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Dear Sérgio,

I have meaning to write you for a long time, ever since I learned that you would be visiting the U. S. But somehow the days slip by in confusion. In any case I assume that you are now in Indiana, the heartland of the corn country. I also assume that you had a talk with Antônio Cândido in São Paulo and that he informed you of our interest in having you pay a visit, perhaps an extended one, to the Yale campus. He wrote me that you would be in Indiana till August, and that you would then be in New York and other places until December.

What I would most like would be for you to spend any length of time up to say a month here at Yale. We would arrange accommodations and some sort of honorarium. The main purposes (alem dos fins de mais importância, os da cordialidade, a sua especialização) would be to give a few seminars in Portuguese to a handful of graduate students who are specializing in Brazilian history, perhaps one or two other talks, to spend some time with our students informally, and to make whatever use you want to out of our five million-book library.

Although classes don't begin here till mid-September, we could work it out for you to be here in late August and early Sept. if that fit into your schedule, as the few graduate students who will be most interested will be here then. I have four of them who are planning to do dissertations on Brazil. Two will be going there this winter--one to do research on local government in São Paulo in the 19th century, and one to study the Amazon and the Far West in the 18th century.

The main problem with early Sept., as far as I'm concerned, is that I am going to give a paper at the Americanists meeting in Buenos Aires and will be away for about two weeks. But I would prefer you to pick the period most convenient to you, any time from a week to a month.

There is one additional thing I have to ask. Our student who is working on Mato Grosso and Amazonas (he is really extremely able), David Davidson, is coming up for his oral exams soon. They will probably be given in late August, though we might postpone them till after my return from Argentina in mid-September. The History Dept. and myself would be delighted if you would consent to sit on his oral exam, which will cover the field of colonial Latin American history, and will also go into the topic of his dissertation. Since you know more about his topic than anyone else in the world, your presence would be doubly welcome and appropriate.

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Your participation on Davidson's oral exam might coincide with your longer visit here, or might come ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ on a separate occasion, and it would involve a separate honorarium, however modest. I will ask Davidson to send you a copy of his paper on the Amazon in the 18th century, which was done as a preliminary study.

Is there a chance that you will be going to the Luso-Brazilian Colloquium in Cambridge in Sept.? I can't go, as I must be in Argentina, but Davidson will be there and you could meet him there if you don't see him before.

One subject that I would like very much to talk over with you while you are at Yale is the question of possible exchange between our University and yours, and particularly in the field of history. I raised this in São Paulo when I was there last year, but unfortunately you were in the U. S. at that time. I really feel that we could work out some mutually beneficial arrangement on a flexible basis.

Please let me know your response to all this, and ask all the questions you want to. I do hope you can stay with us for a while, and I look forward eagerly to renewed association.

With warmest wishes,

As ever,

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Richard M. Morse