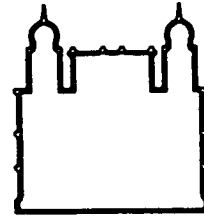


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Dear Miss Kelly

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 1982 and I apologize for taking such a long time to answer.

I have carefully, considered the question of applying for renewal of my registration as an External Ph.D Student and have decided that I would like to continue with my studies. After discussing the original proposal with a number of experienced colleagues I feel that the best way of proceeding is to submit a new proposal to the Board.

In view of the fact that the project proposal has changed and I have not spoken to Professor Brass about it, there is some doubt about whether he will be willing to continue to act as my orientator. I should be grateful for some guidance as to what I should do about this matter.

Enclosed along with the registration forms and the fee (£ 50 - Cheque nº 27548453) is a covering letter stating more clearly the reasons behind this decision and the progress made with the research being proposed.

I look forward to hearing from you soon, yours sincerely

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Covering Note to the Board of Studies-External Ph.D

Dear Sirs,

I am applying to renew by registration for the degree of Ph.D and would like to draw your attention to some of the characteristics related to the development of the original research proposal, submitted in November 1975.

Firstly, several personal factors limited the time I could devote to the research. The last few years coincided with the phase that my children were very young. At the same time I joined the staff of the National School of Public Health in Rio de Janeiro, on a permanent basis, which greatly increased my teaching commitments in the field of demography and also contributed to delaying my research work.

Secondly, some difficulties have arisen directly in relation to the proposal. For instance, changes in coding procedures over the years (poorly documented) made it impossible to use the routine foetal death data compiled by the Secretary of Health. Access to the hospital data was found to be extremely difficult and although this stage has partly been completed and the basic causes of death have been classified, a more detailed analysis as originally planned was not possible. This part is being presented by one of the collaborators as a thesis for a Masters Degree.

Altogether besides the feeling that the data was not of good quality I have become very interested in another field. The National Institute of Colonization and Land Reform asked the School to co-operate in setting up a study on health and

fertility in the Agricultural Frontier Regions in the Amazon on which I am the co-ordinator. This study initiated in January 1981 has led to a new line of research which I am very keen to pursue and now have the conditions to give full attention to.

The registration forms enclosed describe briefly the scope of the new proposal. The first phase of data collection has been concluded and the results are now being edited. The first two stages of the study have received financial support from several Brazilian agencies including the National Council for Developing Research in Science and Technology (CNPq). In view of the progress made to date I feel that my thesis could be ready for examination by the beginning of 1984.

Yours sincerely,

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