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Agency for International Development
Washington, D.C. 20523

October 14, 1983

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Morton:

I enjoyed our last meeting at your office and will look forward to the upcoming election with great interest.

You may recall that I indicated a desire to remain with BIFAD in some capacity beyond the term of my appointment which will end November 3, 1983. It has been brought to my attention by the staff of BIFAD and my director Jirjis Oweis that I have made a valuable contribution to their work. They have indicated a willingness to keep me involved in the research I am conducting now if the administration supports my request for an extended term.

I personally feel that it is valuable to have someone loyal to the President in this position because it provides an excellent vantage point from which to evaluate development programs of all regional bureaus of A.I.D.. However, it has been indicated to me by Laura Dietrich, Deputy Director of External Relations that there is a budget ceiling in BIFAD and no provision for my continuance.

I have made alternate plans for the month of November but would welcome the possibility of returning in December for another assignment. I have not approached Peter McPherson's office on this matter and would appreciate any thoughts or suggestions you might have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Cox
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