

July 27, 1966

To: A.C. Barnett  
From: A.C. Podesta

Report for week of  
July 18, 1966

From: Wayne Wesson

1) Fomento (Economic Development Administration). An all day meeting was held July 20th with Fomento officials Messrs. Pedro Salá, Carlos Vicenty and Marcos Rivera and University officials Messrs. Raymond B. Hoang, Wayne Wesson, Richard Witter, John Jay, Richard Harfst and Richard Harris to investigate possibilities of Fomento backing the various segments of the University Development Program.

After thorough discussion Fomento expressed desire to prepare a report within the next two weeks showing the position of IAU in the scientific and research community which is being built up in the western part of Puerto Rico around Mayaguez.

- a) University School: It was agreed that the University School will serve as an attraction for a more stable faculty and as an attraction for business executives and scientific personnel from the States in view of their desire for their children to continue their education in English.
- b) Conference Center: Dr. Hoang explained the value of the Conference Center for additional scientific conferences, as a place for business conventions and a tourist attraction in view of the shortage of hotels in the San Germán area.
- c) Faculty housing: Fomento understands the serious need for additional faculty housing, however, they may have to recommend other means of financing other than outright grants.
- d) Engineering studies: Fomento will look into the possibilities of receiving aid for the necessary engineering studies for the additional utilities needed for future construction.

It was agreed that the University with its proposed cultural facilities, sport facilities, University School and our educational facilities will definitely serve as an attraction for the needed continental personnel for the scientific community and in general serve cultural needs in the western part of Puerto Rico.

- 2) Friends of San Germán dinner: 125 guests have been invited to the friends of San Germán dinner for July 29. Mr. Wesson is preparing the program and Mr. Madras is handling the physical details.
- 3) President's Council: 51 invitations have been sent for the President's Council. Seven replies have been received with four acceptances, two refusals and one pending; eighteen special invitations ought to be sent next week to previous members of the University Associates and ten additional candidates ought to be contacted.



- 4) Faculty Foundation Handbook: The faculty foundation handbook has been re-written for approval by Dr. Hoxeng and will be distributed in the near future.
- 5) Alumni: A meeting of the Alumni for the San Juan area is scheduled for August 7 to elect a Board of Directors. Dr. Hoxeng plans to address this meeting.

cc. Dr. Raymond B. Hoxeng  
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Mr. Israel Planell  
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Mr. Richard Witter