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Comrades:

Your letter of December 22, 1977 strikes me as somewhat strange.

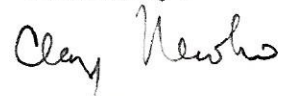
In the first place, you criticize us for not sending you a report and documents from the meeting in August. What, Comrades, were we to think when you agreed to attend that meeting, received all the preparatory materials, (El Comite's statement was distributed at the meeting), but your representative neither attended nor bothered to inform us as to why he or she was unable to participate? And, if you were so interested in what happened at that meeting, why did you wait until over four months later to request the documents?

Secondly, you say that you "are concerned that the basis of involvement of other groups with the Committee of Five be more clearly delineated." Particularly, you are miffed by our failure to respond to your pamphlet on party-building and your journal Theoretical Review. The Committee of Five does not view it as its responsibility to respond to the documents of other organizations in the trend unless: 1) we are sent copies of them, and 2) our collective attitude is specifically requested. It must be remembered that the Committee is made up of five independent organizations whose unity consists in the 18 points that you have received and a desire to initiate a discussion nationally on how to best consolidate an anti-ultra-left trend. In this regard we have organized a series of conferences and the meeting in August. The August meeting, in particular, was for the express purpose of receiving the input of numerous organizations around the country on the course for the development of the Marxist-Leninists trend. It was here that we had hoped that you would exercise your "reciprocity."

In any case, we hope that you will rejoin our efforts. Since August, we have pursued an exchange of views on how the trend should move forward, by circulating a number of questions, a study guide and soliciting responses from organizations that attended the August meeting. Based on this initial process, a further meeting is to be held in Detroit on February 11. (I will send copies of all the documents under separate cover.)

If you would like to attend this meeting in February, please notify us immediately.

Comradely,



For the Committee of Five