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Professor Sergio B. de Hollanda
35, Rua Bury
S. Paulo, Brazil

Dear Professor Hollanda:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your most welcome letter of March 9 and the enclosed materials all confirming the magnificent news that we'll be privileged to have you as a colleague during the fall semester. Permit me to try to answer your specific questions.

We plan to describe the course you will offer as "History of Brazilian Civilization" with emphasis on Modern Brazil. As for the graduate seminar, since the students will be neophytes as far as Brazilian studies are concerned, it would be best to present a survey of Brazilian historical literature. However, feel free to delimit either the course or the seminar as you see fit. While we gradually have been acquiring titles for the library, our holdings still are quite modest. So, if you would send us a reading list, we'll endeavor to obtain as many of the titles as possible for the fall semester.

While we appreciate your conscientious concern about your language competence, we have full confidence that you will manage very well. I'm certain that the students will be most understanding and will not be excessively demanding in questions of language.

It would be helpful to know when you would plan to arrive in Stony Brook and what sort of housing accommodations you feel you would need or prefer. We would try to assist you in locating a suitable place to stay. If you should wish to make a stop at Stony Brook when you are en route to Indiana early this summer, we would welcome the opportunity to see you then.

Stony Brook's plans in the field of history includes the development of an Institute of Colonial Studies. This fall we now are assured of having in residence Professor Jackson Turner Main in Anglo-American colonial history, Professor Guillermo Céspedes in Spanish-American colonial history and yourself representing the Portuguese part of the hemisphere. The department is hoping to be able to arrange a conference this fall--inviting other scholars interested in colonial studies--to discuss research opportunities in specific colonial fields as well as in the area of studies of comparative colonialism.

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The format probably would be the presentation of a series of prepared papers-- hopefully meriting publication--and discussion of them by the assembled scholars. You might give some thought to the matter since if this materializes we would hope that you would be willing to participate. If you have any suggestions, they would be most welcome. As our plans progress, I'll keep you informed.

We feel highly honored that you have agreed to serve as Visiting Professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook next fall. With kindest regards and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,



Stanley R. Ross
Acting Dean

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