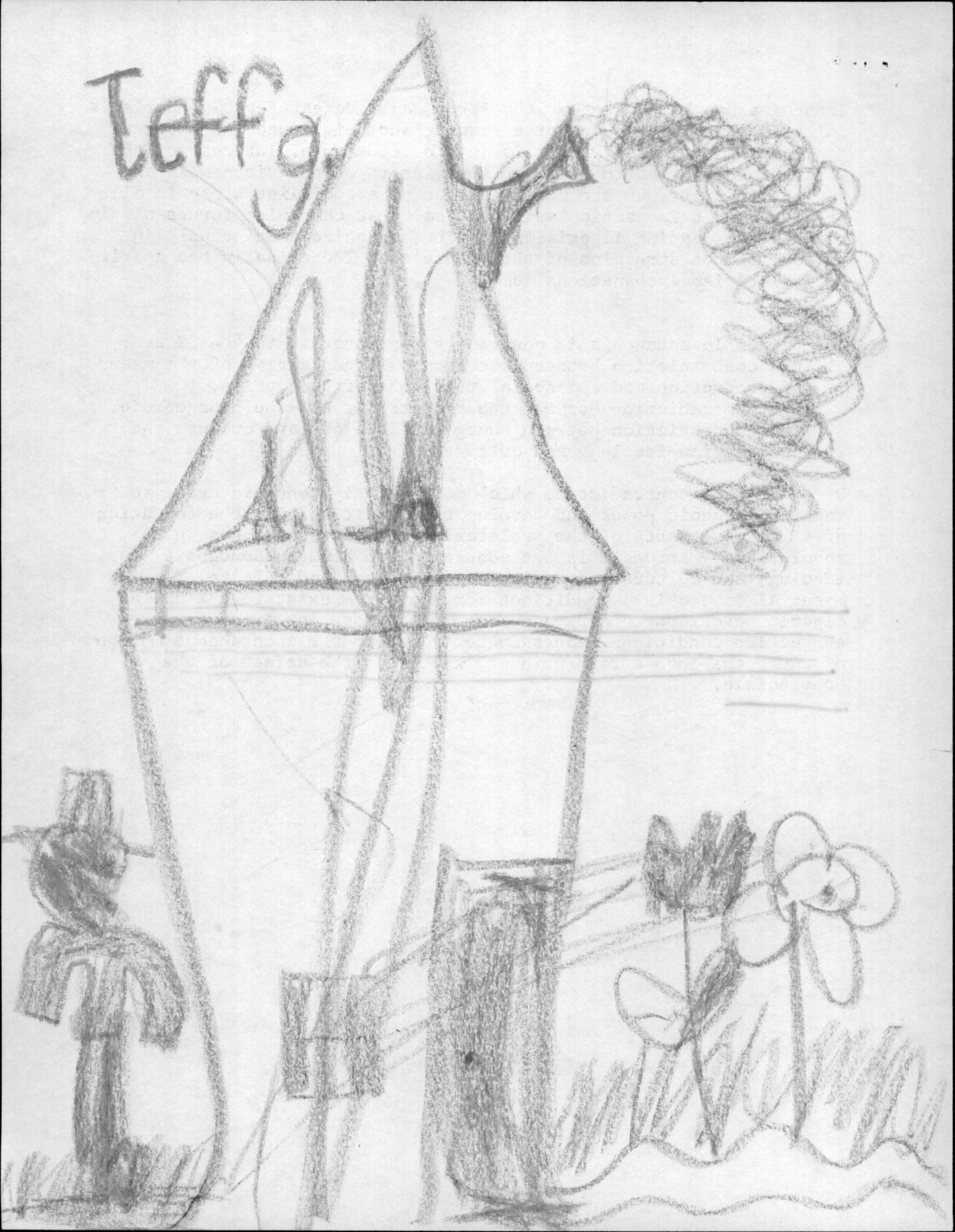


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FOR INTERNAL NOTEBOOK

September 7, 1973

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SUBJECT: GAD, Communist League, MCLL, and the Kinoy Formation. How are they all related? *How* should they all be separated? Should any of them be split?

Dear Comrades,

GAD is a consciously integrated law firm which has developed and continues to develop into a strong political organization in the city. It is made up of left lawyers, not all of whom are Marxist-Leninists; but all of whom have a strong commitment to both building their political organization and providing a material resource to the class, particularly the industrial proletariat. Their practice as a law firm in relation to this objective has been exemplary and without equal in the city and perhaps nationally.

Two facts are particularly important about the law firm at this time. Mike Adelman has been pursuing an objective around CL for some two years. Ron Glotta is now pursuing an objective--the merger of MCLL and CL. He has let it be known to a few cadre that he is prepared to split MCLL and take as many cadre as possible with him to CL in the pursuit of his objective if necessary. Why? Has the GAD political organization or RG, in violation of democratic centralism, made promises to CL that they have to deliver on? Has a *faite compli* been set up by RG personally or politically? There are two things I think we must all analyze and begin developing strategy around in relation to how GAD is moving, especially RG:

1. Racism - I believe it is essential to analyze sycophancy in relation to our own organizational development and history in the city over the last few years. (Do any of us have the right to exist or can we both literally and politically/theoretically survive without a black organization (or blacks) in tow?) But more specifically we must begin to do theoretical work on racism and its relation to imperialism and capitalism (PAR's work in this area, particularly on the class question should be reviewed. We need to use our organizational resources in this area sooner rather than later. Many of our comrades were in PAR.) A strategy to combat racism is essential in the metropolitan area in 1973 and is directly related to work in the industrial sector. But is our resolution or strategy for combating racism, i.e. resolving racial and sexual class divisions, amalgamation, integration, dissolution, guilt, black leadership trips, vanguard positions, or white slavery? People where I work know black people are not their enemy. But they are afraid to go south of eight mile. Does a merger with CL dispel this fear or organize class consciousness? Who/what is our enemy? Racism? Sexism? Imperialism? Capitalism? The ruling class? Not just theoretically but tactically in mass

Separate

organizing terms. We are still not certain.

2. The industrial proletariat - We have begun to develop some theory. We have moved in material ways into the industrial sector. We have cadre pursuing the development of a strategy in an external form for organizing the industrial proletariat through uniting community and point of production struggles (MMAC). Do we believe the petty bourgeoisie can develop proletarian consciousness through providing the service of their skills, knowledge, access, and power? If so, how should this be part of our strategy for organizing the industrial proletariat and uniting the class? What is the relationship of RG's resignation position around a MIC defeat in MCLL in 1971 and his current position to split MCLL if necessary around his position on a merger? What is the relationship of these positions to the development of GAD as a political organization? Comrades should also be aware that VPS supports and is organizing around the RG merger position. I am not aware that any other cadre are at this time. The three P's are still with us. Which one is in command in relation to these factors?

Communist League - It is not clear to me how many comrades have access to the material resources and contacts to learn about CL. This can and should be demanded. They have a written position on the national and colonial question, a newspaper, plus more information available at their local bookstore which is worth a visit. Their history, current practice, and their strategy for this period should be studied. What is their objective in relation to MCLL? Who do they want? What do they want? They are Marxists-Leninists committed in this period consciously and deliberately to organizing the industrial sector. They are a national organization committed to building a M-L national party. I think they want two things from MCLL: access to the GAD law firm and our national reputation on the left. They are putting on enormous pressure. That is to be expected and respected but not necessarily subjected to. What do we want? What will we gain/lose? What does the class gain/lose short range and long range? Black people are stronger where I work because there is a CL. White people are getting stronger where I work because there is an MCLL. Who/what will be stronger/weaker if there is a merger at this time? What is our position on metropolitanism? Our strategy for uniting the city and the suburbs? The north and the south? Detroit and Pontiac? Detroit and Boston? Detroit and Muskegon? Detroit and Philadelphia? Detroit and Royal Oak Detroit and South Dakota? Detroit and Ohio? ETC.

Kinoy Formation - Not a developed political organization. TEP sector. Attempting to build a national mass party. Anti-Leninist. Also putting a great deal of pressure on us. Also involving the FGRUP forces who may decide to move nationally through this form. The Kinoy paper is available and should be read by comrades. So should

the article in a recent CL newspaper entitled "Conference of Marxists-Leninists Brings New Unity" which takes a position on the Kinoy formation of a mass party. Can/should a mass party be built at this time? Can/should a M-L party be uilt at this time? What should we be doing about either or neither in this period?

MCLL - We have many strengths hard fought for and won in this last year.

1. Comrades are engaged in the top priority of our organization - theoretical production. We are at a higher level of development than even five months ago--reading, wriiting, thinking, studying, and talking to each other.

2. Comrades are in struggle, theory, and practice around the historical "feather question".

- a. Labor Day Celebration
- b. Walkouts/Wildcats
- c. Theory/Agitation and Propaganda at the point of production
- d. Strikes
- e. MIC
- f. Food Coop
- g. WEU
- h. Culture and its relation to the whole or the part
- i. National Lawyers Guild

3. Trust is at a higher level-personally and politically for most of us. The splits from the Sino-Soviet all the way down to the MCLL split, personally and politically, have made this new level of trust among us extremely painful and difficult to achieve but we're doing it!! Distrust is more political and objective in this period.

4. Material resources

- a. Money
- b. Equipment
- c. A building
- d. People engaged in practice in all sectors of our class
- e. Access to mass forms
- f. Access to means of communication, ie. video, a newspaper, darkroom, etc.
- g. UAW membership cards
- h. National reputation.

Comrades, I have given a great deal of thought to the relationship between MCLL, the Kinoy formation, CL, and GAD and have read all that

I have recommended to you in addition to Stalin on the national question, Lenin on trade unions, Left Wing Communism and Infantile Disorder, and have begun the history of the CPUSA. My positions are as follows:

NO MERGER with CL at this time but joint activity when possible particularly in the area of theory. Our internal education committee of the CC, though I believe it has just recently met, should certainly not be idle much longer but out front in this period with some leadership and exploring the possibilities of joint study groups. Idleness is for fools.

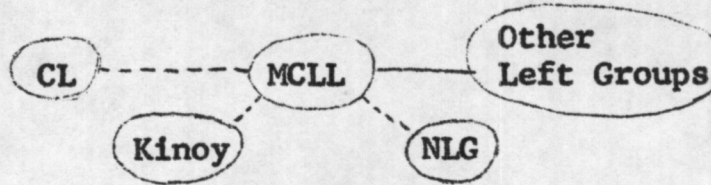
NO PRIMARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE KINOY FORMATION That is to say we do not pursue a national strategy for organizing and unifying the left groups in this country by acting as the left wing of the Kinoy formation. We pursue what unifies these groups at this time by pursuing theoretical production--maybe another conference, our own version of a Westbury Conference. We also look more consciously and closely at the NLG and its labor component.

GAD SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE CLASS AS A WHOLE AS A SEPARATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION - AN "EXTERNAL FORM" It doesn't belong in MCLL or CL by virtue of cadre in either organization and should not be used as a club on any of us for gaining power for itself in either organization or the class as a whole. We can and must assume and so should GAD, particularly MCLL cadre in the firm that politics and principle can and will prevail--not power and personality. The lessons of the Alliance and Common Sense struggles should be studied and learned.

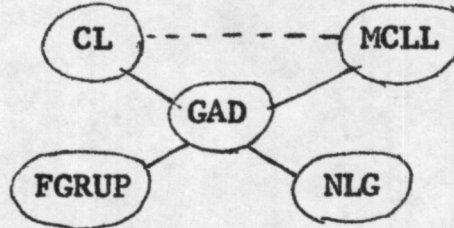
My positions on our work in this period in relation to the subjects of this letter can be diagrammed as indicated below:

-----Joint activity where consistent with our organizational priorities, political and principled Marxists-Leninist relationships
_____ Direct links, contacts, data gathering, struggle, unification organizing work

NATIONALLY



LOCALLY



Information is power. Information analyzed, developed, studied, and consolidated in strategy, tactics, and organization is politics. We each must bear the burden and responsibility as well as the rewards of information. I support Comrade Siederman's call for a convention and his plan for convention preparation as outlined in his entry in the internal notebook dated 9/4/73. The struggle to resolve and unify our developed and underdeveloped tendencies is exciting and I look forward to engaging in this struggle with Comrades in the months ahead.

UNITY, UNITY, UNITY - SUCCESS, SUCCESS, GREATER SUCCESS

In struggle,

Comrade Woodside

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NOTE: The Farmworkers and CL have been on the pickett lines with teachers. We were on pickett lines a few weeks ago ourselves. But there is a qualitative and quantative difference this week. Why? We have three comrades on strike. What is our position on class unity in practice?

NOTE: It is my expectation that the CC will have moved on some of the questions raised by this paper by the time Comrades receive a copy. Again, information/clarification should be requested/demanded of Commissioners and other leadership. We must be informed, studied, clear thinking, objective, straightforward, and political in the days ahead.