

X: Doug, Larry, Joe, Gus, Jo

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Dear Barry and Caroline:

When you were in New York we discussed a list that you were going to make for me of various articles by Ernest on the party, Stalinism and bureaucracy, that you thought indicated some of his basic positions, some of which are held by many younger leaders in Europe today - whether they have been formally adopted or not. I guess you didn't have time to do it before you left. Please grab a half-day and make the list, plus your comments on the pieces. I want a list of things you know of, both in English and in French.

I don't want this to prepare some polemic or something like that but I want to have this all in the back of my mind as we prepare documents and reports for the World Congress and as I think about discussions with other comrades.

Please send me back my draft of the eurocommunism document that I did some editing on in ink. M-A told me over the phone that you didn't get it until after the Secretariat so I guess it didn't do any good. Some of the notes I want to have for my own use. You can keep a xerox or you can ask me to send you back a xerox.

M-A gave me a brief report over the phone about the Secretariat meeting and the successes with the women's document. It's almost like a historic breakthrough. She also mentioned the British convention and I thought she said that Jim was there. If Jim was there and he does one of his cassette tape reports back to John or someone, I'd very much like a copy.

In light of everything that's happening in Britain our tentative thinking here is to reject the proposal from John Ross that we co-edit International. As you can tell from his letter it's a different proposal than we came to agreement with that night that Joe, Caroline and I spoke to him at Connie's. Anyway, we can be very diplomatic, very congratulatory on their plans, agree to circulate it here, but I think to get tied up with them and co-responsible given the current developments in Britain (e.g. concern over "Sheppard's take-over of the center") and the problems with IP circulation, etc., may be just asking for trouble. We can always change our minds in six months, a year, year-and-a-half. Let us know right away whether you agree or have a different view on this. We will await your opinion before we

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write them, but we should not wait too long to answer their letter.

Joe arrives here on the 3rd and Ernest on the 5th. We'll see if we can get a world Prospects.

Larry arrives tomorrow and he'll bring me a taped report from M-A on the April 11 Secretariat, and hopefully, Ernest's draft.

Jack

cc: M-A