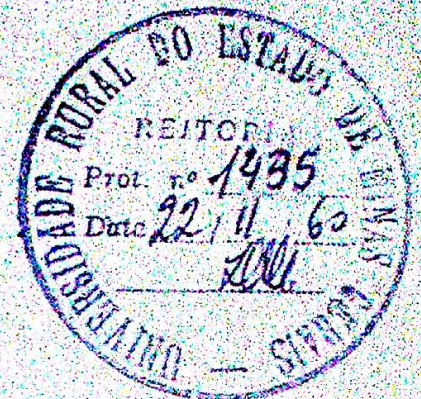


October 29, 1960

Mr. Lewis M. Roberts  
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

I trust our cable explained to your satisfaction why it was impossible for us to comply with your request prior to September 25. I am sorry we have had so much difficulty with our correspondence. We at UREMG and ESCD appreciate your sustained interest in our request for assistance in equipping the school's new classroom and laboratory building. Your letter of September 6 will be of special value to me in going before the State Legislature and the executive boards of other agencies to request matching funds. You have my personal assurance that Rural University will duplicate any Rockefeller Foundation Grant Funds that are forthcoming.

Attached is an itemized list of the expenditures contemplated for equipping and furnishing ESCD. It will be noted that all expenditures are to be made from a common fund in case the Rockefeller Foundation should care to stipulate those purchases to be made from the funds.

Since my last letter ESCD has made the following progress in gaining further financial support and recognition. The school's 1961 appropriation from the State is twenty percent higher than its 1960 appropriation. Its appropriation from the Federal Government for construction purposes was doubled. Plans have been approved for a new dormitory for the school and the construction of the first wing, which will house 150 students, will be started shortly after the first of the year. In addition to matching the Rockefeller Foundation Grant Funds, during the 1961-1962 fiscal year the University will have to raise approximately Cr\$8.750.000,00 (eight million seven hundred fifty thousand cruzeiros) to furnish and equip this wing of the dormitory.

Degrees from the School of Home Economics are now recognized by the State of Minas Gerais. The Governor of the State recently signed a special decree which made it possible for all the school's faculty members who were not Superior School graduates to qualify for Superior School degrees. ESCD professors carrying on approved research projects will receive the same remuneration as faculty members in the other schools of the University. If Rural University should become federalized, it is anticipated that ESCD will receive the same federal recognition as the other schools within the University.

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I sincerely regret that we were unable to forward the information you requested in time to have it presented at the October Board Meeting of the Foundation's Trustees. I trust it will be presented and discussed at a later date. We shall be glad to provide any additional information you might need. As soon as you know the dates of your next trip to Brazil, please advise me of the date on which we might visit.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Reitor  
Universidade Rural do Estado de  
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