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We are pleased to learn that the Department of State has given a grant to the Peruvian sculptor, Joaquin Roca Rey. Before we knew of this good fortune we had made some preliminary contacts in New York for him. Yesterday I called John Rhoden, 205 Eighth Avenue, New York (Telephone: WAtkins 4-9579) and told him that Mr. Roca Rey had left for New York and would be stopping at the Hotel Century. He was also going to communicate this to Miss Helen Treadwell, 33 West 67th Street (SU 7-7063 or TR 4-3414), whom we had also alerted. I believe I neglected to tell Mr. Rhoden that you would be making the official New York program and that both he and Miss Treadwell should get in touch with you.

Mr. Rhoden commented on the Hotel Century and the fact that last year an African grantee from Uganda had had his camera and film stolen there for which he was never reimbursed. You may also be interested in knowing that Mr. Rhoden reported that the Indian painter, Shabash C. Senyal, did not show up for the dinner and evening party the Rhodens planned in his honor.