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Paris
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New York

Dear Caroline,

John has already sent you the 30-page document in French, containing charges brought by the "African Commission of the Bureau of the United Secretariat" against the African comrades in Bordeaux. The control commission of the LCR was asked by the "African Commission" ~~to~~ consider the charges.

The document is dated September 8, and it was sent to the Bureau on September 10. We had ~~heard~~ heard about it from one of the African comrades, so we asked about it in the Bureau, in Gabriel's presence, at a meeting held on November 12. We obtained a copy of the document immediately afterwards.

translation

I enclose a ~~copy~~ of the September 10 cover letter from the "African Commission" and a translation of the concluding portion of the document. As you can see, the document is extremely enlightening about the functioning of the "African Commission" and several IMT leaders, including United Secretariat members. The procedural questions it raises are also far-reaching.

The LCR control commission has taken no action as of yet.

Regards,

Gus Horowitz

Paris

September 10, 1976

The following document was drawn up and voted upon by the African Commission of the Bureau of the USec. This commission has been in existence since 1971. It has had a stable structure, carrying out all of its tasks uninterruptedly since that time. It is composed of several French and African comrades, who form its nucleus; added to this nucleus for the monthly plenary meetings are several comrades from various countries. It is responsible to the Bureau of the USec, to which it quite regularly provides reports and correspondence. More specifically, Comrade Roman has been assigned to follow its activities on behalf of the leadership of the International.

The A.C. takes on all the tasks of centralization, of contact and organization in Europe and outside of Africa. It insures that regular links are maintained with our groups that are in the process of formation on the continent; it works with them and takes part in their concerns. The A.C. publishes ~~its bulletin~~ 1500 copies of a bulletin

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in French and an English bulletin in London.

The A.C. , together with the cities and sections, offers guidance for [check tr. ; ["]assume l'encadrement"] our African sympathizers in Europe through the framework of the Africa in Struggle Committee. Several of its members, Kerdal, Gabriel, and Cedric, have for a few years now been assigned to this task by vote of the French ~~M~~ C.C. All the groups in the countries consider the A.C. as a necessary link and the instrument for centralizing the intervention of the International in Africa.

The A.C. has therefore produced the following document as part of its tasks and responsibilities in fully undertaking the orientation that it has proposed for the ~~the~~ last 5 years to construct this new sector of our International.

Bureau of the Usec" , referred to as the "A.C." in the document

The document is 30 pages long and consists of accusations of various types against the ^(cell of) African comrades in Bordeaux.

Then follows the conclusion, translated below.

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The A.C. therefore asks:

- the dissolution of the Bordeaux cell as a factional center
- an inquiry to be made by the control commission of the L.C.R., with the aim of taking measures
- an explanation from the comrades of the LTF in France on whether or not they had knowledge of this situation, given that they have ~~been~~ been cited on several occasions by ~~the comrades~~ the comrades.

The A.C. places duplicates of all its correspondence at the disposal of the CC.CC [Control Commission of the Central Committee of the LCR]. It can provide any further information which is asked for. It also places at the disposal of the CC.CC the few letters that it has been able to receive from Bordeaux in three years.

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As to the decisions to take after inquiry and discussion, the A.C. does not have any desire to put pressure in advance on the work of the CC.CC. Nevertheless it urges the Bureau of the USec that ^{(no credit be given by} ~~the~~ the Inter[national] ~~give no credit~~ to a group that has been built ~~at~~ against the GOR [Groupe Ouvrier Revolutionnaire in Senegal].

Such a group must absolutely be considered to be outside our organization, ~~and~~ and relations with it should consequently be carried out under the responsibility of the USec. In our opinion, the Inter[national] cannot give any credit to such practices without calling into question its own nature and function.

This document was voted on in the A.C. on September 8, 1976 by comrades Carmen, Casal, Gabriel, Gilles, and Kerdal. There was one excused absence: Cedric (after reading it he has registered his opinion in favor)

It is sent to the Control Commission of the CC of the LCR as well as to the DV [city leadership] of Bordeaux and to the GOR.

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It is sent to the Bureau of the USec for its
information.

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