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Political Committee  
Socialist Workers Party  
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Dear Comrades:

On Sept. 16 at the meeting of the Washington D.C. branch we presented a counter report on Chile solidarity work in which we analyzed the present situation in Chile, the need for solidarity actions, the basis on which this work should go forward, and the leadership of the branch's complacency in the face of this grave crisis. The full text of this report is attached.

In responding to our report the branch leadership made various charges against us from grave violations of discipline to disloyalty. These charges are completely spurious as the branch leadership well knows. The only reason they are raised is in order to draw attention from the real issue in this matter, that is the branch leadership's inertia in the face of the recent events in Chile. Our attached reported effectively refutes these charges. We have underlined the appropriate passages. We ask that you call the branch leadership to order for its lack of initiative in responding to the recent Chilean events and for its completely false accusations against us.

Point 2 of our proposal was ruled out of order on the basis that it goes against national party policy. To our knowledge national party policy is not opposed to the raising of the call for power to the workers and peasants. This slogan, in our opinion, is a necessity under the present conditions of the class struggle in Chile. If indeed party policy is opposed to this slogan we wish you would inform us and the entire party of this position.

We were ruled out of order on another question when several weeks ago as part of a proposal we made on UFW work we proposed that the party raise with the farmworkers in a very nonsectarian and fraternal way the necessity of organizing armed pickets and workers self defense guards. We were told that this contradicted the national party line. Does the party actually oppose raising this question in light of the recent murders of farmworkers in California?

We would be greatly appreciative if you would clarify the party's position on these matters as we are anxious to find out whether the branch leadership's interpretations of national party policy are good coin.

Comradely,

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