CCLAMG Minutes

Thursday July 12, 1973

Carolyn H.'s

Agenda:
- ACOA statement
- CCLAMG position paper
- New members
- Reports from responsibilities
- News & Announcements

Convenor: Leiza Zadel

I. ACOA

Responses to our question of relationship with ACOA:

1. Prexy Nesbitt: Question is more how our relating to ACOA supports and perpetuates ACOA. ACOA stationary has NWRC on it as its Chicago branch. For impressionable groups in US, this suggests a close assoc'n.

2. Lynne Weikart: Should continue our relationship with ACOA as is, and pressure them to become anti-imperialist. Thinks the emphasis of ACOA and CCLAMG is overblown.

3. Janet Hooper: much the same as Lynne. (CFM)

4. S. Khan: no response

J. Rebelo: That we get money from ACOA doesn't matter to Frelimo, but our questions should be (1) do we feel Compromised in any way by this relationship, and
(2) does it affect our relationship with other groups in North America?

5. Basil Cluny: No strong feelers pro or con ACOA. With black groups such as Ruachiri, might cause some conflict, (but we don't have relations with such groups anyway - EH)

(people felt we should encourage more communication with SALIG and other such groups we work with)

6. Bob Van Lierop: ACOA and CCLAMG are both necessary organizations, but with different ideologies and to some extent, practices. Relationship of some sort probably has to exist, but not joint membership. (Members of CCLAMG should not also represent ACOA) Sympathetic with money problem, but thought it better if CCLAMG and none of its members received money from ACOA, but found other sources.

Proposal to go to ACOA. (Eileen and Mimi to work on it)

Many on ACOA board want to see work outside NYC, but George H. doesn't. Chances are that we would get less next year anyway.

Conclusion: everybody agreed we should separate the organization and eliminate the ambiguity.

MB: it would be better if mony came to NWRC undesignated, and not to CCLAMG or any one specific person. Would prefer eventually getting all money from non-political (blatant) sources which are not anti-imperialist in perspective and practice. Churches or humanitarian groups would be more acceptable, less compromising. Don Moore feels that foundations in Chicago are an unlikely source - more possibility in NY, but even foundations there are being cracked down upon by IRS e

EH: Someone in Minneapolis gave $40,000 to Washington Office on Africa. Should perhaps check this source out for us
EH: Should CCLAMG contribute something to NWRC like other groups do? 
Agreed: $10.00 monthly contribution to start with beginning with July

Position paper - edited comments on copies. Mimi & Carolyn to work on final draft.

Reprts:

Material aid: (NF) has written to manufacturing companies of Vitamin C, to inquire about bulk prices of C. Robert Crawford, a friend of NWRC, brought in a large amount and donated it to CCLAMG.

Correspondence: (EH) getting "Partners in Crime" from England committee, as well as some new materials from Toronto group. They are having conference on Zimbabwe in August.

Finances: (CH) summary to be given next time of amounts given to the Liberation movements.

External Relations: (ME) To be getting 10-12 prints of prime scenes in liberated Mozambique from AIS to be used for educational and political displays or as graphics for pamphlets, etc. Will handle relationships with other groups and correspondence with the movements. Find out what Prexy is vis-a-vis AIS, i.e. should we distribute the film through him as well?

Files: (LZ) Are there still files at Linda and Jack's? Should be brought to NWRC, unless confidential or specifically CCLAMG research, which are to be kept at Leiza's

Leiza going to WFDY conference in E. Berlin for CCLAMG, July 28-Aug 12. Should take CCLAMG brochures and activity leaflets, Vit. C leaflets, literature lists, articles, OMA buttons. Should try and talk with as many groups dealing with support and Southern Africa as possible. Solidarity contacts with Movements. Especially if there is a women's contingent, OMA or otherwise.

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Too late to finish agenda. Will meet in 2 weeks 7/26 at Carolyn's again.