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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY 

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING BRAZILIAN VISIT

I have heard that some thought has been given to President Bush and his Brazilian host visiting the Amazon research center where Dr. Tom Lovejoy, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian--and a member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)--has long been spearheading an international study on the minimum size that ecosystems must have to maintain species viability and biodiversity.

I would strongly support such a visit since it emphasizes the President's commitments both to the environment and to science and would do so within a highly visible international context.

I chaired the U.S. side of the Reagan-Sarney head-of-state initiative in science and technology but, unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, including disagreements over intellectual property rights, this initiative was not moved forward as those of us on both sides of the negotiations had hoped. Tom Lovejoy was a member of the group that I took to Brazil for these negotiations.

A visit by the two Presidents to the Amazon research center would perhaps provide a jump-start for renewed cooperation under this initiative.

Tom Lovejoy would, I know, be happy to provide you or anyone whom you may designate with any additional information that you might wish.