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Rick

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed is a copy of the CC's proposal for a New England Regional Center, which I described to you in our meeting of 2/25.

As I mentioned, the CC is interested in encouraging a full expression of minority views in the reading for the discussion groups and would like to solicit contributions from the RBSG in particular. We feel that your collective has differences with the majority of the OC on all three of the first set of topics to be addressed in the discussion groups, so we would be interested in readings expressing your point of view on any of them (whether the critique of ultra-leftism should be seen as our main theoretical task, the struggle against federationism, and the centrality of the struggle against racism within the communist movement.).

~~How do you experience the ultra-left danger to our tendency?~~

Your views on the question of the ultra-left danger to our tendency have been the most fully expressed so far. We would be ~~not~~ interested either in a new ~~statement~~ statement, or in a suggested reading from an already published article that you feel expresses your views well.

You have not presented such a clear ~~statement~~ ^{part} of your views on the struggle against federationism. However, members of your collective have expressed very strong disagreements with the NSG's and OC majority's view of this matter. This issue is directly related to the formation of Regional and Local Centers, and so has a special importance for an early discussion of the NERC. Whether or not your collective has ~~with~~ full unity on this issue, we feel that it is your obligation, as members of the OC, to present your disagreements on this crucial question. Therefore we would like to ask you to ~~present~~ ^{provide} us with a ~~statement~~ statement on the struggle against federationism, representing either the views of the RBSG ~~as a whole~~ as a whole or of one or more individuals in the RBSG.

In general, we want to distribute the readings for each session at the session before. The first meeting of the NERC will probably be in the first or second weekend in May. So we'd like to ask for something on ultra-leftism by that time. If that's ~~impossible~~ impossible, we place a high enough priority on having a ~~max~~ contribution from you folks that we'd take responsibility for distributing it to the study groups up to two weeks after ~~the first meeting~~ the NERC's first meeting (third or fourth weekend in May). But that's an absolute deadline.

Similarly, deadline for the piece on federationism would be preferably by the first weekend in June, absolutely by the third weekend.

We'd like to hear from you about this (whether you're willing to do it) by March 19th. Thanks a lot.

Comradly,

Tom DiSilva for the CC