

2.3.5 Clearances - Outward Bound

No special clearances were needed for the equipment and supplies, particularly since no toxic material (for example, as standards for base camp analysis for use in the calibration of instruments) nor electronic equipment was included.

Efforts were made beforehand to discuss transportation issues, including the matter of excess baggage costs, with airline representatives. This produced a false sense of security since, when the time came to travel, it was found that virtually everything had to be discussed anew. Airline personnel as well as customs officials properly took an interest in the contents of the two coolers packed with a variety of equipment. A simple letter/manifest of contents helped to satisfy most inquiries.

2.4 Regional Activities

2.4.1 Chronology

Table 1 outlines the general flow of activity from the time of arrival in the host country until departure.