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Curt Johnson
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Dear Curt,

I have been following with close interest the paper and pulpwood workers strike and your activities around it. I've enclosed yesterday's New York Times article. Your sales there, even if they don't lead to recruits right away, have extended the party's influence in an important area of the class struggle in the Northwest.

The reason I'm writing is in regard to your letter on Fred's application to rejoin the party. All the comrades here appreciated very much getting a letter with as many details as you provided. It was very helpful.

There was one question, which I may not have raised with you when we discussed this matter, and which comrades on the Political Committee wanted an answer to: Have you had any political discussions with Fred and Betsy about our security policy on drugs in order to determine whether or not they now fully agree that it's necessary for the defense of the party? If they haven't done so, they should read or reread our 1977 convention report on this and discuss it out thoroughly with you.

It was clear in the discussions we had when I was there and in your letter that they have broken with their former social milieu which was pulling them away from the party and that they are abiding by the policy. But we also think political agreement with this question is important for applicants for membership.

We will wait to take action on this matter until we hear from you.

Comradely,

Joel Britton (RR)
Joel Britton

cc: C. Garza

Encl.