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TO MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Dear Comrades,

Attached is a copy of a letter received by the national office from Carl Wachauer of the Philadelphia branch. Comrade Wachauer, at the time of the last party convention, was a member of the Oakland-Berkeley branch and a supporter of the "Proletarian Orientation" grouping. The letter was mimeographed with no indication of where else it was sent.

Comradely,

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Comrades:

In this period of pre-convention discussion for the World Congress, it is vital that comrades of the SWP participate in all the debates in the world movement, even though the SWP is not legally a member of the Fourth International.

The SWP leadership has voted against the line of the majority document on the building of the sections in capitalist Europe. As a supporter of this document, I believe I have the right to defend it on the branch floor not only here in Philadelphia, but in the other SWP branches as I may desire.

I request that you contact the organizers in the following cities: Boston, New York, Washington, and Philadelphia, and arrange for me to defend the majority document.

I would also appreciate your informing me as to whether you intend ^{to} publish or otherwise communicate to comrades any critique of the majority document. I do not consider my defense of the majority line as contingent on the appearance of such a critique, but certainly some statement by you would be helpful in the clarification of issues for the comrades.

Due to reactionary legislation, I do not employ the phrase "tendency for the World Congress discussion", but in content if not in form that is what I am declaring.

Sincerely

Carl Wachauer, Philadelphia Branch, SWP.