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[to the P.C.]

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December 26, 1975

Dear Joe,

We want to express our indignation with the scandalous slanders which the Healy-inspired press has been spreading against yourself and the Socialist Workers Party, in relation with the assassination of comrade Trotsky and a so-called "security problem" of the Fourth International.

To be attacked by paranoid sectarians has been the fate of many revolutionists throughout the history of the international labor movement, starting with Marx himself. We are sure you will take it with the same stoicism [sic] as marxists always have.

We are in full solidarity with you against the vile slanderers. At the same time, we believe this incident confirms the correctness of the firm determination we have shown to radically eliminate the twin poisons of slanders and the use of physical violence from the labor movement. This purpose can be furthered, among other things, by putting all groups which use such methods under quarantine for any form of privileged discussions or relationships, as long as they do not stop the rot, once and for all.

You can publish this letter in Intercontinental Press, if you consider it useful.

Fraternally yours,  
s/ Ernest  
Alain, Charles, Charles-André,  
Ernest, John, Livio, Pierre,  
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