

November 8, 1974

To the Leninist Trotskyist Faction Steering Committee

Dear Comrades,

The SWP national office has received a new letter from Comrade Eric Corijn asking for material in the name of the "Secretariat" of the International Control Commission. It is possible that similar letters have been sent elsewhere too.

The Control Commission, however, has not set up a "Secretariat." In fact it has not yet held its first meeting to determine the scope of the investigation, decide on the areas to be investigated, and organize its work. This first meeting cannot take place until mid-December because of health and job problems affecting various members. As we have said from the start, members of the LTF will cooperate fully with the Control Commission in a regularly constituted investigation. But until the Control Commission meets it would be improper to respond to any requests of its individual members, since they have no authority to act.

Comradely,

Mary-Alice Waters

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International Control Commission
Secretariat

To: PC of the SWP

Brussels
November 4th, 1974

Dear Comrades,

The ICC decided at its 2nd session to charge the ICC-secretariat to request following further material from the SWP-leadership:

-any further documents or explanations of already submitted materials which would substantiate their accusations, against the IMT-leadership,

-a clarification on the functioning of the different bodies that took the decisions as well as a detailed report on the procedures followed between the drafting of the SWP-Control Commission report (July 2nd), the discussion of this report at the PC meeting (July 4th), the printing of the 146 paged dossier and the arrival of the dossier in several European sections July 7th,

-the statutes of the SWP

-all correspondence between the IT and the SWP-leadership since the creation of the IT.

These materials will facilitate the ICC's investigation requested by the USFI motion, September 7th-8th.

We would appreciate to get this material as quickly as possible.

Fraternally for the ICC,
s/Eric Corijn

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New York, New York
November 8, 1974

Dear Comrade Corijn,

In reply to your letter of November 4, we note that up to now the Control Commission has not met to consider the nature, scope, and practical details of the investigation that it was requested to undertake by the United Secretariat.

It is quite incorrect for those members of the Control Commission who belong to the International Majority Tendency to attempt to substitute a meeting of their own for the required meeting of the Control Commission. To proceed along that line would signify that the Control Commission is not functioning.

Any "findings" brought in by a caucus of members of the IMT would, of course, lack any authority. To insist on such a procedure would in itself call for investigation, since it implies the existence of a factional plan of operation that would subvert the objectivity of the proceedings of the Control Commission.

We hope that you will reconsider the course you have begun and instead convene a meeting of the Control Commission. We are, of course, prepared to collaborate in every way possible with a regularly constituted investigation undertaken by the Control Commission.

Comradely yours,
s/Barry Sheppard
For the Political Bureau
of the Socialist Workers Party

cc: Control Commission Members Bundy,
Eduard, Gormley, Hoffman, Karl
United Secretariat