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For your information.

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Dear Mr. Gilligan:

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I accept your offer of an appointment to the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

Henry Cortez
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The plan to have the Committee assume a more active role and hold meetings in various parts of the country appeals to me.

Isabel Yanni
Pledge Officer

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I've been an advocate of voluntarism as a major pillar of our foreign assistance policy. The people of the developing world recognize voluntary aid as a real sacrifice on the part of our Nation to help those who help themselves.

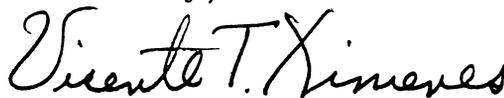
Irma Martinez
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It will be a pleasure to work with you, the Committee, and Mr. Abelardo Valdez, the Administrator for Latin America.

Sincerely,



Vicente T. Ximenes
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Mr. Vincente Ximenes
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Dear Mr. Ximenes:

It is my pleasure to offer you an appointment to the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

For more than three decades the Advisory Committee has helped shape the directions of the foreign assistance program and has served as a reminder, not only to A.I.D. but to other U.S. Government agencies and the Congress as well, that there is a vast independent voluntary sector capable of providing effective development assistance overseas.

Now we are interested in expanding the Advisory Committee to increase citizen participation and make it representative of a broad spectrum of American society. We plan to enhance its viability and relevance, from the point of view of the voluntary community as well as A.I.D. The Committee will assume a more active advisory role on key policy issues involving voluntarism and conduct its meetings in different parts of the country in order to benefit from the views of a wider segment of the public.

These are interesting times when a good deal of re-thinking is taking place about various and evolving relationships of America with the developing world. Increasingly, we are trying to emphasize activities that help as directly as possible to improve living conditions among the poor majority in the developing countries. Last February, I announced special policies and funding arrangements to facilitate a larger role for private and voluntary energy in carrying out the objectives of the Foreign Assistance Act.

We have had under way extensive interactions between government and the private and voluntary community during the past few years in order to heighten their dialogue with each other and, above all, find interesting and useful ways to employ scarce U.S. resources to meet the needs of the developing countries.

The Advisory Committee has been a focal point for this dialogue on development issues, and I am sure that, expanded and revitalized, its role will become even more essential. I am sure, also, that the Committee will benefit enormously from your own considerable experience and personal insights into philanthropy, voluntarism and development.

I earnestly hope that you will accept this invitation to serve a six-year term, to begin with the date of your oath-taking in December 1978, and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, you may contact John A. Ulinski, Jr., telephone (202) 632-9206.

Sincerely,


John J. Gilligan