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To: LTER Coordinating Committee

March 18. 1987

From: Jerry Franklin

Subject: LTERCC meeting in Washington, DC

It's time to begin thinking seriously about our upcoming LTERCC meeting in Washington DC on May 14-15. Judy is beginning to make the arrangements for this session which will probably take place at the Lombardy Hotel. You need to begin making reservations, IMMEDIATELY AND THROUGH JUDY, so that we can minimize the travel costs. We can't afford regular airfares on our budget. She will be contacting you so, PLEASE RESPOND!

We will plan to begin the meeting at lunchtime so that you easterners ought to be able to confine your stay in DC to one night. We expect to be done by midafternoon on Friday.

A major purpose of this meeting will be to do an initial runthrough on a rough version of our briefing session so you are going to have to do some preparation. For this reason three sites are going to have to bring two people in (CPER, Andrews, N. Lakes). Note that we are looking for a replacement for Pat for the site overview as Pat is probably going to be an NSF staff officer by fall.

The basic concept of the session is to instruct agency and congressional staffers on 1) what the hell LTER is, 2) what we are contributing, and 3) how we can contribute to the future (e.g., IGBP etc.).

The basic plan for these talks is crisp and clean with just one or at most two simple ideas so we don't tax anyone's attention span. That is why the presentations are planned to be short. Good visuals will be critical.

Fred Swanson, please talk to Harmon and Schowalter to decide which one should present the paper. John Magnuson, please bring Tom Frost up to speed on his responsibilities.

Please contact me immediately if you need further reminders as to the content of your talks. Also, with suggestions for Pat's replacement on the program.

cc. Tom Frost (N Lakes)
Mark Harmon
Tim Schowalter
Bob Woodmansee

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JFF

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED 1987 WASHINGTON BRIEFING SESSION ON
LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM

Based upon discussion at the Jan. 24-25 LTER CC meeting in
Albuquerque, NM.

INTRODUCTION

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| 1. Introduction to session | Franklin | 20" |
| Emphasize complexity of ecological systems, outline
common theme/core areas for all sites, note concept
of biospheric observatories and relevance to IGBP | | |

CONTEXT

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| 2. Site & research overview | [Webber] | 25" |
| Outline salient characteristics and major research
efforts at each site | | |
| 3. Time lags, temporal variation, recovery
from disturbance | Magnuson | 20" |
| 4. Geomorphic perspectives: landform, soil
and vegetation relationships | Swanson | 20" |

SITE SPECIFIC SCIENCE (RESEARCH EXAMPLES)

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| 5. Regional soil organic dynamics & models | Lauenroth | 20" |
| 6. Biotic regulation of material flows | Swank | 15" |
| 7. Coarse woody debris in ecosystems | Schowalter/Harmon | 15" |

CATALYZING/COORDINATING RESEARCH

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| 8. FIFE: First Intensive Field Expt. (NASA) | Kaufman | 10" |
| 9. Experimental Acidification Project
(Little Rock Lake) | Frost | 10" |

ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND APPROACHES (FUTURES)

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| 10. Biological diversity, bioengineered
organisms | Tilman | 10" |
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11. Responses to global change Woodmansee 20"

SYNTHESIS

12. Synthesis Franklin 15"

 Cross-site comparisons; time scales, time lags

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May 5, 1987

MEMO TO: LTER Coordinating Committee
FROM: Judy Brenneman *Judy*
SUBJECT: Details for the May 14/15 Meeting

The May 14/15, 1987 meeting of the LTER-Coordinating Committee will be held in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Room #3008 of the South Agriculture Building (12th and Independence Avenue). A security guard will stop you as you arrive, and you will need to have them call Judy Cook (447-6665), in the Chief's office, to gain admittance. Please be ready to start the meeting by 1:00 p.m. on the 14th.

Agenda items include: 1) November briefing (will attempt a run-through, so be prepared); 2) Supplemental funds for senior investigators; NSF response (have we done it right?); and 3) The next LTER-CC grant proposal; will be meeting in late summer to define the content.

You will be staying at the State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, N.W., (202)861-8200. I have made reservations for each of you for the night of May 14 (Pat Webber, 13 & 14), and I have made arrangements to pay your room cost only. Please do not pay your bill yourself! You will be responsible for any incidentals that you charge to your room (meals, phone calls, etc.).

Roommate assignments are as follows: Don Kaufman/Tim Seasteadt; Bob Woodmansee/Bill Lauenroth; Jerry Franklin/Fred Swanson; David Tilman/Tom Frost; Rick Sparks/John Magnuson; Walt Whitford/Harvey Ragsdale; Pat Webber; Elizabeth Blood. If any of these "assignments" are unsatisfactory please work something out between the hotel and your roommate. I'm sure they could accommodate a couple of switches.

Remember that you need receipts for parking, limo, cab, bus, etc. (anything over \$5.00), but not for meals. Fred Swanson will be distributing reimbursement forms for each of you to fill out and return to me.

Hope the meeting goes well!

cc: Judy Cook