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Dear Comrade Duret,

Enclosed are copies of four letters, and a draft, exchanged between myself and the SWP leadership, concerning the party's position on Nicaragua.

My August 26 letter asked: "Is it the party's position that the Sandinist leadership should keep the capitalist representatives in the provisional government?"

Although I attempted to formulate this question as clearly and simply as possible, it now remains unanswered after being asked twice, once orally and once in writing. Although Doug Jenness replied on September 22 to my letter asking this question, his letter concerned itself with other matters entirely, about which I had no questions.

As a member of the world movement, I would still like to know what the SWP's position is on whether the FSLN should keep the capitalist ministers in the government or remove them; I would like to know the United Secretariat's position, as well.

Two other questions are: (1) On precisely what grounds did the Nicaraguan government expel the Simón Bolívar Brigade from Nicaragua? (2) Do we agree with the government that these are good grounds? These questions are impossible to answer by referring to the Militant and Intercontinental Press/Inprecor.

I am in the dark both on our attitude toward the coalition character of the provisional government and on the facts about the expulsion of the Simón Bolívar Brigade. Perhaps other members of our world movement feel the same way.

Comradely,

David Keil

cc: SWP National Office

enc: David Keil to SWP National Office, August 20, with draft
of letter to editor
Cindy Jaquith to David Keil, August 24
DK to Political Committee, August 26
Doug Jenness to DK, September 22

New York
September 26, 1979

Dear Nemo,

Several months ago, you sent me a copy of a document, "A Propos des Elections Legislatives de Mars 1978 en France," asking for my signature. You had good reason to do this because we had informally discussed the French elections at Oberlin in 1977 and in Paris in 1978, and had been in agreement on the points later contained in your document.

I agreed with the document, but chose not to sign it, because, as I told you by telephone, I supported the general line of the United Secretariat majority documents, to which those of the Leninist-Trotskyist Tendency were counterposed.

The former reason for my not signing your document no longer exists. I do not at present support the documents of the United Secretariat majority against those of the TLT or vice versa.

I would be able to sign "A Propos des Elections Legislatives de Mars 1978 en France" today. To its credit, the TLT goes so far as to uphold the Marxist principle that the presence of representatives of the capitalist class in any government is against the interests of the workers.

Please use this letter as you see fit.

Comradely,



David Keil

cc: SWP National Office