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Mr. Andrew C. McLellan
Inter-American Representative
American Federation of Labor &
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Andy:

On the matter of Mission clearances for personnel under the AIFLD contract, I was surprised you are not aware of the Mission's response to your telegram and suggest you contact Harold Kaufman, AID/W Contract Representative. The information from the source you mentioned appears incorrect.

Your telegram mentioned clearance as Cooperative Program Officer but unfortunately, the Mission noted the bio data furnished by AIFLD showed no training or experience in organization and operation of purchasing, marketing, credit or health cooperative programs. However, on the possibility that the bio data was incomplete on this point, the Mission requested any additional bio data which might justify clearance for this project. Harold Kaufman will be able to inform you concerning the follow-up on this matter.

On AIFLD problems affecting their Brazil operations, it is our sincere hope that the corrective measures you and Bill Doherty took earlier this year will continue to guide the AIFLD program and provide a basis for your confidence in it. As you know from your past visits, a return to the situation which existed in Recife, São Paulo and Rio before your and Bill Doherty's decisive actions in February, would have negative effects on AIFLD's work in Brazil.

Harold Jorgenson who works with the Mission in Recife on this project will be in Washington on consultation, and I know he will be happy to bring you up-to-date on the progress of this important project in which he has played a key role.

I agree with you that the union-to-union program is excellent largely due to the reception of Brazilian delegations by the AFL-CIO host unions arranged through your good offices.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Herbert W. Baker
Labor Attaché