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Hon. Fernando Sierra Berdecia  
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Dear Mr. Sierra:

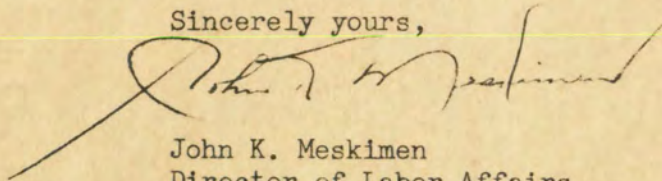
I want to thank you for your exceptionally fine contributions to the success of the first Latin American Seminar on Labor Administration in Lima, Peru.

Your work made a lasting good impression on the Latin American participants and on the members of the U.S. delegation. You can look back on the Lima Seminar with justifiable pride, for according to my staff's reports, your wisdom, ability and leadership made the venture a success. I can not adequately express my deep appreciation and great respect for the fine job you have done for ICA and the United States. You may be sure that this Office will ask for your help again when there are important and difficult assignments worthy of your exceptionally fine qualifications.

Moreover, I thank you for letting us have the very valuable services of Mrs. Colon and Mr. Otero. I understand that they both made outstanding contributions, and that they won the affection and esteem of all of the Latin American participants. I shall write a letter of appreciation to each of them.

I am elated about our good fortune to have had three such excellent and dedicated discussion leaders, and good will ambassadors from Puerto Rico at the Seminar. I have been told that the three of you were tireless in your efforts to make the meetings a success, and that you were especially effective in creating an atmosphere of mutual understanding and good feeling among the delegates from various countries. This contribution was very important, and will not be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,



John K. Meskimen  
Director of Labor Affairs