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February 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Schlottfeldt:

May I acknowledge your letter of January 20, which arrived at our offices today.

With respect to the list of equipment and supplies accompanying your letter, the items you have included on these lists have our approval, and accordingly I am mailing your letter of January 20 to Mr. Karl Kolb authorizing him to supply you with the materials on which he has given firm quotations.

I am turning this material over to our Comptroller's office. They will make the necessary arrangements for payments on these supplies.

I appreciate very much your explanation on the action of the State Government of Minas Gerais in allowing up to a 70% increase in salaries of the staff members of the School of Agriculture and a general increase over and above this for all Minas Gerais employees. These moves are among the most important that the Government can make in the improvement of the School of Agriculture and other educational institutions in Minas Gerais.

There is no urgency about the allocation of \$50,000 for initial salary supplements to full-time staff members engaged in research from the Foundation appropriation to the School of Agriculture. If on the one hand you feel that as a result of two salary increases in the past year now is an inappropriate time to make further salary adjustments among your staff, funds from our appropriation to the School meant for this purpose need not be allocated now. If on the other hand salaries of strategic staff members are still too low to compensate for the general increase in living costs and are behind those for similar positions in other parts of Brazil, we would be interested at least in the full details of such a counter proposal as you may wish to make in answer to my letter of October 29 restating the conditions governing the use of the \$50,000 for salary supplements.

Dr. Carlos S. Schlottfeldt

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I had hoped to be in Brazil in March or April this year, but now it appears as though my trip to Brazil will take place in September. When my travel plans become definite, I will, of course, advise you about them and make specific arrangements to see you in order to clarify a number of questions which may arise with regard to use of funds from our appropriation to the School.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

  
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