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20 February, 1978

Sra Gabriela Aranibar
Executive Secretary
~~Inter~~-American Commission of Women
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Sra Aranibar,

It was such a pleasure to meet you at Carmen Votaw's party for the Commission last Thursday evening that I was sorry there was no time for a real conversation. I appreciated your interest in the projects of the International Women's Tribune Centre and hope we may have the opportunity of a visit from you when you are in New York. Otherwise, I will try to contact you when next I, or one of our staff here is in Washington.

The work you have undertaken is formidable, I understand, and I hope the size of it has not discouraged you at the beginning of your tenure. You have come to the Commission at a time of tremendous opportunity, it seems, and I am sure they, the Commissioners, feel fortunate to have a person of your youth and energy to tackle the past records of the CIM and help plan for what it may now do.

The new emphasis on women's full participation in the development of their countries seems to have shed light on the fact that they have been the backbone of development all along in the basic contribution their work in food production and provision for the wage earners of their families makes to national survival and even growth. The projects you will see described briefly in the Centre Newsletter are largely efforts to enhance this contribution while adding to the dignity and independence of the women themselves.

Before we can complete the contents of the projected Spanish edition of the Newsletter, we need to know of more projects in the Americas and of resource material in Spanish. If you can put us in touch with resources and persons who can help, we will be most appreciative. This will also hasten publication of the Spanish newsletter.

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I have written my thanks for the invitation to be present at the Sesion Protocolar to Lic. Gabriela Touchard Lopez, but would be grateful if you will convey my appreciation to any others who were involved in panning that memorable observance.

Hoping very much to see you soon again,

Sincerely,

Mildred Persinger

I have written to Sra.

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