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To Clay Newlin
The Committee of Five

December 22, 1977

Dear Comrades,

We have in hand your letter of November 22n. We regret any confusion because of the absence of our delegate to the August meeting. At the last minute he was unavoidably detained enroute.

With regard to the August meeting, however, the preliminary documents by El Comité promised us in the cover letter by the four groups was never received. Also, we never heard after the conference how the proceedings went nor did we receive any documents from it.

You ask if we desire to continue to be involved with the Committee of Five. From the very beginning, the TMLC has endorsed the effort to build an anti-dogmatist, anti-revisionist communist movement and have desired to work with you. Nothing is changed in this regard. However, after a year the sole extent of our involvement has been the offer for us to attend a number of conferences. We are concerned that the basis of involvement of other groups with the Committee of Five be more clearly delineated.

Our principle of concern is the lack of reciprocity in this relationship. In the recent period we have published a pamphlet on party building and initiated publication of the Theoretical Review. The TMLC receives a bundle of the Organizer and closely follows the papers and writings of the Committee of Five. In spite of the repeated statements on the importance of theory by the Committee, we have received no response to our paper or theoretical journal.

As we have stated, we are very much interested in continuing to work together with you. However, we are concerned that the nature of this relationship as understood by you be clarified.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Comradely,

Barbara,

for the TMLC