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This letter is to inform Gabriel Castillo and Marc Norton of the reasons for their expulsion from the Bay Area MLEP. In our opinion, the decision of expulsion should have come as a surprise to no one. The national MLEP leadership, the local MLEP leadership, and all the comrades in Marc and Gabriel's study circle agreed that the practice of both Marc and Gabriel in the study circle had become an impediment to the carrying out of the group's theoretical tasks. The final decision to expel, which has the full support of everyone in the class, came as the result of six months of struggle in the group. During those six months it became clear that Marc and Gabriel not only held an orientation opposed to MLEP's standards of ideological struggle, but that they were putting those views into practice. Consequently, Marc and Gabriel demonstrated their unwillingness to participate in ideological struggle and, by displaying contempt for the collective process, had in fact created an atmosphere of intimidation in their study circle. This intimidation reached the point at which other comrades in the group were afraid to raise their criticisms of Marc or Gabriel and the study leaders were greatly undermined in their ability to lead the group in the theoretical work. Objectively, this created an atmosphere where racism and sexism were able to flourish.

The decision of expulsion is not something which is made lightly. However, we feel, along with all the other comrades involved, that the circumstances in the case warranted such a decision. For now, we see no usefulness in pursuing further discussions with Marc or Gabriel until comrades are open to adopting a self-critical stand towards this practice in the MLEP.

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