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Dear Dr. Gonzalez:

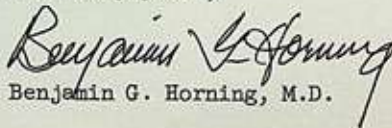
Thank you for your kind letter of July 5. I have read with interest the paragraphs concerning Dr. Mario Altamirano as a possible candidate for the position of professor of physiology at the University of Concepcion. I have not met him, and it will not be possible for me to visit with him during the next two or three months. However, I have made some inquiries through friends who have told me that he is an able young man but too immature at the present time for such a responsible position.

I have taken the liberty of discussing your letter with Dr. John Weir, of the Rockefeller Foundation. He has agreed to interview Dr. Mario Altamirano in the near future after which he will confidentially express his opinion of him to me, after which I shall communicate with you.

I am relieved to know that you have secured a professor of physiology from the Catholic University for the remainder of the year, and I am pleased to know that Dr. Vivaldi has been appointed Professor of Physiopathology. He made quite a brilliant record in the United States, and I am sure that he will serve the medical school with distinction.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin G. Horning, M.D.

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July 29, 1955

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Dear Dr. Gonzalez:

I regret that I have not been able to visit New York to interview Dr. Mario Altamirano whom you are considering for the position of professor of physiology at the University of Concepción Faculty of Medicine. As I indicated to you in my last letter, my very good friend, Dr. John M. Weir, whose judgment I prize very highly has agreed to interview him, which he has done. He was very favorably impressed with Dr. Altamirano. I have taken the liberty of quoting the following paragraph from his letter for your information: "Personally I would feel that Dr. Altamirano is mature enough and able to develop a first-class department. I think it would be a worthwhile project if he could be sent back to Concepción."

One of the points about which Dr. Altamirano was wondering was whether there would be qualified people at the University of Concepción in the Departments of Physics and Biochemistry to cooperate with him in research. As you know, this Foundation continues to be interested in the University of Concepción, and I am sure that it will provide fellowships in these fields if your faculty need further training and it may help in other ways as may be indicated.

Dr. Weir has advised Dr. Altamirano to write to me. As soon as I hear from him I shall correspond with him again. If he does accept the position in Concepción, it will be necessary for him to remain in the United States for another year in order to have a thorough orientation as to teaching. If he should need a fellowship for this purpose, I believe that the Foundation will consider granting it.

Please feel that I am available if I may be of further help to you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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August 2, 1955

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Dear Dr. Gonzalez:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 27 which was received in this office on August 1. I expect that by this time you have received my letter of July 29 in which I told you of Dr. Weir's favorable impression of Dr. Altamirano. For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter, dated August 2, that I have written to Dr. Altamirano. As soon as I hear from him I shall communicate with you again. In the meanwhile I shall be grateful if you will provide me with the following information:

1. What salary will you be able to offer Dr. Altamirano?
2. If you make the offer and he accepts the position when must he assume his responsibilities with the University of Concepción?

I hope that you will assure the distinguished rector of your University, Don Enrique Molina that the cooperative program between the University of Concepción and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation has been a happy experience for the Foundation and for me personally. It is my hope that we may continue with this program. It is true that I was unhappy about the resignation of Dr. Gunther and his staff. I have tried to be objective concerning the situation and it would not be right for me as a foreigner to interfere in any way or to try to put the blame upon any one. As we say in English "There is no use to cry about spilled milk." I am glad that Dr. Gunther has secured a position, and I am happy to know that you have probably found a good candidate to replace him.

I am happy to learn that our mutual friend, Dr. Janney, is to return to Chile. I am sure that he will again make a fine contribution as the Rockefeller Foundation's representative in your beautiful country.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Benjamin G. Horning

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

August 2, 1955

Dr. Mario Altamirano
c/o Department of Neurology and Psychiatry
Columbia University
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Altamirano:

I received a letter, dated July 5, from Dr. Ignacio Gonzalez, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Concepción, in which he asked me if I would interview you as a candidate for the position of Professor of Physiology at the University of Concepción. In view of the fact that it was impossible for me to visit New York City at that time I asked my good friend, Dr. John Weir, of the Rockefeller Foundation, to have a conference with you. He has told me of his visit with you, and he believes you to be an excellent candidate for the position. I have forwarded this information to Dr. Gonzalez.

I have received a second letter from Dr. Gonzalez, dated July 27, 1955, from which I quote the following: "In my last letter I submitted to you the name of Dr. Mario Altamirano as a candidate for Physiology. Lately I have written to Dr. Altamirano asking him if he would be willing to accept an offer from our University. I would like to know your opinion about him and in case you consider him good I would appreciate your contacting him and making a formal offer in our behalf."

I shall be grateful if you will write to me and let me know of your future plans. I agree with Dr. Weir that if you should accept the position at Concepción that you should first have a thorough orientation as to the teaching of physiology. Do you have a fellowship now and if so from what agency and when does it terminate? If it does terminate before you complete your orientation in physiology, it will be possible for this Foundation to consider you as a candidate.

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation has been cooperating with the University of Concepción for a number of years. It has provided equipment for several departments, including the Department of Physiology. It has also provided fellowships in order that the 22 professional persons included on the enclosed list might have graduate study in the United States.

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Dr. Mario Altemirano

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August 2, 1955

I shall look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



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Dr. John M. Weir

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<u>Nombre</u>	<u>Especialidad</u>
1 Hernán Beza, M.D.	Urology
2 Fructoso Biel, M.D.	Gastroenterology
3 Darío Enriquez, M.D.	General Surgery
4 César Fernández, M.D.	Otorhinolaryngology
5 Bruno Gunther, M.D.	Physiology
6 Carlos Heinrich, M.D.	Cardiology
7 Raúl Melo, M.D.	Orthopedic Surgery
8 Abel Olmos, M.D.	Internal Medicine
9 Guillermo Repetto, M.D.	Pediatrics
10 Marcelino Veres, M.D.	Psychiatry
11 Hugo Trucco, M.D.	Hospital Administration
12 Encio Vivaldi, M.D.	Pharmacology
13 Adolfo Vivanco, M.D.	Bacteriology
14 Irma Rehache	Biochemistry
Ana Ferrn, D.D.S.	Prosthodontics
1 Ruth Aburto, R.N.	Medical Nursing
2 Inés Anwander, R.N.	Surgical Nursing
3 M. Cristina Barruel, R.N.	Nursing Arts
4 Teresa Mendosa, R.N.	Psychiatric Nursing
5 Tegualda Manduca, R.N.	Psychiatric Nursing
6 Herminia Muñoz, R.N.	Medical-Surgical Nursing
7 Marta Sepúlveda, R.N.	Obstetrical Nursing

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