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Dr. Ralph W. Cummings, Chief
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c/o U. S. Embassy
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Dear Ralph:

Since the return of Dean Colvard and the arrival of your letter a few days ago, I have given much consideration to the best time for me to visit our projects in Peru. I have also talked with Jack to obtain his point of view. Even if it were possible for me to be with you for ten days or two weeks prior to July 22, it does not seem to us that any time during July will be as good a time for me to visit the projects as a period several months later will be. July 10 would be the earliest date I could leave Raleigh because of the annual visit of the Advisory Budget Commission on the 9th. I concur with Dean Colvard in believing that a more desirable time for me to visit the projects will be during a period next December or early January when there will be overlapping between your administration and that of your successor.

Within a few days it will probably be known whether or not Rigney can be designated as your successor for a period of approximately two years. If he is not to be the new Director, Dr. Colvard thinks that it may be necessary for you to make a trip to Raleigh during the next month or so in order to participate in the selection of an individual. It appears to us that there would be less advantage to the projects if I visited the various areas you indicated so shortly after Dean Colvard visited them and talked with numerous individuals than if I come at a later period.

The easiest time for me to get away will be during December. By that time John Shirley, Dean of the Faculty, will have reached a point where he can assume many of my duties while I am away. There are so many developments occurring almost daily involving the Consolidated University, the Board of Higher Education, and the Budget Bureau, that I am reluctant to make any plans to be gone for as long as two weeks between now and next November.

Another factor which militates against my visiting you during the middle period of July is my absence from June 18 until July 5. During most of this period Neita and I shall be attending an Institute for Administrators and their wives at the Harvard School of Business Administration. This has been scheduled since last February and should be of much interest and value to both of us.

Dr. Ralph W. Cummings

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I appreciate your interest in having me visit the projects and regret that you have already devoted considerable time and correspondence toward establishing a time for me to come. It definitely appears to those of us here that the best time will be next December. I shall be glad to know of your reaction to this.

Please give my greetings to Mary and all members of your family.

Very cordially yours,

Carey H. Bostian
Chancellor

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