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Dear Rector Tshishiku:

I am writing to explain the recent decision made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees to phase out the Education for Development Program as a separate program over the next five years and how this policy will effect the National University of Zaire.

As you know, the objective of the Education for Development Program has been to assist in the development of stable universities, with strong training and research capacities and responsiveness to national needs. Trustees and staff believe that such institutions now exist in many developing countries, and that it is desirable for the Foundation to maintain relationships with them that are no different from those shared with U.S. universities.

The Trustees, therefore, decided that the Foundation will have accomplished the goals of the EFD program when the projects at the National University of Zaire and other major university centers - now at the midpoint of the planned periods of cooperation - have been responsibly concluded. We fully expect to complete the cooperative project between the Foundation and the University according to our present agreement through 1983 and look forward to the possibility of developing other program linkages after that time.

I am enclosing a copy of The President's Review, April 1978, in which I describe how the Foundation reached this and other decisions concerning future program directions.

In order to implement the final phase of the EFD program with maximum effectiveness, I have made a number of changes in our internal administrative structure and practices. I believe that it would be useful for me to explain how we are now organized to consider and respond to your requests.

I have recently appointed Dr. Laurence D. Stifel, Chairman, and Dr. R. Kirby Davidson, Vice-Chairman, of the multidisciplinary

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EFD Committee, which has members from the three Divisions most directly involved: Agricultural Sciences, Health Sciences, and Social Sciences. This Committee has full responsibility for all EFD activities throughout the world. However, one member is designated as the Center Coordinator on the Committee for Zaire, and he is responsible for coordinating the Foundation's activities there. You already know Dr. McKelvey, of course, and I am sure you will agree with me that he is exceptionally well qualified to perform this critical function here.

As I indicated above, the members of the EFD Committee are members of three disciplinary divisions which cooperate in carrying out this international education program. The Social Science Division, for example, has responsibility for the Foundation's Social Science field staff and projects in support of the Master's Program in Economics. Each division will continue to be responsible for its disciplinary projects and staff, coordinated by Dr. McKelvey within the multidisciplinary framework of the EFD Committee. Therefore, in the future we request that the National University of Zaire direct communications to the Foundation to Dr. McKelvey, who will expedite their careful consideration here.

Finally, I would like to express my respect for what you have accomplished as Rector of the National University of Zaire and my confidence in the continuing effectiveness of the cooperative association between our two institutions.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure