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December 13, 1974

J. J. R. Fradsto da Silva
Chancellor
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Dear Professor Fradsto da Silva:

I am in receipt of your letter regarding Dr. Manuel Neves e Castro who is being considered for your faculty. I have known Dr. Neves e Castro for many years, first as a student when he studied in Philadelphia, then later as an investigator whom I met at many international meetings, and more recently as a visiting professor at Jefferson.

I believe that Dr. Neves e Castro would be a tremendous asset to your medical school and should be at the rank of a full professor. He is well-known in medical circles throughout the world in the field of Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility. His work which is presented at meetings and his publications are highly regarded. Dr. Neves e Castro is a remarkably good teacher, a highly intelligent man and one of high ethical standards. I am sure that his appointment as a professor would be regarded with high favor everywhere.

I should like to remark particularly concerning the recent period in which Dr. Neves e Castro worked with me at Thomas Jefferson University under the appointment of a visiting professor. During this time the work that he carried out on the polycystic ovary syndrome was very much appreciated and highly regarded. He gave excellent conferences to our staff and to our students.

I am particularly pleased that I have this opportunity of supporting his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abraham E. Rakoff".

Abraham E. Rakoff, M.D.
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December 26, 1974

Prof. J.J.R. Fraústo da Silva
Chancellor
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Avenida Miguel Bombarda, 20, 3.º
Lisboa-1, Portugal

Dear Prof. Fraústo da Silva,

I am pleased to write in behalf of Dr. Manuel Neves e Castro and recommend that he be favorably considered for admission to the Faculty of the Universidade Nova de Lisboa with the rank of Professor.

Dr. Castro studied with me at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology during the tenure of a Gulbankian Foundation Fellow. He progressed rapidly and successfully in his studies on the biochemistry of ovarian virilizing syndromes. He published a paper on this subject in the Acta Endocrinologica together with Prof. Leon and myself. He also presented an important paper on this same subject at a Symposium on Endocrine Gynecology sponsored by the Portuguese Cancer Institute in Lisbon in 1962.

Dr. Castro proved to be a fine colleague with a deep understanding of his scientific interests and highly productive.

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During his stay in the United States, Dr. Castro also studied with Dr. Rakoff at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. I know he proved to be an effective clinician and scientist at Jefferson. He was rewarded with a title of Visiting Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Again, may I recommend Dr. Castro as a serious, able scientist who will, I am sure, continue to make important contributions to his profession.

Very truly yours,

Ralph I. Dorfman

Ralph I. Dorfman, Ph.D. -

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Rio de Janeiro, 08 de janeiro de 1975

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Magnífico Reitor
Prof. Dr. J. J. R. Fraústo da Silva
Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Avenida Miguel Bombarda, 20, 39
Lisboa 1, Portugal

Caro Prof. Dr. Fraústo da Silva,

Em meu poder uma carta de Vossa Magnificência, ref. 2200, solicitando-me informações sobre a personalidade e obra do Prof. Manuel Neves e Castro.

Trata-se de um Professor e um Cientista de excelente formação e pioneiro em vários aspectos da Reprodução Humana. Quando há quase 10 anos tive a honra de fundar a Escola Médica do Rio de Janeiro da Universidade Gama Filho, da qual tenho também a honra de ocupar a Vice Reitoria de Desenvolvimento, então como seu Diretor convidei o Prof. Neves e Castro para integrar seu corpo docente na qualidade de Consultor.

Bastaria esta referencia para demonstrar o alto apreço que dispenso ao Sr. Manuel Neves e Castro.

No entanto, como Presidente da World Association for Gynecological Cancer Prevention (WAGCP), e durante muito tempo Vice Presidente da International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) no decorrer dos últimos 10 anos, venho mantendo estreito intercâmbio científico com o referido Professor nas áreas da luta contra o Cancer Ginecológico e da Fisiopatologia da Reprodução Humana.

Recentemente o Prof. Neves e Castro ocupou posição de destaque como relator de tema oficial no 89 Congresso Mundial de Fertilidade e Esterilidade, realizado em Buenos Aires de 3 a 9 de Novembro próximo passado, e no 19 Congresso Internacional de Reprodução Humana

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na, realizado no Rio de Janeiro sob minha presidência.

Com todo este passado e com uma excelente bagagem científica, de minha parte creio que o referido Prof. Neves e Castro honraria qualquer congregação de ensino médico na qualidade de catedrático, principalmente no campo da clínica da Reprodução ou da Endocrinologia da Reprodução.

Tomo a liberdade ainda de afirmar que essa é uma figura cujo potencial de trabalho deve ser aproveitado em benefício do desenvolvimento científico e cultural do nosso querido Portugal.

Atenciosamente,



Prof. Dr. A. Campos da Paz
Vice-Reitor de Desenvolvimento
Presidente da IFFS
Presidente da Fundação das Pioneiras
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Chefe do Depto. de Reprodução
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depende da êxito dos nossos esforços no campo da educação.

GONZAGA DA GAMA FILHO

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April 22, 1982

New University of Lisbon
Faculty of Medical Sciences

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am very pleased to support the candidacy of Dr. Manuel Neves e Castro for the Professorship in Gynecology. It would be difficult if not impossible to find a better candidate among Portuguese gynecologists than Dr. Neves e Castro. I have known Dr. Neves e Castro for more than 8 years and have the highest respect and professional admiration for him. Dr. Neves e Castro is a brilliant clinician and possesses an enormous knowledge in obstetrics and gynecology. He is also most scientifically minded and he is at all times fully familiar with the latest developments in reproductive sciences and endocrinology. He is thoroughly trained not only in all the clinical but also in virtually every basic aspect of reproduction. It has been my pleasure and privilege to collaborate with Dr. M. Neves e Castro on a number of projects concerned with hypothalamic hormones, particularly the analogs of LH and FSH releasing hormone (LH-RH). During Dr. Neves e Castro's stay in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil he carried out several projects on agonists of LH-RH aimed at fertility stimulation for which I was a consultant. He was a most able and pleasant collaborator. During the past few years I have made elaborate plans for an extensive collaboration with Dr. Neves e Castro on antagonists of LH-RH, especially on contraception, cancer, treatment of symptoms of menopause and endometriosis, etc. It is important to emphasize that Dr. Neves e Castro was the first to show direct effect of LH-RH on the ovary. This later led to elucidation of paradoxical inhibitory effects on the reproductive axis (down-regulation) produced by chronic administration of LH-RH and its agonists. These phenomena are most important for developing a new therapy for cancer and new methods for birth control.

My personal relationship with Dr. Neves e Castro has always been excellent due to his great intelligence and tact and pleasant and warm personality. I have no hesitation in strongly recommending Dr. M. Neves e Castro for the Professorship in Gynecology at the New University of Lisbon.

Sincerely,



DR. ANDREW V. SCHALLY
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Head, Section of Experimental Medicine
Tulane University School of Medicine
Chief, Endocrine and Polypeptide Laboratories
Veterans Administration Medical Center
New Orleans, Louisiana, and
Senior Medical Investigator
The Veterans Administration
Nobel Prize in Medicine 1977 ←

Le 13 Juin 1954

UNIVERSIDADE DO BRASIL
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RIO DE JANEIRO - BRASIL

Je soussigné M. Françon, Professeur à la
Faculté des Sciences de Paris (Sorbonne)
actuellement à Rio de Janeiro pour donner
des conférences certifie que M. Castro
Assistant à la Faculté de Médecine de Lisbonne
est venu travailler dans mon laboratoire à Paris
en Janvier et Février 1954.

M. Castro a participé à la mise au point d'une
installation complète de spectro-photométrie de fluorescence
appliquée à la microscopie. Cette installation
nouvelle a permis à M. Castro d'étudier la
fluorescence spectrale de préparations biologiques.

A mon avis M. Castro est un chercheur
particulièrement doué et intelligent. Habile
méthodique et plein de dynamisme un très
brillant ami s'ouvre devant lui.

Parmi les nombreux jeunes chercheurs qui sont
passés dans mon laboratoire, M. Castro est de
tous les chercheurs étrangers celui qui me paraît
le plus digne d'intérêt. Si comme je n'en
doute pas on lui a fourni les moyens M. Castro
fera honneur à son pays.

(Signature)

M. Françon
Professeur à la Faculté des Sciences de Paris (Sorbonne)
et à l'Institut de Biologie

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY
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CHICAGO 12, ILLINOIS

January 25, 1960

Doctor Robert S. Morison
Rockefeller Foundation
Rockefeller Center
New York 20, New York

Dear Doctor Morison:

I am taking the liberty of referring Doctor Manuel Neves e Castro of Lisbon to you for some assistance. Doctor Castro is now studying at the School of Graduate Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, after spending a year with Doctor Ralph Dorfman and Doctor Chang at the Worcester Foundation in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Doctor Castro is trained as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist and has published some very interesting work in the basic field of endometrial responses and special cytological characteristics which are associated with the formation of decidua. I feel that his work is of major significance.

Doctor Castro came to my laboratory and we discussed in detail his future plans and a long range research program which he is eminently qualified to carry out. The problem is that Doctor Castro will return to Lisbon, and unless some provision is made whereby he can engage in some kind of academic situation where he is free to work, he will of necessity, be directed into clinical practice and his background and promise for the future will be of no account. I feel that an academic toe-hold could be made on the Faculty of Medicine at Lisbon with Doctor Castro, that he would surround himself with a few assistants, and that he would initiate the program of academic obstetrical physiology which is much needed, not only in Lisbon, but virtually in all countries including this one.

I realize that this is no doubt outside your own domain at The Rockefeller Foundation. However, I would ask that you consider his request and refer Doctor Castro to the proper person with whom he might discuss the possibility of getting some limited support for a period of perhaps three to five years. I feel quite sure that with such support he could do quite as much as did my friend, Doctor Caldeyro Barcia on the Faculty of Medicine in Montevideo.

I will appreciate any assistance which you are able to give Doctor Castro. I know his father, who is a very distinguished veterinary educator, and is Dean of the College in Lisbon. He was recently brought here by the State Department and sent on visits to all the important veterinary institutions and medical laboratories in this country.

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Not only this, Doctor Vidigal Castro was accompanied on this trip by an interpreter from the State Department. I can assure you that his son is of equal caliber and can rise quite as high, provided he has the opportunity to do so, and I feel that he can create opportunities for other young workers in his own country. This would be most important.

Sincerely yours,

S. R. M. Reynolds
S.R.M. Reynolds, Ph.D., D. Sc.
Professor and Head
Department of Anatomy

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