



UNIVERSIDADE RURAL DO ESTADO DE MINAS GERAIS

ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE CIÊNCIAS DOMÉSTICAS

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R. W. Richardson, Jr.
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The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20

Dear Dr. Richardson:

I was very sorry that due to a series of incidents I was not able to talk with Dr. Roberts personally. I want to reaffirm our appreciation of the past help from the Rockefeller Foundation, and a hope that our request for additional help will receive favorable attention.

The request for twenty-five thousand dollars for equipping the dormitory is because it is easier to get federal appropriations for building than it is to get appropriations for equipment that would make the building usable.

The second part of our request for \$12,000 over a four year period for professors on sabbatical leave who may be willing to collaborate with the school would be extremely valuable in the present phase of the development of the school. For the most part our teachers are young. Only one at present has a master's degree. Seven of our women teachers are married making graduate study in another country difficult in this phase of their life. Our teachers are interested in self improvement as evidenced by the fact that 12 are presently taking one or more basic courses in the graduate school at UREMG. These courses include statistics, analysis of statistical data, biochemistry, analysis of food, and methods of research. Some of these teachers would be able to finish their masters requirements here if there were someone to orient the research and theses.

The need for well trained professors is forcibly brought to our attention by the increasing demands placed on the school. The federal minister of agriculture has asked us to assume responsibility for orientation of the secondary schools of home economics under his jurisdiction; the federal minister of health has asked for some help in training welfare workers; ACAR, the state extension service, is increasingly asking for help.

These additional demands on the school are coming at a time when there will probably be a decrease in the technical help from Purdue.

We need help from experienced home economists to assist us in the new programs and also to help in orienting theses and other research needed to answer problems in the areas of nutrition, management and housing. The four people we are requesting are not many