

January 19, 1972

Dear Mr. Hart:

This is in reply to your letter of December 10 to the President asking if the Board of Directors for the Inter-American Development Institute might present their personal report to him at an appropriate time on January 27 or 28 when their next session will be held in Washington.

As much as the President would like to be able to see you and the others of the Board, the developments in his schedule now and in the coming weeks prior to his trip to China are such that he just cannot do so. He wants you to know, though, he very much appreciated your thoughtfulness in asking to come in and that he sends you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

David N. Parker
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Augustin S. Hart, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Inter-American Social Development Institute
1515 Wilson Boulevard
Rosslyn, Virginia 22209

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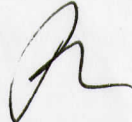
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TO: DAVID PARKER

FROM: PETER G. PETERSON 

SUBJECT: Report of the Board of the Inter-American Social Development Institute

I agree that meeting with the ISDI Board would be worth ten minutes of the President's time. Because one of its main purposes is to exhibit the President's interest in Latin America, you might want to explore the press aspects of this meeting.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date: January 3, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

✓ ROBERT FINCH
PETER PETERSON

FROM:

DAVID PARKER

RE:

Report of the Board of the Inter-American
Social Development Institute

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

NO - There are better groups.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: January 3, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROBERT FINCH
PETER PETERSON

FROM:

DAVID PARKER

RE:

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COMMENTS:

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

Date: January 3, 1972 (9:46 a.m.)

FROM: David N. Parker

VIA: Dwight L. Chapin

PRESENTATION: Report of the Board of the Inter-American Social Development Institute

DATE: January 27 or January 28

PURPOSE: To call attention to the Board as a new approach in foreign assistance which is consonant with President's policy of a mature partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean.

FORMAT: -Oval Office
-10 minutes
-Participants (Members of Board - list attached)

SPEECH MATERIAL: Brief talking points to be provided by General Haig.

PRESS COVERAGE: To be announced and pool press coverage.

STAFF: General Haig

RECOMMEND: General Haig - "Believe it would be very useful in light of charges of Administration disinterest in Latin America."

BACKGROUND: Augustin S. Hart, Jr., Chairman of the Board of ISDI, asks if Members of this organization could present a personal report on the first year of their activities when they have a full membership meeting in Washington on January 27 and 28, stating would serve to focus on President's concern for providing U. S. support to Latin American and Caribbean self-help initiatives designed by indigenous private and public sector institutions to improve lives of their people.

APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE _____

MEMBERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INTER-AMERICAN
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Chairman:

August S. Hart, Jr. of Illinois (Executive Vice President, Quaker Oats Co.)

Vice Chairman:

George Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts (Lecturer, Harvard Business School)

Members:

Charles A. Meyer, Assistant Secretary of State

John Richardson, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State

Charles W. Robinson, President, Marcona Corp., San Francisco

Governor Luis A. Ferre of Puerto Rico

Hon. John A. Hannah, Administrator, AID

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 20, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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DAVE PARKER

FROM:

AL HAIG 

SUBJECT:

Request for Presidential Meeting with
Members of the Board of the Inter-American
Social Development Institute (ISDI)

You asked for our recommendation with regard to the request that the President meet with the members of the Board of the Inter-American Social Development Institute (ISDI) to receive a report on the Institute's first year of operation. I believe it would be very useful for the President to meet briefly with the Board members, who were all appointed by the President in August of 1970.

This Institute, created last year and representing a new approach to foreign assistance, emphasizing non-governmental channels, constitutes a positive achievement of the Nixon Administration in the Latin American foreign policy area. I think it would be worth seeing that the President gets some credit for his interest and action. This is especially significant in light of charges of Administration disinterest in Latin America. I therefore recommend that the President meet for about ten minutes with the members of the ISDI Board to receive the Chairman's report and to demonstrate his interest in the work of the Institute and in Latin America. Key representatives of the Congressional subcommittees on Latin America, and possibly the Secretary-General of the OAS, might be invited to the presentation.

We would provide brief talking points for the President if he approves.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Date: December 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: **JEANNE DAVIS**
NSC SECRETARIAT

FROM: **DAVID PARKER**

RE: **Presentation of report to the President
of activities of the Inter-American Social
Development Institute.**

The attached is being sent to you for your advice and
recommendation.

Would you advise as soon as possible.

Thank you.

COMMENTS:

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INTER-AMERICAN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

1515 WILSON BOULEVARD
ROSSLYN, VIRGINIA 22209

December 10, 1971

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RMN MESSAGE
SPEAKERS BUREAU
OTHER

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A year has passed since you appointed the Board of Directors for the Inter-American Social Development Institute. As you pointed out in your statement of August 19, 1970, "The Institute will provide grant support for innovative, experimental programs undertaken primarily by private non-profit organizations. It is designed as a pilot project to bring the dynamism of U.S. and Latin American private groups to bear on development problems through people-to-people programs, and to help broaden the participation of individuals in the processes of development."

In the year since its confirmation by the Senate, the Board has molded the program philosophy, selected a small staff, established operating methodology, and initiated relationships with many appropriate institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. We have also approved nearly one million dollars in grants to private organizations in four Latin American countries.

As Chairman of the Board of this unique public corporation, it occurs to me that we have reached a stage in our corporate development when it would be appropriate for me to present a personal report to you on our activities. In addition, the legislative amendment which you proposed to change the corporate name to the Inter-American Foundation should be enacted in the next few weeks, and it may well be opportune to call public attention to this change.

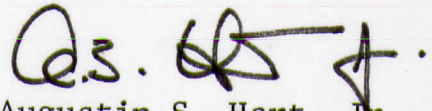
Given your own intensive schedule, the date for such a meeting will of course depend on a time convenient to and for you.

However, if your schedule permits, let me suggest that you consider an appropriate time on January 27 or 28 when the Board has scheduled its next session and when it is expected all Board members will be in Washington.

This occasion would allow you to call attention to this new approach in foreign assistance which is consonant with your policy of a mature partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean. It would serve to focus on your concern for providing U.S. support to Latin American and Caribbean self-help initiatives designed by indigenous private and public sector institutions to improve the lives of their people.

As soon as you reach a decision on the appropriateness of this suggestion, I stand ready to work out with your staff whatever course of action you indicate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A.S. Hart, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Augustin S. Hart, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

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