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MEMORANDUM

TO: Tim Johnson, Chief, Endangered Species
FROM: Alaska Shultz, Endangered Species Biologist
SUBJECT: Pronghorn w/o introduction in Arizona

On September 26, 1987, I attended a meeting in Tucson to discuss the upcoming re-colonizing of Sonoran pronghorn on Caboza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range. At that meeting an Arizona Game and Fish Department employee stated that in December they plan to jet Chihuahuan pronghorn from Texas to transplant into the Altar Valley of Arizona. The Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is located in the Altar Valley. A transplant of Chihuahuan pronghorn antelope into this area could eliminate the possibility of future translocation of Sonoran pronghorn on the Buenos Aires NWR. Because we have been unable to determine yet why the Sonoran pronghorn population on Caboza Prieta NWR does not seem to be able to increase, translocation of pronghorn to the Buenos Aires may well be the most promising, if not only, way to recover this endangered mammal.

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