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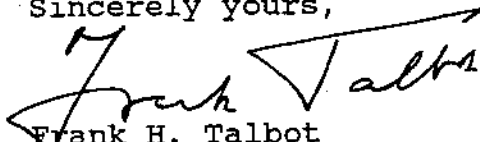
Dr. Richard Spjut
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Dear Dr. Spjut:

It is a pleasure to inform you of your renewed appointment as Collaborator in the Department of Botany at the Smithsonian Institution for a period of one year, effective January 15, 1990.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge your efforts in several research categories, especially the lichen flora of Baja California project, and to express my confidence that our future cooperative efforts will also be valuable and of mutual benefit.

Sincerely yours,


Frank H. Talbot
Director