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TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Exempted for 920 P+P

At the December Meeting of the Board I expect to present definite recommendations as to the policies, programs, and financial allotments of the Foundation. The two areas which have been of most concern are (1) that of medicine and public health and (2) that of agriculture. The broad problems in these two areas were put up to the Commission on the IHD, which the Board authorized me to appoint last year.

Developments made it possible and desirable to consolidate the Medical Sciences division with the former International Health Division as of May 1, and this, together with other considerations, convinced me and, I think, most of those concerned that as an organizational matter it would be preferable not to put agricultural operations in the new Division of Medicine and Public Health. This still leaves for final consideration what the functions and program of this Division should be. I think the Commission will shortly complete its work and that Dr. Warren and I will be able by the December Meeting to lay before you a fairly definite statement of the functions and immediate aims of this Division.)

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In the meantime, the Agricultural Consultants and the officers of the Natural Sciences division have prepared a statement on the general agricultural problem and the opportunities it presents to the Foundation and have made recommendations concerning what the Foundation might do in agriculture. I am having this statement sent to all members of the IHD Commission because I originally included this subject in those with which it was to be concerned, and I should like to have their final report take into account the paper those referred to have developed for us entitled, "The World Food Problem, Agriculture, and The Rockefeller Foundation." I am sending you herewith a copy of this important paper which I hope as many as possible of the Board will read. My primary purpose is to insure that members of the Board have available the factual and philosophical background upon which proposals of the officers are based, but if members of the Board have any questions or comments on this or any other material sent to you, I should be glad to have them.

Yours truly,

CHESTER I. BARNARD

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