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Dear Comrades:

You may have been informed by Comrade Arne that a couple of months ago Comrade Al Appel, a long-time member of the party and of the Chinese tendency, made a proposal to the tendency that it immediately contact P.L.P. to seek fusion with them inasmuch as the prospect of a regeneration of the SWP was no longer valid.

Al's proposal was circulated only to individuals: Comrades Arne and Hilde, Comrades Dick and Clara Fraser in Seattle, Comrade Boulton in Milwaukee and ourselves in New York. It was at that time confidential. Since that time Comrade Al has resigned from the party as you are aware from the statement we sent you at his request.

Enclosed is Comrade Al's original proposal; Rosemary and Doug's direct reply to that proposal; Comrade Arne's response to Al's proposal, and Rosemary and Doug's reply to Arne's negative response. Also included is a very recent letter to Comrade Arne from Comrade David Dreiser of Connecticut. In Comrade Dreiser's letter you will note that a reference is made to the plans of the entire Seattle branch to resign from the party. This they will do after the coming YSA plenary session. Comrade Arne was informed of this by Comrade Fraser in a telephone conversation and Fraser has authorized our letting tendency comrades know, at our discretion. The Seattle comrades are of course attempting to persuade Comrade Arne to leave with them. The enclosed material is to facilitate your appraisal of the situation.

Thus the pro-Chinese tendency in addition to resignation of individuals in New York and Los Angeles will shortly, also through resignation, lose its largest base of support, the entire Seattle branch.

Comradely,

s/ Rosemary and Doug