

THE VICOS RESEARCH PROGRAM

A PROPOSAL TO THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

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As already communicated to Mr. William Marvel, the purpose of this request is to make possible continued study and observation for a period of two years of the effects of the experimental program which Cornell, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and in collaboration with the Indigenous Institute of Peru, has been conducting for the past several years on the Hacienda Vicos. In keeping with the original agreement with the Peruvian Government at the time this project was initiated and as a result of the joint action program there, significant changes are now taking place which, in order to maximize the scientific as well as the applied results of the program, merit continued study. The most noteworthy of these changes are as follows:

1. Through collaboration of the Peruvian Government and the people themselves, Vicos has been transformed from a dependent hacienda status to an independent community. In other words the Peruvian Government has made it possible for the Vicosinos to purchase the hacienda on which they live and to become responsible and productive citizens of the country.
2. Through the efforts of the project representative leadership has emerged at Vicos which is now about to assume full responsibility for the direction of local affairs.
3. The community itself, in collaboration with the Government and other agencies, has initiated its own program of education and development which provides an unusual opportunity for the study of the dynamics of community development.

In addition to studying the changes just mentioned, we would like to

maintain Vicos as research station where further studies under Cornell and other institutional sponsorship can be carried out as funds become available. Some on-going studies by the Smithsonian Institution, for example, have not been completed as yet and plans are being drawn for other types of basic research.

It should be added that the present request and the program of research has the full backing of the Peruvian Government and the people of Vicos.

In view of previous studies and action we feel that a maximum scientific return can be gained from a minimum expenditure of funds. To conduct the studies proposed the following budget is suggested:

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
Field Director	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$7,200
Station Maintenance	400	400	800
Direction of field work (Professor Holmberg)	2,000	2,000	4,000
Travel	1,000	1,000	2,000
Interviewing and clerical assistance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$16,000

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