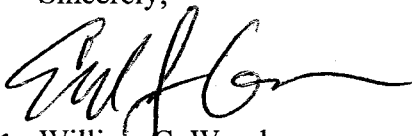


specifically bred to closely resemble the wild species, it is important that individuals moving these cats across international borders abide by the Service's import/export requirements so that we can confirm the pedigree of the specimen. Because "new blood" is routinely bred back into the pedigree, hybrids will remain as one of the Treaty obligations to which the Service will remain attentive.

We have met with, and explained to, Mr. Hutcherson that the Service cannot treat one type of hybrid different from any other. We have also carefully reviewed the background information provided by Mr. Hutcherson and noticed numerous misconceptions that we would be happy to further clarify. We understand Mr. Hutcherson's passion for this breed of cat; the Service shares his passion for all animals.

We hope this information proves useful to you and your constituent. If you have additional questions about this matter, please contact the Office of Law Enforcement

Sincerely,



For William C. Woody

Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement

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