

Dear Mrs. Hecker,

I received the photos of our meeting in Washington with great joy. Indeed, they are very nice, and they are very a good reminder for me of the nice moments we have spent together. It was for me a great joy and honour to have been able to understand your work, as well as your concerns at this very important moment of the history in the United States. I will be very happy to collaborate with you in the future, in any aspect of our common interests. Certainly, I will be coming to the United States sometime in the future, and it will be a great pleasure to meet you again.

May I express on my own behalf and on behalf of the members of government with whom I have contact and particularly those who are related to the emigration question our deep gratitude for your interest concerning the Portuguese inhabitants of your district, hoping that your Portuguese constituency will be always of great support to your action. Any information, any help you may need from our side is at your disposal, and I hope that somehow a collaboration may evolve from our meeting.

On a more personal level, dear Mrs. Heckler, I would like to tell you that, if you want to come to this country, for work or for holidays, you will be most wellcome and we will do whatever is in our possibility to make your stay a very enjoyable one.

I hope that your husband and your children are doing well, and your work at the Congress is going smoothly and for the best of the United States and, of course, because of the privileged position of your country in the world's picture, for the humanity at large.

With my kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

(Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo)