

18 SEP 1993

For Six Month Period Ending _____
(Insert date)

Name of Registrant

Registration No.

The Clement-Petrocik Company

2249

Business Address of Registrant

14 East 60th Street
New York, NY 10022

I—REGISTRANT

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

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| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If an organization:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in item 1.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position

Date Connection
Ended

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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Date Assumed</i>
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5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?
 Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date terminated</i>
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7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence Address</i>	<i>Position or connection</i>	<i>Date connection began</i>
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II—FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

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8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of Termination

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9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal¹ during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

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10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals¹ whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Martinique and Guadeloupe Tourism, New York Office
610 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020
(French West Indies Tourist Board)

III—ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

- sent our press release to consumer travel trade publication
- met with members of the press and prepared their visits to the French West Indies
- supervised revision and printing of new rate sheets and tariffs for hotels in the French West Indies
- correction of guidebooks and other texts on the French West Indies
- regular distribution of color and black and white photos to all press outlets
- organized press trips to the French West Indies
- study trip to Guadeloupe, and Martinique: September 11-18

¹The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).

A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity² as defined below?
 Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

General activities among travel and public relations professionals enhancing our own company's image thereby benefiting our clients as well.

²The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.³

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
4/8/93	French West Indies Tourist Board	Operating Expenses	\$19,021
6/8/93	From French West Indies Tourist Board	Reimbursement	3,897
6/30/93	French West Indies Tourist Board	Reimbursement	4,182
9/18/93	French West Indies Tourist Board	Operating Expenses	43,333
			Total \$70,433

(b) RECEIPTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁴ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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³A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e).

⁴Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS—MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

<i>Date</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3/18/93	NY Telephone	Phones	\$ 339
4/8/93	Citibank Visa	Entertaining	973
4/8/93	Citibank Visa	Books	28
4/8/93	Citibank Visa	Photos	41
4/8/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	292
4/13/93	NY Telephone	Phones	337
4/13/93	Mme Romaine de Lyon	Entertaining	284
4/22/93	Fedex	Shipping	12
4/28/93	Citibank Visa	Entertaining	785
5/4/93	Mastercard	Martinique Trip	430
5/4/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
5/4/93	Lanier	Copier	285
5/4/93	Society of Am. Travel Writers	May meeting	60
5/10/93	Jaydee Camera	Photos	7
5/12/93	American Airlines	Martinique Trip	15
5/13/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
5/13/93	Lanier	Copier	106
5/13/93	St. Barts Magazine	Subscription	54
5/13/93	Pitney Bowes	Postage	108
5/13/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	291
5/18/93	NY Telephone	Phones	208
5/20/93	AT&T	Phones	69
5/20/93	Jaydee Camera	Photos	25
5/20/93	Muriel Wiltord	Editorial	88
5/20/93	AT&T Phones	Phones	60
6/1/93	AT&T	Phones	33
6/2/93	Larry Larsen	Editorial	60
6/3/93	Jaydee Camera	Photos	12
6/3/93	Citibank Visa	Entertaining	1556
6/3/93	Citibank Visa	Books	87
6/7/93	Mastercard	Martinique Trip	22
6/8/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
6/8/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	284
6/8/93	Le Gone	Printing	3897
6/14/93	AT&T	Phones	76
6/21/93	Jaydee Camera	Photos	14
6/16/93	NY Telephone	Phones	193
6/38/93	AT&T Phones	Phones	33
7/1/93	Lanier	Copier	134
7/1/93	US Leasing	Computers	595
7/1/93	AT&T	Phones	186
7/1/93	Le Gone	Printing	3897
7/1/93	Citibank Visa	Entertaining	600
7/1/93	Citibank Visa	FWI Trip	101
		Total	

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS—THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value⁵ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS—POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value⁵ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V—POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

⁵Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Other (specify) NONE

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups:

- Public Officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) NONE

21. What language was used in this political propaganda:

- English
- Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes NONE No

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, U.S. Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act? Yes No NONE

VI—EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

25. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following:

- Exhibit A⁶ Yes No
- Exhibit B⁷ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

⁶The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁷The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C⁸, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period. Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and / of the supplemental statement? Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) personal knowledge.

(Type or print name under each signature)

Myron Clement

Myron Clement, President

Joseph Petrocik

Joseph Petrocik, Exec. V.P.

(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York City

this 7th day of April, 19 94

MARTIN LERNER
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01LE4600346
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires Nov. 30, 1994

Martin Lerner

(Signature of notary or other officer)

⁸The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
REGISTRATION UNIT
CRIMINAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your supplemental statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Political Propaganda - page 7 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-- Supplemental Statement):

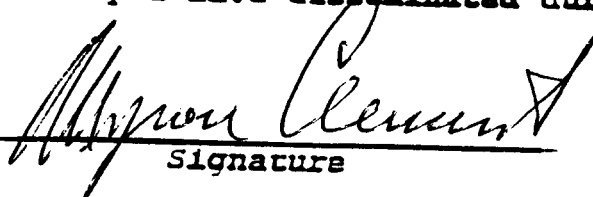
Yes _____ or No XXX _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

Yes XXX _____ or No _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all such material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)


Signature

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Date

Myron Clement

Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

Partner

Title

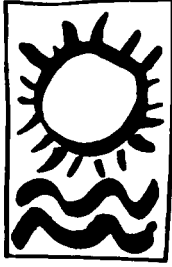
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7/22/93	Fedex	Shipping	56
7/22/93	Lanier	Copier	106
7/22/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
7/22/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	300
7/22/93	NY Telephone	Phones	170
7/22/93	AT&T	Phones	32
7/26/93	Jaydee Photos	Photos	23
7/26/93	AT&T	Phones	33
8/3/93	Citicard Visa	Entertaining	1288
8/3/93	Citibank Visa	Books	78
8/3/93	Citibank Visa	Photos	37
8/9/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
8/9/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	257
8/9/93	Pitney Bowes	Postage	106
8/12/93	Madame Romaine de Lyon	Entertaining	49
8/17/93	NY Telephone	Phones	176
8/17/93	Airborne Express	Shipping	38
8/23/93	AT&T	Phones	61
8/35/93	AT&T	Phones	33
9/2/93	Citibank Visa	Entertaining	1478
9/2/93	Citibank Visa	Books	86
9/7/93	Burrelle's	Clippings	278
9/8/93	Lyla Max	FWI Trip	100
9/8/93	1st United Leasing	Fax	56
9/8/93	Lanier	Copier	106

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MARTINIQUE TOURIST FACILITIES UNDAMAGED IN CARIBBEAN STORM

FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique, Aug. 16 -- Despite some U.S. radio announcements on August 15 of the impact of a tropical storm on the French West Indies island of Martinique, official reports from the island on August 16 advise that no tourist facilities were damaged, and completely normal operations have resumed.

The south of the island was unharmed by the tropical depression and only the extreme northern portion of the western Caribbean coast sustained any appreciable disruption by a closure of the road between St. Pierre and Precheur which has now been repaired.

Travelers are advised that all services on the island are fully functional and American Airlines daily flights to Martinique, as well as the special non-stop Saturday flights from New York's Kennedy Airport, are also operating without any interruption.

For further information and documentation on Martinique, contact the Martinique Development and Promotion Bureau, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020. Phone: (212) 757-1125, ext. 228.

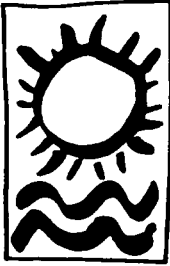
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JAZZ A LA PLANTATION" SLATED FOR JUNE 24-27 IN MARTINIQUE U.S. Artists Featured

(BASSE-POINTE, Martinique) -- Continuing the tradition established several years ago, the annual "Jazz à La Plantation" festival will take place this year from June 24 to 27 at the lovely Leryritz Plantation hostelry in the north of Martinique near the town of Basse-Pointe.

Organized by the "Joseph Zephir Cultural Center," this year's program features the American saxophonist Donald Harrison and the "Guardians of the Flame." Harrison is one of his generation's most talented musicians, a long-time member of Art Blakey's "Jazz Messengers" and perhaps best known for his synthesis of contemporary jazz and traditional New Orleans music.

On the program as well, is Wanda Rouzan, the New Orleans' blues and jazz singer who also symbolizes the close ties between Martinique and Louisiana that have been growing firmer ever since the Caribbean island's "Plastic System Band" and "Marcé & Tumpak" participated in several Louisiana cultural events in 1991. This year, Martinique's "Sasayesa" carnival group is representing the island at the "International Festival of Louisiana" in Lafayette and at the "New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival."

Rounding out the performances at the "Jazz à la Plantation" festival will be two local musical celebrities: Ton René and the trumpeter/percussionist Paco Charlery.

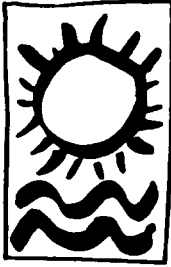
The opening ceremonies on the 24th are to take place at the Primerève hotel, followed by a gala concert at Fonds St. Jacques by the "Caribbean Jazz Ensemble." On Friday, the 25th, Wanda Rouzan and Paco Charlery will be featured at Leryritz Plantation; on the 26th, Donald Harrison and Ton René will perform; and on the 27th there will be jazz and entertainment at the beach with Wanda Rouzan and Donald Harrison.

For further information, contact the Martinique Development and Promotion Bureau, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020, Tel: (212) 757-1125, ext. 228.

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May 5, 1993

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MARTINIQUE'S "SASAYESA" PERFORMS IN LOUISIANA FROM APRIL 21 TO MAY 3
At the International Festival of Louisiana and New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

The Martinican band Sasayesa will perform as the official 1993 representative of the French West Indies island of Martinique at the "International Festival of Louisiana" to take place from April 20 to 25 in Lafayette, and at the "New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival" scheduled from April 23 to May 2.

Sasayesa, whose fame reaches far beyond Martinique (having performed in Canada and Cuba), is billed by the International Festival as a carnival band, 42 members strong, with a large horn section and featuring songs propelled by carnival rhythms. The group includes female drummers, a huge percussion section and colorful costumes, sure to be a hit on stage as well as in the Saturday promenade.

In Lafayette, as in New Orleans, Sasayesa will be appearing before a public already familiar with the multiple rhythms of Martinican carnivals that were introduced by the renowned "Plastic System Band" in 1991. In addition to its performances, Sasayesa will participate in workshops designed to familiarize young Louisianaans with the Martinique carnival as part of the island's cultural heritage. The 7th annual "International Festival of Louisiana," whose theme this year is "Expressions of Freedom," is a composite of music, plastic arts, theater, dance, cinema and culinary arts from Louisiana and French speaking countries the world over. All concerts are free, and the Festival transforms the city of Lafayette into a world-wide carnival. Sasayesa will therefore have its place in the heart of Cajun/Creole country.

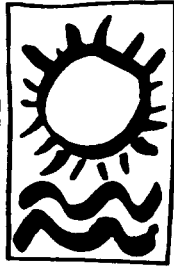
The 24th edition of the "New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival" is one of the most important music events of the year. Annually, it draws a crowd of more than 350,000 people during a 10-day period, as well as over 3,000 musicians, artists and special guests. Among the notables: Wynton Marsalis, Grover Washington, Jr., McCoy Tyner, Patti LaBelle, Santana, The Neville Brothers, King Sunny Ade, and the Duke Ellington Orchestra conducted by Mercer Ellington, to name a few.

Sasayesa's participation in the Louisiana events is sponsored by the organizers of the festivals in conjunction with the Martinique Development and Promotion Bureau in New York.

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April 14, 1993

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GADELOUPE'S PARC NATIONAL:
A CARIBBEAN FOREST PRIMEVAL

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Long before the term "ecotourism" entered the international lexicon, the French West Indies island of Guadeloupe set aside 74,100 acres, or about one-fifth of its entire terrain, as a Parc Naturel, or Natural Park. That was 20 years ago, and the move was hailed then and since by ecologists and environmentalists everywhere. The Parc quickly became a "must-see" on every serious tourist itinerary.

Today, with its new designation by the French Government as an official Parc National, or National Park, the preservation of one of the Caribbean's most beautiful wonderlands and the protection of its unique natural heritage is assured.

Located on Basse-Terre island, the western wing of butterfly-shaped Guadeloupe, the National Park of Guadeloupe is comprised of a tropical forest covering 42,731 acres (17,300 hectares) in the heart of Basse-Terre, and an adjoining area comparable in size bordering the leeward coast of Basse-Terre, from the community of Pointe Noire in the north through Bouillante to Vieux-Habitants in the south.

The Park's forest, unspoiled by commercialism, is an idyllic sanctuary in which man can study nature. Walking and hiking paths are well-marked, leading through lush foliage to peaks commanding breathtakingly beautiful vistas, cascading falls, and quiet rest areas, where the air is perfumed with orchids, magnolias, and frangipani.

Carpets of Epiphytes

More than 300 species of trees have been identified in the high-altitude savannahs and dense woodlands, including mountain olive, mahogany, limewood, rosewood, locust, laurel, and bitter cedar. Carpeting the rain forests and mangroves are such lovely epiphytes and creepers as bromeliads, anthuriums, philodendrons, golden fern, and pineapple wood.

With good modern roads, access to the National Park is relatively easy. From Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe's principal city which is on Grande-Terre, the eastern wing of the island, the trip takes 30 to 40 minutes. One drives along the excellent Route des Deux Mamelles, or Traversee (Route D23), extending from the little hamlet of Versailles across to the western seacoast village of Mahault.

Two popular stopping-off points along the Traversee are the Cascade aux Ecrevisses, a small crystalline waterfall with an inviting cool pond at its base, and

the Parc Bras David, which offers walking tours of varying lengths. Nearby on the Traversee is the Parc Zoologique et Botanique, a zoo and botanical garden with a refreshment terrace, which is technically on the outer fringes of the National Park grounds.

The Park's Crowning Glory

Among the many splendors within the tropical forest, several are of very major interest. The first, crowning all that the National Park of Guadeloupe has to offer, is La Soufriere, the 4,813-foot high volcano of steaming sulfur, water vapor and still-active fumaroles. Gateway to La Soufriere is Guadeloupe's little capital city of Basse-Terre, which sits just seven and a half miles from the famous landmark. Motor coaches take visitors from Basse-Terre and its suburb of Saint Claude almost to the top of the mountain, where there is a lookout and museum which explains the arc of volcanoes that form the Lesser Antilles. A walk from there to the top takes from a half hour to an hour, depending on fitness.

Other important attractions in the National Park include the dramatic Chutes du Carbet, a chain of three beautiful waterfalls which flow down the slopes of La Soufriere. Each can be visited from a different starting point, if time and skill allow. Also of interest at La Soufriere, and worth the one hour excursion, is the Grand Etang, or Great Pond, whose shores are rich in vegetation and reward visitors with remarkable scenery.

Titi the Raccoon

Like many national parks throughout the world, Guadeloupe's was created to preserve wildlife on its home ground and to allow animals to survive and multiply safely. Its official "mascot" is Titi, a raccoon, but the National Park is also home to such birds as the wood pigeon, bunting, hummingbird, turtledove, and thrush.

Small thematic huts, devoted to the volcano, the forest, or to coffee and sugarcane, are scattered throughout the Park. Well-conceived exhibits explain the history of these indigenous subjects.

On the southern fringes of the National Park, at Trois Rivieres, one finds the fascinating Archaeological Park containing rock engravings of animal and human figures, dating most likely from 300 or 400 A.D., as well as specimens of plants -- calabash, cassava, cocoa, pimento, banana -- which the Arawak Indians cultivated long before Europeans set foot on Guadeloupe.

The National Park has no gates, no opening or closing hours, no admission fee. The only thing asked is that certain rules of behavior be observed. Fishing and hunting are forbidden within the Park, even if allowed elsewhere on Basse-Terre; the picking of flowers and cutting of bush is prohibited; the use of radios and other sound appliances is discouraged. A quiet appreciation of nature and the environment

is encouraged.

Some advice to hikers and walkers from National Park personnel:

- Carefully plan your hike. Start early in the morning and provide yourself with detailed and up-to-date maps. A first-aid kit may be necessary.
- Before starting, find out about practicable routes, and keep to them.
- In the National Park, the weather may change any time. Bring sweaters and waterproof clothing.
- Wear hiking shoes; don't wear high-heels or sandals.
- Always let someone know about your route and how long you plan to be away.

Guided Hiking Tours

With nearly 200 miles of hiking trails, there are more than 50 possible excursions to pursue centered around themes such as the volcano, geology, fauna, flora, etc. Endurance levels run the gamut from easy to challenging to intermediate to strenuous. Guided hiking tours are possible through the Organisation des Guides de Montagne de la Caraïbe (O.G.M.C.), which is made up of 12 guides, all with French Government certification. Contact: M. Gérard Berry, tel: (590) 80.05.79. Easy one-hour guided hikes are moderately priced. A guided four-hour scale of La Soufriere Volcano costs 300F, or about \$55.

Information, maps, and brochures in English are available free from the Parc National de la Guadeloupe, Habitation Beausoleil, Monteran, Saint-Claude 97120, Guadeloupe, Tel: (590) 80.24.25, Fax: (590) 80.05.46. A second source of information on the National Park is the Guadeloupe Tourist Office, 5, Square de la Banque, Pointe-a-Pitre 97110, Tel: (590) 82.09.30, Fax: (590) 83.89.22.

For details on Guadeloupe prior to departure, write or visit your nearest French Government Tourist Office, or telephone "France on Call," 1-900-990-0040.

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