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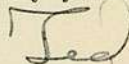
July 3, 1951

Dr. Ignacio González G.
Hospital Regional de Concepción,
Concepción.

Dear Ignacio:

I will talk to the Cultural Attaché as soon as your application has been completed, regarding the minimum time that the person invited may remain in the United States. I should imagine that it would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 to 4 months. As soon as your application has been presented I will go into the details with the officials in the Embassy and give you more details with respect to the invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Theodore I. Gandy

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DR. IGNACIO GONZALEZ G., saluda atenta-
mente a su estimado amigo Dr. Ted Gandy y le en-
vía su application para el training grant.

Le reitera sus agradecimientos y queda
como siempre a sus órdenes.

CONCEPCION, Julio 24 de 1951.-

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During the last few years the teaching of medicine has experienced fundamental changes due to the progress of the basic sciences, to the enlargement of the subjects that form the medical curriculum, to the development of medical specialization, to the changes in social order, etc., etc.,

Medical Schools all around the world are trying different methods and procedures in order to solve the problems of present-day teaching, of the selection of students, of the introduction of new courses in the curriculum, of post graduate-teaching, etc.

A sample of this situation of inquietude was the first Pan American Congress of Medical Education, held in Lima last May.-

Our Medical Schools in Chile have been developed under european traditions, but recently they have been looking with more and new interest, to the Medical Schools of the United States for example and orientation.

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The Medical Schools of the United States are more advanced and "modern", and at present times they are leading in educational matters. A survey of what they are doing and the way they have actually solved the problems of medical education would be of great benefit not only for the Medical School of which I am Dean, but in general for medical education in Chile.

I have discussed these matters many times with Dr. Ted Gandy of the Inter American Affairs Office in Chile. He is well informed about the present status and needs of our medical education and has done much for its improvement through a large program of fellowships in basic sciences and in clinical subjects.- Through our conversations we got the idea of my traveling to the States to study the "know how" of the actual medical teaching, the medical curriculum, the organization of the Medical Schools, the post graduate courses, internship and residence, badly needed in Chile, and the very important problem of the selection of the students.

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Several members of our Medical Faculties have been in the United States studying their particular scientific field , but not one, has thought of learning the way the subjects are actually taught to medical students, how teaching is organized and how it is done. This exemplifies what I have in mind and what I want to be trained in.

I am well aware of what is being done in other parts of the world in those matters, and through reading and general information I know what is being done in some Medical Schools in the United States, but it is a different thing to get a personal and direct experience and to consult with the Deans and members of the Faculties of these subjects.