

*Dr. Ignacio Gonzalez*

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Dear Doctor Jenney:

We are pleased to inform you that Mr. Kenneth Williamson, Associate Director of the American Hospital Association and I are planning an itinerary through several of the Latin American countries to arrange the development of the over-all program which I described in my letter to you of August 9. We plan to arrive in Santiago on November 29, Monday, at 1:55 p.m. and we will stay until December 3, Friday, leaving at 12:00 noon.

We would very much like to plan to spend the morning of November 30, Tuesday, with you and any appropriate members of your staff, discussing the project in some detail. In our schedule, therefore, we set aside Tuesday morning, November 30, for this purpose. I understand that there are various key persons whom you might feel it desirable that we meet while we are there, and we would like to plan to leave Tuesday afternoon open for this purpose. In other words, we would simply put ourselves in your hands for any plans or arrangements you wish to make. We realize, of course, that our stay is all too brief; however, we felt it was important to make these personal contacts and to have the benefit of the discussions and suggestions from interested persons throughout Latin America.

We are considering the selection of Santiago as the site for one of the two institutes or educational conferences to be planned in 1956. In this connection, we would like you to appoint an advisory committee with whom we can meet on Wednesday, December 1, and lay out the plans and arrangements for this event. We would also hope to take a look at the physical facilities and services available. Would it be possible for you to arrange with several key people in the hospital field to meet with us on Wednesday so that we may



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go ahead and ask the advisory group to follow through on various details.

On Thursday, December 2, we hope to explore the possibility of appointing an editorial committee to select hospital material from the American Hospital Association and other sources for translation into Spanish, adaptation, and distribution throughout Latin America. In this connection, the Kellogg Foundation has offered us assistance by utilizing the services of the faculty of the University of Chile in the program of hospital administration.

On Thursday afternoon, we plan to look at the details of the facilities, arrangements for housing, etc., in connection with the institute.

We have had correspondence with Doctors Ignacio Gonzalez G. of Concepcion, Raul Palma F. of Valparaiso, Leonidas Aguirre Mac-Kay of Santiago, Rafael Pliscoff of Santiago, Osvaldo Quijada Cerda of Santiago, and Raul Vera F. of Talca. They have been extremely helpful in sending us material describing the work of the Beneficencia y Asistencia Social and we plan to have them present at our meetings.

We look forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting you and anticipate your early reply. We plan to leave here on November 13.

Sincerely yours,

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