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Dr. Rohit VOHRA is documenting rock-carvings and inscriptions in Ladakh, and already has over 1700 photos, to be archived in New Delhi and Luxembourg. These have an advantage over manual copies showing the antiquity of the script, thus aiding dating. In 1986, many inscriptions were recorded in the Indus valley, Pangong and Nubra, some previously recorded by Francke, others not. Many sites however are endangered or have already been destroyed by road-widening. Vohra found over 30 Sogdian and Tokhanian inscriptions in an archaic version, inscribed within the body of an ancient stupa drawing. Help would be welcomed in locating, photographing, and documenting all such evidence of the culture and history of Ladakh. It is hoped to complete the documentation in 1990, but the transliteration and translation of the inscriptions will continue with the help of Professor Dieter Schuh and others. Dr. Vohra can be contacted at 31 Rue de la Foret, L-8317 CAPELLAN, Luxembourg.

The following Fulbright grantees have recently begun research in Nepal. They can be reached c/o USEF/N, Box 580, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dr. Guenter ROSE. Chairman of the Department of Psychobiology at Bowdoin College, Maine. Dr. Rose is studying ayurvedic drugs and their effects on the central nervous system. He will be lecturing at the Institute of Medicine on the topics of Neurophysiology and development psychobiology.

Joseph MANSBERGER. A cultural geographer from the University of Hawaii, Mr. Mansberger is studying the role of sacred forests and forest management. He is travelling to many of the sacred forests in and around the Valley to investigate their history and function.

David GERMANO. An anthropologist from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Mr. Germano is translating Buddhist Nyingmapa texts.

Joanne WATKINS. An anthropologist from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Ms. Watkins is studying social roles in Tibeto-Burman society. She expects to conduct the main part of her research in Manang.

Anne PARKER. A cultural geographer from the University of Oregon, Ms. Parker is working in eastern Nepal, studying land use. She is continuing work begun in April 1988 in Sakhuwasabha District.

Linda WEISS. An anthropologist from Columbia University, Ms. Weiss is studying female-headed households in Palpa District. She is working primarily with Brahmin-Chettri women but will study Magar and Newar families for comparative purposes.

The following East-West Center scholarship recipient has recently begun research in Nepal:

Gregory MASKARINEC. An anthropologist at the University of Hawaii, Mr. Maskarinec is working in Jajarkot.

