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Memorandum

To: Chief, Office of Management Authority
From: Chief, Office of Scientific Authority
Subject: Permit Application to Import Cheetah Trophy from Namibia

We are returning permit application PRT 778597 submitted by Frances S. Carnes to import a sport-hunted cheetah trophy from Namibia. The cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) is listed on Appendix I of CITES and is endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. At COP8 in March 1992, the CITES Parties did support an export quota of 10 sport-hunted cheetah trophies for Namibia, but we are responsible for considering whether the import will enhance the survival of the species.

We are returning this application because we do not believe that sufficient information has been presented to establish that the limited sport hunting of cheetah will result in any measurable reduction in the killing of cheetahs to protect livestock. Furthermore, there is no information on the distribution and use of license fees. In summary, there does not appear to be any clear evidence that this import will enhance the survival of the species, and therefore, in keeping with Fish and Wildlife Service practice, we do not believe that an import of a sport-hunted trophy of this endangered species is warranted.

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