Letters from Teosinte

These three letters were apparently received together in early August: one from the directiva and two from the school children.

Teosinte 13th of July 1992

Dear comrades of Arlington

Receive our embraces and greetings on behalf of all the communuity.

You don't know how much we have missed hearing from you.

Well, we would like to tell you a little about our community and our country.

In the community there have been many changes, as we will tell you:

Concerning the planting of corn: So far they are growing very leafy; the rains have been constant since they began. We hope to have a better harvest than last year, although we already know the land is not very fertile.

The cattle: We have 125 head of cattle, 25 or 30 milk cows. They are maintained by men who care for and manage this project. Now each worker earns 450 colones monthly [$54]. The milk is distributed free 15 days and sold 15 days. Also, every day it is given free to the malnourished children and elderly.

The clinic functions with 9 health promoters: 7 young women and two adults, one woman and one man. The young ones earn 100 colones ($12) monthly and the adults 200 ($24), since one has 9 children and the woman is a widow with 5 children. We hope in the next few months to have a small laboratory working. The infant development center functions with 3 women and a total of 35 children; these comrades earn 200 colones ($24) monthly. The school continues ahead.

We also want to tell you that the 18th of June the new regional directiva of the CCR was elected. And Olga was chosen for that, so she no longer works diretly in the community. She has the responsibility of the Secretary of Women's Affairs.

Also, in the community, at two years of struggle in the community's development, the new directiva was elected. It is formed of 3 comrades of the old directiva: Rafael, Nico, and Abil[Avel?], along with [illegible], Oscar Maurilio, and one comrade who did not accept. This election was July 12. Thus we are hoping to move to another place where the land is better; but we have nothing certain.

About the general situation of the country: We know that on June 30 20% of the END was demobilized. And July 6 the National Guard and Treasury Police were demobilized. These are [encuartelados]. There are many accords which are behind schedule in their fulfillment and the violation of human rights