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Agriculture  
(minutes)

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED that the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or as  
RF 41049 much thereof as may be necessary, be, and it hereby is,  
appropriated for the expenses of a COMMISSION TO SURVEY  
AGRICULTURE IN MEXICO, any balance remaining unexpended  
as of December 31, 1941, to be allowed to lapse.

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TO STUDY

The following were the considerations presented:

Natural Sciences

1. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 2, 1941, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED that the officers be, and they hereby are, authorized to study the opportunities for Foundation aid to agriculture in Mexico and other Latin American countries and to submit recommendations to the Board or the Executive Committee.

It was the understanding of the meeting that the next step would be a study of the agricultural situation in Mexico, either by officers of the Foundation or by a special commission.

2. The officers propose a Commission of Agricultural Experts to spend two months or a little longer during the coming summer in a survey of possibilities of Foundation co-operation. Four outstanding men in various fields of agriculture have been invited and have accepted appointment. These are: Dr. E. C. Stakman, Professor of Plant Pathology at the University of Minnesota; Dr. P. C. Mangelsdorf, Professor of Plant Genetics and Economic Botany in the Biological Laboratories of Harvard University; Dr. Richard Bradfield, Professor of Agronomy and Head of the Department of Agronomy, New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, and Dr. Richard E. Schultes, economic botanist and National Research Council fellow for work in South America beginning next fall.
3. Expenses would include honoraria, travel, living and some miscellaneous charges. The officers expect to report further at the meeting.