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Hon. E. L. Mechem



Dear Governor Mechem:

I appreciate your good letter of November 2 and had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Floyd W. Lee this afternoon. She is a charming lady and I enjoyed the opportunity of talking with her and learning of some of the problems with which she is working in the Latin American area.

I asked her to keep in touch with us and I hope to see her when she is next in Washington, if she has any further problems where we could be of any help.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Mrs. Floyd W. Lee of San Mateo, New Mexico, is the United States Delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women. She has told me on three different occasions of her concern over the lack of interest in the State Department for the Latin American and South American countries.

She has attempted to discuss this matter with State Department personnel on more than one occasion, but apparently has been unable to arouse interest in the matter. She wanted to know if I had any suggestions, and the only recommendation that I could make to her was to discuss the matter with you and see if it would be possible to direct greater attention to this area.

Our conversations have covered approximately a year's time, and she has now conclusively made up her mind that she should discuss this with someone. Mrs. Lee intends to be in Washington this week and will probably get in touch with you concerning this particular matter. Any advice you can give her on this problem would be greatly appreciated by her, and I have told her that she would enjoy meeting you and talking to you, anyway.

I wish you continued success in your chosen field of thankless responsibility.

Sincerely,



E. L. Mechem

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