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We would prefer to have this question finally settled on the basis of actual experience. It is quite possible that if this magazine is not edited skillfully and carefully serious errors of confusion may be made. But this is no reason for opposing the publication of a communist mass magazine which is trying to convey to the masses the communist message not openly in the name of communism or of a communist organization. <sup>To oppose the publication of such a magazine</sup> This would mean to abandon the field of legal publications in all countries where our movement is illegal. It would strengthen the putchist and "conspiratorial" tendencies in our movement in the Caribbean. It would deny us a strong weapon (which must be handled skillfully) for winning the masses to communism and to the Communist Parties.

In view of these considerations we request you to clarify for us further your point of view on the utilization of legal possibilities in the Caribbean countries and on the proper combination of the legal and illegal press.

Fraternally,

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We are you separately on the questions of organization touched upon in your letter.