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Dear Comrades,

After a year of study on the nature of the Soviet Union and its role in the world today, we have come to the conclusion that the Soviet Union is no longer a socialist country and that capitalism has been restored there in the form of state monopoly capitalism. We further conclude that the Soviet Union is a superpower willing and able to contend with the United States for world domination. We therefore think that the peoples of the world are confronted with two main enemies, US imperialism and Soviet social imperialism. We regard the Soviet Union, because of its situation as a newcomer to the imperialist world, as the leading force for the re-division of the world. Due to its weaker economic base and stronger military position, the Soviet Union is the more aggressive of the superpowers, and, as such, is the main danger to a new world war. Our position will be fully explained in a publication entitled "A Short Course and Study Guide on the Restoration of Capitalism in the Soviet Union" which will be available in the early summer.

We recognize that our position puts us in contradiction with point # 18. According to the rules of the SC as we understand them, groups that take a position other than pt. 18 may no longer be part of the OCIC. As a consequence of that decision, we felt it was necessary to inform you of our new position. We regret that we have had to come to a decision about international line without the benefit of struggle with the OCIC. It is, of course, a further consequence of the decision by the OCIC to insist upon a point of unity before a full and democratic debate took place, and in the case of many of the groups that comprise the OCIC, before systematic study has been done on this topic.

Given the approach that the OCIC has taken to the problem of developing its international line, we are not optimistic that it will rally the anti-"left" forces. From what we have thus far seen, it has only further divided them. Nonetheless it is not our desire to sever completely our relations with the OCIC. We ask to be granted observer status with full rights to participate at the upcoming regional conference. We also request observer status and full information about the proposed national minority conference.

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We must criticize ourselves for the lateness of this letter. Unfortunately the schedule of our study program did not coincide with the plans of the OCIC, and we felt it was proper to first complete the task of building unity within our group before presenting our views publicly. We recognize that we have now created something of a communications problem. We shall assume that, unless we hear from you, we are still invited to attend the upcoming regional conference and that we shall be accorded observer status. We continue to support the position of the FSO that observers be granted full rights of participation short of voting.

Comradely,

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