

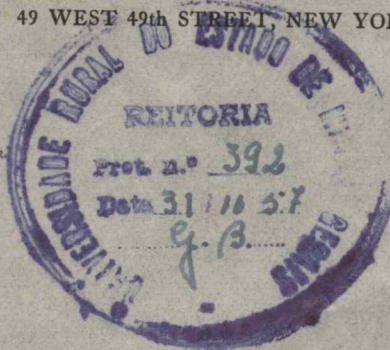
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Dear Rector Menicucci:

I have just returned to New York from my extended trip through South America and have held further discussions with Dr. Miller and with our colleagues regarding the request before us from the Rural University for a further grant in support of the teaching and research programs of the three units of the university: the Schools of Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, and Domestic Science.

As a result of these preliminary discussions, I find that on the one hand it would not be advisable to consider recommending, at this time, a grant which would include support for all three schools, but that on the other hand it might be most advantageous for you to have in our hands, at the earliest possible moment, the detailed background material that we need relative to Dr. Machado's request for equipment for the new veterinary school buildings and for the several research programs currently under way, together with his request for research expenses, which could involve salaries for certain temporary graduate assistants, for the support of the school's most important research programs, the total not to exceed the \$200,000, which you considered absolutely essential, over the next five years.

As I am sure you are fully aware, Dr. Miller and I will need to hold several more preliminary but important conferences with our colleagues before we can hope to bring this proposal to the attention of our Trustees in December, and it is most urgent, therefore, that you confirm the information about State and Federal Government support for the school, given verbally while we were in Belo Horizonte and stated in much of the earlier correspondence, namely:

1. that the State Governor has turned over the Hospital Penfigo to the School of Veterinary Medicine. (In the case of a previous grant, when the Governor of the State agreed to provide a special budget for the school, coordinately with an appropriation to come from the Foundation, he wrote a letter to that effect. In this case, it would be important for us to have a letter from the Governor, or at least his written approval of your letter, stating that he has provided this building for the school.)

Dr. Lourenço Menicucci

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2. that the 5,000,000 Cruzeiros will be available from the Federal Government to finish this building.
3. that 10,000,000 Cruzeiros will be made available from other local sources to finish the construction of the building.
4. that the State Government will provide the land around the building, an area of about 50 acres.
5. that the school would have a satisfactory budget for operating expenses in 1958, substantially increased over its budget for 1957.

Confirmation of these points and a letter from Dr. Machado, listing, according to the teaching and research disciplines in veterinary medicine, the equipment and the research expenses for which the proposed \$200,000 of Foundation money would be spent over the five-year period, are immediately necessary. In fact, a brief telegram confirming the above-mentioned points, stating also that the letter would be forthcoming regarding the Governor's approval of the Penfigo project and that a letter from Dr. Machado, giving the details of the proposed expenditures on a possible Rockefeller Foundation appropriation, would also arrive at our desk early in November, would be most satisfactory.

With best regards from Dr. Miller and me.

Very sincerely yours,

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