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August 9, 1974

TO YSA MAJORITY FACTION COORDINATORS

Dear Comrades,

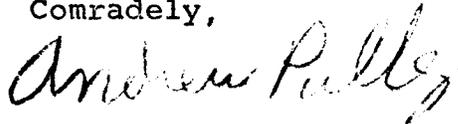
Attached are the following items:

1. A letter dated July 9, 1974, from a group of four members of the Revolutionary Marxist Collective in the Bay Area applying for membership in the SWP.

2. A letter dated July 29, 1974, from Barry Sheppard to this group, summarizing the discussion that took place at a meeting with them and the SWP's proposals to them to hasten their integration into the SWP.

Similar letters were received from two other groups claiming agreement with the IEC majority, one in Baltimore and one in Los Angeles. Similar proposals have been made to them.

Comradely,



Andrew Pulley

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July 9, 1974

To: Socialist Workers Party Headquarters, NYC

Comrades:

The undersigned members of the Revolutionary Marxist Collective (Berkeley-San Francisco) would like to apply for membership in the SWP (and YSA) on the following basis:

- a) agreement with the positions of the Fourth International as expressed in its world conference documents;
- b) desire to engage in public political practice in the name of the Fourth International;
- c) willingness to abide by the discipline of the Socialist Workers Party, which but for reactionary legislation would be the section of the Fourth International in the United States.

The following individuals are applying for membership in the following branches of the SWP:

Jim Collins	SWP	Oakland-Berkeley
Barry Biderman	SWP	San Francisco
Bob Glick	SWP	San Francisco
Susan Schulman	SWP and YSA	San Francisco

We have sent letters stating the above to the appropriate branches of the SWP (San Francisco) with a copy to the USFI in Brussels. These letters also include information about where we can be contacted. The following letter is to inform you directly about our application (on learning from the Berkeley SWP that this was a correct procedure) in hopes that we can be admitted into the SWP as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally,
s/Jim Collins (for
the four names above)

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14 Charles Lane
New York, New York 10014

July 29, 1974

Revolutionary Marxist Collective

Jim Collins
Barry Biderman
Bob Glick
Susan Schulman

Dear Comrades of the Revolutionary Marxist Collective,

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on the July 19 meeting between you four comrades, the SWP Bay Area organizers, and myself. As you know, we made a concrete proposal to you to facilitate the dissolution of the RMC into the SWP. You indicated that you wanted some time to consider our proposal, and would discuss it further with us when I get back on the West Coast.

To aid our discussion, I would like to summarize our proposal. It was as follows:

That the party branches in the Bay Area and yourselves begin immediately a period of close political collaboration, leading toward fusion of your group in the SWP. Concretely, we propose the following steps to be taken immediately: 1) That your political work be carried out in consultation with the Oakland/Berkeley and San Francisco organizers; to facilitate this, regular meetings would be set up between yourselves and the organizers. 2) That you begin to make regular financial contributions to the party. 3) That you collaborate with the party in helping to prepare and build the September 11 Chile actions being organized by USLA, and dissolve the Chile Solidarity Committee into USLA to strengthen our common work in this area. 4) That you attend forums. 5) That you undertake regular sales of The Militant, working with SWP members on sales teams. 6) That you help in SWP election campaign work.

Jim raised the question of whether you all could receive the internal discussion material of the SWP and the Fourth International in this period of collaboration, and we indicated that we thought this would be a good idea. Bob also raised the question of his work in the AFT; we indicated that this work, as well as all your political work, should be done in collaboration with the party. If Susan is in a position to work in building CLUW, she should work with our CLUW fraction.

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Jim also raised the question of attendance by RMC members at the Oberlin educational conference in August. If you accept our proposal, it would be a good idea for you to come to Oberlin, since you would then have a chance to see the party as a national organization, and participate in discussions about party work in the period ahead.

When I arrive back on the West Coast, I'll get in touch with Jim through the Bay Area organizers.

Comradely,

s/Barry Sheppard
Organization Secretary
Socialist Workers Party

cc: Oakland/Berkeley SWP Organizer
San Francisco SWP Organizer
Political Committee