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Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for sending me copies of Caroline Lund's letters to various people in Europe on exchanges of documents. This, I believe, is a completely correct and principled approach which can only contribute to the bringing together of revolutionary elements on an international scale in the coming period. It stands in sharp contrast with the kind of factionalism we have all seen so much of over the years.

I have just received the latest issue of Thornett's paper which I assume you have also seen. It struck me as a very important and positive development. Thornett's answer to the WRP over Joe is very powerful and conducted in a completely principled manner. It marks this tendency as one of the few to take a principled stand on this issue -- and I believe it is an important issue.

Also I thought the defeat by Thornett of Tom White of the WRP was very important particularly considering the right wing support for White. Thornett now heads a local with 4,000 members.

Nancy and I are sending to all names of WL members copies of both articles with a cover letter as I feel they must now be in a very deep crisis. Clearly the slander on the one hand and the opportunism on the other reflect a desperate attempt to shore up a fast disintegrating situation -- a disintegration expressed in their immense financial crisis. At the same time these acts can only feed the disintegration. In any event I feel the letter could possibly help a bit at this particular point and is worth the try.

It seems to me IP should print Thornett's statement on Joe. Also I would be prepared to write a short article for IP on the Cowley works business if IP is interested. It could include a bit of background on the situation in which a couple of years ago Thornett faced a successful witchhunting campaign by Reg Parsons and the plant management removing him as deputy chief convenor, including a campaign which received tremendous press publicity to organize wives of workers against the militants in the plant. Thornett's divorced wife took a principled position against this campaign.

Please let me know what you think.

Comradely,  
s/ Tim