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Mr. Bill Rogers
USAID to Brazil
c/o American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Dear Bill:

We talked to Dr. Matt Drosdoff, Cornell University about working on Campo Cerrado soils along the lines I discussed with you. Drosdoff is interested in working with EPE through your office. The work that Cornell University would perform, under the centrally funded A.I.D. contract, would be designed to assist EPE's research efforts in finding solutions to problems involving Campo Cerrado soils. It is suggested that in your conversations with the Director of EPE that the Cornell personnel (primarily research associates) could work in research institutes responsible for research work in Campo Cerrado soils. This would add to EPE's research efforts and would provide the Mission an opportunity to offer additional inputs in support of the loan program.

Drosdoff is discussing the possibility of work in Campo Cerrado with Ken Turk; so, Ken will be bringing this subject up during his visit this month.

Our soils people tell us that work in the Campo Cerrado is of importance not only to Brazil but to other countries in Latin America with similar soil types, fertility and other related problems.

There is a need for follow-up with EPE to assure coordination of work in sorghums. I am sure that you have discussed ways and means that work in sorghums could be coordinated in Brazil to accelerate the development of sorghum lines that are adaptable to the drier areas of NE Brazil and would fit into the commodity program that you envision. This follow-up is especially important to assure EPE's input in the work that is being carried out in the North East. Dr. Lucas, Director of Agriculture for SUDENE expressed his interest in cooperating with Pickett and the state research station (IPA) by providing one of their experiment stations for

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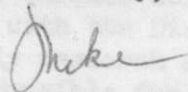
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seed multiplication. Ray White of the North East office was at the meeting when Dr. Lucas expressed his interest and it would be well for someone to tickle that office to see what is happening.

In the event the sorghum program appears to be getting off track we would appreciate hearing about it so that we can take it up with Pickett to assure proper coordination with your office.

I presume that you have received my letter concerning the possibility of Sprague being available sometime in September. We would appreciate an airgram if you feel that such a visit would be of benefit and assist you in the review of the research proposals.

Sincerely,



Michael Galli, Chief
Office of Agriculture & Fisheries
Agriculture Technology Division
Bureau for Technical Assistance

P.S. We are sending you a copy of progress report on pulses that may be of interest to you.