs. Sales, Guanda, and Mokwa. I hope that Paul Perret will be able to join you in the near future without delay as we have taken the necessary steps to get him out here as soon as possible.

There is one point I wish to stress to you, namely the Garoua school. The Congo (k) will be about the most important beneficiary from this school, being the largest francophone nation with considerable wildlife and national parks problems. Your Institute should therefore make all possible efforts to get as many Congolese enrolled in that school this year as possible. It is very nice that UNDP is prepared to make three fellowships available, but this should be matched by at least as many students on the payroll of the Congo Government. As a matter of fact, I hope that you will be able to send more students than that,

because it seems very difficult for countries like Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Chad and Upper Volta to finance the tuition of even a single student. I am rather concerned about the student enrollment at Garona and I am afraid that if insufficient students enrol, there may be difficulties with UNDP and other granting agencies.

If you have difficulties in getting the right kind of employees from Belgium, would you consider Dutch candidates? If so, please let me know and I will pass on the message.

I wish you success in your endeavours and I hope to hear about good progress!

Again, I regret that I did not get to see you.

Kind regards,

Anton de los

Dr J. Verbeek