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Dear Dr. Cowan:

Your letter of September 15 has just reached me here in New York where I arrived some two weeks ago.

I had thought that either Dr. Bobrinskoy or Mrs. Pierce had submitted a record of my qualifications and experience. However, in order to make sure that you have all the information you need, I am attaching a resume of my background.

I am of Chilean nationality, born of a Chilean mother and an Italo-Spanish father. My early upbringing and all my education have been in Europe. The attached resume summarizes my educational background.

After teaching two years in Italian universities I went to Seville as a lecturer on Medieval Literature (Italian and French) until 1940. In that year I received an offer from a corporate college of the University of St. Louis which I eagerly accepted because I had long looked forward to broadening my experience in an American university, being especially curious as to methods, atmosphere and approach to educational and scholarly problems. I taught in St. Louis for two years, giving survey courses in Spanish and French literature as well as seminars in the seventeenth century. After two years I was obliged to go to South America, where family interests required my presence for several years in order to administer various properties.

I availed myself of the considerable leisure at that time to travel extensively over South America, in the course of which I spent much time on social welfare activity. I also continued studies both private and scholastic, in order to perfect my Russian which I had spoken as a child and studied in Europe in the "thirties".

A few details are in order on the subject of my Russian, which has always been a considerable object of my linguistic interests. Since 1932 I had been intermittently connected with the Russicum in Rome, attending courses and pursuing various Russian friendships

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