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In compliance with the requirement to send a supplement to the BITNET Membership application, I am explaining to you the following:

- 1. The Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educación Superior, ICFES, is a governmental institution adscribed to the Ministry of Education, whose purpose is to foster higher education in Colombia.
- 2. As such, the relationships of the institution to higher education are as close as can be. ICFES is also in charge of the certification of programs of study in all disciplines, to the extent that they cannot function legally in our country, without the institution's approval.
- 3. ICFES was chosen by the Ministry of Education to be the central node of BITNET in Colombia, in order to manage the network for all Institutions involved and to help as many colleges and universities join in this important effort. The physical node, to which all other institutions will connect will be the Universidad de Los Andes, located in Bogotá. The Universidad Nacional de Colombia, also located in Bogotá, has been chosen as backup node.
- 4. The Universidad de los Andes is at present finding out if the kind willingness shown a year ago by Mr. Benjamin Klein, Executive Director of the University Computer Center at CUNY, to support our



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connection is still standing. Mr. Klein's telephone in New York is (212) 903-3608 and his BITNET user ID is BSKCU@CUNYVM.

Thanking you in advance for the trouble that this may cause you and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

MARCO PALACIOS Director Genera

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