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Dear Dr. Menicucci:

RF 56050

By this time you have undoubtedly received the two cables we sent to you regarding the urgency of extending our appropriation RF 56050 in favor of the School of Agriculture at Vigosa, if you wish the uncommitted funds for equipment under this appropriation to remain available.

We trust that we will receive a cable from you within the next day or two advising us of your desire to have this appropriation extended. We can, of course, take no action without your recommendation for an extension.

As a matter of fact, the delay in securing import licenses for some of the lists of equipment has been so great that my colleagues raise the question whether or not the original lists compiled by the staff the School of Agriculture are still valid.

It so happens that I expect to be in Belo Horizonte on Wednesday, May 27. I shall be arriving from São Paulo at 8:40 a.m. (via National Airlines Flight 350), and I shall be carrying with me copies of the lists of equipment requested under this grant. If it is not possible for you to secure import licenses on the basis of your copies of these lists, perhaps mine can be used for this purpose.

This matter must receive urgent and special attention, and I do hope that you will be successful in securing the appropriate import licenses long before my arrival. If this is not possible, and if it should be necessary to take this matter up with government officials, including the Governor, while I am in the São Paulo-Belo Horizonte-Rio area, I shall be glad to make time available for such meetings.

Dr. Lourenço Menicucci Sobrinho

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Dr. L. M. Roberts will accompany me to Brazil in his capacity as Assistant Director for Agriculture. Dr. Roberts will be assuming responsibility for our grant and fellowship program in Latin America, and I shall be turning my attention toward the development of our agricultural program in Africa.

Although our schedule, as it now stands, does not permit us to take the time to visit the school at Viçosa, if there is any way in which we can borrow a day from our stopover in São Paulo or Rio, we shall do so in order to make the trip to Viçosa.

We would, of course, expect to spend some time on Wednesday at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine with Dr. Machado.

Very sincerely yours,

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