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To: The Secretary of State

Date: February 14, 1969

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- ☐ Draft reply for:
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- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Frederick L. Redefer, Professor and Acting Chairman, Dept of Higher
Date: 2/7/69 Education, New York University, Washington Square, NYC
Subject: Has directed 3 Seminars to India for American teachers and professors --
to strengthen world cultural studies in liberal arts curriculum for students--urges
Pres. free funds for expansion of such contacts with India.

By direction of the President:

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John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
to the President

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February 7, 1969

The Honorable Richard Nixon
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

With the support of the United States government I have directed three Seminars to India for American teachers and professors. A year ago I directed an Inter-University Seminar to India that involved such colleges as Yale, Fordham, Sarah Lawrence, Skidmore, New York University and others. The purpose of these seminars was to strengthen world cultural studies in the liberal arts curriculum for all students. Although we spent only seven weeks in India, because of careful preparation and follow up, the results of these activities have exceeded our anticipations. These field seminars have changed teachers. When a professor writes that he went to understand more about the Indian people and culture and found that he was understanding himself and his society better, one is naturally pleased.

I am writing you based on a decade of work in these international activities and from my knowledge of India.

I urge you to free funds for the expansion of such contacts with India because I know that when properly conducted, India can contribute much to the education of our own teachers and professors and through them our young people.

I know that India is deeply indebted to the United States. I have been told that we do not spend even the interest charges for one year and that with each year India goes more deeply in debt.

This situation, if continued, will not help United States and Indian relations and may become the source of bad relations in the future.

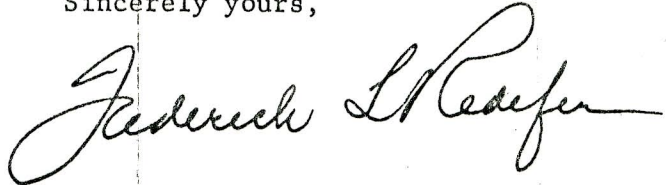
The situation calls for a creative solution outside the balance sheet of aid funds. There are ways that India could repay the United States that would not involve the loss of her gold reserves. There are ways that India could repay us by teaching more of our teachers and our young people.

I urge you to review the proposal of President Johnson and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to set up a fund of 300 million in Indian exchange through

an India-United States Foundation for more creative proposals than this foundation envisioned.

I urge you, therefore, to amend PL480 so that these counterpart funds in India can be spent for constructive purposes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick L. Redefer". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Frederick L. Redefer
Professor and Acting Chairman
Department of Higher Education

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To: The President
From: O. J. Fareed, M.D., ABC, A. V. Duch, Chief of Flight Operations, Stome, Portuguese, West Africa
Date: 2/28/69
Subject: C97 program in Portuguese, West Africa, a catastrophe; requests reconsider 1968 recommendation for 5 to 10 C130 Hercules aircraft be reconsidered in view of impending collapse of airbridge.

By direction of the President:

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John R. Brown III
Staff Assistant
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40 PERCENT AFTER OTHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SENT AWAY TO MAKE ROOM
FOR C97S STOP URGENTLY REQUEST CURRENT CREWS AND PARTS TOOLS

OR RECONSIDER CAPT DUCHS 1968 RECOMMENDATION FOR 5 TO 10
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O J FAREED M D ABC A. V. DUCH CHIEF OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS
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March 3, 1969

Dear Jack:

The President appreciated your February 18 letter and the enclosed memorandum from Felipe Herrera concerning the role of the United States in the Latin American development process.

Questions concerning the relationship of U. S. assistance policies to the form of Latin American governments, new departures in the nature of U. S. assistance to Latin America, multilateralization of our assistance arrangements and similar topics are, as you point out, deserving of careful analysis. It is precisely analyses of this sort in which the Administration is presently engaged in an effort to determine the best course for U. S. relations with Latin America over the coming years.

I have taken the liberty of providing copies of Dr. Herrera's memorandum to appropriate officers of the State Department and the National Security Council. With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to President Nixon from
Chief of Haiti Delegation to
Annual CIAP Review

This is in response to Mr. Moose's transmittal slip
dated March 20, 1969.

On March 19 Edouard A. Francisque, Head of the
Haitian delegation in Washington for the annual CIAP
review of Haiti sent seven identical telegrams to
President Nixon, Secretary Rogers, AID Administrator-
designate Hannah, Assistant Secretary-designate Meyer,
Ambassador Linowitz, and to the Director and Deputy
Director of the Office of Caribbean Affairs. This
telegram expressed urgent interest in establishing
a "meaningful dialogue with AID to start collaboration
in economic development."

The Department recommends that our Embassy at
Port-au-Prince acknowledge the telegram on behalf of
the recipients. A copy of a proposed instruction to
Port-au-Prince is enclosed.

Nothing else sent to
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John P. Walsh

John P. Walsh

Acting Executive Secretary

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Enclosure:

1. Copy of Telegram from
Mr. Francisque
2. Proposed Instruction

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April 7, 1969

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Dear Mr. Marcus:

In the President's behalf I wish to take this opportunity to respond to your kind letter of March 12th in which you again extend the cordial invitation for the President to address the Fourth Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance, in Salt Lake City from May 10th through the 14th.

After having carefully scrutinized the President's official schedule for the month of May and examined the pending matters which he has facing him, we find that it just will not be possible for the President to alter his original decision as expressed to Mr. Royden Derrick on February 15th. The reply which I regrettably conveyed to Mr. Derrick was that because of the President's heavy schedule for the months ahead, he would have to decline the appealing invitation to participate in the Conference. I am sorry that it is not possible to change this initial decision, but I am certain you are understanding of the circumstances which compel us to report in this way to you.

With the President's thanks for your thoughtfulness of him and an expression of his warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Dwight L. Chapin
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Edward S. Marcus
President

National Association of the
Partners of the Alliance
1513 K Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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PARTNERS of the Alliance

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

Dear Congressman Leggett:

Thank you for your letter of June 13 enclosing the views of Mr. Peter Windrem. I agree that the establishment of an effective relationship with the governments and peoples of Latin America is a key to an effective Latin American policy. I have brought your letter to the attention of those members of my staff who handle Latin American matters, and I am grateful to you for your interest and your kindness in sending us these views.

With personal regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

Honorable Robert L. Leggett
U. S. House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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June 17, 1969



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from
Congressman F. Bradford Morse
dated June 11, 1969 ^x

In response to Mr. Richard M. Moose's request of June 19, the Department recommends that full consideration be given to finding a sound method of implementing the "Partners' Plane for Peace."

A suggested reply is enclosed and the original correspondence is returned for your files.

Mr. Hawley
For John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter from Congressman Morse.

SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Congressman Morse:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 11, 1969, regarding "Partners' Plane for Peace" called for in a resolution at the recent Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance.

The idea of assigning official air transportation to assist this largely private sector organization to broaden its exchange of program development volunteers and donated commodities is an interesting proposal, deserving careful evaluation.

President Nixon has directed that full consideration be given to finding a sound method of implementing this "Partners' Plane for Peace" idea.

Sincerely yours,

Bryce N. Harlow

GENERAL

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June 17, 1969

Dear Brad:

Thank you for your June 11 letter to the President concerning a resolution by the Partners of the Alliance calling for a Partners Plan for Peace. I am pleased to call this matter to the attention of the appropriate office for most careful consideration, and you will be further advised shortly.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to
the President

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Honorable F. Bradford Morse
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1969

TO: Office of Dr. Kissinger

FROM: Office of Bryce Harlow
(Elouise Frayer, Room 16,
West Wing)

For DRAFT reply by the Department
of State.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

June 11, 1969

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In 1964, I was pleased to sponsor a Partners of the Alliance program between Massachusetts and the Department of Antioguia, Colombia. This was one of the first partnerships in a program that now involves 37 states and 15 Latin American countries.

BH
For every United States aid dollar expended for transportation and administrative expenses, private sources in the United States and the partner countries have returned the investment 14 times over.

In 1968 alone, U.S. Partners groups sent more than 660 tons of agricultural, educational and hospital equipment to their Latin counterparts. Much more could have been sent had transportation resources been available.

Recognizing this problem, the Fourth Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance at its meeting in Salt Lake City last month adopted unanimously a resolution calling for the allocation of one plane to help meet this transportation need. Specifically, the resolution petitioned you to "make available, on a call basis, to the Partners of the Alliance Program, U.S. Air Force or other air transportation service for transportation from collection points to places of destination, program volunteers and donated goods, materiel and equipment destined to assist in accelerating development."

Assistant Secretary of State Meyer, who addressed the Conference, indicated that he would deliver the resolution to Washington with his support. I would like to add my voice to those that have already been raised on behalf of this resolution. Just as the ship Hope conveys its humanitarian services to those less fortunate than we, a Partners Plane for Peace could contribute mightily to the cause of peace and progress we all support.

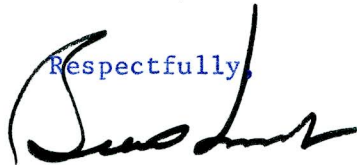
The President
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June 11, 1969

I hope that it will be possible for you to make an aircraft
available to the Partners of the Alliance.

With high regard,

Respectfully,

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F. Bradford Morse
Member of Congress

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July 3, 1969

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Dear Brad:

This is with further reference to your June 11 letter to the President concerning the resolution adopted by the Fourth Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance requesting a "Plane for Peace." X

The idea of assigning official air transportation to assist this largely private sector organization to broaden its exchange of program development volunteers and donated commodities is an interesting proposal, deserving careful evaluation.

I can assure you that full consideration is being given to finding a sound method of implementing this "Partners' Plane for Peace" idea.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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Bryce N. Harlow
Assistant to the President

Honorable Bradford X Morse
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 27, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRYCE N. HARLOW

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *X*

SUBJECT: Letters to the President from Congressmen Fascell and Morse concerning "Partners' Plane for Peace"

Congressmen Dante Fascell and Brad Morse have written to the President to urge that he give favorable consideration to a resolution adopted by the Fourth Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance, that he, "make available on a call basis, to the Partners of the Alliance Program, U.S. Air Force or other air transportation service for transportation from collection points to places of destination, program volunteers and donated goods ..."

The State Department recommends that full consideration be given to finding a sound method of implementing this concept which has been dubbed "Partners' Plane for Peace". The Department is actively exploring ways to implement the concept with the Department of Defense.

Attached at Tab A is a suggested reply which could be sent to both Congressmen.

Attachments:

Tab A - Suggested Reply

Tab B - Letters to the President from Congressmen Fascell and Morse

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

June 11, 1969

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The White House
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The President
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F. Bradford Morse
Member of Congress

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July 11, 1969

Dear Senator Jordan:

The President asked me to thank you for your July 3 letter concerning the resolution adopted by the Fourth Inter-American Conference of the Partners of the Alliance urging that one United States aircraft be assigned to the Partner's program.

The idea of assigning official air transportation to assist this largely private sector organization to broaden its exchange of program development volunteers and donated commodities is an interesting proposal, deserving careful evaluation.

I can assure you that full consideration is being given to finding a sound method of implementing this idea.

With cordial regard,

Sincerely,

Dale Grubb
Special Assistant to
the President

Honorable Len B. Jordan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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August 2, 1969

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of July 23 calling the President's attention to the request by the Partners of the Alliance for a "Plan for Peace". You may be assured that this request is receiving full consideration.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

William F. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to
The President

Honorable James A. McClure
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 7, 1969

Dear Mr. Kyros:

Thank you for your letter of August 4th regarding the Partners of Alliance Program's efforts to secure a jet aircraft for flights between partnership countries and the United States.

I will look into this and be back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Peter N. ^XKyros
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: James H. Boren, Director of Partners of Alliance
w/enc for DRAFT REPLY

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North State Dept Building
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PETER N. KYROS
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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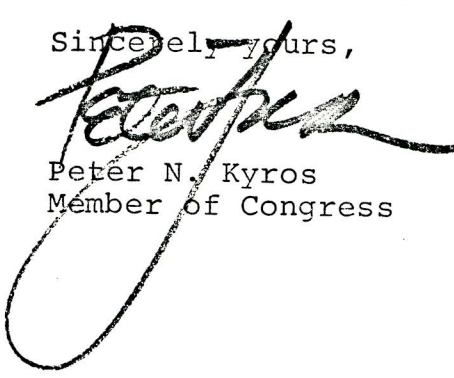
Mr. William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President
107 East Wing
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Timmons:

In the past several weeks, I have received a number of letters from constituents in Maine in regard to the Partners of Alliance Program, and the organization's request of the United States government that one jet aircraft be made available for regular flights between partnership countries and states. It is my understanding that this request was made in the form of a resolution adopted by the organization at its Fourth Inter-American Conference in May of this year.

As you know, the State of Maine has taken an active part in the Partners Program since 1967, and its activities with the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Norte have met with considerable success in that time. Accordingly, any assistance or information you may lend with regard to the status of this request and its chances of being granted will be greatly appreciated. With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



Peter N. Kyros
Member of Congress

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Mr. Ralph U. Battles
1010 North Mansion Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Battles:

Thank you for your letter of August 18 concerning the Foreign AID Program.

I found your comments about the handling of the Agricultural Development Program very interesting. I am afraid AID is not an area in which I work, so I am completely uninformed concerning it. However, I will see that your letter does receive consideration by those who do work with the programs.

Thank you for your interest in making the President's programs effective.

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Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Kay Kelly
Staff Assistant

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To: The President

From: Hugo A. Ferrari, Vereador, Camara Municipal, Obidos, Brazil

Date: 9/3/69 (In Portuguese w/State Dept translation)

Subject: Writer, head of govt of Obidos, Para, Brazil, asks help obtain radio station for underdeveloped area in Amazonian region.

By direction of the President:

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Dr. Pastor del Rio
Secretary General
x Association of American Writers
and Artists
P.O. Box 12013
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Dr. del Rio:

The Office of the President has asked me to reply to your letter regarding your two proposals: "A Complementary Plan of the Alliance for Progress" and "The First Continental Congress of Presidents of National Academies of Latin America and the Intercontinental Federation of National Academies."

We have reviewed these impressive documents and want you to know that they clearly reflect the great continuity that your leadership has given to the Association of American Writers and Artists. Your dedication to the Inter-American community shows in all you have done.

Your proposals come at a time when, as you know, the President has set forth a new policy for the United States in Latin America. The spirit of what the President has said is probably best summarized by his concern that henceforth the United States will listen more and lecture less. Such restraint has not always typified United States relations in Latin America, but I think there is general agreement among those in the United States Government who are particularly concerned with Latin American affairs that the President's statement signals an important and needed turning in United States-Latin American relations. In this relation, it seems to me that it might be inappropriate for the United States Government to take the

Enclosed file in Incoming Attachment

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 11, 1969

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Dr. Kissinger has asked me to reply to your letter of November 24.

I appreciate your bringing to our attention your feelings as to the importance of concentrating a major economic development effort on the Philippines.

Sincerely,

L. Grant

Lindsey Grant
Staff Member

Mr. Hubert Reynolds
Community Service
Silliman University
Dumaguete City, Philippines

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Dear Mr. Grant:

Mr. Haldeman has asked that I respond to your recent letter concerning international relations, and also for attaching the copy of the letter that has been sent to the President.

He wanted me to thank you for your interest in this program and to assure you that it will be carefully evaluated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Higby
Staff Assistant
to H. R. Haldeman

X
Mr. Allan Grant
President

X California Farm Bureau Federation
2855 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California 94705

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Mr. Allan Grant
President
Calif. Farm Bur. Fed.
2855 Telegraph Ave.
Berkeley, Calif 94705

Sincerely,

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for HRL



CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94705
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ALLAN GRANT
PRESIDENT

FREDERICK J. HERINGER
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

GERALD M. GEIGER
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

RICHARD W. OWENS
SECRETARY

ROBERT P. SIMPSON
TREASURER

FRANK S. PIERCE
GENERAL SECRETARY

April 6, 1970

Mr. H. R. Haldeman
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bob:

As President of the California Farm Bureau Federation, I have been involved in international relations over a long period of time.

Our General Secretary, Mr. Frank S. Pierce, has worked on this program for an even longer period of time than I. I am enclosing a copy of a letter he has written to President Nixon concerning the program which I think would be of keen interest to the President if it could be brought to his personal attention.

President Eisenhower was vitally interested in relationships of the people of the United States and of other lands. I am sure that President Nixon is just as vitally concerned. The comments and reactions of Mr. Pierce I am sure would be of interest to the President.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

ALLAN GRANT
President

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CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION



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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94705
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ALLAN GRANT
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RICHARD W. OWENS
SECRETARY

ROBERT P. SIMPSON
TREASURER

FRANK S. PIERCE
GENERAL SECRETARY

April 6, 1970

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

I am taking the privilege of writing you to express some of my thoughts and to leave with you certain observations gained over the past 15 years while traveling to and in the major countries of South America. I am not, however, attempting to pose as an expert, but am speaking as an interested and concerned U.S. citizen (Republican).

My observations are primarily in the field of agriculture, and a brief explanation of our own activities in South America will give you some background in this area. While not an expert, I am a director and one of the pioneers of Farm Bureau's "Farmer-to-Farmer" program which has embodied many of the concepts established by General Dwight D. Eisenhower while he was President of the United States. His efforts to bring closer understanding and working relationships among the various peoples of the world were applauded by all. As Vice President under Mr. Eisenhower, I am sure you were well aware of these concepts of international relations.

You might also be interested to know that our Governor, the Honorable Ronald Reagan, has encouraged Farm Bureau's activities in international relations through private channels, independent of government agencies and without the use of taxpayer dollars.

As background, then, let me say in brief that the Farm Bureau program consists of these three activities:

- 1) Close personal contact and collaboration with the major independent general farm organizations and cooperatives in the countries of Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil, representing a major part of the private sector of agriculture. We in Farm Bureau are personally acquainted with the leaders and many of the members of these farm organizations

and, at their request, have assisted with many of the problems of their organizations.

- 2) Assistance in establishing an international organization known as the "American Agricultural Associations", of which the American Farm Bureau is a member. This international organization holds an annual conference of agriculture, to discuss such problems as social reforms in agriculture, farm labor and marketing.
- 3) Establishment of a "Young Farmers' Educational Program". This program, sponsored by Farm Bureau, brings young farmers between the ages of 21 and 27 to the United States to live and work on selected host farms for one year. During that period they receive, directly from the host farmer, training in practical agriculture. To put it very simply, they work -- and earn -- while they learn. This program is completely self-supporting. At the present time, it is operating in, and with the cooperation of the following State Farm Bureaus: Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, New Jersey and South Carolina. Currently, over 285 young farmers are involved from the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Japan and the Republic of South Korea. Many other countries, and a number of other State Farm Bureaus, are seriously interested in participating in the program.

Through the foregoing endeavors, and as a result of my 30 visits to South America, we have come to know many of the substantial farmers and farm leaders in these countries. It is very discouraging to note that the morale of the farmers in most of the South American countries is very low. This is particularly true in Chile. It would seem that the independent farmer, comprising a high percentage of the agricultural production, is the forgotten man. He is gradually being forced out of production and his incentives have been all but nullified as a result of the extreme social reforms in agriculture and the resultant uncertainties in the areas of production, marketing, modernization, financing, and even the retention of his land.

All of this would appear to be simply a problem of another country -- a problem which could be very easily dismissed from our minds -- except for an important fact. The U. S. government was a

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party to and helped to establish a program of "alliance for progress" and AID projects. This was done during the administration of your Democratic predecessor. It has been through these programs and projects and their agencies that much of the format of agricultural reforms has taken place, as well as the financing with the help of U. S. dollars.

Based upon the information I have received from good authority, in Chile, at no time during or after the formation of these agencies was there any serious contact made with the organized private sector of agriculture. In other words, the independent farmer was never solicited for his suggestions or ideas regarding land reform or the most effective means of accomplishing agricultural reforms without interfering with the incentives in that field.

In 1969, it was your judgment and decision to send Governor Nelson Rockefeller to South America as your representative on a fact-finding mission. It is well known that for many reasons he was advised to bypass several countries, including Chile. I am personally certain that the climate would have been entirely different had the previous activities of the U. S. agencies been directed toward reforms in agriculture which in the minds of independent farmers, were of a constructive nature.

The basic question is not one of whether agricultural reforms are needed. The question is how they are handled. It appears there are inconsistencies between the efforts of the Farm Bureau organization and the agencies of the U. S. government in this connection. Farm Bureau on the one hand is attempting to teach future leaders of South American agriculture the importance of the free competitive enterprise system, while the U. S. government agencies on the other hand are a party to extreme social reforms which have a tendency to tear down the concepts of the competitive enterprise system.

I sincerely hope Mr. President, that you will find it possible to encourage a study of these inconsistencies and, as a result, turn the attentions of our agencies and the representatives of our government from extreme social reforms to a constructive program directed towards assisting the majority of the independent farmers in these areas to become free of government controls and prejudices.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Sol:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the speech you will be giving at Hamilton College on September 14. I found it interesting to read.

With warm regards,

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Hope to see you soon
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