

From: _____

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 9:17 AM

To: _____

Subject: Urgent letter to all involved in the EC

To all involved,

When I left the organization, I made it clear that I remained in general agreement with MHI and would like to reapply for supporter and/or membership at a later date, as well as remain “in touch” with the EC and OS during my absence. I was also clear that the reason for my withdrawal of supporter status was due to health reasons since I would have to cut down on all obligations in my life. It was my belief, and I had no reason to suspect otherwise, that I left the organization in good standing, as I felt I had a fruitful and well-mannered conversation with the OS during my withdrawal from MHI.

I understand now that nothing could be further from the truth.

I am shocked, upset, and frankly offended to hear that the EC has – in the middle of the night and without previous notification – called up a personal friend (____) to interrogate him about me, my beliefs, why I left the organization (ALL of which has been explained to you **in writing**) and to proclaim me “**hostile to the organization**”. Even going so far as to suggest **breaking off our friendship** due to my apparent “hostility”. I cannot for the life of me fathom:

1. How you, knowing **full well** my commitments and work for MHI, as well as having met me in person and been in frequent contact, have come to conclude that I am a threat to the organization and “hostile”. I know you sure as hell haven’t asked me anything about it. This, first and foremost, is what strikes me as most bizarre and – frankly – hurtful on a personal level. You’ve known me for quite some time now. To see you slander me with these accusations behind my back, without offering an opportunity to know what I’m accused of or to defend myself, strikes not only at my sense of basic morality, but also at my heart.
2. How **any** of you could find it acceptable to, in a manner I’ve **only ever seen from the worst of cults**, call a personal friend of mine and **interrogate him about me**. This is draconian, authoritarian behavior that I might have expected from a McCarthyite government, or from the Gestapo. To know that not only does this come from MHI, but from the EC, is downright reprehensible and frightening. How am I to know that you’ll stop at ____? Are you going to interrogate my family to? I want to make it very clear that this goes far beyond what even the worst of organizations (even religious ones) have done against its members (or supporters, as it were), and that it may be punishable under Swedish law should this behavior continue.
3. Could find it compatible with MHI’s by-laws to ask friends of ex-supporters **to break with their peers** because they left the organization.

My wishes to reapply for supportership in the future and to maintain good relations with MHI during my absence were sincere. Now I find my trust – not only for MHI as an organization – but with the EC **personally** to be completely eroded. I was scheduled to speak with ____ on skype today. I therefore wish to make it very clear that **any** communication with me from this moment on will **only** be acceptable if the following is explained to me from the get-go:

1. Why you believe I am a threat and an enemy of the organization.
2. On which by-laws you find your actions to be justifiable, including harassing friends of ex-supporters **and** asking friends of ex-supporters to break with them both personally and with

their own private projects, even when they only hold “guest” status. If you cannot find such justification, then explain to me on what other grounds you are basing this on.

3. That you understand that if this behavior continues, that it may be considered a punishable offence under Swedish law.
4. Why you thought that harassing my friends in the middle of the night **on two occasions** was preferable to simply contacting me with your questions to begin with.
5. That you intend to issue an apology for no.4.

If these points are not immediately commented on, I will terminate the conversation and ask that you never contact me again.

This incident deeply saddens me. I hope I am the first, only and last person that you ever subject to this kind of treatment. God forbid that this will be your go-to response when other members and supporters choose to leave the organization.

I left MHI with many good memories of comradery, thoroughly good conversation and discussion, and with a sense that it was the organization in which I belonged personally and ideologically. I still think MHI has the only reasonable approach to Marxist liberatory philosophy in our time. I sincerely wish you the best in recruiting new members. I hope you reverse on your current course and offer them support both organizationally and emotionally in times of need, rather than to slander them and conspire behind their backs. If you’re ready to do that, I think MHI has genuine potential to change the world for the better. It’s a shame I won’t be able to partake in that endeavor.

In regret,
