

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
49 West 49th Street, New York 20

September 21, 1955

Dear Dr. Schlottfeldt:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 25 with the attached information about the agricultural school at Viçosa. My colleagues and I have now studied throughly all of this material.

I had hoped you would be in New York early this month and that we could discuss personally many of the problems with which your letter and attached material deal. Evidently you found it impossible to include New York in your itinerary.

Dr. Braga was entirely correct in thinking it advisable to endorse the statement which you forwarded to us about the school, its resources, and its needs. Obviously, should you follow up the presentation of this preliminary material with a definite request for certain items of equipment and supplies, the Foundation would want evidence that the Rector, as well as the University Council, supported your proposal solidly, just as it would want assurance that your request represented the most vital needs of a unified faculty.

We appreciate greatly your summary on general considerations, economic conditions, personnel and material necessities of the school and interpret the inclusion under "material necessities" of such items as light and power, surface paving of the main roads, the construction of buildings, and other capital costs, as being for our information only and as items which you really expect to finance with funds from local sources.

If you would ultimately present a definite request to the Foundation for some of the equipment listed under your Point 4.2, it would be highly desirable for you to elaborate on what portion of the materials and equipment listed as necessary for 1955 you would normally expect to purchase from Brazilian State and Federal funds, what portion you might expect to purchase with additional special funds from Brazilian sources, and what portion you would hope to secure through a possible grant from our organization. A proposal which showed clearly a definite intention of the university to provide funds to match those requested from the Foundation for the purchase of equipment or for operating expenses would naturally have greater appeal to our colleagues than one that didn't.

I would appreciate your earliest possible reply to this letter.

Very sincerely yours,
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