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Mr. Americo Ramos, CPD
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Dear Americo:

Regarding your inquiry as to the possibility of Brothers Pizer and Hoffman representing their unions in Brazil, perhaps a brief explanation of the mechanics of the Union to Union Program will answer your question.

Traditionally, before an American trade unionist goes to Brazil under this program, representatives from his counterpart union of Brazil visits the United States first. This means that you would have to discuss with John Snyder the possibility of sending a Furniture Workers team to the United States. Once such an arrangement is worked out, we could, of course, arrange for Brothers Pizer and Hoffman to visit Brazil.

Best wishes.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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Dear Mike:

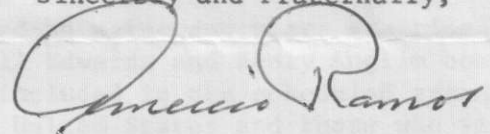
When I was in the United States last January I had a brief telephone conversation with the President of my International Union, Morris Pizer and he indicated he was interested in a trip to Brazil to visit the various furniture factories.

I would like for you to look into the possibility of having Brother Morris Pizer, President of the United Furniture Workers of America, AFL-CIO and Brother Sol Hoffman, President of the Upholsteres International Union of America, AFL-CIO visiting Brazil this year on the Union to Union Program.

I would appreciate your contacting Brother Hoffman to see if he is interested. My suggestion that he accompany Brother Pizer is because both International Unions more or less are under the same jurisdiction.

Please let me know if this visit is possible.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



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Dear Mike:

Received your letter of April 10, 1969 regarding the matter of the Union to Union Program. During Brothers Gillen and Cunningham's itinerary in Brazil, AIFLD/Brazil had a limited participation in the arrangements of the schedule. This was due to the fact that AIFLD/Brazil and the Labor Office were in the process of working out a plan of agreement.

I met Brothers Gillen and Cunningham at the Labor Attache's office when they arrived in Brazil. In the Northeast I attended a dinner given in honor of Brothers Gillen and Cunningham by the Commercial Workers and the Bank Workers of Recife. During this dinner I had a long discussion with the two brothers about AIFLD/Brazil's Program.

Since my return from the Country Program Directors' Conference last January I only had the opportunity to discuss the Union to Union Program with John Snyder on two occasions and was pleased to know that he has a complete different attitude regarding AIFLD/Brazil participation in the Union to Union Program than Herbert Baker had. Last week John Snyder and I had a long meeting regarding the Union to Union Program and reached an agreement where starting with the present two brothers Bill Edwards and Henry Anglim now in Brazil, AIFLD/Brazil will be included in the scheduled arrangements of all groups who will go to the United States and those who will come to Brazil.

Best wishes and personal regards

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Americo Ramos
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cc. Mr. John Snyder

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