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FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAJORITY

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed for your information are further reports, received in the last few days, on the situation in Seattle at the time of the Kirk-Kaye group's split from the party. Comrade Doug J. was in Seattle as part of a national youth tour, his report is excerpted from a longer letter. Comrade Asher H. attended the Anti-War Conference held in Seattle at the time of the split.

There has been no hiatus in the existence of the SWP in Seattle. At present the party has a small but promising branch which is undertaking the task of party building in the Seattle area with enthusiasm. The sectarian politics and practices of the former branch leadership prevented it from making headway in the anti-war movement or on the campuses. Our Seattle comrades report that this area of work is wide open and promises to be very fruitful.

The splitters are said to be in disarray with no serious plans for their next step and not even sure what to call themselves. They are reportedly considering "Freedom Socialist Party," the SWP ballot designation in Washington.

Comradely,

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