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You have been suggested, along with some 60 other professional people, as a possibility in helping us form a type of journal that does not presently exist within the United States.

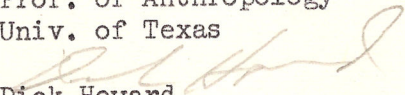
The main function of this journal would be to review books written in the United States about communist and new revolutionary societies. Our purpose would be to offer to the emerging "new left" movement in the U. S. a world perspective to their reading. It is too often the case that the only literature readily available to the young intellectual in the United States is that literature written within the American frame of thought. This frame of thought carries with it all the bias inherent in the American system, not always intentional, but just the same misleading. As a result, the U. S. reader, if he is seeking fact, must resort to reading with a bias of his own to counteract the bias in the literature. This is most certainly not any guarantee of catching all of the fallacies found in the materials offered. To alleviate this problem, we are asking numerous persons throughout the world to review articles and books written (by Americans) about their particular area and situation and submit them to us for publication in our journal.

Hopefully, we will be able to put out our first issue in the late fall of this year. We have at our disposal a very good photographic offset press and the manpower to run it. In addition, several publishers have committed themselves to furnish books for review. At this stage we need your comments on the proposed journal and any additional areas that you think could be effectively covered by our project.

As the international scene is becoming more and more a matter of urgency, and for the first time there is a large segment of American opinion questioning American foreign policy, we feel that we must act at once and we hope that your response to our proposals will be prompt.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Professor Leeds:

Your good letter of August 29th.

I am not consider myself qualified to judge on the need or viability of the publication you have in mind. As to my possible participation in your venture, I will be very glad indeed to consider any practical suggestion you may have, although international questions are my proper field.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas