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The Fall Semester started on September 20. I already completed my course work last Spring and earned the required number of residence-units.

I spent the whole summer holiday and part of the Fall semester, preparing for the comprehensive examination. This was made up with a written and an oral part on one major and two minor subjects.

The major was Managerial Economics with Prof. Melvin V. de Chazeau as Chairman of the committee; the two other minor were: a/Finance with Prof. A. Nilsson as a minor member

b/Administrative Process with Prof. Earl Brooks as a minor member.

The Examination took place during the last two weeks of September, and the result was known early November: I passed.

Immediately after the examination I went to Harvard Business School to read a few theses which had some relationship with my prospective research-work.

To complete my Ph.D degree, I will have to write a dissertation. The subject will be about an evaluation of the methods and standards which the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development uses to appraise investment-projects submitted by the borrowing countries.

Thanks to the letters of recommendation of Dean Ruben V. Austin, the Institute of Economic Development, which a department of the World Bank, has given me permission to utilise all the materials of its specialized library.

Early December I sketched an outline of my dissertation and went to see de Chazeau at Cornell University. He agreed on the area of my interest and asked me to rewrite a more detailed outline.

As the World Bank's head quarter is located in Washington D.C. and the materials I will use are of a confidential nature, I will have to spend a great part of my time at the World Bank to write my dissertation. It will also be necessary for me to return to Cornell University from time to time to see my chairman to get consultation, advises and comments.

Respectfully submitted

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