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Dear Lew,

First impressions of the comrades and the city very positive. The job and housing situation seems O.K. for people transferring in early this summer, though by August the student influx will make housing tight. Paul L. knows of jobs available in steel, secretarial work, etc. U. of Pitt. should have some jobs we can get.

The possibilities of making an impact with a mayoral campaign this Fall are great. The period for petitioning for ballot status ended in March, so it would have to be a write-in. If there were some way of changing the dates for petitioning as was done statewide for '72, we would have to get over 4000 valid signatures (collect a total of 8000 to be sure) -- not a huge amount by Phila. experience, but with the forces in the city so far and our lack of knowledge of where and how to do it here, it would be a huge job, especially in a pre-convention period. So it's best to think in terms of a write-in. Can you check with national CoDEL about the '72 decision, just to make sure it's not possible to petition?

Paul L. had initially been cool on the idea of a campaign, before the decision to send in some people -- not enough forces to do it. Now he's rethinking it and getting excited about the possibility. If, after more people arrive and we decide we want to do it, we want Paul to run, there would be a problem with the Hatch act. Is there any news on the legal challenge to that? Of the people here, Paul seems to be the best person to run, but he can't afford to lose his job.

I know of the 3 coming from N.Y. and one from S.F. Any more news? Besides being wide open politically and loaded with campuses in and around town, Pittsburgh is one of the best looking cities in the country, even by San Francisco standards.

Comradely,

Fred

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