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Dear Dr. Sérgio,

Thank you very much for your letter of 3 March. I have moved to a new apartment and only returned by accident to ~~the~~ the Pensão Astória, where I found your letter.

I have heard of the documents on Luís de Albuquerque (and on Mato Grosso) at the Casa da Insua, but I don't think I'll have time to see them. I have been working very hard at the AHU and may never be finished there, since they have a truly superb collection of documents on Amazônia. I have gone page by page through the documents on Mato Grosso and Pará and have enough information to write an encyclopedia.

Thank you for your reference to the documents in the BN in the Morgado de Mateus collection. These documents have been published by Cortesão in his Alexandre de Gusmão e o Tratado de Madrid and other places. The Biblioteca Municipal de São Paulo also has a manuscript copybook of the same documents, which is where I first ~~find~~ found them.

The caixas on Pará in the AHU have some ~~superb~~ excellent papers on João de Souza, and though I did not make complete copies of them, I have extensive notes. I am still very much interested in producing some kind of study on Azevedo, but I probably will not be able to ~~begin~~ begin with it until I finish my dissertation. If you are still interested then, perhaps we can ~~get together~~ get together on poor João de Souza. I would certainly love to see the material you have on Azevedo in Itú. Was Antonio his brother, or his son? I know he had a few daughters.

My research is now totally confined to Amazônia, and especially the Indians of Pará and Rio Negro. I seriously hope, eventually, to do a full length study of the Indians under Portuguese rule: the system of administration, forms of social control and economic distribution; Indian assimilation or resistance; the actual impact of the missions, and later, the directório, on the life, society and economy of the Indians; and similar issues.

There are ~~anybody~~ many many issues that I would love to discuss with you, but I fear it will have to wait until we can see each other again. I am still very excited about Brazilian history and my dissertation, and I hope that I will be able to write it properly.

I plan to return to New Haven in May or June of this year, and my address there will be care of Morse.

You need no longer look at your alunas in search of the lost girl. I have finally met my girl, and am planning to be married some time in the near future.

I know you are very busy, so thank you for writing, and especially, for typing the letter (your letra é ruim). Give my very best to Maria Amelia and the girls,

um abraço,

Alvise

P.S. DO YOU KNOW THE EXACT  
AND TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
UBA, ISARITE, CANOA, BOFE, ETC?  
DESPITE ALL MY RESEARCH, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT AN UBA OR ISARITE LOOK  
LIKE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD SUGGEST SOME WORKS WITH ✓



PICTURES OR USEFUL DESCRIPTIONS. I KNOW THE GENERAL DIFFERENCES—  
IGARITE IS SMALL, ETC—BUT I DON'T KNOW THE SHAPES AND SUCH.