

Vicosa, 28 de maio de 1957

Dr. John J. McKelvey, Jr.
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Pela Diretoria da ESA

Dear Dr. McKelvey:

Today I received a letter from Mr. Maestri saying that he thinks it impossible for him to complete his plans for the M. S. within the period he had in mind to do, that is, up to the coming August. Because of "material difficulties" he was forced to abandon his initial research project and feels it necessary to have a six-month extension period. Although not necessary for credit, during this period he proposes to attend to some extra-courses as "Post-harvest physiology of fruits", Dr. Edson's Plant Anatomy and possibly one in Biochemistry. Mr. Maestri finally is asking me to write to you about his Rockefeller Fellowship that should expire on next Aug. 19. He thinks that only with my interference he might have it extended, which may have very little practical value but flatter's my ego anyway. Now, may I ask for your support to his case? I feel confident that you would do your best to help as in other cases.

I have in my hands your letter of April 10 which starts with the expression "as a further acknowledgment of your letter of March 25". It also gives me the impression that you wrote me another letter that was not received because some topics with reference to my letter seem to be missing. Since your letter was received sometime ago and no other was received up to now I am suspecting of a case of missing correspondence which unfortunately is becoming more common with letters from your Country.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours

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