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To ALL THE DUCKS, PAST AND PRESENT:

For a number of reasons, which are outlined below, I am interested in writing what could be called "An Analytical History of Dumont Press Graphic".

I am and have been closely associated with many of the people who have worked at Dumont or who have cause to be interested in Dumont's past, as well as future, development. For them and myself Dumont represents an important and unique experience in the History of "the Canadian Left."

I am also acutely aware of the on-going debate within Dumont as to what future course of action ought to be undertaken.

I think that I can offer something to both of the above-mentioned areas of concern by undertaking to write an analytical history of Dumont since its inception

Several people have indicated to me that Dumont has established an "historical committee" to begin compilation of data upon which an internal history will be written. What I am proposing differs from that project in a couple of important ways.

First of all, I am proposing to do my analytical piece independently as a <u>sympathetic but critical observer</u>. Secondly, I am proposing that the individual interviews undertaken in the course of this work be <u>held in strict confidentiality</u>, so as to allow for as candid as possible an environment within which individuals can express their views.

I think that I am close enough to Dumont to appreciate the problems faced by all concerned with co-operative decision-making within a worker-controlled

environment. At the same time, I am sufficiently removed from the day-to-day struggle to be able to place specific problems within an overall context.

The specific areas of concern that I would like to focus on are the following:

1). Division of labour: a) technical
b). sexual (male-female)

2). Decision-making:

3). Economic Development:

4). Role of Politics:

5). Individual and Collective, personal and political conceptions of Dumont before, after and/or at the present time.

The methodology used would rely principally on a) historical documents ie. minutes, financial books etc. and B) subjective in-depth interviews (taped) with as many of the past and present Dumont workers as possible.

If Dumont is agreeable, I would like to begin work immediately, on a sporatic basis and in a full-time capacity between December 1/75 and January 1/76.

I would like to retain the copyrights on the final product but would welcome the inclusion of a "formal comment" from Dumont regarding any of the opinions expressed in the paper. The inclusion of such a comment could be a requirement for any agreement with the proposal by Dumont.

To Summarize; I view the suggested analysis as 1) a (hopefully useful) contribution to the debate within Dumont as to Dumont's future development and 2) a (hopefully useful) contribution to the discussions now going on regarding "Worker's Control", within the

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"Canadian Left".

I hope that the formality by which this proposal is being presented doesn't turn anyone off. I am asking for formal authorization from the people at Dumont in order to guarantee as far as possible that everyone understands the basis upon which the proposal is being made and to ensure that it will be viewed in as serious a manner as it is put forward.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not the proposal is acceptable, unacceptable or requires modification.

Fraternally,

Terry