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Dear Professor Moraes,

I have recently learned from reliable sources that there is a high probability that I will be granted a passport. However it is expected that I will not be able to get this passport until the middle of September. My departure for Brasil may therefore perhaps be delayed until October 1. It has occurred to me that if I am delayed so much, I may as well plan to start teaching the second term. To do this, it would probably be wise for me to arrive perhaps a month before the term starts, so that I could become familiar with the University, obtain living quarters, etc.

As yet I have not received word of my official appointment but am expecting to hear about this very soon.

I have heard from Professor Einstein that he has sent you a letter of recommendation, containing a suggestion that the Brazilian government should make some representations to Washington about my passport. This suggestion was made ~~at~~ entirely on the initiative of Professor Einstein himself. At present, however, I do not feel that it will be necessary that such steps be taken, ~~even~~ because it seems fairly likely

that I shall ultimately obtain a passport in the normal way, even if it is somewhat delayed. If I do not get a passport after a reasonable time has passed, say by Oct. 1, then it might be wise to consider the possibility of taking such steps, if indeed, it is actually possible for you to do so. However, before you consult the University or the Brazilian government, on the question of my passport, it would of course be necessary to think about the question of whether such a consultation is likely to be beneficial or not. You are of course much better able to judge this question than I am. As you probably know, there is a tendency toward a hysterical reaction in the United States whenever political questions are involved. Whether there are similar tendencies in Brazil, I do not know; ~~but I think~~. Naturally, I am somewhat apprehensive that such tendencies may spread, and that ultimately there may arise political restrictions on employment in Brazilian Universities, similar to those which have arisen in the United States. I would feel much less apprehensive if you could assure me that I have nothing to fear from such tendencies.

I hope to be able to see you soon.

Sincerely

David Bohm