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Dear Beryl,

First of all how are you? I'm glad to see you after so long a time and with this letter I attach the report of the work done in 1979. Forgive me for the delay but I have been very busy, also, my apologies for having missed the Perth meeting (My husband was sick and I had a foot infection and could not wear shoes) a real shame since "La Fiamma" had announced the meeting and my attendance. It was just Bad Luck! repeated for the Melbourne meeting (my mother in law fell very ill).

Attached to this letter are some notes and letters of interest to the Council. I have also been asked by some women to explain the selection procedure for representatives to the Mid-Decade Conference.

I hope in future to be able to participate to all the meetings. I wish you the greatest success and may 1980 be all that you wish it to be.

Yours sincerely,

Mamma Lena (Lena Gustin)

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EXTRACTS FROM RADIO NEWS AND FOREIGN PAPERS

ROME: 500 women have formed the UDI (Union of Italian Women). Their main aim is to form a group with World wide following to stop war, violence, hunger and to make people respect the right to life. (not an abortion issue)

VATICAN CITY: The Vatican Press, the Clerics and the Pope have strongly protested against the abortion law. The Church's views have had strong influence on Catholic women even in Australia. Of the 20 women I have interviewed all agreed that abortion should not be practiced unless for medical reasons.

LONDON: (Important article) Women in England constitute 50% of the workforce but with the onset of new technologies there is always less need for them. While seeking impossible careers, they could risk being left without love, family and work. 40% of the women emigrated in Australia have the same fear.

APRIL 20-21-22: Conference at the Yeagly Club of Canberra with the attendance of nearly 50 persons followed by a visit and function at lecture hosted by the M.I. This year was very successful as I am still receiving