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To the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction Steering Committee

Dear Comrades,

At the August conference where the LTF was established, we discussed the question of financing faction correspondence and travel. It was agreed that all faction members should contribute to financing these expenses, but we did not try to work out a concrete budget or establish the amount of regular contributions. It is important that we do this.

Steering committee members in each section should inform the faction center:

- a) How many members there are in the faction in your section.
- b) What you propose as a monthly contribution to the international faction expenses. (This should be over and above the expenses for the faction within each section, such as those for sending a faction or tendency member to speak to cells or branches in the national pre-congress discussion.)
- c) What expenses you have had so far that should be credited as international faction expenses. (Such as sending a comrade to speak for the LTF in another country, postage expenses.)

To give you an example, following the formation of the Leninist-Trotskyist Faction internationally, its supporters in the SWP constituted themselves as a faction nationally. In joining formally, adherents were asked to make a weekly financial contribution to its functioning. A goal was set of an average of \$1.00 per week per member. This is, of course, over and above normal financial contributions to the SWP.

It is understood that faction members in some countries like Chile or India are not in a position to make much more than token contributions toward financing faction activities. However, it is important to establish the norm of assuming a share of financial responsibility, and the money itself, even though modest in amount, will be helpful.

Comradely,

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