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Planning Committee
National Conference of
Minority Marxist-Leninists

Comrades:

The Minority Conference has been completed, but the issues raised by the purpose, policies, and actual organizing of the Conference remain before the communist movement. Your failure to respond to our letter of June 11, 1979, only aggravates the sectarianism promoted by your shoddy handling of the Conference.

On June 13, I contacted Tyree Scott to inform him that the response of the Planning Committee to our collective letter should be channeled through me. Tyree informed me that a response to our letter would be in the mail that night or, at the latest, the next day. Since no letter arrived, I called Tyree again on June 20. He said that the Planning Committee had decided that it needed to meet before responding to our letter, that such a meeting was scheduled for the next day in Detroit, that a written response would result from the meeting, and that he would personally call me the next day.

To this day you have made no response--verbally or in writing--to our letter. (You have made more arbitrary decisions regarding participation at the Conference.) Meanwhile, Tyree has the ego to boast to the movement that we do not want (are scared!) to meet with him. Really comrades, your attempt to bury the issue and ignore our criticism is irresponsible and sectarian, but this other stuff is downright childish.

Many comrades have suggested--and I concur--that a meeting between the Planning Committee (or your representatives) and some of the signatories of our letter is needed to summarize this experience. Such a meeting would definitely be in the interests of struggling for communist unity, and should be held soon. The San Francisco Bay Area is the best place for this meeting, given that two of your members live here as do many of the comrades who signed our letter. Not that the meeting should be confined to Bay Area comrades, but holding the meeting here would definitely cut travel expenses overall.

We look forward to your response to our June 11 letter, as well as to this one. Hopefully the meeting can be organized soon.

In struggle,

Bob

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