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Dear Friends.

A brief note on our Journal ESTUDOS AFRO-ASIATICOS seems warranted. As you probably realize, the birth of a journal on contemporary Africa and Asia is an important development both in Brazil and Latin America. Studies on Africa and Asia in Latin America are of recent origin and much more needs to be done. It is in this spirit that the CEAA conceived of this journal in early 1977. The months spent in defining, translating and working the various aspects of producing ESTUDOS AFRO-ASIATICOS were time-consuming as well as stimulating. We are aware, though, that the work done puts us in a much better position to continue the publication.

It is our hope that ESTUDOS AFRO-ASIATICOS will help to establish closer links with Institutions overseas. We hope that an axchange of various publications will facilitate scholarly work as well as provide insights on the problems facing Africa and Asia. Reedless to say visitors to Rio de Janeiro are welcome to visit us in order to continue this interchange in person.

We hope to hear from you.

With our thanks.