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In support of Jonathan Amith:

The facilities and the research staff of the United States National Herbarium stand ready to support the plant collecting efforts of Dr. Jonathan Amith in his effort to document Mixtec language and culture. We have already been collaborating on his earlier collections that describe Nahuatl ethnobotany by providing our expert identifications. His collections demonstrate a clear understanding of the importance of herbarium vouchers. Specimens are full, fertile, and well documented. Jonathan has a careful eye for collecting which has produced new species of *Tithonia*, *Ficus*, *Begonia* and *Ruellia*.

For his Nahuatl collections, as well as his planned collections to support his work with the Mixtec culture, we commit to providing continued expert identification in many groups. Additionally, we will provide logistical support in the event that specimens need to be sent to other plant experts around the world.

A significant interdisciplinary effort is underway in the National Museum of Natural History to more comprehensively define the intersection of plants and people. Staff members from both the Departments of Botany and Anthropology are working together to design and develop programs toward this end. The collections of Jonathan Amith have already contributed to these efforts and we trust that this relationship will continue into the future.

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