Hello --

I am a member of the *Confédération National du Travail (CNT)*, which, like the *Worker's Solidarity Alliance*, is a member of the *Association Internationale des Travailleurs*. For those cautious souls who would like to verify my situation, you can contact the secretary of my section of the *CNT* here in France: Syndicat pour une Education Libertaire, CNT - AIT, 1/2 rue Denis du Péage, 59800 Lille, France.

I am currently writing my doctoral dissertation about anarchy in post-Vietnam USA. While researching American anarchism over the last several years, I discovered that there is little being published about anarchy in **our** times. The card catalogues in even large University libraries manage to imply that anarchy died out as a movement with Emma Goldman and survived only as an influence on other protest movements, most notably those of the 'sixties. However, from personal experience, I know that anarchists are out there, doing their best to fight against the rising tide of conservatism and compromise politics. For this reason, I've written to you.

I don't want to write a dry-as-dust, scholarly examination of anarchy. One of the joys of anarchy is that it is a living, changing movement, made up of Individuals who manage to come together to work towards a common goal. I would like to document anarchy's presence as a movement in and of itself, and identify the issues with which American anarchist activists are currently most involved. I'd like to show the kinds of people that get involved in anarchist politics, while also making it clear that there really is no "typical" anarchist. This means that, in addition to things like demographics, I need information about motivations and the thousand and one things that make today's movement, and its activists, as real as the movement in Goldman's time.

I would appreciate it if you would take the time to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and send it back to me at one of the addresses given. Please feel free to photocopy, or otherwise reproduce the questionnaire and distribute it for fellow activists to complete. The more responses I have, the more accurate my research will be. At some point in the next year or so, I will contact those people who are willing to be interviewed in order to add depth to the preliminary information collected.

Thank you in advance for your help. I hope to see the responses pouring in soon.

Amitiés,

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