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Date: 12-12-78

To: Lt. Winters

From: Officer Falk

Subject: The Data Center

RE: The Data Center 464 19th St,

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We received information that an organization called The Data Center is sending out a form letter to corporations within the United States. The inquiry requests information from the corporations on a continuing basis.

The Data Center is a subsidiary operation of the North American Congress on Latin America. This is a non-profit organization registered in California under the name of Investigative Resource Center Inc. The Data Center was started in 1977 by the NACLA to provide an efficient means to process and provide access to the voluminous material collected by the NACLA and their satellite organizations over the past decade.

The director of The Data Center is Mr. Harry Strharsky, who has been involved in the support and leadership of the Latin American left for a number of years. He was active with the Committee Against Repression in Brazil, the Non-intervention in Chile, and has written a book entitled "Transnational Corporation and the Third World", which is an anti-profit, anti-capitolist and Marxist in tone.

The information requested from corporations, and generally provided in good faith, is cross-indexed and computerized at The Data Center and elsewhere in satellite offices of the NACLA for at least the following purposes:

- 1. Targeting of corporations individually and as a block for political and economic agitation.
- 2. Anti-corporate propaganda.
- 3. Action against corporate capital assets and corporate personnel, chiefly at managerial levels.
- 4. Economic intelligence.

At this time, we are unaware of any of our local companies supplying information to The Data Center. This is obviously a probe by an intelligence organization to gather information on corporations for future action. Judging by Mr. Strharsky's activities with several Marxist-oriented organizations, we would suspect that the activity would be anti-capitolist and anti-corporation. See copy of form letter attached to report.

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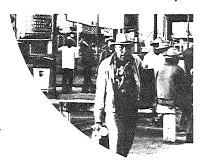
### food

Throughout the Americas food has become a big business — agribusiness. For the multinationals, agribusiness means huge profits. But for most people north and south of the border it means non-nutritional foods and rising prices. For peasants and small farmers it means being forced off the land and pushed towards overcrowded

cities, and for farmworkers it brings low wages and inhuman working conditions. As agribusiness increases its grip over our food system in the Americas, it heightens the conflict between corporate expansion and people's most basic needs.

# immigration

Whether African slaves forced to "migrate" at gun-point or European workers seeking refuge from the ills of their own countries, immigrant workers have been at the core of the history of the Americas for nearly 500 years. Today,



as the world economic crisis deepens, more Latin American workers are migrating to the U.S. in search of jobs. And many U.S. industries, trying to cut wage-costs, are employing the unorganized immigrants in growing numbers. Increased immigration in the 70s is part of a new set of contradictions for the Americas, with profound political implications.

### runaway shops

For years runaway shops have left a wake of unemployment and broken lives in the U.S. as they search the world for cheap labor. More recently, competition from Japanese and European countries and the profit-crunch of the 70s have spurred the movement of U.S. companies to countries like Mexico, Haiti and El Salvador where



they collaborate with repressive governments to keep wages at poverty levels. In this process, however, these same companies have been providing the working people of the Americas with a common basis for future unity.

### u.s. intervention

For decades Latin America has been the domain of U.S. capital. When this domain is threatened, Washington and Wall Street have not hesitated to intervene. Whether it is big banks pressuring Peru on its foreign debt or New

York City on its municipal debt; Del Monte fighting workers on its Guatemalan plantations or its California canneries; or Washington underwriting identification systems for the Chilean secret police or the Chicago police intelligence squad — though the locations are different, the actors and consequences are the same.





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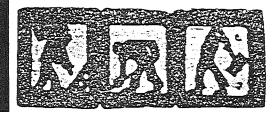
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Why East Coast agribusiness prefers West Indian to Puerto Rican farmworkers—the most exploitable work force.

Update: Migrant Labor, Union Busting, Norteno Music, Panama Canal, Puerto Rico.

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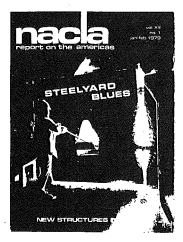
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