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Dear Ellen,

After considering your request to return to active membership with the Boston branch, it is the EC's unanimous decision that you retain your on-leave status. Our decision is based on the fact that you would not fulfill active membership requirements.

There are two specific considerations: 1-The condition of your health, which in your own words ^{was} still a serious problem even into the early weeks of January; and 2-your stated work, sleep and union requirements, which place your available time commitments for IS priorities on the level of a contact in a non-industrial setting. In point of fact, if you were a contact presently applying for membership, and basing that membership eligibility on your stated willingness to work, you would not be recruited, but encouraged to remain a sympathizer. This was the case with a recent contact before the EC, as is this the norm within the national organization.

We suggest you go on doing the things you mention in your letter, that is, selling the paper (get the NO to send you a regular shipment) and continuing to pursue personal contacts. We believe this decision will meet both the expectations of the organization and your own ability to carry out organizational work.

Yours in Struggle,


Mike, for the Boston EC