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American Embassy,  
Bogotá, Colombia,  
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Dear Frank:

With reference to the anti-Communist Centro de Estudios y Accion Social on which I have been reporting (my letter to you of October 21, 1960), I wanted to let you know that, pursuant to the Department's instructions, we have begun to phase out of the picture. CAS will pick it up from here. As a result we will probably be doing very little additional reporting on this in despatch form. In the meantime, I am sure that additional information, as developed by CAS, will be available to the Department through normal liaison channels.

I wanted also to alert you to a possible visit by some of these gentlemen to Washington. We have been told that Aurelio CORREA, Executive Director of the organization, Hernan Echevarria, José GOMEZ Pinzón, Genaro Payán and Luis Robledo will all be travelling to the United States on personal business matters the first part of December. Although they will initially be visiting separate places, they plan to meet in New York on or about December 10. Some or all of them will go to Washington about December 15 and will contact the Colombian Embassy. They wish to talk with US officials about their organization. CAS is alerting its headquarters on this, so there will probably be some liaison with the Colombians made through them. It was agreed that I would alert you, and you may wish to coordinate with your counterparts on the whole thing.

Of passing interest, is that in the last conversation CORREA had with Embassy officers, he said that members of the group had been doing some missionary work in Peru, Ecuador and Mexico, in spreading the idea of similar organizations there. He thought possibly something like this might also spread to Venezuela later. Correa also mentioned that the Centro, still

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operating in the background, was quite interested in working in the student field. He wants to explore the possible use of PL 480 funds for university housing, as well as to see if advantageous work cannot be carried out among the large numbers of students who never graduate for one or another reason. And he again said that what the Centro would like from the US is "técnica, técnica y técnica", which brings us back to where we started.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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