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Dear John:

Adding to our telephone conversation concerning "A Crítica" they have almost 50% of the circulation in the State of Amazonas.

In checking with people here "A Crítica" seems to be sound financially. Business people here say that all newspapers in Manaus pay always three, four, or five months late, and this would include "A Crítica". Of course, paying an outsider they may be more prompt. However, if they choose not to pay or drag on with their payments there is not much that can be done. For a local company to take action against a newspaper here to get paid would be next to impossible. If the action was brought from outside it might have a different effect, but would still be rough going. In other words nobody crosses the newspapers in Manaus.

The chances are they would repay such a loan, even a little late, but I thought this point may be of interest, and I felt that I should mention it.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

Marshall Whitlock
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