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Dear Prem Das,

Happy New Year. I am just back from Mexico. I had little time there, and the holiday craziness made getting around very difficult, but I did get up to Colorín and met Don José and Eligio. José is quite a character; I enjoyed being around him. I had only a short time to talk with Eligio, as he was in the village just when I was leaving. I asked him about the mushrooms and got descriptions of three kinds he says were used. One is clearly Amanita muscaria, the others I would have to see.

Everyone else around there denies any knowledge of mushrooms. Some people even told me no mushrooms grew there, although the habitats certainly look right. I am puzzled by José's lack of knowledge of them. Might that mean that Eligio got his story from some other group?

In any case, I think it would be worth going around with Eligio in late August to look for mushrooms and see which ones he identifies. Also, I think there is a good chance we could turn up psilocybin mushrooms on those mountains, and your friends would certainly be happy to have a source of them nearby.

I stayed overnight in Salvador Allende with don Carlos, who was very hospitable. Everyone there is looking forward to your arrival. Also, the Colorín folks say they are departing on a peyote hunt around January 20th and will be assembling in Tepic about that date. They would like to see you, too.

I am just about to leave for the east coast for a few weeks. I will be back here on the 28th, and if you have time on your way back north, you are more than welcome to come by.

Thanks again for your help and the explicit directions, which made the trip a lot easier. I'll look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you later this month.

Best,

