

TYPED COPY OF HANDWRITTEN LETTER, Marshall Stone to Lore Rasmussen, May 15,
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Paris, France
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Dear Mrs. Rasmussen:

As President of an Inter-American Committee on Mathematical Education (IACME) I am involved in the organization of the Third Inter-American Conference on Mathematical Education, to be held next November 21-25, in Balira Blanca, Argentina, with help from UNESCO, OAS, and the Argentine Ministry of Education. The organizing committee has chosen as one of the topics to be discussed "Primary School Mathematics" and would like to be able to secure you as a speaker on this subject. If we can raise the money for the speakers' travel expenses, would you be able to accept an invitation?

We hope to invite, in addition to yourself, Mme. Papy, Miss Biggs, and Prof. Dienes. This would place before the participants a panorama of the most innovative and original work being done in regard to the primary school teaching of mathematics and would undoubtedly have a strong influence in Latin American educational circles.

As I am travelling around till August 1, please address your reply to me at my office:

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202 Arnold House
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Mass. 01002,

marked "Please forward".

I hope very much that we shall be able to meet in Balira Blanca. It would be a pleasure to see you and to talk with you again about your views on primary school mathematics and its relation to school mathematics in general. I have kept in touch with Prof. Fehr's project in secondary school mathematics, aimed at the most talented students, and shall continue working with him on a new project aimed at the upper 60% of the secondary school population. If support can be found for the project, it will be aided by cooperation with the Board of Education and teachers of New York City. Some of your experiences of recent years should be most instructive for us.

Cordially yours,

Marshall Stone
President, IACME