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Dear comrades Reba and Joseph,

I write you while I feel I know you rather well. Reba from former correspondence regarding the IP and Joseph from his many articles in IP and Militant and to which I agree almost completely.

As you probably know a group of Danish Trotskyists did not give up the entrust tactic when decided by other comrades in the section. This may be considered wrong seen from the point of view of discipline, but on the other hand it was the other comrades -- at that time the minority -- who in an incorrect way violated the discipline by sabotaging the line of the section and we wanted to finish our entrust work in a way that could guarantee [garantie in original] a certain success. We were nearly all of us ourselves recruited to the Int. in its entrust period and -- wrong or right from the historical point of view -- this tactic had its immediate advantages which had to be exploited completely before giving it up.

Therefore we decided to continue our entrust work for still a period. We were and are working in the Left Socialist Party, which is by our comrades in the official section described as a "left centrist" party or "la PSU in France, SF in Norway or (before) PSUIP in Italy. But Left Socialist is not just another SF. It is itself a result from a split in SF (the Danish Socialist Peoples Party, founded in 1958 after a split in the CP). From the Leninist point of view it is also not a centrist party. It does not vacillate in its attitude towards the capitalist state. That this state has to be turned down in a proletarian revolution plays a very great role in all the propaganda of the party also during elections. You may call it spontaneist and vacillating in the question of the best course to follow to arrive to and win the socialist revolution -- but still not centrist.

The Danish section played an active role in the foundation of the party as well as in the struggle in the SF leading to its foundation. And Trotskyists have played a decisive role in all the internal struggles leading to its present positions and the isolation and walking out of a long series of factions: spontaneist, Maoist, factions which are in political solidarity with Il Manifesto and FUR, etc. Today the party stands for soviets (still vacillating between the line of Il Manifesto and revolutionary Marxism) for proletarian democracy (including the right for the existence of factions), for permanent revolution (internationally and regarding the national bourgeoisie) and it is now beginning to discuss how to organize internationale. Last Sunday the International Bureau of the party had on Portugal a discussion which can be very helpful in the work for a Trotskyist take-over. A resolution, defending the positions of the FUR and the support to creation of solidarity-groups on

this program was almost unanimously voted down because of the Trotskyist critic (built on the articles in IP). Indeed it was decided to start a period of discussion in which the official Danish section will be invited to take part (opening the internal bulletin for contributions from the section). We do not overestimate our possibilities, but we have a real chance especially now. And we have a good example to try to follow: the example of comrade Moreno and his group in Argentina, who is now together with many other new comrades in solidarity with the Int. and especially with SWP.

And our party has what none of the groups (including the section) have today: the Left Socialist Party has still a certain support in the population and in the working class. By the last election: won four seats in the Parliament. Today the pool gives it 3-4% of the votes and 5-7 MP's. And the party has been leading (more or less directly) several strikes and solidarity campaigns.

This is first of all due to the fact that our party has a group of leaders known and respected in the population. In spite of the splits these comrades have succeeded in keeping the party intact and worth following for many younger people. And these comrades are not impossible to influence. They are not (yet) Trotskyist, but they are honest people, honest revolutionists and reasonable. I by far proceed them for sectarian riders of principles. They can be Trotskyists and are ready to -- if we are convincing in our arguments.

Now one of these comrades is visiting the US in New York. He is the most respected of them all -- if you allow the parallel, the Danish Coral, before he became a Trotskyist. Comrade Erik Sigsgaard has gone the whole way, willing to change his positions when convinced by reasonable arguments and very respected by even our enemies. One of his tasks in the USA is to contact and study the American left. Please make contact to him, meet him, tell of the work of the SWP and the line of your party, and help us to let him could tell [sic] our members something good about our movement. You will like him and find many points of resemblance with him.

The secretary of the party -- who is also a Trotskyist -- has written a letter to SWP to ask them contact him. Please help to assure it will happen. His address while in New York is [address in original].

Fraternally yours,
s/ Vagn Rasmussen