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Dear Wataghin,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of Nov. 4th.

I feel very obliged for your kind permission to come to São Paulo for a few months, if possible early in March 1948. I do not think, that I should make you all of the inconveniences of asking for a contract, as there is, now, some hope that things will improve here, but I should appreciate very much an official document of your Department, which I could use in order to obtain the Brazilian visa.

I trust, that Mr. Tiomno has received the documents I forwarded to him. I am looking forward, with great pleasure, to his coming and I trust that we will be able to do some work together during summer. During the last months, I have been mainly working alone, on Dirac's theory and on the theory of the Cherenkov effect, since I did not consider it possible to assume the responsibility for more students here, in view of the unsettled situation.

Things, however, look more hopeful now. Gaviola's resignation has been accepted and this observatory is now directed by Dr. R. Platzek. We hope, that he will be able to take efficient command of it and that he will become confirmed definitively in his position. In this case, we will be able to continue work here and even to get more people for research work to Córdoba. Still, I think that my going to São Paulo for a short time will be helpful in order to accelerate things here.

In B.A. Kowalewski is doing pretty well, but I'm afraid that he may be the only one there who is doing so. The matter of Sitte is not settled yet.

We feel very sorry, that we have lost Dr. Gaviola's collaboration ( still, he will continue in Córdoba for a certain time, in order to accomplish the work he had begun ). However, he has lately, under hard nervous stress and he has aroused so much resistances in the administration, that there was no other solution possible.

With many thanks to all of you, best wishes e um grande abraço,

Luís Beck.