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[for the Political Committee]

Houston, Texas  
October 23, 1975

John Barzman  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear John,

I recently had the opportunity to read the documents of the IT internal discussion leading up to the Spring 1975 convention. I've also had the chance here in Houston to see the ITNF comrades in their day to day work of building the Party as well as have had discussions with them on political and organizational questions as relate to the functioning of the IT in relation to the SWP over the past 2½ years.

It has also come to my attention that my resignation letter of February 1975 has been used in a factional manner by the SWP leadership as a way of attempting to grill and intimidate ITNF comrades re-applying for SWP membership in various parts of the country.

Therefore, I'd like to make clear to you that based on my understanding of the ITNF's positions, that is, based on the documents authored by yourself and others who supported the ITPC majority, including the Balance Sheet, my characterization of the IT as "anti-party" does not and cannot in any way or manner apply to the ITNF. The tendency has shown its ability to recognize the SWP as the revolutionary party in the U.S. and its own role as a loyal faction of the SWP in support of the FI majority and has in real life carried out this correct orientation. The evolution of the IT majority has been in a most positive direction and if the Party leadership is sincere in implementing the IEC decisions, as we should assume they are, then I look forward to a re-integration of all who have re-applied in the near future, so that we can continue the necessary work of building the SWP and the Fourth International.

Comradely,  
/s/ Peter Gellert

cc: SWP N.O.