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To the P.C.

Dear comrades,

I am informed that, more than a month ago, a comrade of the GCR, Italian Section of the Fourth International, was suspended from membership. His name is Franco Grisolia and he is a young comrade living in Genoa.

The reason he was suspended is that "one time Franco expressed his opinions about Ho Chi-Minh, and condemned him as Stalinist and a murderer of Trotskyists in Vietnam." At least that is apparently the reason given by the Italian leadership.

But I believe I know the real reason. He was a member of a group of Italian comrades who agree with "Return to the Road of Trotskyism" by Peng Shu-tse and comrade Hansen's documents on Latin America. I know comrade Franco personally and I know that he is a serious, disciplined Trotskyist.

This is to express my strong hope that this matter will be brought up with the Italian leadership and with the International leadership, if necessary, so that this basic principle of elementary party democracy can be upheld.

Comradely,

s/David Keil

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