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Endangered Languages Documentation Programme
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Dear Endangered Languages Documentation Programme::

I and several of my colleagues in our Department of entomology have been collaborating with Dr. Jonathan Amith of the Mexico-North Research Network Program on Endangered Languages for about two years. We have been collaborating with Dr. Amith for his research on Nahuatl ethno-entomology. I have also been assisting Dr. Amith by putting him in contact with world-renowned experts in particular insect groups in order to link his interesting ethno-entomological observations with the scientific names and previous knowledge about these animals. A number of Dr. Amith's observations have been about insect species that are very rare and he has been generous in depositing vouchers of his research in the U.S. National Insect Collection. We certainly look forward to continued collaboration with Dr. Amith with this and other ethno-entomological projects in the future.

Sincerely,

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