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Pela Diretoria da ESA

Viçosa, 7 de fevereiro de 1956

Dr. John J. McKelvey
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Dear Dr. McKelvey:

This is the first unconditional chance I have to acknowledge for your letters of Dec. 21 and you Jan. 13 mostly because I have been away from Viçosa since Dec. 26.

I must say that one of the reasons why I stayed at Belo Horizonte for so long is related with your first letter. And this was caused by the need of securing from the State Governor some sort of assurance that our school would receive from the State an amount to match that of your donation as required in your letters of Dec. 21 and Sep. 21.

Unfortunately I must say that for some four weeks I was completely misled by poor orientation about the financing procedures of the State. But fortunately when every thing was looking gloomy enough a scheme was worked out and with the help of "deputado" Megale and prof. Alencar it was explained and accepted by the Governor.

Enclosed you will find copies of two letters sent by him to this Directory and to the "Secretario da Agricultura". When I left B. Horizonte the process to receive the amount corresponding to 1956 was already in good progress at the Departamento de Produção Vegetal.

Because this part of the year corresponds to our vacations most of the teaching personnel are away for short periods and this makes it difficult to have made a complete revision of our list. I hope to be able to send it to you during the first half of March.

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Mr. Maestri is back at Viçosa now and I showed to him your letter which was very inspiring to him I am sure. We are writing to Dr. Watson as you suggested to do. I am sure he is still undecided about the University to choose.

I am giving publicity to your letter concerning the scholarships for young graduates. Unfortunately I know of no name available for this program so far. All of our best graduates had already jobs when they graduated and with better salaries than the initial ones in our school. When I have a more definite information I plan to write again about this subject.

I hope your knowledge of our bureaucratic conditions will help to understand my situation during the last few weeks and the reason why I was forced to this delay in my answer to yours letters.

It is a pleasure for me to present to you my sincere personal thank you for the fine interest that you have shown in my school. A more formal letter in the name of the faculty shall follow as soon as we can hold our first general meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Escola Superior de Agricultura da
Universidade Rural do Est. de M. Gerais

e.s.s.

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