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Mr. Messersmith:

The Convention for the Promotion of Inter-American Cultural Relations, signed at Buenos Aires in December, 1936 and ratified during the summer of 1937 by this country, provides for the annual exchange between the ratifying countries of two graduate students and one professor. The Convention makes specific provision for the financing of these exchanges from official sources and the lists or panels of the names of qualified graduate students and available professors are to be prepared through a government agency (Articles II and IV of the treaty). Article VII provides that the details of procedure and selection shall be worked out in each of the contracting countries by such agencies as may seem appropriate to its government. It will be observed that the Convention obligates each government to handle and direct its own scholarships and professorships.

The financial obligations under the Convention are as follows:

- (1) The graduate fellowships. Tuition, subsidiary expenses, and maintenance is to be paid by the country receiving the students. Traveling expenses and incidentals
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are to be met by the government of the country from which they come.

(2) Exchange professorships. The sending government shall provide the expenses for travel to and from the country of residence and the maintenance and local travel expenses of the professor during his sojourn in the country for which he was designated.

The following countries have ratified this Convention to date:

United States
Brazil
Chile
Dominican Republic
Haiti
Honduras
Nicaragua
Panama
Venezuela

The Convention has been ratified in Peru by Presidential decree, although the Peruvian Embassy has stated there is some question of the validity of this ratification.

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