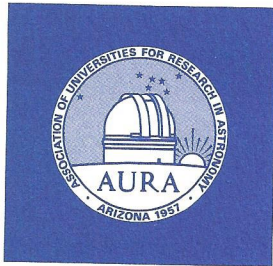


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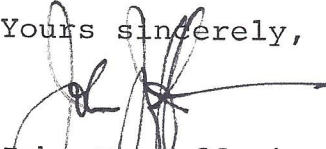
Dr. Jorge May
Director, Departamento de Astronomia
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Dear Dr. May:

I am responding to your letter of April 26 concerning the VAX 11/730 computer system which you wish to purchase for the Department of Astronomy. I wish I were able to help you in this purchase, but it is completely beyond my authority to transfer money from our program for such purposes. What we may be able to do is to provide advice concerning possible alternatives, and I am sure that Pat Osmer would be very happy to do so if he can. It was assistance of that kind that I had in mind when I met with you and your staff in Chile last July; however, it is completely impossible for me to provide direct monetary support.

The whole field of computer data processing, as you are well aware, is a very rapidly evolving one and new developments underway in the U.S. (for example in the 68000-based "Super Micros") might provide all the computer power needed within your budget. Our own staff, both in Tucson and La Serena, are actively looking into this matter with the view to installing these at our laboratories and at the telescopes; we will be happy to keep you informed on progress. If you believe that this kind of support would be of value, please let me know giving the name of the person on your staff with whom one of our own computer scientists could maintain contact.

Yours sincerely,


John T. Jefferies
Director

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cc: Patrick Osmer

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Dear Claudio:

Enclosed are my signed copies of the modification to our agreement. We want to help you in every possible way to bring about the Image Processing Center at Cerro Calán.

Best wishes,



R.E. Williams
Director

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