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Herbert W. Baker, Esquire
Labor Attaché
American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro

Dear Herb:

I was visited today by Mario José Provensi of the Alimentação union of Caxias do Sul who brought with him Theo Gitler, the young (26) President of Santo Angelo's Alimentação union. Gitler was the recent beneficiary of a training course at São Paulo and would like to be considered for a future bolsa. You might wish to check his credentials further. If I can be of assistance in the matter please let me know.

Looking forward to your visit during the forthcoming labor exhibit in Porto Alegre.

Sincerely

Robert F. Gillin
American Vice Consul

P.S. Santo Angelo is a town of about 60,000. The Alimentação Union has about 150 members of a possible total of 700. Gitler cited the policies of the former communist-member oriented president Luiz Julio Bandeira as the main reason for the reluctance of the majority of the food workers to join i.e. they fear the union will evolve along leftist lines. Gitler makes a good first impression. The local has a cooperative, grocery and pharmacy located in the sede.