Paulo answered 29.8.1972

Tepoztlan - Aug. 18

Dear Paulo Freire,

Your letter got here just a few days before my planned departure to Peru and Chile. After staying for a while in the U.S. - within the death-culture - I'm glad to be back here, cured from the "arribas".

Of course, I understand your delay in writing. I just thought that it might be easier for me to get to the nucleus of cultural action with your assistance, especially since you've worked in Chile.

My motivation to continue as a scholar of latin-american reality hasn't decreased at all, although I'm going through an often quite painful process of reidentification. Sometimes I don't see any way to legitimate my presence here as a curious observer whose hands are bound and then I'd just consider my immediate return. Fortunately I've some friends who encourage me to keep on and now I'm pretty convinced that I'm tic and sober enough to cope with y ambiguous situation.

I'm planning to spend some time in Peru with Hugo Marquesado, probably four weeks and then I'll move on on land to Chile. The reserve of money I've got won't last more than a few months if I can't earn some more down there ~~ju~~ just to ~~str~~ cover the little expenses I'll have. So I'm likely to go back to Europe at the end of the year.

In Chile I'd like to experience how mass education is organized and practiced among different sectors of the productive population. For this purpose could you send to me a kind of "introduction" - as you mentioned in your letter? The best would be probably to send it to the Swiss Embassy in Lima where I can pick it up in a few weeks.

I hope you can deal now better with the "prosperous" swiss reality and send you the best wishes

Jürg Weis