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Dear Rector Potsch Magalhaes:

Your recent letter addressed to Mr. J. Kellum Smith, Jr., Secretary of the Rockefeller Foundation, has been referred to me in Agricultural Sciences for reply.

The grant was made available to the University over a four-year period in order to provide sufficient flexibility in the use of these funds to adequately meet any difficulties which might be encountered in obtaining furnishings and equipment for the women's dormitory and the services of four outstanding professors of domestic science from abroad. We anticipated and understood during our discussions with you and with Director Carvalho Ferreira of the School of Domestic Science that these professors would be brought to Vicosa during their sabbatical leaves at a rate of probably one per year over the next four-year period. However, if there were sound justification and if it appeared more realistic in line with availability of such professors to have two of them serve during any one-year period, this can be arranged. We expect the UREMGE to take the initiative in identifying and corresponding with these professors who are to assist in the School of Domestic Science, but Foundation officers here will be pleased to help in any way we can in communicating with them, taking into account the time lag involved in continued correspondence between Brazil and the United States.

In reply to your specific question concerning the amount to be expended each year, we assume that, in line with the original budget covering the two requests from the School of Domestic Science and costs of collection and evaluation of native food plant species by the Institute of Plant Breeding in the Department of Horticulture, you will forward to us an annual budget which will be based upon needs for equipment and furnishings for the School of Domestic Science for the current year. If all physical installations have been completed, then we will be pleased to initiate purchase of all material required up to a total of approximately \$25,000. If for any reason it appears desirable to postpone the purchase of this equipment for the School of Domestic Science until next year or the following

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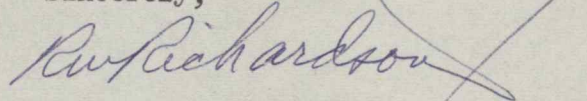
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year, this can be done and should be included in subsequent annual budgets and lists of equipment required in the future.

The funds in the amount of approximately \$12,000, which are provided for assistance in the collection and evaluation of native plant materials, are expected to be coordinated with the visit of Dr. Homer Erickson, whose travel plans, as I understand at this time, have not been made completely definite, but who will probably be spending the latter half of this year at Vicosa, working with your staff members on this project. We are considering the possibility of providing a travel grant to Dr. Erickson to enable him to participate in this study which would include round trip air transportation and some local funds for living costs and local travel. We would expect you to budget the use of the \$12,000 approximately in line with your original budget submitted with the request to the Foundation for support of this program. I hope that your staff members will continue in close correspondence with Dr. Erickson on this matter and keep us informed.

We are pleased that the Foundation has been able to be helpful in these important areas of education*research at the Rural University in the state of Minas Gerais.

Sincerely,



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