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Dear Rector Machado:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter, and I appreciate your sending with it a copy of your letter of May 17th. I am sorry that the original copy of your earlier letter never reached me.

The request for support to purchase additional equipment for the School of Home Economics has been discussed with the appropriate officers here in the Foundation. We are interested in seeing this school develop just as rapidly and soundly as possible for we recognize and appreciate the important role which it has in helping to improve the living conditions in and around the home of the rural families of Brazil. Our interest is further increased by the fact that this is the first school of Home Economics at the university level in your country.

In our preliminary consideration of your request several points have been discussed which call for additional information and clarification before our officers can feel in a position to recommend this request for the consideration of our Board of Trustees, which has the responsibility for the final decision. The principal point in this regard is in connection with the degree of local interest and support for the School.

It is our understanding that the School, after eight years of operation, has not yet received accredited status as an educational institution at the superior level. We are also under the impression that budget for the School's operation and growth represents less than ten percent of the total annual budget of The Rural University of Minas Gerais. According to the information which we have, all of the equipment which the School now owns was purchased from the modest grant of funds which the Foundation made in 1954. While we realize the financial problems which you and your associates have in operating and further developing the School of Agronomy and the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Rural University, the question in the minds of our officers who are concerned with this request is whether or not the third and newest school of the University is receiving support

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commensurate with the potential value which Home Economics has for the future development of the rural population of your state and country.

We are very pleased to have the good news of the recent action of the Conselho establishing a uniform salary scale for the staff members in all of the Schools of the University. The new salaries seem to be quite good.

We will gladly give further consideration to the possibility of providing funds for the purchase of half of the needed equipment if we can have the assurance that the other half will be provided from local sources of support. In this case, we would need a rather detailed list of the equipment to be purchased indicating those items which would be purchased with the Foundation's funds which would have a total value of approximately \$30,000.

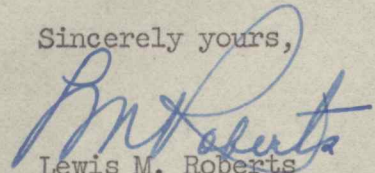
It would greatly help to support the presentation of the request to our Trustees if we could have other good news from you, such as that relative to salaries for the staff, in regard to additional support for the operation and further development of the School of Home Economics.

If we can have a response from you with the list of equipment that I have suggested by not later than September 25th, we can perhaps present the request to our Trustees at their October Board Meeting. If we are unable to bring this before the Board at that time, a final decision on the matter will then have to be postponed until sometime in the early part of next year.

I, too, am very disappointed in not getting to see you when I was in Brazil. I tried to call you when I was in Rio at the hotel where Dr. Antonio Vieira Machado thought you might be staying, but I was told that you were not registered there. I look forward to seeing you on my next trip which will probably be in March of next year.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,



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