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Prof. Gleb Wataghin
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São Paulo, Capital.

Dear Prof. Wataghin:

I was very sorry to leave São Paulo without talking with you further about the financial difficulties in our plans for Pompeia's doctorate. I phoned you late on the eighth but failed to reach you and I had to leave by an early plane on the ninth. However, I asked Prof. Oliveira to talk with you for me since he was staying over for several days.

After talking with Prof. Oliveira regarding Pompeia's need for income during his residence study for the doctorate, I feel sure that the COCTA can arrange to contract him on a temporary basis, prior to his contract as professor of physics, for the official purpose of giving him time to organize his division and to plan the equipment for the physics and chemistry laboratories before he accepts full professorship responsibilities. This has already been done in the cases of the professor of aerodynamics and the professor of motors in the School of Aeronaves so there is a sound precedent for such a contract.

Would you therefore confer with Pompeia and give me the necessary figures and dates to enable me to process his temporary contract with the COCTA? I shall need the amount of income which he now receives (which it would be fair to continue in the temporary contract) and the dates of beginning and ending of the temporary contract. The terms of this contract would contain essentially three requirements-

- a) to do his best to qualify for the Ph.D. in physics at the University of São Paulo by the end of the 1949 academic year;
- b) to specify the equipment which the COCTA should procure to provide laboratory instruction of standard American grade in physics and chemistry for the second and third preparatory years (standard American freshman and sophomore years in schools of engineering) in time to purchase, deliver and install by March 1950;

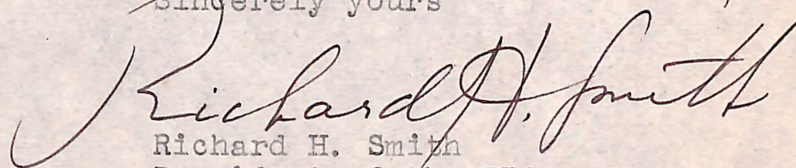
- c) to nominate the necessary assistants to carry a full load of physics and chemistry courses for these years beginning March 1950. Eventually eight assistants in physics and seven in chemistry may be appointed. Perhaps half of these would be needed in March 1950. Nominations should be in time to complete contracts effective not later than March 1950.

I am enclosing a copy of the basic plan for the CTA and the ITA for Pompeia to keep and for you to read if you care to. This plan was prepared in 1945 and still forms the basic structure about which the CTA and the ITA are evolving.

We enjoyed our luncheon hour with you very much. All of us found you and your interests most stimulating.

With my best personal regards.

Sincerely yours



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President of the ITA

Enclosure

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