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Dr. Charles V. Kidd,
Associate Director,
National Institutes of Health,
Bethesda 14, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Kidd :

We are now in active process of organizing a School of Medicine within the new University, officially licensed by the Peruvian Government. We realize that the task is great and difficult, but at the same time we feel that it is a duty to our profession and to our country, and at the end favourable to all schools, to maintain our efforts of a good medical education. Fortunately, we are receiving the enthusiastic support of public opinion and also a generous assistance from private philanthropy. In addition, we have the fundamental asset of the cooperation of a large and well trained group of men.

In our plans, it is included the possibility of organizing a good pre-medical department. As you know, we do not have, and never had, in Peru an adequate training in this important phase of medical education. Young students come from high schools with a very poor background of knowledge. This is a serious handicap and we like to satisfy this need in the new University. I remember that talking in the past with some members of the Ford Foundation, they expressed some interest in this problem. It concerns teaching of Chemistry (Organic and Inorganic), Physics, Biology, Mathematics, etc.,. Will you kindly inform me of the name and address of a member of the Foundation to whom I may explain this problem and inquire the possibility of assistance ?

Thanking for your kind consideration to this request, and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Dr. Alberto Hurtado

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