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The Central Committee,

Dear Comrades,

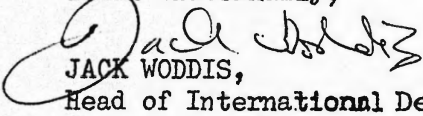
Please find enclosed copy of a letter which we have sent to the Central Committee of the French Communist Party and the Polish United Workers' Party concerning the proposed meeting of European Communist and Workers' Parties in Paris on April 28/29th.

In our letter to the French and Polish Parties we have explained that in principle we are in favour of a meeting to discuss peace and disarmament but that, because of the unsatisfactory way in which it has been prepared, it should be changed into a private consultative meeting to which all European Communist and Workers' Parties would be invited. Such a consultative meeting would have the sole purpose of discussing, on an entirely fresh basis, whether a conference or meeting should be held, and if such a gathering were agreed, what would be the character, procedure, venue, date etc. We ourselves would attend such a consultative meeting.

If, however, our proposal is not accepted, and the meeting in its originally proposed form takes place, we regret that we will be unable to participate because it is our opinion that such a meeting, prepared in the way it has been, is not the way to strengthen the unity of our movement nor to make our maximum contribution to the struggle for peace and detente.

The enclosed copy of our letter to the Central Committees of the French and Polish parties sets out fully our reasons for our decision.

Yours fraternally,


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Head of International Department.