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CEGAN and PRONTO (Note for Hegarty)

Please forward the attached note to Hegarty and send us his reply
as soon as practicable.

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For Rodolfo

1. We are reconsidering the question whether it is fair to expect you to exercise effective control over CEGAM and PRONTO in Mexico, (a) because of your many other commitments, (b) because they are so far away from you and your influence is at best remote and indirect. Moreover, we have begun to wonder whether continued support of CEGAM and PRONTO is warranted at all - since we know very little about their actual contribution to our enterprise. On the other hand, we are anxious to see whether their activities would be capable of expansion: the daily increasing difficulties which our mutual friends inside the factory are encountering make it all the more desirable to give them added, active support from the outside.

2. Before deciding one way or the other, however, we want to obtain your advice and opinion about this matter, together with a complete report about the present status of both the organization and the newspaper: very little factual information about either of them has been received here thus far.

3. Please answer as many of the following questions as possible in your report:

a. What, exactly, is the chain of communications between you and those people in Mexico? Via Manuel - or via Pancho - or anybody else? Is contact maintained by mail, by courier or how? How often are reports from Mexico received?

b. How much money is being given to either CEGAM or PRONTO? Is it given in a lump sum or for specific expenses?

(In the latter case, let's have a breakdown). Do you give money for this purpose or does Pancho take it from his over-all funds? How is it being transmitted to Mexico?

c. Does either CEGAM or FRONTO have other sources of revenue? If so, how much money do they receive (say, during one month) and from whom or how? (Especially: membership fees, sales of papers, subsidies from groups in Mexico).

d. How many members does CEGAM have? How does this figure compare with the total number of exiles in Mexico?

e. Who are the officers (members of the executive committee) of CEGAM? What are their titles in the organization and what is the actual significance of their work for the organization? How do you evaluate them personally?

f. What are the day-by-day activities of CEGAM? (Describe, if possible, a typical working week). Do they hold regular meetings - for their members only, or for a broader public? How often do such meetings take place and by how many people, on the average, are they attended?

g. What other contacts in Mexico - with other exile groups, with Mexican political organizations or leading personalities, with government agencies, newspapers etc. - does CEGAM have? How close are these contacts, for what purposes have they been used so far or for what purposes would they be available in the future?

h. How many members are willing (and able) to return to the factory - now or in the future? For what types of jobs inside the factory would they be qualified?

- i. How many copies of every issue of PRONTO are being printed?
- j. How are the copies being distributed, in particular:
 - (1) How many are sold - and through whom?
 - (2) How many are distributed free in Mexico - and to what groups of addressees?
 - (3) How many reach readers inside the factory and by what means? (This is one of the most important questions and should be answered in as much detail as possible).
 - (4) How many copies go to other countries - give breakdown according to countries and groups of recipients.
- k. Is there any evidence of the effectiveness of PRONTO? For instance, do they receive letters from readers - if so, how many per month and how many of them from inside the factory? Are its articles reprinted by other publications or quoted over the radio - if so, give examples. Is it being attacked by the enemy - if so, give examples.