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I hope everyone remains safe and healthy from the COVID19 epidemic but I am sure that it has impacted many of us. The big Peace Corps news is that all volunteers have been removed and COSed/ETed from service. Some of our members will recall how hard the 2012 pullout from PC Honduras was. March 2 I returned from a two week trip to El Salvador where I was a PCV before PC pulled out and I (with many others) transferred to Honduras. While in Metapan I did a 12 hour grand tour of the northern Triangle nations. I visited Esquipulas, Guatemala; in Honduras I saw Nueva Ocotepeque and climbed Reserva Biologica Guisayote with a PCH trained guide; and then saw the art of La Palma, El Salvador for a return to Metapan. One of my former students in Metapan worked with a PCV El Salvador at his school! There is lots of info in this newsletter. Steve shared the links to 8000 PC Honduras photos. We have a report from the Junior Ranger project we funded. NPCA has news about the PC pullout. The August PC Honduras reunion is still on see <https://amigosdehonduraspcv.weebly.com/>

TREASURER REPORT

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Treasurer's report for period ending March 31, 2020. As the previous treasurer retired from the official duties of the organization, it is with much appreciation that all officers helped with the transition process. As of close of 1st quarter 2020, the ending balance of the Amigos de Honduras account was \$7,545.07. Withdrawals were minimal during the quarter.

Beginning balance 01/01/2020
\$5,529.21

Ending balance 03/31/20
\$7,545.07

4/25/2020 Grant to CAMO for \$1,031.40 was given so current balance is now **\$6513.67**.

NEW 2020 ADDRESS TO MAIL CHECKS TO AMIGOS DE HONDURAS: c/o Anthony Ives, P.O. Box 46605, Seattle, WA 98126. Editor note: Remember to send dues and donations to our treasurer, Anthony Ives and National dues to the National office in DC.

SECRETARY REPORT

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Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership dues. We had a great response to our February Newsletter and received about 20 updated memberships and our super sleuth Fred Corvi has located at least 5 RPCVs. So, my records show we currently have 136 members receiving paper copies of their newsletters and 49 members receiving theirs by email. If you wish to change how you receive your newsletter please let me know.

I've added the newly found RPCVs to my paper copy list. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$50.00 for 5 years. Your membership entitles you to a subscription of our Amigos de Honduras newsletter that is printed February, May, August and November. The back page of the newsletter, Membership Info, is how you can keep us updated with your pertinent information. We love to hear from you! Just a reminder: you can always check your membership due date by looking at your mailing label. Thank you to members who sent me notes to correct their expiration date. I'm hoping I have it all correct now. Our group affiliation with NPCA has been updated for another year.

AMIGOS GRANT FUND

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Grant Fund! We

wish to recognize the following recent donors. **1st quarter 2020 donations:** David Dassey, Cheri Damschroder, Arlene & Ruben Hernandez, Marlene Martin, Stephen Dylinski, Areitta M.C. Wiedmann, John D. Evans, Mickie Lee, Amey Adams, Martha Sweitzer, James Buston, and Heidi Given. Amigos has received \$910 in donations over the past two quarters. **The Grant Committee consists of Anthony Ives, Loren Hintz, Judith Whitney-Terry, and Suzanne Mills.** Please send new grant requests to Anthony at luckyp49@yahoo.com The most recent grant was to CAMO (Central American Medical Organization) founded by RPCV Kathryn Tschiegg. Please check out this website and learn about all their work! <https://www.camo.org/>

JUNIOR RANGERS
Environmental Education
Program by Onan Teruel
(coordinator)



The Junior Ranger program is part of the Montana de Vida project. Amigos de Honduras received a **Grant Proposal** in 2018 for funding protective equipment, tools, fencing and vivero bags for 3 nurseries through which the Junior Rangers will learn about the environment.

Each nursery would be managed by a team of Junior Rangers with supervision and assistance from program staff and community members. Each reforestation initiative would be the core of a learning process that will teach the Junior Rangers and other community members about ecological processes, biodiversity and sustainability. For example, they will have to include plant species that will provide fruit for quetzals throughout the year, or nectar for hummingbirds.



The Montaña de Santa Bárbara national park is located in central Honduras, this being the second highest place in the country and it is the largest limestone mountain massif in the entire Central American isthmus. Its maximum height is 2,744 meters above sea level. Due to its location it has a very wet climate since water evaporates from nearby Lake Yojoa and the mountains trap the humidity. This park is home to a wide variety of endemic plants, amphibians, birds, and reptiles.

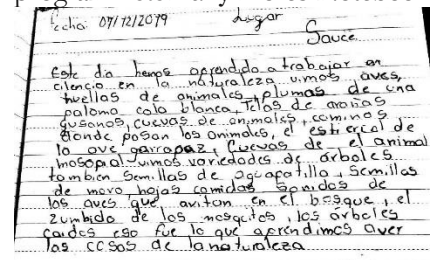
Within this framework, the creation of the Junior Rangers program arises, with which we train and create awareness among young people with their environment, being responsible for their use and maintenance. This program is carried out with young people from three communities in the northern sector of the Santa Bárbara Mountain, San Luis Planes, El Sauce and El Dorado with ages between 12 and 14 years old. It is held on Saturdays; also involving Montaña de Vida guides, educational

centers and parents of the participants. To do this we initiate activities showing them the basic knowledge so that the participants understand about the formation of the mountain, types of ecosystems, the importance of conservation and sustainability of our region, local, regional, national and international context and the types of threats and necessary actions to handle such threats.

Thanks to “Amigos de Honduras” for the support for the creation of nurseries with plants for reforestation of deforested areas, for feeding birds, mammals and insects and that serve as an appropriate structure for habitat, as well as the reforestation of sources of water in our communities.



Raising awareness among young Rangers of the importance of our area and promoting the value of conservation with these types of activities is one of the mechanisms that help us preserve all the natural wealth of our Santa Bárbara Mountain National Park and allow us make a change of attitude towards our earth, because teaching to take care of the environment is teaching to value life. This is what some of our participants told us about this program: **fotoKiany Flores Notebook**



Dariel Villanueva “In this day of November 2019 we learned to work as a team. It was good to learn how to use the safety Helmet and how to use the tools of work. They gave us a knapsack and we did interesting activities. They gave us a nice lunch and the activities we did in the school of El Sauce.”



Briccidly Enamorado “Hiking the Quetzal Trail was an unforgettable Experience. I could observe many interesting things like different flowers and hummingbirds. I could hear crickets chirping. I could see different kinds of palms, orchids and trees. I could see the large seeds of oaks and all types of beauty.”



Editor Note: Before Peace Corps pulled out, PCVs including **Alicia Ward** (2011-12) served in these communities. An Australian **Robert Lambeck** later arrived and worked with the local groups. The original program involved international ecotourism. Birding Guides include RPCV **Robert Gallardo** and local birding agencies brought clients including me to the area. The fallout

from the contested Nov. 2017 presidential election caused international tourism to decline. A new focus was on the domestic tourism market and environmental projects. I visited the area again in Oct. 2018. Amigos reviewed a proposal and agreed to fund it. Unfortunately it was very difficult to wire the money. The organization seemed unable to respond for our requests for bank account information (SWIFT number, physical address etc.) and there were several changes in local leadership. Eventually we were able to wire the money. AID and other agencies were ready to sign a contract with Montana de Vida for various projects including Junior Rangers that we were supporting when the Trump Administration cut off aid to the Northern Central American nations to change their emigration policies. Robert contacted me earlier this year saying there were new issues with local governance, funding had dried up and he was leaving the country. **The last post on their Facebook page stated:** “Unfortunately, due to financial difficulties, Montaña de Vida is unable to continue with the implementation of its programs. Consequently, Onan Teruel and Robert Lambeck have decided to discontinue their work with the organization.” I encourage everyone to look at their website and Facebook pages. After the Coronavirus ends, head back there and share what you learn. <https://www.facebook.com/santabarbaraLFV/>; <http://www.montanasantabarbara.com/>

PC REUNION. AUG. 6-10, 2020. Peggy Goebel (Yoro, 1973-75) As of now the reunion is still on. Peggy and Terri are optimistic that by August, we will be able to travel and gather, but we will remain in a holding pattern until early July, when we will need to place deposits. If we do not gather in August, Terri will

refund your deposit (or you can request a refund earlier, if you wish). Contact Peggy or Terri for the latest. Details were in the Feb. issue and can be found at the website <https://amigosdehondurasrpcv.weebly.com/>

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NPCA Glenn Blumhorst Dear folks, we want to make sure that you are aware of the actions the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) is taking to assure the long-term survival of the Peace Corps, to support the recently evacuated Peace Corps Volunteers, and to allow RPCVs the opportunity to enlist in domestic COVID-19 response efforts. Please show your support for NPCA by joining; basic membership is FREE, but NPCA welcomes contributions from "Mission Partners" to help carry out its work. NPCA has been working closely with Congressional leaders on Peace Corps-related legislation. On April 3, Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) [announced the first Peace Corps-related bill](#) for a next round of emergency legislation to address the pandemic and its impacts.

After in-depth conversations with NPCA, Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Representative Dean Phillips (D-MN) [issued a bicameral Senate/House letter](#) to the Secretary of Labor asking that evacuated RPCVs and AmeriCorps volunteers be eligible for unemployment benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Act. A second letter calls upon Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide RPCVs with the opportunity to enlist in domestic COVID-19 response efforts.

NPCA is in coordination with various lawmakers to ensure Peace Corps and its Volunteers received added considerations in the next round of funding. To learn about PCVs' evacuation stories go to <https://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/>

COMSA Anthony Ives (La Ceiba, 2003-5) Café Organica Marcala S.A. or **COMSA** for short is a unique cooperative of 2,500 family farmers. Located in Marcala, La Paz, Honduras, the cooperative has experienced tremendous growth. The idea was incubated with the support of the Executive Director, Rodolfo Penalba, and other local farmers. Always the idea was to incorporate education, economic development, and best practices for agriculture around a regional community project.



Foto: Co-op New coffee packaging. In the early 2000's, members of the community began discussing the idea. The global economy was experiencing an economic crisis. Local businesses and cooperatives were collapsing. Support was difficult. However, the founding members realized that strength was developed through sacrifice and community organization. As a Peace Corps volunteer in La Ceiba 2003-05, I would travel to Marcala to meet with the cooperative and my friends. In 2005, I traveled to Marcala right before we traveled to Tegucigalpa to meet with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), provided educational and economic support for the inception of COMSA. JICA is the Japanese

version of USAID. Rodolfo had to travel to Japan to learn organic and shade grown farming techniques for coffee production. It was necessary to leave Honduras for six months. The agreement was that in exchange for support, COMSA and Rodolfo in particular, had to impart the knowledge throughout Honduras. During that time, COMSA incorporated another regional cooperative into the operation allowing the organization to rapidly expand their presence in the Honduras. By adopting best practices related to coffee production including shade grown, organically grown without harmful pesticides, and other production methods, COMSA became an attractive regional player and is now an international exporter that includes Starbucks as one of its premier customers. The cooperative has sales across the world in countries including Japan, Italy, France, Russia, and the United States. In late 2019, the cooperative received funding from the World Bank in order to expand processing; the funds were used directly for the purchase of a roaster as processing substantially increases the margins that farmers receive.

Foto: Experimental side of COMSA



Among its' unique characteristics that sets it apart from other organizations is their dedication to growth as a community. By planting seeds, sustainability becomes broader in scope. COMSA has a dedicated international school. Students study from early education through secondary years. Many of

these students receive international scholarships to study abroad. Many speak several languages, as this is a dedicated principal for learning. There are currently 300 students enrolled in the two prestigious schools. The schools use fulltime instructors as well as international volunteers to teach curriculum. COMSA has also developed businesses for youth and women for recycling, **Foto: Recycling sign**



agricultural development throughout the region. They have become an instrumental key in convincing regional and national farmers to stop using harmful pesticides; USAID provided assistance in this project.

Due to the recent pandemic, exports closed as products were not allowed to leave the country. As a result, COMSA closed its doors for a period of time. But I recently spoke with COMSA. They have restarted business and exports. Normally during this period, there are 400 employees; to date there are 250 but expect to be back in full operations shortly. This is a vibrant, efficient, and wonderful enterprise started with a shared vision and dream, and continues to flourish to international support. The two international schools will reopen in accordance with national rules. As a former Peace Corps volunteer, I am proud to still be part of the COMSA family. You can find COMSA and the COMSA international school on Facebook. Consider joining to receive regular updates. You can also buy the coffee through various roasters online and around the United States. **Just say Marcala, Honduras or COMSA!**

PCV SEARCH TEAM Fred Corvi <fcorvi2002@yahoo.com> Hi Search Team members and others, Many have asked me why I continue to maintain our PCH contact list? I get to hear Peace Corps stories that are amazing. I've made new long-distance friends. And the best ever is below!!!! "Thank you Fred for the email— as a result, **Deb Homan Cerrato** from Texas and I from Alaska, were able to meet in NYC. Cheers to all! **Ed. note: Steve recently sent out the master email list Fred researches.**



DROPBOX PHOTOS FOR HONDURAS RPCV'S Steve Phelan, '73 stephen.d.phelan@gmail.com

DropBox is a file sharing site where I set up a bunch of Peace Corps Honduras photo sharing folders. These links will let you see about 8000 pictures taken by PCH's over the years. They are organized by decade, on the assumption that you are most likely to want to see photos from about the time period you served in Honduras. Just click on the links. You do not have to install any software to see these pictures on any device, including your Mac, PC or smartphone. You may see the contents of any of the folders by left-clicking on the link (or sometimes CTRL-CLICK). You may download the pictures, if you wish. But you cannot edit the pictures, nor upload your own pictures to the various folders. Why not? **DropBox is a SYNCHRONIZATION site.** When you have edit permission for

any DropBox folders, the system automatically copies the entire contents of that folder onto your hard drive, then keeps your copy of the folder synchronized with the master copy in the cloud. If anyone adds photos to the Master, they are automatically added to your personal copy of the folder. But there are over 8000 photos out there in these folders, and if you have edit permission to all of them, you will find that a LOT of your disk space gets eaten up, about 7GB, in fact. And since DropBox works on your phone, you will soon run out of memory somewhere. So what are you tempted to do? Delete those folders on your hard drive, of course. Unfortunately, DropBox then synchronizes your folders with the Master folders by deleting the Master folders in DropBox. **MAJOR HEART ATTACK** for yours truly, at least the first time it happened. (It turns out they are easy to restore, since this happens all the time.)

Still, this kind of thing does cause a spike in my blood pressure. The solution is simple. **If you would like to upload pictures**, just let me know. I will give you edit permission to the PCH Transfers folder. You can bundle your pictures up in a folder and post that folder to Transfers. I will then move it into the appropriate PCH folder under your name and dates of service. That way, the Transfers folder never has anything in it for any length of time, it doesn't take up any space on your disk, and you won't be tempted to delete it. And if you do, it won't matter, since it's empty anyhow. Did all that make sense? Or, you can email the pictures to me, or whatever works for you.

Have a look at the links below and let me know if any of them don't work. If you want to add your own pictures, let me know that as well, and I'll give you permission to upload to Transfers. Have fun with

the photos! Lots of memories there. **FYI No photos have yet to be uploaded to PCH-1960's.**

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PCH Reunion

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PCH Reunion

2016: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k7sktpb4kk8retw/AAB3AksfguoE6UUDnL2N4G3Za?dl=0>

Editor Note: There is also a Facebook page where RPCVs are invited to share their Honduras photos. Check it out. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/552463318424786/>.

HONDURAN NEWS

Compiled by Loren Hintz

4.20.20. La Tribuna Translated by Mark Reilly. Forty years ago Honduras had an election which brought down the military and brought democracy to Honduras. Everyone expected the National Party closely tied to the military to win but it was not to be. Reluctantly, General "Polo" Paz set the elections for April 20, 1980, with the Liberal Party winning with 35 deputies compared to 33 of the National Party and three of the PINU, which began its electoral debut, but not the PDCH that was marginalized of this process, but registered for the following. As had been agreed between the nascent political class and the military hierarchs, for having restored power to civilians, the assembly was installed on July 20 and ratified General Paz García as head of state while the deputies drafted the new constitutional text and they were preparing the general elections for November 29, 1981. These elections, finally, were won again by the liberals, thus inaugurating a new

era in the country. **Editor note: the complete article will be shared later.**

4.17.20. Facebook. Mirna Orellana. 1. The naturalized US citizen Jasmin Judith Almendares Zelaya of Olanchito, Yoro, Honduras was found buried in the back yard of her home in Sampson County, North Carolina. She had been missing for several weeks. Her husband confessed to the crime. 2. Facebook friend shared CNN español says US Project Airbridge is buying PPE from Honduras for US hospitals while Honduran doctors and nurses lack equipment.

4.15.20 LATimes Because of the pandemic, Guatemala is refusing to accept deportees who are not Guatemalan, putting on hold a controversial deal it made with the U.S. last year. Under that arrangement, Guatemala had accepted some 900 Salvadorans and Hondurans whom had been denied the opportunity to seek asylum in the United States. As for Guatemalan deportees, officials said the first to test positive for COVID-19 was an adult male who arrived March 26 from Mesa, Ariz. On March 30, Guatemala Vice President Guillermo Castillo "begged" the U.S. to stop deportation flights to Guatemala, according to an interview with a local radio station.

4.24.20. LA Times. When it comes to supplying ventilators and other coronavirus aid to Central America, Trump administration officials say they are not playing favorites. But countries that have been more cooperative on immigration and other issues seem to have moved to the front of the line. **The presidents of El Salvador and Honduras** have promised to try to keep their citizens at home and away from the trails of migration toward the United States.

"Just spoke to President Nayib Bukele of El Salvador," Trump tweeted. "Will be helping them with Ventilators, which are desperately needed. They have worked well with us on immigration at the Southern Border!" "Just spoke to President Juan Orlando Hernandez of the Republic of Honduras. We work closely together on the Southern Border. Will be helping him with his request for Ventilators and Testing." The United States doesn't share a border with Honduras or El Salvador, so Trump was presumably referring to agreements in which those countries have pledged to take back migrants and asylum-seekers. For Guatemala, however, which is facing a similar or worse coronavirus threat, Trump had no offers of support. Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei in recent weeks has repeatedly blocked/unblocked/re-blocked deportation flights from the United States transporting Guatemalans.

4.25.20 Reuters TEGUCIGALPA Poor Hondurans who were barely eking out a living selling basics on the capital's gritty streets prior to the coronavirus outbreak are now sleeping on those same streets as they can no longer afford their rent. Perla Maradiaga, a 35-year-old mother of two, had been selling water from a street stand, but now begs for donations after her sales collapsed since the government last month ordered offices and schools closed in an effort to contain the pandemic. Maradiaga is one of what locals say are at least three dozen informal economy workers in Tegucigalpa who can no longer afford the apartments they had previously been renting, and are now forced to spend the night on the streets, with no means of protecting themselves from infection. Since March 25, the government has been delivering care packages of basic foodstuffs door-to-door, which include items like beans, rice, hand

sanitizer, and face masks. They estimate that some 3.2 million people had received the packages. But the newly homeless who Reuters spoke said that without their own place, they had received nothing. Honduras has reported nearly 600 confirmed coronavirus cases to date, as well around 50 deaths. **(Ed. note 5.2.20 now 899 cases/75deaths.)**



3.20.20 Corie Welch
<https://www.solidaritycollective.org/post> On Sunday night, I made the extremely difficult decision to leave Honduras and return to the United States to continue my work stateside in the wake of the spread of COVID-19. Ultimately, I decided that as the only staff person on the ground here, the risks of staying in Honduras during the pandemic were too high. However, as I was purchasing my flight home, the Honduran government closed its borders without warning, and now I find myself unable to leave. **(Ed. note: found flight out later.)** But as cases of COVID-19 rise, there are two factors that increase the risk for anyone in Honduras: the abysmal public health sector and extreme militarization. The public health sector in Honduras remains one of the least equipped in the world, lacking supplies, medicine, and general funding from the government, due to widespread corruption and mismanagement of funds by public officials. Before COVID-19 reached Honduras, the healthcare system was already suffering and facing its own crisis with dengue fever. In this year alone, Honduras has seen 9 deaths due to dengue. As the threat of COVID-19 looms, the Honduran public health

sector will be unable to handle such a severe outbreak. There are few respirators available in public hospitals, no biohazard equipment for health workers, and general lack of faith, which has been exacerbated by the President's recent purchase of respirators that cannot be used to treat COVID-19 patients. In a place like Honduras, we are likely to see record high death rates given the inability of the Honduran government to respond to the previously outstanding medical needs of its population, let alone a global pandemic.

4.11.20. Kathryn Tschiegg of CAMO wrote: Honduras is on curfew according to your last digit of the SS the days you are allowed to be in public Numbers: 1 & 2 Mon., 3&4 Tues., 5&6 Wed. 7&8 Thurs., 9 & 0 Fri... As of today, there are no known or reported cases of CoV in Santa Rosa de Copan. 6 AM - 5 PM you are allowed to be on the street according to the day of your number. Only services open are the banks and food distribution chains, otherwise, everything is locked down. This curfew was expected to end next Sunday but was extended one more week. In the largest cities Teguc, San Pedro, La Ceiba, Porta Cortez this situation is different, most of the cases are being reported from these areas. These cities are also seeing crimes of people robbing cars after going to the market for food. People are really hurting here as the majority of low-income families had contractual jobs and these people have been let go. We had a 61% underemployment or unemployed before the pandemic, now I do not know the number but it is much greater.

4.11.20 Katinka of Beaks and Peaks writes: I'm glad you are fine! We also, although we still have not been able to get to our house in Gracias. For now we are at Yojoa

Lake, in BioParque Paradise (where Robert's bird book was launched). We are in good health, and fortunately in a very beautiful place where we can at least walk and enjoy nature! Here is an absolute curfew. No one can go out, except to stock up in supermarkets or pharmacies - and this only 1 day a week, depending on your ID number. The grocery stores are always open, for people from the same community. The quarantine rules are very strict here. The government is delivering bags with some basic products to the neediest families, but this takes a long time, and I don't know until when they will be able to organize this type of delivery. Many fear that soon there will not be enough food, and no one will have money to buy because no one can go to work. Fear there will be protests. But for now everything is still quite calm. The borders are closed (unless for importing necessary products). No one enters or leaves, apart from foreigners who were stranded in the country, for them they are still organizing some evacuation flights. Some say that the peak of contamination will occur in 2 to 4 weeks, and others say that this will happen until September! I think nobody really knows. The epicenter of the pandemic here in Honduras in Cortés, mainly in San Pedro Sula and Villanueva. And yes, there are many armed forces on the streets. Driving is prohibited, and if one does not have a pass, they can stop and confiscate the vehicle. Thousands of people have already been arrested! **4.19.20 Radio HRN** says first full week of May number of cases will reach 1300 and then grow exponentially. So far only 2000 tests have been done. Mortality is between 8-10%. Hospital Escuela only has protective equipment for a week more. This is predicted to be a fatal situation for medical staff. **(Editor Note: this is the most pessimistic estimate of all the articles I read.)**

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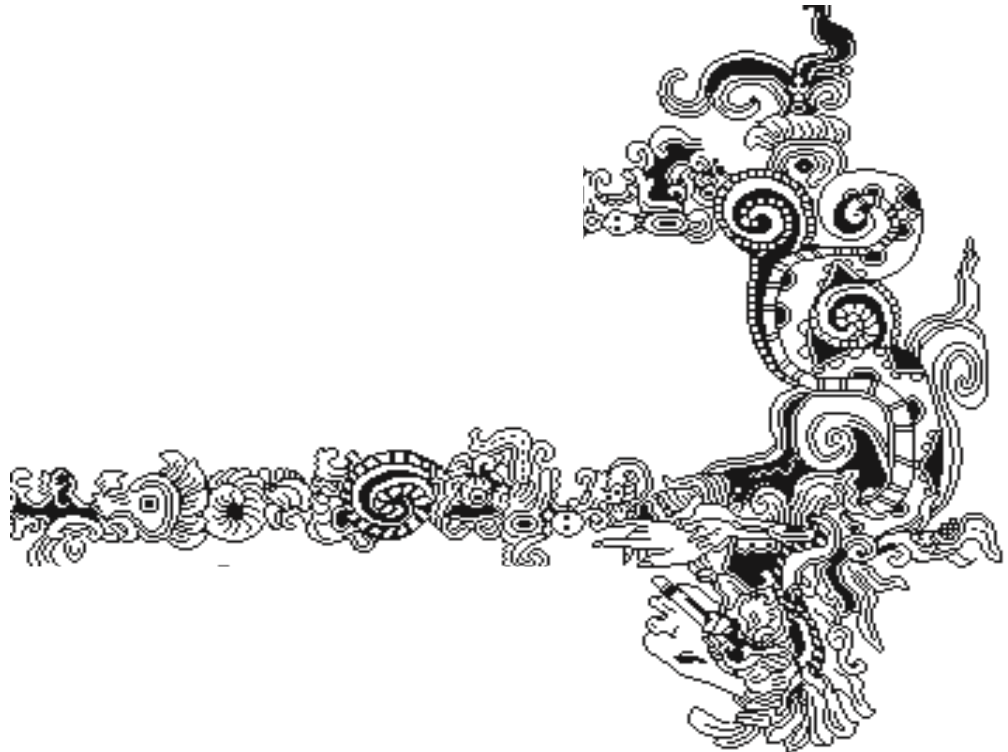
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