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Dear Jack,

I finally got a five-days visa for going just to Cornell. This is an important step forward. Unfortunately, Gisela has fallen ill and I can't make it during these five days. So we won't meet in New York this time. I sent a cable to Cornell to apologize and thank them for their efforts. Please do the same with George Novack and Leonard Boudin, who put in a lot of time to get this visa through. I hope it means that a next occasion will open up rather soon.

I regret all the more not being able to make that trip as I wanted very much to discuss with you, as a number of snags seem to have occurred around common projects. I hope you'll be able to come here in the beginning of July so that we could discuss these matters extensively.

Fraternally,
s/ Ernest

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June 10, 1975

Dear Ernest,

We were very sorry to hear about Gisela falling ill. We hope the doctors can get her back on her feet and off to the vacation and well-earned rest she needs. I'll talk to George and Leonard. They will be disappointed, of course. But it's one of those things that can't be helped.

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I'm enclosing for your information a very important new document in our case against the government, as well as a letter being sent to our National Committee members and organizers about it. Read it through carefully. There are some new angles requiring your consideration.

The American government, in order to cover up its own undemocratic practices, is trying to fabricate evidence that the SWP has some sort of financial relationship with or voting rights in the Fourth International. They would consider this prima facie evidence of membership, contravening the Voorhis Act and justifying their disruption. We can be sure that their various agents, informants, and provocateurs are bending every effort to come up with some kind of fabrication as "proof" of a financial or voting relation, neither of which has existed since 1940. The next issue of the Militant will carry an extensive article on this.

We hope that everything issued by every responsible person or body is triplechecked so as to counter any machinations by government agents or provocateurs.

Please call this to the attention of other comrades so that they are aware of the problem and remain alert.

The government has refused to turn over information to us documenting their interference in the world Trotskyist movement. They brazenly justified this refusal on the grounds that it would expose and endanger their informants and agents in the FI. We will take this head-on in the Militant article. They will find it difficult to maintain their refusal, public sentiment being what it is. They are trying, of course, to gain time. They either hope for a change in the atmosphere favorable to them, or need additional time for their agents to come up with something in the way of "evidence" to show that the facts on finances are different from those we state in our document.

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Yes, it sounds as if there were some "snags" around common projects. We were hoping to discuss these matters of common interest with you. I don't know if it will be possible for Joe and me to visit in July, owing to responsibilities in preparing for our convention. However, an alternative would be for you to come to Canada and for us to drop up for a few days to discuss these questions.

It seems to us that it has become crucially important to avoid any irresponsible factional move by either side.

Would it be possible for you to cross the Atlantic for a few days following your vacation?

Comradely,
s/ Jack