



LINE OF MARCH

P.O Box 2729, Oakland, California 94602

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Dear TMLC comrades,

This letter is in relationship to the invitation extended to you to participate in the planning committee for the trend-wide conferences to summarize the decline of the OCIC. As the letter extending that invitation stated, we have some particular concerns regarding your participation on that body that we want to raise frankly to you here.

These concerns center around your ability to function on a committee where part of the unity is to reconfirm the political integrity of the anti-revisionist, anti-"left" opportunist trend. Bluntly speaking, we do not believe at this point that you agree with this political position. Our reasons for this view were expressed in the July 22 letter from Line of March to the Theoretical Review, and your failure to answer that letter only further confirms our opinion that you comrades have no serious strategic commitment to this trend. Under these circumstances, we have grave doubts about what standpoint you would take toward these trend conferences, and how accountable to the other planning committee members and the trend as a whole you would be.

That said, we want to state that we will support your participation on the planning committee if you make a commitment - at least for the purpose of carrying out these conferences - to its basis of unity. We will, of course, struggle to hold you accountable to this unity as the work proceeds, and we intend to be fully open and aboveboard about handling any differences that may arise. We would of course expect the same from you.

Speaking from the point of view of Line of March, we would again encourage you to answer our letter of July 22 and make your views on the trend known to all trend comrades. At the same time, we do not necessarily expect a specific response to this letter, and intend to conduct our relations regarding this conference through the official planning committee channels unless some specific reason arises to do otherwise.

Comradely yours,

Max Elbaum/Melinda Paras