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Mr. Gordon Dee Smith, president
Intercultura
3327 West 7th Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Dee:

Here is the letter you requested last Friday. With all that you have to keep in mind no doubt you have forgotten what I told you when you asked me to join the board of Intercultura a couple of years ago. At that time I said I would serve as long as I was not required to give money or expected to raise money as part of my board duties. This has been my basic approach to all board service, and I have served on many boards.

Over the last twenty years my brother and I have contributed well over \$150,000 worth of our artwork - original paintings, drawings, prints and books - to a host of worthy causes in Fort Worth and in Texas. Because of the tax laws, almost all these gifts have not been tax deductible. And this represents only a part of the hundreds of hours of other services we have contributed by designing posters, invitations, party decorations, lectures and public relations work etc. for worthy causes. I really do believe that artists should participate in the community whenever possible.

When Ambassador Lozoya was in Fort Worth in the spring of 1990 I received permission from you to present him with a copy of our elephant folio OF BIRDS AND TEXAS in the name of Intercultura. While I was very glad to do it in Intercultura's name, I told you at the time that I had an ulterior motive in wanting to make a connection with Lozoya because of our impending Aztec project. In the past many of our gifts have been made for other than purely altruistic reasons, but all sides have profited in various ways from such giving.

I have told you that Scott and I wish to donate five bird books to Intercultura. I now repeat that offer, we will make the four remaining books available whenever you wish. This gift is completely non-restricted, and I know you will use them wisely. In 1989 I gave the World Wildlife Fund five books by way of Ed Bass who so far has presented one to the King of Nepal and one to the King of Bhutan. I believe that, especially in the case of the ruler of Nepal, the gift book was very helpful in getting the two young rhinos for our Fort Worth zoo breeding program.

The current value of the book is \$3,500 each and will be raised to \$4,500 later this spring.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Gentry