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cc: Pastor Emilio Monti

Dear Mr. Ianni,

This must be a hasty note to inform you that you may get two visitors from Denmark on June 1st. They are Mrs. Bodil SOELLING, Deputy General Secretary of Danish Church Aid, and Mr. Arne Piel CHRISTENSEN, General Secretary of the Danish Refugee Council. They are attending a meeting of the International University Exchange Fund in Costa Rica and want to use that opportunity to also visit some other areas in Latin America where the churches are involved in refugee work. Both are good friends of the World Council of Churches and strong supporters of our various programmes. I have given them the address of CAREF and your name as well as that of Pastor Monti. They will no doubt get in touch with you, always provided they do manage to stick to their scheduled plan. They have indicated that the visit to Argentina may have to be cancelled for lack of time, but I know they are trying hard to include a brief visit to you. I personally do hope it will work out because it would certainly be helpful for them to get to know your work through direct contact.

I want to use this opportunity to also react to your letter of March 23rd and to your budget estimate for 1978. Unfortunately it has still not been possible for Mr. Homann Herimberg and myself to have a quiet talk after his visit to Buenos Aires. He did speak, however, this week at a meeting of Voluntary Agencies, in a general way, about his findings and experiences when he was in Argentina. He certainly showed great appreciation of the work done by the churches and ecumenical agencies. I hope to get some more information from him next week.

When looking at your budget for 1978 we were of course struck by the fact that the asking from WCC is almost double the amount granted in 1977. We would really need some more details in order to understand this considerable increase. We hope to receive from you soon the promised accounts for 1977 which will also help us to get a fuller picture. In the meantime we sent to CAREF another US\$ 20.000 on April 4th. As my secretary is on vacation and arranged for the transfer, I cannot check whether a receipt was forwarded to you. We hope that the money arrived safely and would appreciate a confirmation.

I apologize for the fact that this letter is in English, but again this is due to the absence of my Spanish-speaking secretary. Next time better!

With every good wish and warm greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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