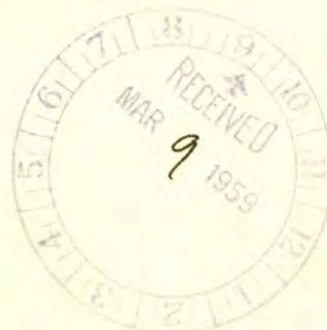


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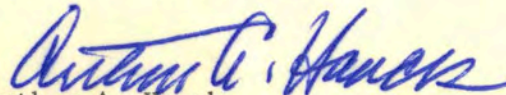
Dear Dr. Morales:

Enclosed is a brief statement about the Latin American Orientation Program which the Washington International Center is conducting under an agreement between the International Educational Exchange Service of the Department of State and the American Council on Education.

We were deeply impressed by your remarks at the Conference on Exchange of Persons in February, and feel we would benefit greatly by your counsel on this new program. If there is a possibility that you may be in Washington on Thursday, March 19, we would be delighted to have you meet with us and a number of other invited consultants for a dinner meeting at the Cosmos Club from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

It would be extremely helpful to have you present at the meeting. Please let me know as soon as you can whether we may expect you.

Sincerely yours,


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LATIN-AMERICAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM

At the request of the International Educational Exchange Service the American Council on Education, through the Washington International Center, is preparing and directing a project for the orientation of approximately 340 American teachers, lecturers, researchers, and students who are going to Latin America under Department of State grants.

The Washington International Center which now serves in the orientation for foreign grantees coming to the United States is now acting in the same capacity for American grantees assigned to Latin America.

It is important that these grantees be currently informed of the policies and activities of the United States so that they may be prepared to answer questions intelligently, and adequately interpret the ideals and institutions of their country. They will also need current knowledge of the political climate and environment of the country to which they have been assigned.

Under the agreement between the International Educational Exchange Service and the American Council on Education some of the subjects that will be covered are as follows:

- a. Briefing by Department of State Officers on Exchange Program objectives and operations, and of grant provisions and responsibilities;
- b. Briefings by Department of State officers on the political climate prevalent in the host countries and United States foreign policy in those countries;

- c. Briefings by U. S. Information Agency Officers on USIA objectives and facilities available to grantees; and with appropriate officers of the International Cooperation Administration on programs of mutual security and technical assistance in the area;
- d. Discussion of American backgrounds and problems conducted by the Washington International Center designed to help grantees interpret the life of the United States abroad, and to be better informed on the kinds of questions which are likely to be asked by Latin Americans about this country.

In most cases the Orientation Program will cover a period of five days. During their stay in Washington the schedule of the grantees will be prepared by the Director of the Program, with the cooperation of representatives of the Washington International Center and the International Educational Exchange Service. In addition to the briefing by Department of State and other government agencies the WIC plans to devote some time to the following activities:

1. Discussion on Current economic and political trends in the United States;
2. Discussions of questions about the United States likely to be encountered in Latin America. (The Department of State will furnish current information from the field as to the nature of such questions.)
3. Conducted tours related to the functions of our national government. (optional)
4. Individual appointments as needed.