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Dear Thacher and GeeGee,

Long time since I heard from you, essentially since before your Europe trip during the summer except for a short note about the Swiss affair and a reference to Gee Gee in Yugoslavia which I did not understand. Unfortunately mail forwarded from Caracas to Lima never reached me- nor that written by others in Venezuela to others in Peru for reasons unknown. So a letter of yours or more may have gone astray. If so, have you copy? I wrote a long letter to each of you from Caracas in July and some bits and peices at other times. To Switz and to Yuges.

Spent 5 weeks in Peru and learned more than maybe in any other time except in Cuba. Unfortunatelly the more I learn the more discouraged I get about the situation and its possibilities in Latin America. But the more convinced that a revolutionery break is the only possibility, Only I dont see where that is going to come from. On the contrary, I expect all sorts of right wing movements in Lat Am. One day I may write why.etc. In my Caracas letter I wrote about how I am learning a littel about imperialism. Am still learning bits and peices. But more impotant, I am beginning to (believe that I) see that and in part how the imperialist relationship between the US and the metropole in general one the one side and this or that place in Africa and Latin America on the other is the primary key to the problem of underdevelopment- and currently indeed the opposite of development- in these countries. And I am beginning to learn something about how economic, social, political, cultural forms of relations between them interact to support ones to other to maintain the status quo of the fundamental relationship and thereby to prevent economic development in the dependent countries. And I have finally worked myself up a topic for a book which I think worth writing- analysing this relationship and changes in its forms over the past 5 centuries between the European-american metropole and the african, latinamerican, and maybe asian metropole. In part an attempt to see the relationship from the periphery rather than from the metropole itself as does even Lenin et al when discussing imperialism. I suppose going to Leipzig would give me a good opportunity to write such a book if I didnt get sidetracked there or if I dont learn too much about the impossibility of writing such a work. Meantime my other possibilities remain Caracas and Lima, for from Cuba I have never heard again. I will try the latte again from here since Chile has diplomatic relations. I have not yet gotten to Brazil as I hoped to investigate possibilities there mostly because I am currently using- and I suppose and hope not misusing- your money for not exactly professional ends, that is getting to know a girl. Using it in the sense that it is keeping me in Chile longer than I would otherwise have stayed.

I try to read bits and peices about the electoral campaign in the US and to glean out something about the political state of affairs. What I read tastes more rightwing than ever, even more than in the days of McCarthy in that I have the feeling that the whole political center of gravity has shifted to the right and the debates now center around that. How do you judge the thing? Can you send me stuff once in a while or send me references to things that I can buy or go to get in libraries or bookshpps or magazines here?

And what are you all doing? Whats with "the paper"? And Gee Gee's doctoral program? and Yugoslavia? And other matters? and George G. rbner? and the bomb?

Write me here now and use Nancy- 36 Bacon S'r. Waltham 54, Mass as a general address for forwarding if you dont write me soon after having received my address- so stuff doesnt have to be sent from one lat am place to other.

love, g