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February 22, 1978

Ms. Esther Hymer  
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Dear Esther,

Anne Walker was sorry she had not realized there was another meeting of the Decade Committee after the joint meeting with the NGO Committee on Disarmament last Tuesday. It was a disappointment to me, too, to miss both of them, as I had to be in Washington all day for the Fiftieth Anniversary Observance of the Interamerican Commission of Women, to which members of the National Commission on IWY were especially invited. (There are some changes coming up in the work of the Interamerican Commission, I think.)

Anne has written the attached letter to Elaine Livingston in response to Elaine's inquiry about a compilation of women's projects. I hope the material she has outlined will be helpful. There are so many projects underway and our project bank is only in the early stages of assembling information on the many thousands we know exist. At this point it appears that the most helpful thing we can do is let people know what some of the sources of information are.

You spoke the other day about the possibility of the Tribune Centre's arranging some kind of workshop experience for your overseas participants. That is one of the services we are in business to provide, and would be glad to talk to you and the appropriate program people about it. Anne is away at the moment, but all of us will be on hand in early March. If you want to get something settled before that, Vicki and I will be glad to explore it with you.

Patchanee Natpratcha and Pamela Green, the two young women I mentioned to you who will be in this country from Thailand and Sierra Leone respectively would be great assets to the Seminar due to their extensive work with women in rural areas. However, my conversations with the American Home Economics Association about the possibility of their attending produced enthusiasm but no travel funds from Washington. I have been trying to reach you to find out whether you now have additional funding for participants, but have had no luck. I would like to be helpful if possible.



In addition to Patchenee and Pamela, Peggy Antrobus and others from the Caribbean area who expect to attend would contribute much to the Seminar. One of these is Isabel Pico de Hernández, who headed preparations in Puerto Rico for the U.S. national Women's Conference and, I think, chairs a Puerto Rican Commission for women's rights.

You will note on the enclosed page from the U.S. Commission for IWY newsletter that they have mixed your Seminar with the Commission meeting. You may receive some inquiries about the Commission as a result.

Hoping to see you Thursday,

Yours,

Mildred Persinger