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LATIN AMERICANS VISIT FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FACILITIES

Two Latin American government officials have departed from Washington for a three-month tour of Fish and Wildlife Service facilities in the continental United States. Dr. Hilary J. Deason, chief of the Service's Office of Foreign Activities, announced today.

The officials—Dr. Ergasto H. Cordero, director of the National Museum of Montevideo, Uruguay, and Fernando Obregon, a fishery expert in the Mexican Ministry of Marine—will tour the United States under the sponsorship of the Department of State and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Their visit is a part of the State Department program promoting economic, scientific, and cultural cooperation among the American republics. Under this program, the Fish and Wildlife Service supplies technical assistance in the development, conservation, and management of Latin American fishery and wildlife resources.

Dr. Cordero and Mr. Obregon are among the first Latin American scientists to visit Fish and Wildlife Service establishments in this country. Six Latin American students are now also in the United States receiving training from the Service that they will eventually apply in their own countries.

Dr. Cordero is the second Uruguayan to come here in recent months. Dr. Raul Vaz Ferreira, of Uruguay's Oceanographic and Fish Service, who was here recently, visited the Pribilof Islands, off the southwestern coast of Alaska, to study methods of fur-seal management.

Mr. Obregon is on his first visit to the United States in 20 years. He was educated at the Peekskill, N. Y. Military Academy, and lived in the United States for 11 years. At one time, he was an agricultural attache of the Mexican Embassy in Washington.

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