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Hon. John H. Crimmins
U. S. Ambassador
American Embassy
Brasilia, Brazil

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I would like to thank you for your very kind hospitality and the opportunity to chat with you in general. I appreciated very much your making available Jim Shea to accompany us during our visit in Brazil. Between Shea and Americo Ramos, our Country Program Director, all facets of the political and labor situation were explained to us. They were most informative.

Dick Walsh and I were given a thorough orientation on AIFLD and we were able to visit some of the programs sponsored by AID/AIFLD.

We visited the Vacation Colonies of some of the unions and they reminded us of Unity House that is owned by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. We think it's a great idea that workers who earn so little can take their families for a vacation at a nominal cost.

We then visited the Instituto Cultural do Trabalho and what a pleasant surprise to see young men and women studying the kind of curriculum that our own young trade unionists are exposed to in the U.S. This kind of program will bear fruit in the future and in our discussions with the trade unionists we came in contact with, to a man, the AIFLD program was endorsed.

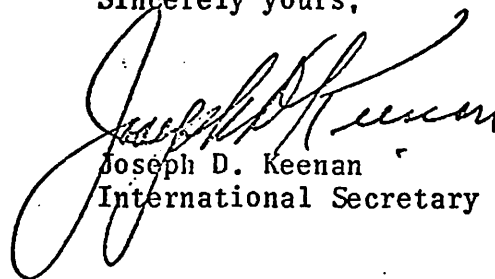
You are to be commended for the continuing support you have given our programs. My experience of over 30 years in the international labor area which includes being a member of the AIFLD Board of Trustees since its founding have proven to me that future results are well worth what is being done now and I strongly feel Brazil is no exception.

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Please give my kindest regards to your wife and for the excellent buffet that she served.

Attached is a copy of my report to Mr. Meany.

Sincerely yours,



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International Secretary

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