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Dear Miss Ferreira:

I am pleased to respond to your letter addressed to Dr. Harrar which has been referred to me for a reply. I only regret that there has been such a long delay in my answering your letter. We do appreciate very much hearing about all of the interesting developments that have been taking place in your school since I was last there about five years ago. I would like very much to have the opportunity to see the progress which you and your staff have made, and there just might be a possibility that I will have this opportunity before long. I am planning to be in Belo Horizonte beginning the evening of Wednesday, March 24, until Saturday, March 27. I am not sure yet whether I will be able to get over to Vicosa; but I surely hope so if I could do this within a day and a half. I do not feel that I could spend more time than that since I have some things I must do in Belo Horizonte. Mrs. Roberts will be accompanying me on this trip; and if the roads are not too bad, I believe we would like to have the opportunity to go at least one way by car. If you will leave word for me at the Hotel Normandy or contact me there soon after I arrive, we can see what can be done to work out plans so that I can visit with you in Vicosa.

With this prospect in mind, I will not comment on the request which you have submitted for additional help for the school. As you know, The Rockefeller Foundation has done very little in the field of domestic sciences and the grants which we have made to your school in the past are about the only exceptions. We do appreciate the good job you have done in building up the school and the important role that it plays in rural development, not only in the State of Minas Gerais but in other parts of Brazil as well. Although the possibilities do not