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200 West 79th Street
New York, N.Y. 10024

December, 12, 1978

Local Executive Committee--New York
Socialist Workers party

Att.: Linda Jenness

Dear Linda:

I have tried to reach you on the telephone but have been unable to make contact with you.

I received a letter from Doug Jenness suggesting that I discuss with "a representative of the branch executive committee or the local executive committee" my "political collaboration" as a party sympathizer.

Before I take any such step, I would like to officially request the local executive committee to take up the question of my appealing for reinstatement as a provisional member of the Upper West Side branch, or to become a member of the Lower Manhattan Branch. I will be glad to appear before the LEC to state my case or send them a written appeal if they decide to give me a hearing. As you know, I had no hearing before the UWS executive committee. I am also, once again, appealing to the UWS exec. for a hearing.

Since I have received no procedural instructions on my avenues for appeal, I am taking whatever steps seem appropriate. If you wish to meet with me to clarify procedures, I am readily available for such a meeting.

Comradely,

Hedda Garza

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December 12, 1978

Political Committee
Socialist Workers party
410 West Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

Att.: Doug Jenness

Dear Doug:

Your letter of December 2 left me utterly confused. After our discussion on November 10, I assumed that the Political Committee would inform me of procedural steps I could take to appeal the decision of the Upper West Side Branch. Instead, you tell me that "the leadership of the UWS branch informed us that you are a party sympathizer with whom they want to politically collaborate. I suggest you discuss with a representative of the branch executive committee or the local executive committee how best to do this."

I am, by nature of my agreement with the party and my long effort to become a member, a sympathizer of the party. However, I am interested in finding out how I can restore myself to provisional membership, not how to collaborate as a sympathizer forever.

In line with this desire, I am sending an appeal letter to the local executive committee, another appeal letter to the Upper West Side Branch, and I am further requesting that the Plenum of the National Committee consider setting up an investigation of the circumstances surrounding my being dropped from provisional membership. I am enclosing a brief statement for their consideration since my report to you and Betsey was not in written form.

I would very much appreciate further clarification from you on this matter.

Comradely,



Hedda Garza

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December 13, 1978

National Committee
Socialist Workers party

Dear Comrades:

I am requesting that the National Committee investigate, by any means they deem appropriate, my dropping from provisional membership by the Upper West Side Branch--New York Local, on September 30, 1978. I had been a provisional member of that branch for only a few weeks, having been made a provisional member of the Chelsea Branch after almost two years of collaborating with them.

The record of my admission into provisional membership and my being dropped from that status is a complex one. The vote in Chelsea for making me a provisional member was unanimous, according to the organizer. The vote to drop me in a different branch, after the reorganization of the New York City branches, was not unanimous. I had no knowledge of the accusations against me, no hearing by the executive committee or branch, and no conference with the organizer, Michael M. Conversations with comrades a day or two before this happened have led me to believe that the entire "case" against me was based on my former political association with the Internationalist Tendency and a supposed reluctance to discuss the problems I was having with the organizer with national leaders. The first accusation is of course totally irrelevant and the second is ridiculous. My long activity with the Chelsea branch certainly reflected my seriousness about readmission to the party and my loyalty to the party. During that period I was instrumental in recruiting several people, despite the fact that I was continually refused readmission.

A full report would fill many pages, and I believe that the circumstances are so incorrect and unjust that it requires a full investigation of the matter. If such a hearing is forthcoming, I would be glad to testify in person or submit a full report. Comrade Doug J. has materials in his possession relating to this situation. They include the report Michael M. gave to the branch on the night I was dropped, a minority report, and letters of protest comrades in both branches have sent detailing the events. I am sure they are available to members of the National Committee.

I once again assert my loyalty to the party, my willingness to build the party and my desire for membership, and I most urgently request the National Committee to set up the mechanisms to decide whether or not to reverse this decision by the UWS Branch.

Comradely,



Hedda Garza