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Dr. Sweedler:

Please accept the following as my report on my use of travel funds from the Office of International Programs during the summer of 1999.

I visited a total of seven universities in four Mexican cities with the intention of establishing connections which might result in student exchanges.

San Luis Potosi	Tecnologico de Monterrey
Aguas Calientes	U. Autonoma de Aguas Calientes
	Universidad Bonaterra
	Tecnologico de Monterrey
Zacatecas	Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas
Durango	U. Juarez del Estado de Durango
	Tecnologico de Durango

Copies of some of the business cards I collected are attached.

Of these, I believe that the Universidad Autonoma de Aguas Calientes would be an ideal place for SDSU-IVC students to spend a semester. My impression is that the university is well run, it has a nice campus in an attractive location, and I've chosen it as a "target" for an exchange. While I was there, the rector of the school signed a standard agreement which had been faxed to him by Miriam Ungson (6-5505), our IVC International Exchange Coordinator. That agreement is currently awaiting approval at our San Diego campus. The key now is to promote the exchange among our students. In August I made a presentation at our annual IVC orientation for new students and described the potential exchange.

While the agreement signed in Aguas Calientes covers all majors, my primary interest is in exchanges for my own International Business students, and I believe that my best opportunity to promote the exchange will actually be within my own classroom. Beginning in the Fall of 2000, new students in the IB program will be required to spend one semester overseas, and I would like to send many of them to Aguas Calientes. On October 27th I spoke to my contact, Rafael Urzúa, by telephone and he said that he was willing to be patient.

At this point, it isn't clear what the ultimate result of my trip will be. However, it is clear that my future students will enjoy an option that they would not have had if I not made the trip.

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