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Dear Dr. Roberts:

In reviewing my correspondence from the recent weeks, I found your letter of September 15 advising that you would visit Viçosa. A reply was not feasible under the circumstances of the immediacy of your arrival.

However, I would like to take this opportunity to say that we enjoyed your visit very much and are looking forward to the favorable action on scholarships for the several outstanding candidates of the UREMG and to favorable action on the proposal for journal acquisitions for the Main Library of the UREMG. Our Project staff, including the Chairman of the Library Committee, Dr. Kirk L. Athow, have discussed this problem with the Reitor Dr. Edson Potech Magalhães and with Dr. Morris Gelfand, the Ford Foundation Library Consultant who has visited here several times in the past three years. We all think that this is an important, critical and viable investment for the future research and the graduate activities of the Universidade Rural do Estado de Minas Gerais. Therefore we would like to document our hearty support of this project. In fact, to the extent allowable within our limited budget, we will plan to help stabilize the acquisition of basic journals through longer-run subscriptions. Our resources are, however, quite limited and we will not be able to make a very significant immediate contribution to the overall needs of the university which involves more than 100 basic journals.

I've also received a recent communication from Dr. James M. Spain replying to a letter which I wrote him shortly after your visit here, mentioning your interest in the Planalto (cerrado) soils. It looks like we will be able to get together at the American Society of Agronomy meetings in Washington and plan some time for a look at some of the soils of the llanos in Colombia on my return from the United States.



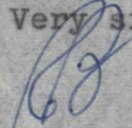
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Since I am travelling on personal vacation and since my travels take me primarily to Washington, Purdue and Western United States, it does not look feasible at this time for me to visit New York. If for any reason, you should need to get in touch with me while I am in the States, I will be staying at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington and later will be visiting in the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University.

As I indicated in a short discussion the first afternoon you were here, my responsibilities upon return to Purdue University will involve full time activity in international agriculture. Therefore I am interested in programs which fit with Purdue University's international involvement objectives and which also merit the interest and support of the internationally-oriented foundations and other organizations such as Rockefeller Foundation, Ford Foundation, etc. I hope at some early date to have another opportunity to travel to New York to talk with you and others of Rockefeller Foundation concerning the possible directions which these activities might take.

Once again, we enjoyed having you visit Viçosa and are sure that you were impressed with the progress which has been made over the period since your earlier visit.

Very sincerely yours,

  
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