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COSTA RICA

Dear Sara,

As I told Andres, I was hoping to be able to go to the OST convention. Now I'm writing to say it won't be possible.

For me to go, the party would have to give me a short leave from my assignment in the party print shop. I made this request the week before last: that I have one week off, unpaid, to attend the convention. It was decided that the decision would have to wait until Larry Seigle, who with a number of other leading comrades was out of town, came back.

Friday I explained to him my request. I noted that one purpose of my trip was to discuss with some of you the Cuba discussion and other points of the pre-world-congress discussion. Larry said that the party never specially releases its full-time staff members for such reasons. Therefore I won't be able to attend the convention. -->

May I ask for a set of the OST pre-convention discussion bulletins? Enclosed is a check to cover expenses.

I'll have vacation time next year and I hope to visit Costa Rica then.

Best wishes for the convention,
s/David Keil

cc: SWP N.O.