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Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman,  
Columbia University.

My dear Professor Seligman:

At a luncheon to a distinguished Brazilian scholar, Dr. Carlos Carvalho and the Brazilian Consul General, Dr. Sebastiao Sampaio, which I gave at the Faculty Club the other day, the following persons were present:

Professor Robert B. Chaddock  
" John Dewey  
" Franklin H. Giddings  
" Samuel McGune Lindsay  
" Robert M. MacIver  
" Frank A. Ross  
" Edwin R. A. Seligman.

One of the questions we discussed was the almost impossibility of scholars in Latin America securing American books in the social sciences largely because of their cost. Various suggestions were made such as sending the loose leaves of the books to Latin America for binding there, which might reduce the expense; forming a central committee of publishers who might be willing to send books at reduced rates, etc. As I remember it, however, the one suggestion that we all thought the most highly of was the one you made, namely, the possibility of securing the agreement of the Social Science Research Council to translate a few of the best books in the three or four international languages into the other international languages, so that scholars in the various countries at least could make use of them. This would be of particular value in Latin America. Usually, however, when anything of that kind is done only Spanish is considered, but it must not be forgotten that Brazil has nearly 40 million people who speak Portuguese and that is nearly half of the population of Latin America. I sincerely hope that you will be able to prevail on the Social Science Research Council to see the wisdom of this action. Unquestionably, while much of the resentment of Latin Americans toward the United States is justified, some of it rests upon misunderstanding. This will be one of removing the misunderstanding.

Sincerely yours,

S. P. DUGGAN

Director.