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Dear Jack,

When in North America I will be wearing three 'hats' - for the U.Sec, as an individual member of the U.Sec, for the IMG PC. Enclosed are two of them and I will get the third, with Hahn Benson, at the December Secretariat.

I am sorry for the even worse than normal typing but I am having to rush to get my schedule reorganised to make the trip,

fraternally

*Alan*

P.S. Any meetings you fix up while I am in the USA should, for evident reasons, be clear on under what hat I am attending them as.

*PPS. Could you please pass on the enclosed notes to Linda, Emma and Dick Roberts. Thank you.*

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15 December 1976

To the Political Committee of the SWP

From the Political Committee of the IMG

Dear Cdes,

During their recent trip to Europe cdes Barnes, Hansen and Waters were able to attend a meeting of the IMG Political Committee to express their positions, and that of the SWP, on a number of questions of the International and to hear the views of the IMG PC members. They expressed the hope that a similar exchange of views would be possible in the United States.

A member of the IMG Political Committee, cde Alan Jones, will be in the United States in the near future. In line with the proposal made by cdes Barnes, Hansen and Waters we hope that it will be possible for cde Jones to return the visit paid by the SWP cdes. This would enable us to hear the views of the cdes of the SWP PC and enable the views taken so far on various international questions by the IMG leadership to be expressed - in addition to following up various practical activities discussed with the SWP cdes when in Europe. Given the proximity of the SWP National Committee Plenum we are aware it may not be possible to have a formal Political Committee meeting but in that event we hope it will still be possible to arrange a meeting with as many cdes as possible,

fraternally

*Alan Jones*

Alan Jones for the IMG PC

London N.22

14 December 1976

Dear Jack,

~~Would you please~~ Would you please communicate the following to all cdes of the SWP who attend the United Secretariat or IEC as observers and who disagree with the letter sent by the United Secretariat to the OCRFI from its November meeting, who agree with the resolution of the October United Secretariat on this question, and who are in agreement with the general line of the resolution moved by myself, and supported by other cdes, at the November Secretariat.

Dear Cdes,

I am informed by cde Horowitz and Barnes that there are cdes in the SWP who attend the United Secretariat and IEC as observers who disagree with the letter sent by the United Secretariat to the OCRFI from its November meeting and who agree with the general line of the resolution moved by Jones and supported by 3 other members or observers at the Secretariat. You will note that in my statement to the November Secretariat I stated **an** opinion that "it will be necessary for those forces in the International in disagreement with the line adopted at the United Secretariat, and in agreement with the general alternative resolution, to meet to discuss how to undertake a struggle to gain a correct decision."

I note further from the resolution passed at the SWP Convention (printed in IIDB Vol XIII no.6) that cdes declare themselves in favour of cooperation of forces across tendency and faction lines on questions such as the OCRFI.

Taking these facts into consideration I propose that at the time I am in the United States for the SWP Plenum those cdes who attend the United Secretariat or IEC as observers meet to discuss what action to take to alter the position taken by the United Secretariat at its November meeting - either through obtaining a reversal of position by the Secretariat or through this decision being reversed by a higher body.

I will state that it is my opinion that any such cooperation must be based

on the following points

i. Support for the general line of the resolution presented to the November Secretariat and supported by Adair, Galois, Johnson and Jones.

ii. While fighting to obtain a correct decision by the Fourth International loyally carrying out the decisions of its leading bodies.

iii. Such cooperation has no binding character on its participants but entails an obligation to discuss tactical and other steps on this question before initiatives are taken and seeking to coordinate particular measures.

These views, in addition to any further points on this issue, would of course be part of the discussion at the proposed meeting,

fraternally

*Alan Jones*

I am ~~disappointed~~ giving a copy of this letter to the United Secretariat. I am unaware of the position taken on this issue by cde Barzman and would therefore welcome your sending a copy of this letter to him.

In the light of ease of technical factors I would greatly appreciate it if you could ensure that all cdes concerned have received copies of the relevant resolutions and statements of the United Secretariat and OCRFI.

fraternally

*Alan Jones*

P.S. Could you also please send a copy to John Russell. I will send one to the R196.