
Mayan Esteem Project Report

Fall

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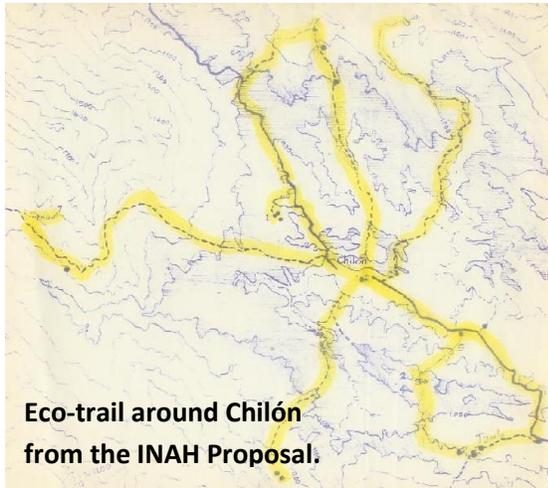
INAH Proposal Denied

The Mayan Esteem Project submitted an excavation proposal to the Mexican Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) on 17 August 2005. We received a letter 29 November 2005 denying our proposal.

It is our intention to reapply with hopes for a successful relationship with the new President of Archaeological Council at INAH, Mr. Roberto Garcia Moll. Mr. Garcia Moll replaced the retiring Joaquin Garcia-Barcena Gonzalez, with whom we had established a relationship in anticipation of our proposal.

Currently I am occupied with finishing my doctoral studies in Geography at Texas State University-San Marcos and expect to be in a position to make a new proposal to INAH in the coming year of 2008 sometime around August.

I have continued site inspections at Bolon Kin and have reported the results to INAH. A new entry into the mural site was discovered in July of 2006 – this may have been a professional



archaeologist from the appearance of the fill. Inspection this past summer of 2007 found that one of the two property owners had installed new fencing and made extensive superficial excavation across the peak of Bolon Kin. These incursions were reported to INAH.

We would like to welcome Professor Emeritus of the Department of Anthropology at The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Henry Selby back to the Oversight Board of the Mayan Esteem Project. Dr. Selby was one of our founding board members. He replaces Mr. Seymour Dreyfus who resigned after three years of service to the board and curtailed his activities after his long successful run with the Alamo Pre-Columbian Society. Thanks to both these gentlemen for their years of service.

To all of you who have supported the efforts of the Mayan Esteem Project with your time, interest, and money I thank you for your patience and continued support.