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Mr. Dennis T. Watson
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Dear Brother Watson:

This letter answers your undated letter handed to me at the Pacific Regional Conference held from November 27 to 29, 1998.

In addition to small talk, you asked the following question: "What gives you the authority to publicly endorse and pledge support to revolutionary Communism in Canada and Cuba?"

The answer to your question is found in policy B-14 and the international work CUPW has had with our sister union in Cuba, Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de Comunicaciones (S.N.T.C.), and the Central de Trabajadores de Cuba (C.T.C.). The policy is reproduced hereunder for ease of reference:

B-14 International Workers' Solidarity

The union recognizes that the increasingly global nature of corporate power demands the building of international solidarity between workers and their organizations around the world to fight the agenda of cheap labour and suppression of people's democratic rights.

The union pledges its full support and involvement in building such links with the democratic movements and unions, insofar as its financial means and resources permit, and will provide resources to international solidarity projects where there are critical needs which CUPW can effectively contribute to filling.

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The union recognizes in particular the need to support workers' struggles in other countries. CUPW fully endorses the perspective that "we win when they win" and encourage its locals to participate as much as possible in international working class solidarity activities.

The struggle continues.

In Solidarity,



D.W. Tingley,
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