

August 18th, 1958

Mr. Rollin S. Atwood
International Cooperation Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Atwood,

At the last meeting of the Board of Regents of the Catholic University of Chile, I had the pleasure of hearing Dean Carlos Correa's report on his successful trip, by way of Peru, Colombia and Mexico, to the United States. By it I came to know that he had a very interesting conversation with you and Mr. Woods about future possibilities on technical assistance from ICA directly to the Faculty of Agriculture in this University. I understand that this program could be developed through an agreement with the University of California or if this were not feasible, another University specialized in Agriculture could be considered.

I wish to express to you my gratitude for the friendly reception you kindly granted to Dean Correa and to assure you that he has my enthusiastic support in his efforts to improve and expand our Department of Agriculture (Facultad de Agronomia). I fully agree with Dean Correa that a University to University contract for Agriculture would assure us of attaining our objective in this field. It is for these reasons that I take the liberty of asking you, when you consider it convenient, to use your most valuable influence so that this objective may be reached.

I shall be most grateful to hear your opinion on these matters.

With fervent hope that this may come to a satisfactory end,

I remain yours sincerely,



Alfredo Silva Santiago
Archbishop of Concepcion
and
Rector of the Catholic University

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