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Mr. James E. Rose,
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Dear Mr. Rose:

There is no Federated structure of Co-ops yet in the West of Paraná, but there is what is called the "Project Iguaçu" which could be called the beginning of one. This is an integrated Co-op Development Project, with 13 Co-ops in 45 Municipios participating, and guided unitedly by Federal and State Agencies concerned with co-ops as well as by the Extension Services, and supported by the Co-op Bank, the Bank of Brazil and the Brazilian Warehousing Co. A visit there may interest you, and should be preceded by a visit to Curitiba in order to acquaint yourself and your counterpart with the historic and organizational background of the Project. From there, you would, so to speak wend your way back, to which end INCRA most surely would lend you a car and chauffeur. I would like very much to be your guide, but will not be able to owing to other projects I have to participate in between now and the end of the year. The INCRA Coordinator's name in Curitiba is Sr. Silvio A. de Carvalho Lima, a fine man to know and a good friend of mine. He also spent some time in Paraguay.

In Erechim (RS), which could be visited by a side-flight from Curitiba or Foz Iguaçu with SADIÁ, I know only one Co-op, and incidentally one of the finest we have, which could produce Manioc Glucose; the "Tritícola", but I am not aware of them doing it. This must be a newer addition to their programs. However, this fact could be ascertained before your coming.

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Gerber

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