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Dear Rector Potsch:

I am sorry that I missed seeing you on my recent visit to your University. I did have a very pleasant, though much too short, visit in Vicosá; and I was taken care of very well indeed by Ing. Chaves and many others on the staff.

Ing. Chaves took me to visit the library and explained the problem of continuing the subscriptions to the principal periodicals caused by the difficult economic situation which the University is in at the present time. I understand and appreciate the seriousness of the problem, especially in view of the fact that the University does have under way now a very active postgraduate training program. I told Ing. Chaves that I would be willing to present to our grants committee a request for a grant in aid up to a maximum of \$15,000 to help with the solution of this problem provided that the request makes it very clear that this is only a temporary problem that will have a permanent solution once steps have been completed to federalize the University. I also pointed out to him that, before I could present such a request to our grants committee, I would need a detailed list of the periodicals for which subscriptions have lapsed or are about to lapse.

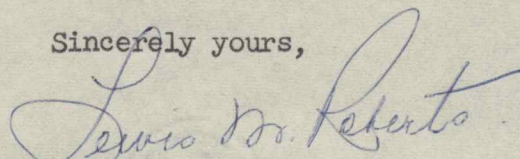
I feel certain that we would not be in a position to provide funds to continue such subscriptions for more than two years into the future.

I have no way of knowing, of course, what the decision of our grants committee would be if I were to present them with a proposal and request from you along the lines which I have

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outlined; but if you will send me the detailed information that is needed, I shall be pleased to present this request to our grants committee.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis M. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

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