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Political Committee

Dear comrades,

This is to add to the information contained in David Keil's letter to you of November 16, requesting a discussion with you on formation of a tendency by us.

The following are the main ideas which we have in common:

1. The Government of National Reconstruction is capitalist and functions to block the revolution occurring in Nicaragua. We should not politically support this government, but call for formation of a workers' and peasants' government that breaks from and excludes the bourgeoisie. This is an indispensable part of a correct program for Nicaragua.

2. The Fourth International should build a section in Nicaragua, independent in political line from the FSLN leadership. In particular, we should defend the right of the Nicaraguan Trotskyists, such as the members of the GRS, LMR, and Bolshevik Faction, to build a Trotskyist organization in Nicaragua.

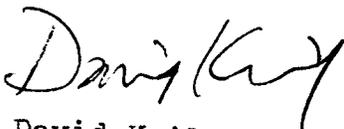
We should defend the democratic rights of all working-class tendencies. Our party should therefore condemn the expulsion of the Simón Bolívar Brigade.

In any case, where political differences arise, as has recently happened with comrades in Central America, the party and the United Secretariat should express their opinions fraternally and not use public condemnations or threats of administrative measures.

3. A thorough discussion is required now in our party in order to rectify its incorrect positions on the Nicaraguan government and the FSLN. This is all the more necessary because the forces of the United Secretariat have recently split over the Nicaraguan revolution.

To help resolve the resulting crisis, the broadest discussion is needed. An open international conference of Trotskyists has been called. The United Secretariat and our party should take advantage of this opportunity by participating.

Comradely,


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