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Dear Mariarosa,

Thank you for the bulletin you sent me concerning the split of the grupe at Padua. It kind of confused me since it doesn't give any information on what grounds the split was made. I would like to hear more about the contents, could you give me a line on what the discussion is about?

I just returned from a very exciting three weeks in Denmark, visiting the woman's house in Copenhagen and the woman's international camp on Femö, which is an absolutely involving thing, because you are together with women who relate absolutely and on all levels to women. I'm sorry I couldn't inform you about the camp earlier, but I didn't have enough information myself. I just went to Denmark and found about there. I'm sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to the women in Denmark, concerning the plans for next year, and if I do manage to make some kind of report for my grupe on the camp I'll send you a copy. (The whole camp was very confusing for me and questioned a lot I've been doing, so I have to still put some order in my thoughts. I'll be sending you a report on a very interesting event in Antwerpen, we went there and visited the women, and a report on our inflation campaign in Frankfurt. We have now rented a woman's center in Ffm, we'll open in the fall. It is planned as a center for the women of the quarter to meet. More on that once it starts functioning. When do I see you again?

Love

Maria

Mariarosa
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Now to the official part of the letter:

Tell the femo group they did a tremendous job. The camp is absolutely vital to a woman's movement. I'm going to make sure a group of women from Frankfurt attends next year. Just some suggestions: Could it be possible to do 2 weeks of international camp next year? It could make a better balance of personally involving experiences and "Work" on an international analysis. Maybe I would be half as confused about a lot of things if I'd stayed another week, (By the way how was your weekend,)?

In all cases I'd suggest to do a bit more planning on international week, send out letters before, asking the different groups in the different countries for suggestions what problems they think should be discussed on an international level, so that every group can do some preparation, concerning the material that can be gathered etc. One suggestion I have is that we try to discuss the skandinavian welfare system as a model for the other european countries in it's relation to the situation of women. Which social services do exist in skandinavia on behalf of women and do they work as an integrating mechanism? (Remember the remark of one of the women of the island at the coffee-table: "You know women's liberation in Denmark ist not really necessary, we have a lot of rights, things are quite liberated here" I think you, the Swedish, and the Norwegian women (♥) should get together to do some sort of analysis on the skandinavian welfare system. It relates a lot to the EEC- discussion. And there is a discussion going on between England, France Italy and us on the question of the state-the reproduction Funktion of women and social control. I will send you some documents of the latter discussion, just to give you the idea that this kind of international discussion could be productive/

- 1. is an intervention by Mariarosa from Lotta Feminista in Italy trying to formulate a strategy of women's politics focusing on women's reproductive funktions.
 - 2. is an intervention by Selma James in England on the same line
 - 3. a report on the family allowance campagne in England
 - 4. a report on the French attack on family allowance
 - 5. our report on the Antwerpen women's initiative in the dock-strikes
 - 6. a report on our inflation campaign.
- And for some other perspectives:
- 7. Some documents critisising the abortion movement in France
 - 8. a try to analyse the connections between militarism and male-chauvinism.

Could you take care that these documents are spread around, hopefully to women or groups who might be interested in starting a discussion on this level?

Say hello to Paula, Vibicke the practical one and Vibicke the one who's going to start nurse-training for me O.K.?

I Love You All!!!

C. Vibicka