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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Dear Miss Mistral:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of May 5 letting us know of Miss Salotti's studies of juvenile literature. We appreciate the importance of such studies, and it is with much regret, therefore, that I must tell you that assistance to work in this field would fall considerably outside the range of The Rockefeller Foundation's current activities. Our program is now concerned chiefly with the support of advanced research in certain selected fields of the medical sciences, the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities, and with work in public health and agriculture. We do not have an educational program which includes projects at the elementary and secondary school levels.

I know you will appreciate the necessity which an organization such as this faces in concentrating its activities in a few carefully selected fields in order to make the expenditure of limited funds most effective. This means, unfortunately, that we must frequently decline proposals of real merit in themselves which fall outside the range of our activities.

I am very sorry indeed that it is necessary to send you a disappointing reply, and I trust that Miss Salotti may find means from some other source to go forward with her interesting project.

Mr. Nelson Rockefeller is not associated with The Rockefeller Foundation. He is President of the American International Association for Economic and Social Development. As you requested, however, I am transmitting a copy of your letter to his office.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

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