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Dear Dr. Braga:

When we met in October we discussed your interest, and that of Director Matoso of Vicosa, in the possibility of Escola Scholarships which would make it possible for two selected members of the graduating class to have a year's experience in Mexico.

I am happy to inform you that funds are available which will make it possible for the Escola to send two men a year for the next three years, beginning with the class which will be graduated in December, 1951. In order for me to go forward with the matter, I will need to receive promptly from you and Director Matoso a letter requesting Foundation assistance.

Although we discussed a number of details in Vicosa, I give you below pertinent information concerning the proposal and the methods of operation:

1) Two men can be chosen from each of the graduating classes of the years 1951, 1952, and 1953.

2) The principal fields in which sound training and practical experience can be obtained in association with the staff members of the Mexican Agricultural Program are: plant genetics and breeding; plant pathology; economic entomology; and soils and agronomy problems, including forage crops. If a highly qualified member of the graduating class had a particularly keen interest in pursuing work in some other field, this fact could be conveyed to me, and I could determine whether he could have a thoroughly satisfactory experience in Mexico.

3) You and Director Matoso would appoint a Selection Committee, preferably composed of professors who have had experiences abroad and possibly including the professors in the fields most highly developed by the Foundation's cooperative program in Mexico.

4) The Committee would take into consideration all factors, possibly with emphasis on the man's character, the likelihood of his being useful in the future through possible association with the Escola or with the State Secretariat of Agriculture, in addition to his scholarship record.

5) Appointees would be Escola Scholars and would not have any direct relationship to The Rockefeller Foundation. They would not be

Foundation fellows, for a number of reasons including the fact that they were not chosen after a visit by a Foundation officer and have no assurances of official, full-time, adequately-paid positions to which they would return.

6) Foundation funds which provide these scholarships would remain in New York. Round-trip travel for each appointee would be furnished either through the Rio office of the Foundation or direct from New York. In addition, the expenses of a complete medical examination, including an X-ray thorex plate, would be defrayed by the Foundation, this examination to be arranged through the Rio office on your request to Dr. Causey. Finally, the grant would provide a stipend in Mexican pesos in an amount slightly larger than that received by the young Mexicans of comparable professional status, for a period of not to exceed 12 months' residence in Mexico.

7) Your Committee would select the two most qualified men from the 1951 graduating class who wish to have such an experience. Dr. Causey would, at your request to him, supply you with modified fellowship application forms, which are the only ones we have available for scholarship appointments.

8) After the completed scholarship application forms have been sent to Dr. Causey, he will transmit them to New York, together with the results of the medical examinations. If the medical findings are acceptable, you would subsequently be notified concerning the award of the scholarships.

You would then have to correspond with Dr. J. G. Harrar, Director of Agricultural Programs, Oficina de Estudios Especiales, Calle Londres, 45, Mexico 6, D.F., to determine the date on which your appointees could be received in Mexico.

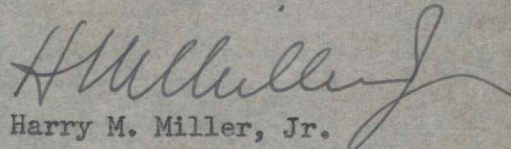
When agreement has been reached with Dr. Harrar, Dr. Causey would then be able to provide transportation to Mexico and to give each appointee a sum of money for incidental and such overnight expenses as might be necessary in Santa Cruz, Lima, and Panama.

9) The appointees would be permitted to remain in Mexico for a period not to exceed 12 months, provided their performance were judged to be satisfactory by Dr. Harrar and his colleagues. On their eventual return to Brazil they would probably be allowed to spend a few days in one or more Central American countries, visiting, for example, the Escuela Agricola Panamericana, in Honduras, and the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, at Turrialba. Also, if it seemed important, they might be allowed to stop over briefly in Colombia to visit the Faculties of Agronomy at Medellin and Palmira, and in Peru, to visit La Molina.

I trust that the joint letter which you and Director Matoso will write can reach me promptly, and that in it you will raise any pertinent questions, if you do not understand how this special scholarship program operates.

Sincerely,

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CC: Dr. Joaquim Matoso

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