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In regard to your note of March 27, 1973, the arrangement with [redacted] seems quite reasonable to me and probably the most economical arrangement that could be made for taking care of the fish on a continuous basis. However, this is primarily a legal, contractual matter. I have provided copies of the arrangements to our contract staff. My only concern is that the personnel costs do not exceed that stipulated in the negotiated contract.

Since I cannot conscientiously testify that attendance at the Data Analysis and Forecasting course will significantly contribute to the execution of the contract, I cannot approve expenditure of funds for that purpose. The information gained must be directly related to our project, as opposed to the project area mentioned by [redacted] or a general professional capability enhancement. In the latter case, [redacted] should be willing to support your attendance.

I am very happy to learn that the transition phase of the operation between the two organizations worked out without mishap.

Best personal regards,

SIGNED

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