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Interim Meeting

September 8, 1988

Present: Louis K., Roxanna P., Nancy M., Nancy W., Kate C., Ken H.
(Wechsler took minutes)

We gave out \$3700 to 8 groups from this meeting, and \$300 to 6 groups from the August meeting (\$50 each) for a total of \$4000.

3. MERIP (NY, NY) \$500 for primer on Palestinian question. Louis said they are a very important resource. Questions were raised about the size of their budget, but we decided to fund them because of the importance of the project and the fact that they are always struggling for money.

4. International Jewish Peace Union (NY, NY) \$200 (Some) towards new brochure. Northstar gave them larger grant in 87 than year before. They have been making connections with Palestinians. Playing good role in Progressive Jewish Community. Questions were raised about their size and effectiveness, and about funding Jewish groups.

8. ACT UP/Houston POSTPONED. They haven't responded to NM's letter yet.

11. Pledge of Resistance/Chicago (IL) \$500 for costs of Nov. 19 conference on Exposing US Global Strategy: Making Connections, Building Alliances. References from Crossroads positive. They have funded them. Broad organization- demos and cd. They do have some radical religious folks involved. They do some Southern Africa and Middle East and National Guard/Honduras work.

14. Central America Refugee Center (LA, CA) NO GRANT. They requested \$1000. Liberty Hill said they were very political organization as well as social service, broad based, consistent work. Strong grass roots organization. People liked title of their campaign. \$400,000 budget--too large for us.

17. Central America Resource Center (St. Paul, MN) NO GRANT. Requested \$1200. Midwest Regional CISPES said these people have good resources, good network. Not an activist group, but does a coffeehouse. It was noted that their resource guide was very good, but funding base is very broad. This particular project did not seem like a Resist priority. They don't need us, as they have the potential to raise other funds. People weren't into the matching grant business.

18. El Salvador Peace and Justice Committee (Chicago, IL) \$500 for costs of Mid-west tour. Crossroads gave a positive reference. Relatively new, good work, good outreach. Open to working on other issues.

24. Central America Working Group/MNS (Hadley, MA) NO GRANT. Didn't get the activist guide. Discussion on whether or not to postpone or just say no.

Suspicious of MNS connections. We decided to just say no, because we haven't heard from them. They didn't meet the deadlines to respond to our letters.

28. Lesbian & Gay Freedom Ride. POSTPONED. They are still out of town. We haven't gotten an answer yet. We need update on their finances. If there is still no response by the October 2nd meeting than we will just say no.

31. AFSC/Peace & Justice Youth Outreach Project (Oakland, CA) \$550 for purchase of a computer. Positive references. People liked group, aids leaflet, number of presentations. ←

32. World Peacemakers (Washington, DC) NO GRANT. Hank Rosemont hadn't heard of them. 2 person project. We thought they should discuss gay stuff.

34. Sacred Lands Project of Christic Institute ((Wash., DC) NO GRANT. Ken Hale liked their book. It gives both sides, history, helped clarify situation. But they have a huge budget. We agreed that we would do a review of the book in our newsletter and ask people to buy it. (We should let them know we are doing this.) Ken will write the review. He'll be in touch with Tatiana about the length. We should write for a review copy and also have an office copy.

36. Comite de Mujeres Puertorriquenas Miriam Lopez Perez (JP, MA) \$600 for expenses of their multi-issues conference for Latina women. Roxanna is in the group, and says it is the best grass roots group she has worked with. 50 women came to the conference. Workshops were extremely successful. They did a lot of outreach for conference, including leafletting door to door in latino neighborhoods. They didn't charge money for the conference, which helped people be able to attend. There were 50 women and 20 kids. They had to rent the day care center. Follow up meeting planned for mid-November, after they transcribe conference tapes. (Is there anything here we might want to use for the newsletter??? ed. note)

38. AIM (Atlanta, GA) They changed what they were asking for. We POSTPONED Till the October 2nd meeting so that everyone would have time to read their new proposal.

41. Chittenden Community TV (Burlington, VT) NO GRANT. We were surprised they didn't cover women's or gay organizing in Vermont.

44. Radical America (Somerville, MA) \$400 for a printer. They have been doing a lot more promo lately. They are in the process of setting up computer and switching to desk top publishing. If we give them money for a dot matrix printer, they will then be able to also buy a laser jet.

45. Survivors, Inc. (West Roxbury, MA) \$450 for cost of producing Survival News. Haymarket gave them positive reference. We thought we should encourage them to take ads.

47. New York Marxist School (NY, NY) NO GRANT. Paul L. gave them positive reference, but wasn't sure they needed the money. Others thought they were useful but questioned whether they were doing organizing. If they tape some of the talks, we might want to use them in the newsletter.

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48. Citizen Advocates for Justice (Brooklyn, NY) NO GRANT. North Star and Astrea hadn't heard of them. They get mainstream funding. Tatiana likes their training manual.

In addition, we agree to give \$50 more each to the following 6 groups from the September board meeting: #7 (ACT UP/NY), #10 (ACT NOW, Wash., DC), #12 (Maestros por la Paz, SF, CA), #21 (NISGUA), #30 (Honeywell Project, Minn. MN), and #33 (Ikwe Community Education Project, Osage, MN).

That's it.