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AMENDMENTS TO GEIER's "The U.S. Left and ~~xxxx~~ our perspectives"
 S.F. (LA)

page 3 - first unfull paragraph - ~~xxxxx~~ delete everything from end of line 2 starting with the word ~~everything~~ "originally" until they end of paragraph.

page 4-- second full paragraph--delete first sentence

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page 18--first full paragraph--line 5--insert after word "class"; "as well as our view of the nature of socialism (ie from below) and of the meaning of the third camp international politics."

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page 18--add at the end of first full paragraph, "We will also unequivocally defend the rights of any Trotskyist or other sects against attempts at political exclusion or thuggery. We will do this not because we agree with them or because "we are all Trotskyists" but because we stand for workers democracy."

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page 19--first paragraph--lines 5--7--delete from "as various. . ." to end of sentence and insert the following:

"as our exaggerateed hopes of 1969--70 proved to be unfounded various elements in our organization became impatient with lack of visible results in our work in the working class. Instead of attributing this to the vast objective obstacles that we faced in that task, they instead decided that what was needed was the "panacea" of the Transitional Program. Meanwhile the political development of the organization had stagnated and large groups inside the I.S. had never assimilated or fully internalized our fundamental politics or perspectives. Adherence to "our tradition" was not and could not be sufficient to create a unified political point of view. It was in this political context that our losses were greater than they could have otherwise been: many former comrades who were hungry for "harder" and more developed politics to answer their unease and dissatisfaction ~~xxxxxxxx~~ found a false "answer" in the long discredited and bankrupt "Orthodox Trotskyism". A more politically developed I.S. could have prevented or minimized this. It should also be pointed out that the severe setbacks suffered by the U.S. left in the late 60's created a climate conducive to ~~xxxxx~~ our split.

page 19--add at the end of the first full paragraph:

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However, the political level of our organization is still low. We must raise the level of political understanding and education of our members as soon as possible. Our ability to recruit is to a significant ~~xxx~~ extent dependent on our members having fully internalized and understood our politics and perspectives, thus ~~xxxxxxxx~~ enhancing their ability to convince others. This is particularly ~~xxxx~~ necessary given the fact that our ideas and orientations are by no means predominant on the American Left.

Conclusion that IS can not marketours is because

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