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Dear Dr. Schlottfeldt:

It has just come to my attention from our Shipping Department that we have thirty cases of various supplies and equipment purchased under our grant RF 56050 held in the warehouse here in New York, awaiting receipt of import licenses from you so that they can be shipped. Some of these cases have been here since mid-year 1957, and other arrived in early 1958.

The storage charges for these materials represent a considerable expense, which has to be covered from the funds of the grant. This simply means that the Rockefeller Foundation funds are being diverted from their primary purpose of supporting educational and research institutions to the upkeep and profits of a warehouse company. This we do not like to see happen.

Our records show that various members of our staff have written you letters requesting these import licenses. We shall appreciate very much having an answer from you and, if it is not going to be possible for you to get these permits into our hands within another month or at most six weeks, we shall be forced to cancel this grant and to distribute the materials already purchased to other institutions with which we collaborate and which have need of them. Included in these supplies are various chemicals, some of which no doubt now have deteriorated with age.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rector Menicucci, with the hope that he will be in a position to give you considerable assistance in obtaining these permits. Mr. Heins, Head of our Purchasing Office, has been instructed not to place any orders in the future until he has an import permit to cover the items in his hands. He will obtain quotations and send these in the form of proforma invoices to you and will await placing the order until he receives the corresponding import licenses.

Sincerely yours,

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