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A call to **RESIST** illegitimate authority

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Board Meeting - April 26, 1992 - 11am
Pam Chamberlain's apartment
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Dear board member,

This is the meeting that we begin our new policy on grants. The maximum grant amount is now \$800, a "some" grant is \$275, and a "token" grant is \$150.

You'll find the business items for the meeting at the end of the grants agenda portion of this letter. I'll send you updated info for the requests, plus the references, about a week before the board meeting.

If you have any comments and can't come to the meeting, please send in your feedback as well as your proxy.

AGENDA

** Any last minute items of information by staff which are important to meeting.

GRANT REQUESTS

Central and Latin America and the Caribbean

1) Haiti Communications Project (Cambridge, MA) - Asking for \$600 toward expenses of building and coordinating a local Haiti solidarity movement.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

2) Philadelphia CISPES (PA) - Request of \$650 toward the purchase of a computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

3) National Central America Health Rights Network (New York, NY) - Request of \$600 to purchase a fax machine.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

4) US/Puerto Solidarity Network (Bronx, NY) - Asking for \$800 toward the purchase of a laser printer for their computer.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

5) Northwest WINDS Media Project (Seattle, WA) - \$600 request for expenses of a traveling photo exhibit about women in El Salvador and a slide show. Postponed from the March board meeting. We needed more information about the photo exhibit, a script for the slide show and a reference for the group.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

6) Midwest Witness for Peace (Chicago, IL) - Request of \$800 toward expenses of a speaking tour in eight states by two Guatemalan refugees.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

7) Rhode Island Central America Network (Providence) - They're asking for \$700 toward expenses of follow-up work to their conference. The follow-up work will focus on US economic, military and social policy.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

8) DC CISPES (Washington, DC) - Request of \$600 to cover costs of printing flyers, invitations and posters for local events which are part of a national speaking tour.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

9) Haiti Commission for Inquiry into the September 30th Coup d'Etat (New York, NY) - Asking for \$600 for expenses of distributing the video "Haiti Under the Gun: the Investigation of the Haiti Commission." The video is 30 minutes long. We can view it at the board meeting, or I'll try to circulate it to board members beforehand.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

10) Philadelphia Area Alliance for Central America (PA) - A request of \$800 to help pay the salary of the editor of their bi-monthly newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Middle East

11) Project Speak Out - Other Jewish Voices (Berkeley, CA) - Request of \$500 toward a public relations consultant's fee for their speakers' bureau.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

12) Palestine Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) - They're asking for \$800 for an outreach mailing for their Chicago Transit Authority Billboard Ad Campaign, "A New Look at the Middle East."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

13) Najda: Women Concerned about the Middle East (Berkeley, CA) - Request of \$750 toward production and mailing of Middle East Resources, a quarterly newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Prisoners

14) Prisoners of Conscience Project (Evanston, IL) - They're asking for \$800 toward production of their brochure.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

15) Massachusetts Lifers Organization (Norfolk, MA) - \$800 asked toward the purchase of two word processors.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

16) American Friends Service Committee (Newark, NJ) - Request of \$2,292 (?) for the expenses of a rally/vigil at Trenton State Prison in May.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Peace/Anti-militarism/Anti-nuclear

17) Youth Against Militarism - Friends for a Non-Violent World (Minneapolis, MN) - Asking for \$600 for production of one issue of their newspaper, "Fee Association- A Rag for Alternative Youth."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

18) Campaign for Peace & Democracy (New York, NY) - Request of \$800 toward expenses of their conference, "Toward a New Foreign Policy: Promoting Democracy & Social Justice" on May 2nd. .

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

19) American Peace Test (Las Vegas, NV) - \$800 requested for the expenses of their speaking tour, "Radiation is Oppression: Indigenous Women and the Long Death."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

20) Pax Christi New Orleans (Marrero, LA) - \$600 asked to defray the costs of their newsletter, "Bread and Roses." This proposal was originally screened out for the March 1992 board meeting by the board/staff lunch with Louis K. They sent us the enclosed letter asking to be considered. I'm also enclosing my letter to them.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

21) Knolls Action Project (Albany, NY) - They're asking for \$600 toward the purchase of a fax machine, and other fax equipment.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Community/Anti-racism

22) Welfare Warriors (Milwaukee, WI) - Requesting \$860 (?) for expenses of organizing a new group, Mothers and Grandmothers of the Disappeared."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

23) Survival News (W. Roxbury, MA) - \$800 asked for general support of their project to train low-income women to publish this newspaper.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

24) Women Express, Inc. (Boston, MA) - They're asking for \$812.50 (?) to cover the costs of a bulk mailing of their newspaper, Teen Voices, to various youth programs and centers. Thick pub - I'll have a board member review it and report to meeting.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

25) North Carolina Fair Share (Raleigh) - Request of \$800 toward the costs of flyers, a trainer and seed grants for their local work on the National Emergency Drive for Heath Care.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Native Americans/Resistance 500

26) St. Louis Inter-faith Committee on Latin America (MO) - Requesting \$770 for organizing expenses of the Peace and Dignity Journey 1992 through the state of Missouri.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

27) 1992 Alliance/Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (Washington, DC) - Requesting \$??? toward expenses of their Forum on the Development of International Policy Toward Native Peoples.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Miscellaneous

28) Committee for Democracy in Sri Lanka (Cambridge, MA) - \$500 requested for organizing expenses (\$130 of this total is for travel expenses.)

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

29) Provincetown Positive PWA Coalition (MA) - Request of \$500 toward expenses of their forum "Building Partnerships with Physicians."

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

30) Somerville Committee on Stopping Violence Against Women (MA) - \$145 asked to cover the cost of renting a sound system for a march and rally to protest violence against women in Somerville.

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

31) A Part of the Solution (Roxbury, MA) - \$800 requested for printing and mailing costs of their voter education project.

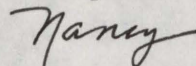
Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

BUSINESS/POLICY ITEMS

- * Resist's 25th Anniversary - Report by Yana on the progress of planning so far.
- * NW's parental leave staff replacement - Report from Pam Chamberlain and the staff about the person chosen to replace Nancy W. for two months.
- * Staff's anniversary raise - There will be a recommendation by the board/staff lunch meeting on this.
- * Number of proposals we are receiving for a given meeting - The board/staff lunch will discuss this before the meeting and give a report/recommendation
- * Office - Staff, finances and other miscellaneous items.
- * Schedule for upcoming board meetings - I'll have a list of suggested dates for the remaining meetings this year. The next meeting after this meeting will probably be in New York City. I'm proposing that it be scheduled for June 7th, Sunday, so as not to conflict with Gay Pride in Boston. We'll need a host/ess for that meeting.

That's it for now. I'll send you references and additional material before the board meeting.

For peace and justice,



Nancy Moniz
Resist staff

Resist Board Meeting 4/26/92

Present: Nancy Moniz, Larry Goldsmith, Tess Ewing, Wayne O'Neil, Tatiana Schreiber, Louis Kampf, Pam Chamberlain, Paul Lauter, Cheryl Smith.

Chair: Tess

Recorder: Tatiana

Larry G. announced Red Book store in serious financial difficulty. Urged all who can to buy books and donate money if possible. [Red Book Store, 94 Green St., Boston, MA 02130 - check]

GRANTS

1. Haiti Communications Project (Cambridge, MA) - YES, \$600 to build and coordinate local Haiti solidarity movement. Concerns re lack of attention to AIDS. We will mention something about needing to address the issue of AIDS in letter. We hope they will make connections with AIDS groups especially given the doubly difficult situation of the Haitian refugees seeking political assylum who are HIV+.
2. Philadelphia CISPES (PA) - YES, \$650 toward the purchase of a computer.
3. NCAHRN (NY, NY) - YES, \$600 for a fax machine. Positive references.
4. US/PR Solidarity Network (Bronx, NY) - YES, \$800 for a laser printer. Positive references.
5. NW WINDS (Seattle, WA) - Withdrawn, not ready yet.
6. Midwest Witness for Peace (Chicago, IL) - YES, \$800 for expenses of an eight-state speaking tour of two Guatemalans. Important that they are addressing Guatemala issues.
7. Rhode Island Central America Network (Providence) - YES, \$700 for follow-up to conference linking domestic and CA issues. A little unclear what they were going to do, but important to keep issues alive. Good references.
8. DC. CISPES (Washington, DC) - YES, \$600 for publicity for national tour. Good references.
9. Haiti Commission for Inquiry into Sept. 30th Coup (NY, NY) - NO GRANT. Much discussion re connection with Worker's World. Some think that's OK, others that its not OK. Video was somewhat rhetorical did not appear effective, few women. Reasons not to fund include mixed feelings re effectiveness of video, failure to identify who the commission is, as well as problems some have with connections to WW. Letter: Board had concerns regarding the effectiveness of the video for organizing, including what seemed to us to be a lack of context

for the message, i.e. the commission was not fully identified and its history and purpose established. The video seemed to evoke a charitable response as opposed to one of solidarity with an organized resistance movement.

10. Philadelphia Area Alliance of Central America (PA) - Postponed. Need full budget.

11. Project Speak Out - Other Jewish Voices (Berkeley, CA) - NO GRANT. Supportive letter. Work is important but not directly connected to an organizing activity. In addition it is not a priority for us to fund media consultant [not sure if this was to go in letter] If another project more directly related to organizing, we might consider it.

12. Palestine Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) - SOME. \$275 for outreach mailing for billboard campaign. Long discussion about reference report on group. If we give money, will it help or just be throwing away the money if group can't pull off the campaign? Letter: we had concerns about the cohesiveness of the group and fear that they may have taken on a project too large to carry out. However, we are supportive of the work the group is doing and wanted to show that with a partial grant. [now we fear that they will think we are crazy...]

13. Najda: Women Concerned about the Middle East (Berkeley, CA) - NO GRANT. This is not really a political organizing project and we feel they have other options for funding the work. Supportive of work.

14. Prisoners of Conscience Project (Evanston, IL) - YES, \$800 for production of brochure. Some thought they had options for church funding, but others thought they were trying to expand options by seeking non-church funding. Supportive of project.

15. Massachusetts Lifers Organization (Norfolk, MA) - YES, \$800 toward word processors. Larry G. attended recent forum to which Resist was invited. He felt mixed about speakers. Felt the group had a lot of potential, they want to organize on the inside and bring in people from outside...TS didn't go to forum but was very supportive, given the difficulties of pulling off such an event, felt group was doing a good job, has good potential for organizing because of commitment of members. Liked articles on death penalty and furlough system by members of the group.

16. AFSC (Newark, NJ) - YES, \$800 for rally at Trenton State Prison in NJ about use of control units. LG very supportive. Had received letters from prisoners in Trenton, one had been placed in the control unit because of his membership in an organization. AFSC in big financial difficulties, really needs money for prison work. Many funders to AFSC have stopped due to "end" of Cold War. Perhaps article on use of control units, activity cages, etc. and expansion of these methods of incarceration?

17. Youth Against Militarism (Minneapolis, MN) - SOME, \$275 for one issue of newspaper. LG found materials vague politically. They feel

mag. is good organizing tool among themselves, but not clear the group is expanding/organizing others. Articles were not about youth issues. Supportive letter: project is important but not clear to us how it is connected to organizing among youth; wonder if they have had or plan to address youth issues more in their newsletter.

18. Campaign for Peace and Democracy (NY, NY) - NO GRANT. LK read publication, articles were good, liked one on Cuba, but not clear whom the articles are supposed to reach. In the issue he read, nothing on gender, although another issue addressed abortion around the world. Conference planned, no gender issues on agenda. "Unforgiveable" Budget big, not involved in grassroots organizing. Letter: supportive of work but budget too big. LK willing to write if NM wants assistance.

19. American Peace Test (Las Vegas, NV) - YES, \$800 for speaking tour on radiation and indigenous women. Letter: Money must be used for non-travel expenses. TS is interested in an article about radiation and effect on indigenous women. Please contact her if interested or if you can suggest name of potential authors.

20. Pax Christi New Orleans (Marrero, LA) - YES, \$600 for newsletter. Grant approved after reconsideration of their position on reproductive rights. Appears they are pro-choice, against restrictions on abortion. Letter: after reconsideration of their position, decided to fund. Appreciate their letter which was not simply defensive but thoughtful response to our original rejection of their proposal.

21. Knolls Action Project (Albany, NY) - YES, \$600 for fax machine. Good references.

22. Welfare Warriors (Milwaukee, WI) - POSTPONED. Much discussion re situation in which right-wing groups are attacking welfare system workers, calling them fascist, linking "child-snatching" to holocaust, etc. [as reported by PL, re group in Florida]. Board members were concerned regarding language used by group, seemed to pit welfare mothers against welfare workers. However, in many cases, it is the perception of welfare mothers that workers and state agencies are the enemy. Letter: we feel individual workers can be potential allies; undue polarization between welfare mothers and welfare workers is not constructive, drives a wedge. Also, need more info on situation in Wisconsin, what kinds of cases have occurred in which children have been removed from single mothers? Call Tess if need assistance with letter.

23. Survival News (W. Roxbury, MA) - YES, \$800 for project to train low-income women to publish the paper. Skills learned are important, readily translatable to organizing, paper is about rights, activism among low-income women. Possible newsletter article on the training project?

24. Women Express, Inc. (Boston, MA) - NO GRANT. Pam C. read newsletter Teen Voices. Takes up controversial issues like sexuality, incest, suicide; trains young people how to put together a publication. Doesn't get terrific distribution. Good project but not

directly connected to organizing. Probably could get funding elsewhere. Very supportive letter.

25. NC Fair Share (Raleigh, NC) - NO GRANT. Good references but they are getting big grants. Not a controversial project. They were way under budget last year. Supportive letter, supportive of organization and concept; if in future they have project more radical or controversial in nature such as reproductive rights or gay/lesbian issues, could come to us as in that case they might have fewer funding options.

26. St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America (MO) - YES, \$770 for expenses of organizing for the Peace and Dignity Journey 1992 through Missouri. Some concerns re factionalism and unclear purposes of the journey, but good references.

27. 1992 Alliance/Harvard (Washington, DC) - NO GRANT. Budget too big for project for us to fund. Very important forum but not something we can fund, very academic.

28. Committee for Democracy in Sri Lanka (Cambridge, MA) - SOME, \$275 for petition campaign for peace in Sri Lanka. Academics, students, should be able to raise money in that community. TS might be interested in article on current situation in Sri Lanka...

29. Provincetown Positive PWA Coalition (MA) - YES, \$500 for doctor/patient forum on alternative treatments. Pam C. feels very little opportunity for physicians to get this info, no encouragement of it. Forum good idea, maybe too ambitious goals. Letter: supportive, grant for non-travel expense.

30. Somerville Committee on Stopping Violence Against Women (MA) - YES for \$145 for sound system for march. Very supportive.

31. A Part of the Solution (Roxbury, MA) - NO GRANT. Appears to be solely voter education, no political perspective articulated. Perhaps they misunderstood who we are, were afraid to reveal politics. Letter: supportive, no because not apparently a project arising from a specific political perspective. Resist is organization that funds explicitly radical projects that have difficulty obtaining funding elsewhere. If they want to come back to us with another project that does articulate their political concerns and the political direction of the group, they are welcome to do so.

FINANCES

As of 4/24/92 we had:

CTC	32,058.60	
Calvert CASH	107,295.05	
1st Trade Union CD	55,853.34	
Calvert Bond Fund	111,471.74	(as of 4/22/92)
WA Cash	31,100.04	

Unrestricted TOTAL 337,778.77

Restricted

Resist Endowment	14,126.32
Cohen Endowment	10,337.32
WA Loan	5,605.96

Restricted TOTAL 30,069.98

TOTAL all funds 367,848.75

TOTAL GIVEN OUT THIS MEETING = \$12,190. We had \$14,250 to give out, so the balance of \$1,060 will be added on to next meeting's "pot."

BUSINESS

1. Nancy Wechsler and her partner, Julie Mathei, await the arrival of their baby (expected Monday 4/27) via stork from Texas. NW will be on leave for two months; she will be replaced four days/week by Kate Gyllensvard. Resist will give them gift certificates from New Words and Savannah Books [LK to get at Savannah; PC to get at New Words.] Pam C. and NM reported on their meetings with Kate G. Both feel very positive that she is excellent choice, very flexible with time but able to make the two month commitment. She is grad student in history, long-time feminist and lesbian activist in Boston, very reliable and competent. etc....

2. Staff Raises . Proposal of board/staff lunch accepted, to raise staff salaries by .25/hour. However, staff also proposes to review policy which is open-ended. Staff will draft proposal, bring to board/staff lunch, then to board for approval of revised policy. *

3. Issue of number of proposals per meeting was raised. Some find greater than 35 a problem, others no problem. No obvious solution other than more meetings or some kind of screening process. Tabled for now.

4. 25th Anniversary Report. TS gave report [attached]. Location of 14th event at Villa Victoria or Dante Alegheiri Center. No strong opinions from board. Poets. Pat Smith mentioned. Speaker? Louis feels no political speaker better than most political speakers; Wayne will check on rep of Derrick Jackson as speaker. Decision, if we find dynamite speaker, will have, otherwise no. Call Yana with suggestions. Suggestion for Paul L. to give short rap about Resist history, or being at Resist in early days. MC's we should have fewer than four.

Long conversation about art show, budgets, etc. Tried to get ballpark for how much to spend overall. TS will develop higher end and lower end budgets for different aspects of 25th celebrations. [anyone who has done a lot of event planning and can assist with figures for this, please call her!!!!]

Art committee will meet and try to develop focused plan for Boston art

show, given budget of about \$1060.

TS asks anyone with info on former Resist supporters/staffers, etc. to contact her. See list in report.

NYC events. Paul reports. George, Amy, Merble, Jane Gould will meet Mon, 5/4. Maybe Grace and Carl Bissenger. Hoping to get Cooper Union for Dec. 8th. Event with art show [political art then and now] in lobby. Maybe people will read, do performance art. Music undecided, Maybe Charlie Hayden. Paul will develop budget for hiring someone to help coordinate NY events.

5. Next meetings scheduled: June 7 (NY), July 19, Sept. 13, October 25, December 13. Request not to have Dec. 13 meeting in NY by Pam C.

Note: TS will be unable to attend June 7 meeting in NY, and will be away from the office June 7 - 17th. Please call with 25th related thoughts before then. Thanks!

Another note: Please see your enclosed "Policy Decisions" update pages - to be added to your files.

April 24, 1992

Please note that NW WINDS (#5), postponed from our March meeting, has asked to be postponed again until the June board meeting. They don't have their script or photo exhibit material ready yet.

References for the April 26, 1992 Resist Board Meeting:

1) Haiti Communications Project - Tommie Harris of Haymarket said that their board gave this group a grant of \$7,000 because they were "very enthused and excited about the work... much need in the US for real information.... impressed with how they compile and distribute information direct from Haiti... plan to distribute on a national level... Most of the other Haiti work is local, this is unique.... Solid political people." Recommended.

2) Phila. CISPES - We've funded this group several times. I had talked with Frank Brodhead who, in 1988, said they were "consistent, always there." A good group. I called Frank this time, but he said he's not been in touch with them lately which was no reflection on them since he's been busy with other things. He'll ask around and also recommended I talk with Rhonda Jordan of Bread & Roses Fund. I'd talked with her in the past about this group, which they'd funded quite a number of years. She said then that they were very active, work with other Central America groups and do make links with other issue groups also. They're inclusive and network well. Frank also suggested I talk with Angie Berryman of AFSC/Phila. She said that the group focuses on El Salvador which is important now with follow-up to the Peace Plan. They work well with other Central America groups. She hasn't seen any "turf" issues in Philadelphia, as has happened in other parts of the US. She said that this is a good group..

3) National C.A. Health Rights Network - George Vickers knows them well. He said that they're quite active and important. With the cutbacks in focus on Central America, they're still maintaining their work with less resources available. They also provide an umbrella for other projects in Nicaragua which does inflate their budget. George uses them all the time for contacts in Nicaragua. Fax machines are very important for communications to Central America. He recommends funding.

Bell Chevigny knows at least of the people and also the work of this group. She said that they're "a terrific organization.... originally a network but now more centralized although still a network... involved the last 3 years in El Salvador with reconstruction of the health system... no other organization as involved." Bell said that they had a colloquium last year which was "extraordinarily successful." They also send people long term to Nicaragua. She said that they "really do need a fax." As for fund raising, she thinks they get \$10,000 a year from grants and more from direct mail. "Great and responsible work." Recommended.

4) US/Puerto Rico Solidarity Network - George Vickers is looking into this. He said that he has calls in to contacts but not heard back yet. More later.

5) NW Winds - Postponed from March meeting. We needed the script of their slide show, more info about their photo exhibit, and a reference. They asked to be postponed again.

6) Midwest Witness for Peace - We had funded this group in the past and gotten good references for them. The Sanctuary Alliance had said that they were good at follow-up and coordination of groups in the Midwest. They had a focus to change US policy in Central America. Work well with the Pledge and other groups. This time I talked with Jennifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago about them. She said that they recently opened an office in the same building as AFSC, and she's gotten to talk with the staff person. Jennifer said that, more recently, she has noticed meetings and events happening and feels they have a real presence in Chicago itself now. She feels that the Quincentennial might be re-invigorating Central America work.

7) RI Central America Network - Mark Toney of DARE and the Haymarket Board said that Haymarket has funded them. They're the only group doing the work of looking at US foreign policy and how that impacts on domestic policy. He's very impressed that they are working with the Center for Popular Economics on this. Mark said that the network is in transition; it started out as a more or less white, religious organization, but are now involving more Latino and Latino groups, which he feels is very good. A good organization and recommended.

8) D.C. CISPES - I talked with Phylliss at the Washington Peace Center. She thinks that this is a good group, well organized. This group is diligent in organizing and publicity so she feels they will be able to draw a good crowd. She also mentioned that they were a big help in the DC Middle East War Coalition. Hank Rosemont checked with contacts and also had personal contact with them by phone. He said that he strongly supports the group; they continue to do good work. He had a fund raising call from the group and was impressed at the answers and info they gave to his questions. Since we funded them in the past for the film showing, Hank feels that we should give them a grant for this follow-up tour. He gives the group an "A+."

9) Haiti Commission - George Vickers says this is "definitely Workers' World.. would stay away from them... The Haiti community in NYC is factionalized and it's hard to find out what's what.... talked with folks who went to the Inquiry and felt the event was rhetorical... feel there's no reason to assume any funds would go to Haiti... using this to build front stuff" of Workers' World. Not recommended.

10) Phila. Area Alliance for Central America - Frank B. suggested I call Angie Berryman of AFSC/Phila. She said that this network is into broader Central America work than CISPES. She is especially impressed with their work because they have not only dealt with issues on Central America but also local and domestic issues. She mentioned that recently they had a speak out on women, which included African American, US Latina, Guatemalan, and Salvadoran women. The Alliance works with a diverse constituency and their newsletter is good, including local as well as international issues. Recommended.

I asked their contact person about the lack of a Honduras committee in their alliance. She said that not much has been done on Honduras in Philadelphia, but they did co-sponsor part of the Alvia Alvarado tour in March. The event did generate some interest in starting a new committee and PAACA offered its help. I also asked about the difference between their Salvador committee and Phila. CISPES. She said that CISPES relates to the FPL sector of the FMLN (in the northern part of E.S.), and PAACA's committee relates to the ERP (eastern part). All projects and fund raising from the two

would relate to those sectors. She did say that the two committees have worked together on general Salvador issues and continue to explore ways to work cooperatively.

11) Project Speak Out - Bill Hoffman of the Palestine Solidarity Committee in San Francisco said that he knew of the Coalition, composed of most of the Jewish peace groups in the area, including the Mural project. Michel Roublev of the IJPU is the key person. Their politics are "pretty good... a litmus test would be a position for suspension of aid to Israel" about which he didn't think the coalition had come to consensus. They groups do support a two state solution and recognition of the PLO. PSC has worked "fairly closely" with them; they used PSC mailing list and some of the groups participated in the PSC conference. He was positive about them.

12) Palestine Solidarity Committee/Chicago - I had talked with Jennifer Bing-Canar of AFSC/Chicago the last time this group came to us. She gave a good recommendation then, but this time she said, "To be frank, they've been in a lot of trouble in the last year. The financial problems have been overwhelming... have done little visible work in the Chicago area in the last six months." Jennifer knew that they are trying to go ahead with this billboard campaign. CISPES had done a similar project a couple of years ago and had quite a fight, both with the Chicago Transit and financially, to get it to happen. PSC has talked with CISPES about this. Jennifer has not seen much progress on the project. The group has no staff and it's "murky" to her what their priorities and projects are now. One of the group's leaders is not as active now because of personal reasons and the work has suffered. If this group can get some enthusiasm going on this project, it might revive work (in Chicago)" but she doesn't know for sure. (Nationally, Jeanne Butterfield has resigned, but Jennifer didn't know why.) She feels that the solidarity work is in a "state of crisis." "It's depressing, quite frankly."

13) Najda - Bill Hoffman said in 1990 that their basic focus is on educational work and support for Palestinian women political prisoners. The Palestine Solidarity Committee had worked with the group and was quite happy with it. Their constituency is basically for support rather than organizing. Have done a good job in building a network with teachers. I also talked with him about the current request. He reaffirms what he said last year and added that the current contact person has been doing this work for a long time, focusing on women political prisoners. The bracelet project was very popular and helped publicize the issue. Bill said that Najda has tended not to have a lot of people involved so has had to focus on their own work. He was positive about the group but hadn't seen the newsletter.

14) Prisoners of Conscience - Linda Thurston of National AFSC knew them. They have a hard working staff & organization. Great at working with churches on POConsc. focus, including with mainstream churches. Have gotten lots of church conferences involved. These are constituencies that can influence national & international bodies, since they have solid reps. Project also seems to have good ties outside of church networks. Non-sectarian as for as both churches & political organizations/very persistent on their issue. On the question of their options for funding - she doesn't feel they have many options because they focus on mainline churches.

I recently called Lucy Smith of Crossroads Fund in Chicago. She said that they are "really impressed" with the group's work, but can't fund them

since it's a national effort. Very good work. The people involved in organizing cover a wide spectrum from ethnic, religious and solidarity sectors. "With a limited amount of money, they've done a lot of work... wonderful educational materials... have done a broad educational effort."

15) Mass. Lifers - Larry Goldsmith went to the April 7th seminar mentioned in the proposal. He thought it was "really good but politically a mixed bag." The group invited a lot of folks who do prison work as well as prisoners. Wide range of politics in speakers, a lot of experts, including a Catholic priest who had changed from pro-death penalty to anti- as well as anti-abortion (consistent life ethic.) The real purpose of the meeting was to get people together. Larry said that it was a good experience for him, but that it is hard for him to describe the group's politics. He has "a gut feeling they're a good group and that we should fund them. Larry suggested I talk with Chris Dodson who had served on their board. She said that their work "has been wonderful... legit work... recognized by the Department of Corrections as being a stabilizing force.... not considered to be a controversial group... have a focus on community service projects... also co-sponsor poetry readings... organized around political education of families and larger prisoner constituency... don't reach beyond this... They feel the climate is not productive for going out to the general public... They're not funded by the system... For fund raising, they collect dues, do mailings and funds go to things like the Carole Matei Fund... a good place for younger guys coming into the system to get some assistance for directions in which to go... Group provides opportunities for them and can assimilate younger minority lifers... Good people... important influence... doing good things."

16) AFSC/Newark, NJ - I called Jim Burchell of the NJ Central America Network. He said that NJCAN has worked closely with AFSC on the Immigrants Rights and Prisoners projects. AFSC does good work, good community and grass roots organizing. Jim is pleased that AFSC is involved in this rally. He said that he knows that AFSC has had to cut back funding some projects and that other projects have to fund themselves. Recommended.

17) Youth Against Militarism - I talked with Sandy Jones of the Women Against Military Madness in MN. She knows of this, a fine paper. She feels that "it's great that youth does all the work for the newspaper." She knows that the NP is used as a resource for organizing by youth groups there & is empowering to youth in these groups. This bridges groups of people, mobilizes youth on new issues presented in the NP. The group's politics seem progressive to her; she knows that people involved are progressive. She was very enthusiastic about this.

18) Campaign for Peace & Democracy - Last time they came to us, I called Peter Drucker at National Mobe. He said that the group had done a lot of good work. This time I asked Frank Brodhead who is one of their endorsers. He said that he was one of their founders 10 years ago. He felt that "the organization played a very important and insightful and useful role in educating the US left about actual conditions in Eastern Europe... understandably (group is) now undergoing refocusing of its role... I respect very much Joanne Landy, very capable." Frank said that he hasn't been to any of the group's events in the past couple of years and now follows their work through their newsletter.

19) American Peace Test - I talked with Dan Petegorsky of Peace Development Fund/West about this. They have a proposal for APT's Fall campaign. Dan's has the sense that PDF will not fund, only because they also have other proposals which are more of a priority to them. APT's been in the work for a long time. About 5 years ago, the PDF board, even though not too supportive of CD work, did give them a grant because they did a "remarkable job of turning people out.... They went into a lull for a time, but about 2 years ago re-activated, especially because of ties with the Nevada Desert Experience and indigenous communities in the US and abroad... Good staff organizers... A positive side of the work is that they have tried to broaden stuff out... They definitely won't get funding from larger foundations because of their direct action work... They have done several successful speaking tours and have a solid base of supporters."

20) Pax Christi/New Orleans - Ray Santiago of the Funding Exchange suggested I talk with Ron Chisholm and Barbara Major of the People's Institute for Survival & Beyond in New Orleans. Ron said that he'd done a presentation with the group a couple of years ago. The Institute was trying to get them to connect issues of peace with those of race. He said he "really struggled with them over the issue of inclusion of people of color." He didn't know what progress had been made and didn't know what the group is doing now. He knew they work on peace issues and had done death penalty work. He said that "They're betwixt and between" on reproductive and abortion rights - "some members for, some against.... Group was mostly white, middle income, very few people of color." I also talked with Barbara Majors of People's Institute who said that she has been invited to speak at the group's meetings on how to bridge with local community of color. She said that they are committed to peace and justice and were "front liners against David Duke." Although it is a predominantly white group, the leaders have a history in the civil rights movement. Barbara said that they are very open to the process of working with people of color groups. As far as the issue of choice for women, she said that she hasn't seen them as a group either pro- or anti-, and that she personally wouldn't deal with them if they were anti-choice. She gets their newsletter which is "pretty decent on positions", and mentioned that the group does follow-up phone calls to alert people about events. She said that they did a demo at the arrival of the Columbus ships in New Orleans.

21) Knolls Action Project - I called Carmen Rau of the Social Justice Center in Albany. She said, "We love them!.... been around a long time.... have a staff person... big contributor to the general work of the Center in terms of activity.... Their members are active both with the Center as well as in various other issues... work well in coalition with other issues groups.... A good group."

22) Welfare Warriors - I talked with Tom Boswell of the Wisconsin Community Fund (WCF) about this group. WCF has "worked with the group quite a lot over the years... received at least 3 grants from us... well regarded by the board...put out an excellent newspaper for the Milwaukee area... do real good work... all welfare women... good mix of black and white... entirely run and controlled by welfare recipients... real good project... network with other issue groups, particularly around poverty issues (government budgets, housing, etc." He highly recommended funding.

23) Survival News - We've funded this several times in the past. Last time I asked Rena Scott about them. She said she knew of them through the Boston Women's Fund which made a grant to them in past. The articles are written by members of low income and welfare groups. It's a good newsletter/ covers upcoming actions, has questions & answers column for people's info/ seems to be distribution of Boston outward but more in Boston area = news seems to be more for Mass. than for national population. She had a question of fund raising by this group = at that time there seemed always to be a funds crunch for the paper, they've done some fund raising, ads in paper, but can't expect to raise funds from readers, perhaps. Since they're asking for training expenses this time, perhaps they've done good fund raising for the newsletter expenses.

This time I talked with Ann Withorn who said that the group is very well respected. The newspaper "is basically a model for welfare rights papers" around the country. It's done by predominantly people on welfare and provides skill building. They pay authors and train people. They "cover the world of poverty rights... well respected around the country as well." Ann travels and has heard folks in California, Milwaukee and New York, among others, talk about the paper. She said that they have a good mailing list and have subscribers; good distribution to agencies for low-income people and low-income areas. She highly recommends funding.

24) Women Express - See letters of reference with proposal. I also talked with Shelly Mains who had written one of the letters. She didn't know if the newsletter is used in organizing. She added that last month the group did pieces by teen-age lesbians and when one gives space this way, she considers that a step toward organizing. She didn't know the group's agenda as far as activating teens. Shelly said that she feels the pub is important for empowering teen women and, in the area of working with them, she found similarities with Sojourner newspaper.

25) NC Fair Share - Christina Davis-McCoy of NCARRV said that these are "good folks... doing really great work, especially on the health care issue... community education, organizing and lobbying... I feel they have the capacity and the interest to educate and activate North Carolinians of all races and classes about this issue.... They've done coalition work with NCARRV, last fall did a joint press conference to highlight the issue and how it is linked" to NCARRV's work. She recommends funding.

26) St. Louis Inter-faith Committee on C.A. - I called Bill Ramsey of St. Louis AFSC. He said that this is a very active and very good organization. Works well with other groups. A lot of projects, very good staff, good politics. Highly recommended.

27) 1992 Alliance/Harvard - I asked Ken Hale, Wayne O'Neil and Hank Rosemont to check on this. Ken Hale said that these are "big shots... big names in the Native American community... important 'upper class' people." Ken's heard of all of them. He said that this is something "we should support morally" because what they want to discuss is having an international policy on Native peoples. These people have good intentions but this is a big shot deal and we don't have to support it financially. He felt that they should get other money. The budget for the 1-day conference is \$30,000. Big honoraria is not a Resist thing at all. Ken might talk to other contacts as well as Wayne O'Neil.

Hank Rosemont also checked around in D.C. He said that his contacts said that the Alliance is a good group, but that it was strange they'd come to Resist since they're not radical. The conference itself sounds good to Hank but he agrees with Ken Hale's comments.

28) Committee for Democracy in Sri Lanka - Julie Matthaei knows of this group, which she said has just started going. There are a lot of terrible things going on in that country, with the involvement of US government money. Julie thinks that this group is a "great idea.... very dedicated group of Sri Lankans." The contact person was a political prisoner in Sri Lanka. Julie feels that the group would use a Resist grant well; money could be used to network with Central America groups (to make connections with US aid money in different countries.) Julie feels that there is little knowledge in the US movement (and general public) about what's going on in Sri Lanka, and this group needs to network with North American groups. Highly recommended.

29) Provincetown Positive PWA Coalition - I talked with Peggie Lilienthal of the SE Mass. Haymarket board. She said that their board is practically out of money but was so impressed with this group that they wanted to give them something. She said that "it was difficult for the board to only make a grant of \$500. Essentially this group is doing unusual work since most groups are into social service or research. This one is dealing with the problems PWAs have with doctors; the group helps PWAs take control of their treatment, "really is an empowerment project... a revolutionary thing." As far as the forum for doctors, she said this is important and that she had heard that most of the doctors intend to attend the forum. The group really needs funds for the forum, and has said that they might have to scale it down if they don't get sufficient money. Peggie said that this is "innovative work" and won't get mainstream foundation money since it is basically empowerment and political work. She said that they are "first rate social change people... part of the movement on the Cape." She gave a "wholehearted recommendation."

30) Somerville Committee on Stopping Violence Against Women - We funded this group last year. Received good references. Debbie Dover of Dollars & Sense had talked with a friend who had been at the rally last year. She said that it was a "really powerful experience. One survivor spoke up, very moving. It seemed that this was the first time the woman had spoken in public.... empowering... good crowd." I also talked with Kate Cloud, who is part of this committee. The rally is the biggest thing they do during the year, but their work is year-round: recently worked on the Clothesline Project, meet monthly. Kate said that she sees new members each year, but there is a core of long time people involved. They had a lot of information and a literature table at last year's rally, which was very successful, many people taking information. They also offered table space to 10 to 15 groups at the rally, including R2N2, Emerge, Mass. Choice. For fund raising, they have T-shirts, buttons, and passed the can. Kate said that the rally attracts people who don't usually attend rallies, including public officials who come to support and also leave with more info on the issue than they'd get normally. Kate recommends funding: "It's a small amount and a good cause."

31) A Part of the Solution - Ken Tangvik recommended I talk with Mike Wolfson. He turned out to be a member of the group. He said that their idea is to target a set of precincts where voter registration and turnout is low, to find the existing agencies and organizations and let them know about this

group, to find out concerns of the community, if the groups are working together, and how this group could help them achieve their goals. He said that it is important to the group not to just jump into the community but to network with existing groups.

The contact person said that John Demeter knew them. I talked with him. He said that Theresa Reed had worked on the Ellis-Hagler campaign, is a consultant with Jobs with Peace, long time activist. The people in the group are progressive activists from the communities of color, and is predominately people of color. He feels that they are "well positioned in the community." He said that they've talked with Teens as Community Resources, among other groups. He feels that the communities of color are "pretty fragmented... important to get people plugged into the process." He feels that larger foundations are more likely to fund larger, glossier organizations than this one. They'd be competing for grants with the bigger organizations.

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25th Anniversary Report

Board Meeting 4/26/92

1. Time - I've spent about ten hours per week so far. I expect to continue at about this number of hours although in some weeks of heavy work I will go up to 15. [During Nancy W.'s parental leave I will also work approximately 3 extra hours per week as a back-up person for Nancy M. on organizational decisions, etc.]

2. We've organized a Boston committee that seems pretty excited about helping with the event and with an art show. However, time to meet seems minimal - most could meet monthly; Having additional meetings seems difficult. Therefore, mostly I'll be calling people individually to discuss things so as to avoid spending time organizing meetings that no one can come to. For this to work I really need people to take an active role and keep in touch with me - I'll do my best to assign tasks as they develop. I will, however, need to organize at least one "art" meeting soon to tighten our focus on the show. See below. **Anyone interested in this please let me know!!!**

3. We've decided to separate the event from the art show;

The event, scheduled for Nov. 14th, will be a celebration and will include some kind of art in the lobby/possibly a photo exhibit. **Please think about this - do you have favorite photos that should be included?** It will also include panels with representation of the work of grantees. We need to choose which grantees to solicit work from. I could use help deciding this/ we want both currently active groups and groups we funded in the past. Maybe some of the original grantees? **Is anyone interested in helping to research this and make decisions?**

Entertainment at the event will include 3 - 4 poets or readers probably including Grace Paley, Kate Rushin, Jean-Claude Martineaux...I was thinking of asking Denise Levertov. **Any opinions on this?**

There will be music -haven't yet decided on dance band (probably Latin) versus DJ only. **Preference?** Other music suggestions? so far, Inca Son and Casselberry Dupree have been suggested.

Political speaker/s? There has been debate over if we want someone to speak about current political scene. Several people think this is important. If we do have someone, should it be Noam C. (as several have suggested) or someone else? I have thought of asking Globe columnist Derrick Jackson, as he is well known and very outspoken, particularly lately on the Haitian refugee situation. Do we also want someone who was involved in early days at Resist to speak - perhaps on the theme of how that activism has affected the work that person (and others) is doing today? Should it be someone like Bill Coffin or Ben Spock? Susan Sontag?

Or someone who maybe was as active but less heralded? **Please suggest 2 - 4 names for follow-up.**

Comedy? Should we ask Barry Crimmins to perform?

MC's will include Madge Kaplan (who can tell anecdotes about her days at Resist) and several other Resisters possibly including Pam, Connie, Renae, Fran and Frank. I have to ask everyone.

More ideas for performers/speakers welcome.

Budget for the event: [still getting some figures but this will give you a sense of costs involved]

Space rental	1000.00
Lighting ??? [might be needed for exhibit]	
Security (if we decide we need)	125.00
Materials for exhibit	300.00
Performers Fees ?? [Should I offer fees?]	
Food/Drink [bar is provided]	250.00
Printing of announcements [need better estimate]	500.00
Postage ??? [depends on how much we want to spend]	

So, I'd say we're talking in the neighborhood of \$3000.

4. Art show in spring. March or April. We need to clarify the focus of the show. To do a "professional" kind of show which we hope will generate some media interest in Resist, I propose we hire Natalia Raphael and/or a second artist to curate the show. Natalia has estimated cost for this (very preliminary) as follows:

Curating show, including setting up and dismantling -	210.00
Preparing Proposals -	150.00
Duplication of slides/xeroxing -	100.00
Food for opening -	150.00
Publicity -	250.00
Postage -	200.00

Total = \$1060

+ possible costs for space rental (might not be necessary if gallery accepts the show) and gallery sitting (possibly we could arrange to have some volunteers do this and use some staff time). So, basically we need to decide if we want to do this kind of thing. I feel it would be a wonderful way to gain some publicity for Resist while supporting the work of political art-makers. Natalia may not be here for the actual show though she is available for set up, so we might need to find someone else to do set up and dismantling of show. Judy Branfman is possibility.

5. Given the above costs, we might want to consider an overall

budget for the 25th anniversary. In addition to my 10 hrs a week salary and budgets for these two events, we have to consider:

25th anniversary poster? [some costs will be donated by Red Sun Press]

Paid assistance in researching old resist files for newsletter articles.

Consultant for special 25th anniversary brochure

Consultant for newsletter redesign

Consultant for logo redesign

Consultant for media campaign

Press Packet printing

Press Packet postage

Special products: mugs, stickers, etc.

6. General. I am trying to track down all former Resist board members, staffers, and those Resisters who have been active with the organization. The purpose of this is: a) to invite them to the event; b) to see if they want to do activities in their communities; c) to invite their participation in a column in the newsletter on "looking ahead". This will be in conjunction with a "looking back" section where we will reprint items from old newsletters.

For this purpose, I need help in tracking people down. Following is a list of some of these people. Please call the office if you have their addresses, telephone numbers, or relevant information that would help find them. I sincerely apologize if anyone is inadvertently hurt by my ignorance about what role each of these people played in Resist, their past relationships and break-ups with one another, and other blood that may have been spilled. If you would like to tactfully suggest that some people may now not want to hear from us about the 25th, please do so. I've already contacted many people, but without much response so far. I think we need a specific question with which to encourage people to write for Resist. Some of the following I have a little info but a phone # would cut down on my work...

Joanne Broamberg

Larry Thomas

Sondra Silverstein (New School)

Arthur Waskow (LK says call Tikkun office)

Bill Coffin (at Sane/Freeze)

Howard Levy

Lila Silverman

Bob Goodman

Jim Shenton (History, Columbia)

Tony Avergan

Hilde Hein (Philosophy, Holy Cross)

Andrew Hines

Mary Louise Kean (U.Cal/Irvine)

Those below I have not cross-checked yet with our current list;

they may be on it:

James Marvin Shea
Jonathan Mirsky
Doug Dowd
Henry Braun
Sandy Jencks
Mike Ferber
Jerry Schiller
John Swomley
Michael Novak
Paul Jacobs
David Deitch
George Hein
Mike Zigmond (was staffer)
Arlene Siegel (was staffer)
Frederick Crews
Rev. Richard Mumma

I'm also thinking of tracking down some of the first Vietnam draft resisters who were mentioned in the newsletter; some were highschool students in 1967, to see what they are doing and ask them to write commentaries. Does anyone know of:

Dan Bromely (expelled from Lakota Highschool, Ohio)
Joe Mulloy (a letter from his wife, Karen, was in the newsletter - she says he said "don't mourn, organize...")

7. Finally, is there anyone interested in doing a project of taking all forms of "the call" and, no, not writing a new one, but kind of analysing them as a way of looking at how the organization has changed over the years? I thought this might be a nice piece to use either as our first of the series "Looking Back" or the last of the series during the anniversary year.

ANYONE WITH OPINIONS ON ANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THIS REPORT, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL AND DISCUSS YOUR IDEAS WITH ME. I WILL BE AWAY MAY 2 - 10, AND JUNE 7 - 17, BUT OTHERWISE AM PRETTY AVAILABLE. MY RESIST DAYS ARE GENERALLY TUES, THURS, FRIDAY.