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Dear Ignacio:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 12. I appreciate your frankness very much, and I shall be equally frank with you. First of all, I should like to reassure you that this Foundation continues to have a sincere interest in the University of Concepcion Faculty of Medicine, and I personally wish to congratulate you upon the splendid progress that has been made in medical education under your direction.

The former fellows from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Concepcion have been able young physicians, and they have all made good academic records in the United States. As I told you in a previous letter, we were especially pleased with Dr. Olmos and Dr. Vivaldi who have recently returned to Concepcion.

As you know, one of the major objectives of the Foundation fellowship programs is better inter-American understanding through cultural exchange. It has been our experience that the doctor over forty who has not been to the United States previously usually does not adjust so well to the life in the United States, and for this reason he does not always prove to be the best diplomatic representative from your country. For example, most of the U. S. programs at the graduate level are planned for physicians in the late 20's or early 30's. The older Latin American physician perhaps is already a professor when he comes to the United States, and he is apt to resent being placed in the position of a student and having to compete with men much younger than himself who have recently graduated from medical school. Also, if his English is not fluent, he does not make as good a record as his younger U. S. associates who do not have an English language handicap, and he is apt to develop a sense of inferiority and may even come to dislike the United States. There are exceptions to all rules, and the Foundation does from time to time grant fellowships to older candidates providing their English is fluent.

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Both Dr. Kinde and I have interviewed Dr. Guillermo Beddings Reyes, and, as you know, we both recommended him for a fellowship. A fellowship was not granted to him at your suggestion.

I have read Dr. Kinde's field notes concerning candidate Dr. Juan Enriquez. It was Dr. Kinde's belief that his English was not adequate for study in the United States at the time of his interview. He would like to study orthopedic surgery in the United States with Dr. Green at Harvard Medical School. The Foundation, several years ago, granted a fellowship in orthopedic surgery to the University of Concepcion Faculty of Medicine for Dr. Raúl Melo Melo, and he studied with Dr. Green at Harvard. The Foundation usually does not grant two fellowships in orthopedic surgery to the same medical school. For this reason, even though his English were adequate, I doubt that the Foundation would consider him as a candidate.

The Foundation will be glad to grant a fellowship in anatomy to the Faculty of Medicine. As you know, Dr. Kinde interviewed Dr. Edgardo Enriquez. He gained the impression that Dr. Enriquez's major interest was the administration of the Naval Hospital, and that he would not resign from this position to accept a full-time position with the medical school. Also, Dr. Kinde did not believe that his English was ready for the United States. The representative of the Foundation on his next visit will be glad to discuss this candidate with you again.

As you know, Dr. Kinde also interviewed Dr. Marcelino Varas Funezalida, candidate for a fellowship in psychiatry. He stated that Dr. Varas' English was not yet ready for the United States. The representative of the Foundation will be glad to interview him on his next visit to Concepcion.

Dr. Kinde was favorably impressed by the nurses presented to him by Miss Peake. They could not be considered as candidates for fellowships in view of the fact that they spoke no English, and they could converse with Dr. Kinde only through an interpreter.

The Foundation is very much interested in the field of nursing service administration. It is a major problem in the United States as well as in Latin American hospitals. I have discussed the subject with Miss Tuttle. Four fellowships in this specialty have been awarded to the University Hospital and the School of Nursing at the University of Chile.



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It is our hope that when these four nurses have all returned to Chile that the Foundation may underwrite the cost of a course in nursing service administration at the University of Chile which would include fellowships for Chilean nurses from regional hospitals of Chile.

I am not sure that I personally will have the privilege of visiting Concepcion again. I am sure, however, that you may depend upon the continued interest of this Foundation. I shall be very much interested in your reaction to this letter and for any advice that you may have for the Foundation and for me personally.

The request for the equipment for the Department of Physiology and for Dr. Biel's department was presented at our recent budget hearings. It will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation in the near future.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



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