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To: Clay Newlin
The Committee of Five

February 3, 1978

Dear Comrades,

We have received the documents relating to the up-coming Detroit Conference and the documents exchanged within the trend since the last Detroit Conference of August 1977. We also have at hand the letter of Clay Newlin of January 6 in response to ours of December 22, 1977.

First, with regard to that letter, we recognize that it was an error on our part to have not written to you when it became apparent that our representative was not going to be able to make the August meeting. However, we had attended the Baltimore meeting and we had endorsed the 18 points when they were first issued. We feel that this should have entitled us to receive the documents that were mailed to us only now, on the exchange of views since August.

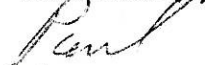
Since we did not receive them until now we have not had the time to study them properly nor have we been able to prepare for the Detroit Conference in terms of the developments since our receipt of the resolution, "Draft Resolution for a Leading Ideological Center." We regret that these considerations together with financial considerations concerning travel to Detroit will prevent us from attending the Conference February 11.

Nonetheless we hope that this will not prevent us from participating in the work of the trend to the extent of our power nor from aiding the development of the anti-dogmatic, anti-revisionist communist movement nationally and in the west and southwest in particular. We also hope this will not prevent us from receiving future materials of the Committee of Five and the Organizing Committee.

Finally, we feel that our letters to the Committee of Five (the January 9th, for example) were comradely in all respects and we regret that the tone of Clay Newlin's letter of January 9 was much less so. We hope that comradely and friendly relations can continue and even further develop between ourselves and the Committee of Five and the Organizing Committee in the future.

Hoping to hear from you,

Comradely,



Paul,
for the TMLC