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Sr. Roberto Figueroa  
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Dear Mr. Figueroa:

I am writing to you, a distinguished alumnus of our School of Economics, to request your support and the support of American Express Bank for the Development Plan of the Catholic University. This Plan has been organized in occasion of our University's first centennial, to be celebrated on June 1988. The Plan's major goals are to strengthen our academic activities in key areas. Mr. Alfonso Mujica, Professor at the School of Economics and Business Administration, is in charge of the Plan.

As you probably know, the Chilean University system has suffered from severe budgetary cuts during the recent economic recession. Thanks to the managerial excellence of our administrative staff our University has been able to adjust to this situation without major losses, but our capacity to grow has been curtailed.

This is a cause for major concern since the progress of science and technology creates the need to periodically invest in new facilities and equipment. For this reason we have decided to appeal to the generosity of the private sector, confident that they will understand the vital need to maintain the quality of University education in our country.

One of the projects sponsored by the Development Plan is the creation of a Center for Medical Research in the School of Medicine. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Medical School and we have made this project one of our priorities. The creation of the Center will provide an adequate environment for our clinical investigators and for the training of our junior faculty. The realities of



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Chilean medicine have changed dramatically over the last two decades. The country is facing now medical problems similar to those of more affluent nations and it is, therefore, crucial to upgrade our capacity to do medical research and to train highly qualified specialists. Enclosed you will find a summarized description of this project written in english and a spanish text which provides additional information.

I hope that American Express Bank, which has an outstanding record of support to initiatives like ours, will respond enthusiastically to our appeal.

Sincerely,



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